



# Elthorne Park High School Newsletter

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### Don't Forget

**Mon 8th Feb**  
**Ski Trip Meeting—6pm**

**Tues 9th Feb**  
**Year 11 Study Skills Seminar**

**Thurs 11th Feb**  
**Year 9 Options Evening**

**Friday 5th March**  
**HSA Family Quiz Evening**

**Wednesday 10th March**  
**HSA EGM**

### Training Day - Change of Date

Please note that Tuesday 4th May will **NOT** now be a training day as originally planned. **Monday 19th April** will now be the first Training Day of the Summer Term. Students should therefore return to school on Tuesday 20th April after the Easter Holiday.

### Year 9 Options

Year 9 students have now started the process of choosing courses for study at KS4. In addition to the compulsory subjects of English, Maths, Science and ICT, students will choose up to four optional subjects related to their interests and aspirations. Students will work on choosing subjects in PSHE lessons and this will be complemented by a theatre performance about applied learning and information and guidance from a range of staff and other professionals. Please note a change of date for the Options Evening which will now take place on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010, 6:30 - 8.00 p.m.**

### Year 10 and 11 - March Exams

Year 11 have Science Modules and a Key Skills exam on 3 March, and Science Modules on 4 March. Year 10 have a Citizenship Mock exam at 11.20am on 4 March and their Science Modules on 5 March. On the morning of their science exams all students should be in school at 8.30am for registration, which will take place outside the Sports Hall. The exam will start between 8.40 and 9.00am as soon as students are seated. Please be prompt.

### Year 10, 11 and 12 - Summer Exams

The Summer Exam Period is between **11 May and 29 June**. There will be some non-written exams **before** this date, for example MFL Orals and Practical exams for Art, Drama and PE. **Year 11 study leave will begin on 24 May.**

There are also exams for Year 10 students (Science and Citizenship) and for those studying Geography and Sociology. These are scheduled between **10 June and 25 June**.

Some Year 12 students will be taking Functional Skills, Diploma, and Maths and English GCSE exams. An exam timetable was given to students earlier this term. Please see the Exams Office if you need an additional copy. Dale Cash, Examinations Officer

### BBC School Reporters

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February the BBC School Reporters (Year 7-9) went, once again, to Ealing CLC. This time we were completing final preparations for the live news days on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March. We were lucky enough to get some guidance from the BBC Ten O'Clock News' Huw Edwards. As an ex-teacher he ran a very interesting afternoon session with the students recreating the pressure of a real newsroom with breaking stories! Our Polish group continued to work really hard on the subtitling project on Polish food and culture. Special thanks to Justyna

Selma Boyd. Also watch out for Elthorne on the BBC on 9<sup>th</sup> March. A BBC outside broadcast unit will be broadcasting live from the CLC and the BBC donates one of its interactive channels entirely to School Report- so we have a really good chance of being seen!



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**IB Trip to Hampton Court**

As part of the IB Core, students study Theory of Knowledge (ToK). A trip to Hampton Court was an ideal way for them to examine some of the ToK issues around History with the help of the Palace's world-class experts. It was fantastic to see the students avidly engaged in examining questions such as: Are the lives of some people more historically significant than the lives of others?, Can and should value judgments be avoided in History?, How does the culture within which historians live affect the History they write and therefore we read? The day included free entry to the Palace as well as a guided tour and a lecture by their Research Curator Dr Lipscombe which related many of these questions to Henry VIII and the Palace. Our time there was rounded off with a "Britain's Got Talent"-style competition with the students giving impressive oral presentations about some of the questions they had been delving into throughout the day.

**Deadline for Sixth Form Applications**

The deadline for Sixth Form applications has now passed and although we shall certainly look at late applications, we cannot guarantee to meet these students' needs. We have already begun to interview applicants from outside EPHS and are now in the process of interviewing internal applicants.

**Critical Thinking Seminars for Years 11 and Sixth Form**

As part of our student development programme we are running seminars in Critical Thinking. These are aimed at developing the students' analytical skills and ability to evaluate arguments and their logic. Year 11 seminars will take place Week 2 Monday Period 1. Sixth Form seminars will take place Thursday mornings. Letters have gone out to selected students about this programme and if anyone would like more information, please contact **Mr Grant** at the school.

**Year 11 Study Skills Seminar**

The school have organised a study skills seminar for Year 11 students which will take place on **9<sup>th</sup> February**. OB Education will host two separate sessions which will focus on revision, time management and exam preparation. This is one of the many ways the school will be supporting students with examination preparation.

**Elthorne Waterside Pitches - Dog free area**

Parents are asked for their feedback on the impact of the dog free area in the park. The future of this area will be decided on the basis of this feedback. Attached to this newsletter is the feedback form which should be returned as below - FAO Sophia King, Perceval House, 14—16 Uxbridge Road, London W5 9HL. The closing date for this is 12th February.

**Year 10 Berlin Trip**

Many thanks to parents/carers who promptly paid the first £66 instalment for the Berlin Trip! The payment schedule is now as below: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February - £66, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March - £66, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - £66, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May - £66. This is based on an approximate costing of £380. This includes the cost of flights, coach to and from the airport, accommodation and all trips in Berlin. The final cost will depend on the cost of flights. Please make all cheques payable to Elthorne Park High School and hand them into the School Office in an envelope **clearly marked with your child's name, tutor group and Berlin Trip**. Money can be deposited at reception between 8.15 a.m. and 8.40 a.m. If any parents and carers need to arrange alternative payment arrangements, you are welcome to contact us at school.

**Ski Trip April 2010**



Letters have been sent to all parents/carers of those students going on the Ski Trip to Serre Chevalier, France. A meeting will be taking place on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010**. It will be held in the main hall at **6pm** and will last approximately thirty minutes. The aim of the meeting will be to give you and your children all the relevant information required prior to departure. This will include travel arrangements, code of conduct, food arrangements, travel insurance and what to bring. This is an opportunity to also meet members of staff going on the trip.



**Academic Year 2009-2010**

**Spring Term**

Mon 4th Jan 2010—Thurs 1st April 2010

**Spring Half Term**

Mon 15th Feb 2010—Fri 19th Feb 2010

**Easter Holiday**

Fri 2nd Apr 2010—Fri 16th Apr 2010  
Good Friday 2nd April 2010  
Easter Monday 5th April 2010

**Training Days**

Mon 4th January 2010

**Summer Term**

Mon 19th April 2010—Wed 28th Jul 2009

**Bank Holiday**

Monday 3rd May 2010

**Summer Half Term**

Monday 31st May-Friday 4th June 2010

**Training Days**

Mon 19th April 2010  
Fri 25th June 2010

**Occasional Days**

Mon 26th July 2010  
Tues 27th July 2010  
Wed 28th July 2010

**Summer Holiday Commences**

Mon 26th July 2010

**Academic Year**

**2010-2011 (provisional)**

**Autumn Term**

Wed 1st Sept 2010—Fri 17th Dec 2010

**Autumn Half Term**

Mon 25th Oct 2010—Fri 29th Oct 2010

**Winter Holiday**

Mon 20th Dec 2010—Mon 3rd Jan 2011

**Training Days**

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**Thought of the Week**

Thought for the week beginning  
**8th February 2010**

*People should feel that the natural world is important and valuable and beautiful and wonderful.*

David Attenborough



**Instrumental Lessons Summer Term 2010**

**- Payment deadline Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

Please note that the deadline is approaching for payment for instrumental lessons for the summer term. Attached is the application form which must be completed even if your details have not changed. The form and cheques should be returned to reception between **8.15 – 8.45am** Monday – Friday. If you do not return your cheque by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February** your place cannot be guaranteed. **New Students are also welcome** to apply for instrumental lessons at Elthorne. It does not matter if you have not played an instrument in primary school but you will need to practise and most instruments take persistence and hard work before they are played with much skill. You might like to apply to share lessons with a friend. This means the cost is halved and you will be able to support each other. If you are undecided which instrument you might like to play then please speak to either Ms Barker or Ms Wickens who will be happy to advise you. Happy music-making!

**Chess Club**

Elthorne Park has an account on [WWW.CHESS.COM](http://WWW.CHESS.COM). This will enable Elthorne to create tournaments, and students to play each other on live Chess and Vote Chess virtually. To sign up, log on to Chess.com and create an account. After you have created an account search for the group **elthorne** or see Mr Fleary and give him your Chess.com user name. Any problems see Mr Fleary at Lunch or break. From next week students will need a Chess Pass to get into Chess Club. To sign up for a pass see Mr Fleary. For all information log onto Moodle /Enrichment /Chess Club.



**Years 7 and 8 Mid-Year Science Exams**

**Year 8 Mid-Year Exam in Science – Feb 2010**

Exam Date: **Tuesday 9th February 2010** (week 2), **P-half** ---- Lesson 2, **E-half** ---- Lesson 3

Students will be tested on following topics - **Microbes and diseases, Atoms, Elements, Compounds and mixtures, Light, Sound and hearing**. Questions will be based on all the following aspects: Contents, science skills and investigation based questions

**Year 7 Mid-Year Exam in Science – Feb 2010**

Exam Date: **Wednesday 10th February 2010** (week 2), **P-half** ---- Lesson 3, **E-half** ---- Lesson 5. Students will be tested on following units. **Forensics, Cook, Extinction**.

They must concentrate on Physical properties of solids liquids and gases, change of state, particle theory, adaptations shown by organisms to survive in their habitats, features of different habitats, climatic changes, acids and alkali, simple chemical reactions, physical changes and methods of heat transfer-conduction; convection; radiation. Questions will be based on all the following aspects: **Contents, science skills and investigation based questions**

**Home School Association News**

**Uniform Shop – Help Needed**

Thank you to June Burnett and her team for organising the Uniform Shop for the last few years. From the beginning of March it is proposed to hold the Uniform Shop on Saturday mornings 10.30am to 11.30am. The School is seeking volunteers to help out at the Shop – hopefully with sufficient numbers of helpers it may only require commitment of say one Saturday per term and all offers of help would be gratefully received. Please contact the Office if you may be able to assist.

**EGM – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

Unfortunately nobody came forward to take over the Committee responsibilities for the HSA at the AGM last November as a result of which an EGM is to be held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. The HSA provides valuable support to the School assisting in fundraising and social events, encourages parents and carers to become involved and is a link for information between home and School. All offers of interest and help are very much welcomed – many hands make light work! Without anyone coming forward the HSA may not be able to continue. Further details on the HSA and what it involves are on the **attached sheet**, anyone interested should contact Wendy Henderson.

**Flowers from The Cracked Pot, Northfields**

The Cracked Pot florist is offering to support the School by making a donation to the HSA for every £30 you spend – you simply have to quote “ELTH01” – **see the attached flyer**.

**Family Quiz Evening – Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2010**

The School and the HSA are keen to meet more parents / carers and to encourage more people to get involved in supporting the HSA’s activities. A Family Quiz evening is proposed and it is hoped that this will be of interest to all parents/carers and students and in particular those from Years 7 and 8 who may have had limited association with the School to date. Look out for further details coming soon!

**Music News - concerts & events for spring term 2010**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February:** Performance by GCSE ensembles 7pm

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Recording session – GCSE ensembles

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Spring Concert**—The Elthorne Sinfonia & Senior Choir will **re-start rehearsals after half term**, ready for the Spring Concert on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Both groups will be learning new repertoire for the concert so new members are welcome to join either group. However, there are only 4 rehearsals before the concert so attendance at all these rehearsals is crucial. All rehearsals take place in room 511 & times are as follows:

Elthorne Sinfonia: Tuesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm (open to instrumentalists grade 3 and above)

Elthorne Senior Choir: Thursdays 13.45 – 14.20 (open to students and staff year 10 and above)

If you have any other questions contact Ms Barker

**Library Closure**

Please note that the Library will be closed before school, at lunchtime and after school this Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> February.

We are open as usual 3.30-4.30 p.m. for general homework club Thursday after school.

We suggest that you get everything / do anything you need to then.

**Sports News**

**Girls (Yrs 7&8) Brentford Community Cup**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January; 8 girls from years 7 & 8 travelled over to Heathland School in Hounslow to take part in the Community Cup. Sixteen Schools were there to compete, to win the honour of representing Middlesex and go on to further stages of the competition. EPHS got drawn against Grey School, in which Tia Prior stuck away a beautiful goal to secure a 1 goal victory. EPHS then faced St Marks School, where the girls fought valiantly and the final score was 0-0. EPHS then played Greenford High School and again battled to find goals. Sadly Gabby Bishop missed a penalty, the score ending 0-0. EPHS managed to finish top of their group and go into the quarterfinals where they faced Heathland School. At this match EPHS put on all the pressure and then a long range shot got fumbled by their goalie and EPHS finished with a 1-0 victory. The semi-final arrived and we were to face Featherstone, again EPHS piled on the pressure, the opposition goalie making many good saves. It was 0-0 at the end of full time, then 0-0 in extra-time (golden goal). It was now down to penalties to see who was to go into the final. At the end of penalties it was 1-1. Sudden death dawned and sadly EPHS got knocked out. The girls gave a valiant effort throughout the tournament and played some flourishing football. Congratulations to the following: Farina, Acen, Dasharna, Tia, Gabby, Miya, Phoebe and Karolina.

**Girls Borough Gymnastics Competition**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January girls from Year 7 went to compete in a floor and vault competition at Villiers School, against nine other teams. The girls had been well prepared and had each created a floor routine to music, they were nervous but performed elegantly on the gym floor. They then rotated and were to do the vault next. They each secured two solid vaults. The girls performed with elegance, grace and extremely positive attitudes. The girls were marked out of ten on each piece and their scores accumulated together to see where they would finish. The girls performed remarkably well and finished 4<sup>th</sup> just outside the medals. Congratulations to the following: Jessica Burrige, Georgia Wright, Georgia Dee, Rebecca Jones and Vanessa Lucien.

**Badminton - Year 9/10 results**

January 21<sup>st</sup> @ Dormers Wells - Well done to all!

**Boys Overall Results**

Position	Points	School
1 <sup>st</sup>	69	Dormers
2 <sup>nd</sup>	45	Acton
3 <sup>rd</sup>	39	Villiers
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>36</b>	<b>Elthorne</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	36	FHS
6 <sup>th</sup>	33	Northolt
7 <sup>th</sup>	27	Greenford
8 <sup>th</sup>	-	WLA

**Boys**

Jack Stokoe- 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Sam Scurville- 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Luke Hutchings- 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Bassir Karwani- 7<sup>th</sup>

Star performers were Luke and Sam for the boys with great credit to Bassir for filling in at the last minute helping the Boys to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in a competitive line-up!

**Sports News - cont'd**

**Girls Overall Results**

Position	Points	School
1 <sup>st</sup>	81	Ellen Wilkinson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	62	Dormers
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Elthorne</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	36	Greenford
4 <sup>th</sup>	30	WLA
6 <sup>th</sup>	27	Northolt
7 <sup>th</sup>	21	Villiers
8 <sup>th</sup>	9	Acton

**Girls**

Anna Jacob-2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Ritchie Dron-5<sup>th</sup>  
 Ornela Peka- 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Ellie Valentine-1<sup>st</sup>

The girls did even better placing 3<sup>rd</sup> with Elle winning her seed and Anna finishing a close 2<sup>nd</sup> in hers.

**Badminton Training - Years 7, 8 & 9**

Professional coach has started sessions during lunchtime Friday. Only the first 25 arriving will be allowed to take part. Please be on time and bring full kit!

**Rugby Coaching – Year 7's**

A professional coach is taking session after school on Wednesdays (3.30 -4.30 pm)

**Basketball Results**

Seniors - Elthorne 59 Acton 29, Elthorne 23 Northolt 39

Juniors - Greenford 35 Elthorne 23

**Basketball Fixtures**

Seniors vs Twyford (Away)      Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
 Seniors vs Cardinal Wiseman      Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
 Juniors vs Cardinal Wiseman      Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

**Year 7 Sportshall Athletics Trials- January 27<sup>th</sup>**

In the second fixture at Elthorne, the Girls finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on the day and Boys 1<sup>st</sup>!! Some misfortune on the day did not help us- dropped batons, falling over and illness- but well done to all who competed! With scores from the first and second fixtures combined, both the boys and girls are 3<sup>rd</sup>. However as you can see below, it is very tight between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>! The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final fixture takes place this week (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February) at Featherstone- good luck!

**Fixture 2 Squad—Girls** - Tara Jerome-Bernabe, Tia Bogle-Holas, Miya Booker-Brown, Gaby Bishop, Rhianna Spearing and Whitney Olumese. **Boys** - Hugo Carotenuto, Lewis Graham, Pablo Franklim-Marquez, Sebastian Kowalewski, Andrew Mason, Soheil Rahimi, Sam Strahan and Luke West

**Fixture 2 Girls Results**

	SCHOOL	1 <sup>st</sup> Fixture	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fixture	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fixture	Points Total
1.	Dormers	85	109		194
2.	Elthorne	69	90		159
3.	FHS	61	104		165

**Fixture 2 Boys Results**

	SCHOOL	1 <sup>st</sup> Fixture	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fixture	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fixture	Points Total
1.	Dormers	86	102		188
2.	FHS	69	96		165
3.	Elthorne	58	104		162

**Position after Round Two**

	Girls	Boys
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dormers	Dormers
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FHS	FHS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elthorne	Elthorne