



# PARENT BULLETIN

## ETONBURY ACADEMY

*'A welcoming & nurturing place to learn'*

## PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

The term started with a celebration of our A Level and GCSE results. Year 13 leavers have set the bar high for future cohorts and we are delighted to share that 96% achieved places at their first choice university and 100% accepted a university place. For those not wishing to apply to university their grades have allowed them to secure positions to advance to degree apprenticeships, employment, or training.

University destinations and subject results can be found [HERE](#). Worthy of note are the following subjects: A Level maths 64% of students achieved grade A\* A or B, History 50% A\*, A or B, Art 100% A\* A or B.

Many staff were on hand on GCSE results day to share the day with the students and 2025 was another year of impressive results with 77% of students achieving 9-4 grade in English, 59% achieving 9-5. In maths 74% achieved 9-4 grades and 54% 9-5.

Our school open evening is one of the most important dates in the calendar and this year we welcomed over 1,000 visitors to our open evening. We were delighted to share our school with the local community and families, who enjoyed an immersive tour of the school to include interactive PE sessions, theatre workshops, pop-up art, live science demonstrations, cookery demonstrations and much more.

Offering student leadership opportunities is part of our 'aim higher' culture. Our 2025-26 Junior and Secondary Principals; Angelo Year 6 and Megan Year 11 shared the journey they are on at Etonbury and their thoughts on why Etonbury is the school of choice for them. I was incredibly proud of them and I would like to thank all of the students who gave up their time to be student guide ambassadors or student subject ambassadors and contributed to the success of the event. I have received many emails from visitors to the school that evening sharing how impressed they were with the students that they met and spoke to.

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 6th November and I would like to invite all of our Year 11 pupils and families to this event. We have over 21 option subjects available and wonderful facilities including; dedicated social area, sixth form cafe - 'Book & Latte,' and our own sixth form garden space to enjoy. We are welcoming Year 11s from Etonbury Academy and the wider community to the evening, to meet subject staff and current sixth form pupils. Presentations are at 5.30pm or 6.15pm please click on or scan the QR code to book.

Mrs J Young - Principal



SCAN ME



Scan to book a place at the  
**sixth form open evening**

# PARENT GOVERNOR WANTED

*Could you be a school governor?  
Can you help to ensure every child  
is able to fulfil their full potential?*

Etonbury Governors have a vacancy for a parent Governor and are now seeking applications for the role. Parents of children registered at the school can stand for election.

- The key responsibilities of Governors are:
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
  - Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
  - Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governor applicants need to have a strong commitment to the role, there are nine meetings during the school year (8-10 am, mid-month, every month except February, April and August). Applicants must be willing to supply two referees and to undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

As part of the application process you will need to supply a short statement about yourself, which will be shared with all parents in a ballot to elect the new parent Governor.



Scan the QR code or click [here](#) for our Governance page.



**Our ethos is:**  
Everyone is respectful.  
Together we care.  
Always aim higher!

We want to work with people who want to make a difference.

## Interested?

Please email our Chair of Governors, Dr John Christopher for more information or to request an application form.

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- 🌐 [www.etonbury.org.uk](http://www.etonbury.org.uk)

**Application Deadline:  
Friday 7 November**





# HEAD OF YEAR 5 - HIGHLIGHTS!

We are thrilled to welcome all our year 5 children and their families to the school community here at Etonbury. The first half term certainly has gone quickly. This term we will be focusing on making sure children feel safe, happy and connected to our school community. If you do have any questions or queries please email your child's class teacher in the first instance (initialsurname@bestacademies.org.uk). As well as Curie class teacher I am also Head of Year 5, my email address is detailed below for you.

There is so much to look forward to this year and next: an exciting new curriculum, opportunities to explore our local community and lots of practical learning opportunities. This term our priority is to help your child to establish friendships and settle into the structure and routine of being at school. Lots of smiley faces, loads of hard work and exciting times ahead. I'm sure you've seen our updates on our ETA Junior X page. The children have been learning about the ancient Greeks, creating their own Greek pots in art, investigating materials in science and learning how to use our chromebooks!

We appreciate all of your support this half term. Parents have been encouraging and supportive as we have all settled into our new year and new school. If you can, please do follow the main school Facebook page for useful info, updates and the occasional photo from one of the year 5 classes -

[www.facebook.com/Etonbury](http://www.facebook.com/Etonbury)



## USEFUL LINKS

CLICK TO READ OUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS!

CLICK TO FIND A MEMBER OF STAFF

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CLICK FOR CURRICULUM PLANS

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Ella - won a gold medal in a rugby tournament with her team, Letchworth RUFC Under10s.



Finlay, Head Coache's Player of the Year for his Cricket



Isabelle attended the Women's Rugby World Cup, pictured here with her signed ball.



Darcy won 4 medals at the Stevenage Tom Moore swimming competition.



Charlie was awarded Bowling Excellence Award for his season with Ickwell cricket club!



Charlie won player of the match this half term for his amazing goals!

## PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:



Thea - Armstrong



Mattie - Brunel & Jack - Curie



Orla - Brunel

## ACCELERATED READER AWARDS

Accelerated Readers:

- Finlay - Earhart
- Mattie - Brunel
- Max - Da Vinci
- Jack - Curie
- Henry - Curie
- Thea - Armstrong
- George - Earhart



## P.E. LEGENDS

PE legend of the week awards are given out by our wonderful PE team each week across the key stages to students who stand out for determination, effort, performance, amazing values and more!



## CONTACTS

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Head of Juniors Mr Sale - bsale@bestacademies.org.uk

- Curie Class - dbeckwith@bestacademies.org.uk
- Armstrong Class - jchandler@bestacademies.org.uk
- Brunel Class - csaunders@bestacademies.org.uk
- Da Vinci - ryoung@bestacademies.org.uk
- Earhart - lhair@bestacademies.org.uk

Staff will always respond to you, please allow 48 hours for a reply. *Thank you for your understanding.*

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please pack a healthy snack and a water bottle for your child each day.
- Year 5 arrival time is 8.15am prompt. Gate closes at 8.20am.
- If you have a query, please email the class teacher, they will always respond during working hours and within 48 hours.
- Attendance - If your child has an appointment, or is unwell, please inform Attendance via email eta-absence@bestacademies.org.uk. Its always a good idea to copy in the class teacher too.

# Year 5



# HEAD OF YEAR 6 - EXCITING NEWS FROM YEAR 6!

The children have transitioned beautifully into their new classes and have had a fantastic start to Year 6. Although the leap from Year 5 to Year 6 is significant, the children have admirably risen to the challenge. We are truly impressed with their positive attitude towards learning.

## Curriculum Highlights

This half term, our English curriculum has centered around Stormbreaker. Stormbreaker is a young adult action-adventure book. In the second half of the Autumn term, we will turn our attention to the Victorians. In line with this theme, I am thrilled to say that we will be visiting the British Schools Museum in Hitchin.

## Communication

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's class teacher first at ([initialsurname@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:initialsurname@bestacademies.org.uk)). In addition to being Saturn's class teacher, I am Head of Year 6 and also lead Young Voices here at Etonbury. You can contact me directly at [ncrockford@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:ncrockford@bestacademies.org.uk). Mr. Sale is the Head of Juniors, and his email address is [bsale@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:bsale@bestacademies.org.uk).

Finally, we would love to hear about any achievements your child has outside of school, as we would like to celebrate their successes!

## BRITISH SCHOOLS MUSEUM

As a compliment to our Victorian topic we have enjoyed a visit to the Museum in Hitchin. This gave the children the opportunity to explore and experience the history of education at this time locally to our school. The museum boasts an array of fascinating artifacts and exhibits, featuring everything from old school uniforms to textbooks and classroom tools. We were especially drawn to the interactive displays that provided insight into the everyday lives of students from years gone by.

## ACCELERATED READER AWARDS

Accelerated Readers:

- Arthur - Neptune
- Matteo - Titan
- Layla - Jupiter
- Ariella - Pluto



## PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:

- ★ Jackson - Titan
- ★ Jack - Neptune
- ★ Ariella - Pluto

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## CONTACTS

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 Pluto - Ms K Fletcher ([kfletcher@](mailto:kfletcher@))  
 Jupiter - Ms R Barnett & Mrs R Packeer ([eta-titan@](mailto:eta-titan@))

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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# Year 6



# IMPRESSIVE START FOR YEAR 7!

*We are truly impressed with the start Year 7 has made this term. The students have settled into their new form groups seamlessly and are becoming familiar with navigating the secondary school environment.*

It was delightful to welcome families during our Year 7 Welcome Evening. We hope you found the event informative. Information from the evening is available on the website, under the communication home section you can also click below on the presentation to view the slides.

I'm really pleased with Year 7 attendance so far this term. Our goal is to approach 100% attendance so please do try and make those appointments out of school time where you can. We want to ensure that students are in school every day to help them achieve their full potential. Aiming high!

Achievement points have soared this half term, with Year 7 achieving an impressive total of 5,336 points so far!



## # P.E. LEGENDS



## PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:

- ★ Emma - 7SO
- ★ Oliver - 7SO
- ★ Jasmine - 7SO

## CONTACTS

Head of Year 7 - Mrs S Bailey [sbailey@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:sbailey@bestacademies.org.uk)

Key Stage Manager - Mr J Beckwith  
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## ACCELERATED READER AWARDS

Accelerated Readers:

- Taryn - 7KH
- Cara - 7KB



My tutor team and I have been recognising students who have stood out each week, celebrating these accomplishments during form time every Monday. A special mention goes to the students who have been honoured as Year 7 Legends of the Week. Additionally, students have started receiving certificates, which will be distributed during form time. Congratulations to all who have earned their bronze certificate already!

To ensure that Year 7 continues to reach their learning potential, we would like to emphasise the importance of homework and equipment. Please ensure your child has the necessary materials and is regularly checking their Bromcom Student Portal (for you MCAS) and Google Classrooms for homework assignments. If there are any reasons preventing them from meeting deadlines, please reach out to the relevant teacher, who can provide extensions or support. We also offer a homework club, which we encourage students to attend, students can sign up to this club via Bromcom.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming 'Meet the Tutor' evening next half term. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need additional support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor or myself.

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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- Phone pouches - Upon arrival at school, phones are secured in student pouches for the day. If you have any questions please email HOY.

# Year 7



# A WONDERFUL START FOR YEAR 8!

This year, we (Miss Taylor and Miss Squire) are thrilled to guide Year 8 together, as we both share the responsibilities of Head of Year 8.

Year 8 has had an amazing beginning to their first half-term back at school. We were thrilled by their immediate enthusiasm for the new academic year and the impressive progress they have made in the initial weeks. Throughout the school, Year 8 has consistently exemplified the ETA way, demonstrating admirable behaviour not only in lessons but also around the building.

Many students in Year 8 have eagerly embraced new opportunities this half-term, actively participating in extracurricular activities during both lunchtime and after school. Our student receptionist duties have also begun. This is part of our work experience programme and is intended to encourage students to learn new skills and take on responsibilities. Students will collect their work at the beginning of each lesson, and complete it during the quieter times at the reception desk. Students will attend practical lessons such as PE, engineering, art, food technology and always be present in class for tests and if that is their preference.

We are delighted to see some of the Year 8 students engaging in PE fixtures, representing Etonbury outside the usual school setting while maintaining the same mature and positive demeanor observed in school.



It was fantastic to see so many enthusiastic Year 8 helpers during our recent open evening, assisting parents and sharing insights about their school experiences. Their contributions not only ensured our event ran smoothly but also provided future parents with a genuine glimpse into life at Etonbury. Thank you.

The attitude and enthusiasm of Year 8 are frequently praised throughout the school, and it's wonderful to hear such positive feedback from staff. Some of our pupils recently went on a day trip to France, starting at a local bakery to see croissants and baguettes being made the traditional way. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to make their own croissants and learn the recipe in French! We then visited Nausicaa, France's national sea life centre, where we got to learn about marine life. My personal highlight of the trip was our croissant making masterclass, and the instructor's unique methods!

## # P.E. LEGENDS



## PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:

- ★ Harrison - 8KS
- ★ Lillie - 8DC
- ★ Jasper - 8JB



## Looking Ahead

Year 8 has settled well into the new school year and we look forward to celebrating our successes together this year.

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## CONTACTS

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# Year 8



ETONBURY ACADEMY

# OPAL COAST

BOULOGNE - FRANCE

## Exploring the Delicacies of French Boulangeries!

MRS COOK- HEAD OF HOSPITALITY & CATERING

Year 8 Day Trip to France



As a component of our Year 8 food technology curriculum and to complement MFL lessons, students learning French had the chance to explore local bakeries and the delightful foods they produce during a day trip to France.

We started our day bright and early, making our way to Folkestone – Eurotunnel, and reached Calais by mid-morning. The trip included a hands-on croissant-making experience and a visit to the Sea Life Centre.

First stop was a visit to Boulangerie Romain Magnier – Le Fournil where we observed the traditional process of making baguettes and croissants. Students were thrilled to roll up their sleeves and get involved in the art of French pastry making. Guided by skilled bakers, they learned the delicate process of layering butter and dough to create the perfect flaky texture. The aroma of fresh pastries filled the air, adding to the excitement of the day.

After their culinary adventure, the group headed to Nausicaa, the french Sea Life Centre, where they marvelled at the vibrant marine life. From playful seals to mesmerizing jellyfish, the exhibits were both educational and awe-inspiring.

The trip not only enriched their understanding of French culture and language but also left them with special memories of the day.

*‘Un croissant – un petit bonheur à chaque bouchée.’*





# HIGHLIGHTS FROM YEAR 9!

It has been an incredibly busy half term, thank you to year 9 pupils and their tutors and for all their hardwork, and dedication. Students have taken the step into year 9 in their stride. I am pleased to see attendance remains high for the year group. Collectively year 9 have nearly xxxx praise points, through effort, hard work determination and also by showing the ETA way.

This academic year students in year 9 will have the opportunity to decide which subjects they wish to study in years 10 and 11. This is a big decision for the students and in order to support them to make a well-informed decision we will be running taster sessions for subjects they will not have had an opportunity to experience yet at school.



In addition to this we will also be running an options evening on the 26th of February 2026 where you will have the opportunity to speak to subject leaders from each subject area to find out more about each option. Should you wish to start looking now at what was on offer last year you can find further information regarding each subject on the school website, I have linked last year's prospectus pictured left.

Should you have any questions either pastorally or regarding the process of selecting options please do contact me, Mrs Wood.

[bwood@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:bwood@bestacademies.org.uk)

Finally, Year 9 vaccinations are Monday 17 November, and are coordinated in school by Miss Bolton.



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



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Amelia, 9LD, has been selected to join the England Golf training squad!

Olivia W will be part of the Gordon Craig Christmas pantomime for the second year in a row. Look out for Liv in Dick Whittington and his cat, from December

Sam O-H has been invited back to the Hertfordshire Cricket Squad.

Eva H has recently joined a boxing club for fitness and discipline.

Daniel T competed internationally with his Euro hockey team recently!

## # P.E. LEGENDS



## PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:

- ★ Lucy - 9EK
- ★ Sam - 9RG
- ★ DeeDee - 9LD

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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# Year 9



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM YEAR 10!

Exciting developments in Year 10's GCSE Journey. I am thrilled to see the positive momentum Year 10 has established as they embark on their GCSE journey. It is heartening to witness the drive and determination among students who are fortunate to be supported by a highly experienced network of teachers and subject leaders.

Students are adopting a mature attitude toward their studies and are enjoying their chosen subjects. We can already observe encouraging progress emerging. It has been a pleasure to see how well the students have adapted to their new timetable and curriculum.

Members of staff from a number of different departments have let me know how well the students have adapted to their courses. Furthermore, it has been brilliant to see the maturity shown by the students in their English speaking exams. The students have had their first taste of formal exams and both myself and the English department have been massively impressed with their performances and how well they have adapted to the exam process.

Some pupils enjoyed the trip to Paris at the start of the term, see photo below with Mr Bamford.

Our year 10 sports teams are doing well, see photo of the footballers to the right.



## PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:

- ★ Cody - 10MF
- ★ Nicoleta - 10CC
- ★ Saskia - 10SH

## CONTACTS

Head of Year - Mr D Sutcliffe  
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Key Stage Manager - Mr M Pullinger  
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The next half term promises to be just as busy as we approach the festive season. After the break, we will launch our Duke of Edinburgh sessions for those enrolled in either the bronze or silver programs.

It's never too soon to consider post-16 options, and we will be hosting our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday, November 6. Additionally, our hospitality and catering students have an exciting trip to Borough Market planned for the last week of term. We are excited to be offering a wide range of trips this year and we look forward to the opportunities this provides students to develop themselves as both learners and individuals.



Please do note that Year 10 mocks will be running from 20/04/26 -01/05/26. In the run up to these exams we will be doing a lot of work with the students regarding this process and what to expect!

Should you have any pastoral questions please email me at dsutcliffe@bestacademies.org.uk.

## # P.E. LEGENDS



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# Year 10



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM YEAR 11!

Welcome back year 11! I am delighted to say how well students have settled back into the new school year. The students have grown and matured into great role models, being respectful and kind members of the school community and demonstrating the ETA Way.

It is now time to build on the foundation of year 10 to achieve your very best this year in your GCSE's. Year 11 will go so quickly and it won't be long before we are all celebrating your achievements at prom next year. Mr Pullinger and Mrs Hume are looking forward to supporting the students throughout the year ahead.

From an academic perspective, it is essential that year 11 students are aspirational and all highly-motivated towards achieving the best results possible in their GCSEs. Every lesson and piece of home learning counts, so 100% attendance is vital. This year will be a high pressure environment. It is important that you take the time to look after yourself and your mental health by speaking to others and, if stuck, using the school section of the website to help. I have been delighted to see many students attending additional learning opportunities, through interventions, clubs and revision sessions. It is great to see students taking responsibility for their learning and be so keen to make additional progress.

Your GCSE results are a platform for opportunities beyond year 11, whether that be in continued education or, in a career pathway. Students have been meeting with a careers advisor this term to discuss their plans for future education. Sixth Form Taster week runs after half term, from Monday 4th November Subject teachers will spend part of a lesson introducing what their subject looks like at Key Stage 5, so students can get a feel for which subjects they are interested in, ready for our upcoming open evening.

## REVISION INFO EVENING

Thank you to all the families who attended the English and maths parent session last week. We hope you found the session informative and that you now feel more empowered to support and guide your child as they prepare for the November mock exams. For anyone who may need further access to the booklet given out during the event, you can find this here. The KS4 revision website mentioned regularly on the evening can be found here - please remember, your child will need to be signed in with their school account to access the KS4 website.

[KS4 website](#) and the [booklet](#)

## PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:

★ Jacob - 11KS

★ Evie - 11SS

★ Rory - 11KS

This year we will support you and your family in this journey so please make sure you attend the **Sixth Form Open Evening** on the **6th November 2025**.



Please book to attend the open evening - [here](#), personal tours are also available with Mrs Dowden - please email [lschumann@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:lschumann@bestacademies.org.uk) to book a tour.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the upcoming mock examinations in November, this is an important time for students as the grades achieved will be used for applications for any post 16 placement.

## Year 11 Mocks - 17th to 28th November

Year 11 mock exams will run from Monday 17th November - Friday 28th November. You will now be able to view your child's Mock timetable in the MCAS app under 'Examination Timetables'. This indicates room and seat allocations.

Please note that exams are listed in alphabetical order rather than date order. You are able to change this by clicking the header 'Exam Date' and the exams will then be sorted into date order.

All examinations are run in line with JCQ guidance and the awarding bodies requirements. Please familiarise yourself with the Information to Candidates documents which can be found on our website using the below link.

[JCQ Examination Guidance](#)

It's a very important year ahead and the tutor team and I can't wait to support you. Please direct any subject queries to their subject teacher and any pastoral matters to the form tutor in the first instance.

## # P.E. LEGEND



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# Year 11

*The ETA Way*

*Everyone's Respectful*

*Together we care*

*Always aim higher*



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# FRANCE 2025

PARIS

## Discovering the Wonders of France!

MS OGUNSEITAN- HEAD OF MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



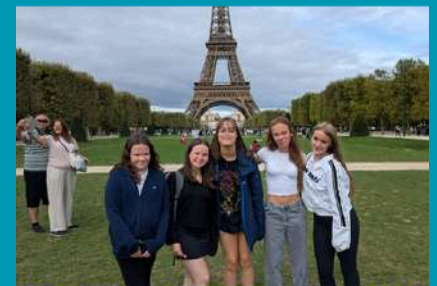
*This September, 47 students from Years 9 and 10 set off on an unforgettable trip to Paris. From the moment we boarded the coach, there was a sense of excitement about the days ahead.*

The trip offered a perfect balance of fun, cultural exploration and real-world learning. Students had the chance to take a river cruise along the Seine, where they saw many of the city's most famous landmarks from the water.

Visiting the Eiffel Tower and Trocadéro gave everyone the chance to admire Paris from new perspectives, and a stroll down the Champs-Élysées added to the sense of experiencing one of Europe's most iconic cities. A highlight for many was exploring the magnificent Notre Dame Cathedral, which offered an inspiring connection to the history and culture they study in the classroom.

The excitement reached its peak with a full day at Disneyland Paris, where students had the freedom to explore the rides and attractions. The day was filled with laughter, adventure and shared memories that will last long after the journey home.

The trip not only provided a chance to experience French culture first-hand but also allowed students to put their learning into context beyond the classroom. A huge thank you to Mr Baga, Mr Gould, Mr Bamford, and Mrs Sigba for their support during the trip.





Sixth Form

# SIXTH FORM UPDATES!

*It is a very exciting time here at Etonbury as we have our third intake of new Year 12 students. We have been very impressed with not only the way the Year 12s have thrown themselves into their studies but also the mature way they have been communicating with staff. They have definitely taken their job as role models to the younger years to heart, demonstrating the ETA way in all aspects of sixth form life.*

It has been wonderful to welcome students from other schools into our sixth form and to see them settling in, making friends and finding their way around so quickly.

We have also welcomed the Year 13s back and they are showing the new Year 12s the ropes.

We hope they can share their experience, their dos and don'ts, with the new sixth formers and support them in their studies.

For sixth form tutor groups we have a mixture of Year 12s and Year 13s in each tutor group to offer that extra level of support and camaraderie. I have a wonderful team of 5 tutors (Ms Young, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Harbour-Cooper and Mr Scott) all of whom have much experience with university applications, apprenticeships and interesting careers to support our students.



## Sports Stars

Grace and Lily, two sixth form students, helping with Year 5 PE! They have been an incredible inspiration to the younger students, demonstrating leadership, teamwork, and a passion for physical education.



## CONTACTS

Mrs C Dowden - Head of Sixth Form  
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Mrs L Schumann - Sixth Form Pastoral Assistant  
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This year will be very busy for Year 13s as they start applying for university or apprenticeships.

The team will support students every step of the way and you can access information from the UCAS information evening held in July here. If you have any questions or would like to report an absence, please contact Mrs Schumann, our Sixth Form Pastoral Assistant at [lschumann@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:lschumann@bestacademies.org.uk)

## Dress code

Please can students and parents remind themselves of our dress code expectations. Whilst we have a smart casual policy, we do expect students to wear clothing that is appropriate for a professional working environment. Clothing should not be see-through and should cover shoulders, chest, midriff and thighs. Footwear should be appropriate for the school and learning community (no flip flops/sliders)


## Attendance

Our expectation is that students are here for 95% of the time. It is proven that the higher the attendance, the higher the grades. We would urge that holidays are not booked during term time. If your child is unwell, please encourage them to attend and we will endeavour to support them here. If a student will not be attending school, please contact the sixth form team by phone or email: [ETA-SixthFormAttendance@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:ETA-SixthFormAttendance@bestacademies.org.uk)

## New Menu - Book & Latte


Will be available after half term in the sixth form canteen with different items available on different day.



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Sixth Form (Years 12 & 13)



# SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER

Presentations with Mrs Dowden, Head of Sixth Form, at 5.30 & 6.15pm, please register to attend.

Tour our purpose-built facilities, speak to our dedicated staff and current students.

## ABOUT US

Etonbury Academy sixth form has the perfect mix of being a small, friendly sixth form where all staff know their students well, resulting in high aspirations for everyone.

If you would like to visit, please contact Mrs Chloe Dowden, Head of Sixth Form, to arrange a tour or discuss your personal options.  
CDowden@bestacademies.org.uk



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**APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR ETA  
SIXTH FORM 2026 in November.**

**Apply soon!**

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# Where every child shines...



## Performing Arts

Subject Lead - Mrs Brahmachari Limb



In my current role as Head of Performing Arts at ETA, I currently coordinate and teach drama at KS3 and performing arts at KS4. I manage a busy one woman department and I am also responsible for coordinating large-scale whole-school performing arts productions. We have an incredible specialist enrichment team who I am lucky to be able to work with, Mr Kirkman, Mrs Crockford, Mr Thomson and more!

In the performing arts curriculum we have also been working hard to provide an exciting and vibrant curriculum. I know from my personal experience (with a Bengali Father and Mother from Yorkshire), I recognise that all students are entitled to a rich cultural rucksack. I believe that this can be achieved if students are introduced to playing with various forms of artistic and other cultural expressions, to help develop more familiarity with culture and a positive attitude towards it. Most recently we have embraced a vibrant new curriculum at KS3 where students have learnt about Kabuki theatre from Japan to the Polynesian Kapa Haka. We have introduced screen acting, making trailers and stage combat masterclasses based on student voice input.

## LAMDA

LAMDA London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art results are in 30 students from year 5-12 received their outstanding results, we achieved 97% distinctions at the highest level. Well done, a great set of results. We have 30 students enrolled for the new academic year and are looking forward to seeing achievement this year. We are also excited to announce new LAMDA peripatetic lessons, this has been due to the large interest in taking graded exams in acting, communication and public speaking.

# LAMDA

## Rocking around the World at Christmas

Rehearsals are well underway for the annual whole school production. This year we have created our own musical showcase extravaganza to entertain you. We look forward to welcoming you on 17th or 18th December. Tickets will be available on parent mail. Don't miss it!



## Performing Arts Trips & News

Twenty Year 11 BTEC students were treated to an industry day at MK theatre, students completed a backstage tour, and watched "2.22 Ghost story" with Stacey Dooley. Students even met one of the lead actors on the stage door. It was an inspirational visit that has really boosted and inspired students in preparation for their scripted coursework this term.

Our arts leaders are busy preparing a whole school assembly using drama to educate and remind students about the ETA way and our values.

## Student Voice

Recruitment of our student voice team is now in place with our full team who are working hard to develop strands in the whole school development planning. The students will have their first meeting in October to set targets for the year ahead. Congratulations to those who were elected. We are looking forward to seeing the changes you want to see at ETA community.



## New Projects & Innovations

The performing arts department are launching a new initiative in January, we will be staging a production of the author Sita Brahmachari's work dramatising stories from page to stage. Please look out for this - year 7-13 project. In the summer term we will continue to develop our pop-up theatre project and take part in the BEST summer arts festival. All sign ups on BROMCOM soon.



ETONBURY  
ACADEMY

JOIN US AT ETONBURY ACADEMY FOR OUR ROCK  
INFUSED CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION.

# ROCKING AROUND THE WORLD

TICKETS TO BE  
PURCHASED  
VIA PARENTMAIL

**DATE**  
**TIME**

**17TH & 18TH DEC 25**  
**6.00 - 8.00PM**

£6.50 PER  
TICKET



# Time Traveler of the World - Join 'The Master' on an adventurous journey around the globe as he celebrates Christmas. Along the way, he faces off against a peculiar alien creature, striving to protect Central Bedfordshire, the planet, and all of humanity. Will The Master triumph over this alien invasion?



## Art Department

Head of Art - Miss S Smith

Each month we run a 'masterpiece of the month' competition across the key stages. Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded 'masterpiece of the month for going above and beyond both in school and at home and created some exceptional and beautiful masterpieces.

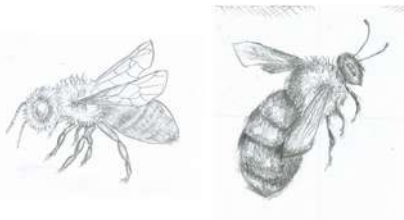
- *Florence* Year 6 - Mars
- *Yarden* - Year 8 - 8LJ
- *Logan* - Year 11 - 11WL
- *Roxy* - Sixth Form - 12SWR

### Masterpiece Of The Month KS3 Yarden 8LJ



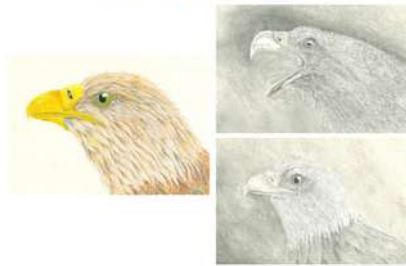
Awarded for  
'Excellent attitude towards art and demonstrating mastery drawing skills using tone and mark making when creating lettering and illustrations that visually tell the story of 'The Metamorphosis' by Franz Kafka'.

### Masterpiece Of The Month KS2 Florence Mars



Awarded for  
'Strong use of proportion, tone, and mark making when creating baseline bee sketch, with clear progress in drawing skill after tonal practice using the grid method'.

### Masterpiece Of The Month KS4 Logan 11WL



Awarded for  
'Development of drawing techniques to show realism using mark making and tone'.

### Masterpiece Of The Month KS5 Roxy 12SWR



Awarded for  
'Expressive fluid use of lines and colour to create form in response to artist Fred Hatt'.

## Animal portrait workshop with local artist Victoria Cordery

Students from year 7-13 got the opportunity to learn some colour pencil drawing techniques by local artist Victoria Cordery, a self taught artist who creates amazing pet portraits.

These are the examples of work that were created during the workshop on Thursday 9th October 2025 by our students.





## P.E. Department

Head of P.E. - Miss S Hilton

*This half term has been a fantastic one in PE, our boys have been working hard in football and basketball, while our girls have focused on netball and gymnastics. It's been brilliant to see the commitment, positivity and effort shown across lessons. So many of you have worked hard to improve your skills and push yourselves further every week.*

We've had excellent attendance at our extra-curricular clubs, with students regularly turning up for training at lunch and after school, showing real enthusiasm for sport. This commitment has translated into our teams' performances, with brilliant football results across Year 6, 7, 8, and 10, and fantastic netball victories for our Year 8 and Year 11 girls. A huge well done to everyone who has represented the school; the teamwork, determination and pride you've shown has been outstanding.



We've also celebrated many Legends of the Week - recognising those students who have gone above and beyond whether in lessons, fixtures or clubs and it's been brilliant to see so many names put forward this half term.

A big mention too for our BTEC Sport students in Years 10 to 13. They have settled in really well and have already made a positive impact by leading and coaching younger students. This has not only developed their own confidence and leadership skills but has also been inspiring for our KS2 and KS3 students.



Looking ahead, after half term, girls in Years 7 to 10 will move on to football, so please make sure you bring football boots and shin pads to your lessons. Boys in Year 7-10 will move on to Gymnastics and Handball. Boys require trainers and football boots for this next half term.

Behind the scenes, we've also been busy planning some exciting opportunities including live sport games and form vs form World Cup in both football and netball. These events will give our students the chance to represent their form and compete with friends at lunch times.

ETA-PE@bestacademies.org.uk

### Etonbury's First Boccia Fixture Success!

Etonbury took part in their very first Boccia fixture yesterday, marking an exciting new step for our students in this inclusive and tactical sport. The girls showed fantastic enthusiasm and picked up the game remarkably quickly, working brilliantly as a team throughout. Both Etonbury teams finished joint 4th place overall, a superb achievement for their first outing. A special mention goes to Abi, who was recognised with the 'Honesty Award' for her exceptional sportsmanship and fair play, a perfect example of The ETA way in action.



### Year 7 Boys Show Grit and Character in Comeback Win!

The Etonbury Year 7 boys produced a thrilling performance, showing real determination, teamwork and resilience. After falling 3 to 1 behind, the boys refused to give up, battling back to level the score at 3 to 3. With just minutes remaining, Oliver Woolett stepped up to score a dramatic winner, sealing a 4 to 3 victory and securing our first win of the season.

Goals came from Oliver (2), Miles, & Freddie, while our Star Players were Oliver, Miles, & Archie for their fantastic effort, skill and teamwork throughout. A sensational performance full of passion and pride, true ETA Way spirit.

### Year 11 Boys Open Season with an Emphatic Win!

An outstanding performance from the Etonbury Year 11 boys saw them claim a confident victory in their first basketball fixture of the season. The team displayed great energy, teamwork and focus, setting the tone for what promises to be a strong year ahead.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Gray, who took on the role of Head Coach, guiding and organising the team superbly on the day. Our MVPs were Evan, Oli, & Harry, each playing a key part in the win through skill, effort and determination. A brilliant all round display from the team, well done, boys.



Finally, a reminder that PE follows the 'school sporting seasons'. Next half term, boys' football and girls' netball will carry on, but in the new year we'll also see the return of girls' football, rugby, and many more opportunities to get involved in line with school sport seasons.

Well done to everyone this half term, your effort in lessons, your commitment to clubs, and your success on the pitch and court has been outstanding. Let's carry this ETA PE Spirit into the next half term.

A reminder to ensure you are following on Instagram, Facebook and X Social medias @etonburyPE for updates on pe lessons and extra curricular aswell as important notices.

# Together we care

## Pastoral

Head of Pastoral & DSL - Mrs T McErlean

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 wellbeing, please find a list of both local and national resources in the Family Information leaflet.

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](http://www.etonbury.org.uk/parents-area/parental-/student-support)



**Kids Time:**  
Supporting young people where a parent or carer has mental health challenges

**great prospects**

**FREE to attend!**

**Kids Time is for young people between 8 and 17 years old, and their families.**

At a Kids Time session, children and young people can learn more about mental health from supportive professionals, and families can have fun together!

**When are our sessions?**

Once a month on a Thursday, from 5pm to 7pm at **Dunstable Children's Centre, Oakwood Drive, Dunstable LU5 4AS**

Once a month on a Thursday, from 5pm to 7pm at **Arlesey Youth Centre, High St, Arlesey SG15 6SN**

You'll need to scan the QR code for the session you'd like to attend to complete a referral form.

# CHUMS

YOUNG PEOPLE &  
PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS

Our online workshops are designed as a starting point for families with children who have low level difficulties. These are one-off 2-hour sessions conducted virtually via Microsoft teams.

Please note these workshops do not support moderate/severe difficulties and will not address risky behaviours (self-harm, suicidal ideations).

## SLEEP WORKSHOPS

### TEEN SLEEP

12/11/25 @ 4PM - 6PM

*(For young people aged 13+ years, parents also welcome to attend)*

One off workshop - explores why sleep is important, what is 'good' sleep, sleep hygiene tips and strategies for managing worries at night.

### PARENT SLEEP

17/11/25 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM

*(For parents of young people aged 4-12 years old)*

One-off workshop which focuses on why sleep is important, what is 'good' sleep, possible causes of sleep difficulties and learning strategies to overcome sleep problems.

## BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOPS

29/9/25 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM

2/10/25 @ 1PM - 3PM

*(For parents of young people aged 5-11 years old)*

A one-off workshop that covers the following topics: Emotional development in children, emotional regulation, common behaviour difficulties and strategies to promote positive behaviours.

## PARENT ANXIETY WORKSHOPS

22/10/25 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM

10/11/25 @ 1PM - 3PM

*(For parents of young people aged 5 - 11 years old)*

One-off workshop exploring emotional development in children, emotional regulation, psychoeducation around anxiety and anxiety management strategies.

## SELF ESTEEM WORKSHOPS

### TEENAGE SELF-ESTEEM

12/1/26 @ 4PM - 6PM

*(For young people aged 13+, parents also welcome to attend)*

One off workshop which equips teenagers with an understanding of self-esteem and tools to build confidence through thought challenging, relaxation and activities to celebrate strengths and successes. Workshop also offers parental tips for building self-esteem in adolescence.

### PARENT SELF-ESTEEM

21/1/26 @ 9.30AM-11.30AM

*(For parents of children aged 5 - 12 years old)*

One off workshop which equips parents with an understanding of self-esteem and ways to promote high self-esteem through parenting style and collaborative activities to try at home with their young person.

## EXAM STRESS WORKSHOPS

9/12/25 @ 4PM - 6PM

4/12/25 @ 4PM - 6PM

*(For young people aged 12+ and parents)*

One off workshop which equips teenagers with an understanding of exam stress, strategies for managing exam stress, revision tips and self-care. The workshop also offers parental tips for supporting their adolescent's exam stress.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND STIGMA WORKSHOPS

12/2/26 @ 4PM - 6PM

*(For young people aged 12+, parents also welcome to attend)*

One off workshop for young people focusing on mental health awareness and stigma. Follows a range of topics including puberty, male mental health, LGBTQ+, ethnicity and social media.

To register for any of our workshops, please fill in the standard referral form in the 'Any other relevant information' section, state that the referral is for

# Reminders & Information



## PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET



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

## NEW WINTER MENU



### 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](mailto:etaoffice@bestacademies.org.uk).

ETA Marketing



### POLITE NOTICE



**DISABLED PARKING BAYS ARE FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS ONLY.**

### CAUTION - 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.

**SPEED LIMIT 5**



### Bromcom & My Child At School



This year we moved to Bromcom. Students can now see their timetable, homework, praise & behaviour points, clubs and much more on the Bromcom Student App. Parents are able to keep up to date with their child's behaviour, attendance, homework, school reports, and more on the My Child At School app.

If you are having any issues accessing or using these apps please contact [eta-data@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:eta-data@bestacademies.org.uk).

## Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club runs on an ad hoc basis, allowing you to use it as and when needed. Each session costs £2 and runs from 7:30am to 8:15am. During this time, students can enjoy a calm and welcoming environment to help them prepare for the school day. They will also be offered a snack and drink.

If you're interested, please complete the Google Form below with any relevant details ahead of your child's attendance:

👉 [Breakfast Club Registration Form](#)

Drop off Information - On the day, please drop your child off in the staff car park. They will enter through the staff gate (same as after school club) and head directly to the Study Centre / Library.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to get in touch, [jbamford@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:jbamford@bestacademies.org.uk)

Alternative to reminders posted on social media..

If you aren't on social media please enable the notifications for announcements on your MCAS app - we post our reminders on here too.



Parentmail is the platform we currently use for all payments. It maybe a to pay for lunches or snacks, a trip, event, ticket to watch a school production, workshop, school tie, text book or revision book or even a leavers hoodie for example. We are a cashless school and use the Parentmail platform to take payment for certins thing. If you have a query please email [abowles@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:abowles@bestacademies.org.uk)

## MEDICAL REMINDERS

Please ensure **ALL** students bring a water bottle into school. Do remind students of the importance of keeping hydrated - water bottles can be refilled throughout the day. This will also help reduce the number of plastic cups being used. Medical will not be supplying cups for general use.

### Medication

Students from Year 7 onwards are permitted to carry a single dose of paracetamol to self-administer if needed. Any medication required to be administered by the medical room during the school day needs to be accompanied by an up-to-date consent form. If your child has allergies that require medication, please ensure that the medication is either kept in school or carried by your child every day - and that it is logged with the medical room.

### CYCLING TO SCH SAFETY



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.

# Reminders & Info continued..



## Being school ready each day

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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Thatchers 8498



Foresters 8171



Carters 7988

## 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 and please don't block the staff carpark.

Many thanks for your support with this and helping to reduce traffic on school site.



## 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.



Follow Etonbury Academy on social media to keep up to date with news and info.



## Back to school

AFTER THE HALF TERM BREAK WE ARE ALL BACK TO SCHOOL

MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALF TERM.

## Important Dates

- Friday 24 Oct - break for half term
- **Mon 3 Nov - staff & pupils back to school**
- Thurs 6 Nov - Sixth Form Open Evening & Meet the Tutor (years 5/6/7)
- Speak up, Speak out Competition.
- Mon 10 Nov - year 6 mock SATS week
- Mon 17 Nov - Year 9 vaccinations
- Tues 18 Nov - Year 10 Food careers demonstration
- Thurs 20 Nov - St Francis College Debate Club Competition
- Fri 21 Nov - Yr7/8 HPA STEM Experience
- Mon 24 Nov - Yr 12/13 Polotics Trip
- Weds 26 Nov - Yr 13 London trip
- Fri 28 Nov - Yr 10 EGX Media Trip
- Tues 2 Dec - Roald Dahl Trip 1 - yr 5
- Weds 3 Dec - Roald Dahl Trip 2 - yr 5
- Thurs 4 Dec - Roald Dahl Trip 3 - yr 5 & Great war workshop
- Fri 5 Dec - Yr 11 GCSE Science Live
- Tues 16 Dec- Yr 10 Hospitality & Catering Trip
- Weds 17 Dec - Christmas Show & Xmas Dinner
- Thurs 18 Dec - Christmas Show
- Fri 19 Dec - last day of term 🎄

### **Pupils back to school Tues 6 th January 2026**

[Click here](#) to view the 2025 / 2026 term dates

## Community Information

Bedfordshire Police have asked us to share the following information to help protect students personal belongings and improve the chances of recovering lost or stolen items:

### **Register Your Child's Mobile Phone – Immobilise**

This free service helps police identify and return lost or stolen phones and other valuables. By registering your child's device, you're helping protect their property and increasing the chances of recovery if it goes missing. The website also offers helpful advice on keeping devices safe and secure.

It only takes a few minutes to register, and it's completely free—please take a moment to do this and help keep your child's phone safe.

[www.immobilise.com/help/registermobilephone](http://www.immobilise.com/help/registermobilephone)

### **Lost Property – Report My Loss**

This free service allows you to register lost items, which can then be accessed by police and other agencies to help recover them. You'll also receive a reference number that can be used for insurance claims or replacement processes.

[www.reportmyloss.com/uk](http://www.reportmyloss.com/uk).

## Club Information

Sign up to clubs via Bromcom please - these will be published first week back after the summer holidays.

[Click here](#) to view our current full list of clubs on Bromcom (MCAS).

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

**Sports clubs/extracurricular clubs normally commence second week back after a break.**

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



# JUNIOR GYM AT PENDLETON SPORTS CENTRE!

Staying active is one of the best things that young people can do, regular exercise can boost confidence, improve mood, reduce anxiety and support better sleep.

At Pendleton Sports Centre we have dedicated junior gym sessions afterschool and at weekends where juniors aged 11 – 15 can come and use the gym with friends.

We have also recently introduced the opportunity for juniors to come outside of dedicated junior gym hours, but to do this they need to be accompanied by a responsible adult (over the age of 18).

Juniors can access the gym with a membership or pay as you go.

To find out more, contact the team on **01462 341114**  
or email [enquiries.pendelton@inspireall.com](mailto:enquiries.pendelton@inspireall.com)

Etonbury Academy, Stotfold Road, Arlesey SG15 6XS



**Pendleton**  
Sports Centre



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Always aim higher

The ETA way