



# ELTHORNE PARK

## HIGH SCHOOL

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN A LEARNING COMMUNITY



### Message from the Headteacher

I was expecting to celebrate the beginning of a new school year and report on the examination successes of the Summer. However, our school community has been affected by two very difficult events in the last week.

On Tuesday we learnt of the tragic death of one of last year's Year 13 students. Omari Francis left the sixth form this summer after getting his grades in Business Studies and was about to go to University. His family have agreed that we can share that he died from Sickle Cell disease which is a serious and chronic condition that can lead to a sudden, sometimes fatal, crisis. We will be opening a book of condolences for students to write their thoughts about Omari and we hope to have a memorial and celebration of his life in a few weeks' time. Our thoughts are with his family.

Yesterday, we were all saddened by the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and on behalf of the school staff and Governing Body I wish to express our sincere condolences as we enter a period of national mourning.

Her Majesty was an outstanding public servant who gave her life to the service of the Country and also the Commonwealth. She will be remembered as a most cherished and loved Sovereign. In June we celebrated her 70 years of service, a historic milestone. It was a wonderful occasion and one which we will all fondly remember.

We are aware that both of these sad occurrences may be hard for some of our students to understand, and the staff will be working to support them and provide an opportunity to talk about grief and grieving.

When further details are known, we will be observing a national minute's silence in memory of Elizabeth II. There is also a bank holiday on the day of the funeral (date to be confirmed) and the school will be closed on that day.

With all good wishes,

**Elliot Wong , Headteacher**

### Your School Photograph is Ready! Year 12



Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs for Year 12 are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on

your Proof and following the instructions. If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711, you will need an admission number from the school. This is the number on your child's ID card, which they will receive next week.

**Mrs Marr, School Administration**

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### Dates For the Diary

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
*School Open Evening*  
*Early Closure for students @*  
*12.30pm*

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
*Late start for students @10am*

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**  
*Yr13 Silver DoE Expedition*

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**  
*Yr12 Year Ahead Meeting*

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September**  
*Yr7 Year Ahead Meeting*

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
*Yr10 Year Ahead Meeting*  
*Yr11 Year Ahead Meeting*

**Waterproof Coats and Umbrellas required during the Autumn terms**

We remind all students that during the Autumn term and Spring terms, students are required to have a waterproof coat when they attend school, in line with our school uniform policy. An umbrella is also advisable.

It is important that students use the indoor spaces and outside shelters to stay dry when we have heavy rainfall. We would appreciate it if parents can discuss this with their child.

**Mr White, Deputy Headteacher**

**Free School Meals**

The value of a free school meal will increase from £2.15 to £2.25 from September 2022. The daily spend limit in the canteen will also increase from £5 to £6. If you think you maybe eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the school office in the first instance.

**Finance Team**

**Year Ahead Meetings**

Our Key Stage Leaders and Year Leaders are in the process of organising a Year Ahead meeting (for each Year group) for parents and students to attend during this half term. These meetings provide key information for students and parents about events, the curriculum, exam and assessment windows and wider personal development guidance. A key purpose of these evenings is to outline how parents can work with the school to ensure every child meets their full potential.

**Mr White, Deputy Headteacher**

The dates and times of these meetings are as follows:

<b>Year 12:</b>	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	5:30pm - 6:30pm
<b>Year 7:</b>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	5:30pm - 6:30pm
<b>Year 10:</b>	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	5pm - 6pm
<b>Year 11:</b>	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	6pm - 7pm
<b>Year 13:</b>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	5:30pm - 6:30pm
<b>Year 9:</b>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	5:30pm - 6:30pm
<b>Year 8:</b>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	5:30pm - 6:30pm

## Student Academic Year 2022 - 2023

### Autumn Term 2022

#### Autumn/1

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

#### Half-Term

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

#### Autumn/2

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

#### Training Day

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November

#### Christmas Holiday

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

### Spring Term 2023

#### Spring/1

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

#### Half-Term

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

#### Spring/2

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### Easter Holiday

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer Term 2023

#### Summer /1

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

#### Half-Term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

#### Summer /2

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

“Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world!”  
Nelson Mandela.

## Open Evening for Prospective Parents

Our annual Open Evening for prospective parents takes place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**.

### Open Evening Organisation

The school will be open for visitors with tickets from **5:15pm to 8:30pm**. The **Headteacher's presentations takes place at the following times:** 5:30pm, 6:45pm, and 7.45pm in our main hall - C101. Electronic tickets indicate the presentation that you have booked - please show your ticket as you enter the hall. **A bell will ring 5 minutes before each presentation** to remind parents on tours.

We have organised **some student friendly presentations for visiting Year 6 students** on the first floor of C block in rooms C208, C210, C212 and C214. Parents are encouraged to drop their children at one of these presentation rooms 5 minutes before they attend the Headteacher's presentation in the main hall and then collect their child from supervising staff in the main playground after the Headteachers presentation.

**Student Helpers - We would like to thank students** who have offered to support our Open Evening activities and tours, we ask that their signed permission letters are returned to the main office. Letters have been issued by departments/areas where students are supporting. We ask that only students helping staff attend the event. Please ensure your child has returned a permission letter to the main reception area.

**Students helping** are required to attend in full school uniform with lanyards and arrive at 4:45pm reporting to the area/department they are supporting for registration. Student tour guides are required to report to Mr Morgan and Ms Curley in the D01 canteen. **The event finishes at 8:30pm**, we ask that parents who are collecting their children do so at the main Westlea Road gate.

To support preparation for this important school event, we have an early school closure on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and a slightly later re-opening the following morning:

### **Early closure Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Students will have normal lessons from P1-3. Students will be dismissed at 12:30pm. Students entitled to FSM can collect their lunch from the main dining hall.

### **Later opening Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

The school will reopen at the slightly later time of 10:00 am on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Students will go straight to their tutor period for 10min registration followed by their normal timetable. lessons.

### **Additional Headteacher Presentations**

For those prospective parents and students who could not access tickets for our main Open Evening presentation, Mr Wong will be running some additional Headteacher presentations after school on the following dates:

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September starting at 3:30pm.**

Access to these presentations is also by ticket only bookable through the main school website. These sessions will be Headteacher presentations and Q&A opportunities for prospective parents but do not involve tours of the school. Please arrive at the main reception at 3:25pm.

Once again, we would like to thank all of our student helpers who make this event such an enjoyable and special occasion.

**Mr White, Deputy Headteacher**

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Achieving Excellence in a Learning Community

**Open Evening**  
Wednesday 14th September 2022

"Our staff and students look forward to meeting you and your child at our Open Evening event."

Our Open Evening for prospective parents will take place on Wednesday 14th September from 5.15pm to 8.30pm. The Headteacher's presentations will take place at: 5.30pm, 6.45pm and 7.45pm in our main hall.

**Access to the Headteacher's presentation will be by TICKET ONLY.**

Please bring along an electronic or paper copy of your ticket to gain access to the presentation. Tickets are restricted to a maximum of three per family. Tickets can be booked using the booking link on the school's website – accessible from mid-June.

**5:15pm: Doors Open**  
**5:30pm: Headteacher presentation**  
**6:45pm: Headteacher presentation**  
**7:45pm: Headteacher presentation**  
**8:30pm: Doors close**

Elthorne Park High School,  
Westlea Road, Hanwell, W7 2AH,  
Tel: 0208 566 1166.  
www.erhs.ealing.sch.uk

**Ofsted Outstanding**  
"The school's mission is 'achieving excellence in a learning community'. It fulfils this mission outstandingly well." Ofsted Report – 2019

**News from the Year Teams****KS3 News****Year 7**

Our new Year 7 students have made a fantastic start to the year! On Wednesday we received 0 lates, so we thank all parents and carers for the support they have given the school to ensure that their child is on-time and ready for learning. Overall, I have received nothing but praise from all teachers about our Year 7s. As a year team, we are so proud of the excellent behaviour they have been displaying in lessons, in our first assembly, in the queues at breaktime and lunch, and around the school in general!

We understand that change can be challenging in a number of ways, but the students have been embracing it and have been adapting very fast. We have already seen many new friendships starting to form and children will be fully settled in in no time.

Over the next few weeks, your child's form tutor will be contacting you to introduce themselves, and should you have any questions, they will be the members of staff you can contact in the first instance. You can also check the school website for what equipment students require, and what uniform expectations are.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support.

**Mr. Reyes and the Year 7 Team**

**Year 8**

We are delighted to have welcomed back the Year group this week. They have made a fantastic start to the school year. Uniform was looking excellent and we have begun building new habits around bringing our PE kit in a separate bag. Students have acquitted themselves very well, especially with the wet weather we have had during break and lunchtimes. As always if there are any concerns or you wish to discuss anything please make contact with your child's form tutor in the first instance. We are delighted to have welcomed Ms Curtis (8P) and Ms Edelenbos (8N) to our tutor team.

**Mr Sykes and the Year 8 Team**

**Year 9**

It has been fantastic to welcome our year 9 community back to school this week and we have been impressed with the way in which they have presented themselves throughout the first week back Uniform in particular has been a highlight and they have settled back into the new and old routines quickly.

Just a reminder that students are to bring their P.E kits with them to change into for their P.E lessons each week and that lanyards should be worn at all times unless instructed to take them off by a member of staff. Please note that nose piercings are also not permitted as stated in the school uniform policy and students will be required to remove them. Please also ensure that your child's parent pay account has adequate funds available as we are still a cashless system.

Many thanks for your ongoing support and here's to another excellent school year.

**Ms Maddox and the Year 9 Team**

**KS4 News****Year 10**

This week we welcomed back our students as they began their GCSE's and KS4, and they have made an excellent start to the year. Having visited classrooms throughout the week, its clear students are determined to give themselves the best opportunity to succeed. We have spent the week reminding students of our high expectations, and informing them of changes to our routines. Uniform and student presentation has been to a high standard so far, but we would remind parents that nose piercings are not permitted and students will be asked to remove them as stated in school policy. Please be aware that students are expected to be in school at 8.40, with students receiving a lunchtime late detention if they are not in their tutor rooms by 8.45am. We appreciate your support in getting your child into school on time each day.

I hope you had a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you at the Year Ahead evening later this term.

**Mr Simmonds and the Year 10 Team**

**Year 11**

It's been an absolute pleasure to welcome year 11 back to school. We have been so impressed with the maturity and focus they have displayed in what is such an important year for them. If you do have any concerns about anything to do with the new school year please do contact your child's tutor in the first instance. On that note I would like to welcome Ms Kellay as 11R's new form tutor. Just a reminder about punctuality and attendance. Particularly with references in mind, it is vital that students are on time everyday. The school day starts at 8:40 am and students should be in their tutor by 8:45 am. Please note that nose piercings are not permitted as stated in the school uniform policy and students will be required to remove them, equally we do not allow hoodies on the school site. Much of the work we do during tutor time this year enables students to make informed choices about their Post 16 destinations. If you do have concerns at this early stage do contact us and we can set up with Mr. Edwards our Connexions (careers) advisor). We are looking forward to a great year which culminates in results day 2023, thanks in advance for your on-going support

**Mr Bardsley and the Year 11 Team**

**KS5 News****Year 12**

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know Year 12 who have made a fantastic start transitioning into Sixth Form. I have had excellent feedback from subject teachers saying how well Year 12 are getting on in their subjects. Year 12 have lots of exciting things ahead planned for them including lots of competitions and Interforms.

Just a reminder as our role models to the school students must lead the way and be on time. Students must be seated in their tutor times by 8.45am. We have an excellent and important tutor time/personal development programme for Year 12 so punctuality is key!

As always if there are any concerns or you wish to discuss anything please make contact with your child's form tutor in the first instance. Students who need to talk can always come to me, Mr Rivers, Ms Kerr or Ms Ervin. The Sixth Form team has an open door policy and are always here for any academic/personal concerns. We are also here for students to share good news and celebrations too. I've really enjoyed my own start to Elthorne life and look forward to working with you and your child/children over the next year.

**Mrs MacDonald and the Year 12 Team**

**Year 13**

The Sixth Form team have been really impressed with Year 13s return to school. They have been very welcoming to our new Sixth Form students and have offered them support with their transition to Sixth Form study. The main focus for this term will be the upcoming PPEs and UCAS applications. Students will be informed by subject teachers on the key areas to focus on for revision of their PPEs in Autumn 2. In addition, all students have been allocated a UCAS mentor in preparation for their UCAS applications. Please encourage your Year 13s to actively arrange meetings with their mentors to receive feedback on their personal statements. The internal deadline for UCAS applications is the end of the Autumn term.

Just a reminder that students should be in every morning at 8:45 for tutor. As role models for the school, they should be modelling arriving on time and through the correct gate. In addition, if students are late for their tutor lesson they will be expected to attend a 20 minute late detention in C101 on the same day.

As always if there are any concerns or you wish to discuss anything please make contact with your child's form tutor or a member of the Sixth Form team. We offer an open door policy to all students who wish to come and talk to us during the school day.

**Ms Ervin, Ms Trueman and the Year 13 Team**

**Vacancy on Elthorne Park High School Governing Body**

[Elthorne Park High School](#)'s Governing Body (GB) currently has a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor. We are an [outstanding](#) Community school with a focus on achieving academic excellence for all our students, and placing equal emphasis on developing students' character and potential. We offer a wide range of experiences and learning opportunities through a broad and balanced curriculum, providing an inclusive and welcoming learning environment for all.

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You would be joining a diverse group of Governors, from a variety of backgrounds, who each bring with them different perspectives and experience but who are there for the same purpose, to ensure we can provide the best education for all our students, and achieve excellence in our learning community. To help keep that diversity of perspectives, we welcome applications from ethnically diverse, LGBTQ+ and disabled people.

The GB meets on five evenings over the course of the school year, and Governors are encouraged to join one of the two sub-committees of the GB: "Curriculum & Teaching" and "Resources". We also ask each of our Governors to link to a specific subject area or other aspect of school e.g. Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs, Sixth Form, in order to build a deeper insight into that aspect of how the school is performing.

If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Wendy Henderson the Clerk to Governors on [whenderson@ephs.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:whenderson@ephs.ealing.sch.uk) to register your interest. The Chair of Governors would be more than happy to have an informal discussion with anyone interested in finding out more, before formally applying.

**Ms Henderson, Clerk to the Governing Body**

## MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL & THEORY TUITION

### SEPTEMBER 2022 – FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Elthorne Park High School offers an excellent music tuition program and we highly encourage all students to participate in this program if possible. There are a total of 30 lessons across the academic year split into 2 halves. Students can study instrument(s) privately with a specialist teacher. Tuition is available during school time on a timetabled rota for the following instruments:

Music Theory	Bass Guitar	Woodwind: Oboe
Voice	Strings: Violin	Woodwind: Bassoon
Piano	Strings: Viola	Brass: Trumpet
Steel Pans	Strings: Cello	Brass: French Horn
Drum kit	Strings: Double Bass	Brass: Trombone
Guitar Classical	Woodwind: Flute	Brass: Tuba
Guitar Electric	Woodwind: Clarinet	
Guitar Ukulele	Woodwind: Saxophone	

#### **Fees for 15 lessons for term 1 (September 2022-February 2023):**

Individual 15 minute lesson (We recommend 30 minute lessons)	£116.25
Individual 30 minute lesson	£232.50

Concession prices for free school meal students are available. Please contact the school to apply at [finance.admin@ephs.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:finance.admin@ephs.ealing.sch.uk) or call the finance department.

We recommend that students take individual 30 minute lessons to make good progress. If your child is taking or is interested in taking GCSE/A level music, theory lessons are encouraged.

**Final Deadline** for payments/forms: **August 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**

1. Payments are to be made on **ParentPay**. If you have any queries please contact the finance department. Please email [finance.admin@ephs.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:finance.admin@ephs.ealing.sch.uk) for any pay related queries. If your child is new to the school a ParentPay account will be sent to you shortly.

2. Please complete the google form.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdrg0z33JN8Yp2yyIDl\\_7eCOXR81215f1iXCD-0LyXvyZ2DrA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdrg0z33JN8Yp2yyIDl_7eCOXR81215f1iXCD-0LyXvyZ2DrA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Please note that if you have not paid for lessons on ParentPay, you will not receive lessons.

The school has a limited supply of instruments available for **hire** by pupils - £75 per academic year. Please email [mwickens@ephs.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:mwickens@ephs.ealing.sch.uk) to inquire. Alternatively instruments can be hired from Ealing music services or John Packer Ltd.

3. Lessons will begin mid to late September 2022. The timetable will be emailed to you by your teacher. If you do not receive your timetable before September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022, please contact Ms. Wickens at [mwickens@ephs.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:mwickens@ephs.ealing.sch.uk)

4. If your child plays a classical instrument, they may be interested in performing in the classical music competition in 2023 in late spring term or early summer term. Information about this event will be in the school newsletter in the Autumn term.