

FEBRUARY 2025

ISSUE 3

PARENT BULLETIN

ETONBURY ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL WELCOME

This half term has commenced with a real purposeful feel. The Senior Leadership Team have been undertaking learning walks throughout the school. Visiting numerous lessons to observe learning. It is the most enjoyable part of my job as Principal. This allows us to reflect on what students are learning, assess current teaching strategies, and observe student engagement, interaction, and content. The outcomes from these observations were incredibly positive and it was clear the pupils enjoy their learning.

Every week we hold assemblies, each with a different theme. One in particular was focused on self-reflection and how we can continue to grow both academically and emotionally. I encouraged students to 'create their own masterpiece and strive to be better today than they were yesterday.' As always, I invited everyone in the assembly to embrace our values: Everyone is respectful, Together we care, and Always aim higher.

Year 11s are counting down the weeks until their GCSE exams begin. Staff are aware that at this time of year pupils can feel a little anxious and nervous about the coming weeks ahead. Year 11 teachers are running numerous intervention sessions at lunch time and after school to support pupils and offer reassurance. Pupils are welcome and encouraged to attend these sessions. If any year 11 student is not yet attending an intervention in a subject and wishes to, please speak to their subject teacher who will direct them to the correct time and day.

To support year 11 students in their GCSE preparation, we recently organised a series of study skills sessions led by 'Maximize Study Skills.' The goal was to promote effective study habits and revision techniques. The feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive, and they found the sessions very beneficial.

Students from years 5 to 8 in the ETA Young Voices club performed at the O2 Arena last week, showcasing a repertoire of songs and choreography alongside over 7,000 others. The enthusiastic Etonbury children delivered an outstanding performance. The event highlighted the school's talent and fostered a love for music and the arts, thanks to the efforts of staff involved in its success.

Our year 9 pupils are preparing to choose their GCSE options, allowing them to tailor their curriculum to their career goals. The school offers various subjects, including media, health and social care, photography, business studies, sociology, psychology, and BTEC sport. This is a great chance for students to explore courses and make informed decisions. Parents and carers are invited to the year 9 Options Evening on February 27th to learn about their child's GCSE journey.

Last week, we hosted 'Meet Your Mentor' evenings for parents and carers of year 5 to 9 students. Families interacted with academic mentors and students showcased their work. At Etonbury, students regularly meet with mentors to reflect on their progress, with mentors aiding in achieving academic goals and learning outcomes.

Please remember that our Form Tutors and Teachers are always available to assist and address any questions throughout the year—please do not feel you have to wait for parents evenings. Sending an email is often the best way to reach out to a member of the teaching staff, as they will be in the classroom with pupils for most of the day.

Finally, after half term we are introducing a new cloud based web system for pupil data, timetables, behaviour and more - known as Bromcom. Please do take the time to read all about Bromcom later in the newsletter, for your convenience a copy of the parent/carer letter is included [here](#).

Enjoy your half term break.

Mrs J Young - Principal



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Message from Head of Year 5

I am extremely impressed with how well the students have settled back into school life and their daily routines after Christmas break which seems such a long time ago. A few reminders from us, please continue to bring in your equipment every day (the suggested equipment list will go back onto Google Classroom). Please remember that your child's class teacher is your first point of contact.

General Reminders:

- Please check timetables
- Remember to send your child in with their PE kits on the days this is on their timetable.
- Please ensure your child has their water bottle
- Don't forget to follow ETA Juniors on X - [Etonbury Juniors](#)



We always love to hear and share achievements from pupils outside of school, please share these with your child's class teacher via email.



We are so proud of Mazie from Armstrong who received her medal, plaque and certificate for gaining a 92% Honours in her IDTA Medal for street dance. Mazie dances at BX Dance - congratulations Mazie.



Some of our KS2 girls have begun to play in netball fixtures this half term, they have all put in an outstanding performance in each at every fixture - well done girls and keep it up! The boys football team are enjoying weekly matches and have been assisted by Miss Saunders and Mr Thomson on occasion too. Our rugby team has recently stepped onto the pitch too - amazing effort and determination!



Our Viking immersion day was fantastic, aligning perfectly with this term's topic. We witnessed some amazing costumes, and the children engaged in a wide range of activities. Beowulf, creative writing, multiplication and division in maths and forces and skills in science have been a focus this half term. Have you seen some of our photos shared on our social media pages?



After half term we are looking forward to our new theme - Out of this world! We plan to make use of the VR headsets to explore the extraterrestrial skies and planets. Our book will be The Lion and the Witch and the Wardrobe, we will be writing stories, letters and scripts and more. In maths we move onto decimals, percentages and area and in science we will be exploring earth and space. So much to look forward to.



We would like to celebrate our weekly PE Legends - right of the page and our Autumn term P.E Legends to your right - congratulations everyone!



Have a restful break and we look forward to welcoming you back after half term.

ACCELERATED READER AWARDS

Word Millionaires:
Isabelle - Curie
Oliver - Earhart
Angelo - Brunel
Noach - Earhart
Lily - Turing

Multi-Millionaire
Angelo - Brunel
Arthur - Turing

praise points celebrations

Gold - Jackson (B)

Silver - James (E)

Bronze - Jennifer (E)



Equipment list

[Click here](#) to view.

Year 5 Curriculum Plan

[Click here](#) to download

P.E. Kit

Please remember PE kit.
If forgotten pupils can wear spares on the day.

Club Reminder

No after school clubs the first week back - only ETA Extra

Need to contact a teacher?

Drop them an email, [click here](#) for a staff list.



Message from Head of Year

It has been a very busy half term. We would like to start off by saying a huge congratulations to everyone in year 6 for completing your practise KS2 SATs papers this half term. All of you have arrived at school on time with enthusiasm and maturity. Although this has been a challenging time, you have responded with resilience and character – well done.

A few reminders for you all; Please ensure that your child/children arrive at school between 8:15am and before 8:25am. The Junior gate opens at 8:15am sharp and will close at 8:25am prompt. Your cooperation in ensuring punctuality is greatly appreciated. Please have a look at the uniform policy, which states that girls' skirts should be knee length. Children should come to school fully equipped, please can you ensure that your child's pencil case is checked regularly and restocked over the half term holiday so they have all the correct equipment for learning when they return.

Most recently, year 6 visited The Imperial War Museum in Duxford for their 'We Shall Never Forget' topic. They explored WWII planes and modern aircraft, including a Concorde prototype. Highlights included the Operations room, which they recognized from a 'Horrible Histories' video, and an audio-visual experience of the Battle of Britain on September 15, 1940. The 'Historic Duxford' building featured interactive displays. The site spans over a mile, requiring considerable walking, we were very lucky with the weather and everyone had the most enjoyable day.

Children have been rehearsing for Young Voices since September and performances take place at the O2 Arena (amongst other venues) each year. We have pupils from years 5 to 8 attend Young Voices who thoroughly enjoyed the experience, we are immensely proud of them and grateful to all the staff involved in making the Young Voices concert a resounding success. Events like these not only showcase the immense talent within our school, but also instil a love for music and the arts in our students.

Congratulations to our KS2 football and netball students, you have all performed amazingly in your fixtures and we couldn't be more proud of you. Lacey one of our pupils is now playing football for Peterborough Academy - congratulations and keep us updated.

The Junior Valentines Disco was a great success, lots of fun was had by all, a huge thank you to the Sixth Form students who organised the event. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to socialise and express themselves through dance and have fun with their peers and teachers.

Next half term we have a Harry Potter theme to our topic – 'Wingardium Leviosa!' We will be reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, linking in a range of writing genres. In maths we will student area, perimeter and volume and statistics and our focus in science will be Evolution and Inheritance.

Enjoy your half term break.

Mrs Crockford and the Year 6 Team

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P.E. Legends of the term



Taryn (Yr 6) and her younger sister have recently donated over 18 inches of hair to, The Little Princess Trust. They are still fundraising to contribute to the cost of making a wig with their donated locks.

Masterpiece Of The Month KS2 Eric Pluto



Awarded for
'His detailed and imaginative response to creating a textured hand sketch'.

praise points
celebrations

Gold - Jasmine (M)

Silver - Levi (P)

Bronze - Sophie (T)

ACCELERATED READER
AWARDS

Word Millionaire &
Multi-Millionaire:

Ileah - Mars

Noah - Neptune

Equipment list

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Year 6 Curriculum
Plan

[Click here](#) to download

Timetables

Can all be found on
the eprasia app.

Contacting a teacher?

If you need to contact a teacher
please send an email.



Message from Head of Year

As we embark on an exciting term and continue our academic journey, we wanted to take this opportunity to keep you updated on important events, achievements, and opportunities for the year group. This term, our year 7 students have been exploring a variety of topics across their subjects, from exploring the wonders of science experiments to discovering historical events in history and PSHE.

Our sports teams have also been busy, with football, hockey, rugby, netball and more, showing great teamwork and spirit. Ella, one of our pupils is playing for Peterborough Academy - girls football team.

Pupils have been learning to mime in drama, a fascinating journey into the world of silent storytelling, where movement and expression take centre stage. (photos below) Mime, an art form that relies on gestures, facial expressions, and body language, allows performers to convey complex emotions and narratives without uttering a single word. Through mime, students have been enhancing their acting skills and gaining a deeper appreciation for the power of non-verbal communication in storytelling.

The opportunity to play the keyboard has been an enriching time for year 7, it opens up a world of musical possibilities. Mr Francis has been working with students to read a simple piece of music and play this on the keyboard.

Students currently studying design and technology (DT) have been engaging in a creative project by making acrylic keyrings. This hands-on activity allows them to explore various aspects of design, from concept and sketching to the final production process. Other year 7 pupils are currently on their food tech rotation making hot pot, bread, cookies and more delicious meals and treats.

It's great to hear that the feedback from pupils on the HUSH pouches is positive! The fact that students feel safer and more focused at school because of them is a testament to their effectiveness.

We are thrilled to see the enthusiasm and energy our year 7 students bring to their learning and look forward to a successful term ahead!

HOY - etaylor@bestacademies.org.uk



P.E. Legends of the term



*Legends
P.E.*



Year 7 Engineering Competition

To celebrate Valentina Tereshkova's birthday (March 6) and international Women's Day (8th March) we are holding a competition to design a space vehicle! [Click here.](#)



Gold - Harry (7TR)

Silver - Ezra (7TR)

Bronze - Tommy (7AT)



Word Millionaire & Multi-Millionaire:

Matilda - 7ES

Jay - 7ES



Year 8



Message from Head of Year

As we approach the end of the first half of this term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the hard work, resilience, and positive values demonstrated by year 8. It has been a busy and enriching few weeks, and I am incredibly proud of the progress that our students have made.

Firstly, I want to highlight the dedication our students have shown in their studies. Their enthusiasm and commitment to their work have been truly impressive, and it is clear that they are taking their learning seriously. It's a privilege to watch their development both academically and personally, as they continue to demonstrate the core values of our school, such as respect, integrity, and perseverance.

We were also fortunate to host a captivating theatre performance of *Skin Deep*, which year 8 students engaged with exceptionally well. The play sparked some important conversations around self-esteem, identity, and the impact of societal pressures. I was thrilled to see so many students reflecting thoughtfully on the themes explored in the performance, and it's wonderful to see them embrace the opportunity to challenge their thinking in such a positive way.

Additionally, the Meet the Mentor evening was a fantastic success. It provided students with the opportunity to share their academic progress and discuss their achievements with their parents. These conversations not only celebrated their hard work but also set the stage for continued growth and improvement. It was inspiring to see students so eager to take ownership of their learning and engage with their families in this collaborative way.

Congratulations to Eliza, who has achieved an amazing 13 country medals for swimming so far this year! Just incredible!

As we move into the second half of the term, I look forward to continuing to work together with our students, staff, and families to support Year 8 in their ongoing journey. I encourage all students to keep up the hard work and continue to embody the positive values that make this year group so special.

Wishing you all a restful break and I look forward to seeing what the next half term brings.



Girls on Board. An approach that empowers girls in school to navigate the choppy waters of friendships for themselves. [Click here](#) for more information



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For all things P.E.



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Legend
P.E.



**praise points
celebrations**

Gold - Jacon (8LD)

Silver - Lucy (8EK)

Bronze - Joshua (8LD)



Year 9

There is no truth, only perspectives

Message from Head of Year

Year 9 has had a fantastic start to the new year and it was our pleasure to welcome you into the school to see the students work during our meet your mentor evening. We hope that this gives you a good opportunity to see some of the great work that has been produced so far over the course of this academic year. Should you have any further queries regarding any particular subject please do get in touch with our staff who will be happy to answer any queries you may have.

Over the last few weeks the students have had the opportunity to take part in GCSE taster lessons to give them a chance to experience subjects which are not a part of their current curriculum. It has been great to see the students engage with this process and consider what subjects they would like to take as GCSE's next year.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our options evening on the 27th where you will be able to see the full range of options we offer and ask any questions you may have about any of the subjects we offer. Should you have any questions regarding this process please do get in touch with either Mr Baga or myself.

Well done to our netball team and year 9 rugby players, great team spirits and some fantastic performances.

We would like to share the KS4 Prospectus with you all. This outlines all of the courses on offer, including details on assessments and exam boards. Please take some time over the next couple of weeks to discuss the various subjects with your child(ren) in preparation for the Options evening, which is due to take place on Thursday 27th February.

KS4 Prospectus

If you have any questions about GCSE options please do not hesitate getting in touch at RBaga@bestacademies.org.uk

HOY - dsutcliffe@bestacademies.org.uk - KSM Mr J Beckwith jbeckwith@bestacademies.org.uk




praise celebrations
Gold - Kira (9CC)
Silver - William (9SO)
Bronze - Max (9CC)

ETONBURY ACADEMY KEY STAGE FOUR PROSPECTUS



Preparing our children for the future
Everyone is respectful. Together we care. Always aim higher.

Masterpiece Of The Month KS3 Adinah & Daisy F 9CC



Awarded for
'Aiming high, meeting the mastery criteria when presenting your Banksy artist pages to show a firm understanding of the artist and his stencilling technique'.

P.E. Legends of the term



Legends of the week P.E.



Year 10



Message from Head of Year

Year 10 students are continuing to work hard and have managed to collect 21, 286 epraise points! A special well done to Sophie M who has been our top student since September, and has achieved 368 epraise points. Recently the GCSE history students had an outside visitor to talk to them about their father's experience of being in a concentration camp to mark holocaust memorial day.

In Art pupils went to Henlow Aquatics, where they had special permission to take photos of the fish to help them with the coastal themed artwork. I love going to look at the work they produce - its just beautiful.

After the trip our Art students got to experience a watercolour workshop led by artist Becky Ullah. The focus was on Koi fish and analysing the textures, shape and colours. Click [here](#) to read more and view some of the beautiful pieces of art created during the workshop.

Dates to be aware of are; work experience, Monday 19th May to Friday 23rd May, please see the link to the letter for more details. Thank you for your support in this.

Work experience letter

Another important date is the year 10 mocks, these will be just after the Easter break, Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 2nd May. I have put together a list of subjects with exam boards and links to revision guides if you wish to purchase them to support your child's revision at home. Click [HERE](#) to view.

Some of our pupils taking performing arts have experience an employability workshop as part of their course, this was delivered by The Box House Theatre Company, meeting the demands of the vocational brief of their course.

Jess was our PE Legend of the term last ter. and we have enjoyed celebrating our weekly Legends too (pictured right).

HOY - khume@bestacademies.org.uk



Masterpiece Of The Month KS4 Ella 10RR



Awarded for

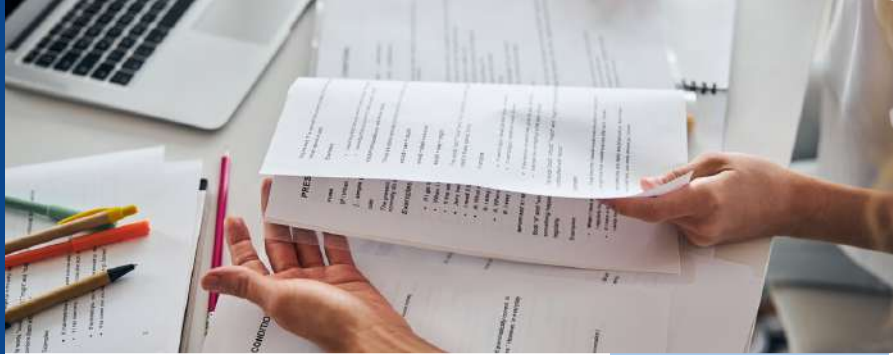
'Intricate attention to detail through drawing and painting using the formal elements of art'.



**epraise
celebrations**

Gold - Sophie (10RR)
Silver - Ella (10RR)
Bronze - Joshua (10RR)

Year 11



Message from Head of Year

The application process for a Sixth Form place for Sept 2025 is now open and can be accessed on our website - if you would like any help and advice please email cdowden@bestacademies.org.uk

Date for the Diary: Prom 2025! This will be held on **Friday 27th June** at Letchworth Hall Hotel. More details to follow and tickets will be available to buy after half term.

Hoodies and year books are now available to buy from our provider Fizz. A letter has come out to you with the link and code to access these. Last dates for orders will be March 25th to allow for printing time.

Mrs Young took our debate team to Samuel Whitbread Academy for a Model UN debate, our team represented Brazil in the academic simulation of a United Nations debate. Best presenter award for Hayden and best teamwork for ETA!

With regards to the year book, if parents have any baby photos or school photos from when their child was in primary school that they would be happy to share; please email these to Mrs Bailey: sbailey@bestacademies.org.uk

College reference requests are coming in daily for staff to complete. Please can I remind you to double check the email address of the member of staff that you nominate as your referee so that it gets emailed to them and they are able to complete it as soon as they can to support your applications.

Attendance to intervention sessions has been outstanding and I am extremely proud of the effort being put into participating in these. Keep up the hard work year 11, it will pay off in the summer on results day!

Congratulations to our PE legends of the previous term and our legends of the week, all pictured right and below.

KSM - Mr Pullinger - mpullinger@bestacademies.org.uk

HOY - Mrs Bailey - sbailey@bestacademies.org.uk

**LEAVERS
HOODY &
YEARBOOK**

ORDER NOW 

*PE legends
of the term*



Legends

P.E.



Please see ETA P.E  or [Facebook](#) for more info.

praise celebrations

Gold - Samuel (11MA)

Silver - Fletcher (11SM)

Bronze - Em (11MA)



Applications for Etonbury Sixth Form are STILL open.

APPLY NOW 

Mrs Dowden and Mrs Schumann are happy to discuss subject choices and applications with pupils and or their parents. Please contact them via email for a discussion and advice.

[Click here to read what makes our Sixth Form offering so special.](#)

cdowden@bestacademies.org.uk

lschumann@bestacademies.org.uk

Sixth Form



Message from Head of Sixth Form

This has been a packed half term, which kicked off with mock exams for year 13s, as well as some real exams for the BTEC students. We are pleased with the way students approached these assessments and hope their hard work is reflected in the results. I spoke to year 13s last week about how to process these results and use the next few months effectively with a growth mindset approach. Students should be taking on feedback from the mocks and redrafting work in light of this, completing past papers, reading examiner reports and attending the extra intervention sessions teachers are kindly holding to support the students.

The UCAS deadline arrived last week and this year students have applied for a wide range of university courses such as accounting and finance, law, psychology, Korean studies, animation, geology, construction management and forensic science to name but a few. It is one of my favourite parts of the job to support students getting onto courses or apprenticeships, as every application is unique and I feel I have been given a little deeper insight into our students' dreams and aspirations.

We are currently organising a trip to the UCAS discovery event in London for year 12s in March. This event is the perfect way for students to choose which university or apprenticeship is right for them and will provide attendees with the opportunity to discover all their options under one roof. UCAS can help students find out about traditional degrees, apprenticeships, careers, and we hope students will come back with a clearer understanding of their post 18 options.

Last week, students were invited to participate in a talk delivered by a guest speaker in the field of degree apprenticeships. The classroom was packed and students fully engaged in what was an extremely informative session. Degree apprenticeships are a relatively new concept but offer a great alternative to the traditional university route.

Year 12s have also started to find work experience placements for July. We have already seen students sign up to some interesting placements and the valuable skills gained through this experience can be used in year 13 to support university and apprenticeship applications. If you are able to offer a work experience placement to one of our brilliant students, we would love to hear from you.

The year 12s are busy in the final stages of planning a Valentines disco for the Juniors. This annual celebration gives the students first hand experiences of organising an event. The logistics team are organising the music, food and decorations; the marketing team are producing advertisements and getting communication out to parents; the finance team are calculating potential incomings and outgoings to ensure we make a profit and the health and safety team are ensuring the event complies with regulations by producing risk assessments. This experience and development of transferable skills are great for students to reflect on in future applications, as well as bringing the school community together in a fun.

Amy in year 13 is busy training to run The London Marathon. Good luck! Please see our instagram page for a sponsorship link.



C Dowden - Head of Sixth Form
L Schumann - Sixth Form Administrator

P.E. Legends of the term



Book & Latte Menu

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GYM PERMISSION

[CLICK HERE](#)

Driving Lesson Permission Form

[CLICK HERE](#)

ATTENDANCE

eta-sixthformattendance@bestacademics.org.uk

CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate outstanding achievements, contributions, successes and beyond weekly in our [bulletin](#).



Masterpiece Of The Month KS5 Evie CCL



Awarded for
'Mastering oil painting skills when producing final personal investigation outcome'.

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Sixth Form weekly bulletin - click above.



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Sixth Form

With over 20 subjects choices our Sixth Form offers a dedicated, supportive environment to study post GCSE's. To find out more or make an application please visit our website.

What makes us special?

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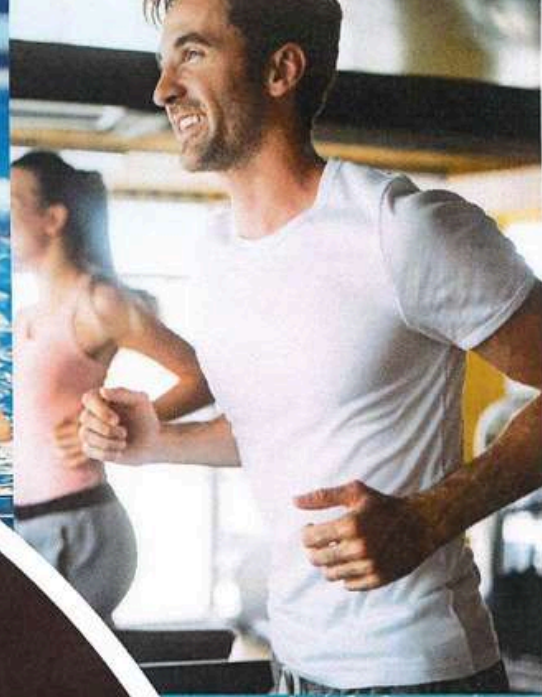


SCAN ME

APPLY NOW

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR ETA SIXTH FORM

If you would like to visit, please contact Mrs Chloe Dowden, Head of Sixth Form, to arrange a tour.
cdowden@bestacademies.org.uk



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- All children who attend the school can swim for free for the month
- Employees of the school and parents of children who attend the school receive a two-week complimentary gym and swim membership

Scan the QR code to get started!



KEEPING **EVERYONE** ACTIVE

Important Dates



- Fri 14 Feb - break for half term
- 15-22 Feb - Yr 12 Ski Trip
- Thurs 27 Feb - Yr 9 Options Evening
- Fri 28 Feb - Brilliant Club
- Weds 5 March - Yr 6 SATS Info Evening
- Thurs 6 March - Yr 12 Parents Evening / World Book Day
- Fri 7 March - Brilliant Club
- Tues 11 March - Yr 12 Auschwitz Trip
- Fri 14 March - Brilliant Club
- Weds 19 March - Pupil v Staff charity football Match
- Thurs 20 March - Yr 7 & 9 Poet visit
- Fri 21 March - Red Nose Day celebrations / Brilliant Club
- Mon 24 March - The Sustrans BIG walk to school begins
- Fri 4 April - Break for the Easter holidays
- Tues 22 April - Back to school staff and pupils

[Click here](#) to view the 2024 / 2025 term dates



Club Information

Full list of extra curricular clubs - [click here](#)

Sign up to clubs via epraise please.

LAMDA - all details on epraise, ETA contact is Mrs Brahmachari-Limb.

P.E. Clubs - please be advised that P.E. clubs change each half term. They will be published the first week back on Facebook and X. Students must sign up via Epraise.

Sports clubs/extracurricular clubs normally commence second week back.

ETA Extra in the study centre will run as normal first week back after the break.

Community Information

At Etonbury the safety and welfare of our students is at the centre of all of what we do. On our Parental Support/Safeguarding page you will find a list of websites and agencies in the local area who provide support services in the local community.

Please remember if you need any further help please contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance with any pastoral matters.

We know that being a parent/carer isn't always easy. If you're worried about your child or young person's emotional well being, please find a list of both local and national resources in the Family Information leaflet.



#togetherwecare

Take a look at our website for information and details of helplines and agencies when you are most in need.

www.etonbury.org.uk/parents-area/parental/-/student-support



General News & Info



PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET



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Click to download or view our frequently asked questions and answers booklet.

New WINTER MENU

Month	Start	End	TOB
March	5th	12th	19th
April	26th	3rd	10th



EXTRACURRICULAR

CLUBS



FREE Mindfulness Course for Parents & Carers

Introducing mindfulness in 6 online sessions

Open to ALL Parents & Carers of BEST students, this course provides a taste of mindfulness, exploring key themes and practices to support you in your everyday life:

- Improve your sense of wellbeing • cultivate calm and self-compassion
- Reduce stress and anxiety • learn to manage thoughts and emotions skillfully
- Be more present and effective • live life more intentionally, less reactively

Choose your preferred time:
Wednesdays **12.15-1.30pm** or **6.30-7.45pm**

Taster session: February 26th (all welcome to try, no obligation)
5 Course sessions: March 5th + 12th + 19th + 26th + April 2nd

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POLITE NOTICE

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ETA P.E X
X or Facebook

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We are delighted so many of our children cycle to Etonbury, just a few reminders to keep everyone safe on the journeys to and from school. Please remind your child to use the cycle path and crossing along the main road, please also remember your helmet and lock to keep your bike locked up safely for the day. Cyclists should also dismount at the top of the drive and walk their bike onto the school site.

Thank you.

We're taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025 challenge

Headline sponsor **SCHWALBE**

bigwalkandwheel.org.uk

In an effort to continually improve communication with our community, we are transitioning to the use of Bromcoms and their App, My Child at School (MCAS) as a key tool for communication with parents/carers/guardians. Please [click here](#) for the recent letter and full details. We 'go live' on 24 Feb!

Admission Arrangements

The admissions policy for September 2026 has been determined and published, and can be found below and also on our website.

[BEST Admissions Arrangements 2026](#)

[ETA 6th Form Admission Arrangements](#)

DRIVE SLOWLY ON SITE

To ensure safety for our school community, please drive slowly and cautiously on the school site, adhering to the 5 MPH speed limit. Traffic increases during school drop-off and pick-up times, so use the designated drop-off area at the top of the drive to minimise disruption and vehicle congestion. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

New starters should have received a ParentMail alert to register for lunch account payments. If you haven't received registration details, contact etaoffice@bestacademies.org.uk.

Important Reminders



Reminder

Please ensure your child/ren arrive at school each day with all their necessary belongings for the day ahead. This includes, a bag, lunch, water bottle, PE kit, homework, glasses, stationery, coat, locker keys and mobile phone where applicable.

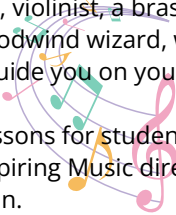


We are encouraging the children to be independent and organised and would appreciate full support from home to ensure all items arrive with the children at drop off times in the morning and not via the school office.

MUSIC LESSONS @ ETONBURY

Etonbury Academy is proud to offer a diverse range of music lessons to students of all years & abilities.

Whether you're a budding guitarist, violinist, a brass enthusiast, a piano prodigy, or a woodwind wizard, we have expert instructors ready to guide you on your musical journey.



Inspiring music provide a variety of lessons for students of all ages and abilities. Please email Inspiring Music directly for more information.

inspiringmusic@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk to find out more!

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Saddlers
44,272



Carters
43,203



Thatchers
42,894



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41,726

Attendance Procedures

If your child is going to be absent, please contact the Academy before 8.40am on (01462) 730391 leaving a message with the details or email eta-absence@bestacademies.org.uk to advise us of the reason for absence and when you expect them to return to school.

If children have to attend a medical or dental appointment in school time please communicate this to our Attendance Officer in the same way.

When reporting an absence:

- We require a specific reason or symptom
- Please notify the school daily of any absence
- Medical Appointment cards and records should also be sent by email in advance so we can inform the staff prior to collection.



Thank you for your assistance.

Drop off & collection

Please can we remind all parents dropping children off to school to do this at the turning circle at the front of school. Pupils can then walk down to the Primary or Secondary gates.

Please also do not park on the zig-zag lines.

Many thanks for your support in with this.

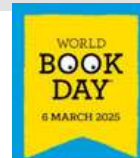


Queries & Contacting School

Should you wish to contact our staff regarding your child, we ask that you email the relevant member of staff in the first instance. This could be Form Tutor or Head of Year with a pastoral matter or subject teacher if the matter is related to academic issues.

Our staff will respond to you in a timely manner and will endeavour to acknowledge your request at their earliest availability, as staff will have teaching commitments throughout the day and it may be towards the end of the day before they are available to respond to you, this will always be within 48 hours.

As a school we always endeavour to work with you and achieve the best for your child. We would ask that your communications and interactions with our staff are polite and respectful, as we always aim to act in the best interests of your child.



ETA's book character competition!

Collect a spoon from the study centre and decorate it to represent your favourite book character.

Deadline for entries: 5th March - please take completed designs to Mrs Norman in the study centre.

A prize will be awarded to the winner in each year group.



ETA-PE@bestacademies.org.uk

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There will be No PE Clubs the first week back after half term. A reminder for any PE related queries and notices to go directly to

eta-pe@bestacademies.org.uk



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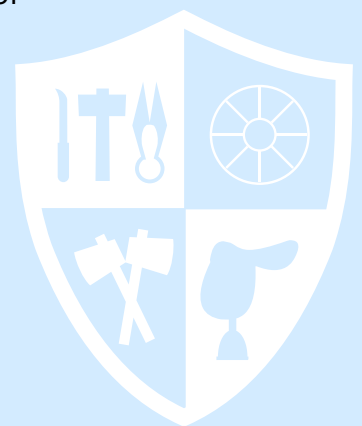
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