



26 April 2024

Principal Message

We were delighted to reopen our doors yesterday, to staff and pupils. Thank you once again to the whole school community for your support and patience this week whilst the essential repair works were carried out and the school was closed. We received lots of photos of children home learning and keeping active, some of these can be seen on our Etonbury social media pages. A special thank you to Mr Craddock, who distributed free school meals from the Stotfold Football Club car park. I would also like to extend my thanks to all staff for your support with the contingency plans for home learning.

On Tuesday the PE Department and our GCSE PE Students from Years 10 and 11 conducted their GCSE PE moderation with an external examiner at an alternative indoor location and on our 3G pitch. Congratulations to everyone who took part. Despite the change in plans, our students excelled as anticipated, making it a successful day. A big thank you to all who contributed to ensuring the smooth running of the day; your efforts are greatly appreciated. Special recognition goes to Miss Hilton, Mr Bamford, Miss Prior, and Mr Jones for leading the Football, Handball, and Netball sessions.

Congratulations to our golf team, Amelia, Charlie and Amanda all played in a fixture at Caddington Golf club earlier this week and won! They are now through to the finals at Woodhall Spa Golf Club, fantastic achievement!



We continue to make our way through the exam season with Year 10 students entering their second week of mock exams next week. They have consistently displayed positive commitment and attitude to their work and exams over the last two days and we hope their results will reflect this.

Our lunchtime and after school clubs also restarted this week providing the students with a variety of extracurricular clubs and activities to enjoy. Please remember to sign up for any clubs via Epraise. Our clubs offer a wonderful opportunity for students to explore their interests and talents outside of regular classes. Whether it's sports, arts, or academic clubs, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Next week we look forward to our Year 11 boys football cup final on Wednesday evening at The Shefford Football Club! Wishing them the very best of luck!

Finally, following on from my letter sent via email yesterday I would just like to remind you of the following announcement. As a result of having no gas in the kitchen please can you continue to ensure that you provide your child with a packed lunch and snacks for the day on Monday 29th April and Tuesday 30th April. There will be an increased variety of cold break time snack provision for all pupils from Monday. Any pupil in receipt of a free school meal will be provided with a packed lunch meal on these days and should come to the canteen at lunchtime to collect this.

Have a relaxing weekend.

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.

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](#)

Attendance Procedures

If your child is going to be absent, please contact the Academy **before 8.40am** on (01462) 730391 or **email eta-absence@bestacademies.org.uk** to advise us of the reason for absence and when you expect them to return to school. If children have to attend a medical or dental appointment in school time please communicate this to our Attendance Officer in the same way.

When reporting an absence:

- We require a specific reason or symptom
- Please notify the school daily of any absence
- Medical Appointment cards and records should also be sent by email in advance so we can inform the staff prior to collection.

Driving on Site

If you do drive onto the school site please help us to keep our school community and families safe by driving slowly and with extreme caution. There is a large volume of traffic at drop off and collection times and we have noticed an increase in the speed some vehicles travel. Our speed limit on site is **5MPH**. Please continue to use the D at the top of the drive to drop off and collect at the beginning and the end of the day only. This ensures the disruption to the flow of traffic is kept to a minimum and reduces the number of vehicles on our school site. Thank you for your cooperation.

Etonbury Extra After School Club

If you need to communicate with us regarding arrangements or bookings for After School Club please contact the ASC Team via email eta-asc@bestacademies.org.uk

Young Fashion Designer UK Competition 2024

If you are interested in Fashion and would like to enter this exciting competition, please follow the link below for more information on how to enter! We would love to see some of your entries, please bring them into school so we can display your work around the school.

<https://www.youngfashiondesigneruk.com/competition-2024>



National Pet Month Art Work

Thank you to all of the students who entered their art work in celebration of National Pet Month, please the entries that we will be digitally exhibiting on our screens around the school.

National Pet Month (NPM) celebrates and raises awareness of responsible pet ownership through educational campaigns and resources across various platforms. NPM celebrates pet ownership, sharing the many benefits of our cherished companions across the UK.



Vacancies

Please visit <https://www.etonbury.org.uk/vacancies> to register your interest or apply for a post via My New Term. Currently we are looking to recruit a Head of Geography and Teaching Assistant.

- Head of Geography
- Teaching Assistant



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

ETONBURY PE		HALF TERM 5		FIXTURES <small>*INVITES WILL BE SENT BY FIXTURES</small>
	Lunch	Afterschool Clubs	Fixtures (Invite Only)	
Mon	Year 5 Form Sports- Mr Hair	Year 7-11 Rounders- SHI		
	Year 7 Summer Sports Club - Field	Year 7-11 Cricket- JBA/Mr Young	<u>Afterschool Fixtures</u> <u>INVITE ONLY:</u>	
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			

Any questions please email 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 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, 22nd, 23rd & 24th 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.



YEAR 6

Harry Potter Trip



Pupils in Year 6 will be visiting Harry Potter World at the Warner Brothers Studios:

- Thursday 6th June for Mars, Neptune and Saturn
- Monday 10th June for Jupiter, Pluto and Titan

Please [click here](#) to view the letter, further information and to complete the consent form. This is the last opportunity - deadline is 26th April.

[Harry Potter consent form](#)

The deadline to complete the consent form is **Friday 26 April** and payments can be made via ParentMail.

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.

Monitoring Lateness

The way we monitor lates will now be slightly adjusted following the consequence system in place last half term. Students will have a daily punctuality report log, any student accumulating over 10 minutes late in a day will be asked to complete a lunch-time detention the following day. This will no longer be sent home via a parent text message. If a student fails to attend their lunch-time detention on two occasions, they will be placed in a SLT after-school detention and a message will be communicated via Epraise. Please contact Mr Pullinger if you have any questions regarding these changes.

Year 7

VAWG Workshop

Next month 7th & 8th 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 have 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.

Mrs B Wood - HOY

Year 8

VAWG Workshop

Next month 7th & 8th 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 9

Author Visit

The English department have 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

Mrs S Bailey - HOY

Maths Revision Schedules

Please find below revision schedules for both higher and foundation tier maths students in Year 10 to help with revision for their summer mock exams.

- [Higher Tier](#)
- [Foundation Tier](#)

Year 10 Mocks

Year 10 mock exams will run from [Thursday 25th April](#) to [Friday 3rd May](#)

All students have been emailed a copy of their timetable today. A paper copy indicating rooming and seat allocations will be given to them before the end of term. Please click the following link to view the amended timetable - [Mock Exam Timetable](#).

YEAR 11

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

Friday the 3rd of May: This will be a non uniform day **only** for year 11. We are asking that students pay £1 via ParentMail for this non uniform day to raise funds for our prom. Only Year 11's will be in non uniform on this day.

Wednesday the 8th 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 and alternative arrangements will be made. This is not the start of study leave.

Thursday the 23rd 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 8th of May to the 23rd of May. They will be in lessons as normal during this period unless they are in exams.

Friday the 24th 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](#)

Rooms have currently not been assigned to the afternoon sessions, these will be updated on the document once the allocation has been completed.

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) or Mr Sutcliffe (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

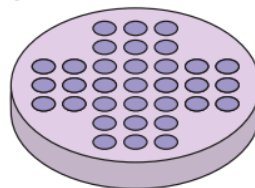
8 A game is made from a cylinder with 33 hemispheres cut out of the top surface.

The board has a diameter of 23.5 cm and is 2.5 cm high.

The diameter of each hemisphere is 14 mm.

Work out the total surface area of the board.

Give your answer to the nearest integer.



Did you manage to find the value of A,B and C? Here is the solution - [Value of ABC](#)

Year 11 Art & Photography

Dates for the 10 hour ESA exam are as follows:

113/Art Miss Smith & 113/Photography Mrs Fox-Connor Monday 29th April & Tuesday 30th April 2024

111/Art Mrs Fox-Connor & 111/Photography Miss Smith Thursday 1st May & 2nd May 2024



Key information for the exams:

1. In preparation to the exam, students will need all of their sketchbook work and the tasks on their structure sheets complete so that they are prepared and know exactly what they will be doing for their final piece which they will be completing over the 2 days in the 10 hour exam.
2. Students are not allowed to work on this project once the exam has finished.
3. Please remind them to bring in their sketchbooks on the exam day as it has to be present and they will not be able to start the exam if it is left at home.
4. Any materials, equipment and printing needs to be done before the exam not on the day.
5. Students are to register promptly at 8:40am each morning of their exam and make their way to the art and photography rooms to set up for a 9am start. In the afternoon they need to go straight back to the exam from lunch and not go to registration to ensure they are not late.

Coursework reminder (60%):

Any outstanding work for the student's coursework that they did not complete, also needs handing in by the exam date so that it can be remarked and ready for the moderator visit. All students were given personalised feedback sheets with anything they needed to work on for that project. All resources to support students are also on google classroom.

Summer Exams

Written examinations commence on **Thursday 9th 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.

Art and Photography GCSEs

These exams will take place between **Monday 29th April** and **Thursday 2nd May**

All students have received detailed information from their subject teachers regarding their specific exam dates.

GCSE French and German Speaking exams

The GCSE French Speaking exams will take place on **Thursday 25th April**

The GCSE German Speaking exams will take place on **Friday 26th April**


Timeslots will be notified to the students via their subject teacher in due course.

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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AGA	City & Guilds	CCEA	OCR	Pearson	WJEC
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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.



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

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CLUB INFORMATION



- **LAMDA Dates** - 29 April, 13 May and 20 May. - If you have any questions please email 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. These will be on the following dates; 29th April and 13th May. These sessions will be an extra 45 mins long and will end at 5:45pm 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 extra curricular 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** - please see below, [click here](#) to download.



Etonbury Academy Extracurricular Clubs Summer Term 2024

Day	Club	Year group(s)	Day	Room	Lunch time	After school
Daily	KS4 Engineering Catch Up	Yr10 &11	Every day	D15	1.40-2.20	
	Recycling Club	Invite only	Every day	D15	1.40-2.10	
Monday	The Hub	KS3	Mon - A&B	D2	1.30-2.10	
	Year 5 Sports	Year 5	Mon	-	12.30pm	
	Year 7 Summer Sports	Year 7	Mon	Field	1.30-2.10	
	Year 7-11 Rounders Club	Years 7-11	Mon			3.30pm
	Year 7 - 11 Cricket Club	Year 7 - 11	Mon			3.30pm
	LAMDA	Invite only	Mon - A&B	Studio		3:30-5:00
	Homework club Monday	KS3, 4 & 5	Mon - A&B	D26		3.30-5.00
Tuesday	Cheerleading	All Year groups	Tue - A&B	Gym (when no exams)	1.45-2.15	
	Year 8 Summer Sports	Year 8	Tues	Field	1.30-2.10	
	Year 5/6 Rounders Club	Year 5/6	Tues			3.30pm
	Colouring club	Invite only	Tue - A&B	Brunel	1.00-1.25	
	Homework club Tuesday	KS3, 4 & 5	Tue - A&B	D26		3.30-5.00
Wednesday	Homework club	Yr 5	Tues - A&B	Earhart	12.55-13.20	
	Chess Club/Board games	KS2	Wed - A&B	Jupiter	12:55-1:25	
	Debate	KS3, 4 & 5	Wed - A&B	C7	1.45-2.10	
	Further maths	KS4	Wed - A&B	D7		3:30-4:30
	Year 9 Summer Sports	Year 9	Weds	Field	13.30-2.10	
	Year 7-11 Tennis Club	Years 7-11	Weds	Playground		3.30pm
	Circus Skills	All Year groups	Wed - A&B	Studio	1:30-2:00	
	Creative Writing	KS3, 4 & 5	Wed - A&B	D11	1.45-2.15	
Thursday	Gardening club	Yr 5	Wed - A&B	Pluto	1.00-1.25	
	Warhammer club	All Year groups	Thu - A&B	D17	Tues, Wed & Fri	Thurs
	Year 10 Summer Sports Club	Year 10	Thurs	Field	1.30-2.10	
	Year 5/6 Boys Cricket Club	Year 5/6	Thurs			3.30pm
	Computer club	KS3	Thu - A&B	C1	13.45-14.15	
Friday	School of Rock rehearsals	All Year groups	Thu - A&B	Hall	1:45-2:15	3:30-5:00
	Criminology club	Invite only	Thu - A&B	D9	1.45-2.15	
	LGBTQ+ club	KS3, 4 & 5	Fri -A&B	D9	1.45-2.15	
	Year 5/6 Summer Sports Club	Year 5/6	Fri	Field	12.30pm	
	Video Games club	KS3, 4 & 5	Fri -A&B	Media Room	1.35-2.15	
Friday chill club	KS2 - yr 5	Friday	A1	12.55 - 13.20		

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
- **SENDIASS** will be running two sessions - an evening session on Monday 29 April between 18:30 and 20:30, and also a daytime session on Tuesday 30 April between 10:00 and 12:00. This workshop will be online and will be held via MS Teams, and parent carers only need to attend one session. [Click here](#) to view.
- Please [click here](#) to view the local **Children's Centre** timetable.
- **Jack Collison** May Half Term Football - [click here](#)
- **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



Fri 3 May	Year 11 Non Uniform
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)

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

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