



ELTHORNE PARK

HIGH SCHOOL

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN A LEARNING COMMUNITY



Message from the Headteacher

With more encouraging news emerging today about talks between the government and teaching unions, I am hopeful that we will not have any further disruption to learning anytime soon. Thank you to all our families once again for supporting the students through this period of industrial action.

Please take a moment to look through the other items in today's newsletter; we have several exciting events scheduled between now and the Easter break. Having enjoyed last year's performance immensely, I am particularly looking forward to the Shakespeare Festival on Thursday 30th March at 7pm. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

With all good wishes,
Eliot Wong, Headteacher

Elthorne Wider Opportunities Programme—Whole School Enrichment

On Tuesday 28th of March, your child will attend one of the activities below which will replace their usual timetable. Detailed year group or trip information will be sent out early next week.

| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 | Sixth Form |
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| London Zoo <i>or</i> The Globe Theatre | Personal Safety - PSHCE Workshops 8:40am - 3:10pm | Options Taster Day 8:40am - 3:10pm | Mock Interviews, University workshops and preparing for Work Experience 10am - 3:10pm | Tolmers Activity Centre 8:30am - 5pm | Super Curricular Activities |
| Registration at 9:30am in the canteen or main hall | All students will have first break (10:10 - 10:30) and first lunch (12:30 - 1:10) | All students will have first break (10:10 - 10:30) and first lunch (12:30 - 1:10) | All students will have first break (10:10 - 10:30) and first lunch (12:30 - 1:10) | Registration at 8:30am in the canteen | |
| Return to school 3:30pm* | Students to go straight to allocated rooms | Students to line up at 8:40am for assembly | Students to go straight to allocated rooms | Return to school 5pm* | |

*Return time is approximate depending on traffic and public transport.

There will be no extra curricular activities on this day. If you have any questions about Elthorne Wider Opportunities Programme please contact Katy Reeves on kreeves@ephs.ealing.sch.uk
Ms Reeves, Associate Deputy Headteacher - Personal Development & Inclusion

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Dates For the Diary

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

Monday 1st May
Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May
Bank Holiday

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

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

Sarah Govett visit and book sale

We will welcome author Sarah Govett to school on Wednesday 22nd March to talk to students about her career as an author and deliver three creative writing workshops to Year 8 who have been studying dystopian fiction this term. Her critically acclaimed series The Territory and standalone dystopian thriller We Go On Forever will be on sale next week. Signed copies will be available. Please remember to bring in cash if you would like to buy one.

If your child would like to see more dystopian recommendations, visit the library catalogue for books, ebooks and audiobooks available to borrow or reserve <https://uk.accessit.online/elt02/?serviceId=ExternalEvent&rlSn=8&rlKey=1559278423>

Ms Martino, Librarian

Year 10 & Year 12 Pre-Public Examination (PPEs)

The Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) will run from Tuesday 18th April to Friday 5th May and students will sit these examinations under normal exam conditions. The general PPE timetable [is available here](#) and individual timetables, with room and seating allocations will be issued towards the end of this term. Due to the numbers of students and examinations involved, **we are unable to reschedule missed exams due to illness or other reasons**. For a genuine reason for illness, departments will determine grades using a similar approach to the awarding bodies methodology for determining overall grades when components have been missed.

To improve your child's confidence in sitting examinations, it is important that your child creates a revision timetable to prepare them for these PPEs. It is likely that your child's revision materials will take many different formats such as flashcards, mind-maps, post-it notes around the house (key facts, formulae, quotes and examples), practice questions and papers for timing under exam conditions. The Summer PPE series provides a useful and important opportunity for your child to experience GCSE style examinations in the hall. For further GCSE and BTEC information, please visit our website page **Education and Resources** and select the **Academic Support and Revision** tab.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT & REVISION

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| Revising at home | Effective revision strategies | Well-being |
| Useful Revision Websites | Examination board information | Career pilot / Careers info |
| Revision lists and key information KS3 KS4 KS5 | | |
| <small>Currently only the Key Stage 4 link can access examination and revision information. We are developing similar support materials for the Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 5 and hope to get these links working as soon as possible. The Key Stage 3 link has access to the Core subjects examinations information and links & tips on revision.</small> | | |

In the PPEs, students are reminded that they are responsible for bringing the appropriate equipment to each exam, which should include two black pens, pencil, ruler, eraser, protractor, compasses, highlighters and, where permitted, calculator. The exam regulations insist that any water bottles that are brought into the exam room are clear with the label removed. Exam regulations also mean that students are not permitted to have mobile phones or watches (of any kind) with them at their desk. Students should place mobile phones and watches, along with any other electronic equipment, in their bags. Students are not permitted to borrow equipment from another candidate once inside the exam room. The school is not required to provide exam equipment and may not be able to do so on the day. To alleviate potential stresses during the PPE period, please use the next few weeks to check that your child has all of the equipment listed above. We will also be reminding students of all of this information through assemblies before the PPEs commence.

Mr Ryan, School Operations Manager

News from Key Stage 3

Year 7

As always, thank you to all parents and carers for all the support we have been receiving from you at home, ensuring that students are prepared for learning in school. We are currently at 95.9% attendance - almost at our target of 96%. If you know your child is going to be absent, please call the school absence line or email attendance@ephs.ealing.sch.uk and let us know as soon as possible. If you feel your child is feeling anxious about coming to school, let the year team know so that we can put support measures in place.

As a heads up, the year team will be checking uniforms during AM registration. Students are expected to wear lanyards, shirts tucked in, black polishable shoes, black trousers/skirts and the only earrings permitted are studded earrings. Some students are starting to wear more jewellery so we ask parents just to keep an eye out for this. Our uniform policy is available on our school website.

On a more positive note, the enrichment day is fast approaching and we are all looking forward to it! The year 7s have been fortunate and have been given a choice of two very exciting trips! They deserve it and it shows with the amount of gold awards that are being given out on a weekly basis!

If you have any questions or comments, please contact your child's form tutor or someone from the year team.

Mr Reyes and the Year 7 Team

Year 8

As we have recently passed the half-way mark of Year 8 a reminder that students are required to come prepared to school with equipment. Students should have the following equipment: 2 x blue/black pens, 1x red pen, 1 x green pen, plain pencils, a ruler, sharpener, eraser, calculator, colouring pencils, glue stick, small blunt ended scissors, a pair of compasses and a protractor. Students are also expected to carry a reading book with them as part of the equipment.

Students continue to wear their uniform with pride, if a student loses any part of their lanyard, they can purchase a new part from the office with cash. During the past fortnight, I have dropped into a number of lessons and I am so pleased to see students persevering, being principled and adapting to the academic challenges that the teachers have been sharing.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or the year team if you have any questions/concerns, we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Sykes and the Year 8 Team

Year 9

It has been another busy two weeks for our year 9 community with lots of hard work going on across the school from all students and there have been lots of conversations going on about GCSE options. This week we saw the launch of our Year 9 options section of the school website. Please refer to the emails from Mr Kelley and Mr Ryan for further information and you can also visit the options website by [clicking here](#). This will provide you with all of the information you and your child need about the options process and includes the form that they need to complete for their options taster day on Tuesday 28th March.

Just a quick reminder that all year 9 students should be entering and exiting school via the Westlea Road gate each day - not the Vicarage Lane gate. And that if your child needs a new lanyard then this can be purchased from the front office using cash or from the online uniform shop using parent pay.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Ms Maddox and the Year 9 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.

Elthorne Park High School
presents...
**The 2023 Shakespeare
Festival**



- ★ *Year 7-10 students will perform extracts from a range of Shakespeare plays.*
- ★ *Featuring an abridged version of **Othello** performed by the Year 10 Drama GCSE ensemble.*

When: Thursday 30th March, 7pm

(Doors open at 6.30pm)

Where: The Main School Hall

(Including a 20 minute interval with refreshments provided by the PTA)

Tickets: £2 Students/Concessions £3 Adults



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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/carers 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