



26 April 2024

## Principal Message

Thank you to all our supporters who attended the Wednesday evening year 11 football team cup final against Samuel Whitbread Academy. They were an absolute credit to the school, their hard-work and resilience was outstanding and they were incredibly gracious in defeat. We are exceptionally proud of each and every one of the players!

Year 10 students have completed their mock exams this week. We hope these have given them a great opportunity to familiarise themselves with the format and content of GCSE papers whilst providing both them and their teachers a clear indicator of current and future academic performance. Our invigilators were full of praise for their organisation and how well equipped they all were and how exemplary their conduct was during the mock exams.



Next week the written GCSE exams begin, Thursday 9th May. I wish every success to our students who are about to undertake these exams. It is very pleasing to see the Year 11 students looking smart and enthusiastic in their uniform. Just a polite reminder that students need to be in the correct ETA uniform right up until they leave us in the summer, including during the GCSE exam period. Please also ensure their clear exam pencil cases are named and stocked with the essential items to include a calculator. Please continue to contact form tutors initially regarding queries or concerns about your son or daughter during their final few weeks at Etonbury, as they play a vital day to day role in the pastoral care of your child. It has been a pleasure seeing our Year 11 students mature into the diligent and respectful young people that they are today.



As part of our initiative to encourage more students to walk, scoot or cycle to school we took part in the Sustrans BIG Walk Campaign and ran a poster competition. This week I was delighted to judge the entries and announce the winning entry and runner up. First place was awarded to Lara in Brunel class and 2nd place to Ria in Curie class. Congratulations girls and enjoy your scooters.

As you are aware the canteen is now fully operational, please make sure your child's lunch accounts are topped up for snacks and lunches. If your child has a packed lunch from home please ensure they remember this before school.

As always, thank you for your support and enjoy the bank holiday.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs. J Young - Principal**



### 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. To request a meeting with a member of staff, please contact them directly and they will arrange a suitable time, this will usually be before or after the school day due to teaching commitments.

To view our staff list and contact details please [click here](#).

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 interest of your child.



### Staff Car Park

Please do not use the staff car park during school hours for drop off, collection or waiting. Please either park in the main car park near the Pendleton, collect and or drop off via the D or park off site and collect or even walk to collect.

### Lunch Menu

There will be a new lunch menu when we return for the summer term. Please [click here](#) to view.



### Term Dates - [2024 / 2025](#)

**ETONBURY ACADEMY**

**Current Vacancies**

**RE Lead & Humanities Teacher**  
Closing Midnight 12th May 2024

**Head of Geography**  
Closing Midnight 6th May 2024

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Please see our new PE club timetable below, please remember to sign up via Epraise.

ETONBURY PE		HALF TERM 5		FIXTURES
		Lunch	Afterschool Clubs	Fixtures (Invite Only)
EXTRA CURRICULAR	Mon	Year 5 Form Sports- Mr Hair Year 7 Summer Sports Club - Field	Year 7-11 Rounders- SHI Year 7-11 Cricket- JBA/Mr Young	<b><i>Afterschool Fixtures INVITE ONLY:</i></b>
	Tues	Year 8 Summer Sports Club- Field	Year 5/6 Girls and Boys Rounders- Mr Hair/Mrs Chandler	Year 7 and 8 Athletics Fixtures NBV/JBA/SHI
	Weds	Year 9 Summer Sports Club - Field	Year 7-11 Tennis Club- Playground Mrs Clarke	Year 10 Athletics Fixtures- LJS/NBV/JBA Year 7/8 Cricket Fixtures- MPU Y8 Rounders Fixtures- SHI/EPR
	Thurs	Year 10 Summer Sports Club - Field	Year 5/6 Girls and Boys Cricket- Mr Hair	Year 7 Rounders Fixtures- SHI Year 9 Rounders Fixtures- EPR Y10 Rounders Fixtures- SHI/EPR
	Fri	Year 5/6 Summer Sports Club - Miss Oldham		

Some huge successes we must celebrate as a school in the past week.

**Year 11 boys football team** beat KCA in what was a very close semi-final. Harrison, Lennon and Liam S scored 3 goals between them. Through to the final next **Tuesday (Kempston, 6pm Kick off)**



### Athletics team

We had some amazing results in the athletic fixtures this week, our year 7 & 8 boys team came 1st place overall and the girls were placed 2nd overall. Luka B and Layla M came first place in their track events and Poppy M and Oliver P came 1st place in the shot put with Poppy setting a new school record! Will F came first in the long jump, Leila H was 1st in javelin and Tamron B came 2nd place in the triple jump. Aiden H, Will F and Lailah H all came second place in their track events - congratulations.



**Year 10 rounders** team had a 16-10 against Henlow Academy.

**Out of school achievements to celebrate are:**

**Abi C** played for Arsenal U16 team against Manchester United this week. Pictured below.



**Amelia P** won 3 junior golf competitions in Hertfordshire over Easter. Stotfold FC U16 (**Our Year 11s**) and U18 (**Our Year 12s**) boys both through to the County Cup Finals.

**Beth S**- Competed in Regional Gymnastics and came 2<sup>nd</sup> place

**Jasmine H** Competed in County Comp for Artistic Gymnastics & placed in all 5 disciplines (Beam, Floor, Vault, Bars & Conditioning). Qualified for Regionals.

**Ollie W** football team won 6 games in the Regional Football Tournament



Any questions please email [shilton@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:shilton@bestacademies.org.uk)

PE Kit Shop: <https://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/etonbury/pe-kit>

As always - **Congratulations** to our **Sports Legends** this week. Please see this weekend's social media posts for details celebrating these achievements.

Follow us on X - [EtonburyPE](#). Facebook [Etonbury PE](#)



Mr Sale - [bsale@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:bsale@bestacademies.org.uk) Head of Juniors

**Junior School Arrival Time**

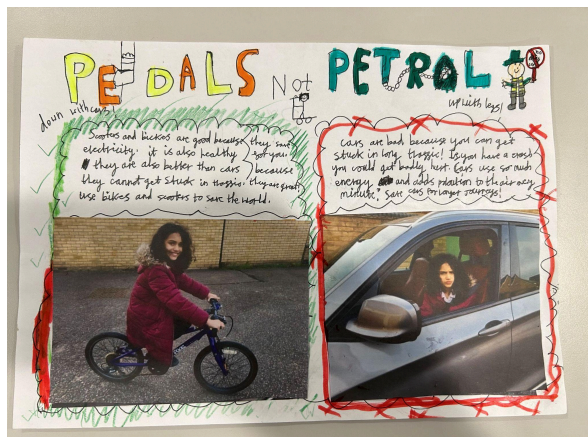
Please ensure that your Year 5 / 6 child/children arrive at school from 8:15 am and before 8:25 am. The Junior gate closes at **8:25 am** prompt. Your cooperation in ensuring punctuality is greatly appreciated.

**VAGW Workshop**

Next month, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May, each class from Years 5 & 6 will be taking part in a Violence Against Women (VAGW) workshop. Please see the following [information leaflet](#) for details and get in touch with your child's head of year if you have any further questions.



Lara and Ria were awarded first and second place in the Big Sustrans poster competition, below are their beautiful posters - congratulations!





## Year 5

### Food Technology

Starting week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> May, class teachers will be taking the Year 5s for Food Technology. The classes will take part in both theory and practical lessons until the end of the summer term and will be able to bring home what they make and bake to share with the family. Children will be told in advance when they need to bring in their containers to bring home their creations. All ingredients will be supplied by the school however we do ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child which can be paid via ParentMail.



Please update class teachers if there have been any changes to your child's allergies or dietary requirements.

Armstrong – [jchandler@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:jchandler@bestacademies.org.uk)

Brunel – [csaunders@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:csaunders@bestacademies.org.uk)

Curie – [rpackeer@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:rpackeer@bestacademies.org.uk)

Da Vinci – [lgibson@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:lgibson@bestacademies.org.uk)

Earhart – [lhair@bestacademeis.org.uk](mailto:lhair@bestacademeis.org.uk)

## Year 6

KS2 SATs will be running from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Our amazing Year 6 pupils are to arrive at school **at the normal time - 8.15 - 8.20**. Each day, on arrival at school, they will go to the canteen for their free morning snack to give them energy for the day ahead! Please ensure they arrive at school in plenty of time with their named, filled water bottle. Any further queries please message Mrs Crockford or Mr Sale.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL (YEARS 7 TO 11)



### Student Equipment

Please can you ensure students have the correct equipment with them in school. Pens, pencils, rubber, ruler, pencil sharpener, protractor, compass, scientific calculator and water bottle.

### Lockers

ILS provides lockers for ETA Secondary Students, if you are interested in renting a locker please [click here](#) to view further information for 2024.

### Duke of Edinburgh

Please fill out the consent to camp form for the practice expedition if your child is signed up to the D of E this term. Without this we will be unable to allow them to camp:

<https://forms.gle/Ui4ka5Q3XybE8fiX8> [Click here](#) for further important information.

## Year 7

### **VAWG Workshop**

Next month 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May, each form class from Year 7 will be taking part in a VAWG workshop. Please see the following [information leaflet](#) for details please get in touch with your child's head of year if you have any further questions.



### **Author Visit**

The English department has organised an author visit for Year 7 and 9 on 17 May. Sita Brahmachari will deliver a session based around 'Artichoke Hearts'. Please [click here](#) to read the letter for further details.

### **National Space Centre Trip**

The science department is organising a day visit to the National Space Centre. We have decided to take 3 forms (7JS, 7LD and 7RG) on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and the remaining 2 forms (7BM and 7KP) on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 please [click here](#) to view the letter and further information.

Mrs. B Wood - HOY

## Year 8

### **VAWG Workshop**

Next month 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May, each form class from Year 8 will be taking part in a VAWG workshop. Please see the following [information leaflet](#) for details please get in touch with your child's head of year if you have any further questions.

### **Year 8 Natural History Museum**

As a science based enrichment opportunity, we are organising a day visit to the Natural History Museum in London on Monday 3rd June 2024 please [click here](#) for the letter and further information.

## YEAR 9

### **Author Visit**

The English department has organised an author visit for Year 7 and 9 on 17 May. Sita Brahmachari will deliver a session based around 'When Shadows Fall' to Year 9 pupils. Please [click here](#) to read the letter for further details.

## YEAR 10

### **Year 10 History Trip**

Thank you to those who have ordered an optional trip hoody. I will be sending the order off next week. There will be a list of those who we have the order form from on the year 10 history google classroom on Friday - your child can access this. If there are any discrepancies, please email me ASAP on [wyoung@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:wyoung@bestacademies.org.uk)

Also, if you have not done so already, the important information form needs to be completed as a matter of urgency now. Here is the link again: <https://forms.gle/k3i13ahbqhmFbu5b8>



### **Year 10 Holocaust visit**

We have the pleasure of the daughter of a Holocaust survivor visiting us on the 14<sup>th</sup> May to assist in the understanding for the year 12 A level history coursework on the topic. We have randomly selected some GCSE history students to attend this amazing opportunity as well. Students have been informed and the list is available on their history google classroom. Ms Young and Mrs Wood.

### **MFL & Music Mock Exams**

Any Music and MFL students impacted by the amended mock exam timetable please be advised these exams will now be taking place in class during the dates Weds 8 May to Friday 17 May.

Mrs. S Bailey - HOY

## **YEAR 11**

As we come closer to the end of the year and the exam period here are some dates for your diaries:

**Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May:** The year 11's leavers assembly will be on this day. They are expected to come into school in regular uniform and they will be attending lessons 1-4 as normal. If they wish to get a shirt signed by their peers then they will need to bring in a spare shirt. Students will be given time to purchase lunch and then their leavers assembly will start during lunch time. The assembly should end at 2:30 and after this students will be dismissed and will be allowed to leave the site early. If this will be an issue for you and you do not wish for your son/daughter to be dismissed early please contact me at [dsutcliffe@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:dsutcliffe@bestacademies.org.uk) and alternative arrangements will be made. This is not the start of study leave.

**Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May:** This will be the last day of school for year 11 prior to the start of study leave. Students will still be expected to attend school as normal between the 8<sup>th</sup> of May to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. They will be in lessons as normal during this period unless they are in exams.

**Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May:** Study leave starts. Beyond this point students are only to attend school beyond this point if they are attending an exam. If students have an exam in both the morning and the afternoon and do not wish to return home between these exams we will provide them with a space to quietly revise in.

As a reminder students are expected to attend exams in full school uniform.

Further to this we will be running JIT (just in time) sessions prior to each of the exams. You can find a full timetable of these sessions by using the following link:

[Year 11 JIT Timetable](#)

Should you have any questions regarding the exam period please do get in touch! Mr D Sutcliffe - HOY

### **Mathematics Revision Sessions**

Tuesday afternoon revision sessions. These run from 1530 to 1630 each week. If your son/daughter does not already attend these but you would like them to join this free provision, please would you email Mr Vanner ([lvanner@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:lvanner@bestacademies.org.uk)) or Mr Sutcliffe ([dsutcliffe@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:dsutcliffe@bestacademies.org.uk)).

### **GCSE Maths Revision Schedules**

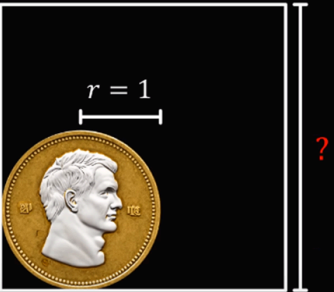
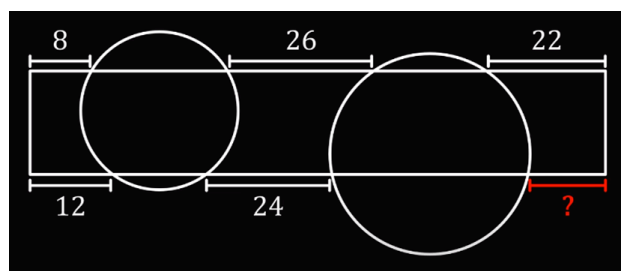
Please find attached the final Mathematics revision schedules for the GCSE exams, for your information. These have been issued to students and put on the Google classroom by each Maths teacher.

- [foundation](#)
- [higher](#)

## Weekly Maths Challenge from Mr Vanner

Rolls on interior along square sides without slipping

Upon return to start, coin has made 1 revolution

## Summer Exams

Written examinations commence on [Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May](#)

All students have been emailed a copy of their timetable today. There have been some instances where exam clashes have been identified. These will be resolved within the same exam day and indicated on their printed timetable which will also show rooming and seat allocations. This will be handed out to students before the end of term.

## Contingency Days

There are contingency sessions within the Summer 2024 exam timetable - the afternoon of **6 June** and **13 June 2024** and the morning and afternoon of **26 June 2024**.

We appreciate your child might finish their exams earlier than this, but ask that they are available on all three dates even if they do not have an exam.

The awarding bodies have collectively decided on these contingency days, and are allocated in case of an event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the UK.


## Equipment

Please ensure your child brings all the correct equipment to their exams. This includes calculators when allowed. We hold spares in the exam room for emergencies, but do not have enough to cater for all students. All equipment should be kept in a clear pencil case.

## JCQ Regulations

Please familiarise yourself with all the exam guidance from JCQ. You can find the links to all information on our website [here](#).





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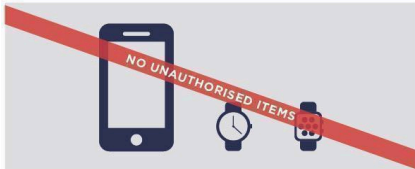
### Warning to Candidates

1. You **must** be on time for all your examinations.
2. **Possession of a mobile phone** or other unauthorised material is **not allowed** even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the exam/qualification.
3. You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
4. You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.
5. You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.
6. You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
7. If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

The *Warning to Candidates* must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room. This may be a hard copy A3 paper version or an image of the poster projected onto a wall or screen for all candidates to see.

### NO MOBILE PHONES NO WATCHES

NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB  
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION



Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone or any watch, is a serious offence and could result in

## DISQUALIFICATION

from your examination and your overall qualification.

This poster must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room.





### Year 12 Holocaust visit

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### Year 12 USA Trip

A quick update. Students have now seen our proposed itinerary and we are very excited! An updated letter will be sent out to parents soon.

### Year 12 Work Experience

Work experience gives students the chance to learn about what type of job they might enjoy, and develop their CV. All students in Year 12 are going to be on work experience from Monday 1st - Friday 5th July 2024. In this period there will be no classes - each day all students will be at the workplace of their host employer.

We are using Unifrog ([www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)) to manage the administration of the work experience programme – for example collecting information from the employer about their Risk Assessment and Health & Safety policy, as well as getting agreement from yourselves for the placement to go ahead.

For further information about the work experience programme please refer to the attached letter for Mrs C Dowden. ([see attached PDF](#))

## Student Shout Outs!

### Student of the Term certificates have been presented to:

- Hollie P - Biology
- Lily S - Forensic Science
- H Webb - Physics

## CLUB INFORMATION



- **LAMDA Dates** - 29 April, 13 May and 20 May. - If you have any questions please email [jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk)

Due to the school closure, we will be adding extra time to two of the LAMDA sessions to make up for the session missed this week. The second session will be on 13<sup>th</sup> May. The session will be an extra 45 mins long and will end at 5:45 pm each evening.

- **P.E.** Please [click here](#) for the new PE club timetable. Please remember to book via Epraise.
- **Extra-curricular Complete Clubs List** - A new extracurricular clubs list will be

published after Easter, look out for these in next week's bulletin.

- **Homework timetable** - [click here to view](#).
- **Homework Club** runs every Monday and Tuesday after school with Miss Nicole.
- **School of Rock** - School of Rock Rehearsals are every Thursday after school till 5pm in the main school hall. Children should have already signed up via Epraise. All students must bring their script, pencil and water bottle to every rehearsal. Thank you. Mrs Brahmachari-Limb  
jbrahmachari-limb@bestacademies.org.uk
- **Extracurricular Clubs List** - [click here](#) to download.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION



- Take a look at other community events, promotions and things happening in the area [click here](#)
- Children's services also have some child focused learning opportunities coming up. Details can be found in the community events section of our website too.
- Saturday morning music club run by **Inspiring Music** CBC - [click here](#) to view
- Please [click here](#) to view the local **Children's Centre** timetable.
- **Ivel Valley Coffee Morning** and Chat - [23 May](#) / [12 July](#)
- **Brick Festival Lego Car Rally** - Rubber Band Challenge starts now, with participants challenged to build a rubber band powered vehicle out of LEGO pieces, with awesome LEGO prizes to be won - [click here](#) for further details. To view the detailed release sheet [click here](#).
- **Parent and Professional Insight sessions** - This informative session will offer attendees the opportunity to find out up to date issues children and young people face in a digital world- including grooming, cyber bullying and the sending of indecent images. The session will also look at how the online space can also be used to criminally exploit children. Parent Session Thursday 9th May 9.30-10.30am. To register [click here](#).

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday
7 / 8 May	Year 7 & 8 workshop in school
Weds 8 May	Year 11 Leavers Assembly
9 / 10 / 11 May	D of E Practice
Fri 17 May	Author Visit Year 7 & 9
Mon 20 May	Year 10 Work Experience Week
22 / 23 / 24 May	Year 5 / 6 Workshop in school
Thurs 23 May	Last day of school for Year 11 students
Fri 24 May	Break for Half Term - Year 11 begin study leave



Mon 3 June

Back to School (Pupils & Staff)

**Everyone is respectful - Together we care - Always aim higher**

You are receiving this because you are a Student, Parent, Carer, Governor or Member of Staff  
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