

## Etonbury Academy Weekly Update – 15 September 2017

### All/Mixed Years

- **Dr Bike** - Opportunities for Bike Safety at Etonbury  
Mon 9th October - Y9/10 bike security marking 3:30pm  
Tues 10th October- Y5/6 Dr Bike (all day) & Y5/6 bike security marking 3:30pm  
Wed 11th October - Y7/8 Dr Bike (all day) & Y7/8 bike security marking 3:30pm  
Thu 12th October - Y9/10 Dr Bike (all day) plus catch ups for other students (depending on availability)

**Bike Security Marking** - Bedfordshire Police have very kindly given us the opportunity for your child's bike to be security marked. If you wish your child's bike to be marked then please ensure that on the dates above your child follows these instructions; has their bike in school; either knows their post code and house number, or has it written down somewhere they can access it after school. Join the queue after school where instructed (we are anticipating large numbers, students could be waiting for up to an hour)

Please be aware that if these sessions could be cancelled last minute due to the need and demand of the police force. We apologise in advance if this occurs, but it cannot be helped. A message will be passed on to your child as soon as we know.

To coincide with the security marking, Dr Bike will also be in school on the dates mentioned above. Dr Bike will examine and repair any minor faults to your child's bike for free. Students must get a sticker in the morning from the team and leave their bike where instructed. Their bike will be available at the end of the day and any repaired bikes will have a note attached stating the work that has been carried out.

- **Second Hand Uniform Shop** – We are planning on setting up a second hand uniform shop. If you have any uniform in good condition that you are happy to donate, these can be taken to our main reception.
- **Individual school photos (Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Sept)** – These will take place on Weds and will be for years 5,7 and 9, as well as any new starters in the other year groups. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform.
- **Parking on site** – Please avoid driving on to site at the start and the end of the school day. We have noticed that the turning circle at the top of the drive is also getting increasingly busy and making it difficult for the bus to drive in, please also avoid this area. Thank you.
- **BEST Pantomime Auditions (18<sup>th</sup> Sept)** – If your child would like to audition for Jack and the Beanstalk please [click here](#) for more information.
- **BEST Orchestra** – This group is held at Samuel Whitbread Academy [click here](#). Reply slips and payment to go directly to Miss Meadows at Samuel Whitbread.
- **Cheerleading Clubs** - Please note that until Christmas, Tuesday's Level 1 Cheerleading Club and Friday's Level 2 Cheerleading Club will finish at 4:30pm. Pupils will be available to pick up at this time from the school.

- **LAMDA Year 6-10** - LAMDA will commence from **Wednesday 20th September to 6th December (London Academy of Music And Dramatic Art) DRAMA STUDIO.** Letters will be sent out shortly and directly to parent email about term fees.
- **New Starters to LAMDA** – There are some limited spaces available for LAMDA. If your child is interested in this club please email [jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk) . This club is for students who are keen to take graded drama examinations as a solo artist in acting.
- **Drama clubs** - Please see extra club timetable and encourage your child to register their interest as they are very popular and have limited places. We will be running a special assembly next Thursday for all of KS2. We have something for everyone. Mrs Limb
- **Dance Club – All New Starters** - If your child is thinking of attending Mrs Marks' Dance Club after school on Tuesday and would like to attend a trial lesson, please e mail Mrs Brahmachari-Limb by Monday. Mrs Marks will be running a free taster session on Tuesday period 6 in the hall. [jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk)
- **Harry Potter Club, Wednesday Lunchtime Lab2** - Parental permission will be required for all students attending this club as we will be watching the Harry Potter films. This is because the films are a mix of PG and 12 rating. Please click on the following link to give consent. Thank you. <https://goo.gl/forms/izrlYofyA6NU5nJ22>
- **School Clubs List Autumn Term** – Please see the attached table which shows the wide range of clubs we offer at Etonbury Academy. All students are welcome at all clubs (for the year groups/key stage that the student is in). We encourage the students to try a range of clubs but they are welcome to swap and change as the term progresses. During the term some new clubs may be added and the students should look out for the posters advertising them and announcements in assemblies. Please [click here](#).
- **Music Extra Curricular Clubs** - The music clubs have had a tremendous start. The clubs began on Monday with fantastic attendance at the school choir. The students sang beautifully and we managed three part harmony in our first session - congratulations to all who attended. This was followed on Tuesday and Wednesday with a great turn out for string group with Mrs Tirr and Wind Band with Mr Clarke. I was really impressed by the commitment and standard of the students who attended.

There are clubs available for everyone running every day of the week and they are free of charge so all students have the opportunity to involved and develop a musical interest. Etonbury students who attend 100% from yr 5-10 will have 1365 lunchtimes in school - give up 1 to try something new!

Keep your eyes peeled as I will soon be announcing the dates of this year's school concerts and I know you will want to save the date in your diaries.  
Mrs Hardy

- **Gardening Club** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Science** – We would be grateful for an old rubber doormat, any unwanted Hamma Beads, wind-up toys, old tins with lids (eg golden syrup/treacle or larger coffee tins), nylon fishing line and all old geraniums from summer that can be re-potted. Thank you.

- **PE Department** - The P.E. department are in need of some unwanted drawstring bags. If you have any, please give them to Miss Thomas. Thank you.
- **PE Clubs List Autumn Term** – Please [click here](#).
- **PE footwear** - Your child will need football boots this year for P.E. and Fitness. As some of our lessons and clubs will be held on the 3G pitch it is essential that the correct football boots are worn. This poster displays what footwear is acceptable and unacceptable, please [click here](#).
- **Lunch Menu** – Next week’s lunch menu is Week 3. Please [click here](#). We are very proud of our hot dinners and are delighted that more of our students are choosing to have them. If your child is ever unsure, we are happy to offer a small taster, they can just ask. We offered tasters of rice pudding this week, and all those that tried it were surprised how good it was and would choose it next time!

### Year 5

- **Book bag and Pencil Case from EACA** - All Year 5 students have been given a book bag and pencil case as a gift from our Parents Association, EACA. The book bags should be in school every day as the students will use these to take their equipment to and from their lessons.
- **KS2 Homework Letter** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Food Tech Ingredients** - Please [click here](#) for information on how to pay for your child’s food tech ingredients.
- **Football Training Afterschool Cancelled – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.** Due to fixtures next week there will not be any after school football training.
- **Mrs Sinden** – Mrs Sinden will now be known as Mrs Smyth, her new email address will be [tsmyth@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:tsmyth@bestacademies.org.uk)
- **Conover Hall Residential Trip** – Please [click here](#) for the letter with details of the trip. You will have already received this via email earlier this week.
- **Lockers** -The lockers are owned by ILS and are available to rent on an annual basis. The rental cost is £25 per year. Go to [www.ilsschools.co.uk](http://www.ilsschools.co.uk) . There is no discount for lockers booked later in the year. Any queries regarding the lockers are dealt with online by ILS.

### Year 6

- **KS2 Homework Letter** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Data Collection Sheet** - Your child will be coming home with a data collection sheet, please check all the information on this sheet is correct before signing and returning to the school office via your child's form tutor before Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.
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- **Harry Potter Trip (Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec)** - We are delighted to be able to take the year 6 students to the Warner Brother Studios Tour on the 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please [click here](#) for the letter. We apologise for asking for payment so soon into the new school year but we have to confirm numbers and pay for the tickets at the start of October.
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### **Year 7**

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### **Year 8**

- **Life Skills** - Mr Bodger's year 8 Life Skills lessons move on to the wonders of laundry. We will be covering the use of the washing machine, tumble dryer, hanging out washing on a line, ironing and sewing on buttons. He would very much like any old white shirts (school shirts or adult shirts) to be donated. These will be used to demonstrate white washing, ironing and sewing on buttons. Also, if anyone has sewing kit (needles and thread) they are willing to donate to this worthy cause, it will be much appreciated.

Parents and carers, please ask your children about the things they are learning in this lesson, get them to show you (via Google Classroom) any videos from the lesson. Any feedback or suggestions are welcome.

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### **Year 9**

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### **Year 10**

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### **Other Items of Interest**

- **BEST Vacancies** – Head of Business Studies & Economics, English Teacher, Maths Teacher, Science Teacher, Learning Support Assistant, Site Agent, Level 2 Apprentice (PE and Sport). Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Helen O'Grady Drama Academy**- Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Stotfold Mill Working Steam Weekend (7 & 8 Oct)** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **SNAP (Fri 22 Sept)** – Information meeting on School Transport Services for children with special education needs. Please [click here](#) for more information
- **Salvation Army Stotfold** – Youth Club (Years 6, 7 & 8) starts on Wednesday 23 September at 6.30 pm.
- **Luton Town FC, Skills Performance Centres 2017-18** – Please [click here](#) for more information.

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Weds 20<sup>th</sup> September – School photos for Years 5, 7 and 9.**

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Last day of term

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Back to School

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 6 Trip to Harry Potter, Warner Bros Studios

Let us know what you think about these emails. Have you got any suggestions?  
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