

Etonbury Academy Weekly Update – 3 February 2017

All Years

- **Biometric Cashless system** – Registration days for students are on Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be two pay points in the school for your child to insert cash next week following their registration. To avoid queuing on the first day back, we recommend they upload some money next week (this money will not be available to use until they return from half term). This will reduce queues on the first day back. There will also be an opportunity to pre-pay online during half term. Details will follow. If you have pre-paid, your money will be transferred to the new system.
- **Online payment system** – This will be going live from 11th February. You will be able to pay for school items, including food and drink, via your smartphone, tablet or computer. [Click here](#) for more info.
- **EACA Valentines Disco (Tues 7th Feb 6-8pm)** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Lockers** – We are very pleased to announce, following our consultation with you, lockers will be installed and managed during Feb half term by Independent Locker Solutions Ltd. They are offering a set price until the end of the Summer Term of £12 per locker. All enquiries and bookings should be dealt directly with them at ilsschools.co.uk Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Empty lockers** – Please ask your child to empty their lockers at the end of next week, as the lockers will be removed during the half term week.
- **PE. Girls Rugby** - if your daughter is currently having rugby in her PE lessons then please ensure she is bringing in suitable clothing. Non PE colours are acceptable, but hoodies are not allowed. It is also advisable that they have some soap, a flannel and a small towel to wash with after. All girls MUST have football boots and gum shields.
- **High School Musical Rehearsals** - We will be asking all students involved in High School Musical to continue to attend on Monday after school rehearsals until further notice. We will be revealing the cast list/parts on Monday too! Students will be getting a schedule when we return after the holidays. Please continue to pick up your child from the school canteen at 5:15pm. We would kindly ask that parents pick up promptly. If your child no longer wishes to be in the production, then please directly me on my email jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk
- **LAMDA** - All parents wishing to attend the LAMDA evening -please put a date in your diary 22nd March at 5pm to 6pm in the studio. Please park in the playground and enter through the canteen. Please ensure all payments have been made for this term.
- **Science** - On amazon you can get the A5 plastic reusable wallets for covering books for science. It is important to bear in mind that these will last longer and they can reuse them. Thank you. Mrs Evans
 - **Stargazers**-there is a star party at Standalone Farm, Sat 4th Feb 8pm-9pm run by Letchworth and District Astronomical Society for families and budding astronomers to take a look at the wonders of the sky-entry £2 each
 - **Science Club (Weds Lunchtimes)**- If you come to science club you can learn some new and exciting things that are mind blowing. This week we looked at optical illusions.
 - **Science Department** - Have you got any empty margarine tubs, ice cream tubs, take away tubs with lids, jam jars, cereal packets, newspapers and drinks cans? Students can bring them in directly to science or to their form tutors. Thank you.
- **Cheerleading Club** - After Cheerleading you will now meet students at the blue gates.
- **Drum and piano lessons Lessons** - We have spaces available for these. [Click here](#) for more information and contact rbarnett@bestacademies.org.uk
- **Planned Absence from instrumental lessons** - If you know in advance that your child will miss an instrumental lesson (eg. on a school trip or medical appointment)

you should inform the instrumental teacher beforehand. It may be possible to swap lessons, although this would not apply to illness or last minute appointments.

- **Forgetting an instrument** - If your child forgets to bring his/her instrument, please remind him/her to go to the instrumental lesson anyway. There is always something that the teacher can do in the lesson. It is the child's responsibility to remember their lesson.
- **Lunch Menu** – Next week's lunch menu is WEEK 4. Please [click here](#).

Year 5

- **Biometric Registration day (Wednesday)** – More info above. If you are able to send in enough money for your child's lunch on the first day back after half term they will be able to upload this at a pay point after registering and will avoid queues on the first day back.

Year 6

- **Theatre Group Visit** – Please [click here](#).
- **SATs Evening Powerpoint Presentation** – Thank you to all those who attended our SATs evening. Please [click here](#) for a copy of the Powerpoint presentation.
- **Biometric Registration day (Wednesday)** – More info above. If you are able to send in enough money for your child's lunch on the first day back after half term they will be able to upload this at a pay point after registering and will avoid queues on the first day back.

Year 7

- **Biometric Registration day (Tuesday)** – More info above. If you are able to send in enough money for your child's lunch on the first day back after half term they will be able to upload this at a pay point after registering and will avoid queues on the first day back.

Year 8

- **Reports** – These will be coming home with students today along with an Options Form. [Click here](#) for further details.
- **Theatre trip (Weds 8th Feb)** - Final details for the Curious Incident of the Dog in Night-time theatre trip will be sent via email, please keep a look out for this.
- **Options – Key Information** - Please [click here](#) for a letter with key information and dates regarding the upcoming main options process. Many thanks. Mr R Baga, KS4 Development Manager. Year 8 booking closes on midnight on 7th February 2017. Please click on the following link to book your appointment. <https://etonburyacademy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>
- **Biometric Registration day (Tuesday)** – More info above. If you are able to send in enough money for your child's lunch on the first day back after half term they will be able to upload this at a pay point after registering and will avoid queues on the first day back.

Year 9

- **Subject Consultation Evening – Thurs 23 Feb** - Year 9 booking closes on midnight on 21st February. Please click on the following link to book an appointment. <https://etonburyacademy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>
- **Biometric Registration day (Tuesday)** – More info above. If you are able to send in enough money for your child's lunch on the first day back after half term they will be able to upload this at a pay point after registering and will avoid queues on the first day back.

Other Items of Interest

- **WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH RECRUITING THE BEST!** – Please share our Facebook /Twitter pages and spread the word about our expansion. We are now recruiting for Head of Music (start Sept 17), Teacher of Art, Teacher of English [Click here](#) to go to our vacancies page. Any queries please contact Victoria Lockey on 01462 730391.
- **Other BEST Vacancies** – Principal, Teacher of English and Mathematics, Learning Support Assistant, Finance Assistant, Exam Invigilators and Teaching Assistant. Please [click here](#) for details.
- **Jack Collison Soccer School Half Term Camp** – Robert Bloomfield Academy, 15,16 & 17 February 10am – 3pm. www.jackcollisonsoccerschool.com
- **Girl's Rugby at Hitchin Rugby Club U13, U15, U18 Teams** – If you are interested in joining please visit www.hitchinrugby.com
- **Rugby Half Term Camp** - Weds 15 Feb & Thurs 16 Feb. Hitchin Rugby Club. 5-15 Years 8.30 am – 5.30 pm. For more information please call 07707 762930 or visit www.sports121.co.uk

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 28th January – 4th February – Ski Trip

Tuesday 7th February – EACA Valentines Disco

Tuesday 7th February – Biometric registration day

Wednesday 8th February - Biometric registration day

Wednesday 8th February – Year 8 Theatre Trip

Thursday 9th February – Year 8 Options Evening

Monday 13th February – Half term holiday starts

Monday 20th February – Students return to school

Thursday 23rd February – Year 9 Subject Consultation Evening

Let us know what you think about these emails. Have you got any suggestions? Please email etaoffice@bestacademies.org.uk