

Etonbury Academy Weekly Update - 4 January 2019

Week commencing Mon 7 Jan - Timetable B

All/Mixed Years

- **New PE Clubs List for Spring Term 1** - Please [click here](#) to view our P.E. clubs list for the Spring Term.
- **Extra-Curricular Clubs List for Spring Term 1** - Please [click here](#) to view the clubs available this term.
- **LAMDA (date change)** - LAMDA will resume on **Wed 16 Jan** and will continue every Wednesday up to and including **Wed 20 March**.
- **Music Clubs** - Please be aware that due to the changes in the school day, many of the extra-curricular music clubs have moved times - some to after school. The changes are as follows;
School Choir - Thursday after school - 3.30pm - 4.00pm.
Senior Choir - Tuesday after school - 3.30pm - 4.00pm.
String Group - During morning registration (students must register with their form tutors first) - 8.45am - 9.05am.
Wind Band - During morning registration (students must register with their form tutors first) - 8.45am - 9.05am.
These clubs are all held in the music classroom with the exception of The Rock Band which is in the hall. All students are welcome with no charge but if they are playing an instrument they must bring their own. There is also music practice rooms available most lunchtimes for rehearsal but they must be booked in advance with a music teacher.
- **Cabaret (Wed 27 Mar and Thu 28 Mar)** - After the huge success of last years' performances, we are bringing back our variety show. The auditions for musical items will be at lunchtime on Mon 28 Jan (KS2) and Tue 29 Jan (KS3/KS4). The drama and dance auditions will be Tue 5 Feb (KS3/KS4) and Wed 6 Feb (KS2). The sign-up sheets will be going up in the creative corridor over the next few weeks, so it's time to get practising.
If your child is a member of an extra-curricular music or drama club they will automatically be involved in Cabaret. The students will be told after half term which evening they will be performing in.
- **Celebration of Walt Disney** - Please [click here](#) to view our BEST production information for this term, which is specifically aimed at **Year 5 - Year 8 only**. Please spread the word and come along to audition on Monday! Please fill out the audition form and bring with you.
- **Breakfast Club** - This is available Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 8.15am and costs £1 for supervision or £2 to eat.
- **Design Techology** would like to thank Matt Daniels from Prototek for his generous donation of metal bar and tube to use on the new centre lathes.
- **Student Study Centre** would like to thank all those parents/carers who very generously donated from our Christmas Study Centre's Amazon Wish List. The books are already being eagerly snapped up by the students and will be very much enjoyed and appreciated! *Mrs Norman, Study Centre Manager*
- **Lunch Menu** - Week 3. Please [click here](#).

Year 5

- **Parents' Consultation (Wed 16 Jan) 2.30pm - 7.30pm** - Please [click here](#) to view the instructions for booking your time slot.
- **Conover Hall Trip (Tue 19 Feb - Fri 22 Feb)** - Please [click here](#) for Important Information Letter.

Year 6

- **Parent WOW Afternoon (Fri 11 Jan)** - Please note the amended date.
- **SATs Information Evening (Mon 14 Jan) 6.00pm - 7.00pm** - Please keep this date clear, more details to follow.

Year 7

- **Sex and Relationship Education Letter (SRE)** - Please [click here](#) for more information.

Year 8

- **Sex and Relationship Education Letter (SRE)** - Please [click here](#) for more information.

Year 9

- **Parents' Consultation (Wed 23 Jan) 4.00pm - 6.30pm** - Year 9 Parents' Consultation will be held on Wed 23 Jan. This is a chance to speak to your child's teacher regarding the academic report sent home just before Christmas. Please be aware that the online booking system for appointments will be available from 6.00pm on Mon 7 Jan. Please [click here](#) to book your appointments.
- **Sex and Relationship Education Letter (SRE)** - Please [click here](#) for more information.

Year 10

- **GCSE Drama Conference (Fri 11 Jan)** - Please [click here](#) to view the schedule. **Reminder** – please make sure that payment has been made.

Year 11

- **GCSE Drama Conference (Fri 11 Jan)** - Please [click here](#) to view the schedule. **Reminder** - please make sure that payment has been made.
- **Parents' Consultation (Wed 16 Jan)** - Year 11 Parents' Consultation will be held on Wed 16 Jan. Please be aware that the online booking system for appointments will be available from 6.00pm on Fri 4 Jan. Please [click here](#) to book your appointments.
- **BTEC Animal Care Exam (Mon 14 Jan) - 9.00am** - Please [click here](#) to view the exam information.
- **BTEC Child Care Exam (Thu 10 Jan) - 1.30pm** - Please [click here](#) to view the exam information.
- **BTEC Sport Exam (Tue 15 Jan) - 11.30am** - Please [click here](#) to view the exam information.
- **GCSE Art and Photography Students** - The exam title is released this week. Students will have a preparation period of approximately 20 lessons. They are

expected to attend ALL lessons in order to produce a supporting project prior to the exams on the following dates:

GCSE Photography Exam dates - Mon 25 Mar to Thu 28 Mar 2019.

GCSE Art Exam dates - Tue 2 Apr and Wed 3 Apr 2019.

- **GCSE Drama Exams (Thu 4 Apr and Fri 5 Apr)** – the Drama Practical (20%) will take place on Thu 4 Apr 2019 (dress and tech set up) and Fri 5 Apr (actual external exam with AQA) in the Drama Studio. Students are expected to attend ALL lessons leading up to the Drama Exam and (if necessary) also attend the necessary Monday lunchtime sessions for extra support in preparation for the exam.
- **Seneca Revision Tool online** - We have recently been made aware of the website Seneca and its usefulness to students revising. Please see below some useful information from their website and instructions on how to sign up for an account: <https://www.senecalearning.com>
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- **Sixth Form / College / Apprenticeship applications** - Students are currently receiving support in form time with writing personal statements which can be used for college or apprenticeship applications. Where applications ask for a reference they have been informed to put their tutor's name in the first instance though it may be that either their tutor or Head of Year writes the reference. We are aware that some Year 11 students may wish to look into apprenticeships as opposed to studying full time. Please click the following links for information on two useful websites: [Find an apprenticeship](#) and [Careers advice - Central Bedfordshire Council](#).
- **Key Dates** - Please [click here](#) to view the important Examination Dates coming up in 2019.

Other Items of Interest

- **SNAP Parent Carer Forum** - Please [click here](#) for more information. Please [click here](#) for their Autumn newsletter
- **Christina Marks School of Performing Arts (Tue 15 Jan) 12.30pm** - A free Performing Arts taster will be held in the Drama Studio for any Year 5 and Year 6 students who are interested. Please sign up outside the Drama Studio on the notice board. Students must bring a packed lunch with them.
- **The Need Project** would like to thank all of the parents and children for their generous donations of food. The parcels make a huge difference to families in need and even more so at Christmas time. Thank you for your continued support and partnership with us.
- **Etonbury Vacancies** - Teaching Assistant and English Tutor. [Click here](#) for more information.

- **BEST Vacancies** - Head of Geography, Maths Teacher, Casual Clerk to Governors, School Minibus Driver. [Click here](#) for more information.

Dates for your Diary

Thu 10 Jan - Year 11 BTEC Child Care Exam

Fri 11 Jan - Year 6 Parents WOW Afternoon

Fri 11 Jan - Year 9 - 11 GCSE Drama Conference

Mon 14 Jan - SATs Information Evening for Year 6 parents

Mon 14 Jan - Year 11 BTEC Animal Care Exam

Tue 15 Jan - Performing Arts School taster for Year 5 and 6 interested students

Tue 15 Jan - Year 11 BTEC Sports Exam

Tue 15 Jan - Year 11 Parents' Consultation

Wed 16 Jan - Year 5 Parents' Consultation

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

Wed 23 Jan - Year 9 Parents' Consultation

Mon 28 Jan - Condoval Hall - Parents Meeting

Mon 11 Feb - Fri 15 Feb - Half Term

Tue 19 Feb - Fri 22 Feb - Year 5 Residential Trip to Condoval Hall

Mon 25 Mar - Thu 28 Mar - Year 11 GCSE Photography Exams

Wed 27 Mar - Thu 28 Mar - Cabaret

Tue 2 Apr - Wed 3 Apr - Year 11 GCSE Art Exams

Thu 4 Apr - Fri 5 Apr - Year 11 GCSE Drama Exams

Mon 8 Apr - Thu 18 Apr - Easter Holidays

Fri 19 Apr - Bank Holiday

Mon 22 Apr - Bank Holiday

Tue 23 Apr - Return to school for Summer Term

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