

Etonbury Academy Weekly Update - 2 November 2018

All/Mixed Years

- **Timetable A**
- **Early School Closure (Thu 15 Nov - 2.10pm) -**

Important details re: school closing time and student care **Year 4 into Year 5 Open Evening**

Our Open Evening is being held on Thursday 15th November from 5.00pm. Using the successful format last year, and following feedback from previous years, **school will finish at 2.10pm**. This should allow enough time for our students to have something to eat, and get back to school if they are helping.

We will be providing a supervised film in the school hall for any students who are unable to leave school until 3.30pm. Please complete the Google Form below if you wish your child to remain on our site.

<https://goo.gl/forms/VH5bkskHBVHhXs9A3>

Student Helpers and Guides will need to return to school for 4.30pm ready for the event to commence at 5pm.

More details, including collection instructions for helpers will follow next week.

We have adopted the approach above because we know that it works, and that it enables Open Evening to be run successfully in one evening, not two or three as some schools do. Our aim is to make it as low-impact for busy parents as possible, and to ensure students have a positive experience and are able to show off their school with pride.

Your support in this is always appreciated.
The SLT Team.

- **Remembrance Day** - Poppies will be on sale from Monday at break time and lunchtime. We are suggesting the following donations: Paper poppy – 20p, Wrist band - £1, Poppy bracelet - £2, Pin - £2. We are also creating a giant poppy and every child and adult within school will have the opportunity to be part of this by attaching a ribbon. Keep an eye on Facebook for updates.
- **Maths Department information** - The maths department would like to welcome Mrs Borthwick to the team. Mrs Borthwick is an experienced secondary maths teacher, who I am sure will be a great asset to the school. We have taken the opportunity of Mrs Borthwick's arrival to make some changes to the teaching groups for maths and where possible we have reduced the number of 'shared classes' which means more consistency for the students. Students will be informed of the changes this week during their lesson.
- **Photographer in school (Weds 7 Nov)** – We will have a photographer in school on Thursday taking photos around the school for our new website, prospectus, advertising and social media purposes. When your child joined our school, you will have completed a consent form and we will be using these permissions for this day. However, we would like to keep this up to date following the General Data Protection Regulation being introduced. Please can you complete **the following google form** to update your information on our

system. If you have a child over the age of 13yrs you will need to complete this together.

<https://goo.gl/forms/fhnKq8xjQMPCYh7F2>

Please [click here](#) for a copy of the GDPR Policy and the Privacy Notice.

- **Careers Fair** - This week we held the inaugural Etonbury Careers Fair for Year 11 and Year 10 and I am pleased to say it was a great success! Year 11s were able to attend the Fair and take part in Mock Interviews whilst the Year 10s were given the chance to attend the Fair and meet the stall holders. Organisations running stalls included: The Army and RAF; Civil Service; National Apprenticeship Organisation; Central Bedfordshire Youth Support; Glaxo Smith Kline; Samuel Whitbread 6th Form and Bedford and Shuttleworth College, amongst others. All of the stall holders were full of praise regarding the students who engaged very well with the opportunity to think about their future study and employment prospects.
- **PE Clubs** - Please [click here](#) for the PE clubs list.
- **Lunch Menu** - Week 3. Please [click here](#).

Year 5

- **Conover Hall Trip (Tue 17 Feb - Fri 20 Feb)** - Please [click here](#) for Important Information Letter.

Year 6

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

- **Photography Students only (revised payment date Fri 9 Nov)** - Please [click here](#) to view the letter.

Year 10

- **GCSE Food Technology Students only** - Please [click here](#) to view the food schedule for this term.
- **Photography Students only (revised payment date Fri 9 Nov)** - Please [click here](#) to view the letter.

Year 11

- **Mock Exams (beginning Mon 19 Nov and Mon 26 Nov)** - Year 11 mock exams will be held during the weeks of Mon 19 Nov and Mon 26 Nov. [Click here](#) for the information letter. [Click here](#) for the **revised** mock exam timetable. [Click here](#) for the Revision Guide document students have received. All students will have received guidance on these exams in assembly and a personalised exam timetable.
- **Science Revision Guidance** - [Click here](#) to view information.
- **Post 16 Pathways evenings** - The following local schools have their Post 16 evenings on the days and times shown. Please contact the schools directly to obtain more information.
Tuesday 6th November @ 6.00pm - Highfield School, Letchworth
Wednesday 7th November @ 6.30pm - Fernhill School, Letchworth

Tuesday 20th November (from 4.00pm) - Samuel Whitbread Academy. Please [click here](#) to view the SWA Sixth Form Open Day information.

- **Photography Students only (revised payment date Fri 9 Nov)** - Please [click here](#) to view the letter.
- **Key Dates** - Please [click here](#) to view the important Examination Dates coming up in 2019.

Other Items of Interest

- **SEND Partnership Service Leaflet** - Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Etonbury Vacancies** - Teaching Assistant. [Click here](#) for more information. We are also recruiting for part-time qualified Maths and English Tutors. Please contact vlockey@bestacademies.org.uk for further details.
- **BEST Vacancies** - Learning Support Assistant and School Minibus Driver. [Click here](#) for more information.

Dates for your Diary

Thu 15 Nov - School Open Evening (Year 4 into Year 5), school closes 2.10pm

Mon 19 Nov - Fri 30 Nov - Year 11 Mock Exams

Wed 28 Nov - Year 11 GCSE Drama Trip - Blood Brothers

Mon 3 Dec - Year 6 Warner Brothers' Studio Trip

Tue 11 Dec - Year 5 Robin Hood Pantomime Trip

Wed 12 Dec - Christmas Concert

Wed 19 Dec - Last day of term

Thu 20 Dec - Tue 1st Jan - Christmas holidays

Wed 2 Jan - Staff training day

Thu 3 Jan - Return to school, start of Spring Term

Sat 19 Jan - Sat 26 Jan - Ski Trip to Serre Chevalier, France

Tue 17 Feb - Fri 20 Feb - Year 5 Residential Trip to Condover Hall

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