



ELTHORNE PARK

HIGH SCHOOL

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN A LEARNING COMMUNITY



Message from the Headteacher

You will be aware already that the final two days of industrial action are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday next week (15th and 16th March). We expect the number of staff available for work to be similar to that of the first two strike days and for this reason we will be only be able to open for the following groups:

- Year 11, Year 12 & Year 13 for supervised study on Wednesday and Thursday
- Invited students who attended on strike days 1 and 2

The Year 11 GCSE Food Prep NEA will go ahead as planned on Thursday. You can find a copy of the letter that was sent out earlier today [here](#). A [separate letter](#) was sent to Year 11 parents outlining the arrangements for Wednesday and Thursday .

It is regrettable that an agreement has not been reached and that next week's industrial action seems very likely to go ahead. If there is any change to that we will of course contact you immediately.

With all good wishes,

Eliot Wong, Headteacher

Elthorne Wider Opportunities Programme

E4E's Going Green Planting Party: Friday 17th March

Following on from Green Week, staff and students are being invited to plant seeds and saplings to help improve the school's green spaces. Please encourage your child to come along and meet outside C block at 3:15pm. If you would like to offer donations, please drop these off in C105.

Book a remote Careers advice appointment: Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March

Mr Bishop is available for remote careers advice appointments next Wednesday & Thursday. These appointments can introduce students to the Connexions service and help support their knowledge of careers and future pathways. Your child can book an appointment (which would be delivered through Teams or GoogleMeet) by emailing Mr Bishop on cbishop@ephs.ealing.sch.uk . Appointments will be issued on a first come, first serve basis.

Ms Reeves, Associate Deputy Headteacher - Personal Development & Inclusion

Geography Pre-release launch - Saturday 22nd April 2023

AQA GCSE Geography Paper 3 is made up of fieldwork questions and questions based on a pre-release booklet. In previous years, the geography department has run a 'launch' session to immerse students in the content of this booklet. We found having this extended amount of time, outside of lessons, ensures students are familiar not only with the subject matter but also have an idea of the types of questions that may come up. EPHS student performance on paper 3 has previously been very good and we feel that this is due in some part to attending this session. Therefore, we would be grateful if you can ensure your child attends this session on time and prepared for learning. I do appreciate that students have other commitments at weekends but I would be grateful if you could prioritise this if at all possible. The sessions will take place in E101, E102, E103 and E104 and your child will be with their usual Geography teacher.

Ms Trueman, Subject Leader - Geography

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Dates For the Diary

W/B Monday 13th March
Yr13 PPEs continue

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Yr11 Geography NEA
Yr11 Food & Nutrition NEA
Yr11 MFL Speaking PPEs

Tuesday 28th March
Elthorne Wider Opportunities Day

Wednesday 29th March
Yr7 Rewards Celebration Evening

Thursday 30th March
EPHS Shakespeare Festival

Friday 31st March
School closes @ 12:30pm

Monday 17th April
School resumes @ 8:40am

Tuesday 18th April
Yr10 & Yr12 PPEs commence

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance and good punctuality encourages responsible learning habits and prepares children for higher education and for their working life. We ask parents to ensure children attend school on each day the school is open for the pupils unless there is an 'authorisable' reason to be absent. Only the school can authorise an absence. If your child is unwell, please phone or email the school (Attendance@ephs.ealing.sch.uk) on each day of absence, with a reason for absence.

The school target for attendance is 96%. To put this in context, if your child falls below this target and has attendance of 95%, they will miss 10 days of school in a year, that is 2 full school weeks of your child's learning missed for that year.

Attendance this school year so far:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
96%	94%	93%	94%	92%	93%	92%

Students should leave home with plenty of time to get to school on time. To put this in context, arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year. Lunchtime detentions are set when students arrive at school after 8:45 am. This term, we have started writing to parents/carers of students who are late to school in the morning in order to give parents the information they need to support their child more effectively to make the most of each school day.

Please note that authorised Medical and Dental appointments do count as absence on your child's record, although won't result in a late detention if the school has been informed with notice. You can support your child to improve their attendance by organising (where possible) all non-emergency medical/dental appointments outside of school hours.

Request for holidays during term time

Unfortunately we are unable to authorise holidays during term time. We understand that emergency situations may arise and if you wish to request a holiday due to an exceptional circumstance you should make a request to the Headteacher using the 'Request for leave during term time' form [here](#). The local authority may choose to issue a fine for unauthorised holidays taken during term time.

Improving punctuality to lessons throughout the school day

This term students are being given less time to move from one lesson to another. They now have **2 minutes**. Students arriving at lessons after this time will be issued with a 'late to lesson' level 1 detention after school on the same day.

Ms Jennings, Associate Assistant Headteacher - Attendance and Achievement

Student Academic Year 2022 - 2023

Spring Term 2023

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



News from Key Stage 4/5**Year 10**

Next week we will be launching the application to be a Yr11 prefect during assembly. We hope to offer a number of roles for students to take on, and encourage anyone interested to apply. This will be an opportunity to take on some additional responsibility, and looks good on CVs when students apply to Post-16 education providers. Please encourage your child to make the most of this opportunity.

A reminder that the PPE's will run between 18th April and 5th May and revision should be taking place. Students will be given a timetable next week explaining when each exam will take place and Mr Ryan will write to you in next week's newsletter with more information. As this is the first set of exams sat in formal conditions in the hall students will have an assembly prior to half-term detailing the process so that students know what to expect.

Mr Simmonds and the Year 10 Team

Year 11**Geography Field Trip - Tuesday 14th and Friday 17th**

Year 11 Geography students will be out on either Tuesday and Friday of next week. They will be leaving school at 9:15 so and so must attend tutor time. They need a waterproof, a packed lunch and wellies. Students know what day they are going but if you have any questions please email aarab@ephs.ealing.sch.uk

PPE's

We have now finished a very impressive PPE series and so many of the students have and are working incredibly hard to prepare for their examinations. The exams team have asked me to pass on how mature and resilient students were over the past three weeks. Over the course of the next few weeks, students will receive feedback which will signpost the areas they need to focus their revision on for the public exams in the summer.

Tolmers Activity Trip

We are really excited to be able to take the year group on a long overdue school trip. Circumstances since year 8 have meant that this has been very difficult to do and as we all recognise trips are a very important part of a child's school experience. If you do have any queries or concerns about this please do contact the year team.

Mr Bardsley and the Year 11 Team

Year 12

Year 12 have 3 more weeks left of this term to ensure they have all their revision & folders in order so that they are fully prepared for their PPEs in April. Please do sit and check through their folders as often students speaking about their work is an excellent revision tool! Test their knowledge on particular topics, place post it notes on the fridge at home with key information such as key terms and definitions. Check if they have completed flash cards ready for revision (we may have some spare in the study centre!). These are just some handy tips I will be sharing with the students! Students will be given a timetable next week explaining when each exam will take place and Mr Ryan will write to you in next week's newsletter with more information.

Thank you as always for all your support,

Mrs MacDonald and the Year 12 Team

Year 13

Year 13 PPEs will finish on Tuesday 16th March and student reports will be issued before the Easter break. BTEC students that sat formal exams in January/February will receive their results on 23rd March. We hope all the results are what the students deserve but all students will receive feedback and areas to develop. If you have any concerns about how your child is dealing with their results or their preparation for the summer exams please do get in touch with the Year 13 team. A reminder that Level 3 results day is Thursday 17th August 2023.

Ms Trueman and the Year 13 Team

PTFA Update

Parents, Teachers, Friends Association



Every year our Year 11s have a wonderful Prom. This year we'd like to help some find the perfect outfit. If you have any prom/cocktail outfits dresses, suits, shoes, accessories you would like to donate, please drop them off at the school reception. Please also spread the word to any friends/family who have already left EPHS. All donations greatly appreciated If you can't drop off at the school but have something to donate, please email us elthorneptfa@gmail.com

Your School Lottery

Last November we joined a new school lottery where, for as little as £1 per week, you are entered into our school lottery. Each week someone within our school community is guaranteed to win a weekly cash prize. Anyone who lives in the U.K. and is over the age of 16 can play. The more people that participate, the bigger this guaranteed prize becomes and the more money raised for our school. On top of this, you will also be entered into a separate draw with a chance to win an amazing £25,000 EVERY WEEK! There are also ad hoc extra prizes every now and then, this month a year's supply of Hello Fresh! Every Saturday, both of these draws will take place with results posted on the website and social media. Winners for both draws will be advised directly and will be paid automatically, so if you don't have the time to check who's won, we'll let you know! Here's how to enter <https://bit.ly/EPHSlottery>

**Easyfundraising.org.uk**

We have some exciting news! We're now registered with easyfundraising, the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising website. This website allows us to receive donations directly from brands when you use the site to shop with all your favourite stores online. To help us boost our donations easyfundraising have set us a challenge and we've accepted! It's completely free and easy to use and a great way for you to support us when you're shopping online without it costing you a penny. Register here today: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/elthorneptfa/>



You can sign up for any PTFA event via ParentPay 'Elthorne PTFA - Events'. You can also donate at any time using the Elthorne PTFA - Donations button. All donations gratefully accepted.



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TUESDAY

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MARCH

Taking to Children & Young People about Gender & Sexuality

This workshop will offer parents and carers the opportunity to better understand the differences between sex, gender and sexual orientation, offer tips on how to talk to young people who are exploring their own identity and discuss the importance of allies for the LGBTQIA+ community. There will also be a chance to have questions answered in a confidential space

TUESDAY

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MAY

Transitioning to Secondary School

This workshop is targeted to parents/carers of Year 6 students, and aims to identify potential worries associated with starting at a new school. We will offer tips on how to talk to children about their concerns and expectations, and look at potential solutions and strategies for looking after their emotional wellbeing

TUESDAY

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MAY

Helping Children Cope with Separation & Divorce

When a family breaks up, it is hard for everyone, but this is a reality many children face. In this workshop, we look at practical steps parents/carers can take to ease the impact of their separation on their children, and help them feel safe and secure amid their parents' break up

TUESDAY

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JUNE

Reducing the Impact of Parental Conflict on Children - Part 1

Conflicts are regular occurrence in life, however, intense conflict between parents can have a negative impact on children. This workshop explores types of conflict, causes of conflicts in families, the impact on children and practical steps that parents could take to reduce conflict and the impact of conflict on their children

TUESDAY

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JUNE

Reducing the Impact of Parental Conflict on Children - Part 2

The second part of this workshop gives parents/carers a chance to reflect of the knowledge they gained in part 1, and to discuss any of the techniques that they were able to put into practice.

There is also the chance to have any outstanding questions answered

TUESDAY

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JULY

Domestic Abuse and the Impact on Children and Young People

This workshop will support parents/cares to develop an understanding of how to recognise the impact/effects of domestic abuse on children & young people, and offers an insight into how domestic abuse can have an impact on parenting ability. We offer information on local support available, and the space ask questions in confidence

TUESDAY

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JULY

Tips on Reducing Parental Conflict

This session is designed for parents/carers who are experiencing conflict in daily life, and is suitable for people who are still in a relationship, as well as those who are separated. We offer the opportunity to gain awareness on the impact of conflict on children & young people, and to learn practical strategies to manage emotions

email parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk to register or for more information