



ELTHORNE PARK

— HIGH SCHOOL —

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Message from the Headteacher

Let me begin by wishing you all a very Happy New Year. I hope that you have had a restful break over the Christmas period. We have been impressed by how focussed the students have been on their return to school this week.

Please take a moment to look at this [link](#) to some recent public health guidance on minimising the spread of winter illnesses. This guidance has been issued due to the very high levels of flu, Covid-19 and scarlet fever in schools at present. In today's newsletter you will find the dates of some important mental health workshops for parents of students in Years 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 this month. The workshops take place on Mondays from 5:30 - 6:30 and we have had a very positive response from parents who have attended so far.

On Friday next week (13th Jan) we have our Sixth Form Taster Day for Year 11 students where the Year 11s have the opportunity to try out different A level and BTEC courses that they may be considering for September 2023. In order to accommodate the Year 11 students in our sixth form facilities, Year 12 & 13 students will study remotely on Friday 13th January, with work assigned by their teachers via Show My Homework. Students in Years 12 & 13 who have a timetabled public examination next Friday should attend these as per their exam timetable and we wish them all the best in these.

With all good wishes for 2023,
Eliot Wong, Headteacher

Extra Curricular Spring /1

We have now compiled our Extra Curricular [Timetable for Spring/1](#). Please use EVOLVE to sign up by the 6th January. Emails were sent to all parents with a direct access link before the holidays. From next week football practice will be led by Footy4Fun, a local organisation. Our football teams will continue to be led and managed by our PE staff. Football clubs are on Tuesdays from 3:10 - 4:20 for Years 7 and 8 and Thursdays from 3:10 - 4:20 for Years 9 and 10. We have also moved our Eltones Group to a Thursday, this is to support more students to attend. If your child would like to attend a singing club please sign up through EVOLVE.

Details of the paid clubs [are here](#) and the ability to pay for these is now live on ParentPay. If you would like information about how the school can support you to pay for sessions if you are entitled to pupil premium please contact [Ms Reeves](#). Please note if the clubs do not fill we will offer parents a refund. The half term blocks run from 9th January - 17th February.

Ms Reeves, Associate Deputy Headteacher - Personal Development & Inclusion

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Dates For the Diary

Monday 9th January
 Yr11 (Rescheduled), Yr12 & Yr13
 Parental Workshops

Wednesday 11th January
 Yr12/Yr13 BTEC Public
 Examinations commence

Friday 13th January
 Yr11 Sixth Form Taster Day

Tuesday 31st January
 Yr7 Online Parents Evening

Monday 13th February
 Spring Half Term Begins

Monday 20th February
 Students Return @ 8:40am

Tuesday 21st February
 Yr11 & Yr13 Spring PPEs
 commence

Wednesday 22nd February
 Yr8 Online Parents Evening

Parent Workshops**Years 12 and 13 – Monday 9th January**

Workshop 1 - Supporting your child's mental health and preparing for exams

Workshop 2 - Next Steps, UCAS and Apprenticeship applications

To allow us to prepare the resources for these sessions please sign up through this [link](#)**Years 8 and 9 – Monday 16th January**

Workshop 1 - Supporting your child's mental health

Workshop 2 Year 8 - Year 8 Residential

Workshop 2 Year 9 - Preparing for Key Stage 4

To allow us to prepare the resources for these sessions please sign up through this [link](#)**Yr10 – Monday 23rd January**

Workshop 1 - Supporting your child's mental health

Workshop 2 - Preparing for Work Experience - led by Ms Crix

To allow us to prepare the resources for these sessions please sign up through this [Link](#)

Ealing have recently compiled resources and support for parents and young people in dealing with mental health. Further information can be found [here](#).

Year 11 Parent Workshops – NEW DATE 9TH JANUARY – 5:30PM - 6:45PM

We have been able to reschedule the Year 11 Parent Workshops for next Monday (9th January) from 5:30pm - 6:45pm. The session will take place in the school hall and library in C block.

If you have already signed up for these sessions you do not need to again. If you are able to attend this date and are yet to sign up please do so following [this link](#)

Workshop 1 - Supporting your child's mental health and preparing for exams

Workshop 2 - Preparing for GCSEs

Sessions will run as a carousel.

Ms Reeves, Associate Deputy Headteacher - Personal Development & Inclusion**Whole School Read Competition Winners**

We are delighted that so many students and staff chose to read October, October this term and enter the Whole School Read competitions. It was a real challenge deciding the winners but here they are:

Creative Competition:

Winner – Maisie Sterritt (7T)**Runner-up – Maggie Brook-Partridge (7N)**

Storysnaps Photo Competition:

Winner – Lottie Brown (7N)**Runner-up – Georgia Rambridge (7O)****Scholastic Book Fair**

Thank you to all students and staff who supported the Book Fair in the library last week. The pop-up bookshop was busy every break and lunchtime and the student librarians did an amazing job of running it. We sold nearly £420.00 worth of books and stationery which means we will have £170.00 to spend on new books next year. Thanks everyone!

Ms Martino and Ms Shopova

Student Academic Year 2022 - 2023

Autumn Term 2022**Autumn/2**Monday 31st October - Friday 16th December**Training Day**Monday 28th November**Christmas Holiday**Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January**Spring Term 2023****Spring/1**Tuesday 3rd January - Friday 10th February**Half-Term**Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February**Spring/2**Monday 20th February - Friday 31st March**Easter Holiday**Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April**Summer Term 2023****Summer /1**Monday 17th April - Friday 26th May**Half-Term**Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June**Summer /2**Monday 5th June - Friday 21st July**Thought of the Week**

Success is not final,
failure is not fatal;
it is the courage
to continue
that counts..

-Winston Churchill

Year 11 Aspire Intervention programme

Aspire Extra support and intervention sessions will run for 4 weeks in preparation for the March Pre-Public exams, practical exams and Btec external exams. These are non-compulsory sessions offered by departments as extra support in preparation for your GCSEs and BTECs this year. On Monday 9th January, students will be given an Aspire Organiser by their form tutor to plan their sessions and organise their time to get the most out of the Aspire programme. Most sessions will last 1 hour, however some practical subjects may last longer.

Maths, English and Science will run two sessions per week. You don't need to go to both sessions, content will be repeated. If you want to attend one of these subjects, choose the day which fits in with your other priority subjects which only run once a week. **History, Geography, Computing, PE, Sport, Art, Graphics, Media, French, German and Spanish** sessions all run once a week. **Art and Graphics** will run extended sessions on 1st and 8th Feb (Graphics) and 2nd and 9th Feb (Art) **German (7-9 club)** is invitation only. If you're not selected for this session but would like to attend German, there is another German session, open to all. **Hub Support** is invitation only. Students and parents will be informed by the Hub if they are required to attend these sessions. **RS, Textiles, Food Preparation & Nutrition and Resistant Materials** sessions only run in certain weeks. **Health & Social care and Enterprise** are running exam preparation sessions in the run up to external exams at the end of January. **Music and Drama** students will be told by their teachers which day of the week they will be required to attend rehearsals in the run up to external exams.

How to plan which sessions to attend:

- Using their Autumn term report and feedback at parents' evening, Students will be asked to think about which subjects they should prioritise this term. There will be further sessions in the school year where they can prioritise other subjects.
- Speaking to their subject teachers, tutors and parents, decide which sessions they would like to attend.
- Although sessions are not compulsory, some students may be directed to go to specific sessions, if this is the case, it's extremely important that they attend. Parents will be informed when this is the case.
- Some sessions are invitation only. If students are invited to go to a session it's extremely important that they attend.
- Students will highlight the sessions they wish to attend.
- Students will be asked to bring their organiser to school each day so that they don't miss any sessions they've planned to go to. Teachers will stamp student organisers when they attend a session so parents can keep track of student attendance.
- Groups are limited to 30 students on a first-come-first-served basis. Students should head straight to the session they wish to attend straight after school.

Week 1

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| Tues 17th Jan | English | Science | Geography | Btec sport | PE | Computer Science | Drama | Enterprise | Health & Social Care |
| Wed 18th Jan | Maths | English | Graphics | Food Preparation & Nutrition | French | German | Spanish | Drama | |
| Thurs 19th Jan | Maths | Science | History | Fine Art | Drama | | | | |
| Fri 20th Jan | German 7-9 Club (Lunchtime) | Enterprise | Drama | Music | Hub Support | | | | |
| Week 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Tues 24th Jan | English | Science | Geography | Btec sport | PE | Computer Science | Drama | Enterprise | Health & Social Care |
| Wed 25th Jan | Maths | English | Graphics | Food Preparation & Nutrition | French | German | Spanish | Drama | |
| Thurs 26th Jan | Maths | Science | History | RS | Fine Art | Drama | | | |
| Fri 27th Jan | German 7-9 Club (Lunchtime) | German 7-9 Club (After school) | Enterprise | Drama | Music | Hub Support | | | |

Ms Jennings, Associate Assistant Headteacher - Attendance and Achievement

News from Key Stages 4 & 5**Year 10**

Happy New Year! I hope you all managed to have a relaxing break. It has been lovely to see our Year 10 students return to school ready to learn after the break. Our main focus over the next two weeks is completion of work experience letters so please make sure that your child has yours returned by Friday 13th January.

Mr Simmonds and the Year 10 team

Year 12

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to see our Year 12 return ready to learn and feeling refreshed. Just a reminder Year 12 have this Spring term and then their PPEs begin on 17th April (Summer term) so it is important that attendance and punctuality remain high. It is also important that students check SMHW and Google Classroom each day for notices and tasks set for home learning. The student Intranet will also have important information.

Notices:

- If students are interested in the Sutton Trust Summer programme, the applications go live 10th January. More information will be given in Tutor Times.
- Year 12 students will study remotely on Friday 13th January, with work assigned by their teachers via Show My Homework.
- The Yr 12 Parent Workshop for Mental Health and UCAS preparation is at 5.30pm - 6.30pm - Monday 9th January. We hope to see you there for what should be an invaluable resource and support for you and your child.

Have a lovely 2023,

Mrs Macdonald and the Year 12 team

Year 13

We are pleased to have welcomed back our year 13 students for the final 6 months of their school career. They have returned with a positive attitude and we look forward to working with them to achieve their potential. Good luck to our BTEC students who are sitting exams over the next two weeks!

Subject teachers and the year 13 team will be working with students over the next few weeks who require academic mentoring to support their attainment. Please do encourage your child to seek support if they feel they need assistance.

A reminder it is the 13 Parent Workshop for Mental Health 5:30pm - 6:30pm - Monday 9th January. We hope to see you there for what should be an invaluable resource and support for you and your child

Ms Trueman and the Year 13 team