



ELTHORNE PARK

HIGH SCHOOL

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN A LEARNING COMMUNITY



Message from the Headteacher

I would like to start by congratulating our Year 10s and 12s for reaching the end of their PPEs. The students have approached the exams with real dedication and maturity. The summer public exam series has now started too, with Year 13 BTEC Sport and Business students taking external exams this week. Next week sees Year 11s taking their French, Spanish and German speaking tests as well as other students taking Polish, Arabic, Turkish, Italian & Portuguese speaking tests. I know that our students have been working exceptionally hard to prepare and we wish them every success.

Please take a few minutes to complete our parent view survey which you can find [here](#). It's so helpful for us as a school to get your thoughts on what is working well and what we need to do better. The link will remain live until Monday 22nd May.

Finally, a reminder that school uniform prices will increase from Tuesday 9th May. Please order online via the link on our website before Tuesday to take advantage of the current prices.

I hope that you all have a restful Coronation weekend.

With all good wishes,
Eliot Wong, Headteacher

Elthorne Wider Opportunities Programme - Summer Extra Curricular Programme

We have now compiled our [Extra-Curricular programme for the Summer Term](#). If your child is taking part in the SUPA Basketball club please make the payment through ParentPay. myEVOLVE is the parent portal for our extra curricular system. We have already created accounts for all parents/carers for whom we hold a valid email address. You simply need to go to www.myevolve.online/activate and enter the email address that you received this newsletter to. The system will then send you an email to enable you to set a password. If you have done this previously and already have an active account then you should just go to <https://evolve.edufocus.co.uk/myevolve/login.asp> where you can enter your details or reset your password.

Ms Reeves, Associate Deputy Headteacher - Personal Development & Inclusion

Summer 2023 Public Examinations

The exam timetable for the public examinations this summer is now available by clicking [here](#). This is the general timetable and contains all the BTEC, GCSE and GCE examinations that our students have been entered for. Final individual timetables for all students sitting public examinations this summer were issue to tutors to distribute last week. Please contact Ms Yates, our Examinations Officer, if you have any queries or questions in relation to these examinations. Candidates need to be familiar with the [JCQ information for candidates](#) notice. Parents and candidates should also read through [our guidance booklet](#) to ensure they are familiar with the requirements and expectations of the awarding bodies.

Mr Ryan, School Operations Manager

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Dates For the Diary

Monday 8th May
Bank Holiday

W/B Tuesday 9th May
Yr11 MFL Speaking Exams

Monday 15th May
GCSE/GCEA Public Written Examinations commence

Wednesday 24th May
Yr10 Parents Evening

Monday 29th May
Summer Half Term

Monday 5th June
School resumes @ 8:40am

Wednesday 7th June
Yr12 Parents Evening

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 last week (2nd to 5th May):

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
92%	91%	87%	94%	82%	75%	77%

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. Parents/carers of students who are late to school in the morning will receive an email on each day that they are late 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.

Ms Jennings, Associate Assistant Headteacher - Attendance and Achievement

Tomato Growing Competition for KS3

With the price of tomatoes growing faster than weeds in spring time. Perhaps you could grow your own from seed. Come to B105 to collect a germinated seed after school on Wednesday and grow it at home. Submit a photo diary on the last day of term to show your progress and the tallest plant wins a prize.

Other categories will be awarded prizes too including:

- Best documentation of growth
- Most Innovative techniques used
- Most unexpected recycled plant containers
- Wildest Decorated plant pots

Get those green thumbs growing!

Mr Van Eeghen, STEM Ambassador

Student Academic Year 2022 - 2023

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

Student Academic Year 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023**Autumn/1**

Tuesday 5th September - Wednesday 18th October

Half-Term

Thursday 19th October - Friday 27th October

Autumn/2

Monday 30th October - Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Holiday

Thursday 21st December - Friday 5th January

Spring Term 2024**Spring/1**

Monday 8th January - Friday 9th February

Half-Term

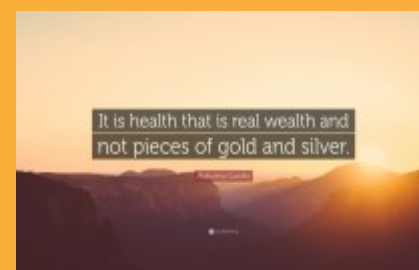
Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Spring/2

Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March

Easter Holiday

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April

Thought of the Week

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

We've now finished the Year 10 PPEs and students' first experience of a window of formalised exams. On the whole Year 10 have conducted themselves very well, and while we won't know for a few weeks the results of the exams students can be proud of themselves. As I mentioned in my last newsletter entry, we did have a number of students who arrived without the necessary equipment for their exam and it's important that students don't disadvantage themselves in future by being unprepared. If a student missed an exam during the PPEs we do not arrange for it to be rescheduled for another time. Instead the student report will be decided based on class work or performance in another paper where a subject has more than one exam. Year 10 Parents Evening will be on Wednesday 24th May and will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's performance in PPEs with their subject teachers, along with their overall progress so far. You will receive details on how to book appointment slots on Wednesday 17th May.

Mr Simmonds and the Year 10 team**Year 11**

Sadly year 11 is almost over and exams are upon us. I just wanted to confirm the leavers arrangements. The last day students are regularly expected to attend lessons is Friday the 26th May. Students will have a short assembly during Period 3 and an opportunity to sign shirts and will leave at 12:30pm. Students will need to bring a spare school shirt/t-shirt to sign as they will not be allowed into their public examinations with writing on their shirts. We are providing croissants for each morning exam. Students will be able to collect their pre-exam breakfast from outside the Busy Bean café.

Students should now have their exams timetable but I just wanted to offer a few quick reminders about some of the basic things that can and do go wrong around the exam period. Please ensure your children have looked at the timings of their exams. Although students can access timetables through their intranet, it is normally a good idea to take a picture of it in case they lose it.

Please help them check their equipment, all pencil cases need to be clear and they are not allowed to bring in water bottles with labels. Ensure they have double checked that calculators work and that they are aware of the specific exams these are needed for. Lastly phones, the best advice is to leave these at home for exams but if they have to bring them into school they must remain off and stored in a bag away from the exam room. The penalty from the exam boards for having a phone on their person (whether they intend to use it or not) is most often disqualification from that exam so please ensure that your child understands that phones are better off in their bags or at home!

If you do have any concerns about your children in the run up to exams please do share them with us. At the moment in school they are on the whole coping remarkably well. The last few weeks, although truncated, have been very productive and this should stand them in good stead.

Mr Bardsley and the Year 11 Team**Year 12**

The Year 12 team have been very proud of Year 12 and their resilience and we want to thank **YOU** for your support in helping the students through their first ever set of PPEs at A level/BTEC. Over the next few weeks students will start to receive their feedback from staff. Students should be taking on board what is said so they can look at how to progress further. This will be key when moving into Year 13. Year 12 parents evening will be on Wednesday 7th June and will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's performance in PPEs with their subject teachers, along with their overall progress so far. You will receive details on how to book appointment slots on Monday 29th May.

Finally, we have noticed there has been a slight dip in students' punctuality. Students must be in school by **8:40am** and in tutor rooms by **8:45am**. Being on time is not just a requirement by school, it is something students will need to do post 18 whether it be when they go to University or straight into an internship, Punctuality is always key!

Ms Macdonald and the Year 12 Team**Year 13**

We will be having a small celebration event on Friday 26th May from 2:15 - 4pm to celebrate the time Year 13 have spent with us and wish them well for the future. As part of this event we would like to give back to the local community so we are collecting for the foodbank. If your child could bring along an item we would be very grateful. Please do get in touch if you have any concerns about exams.

Ms Trueman and the Year 13 Team

Year 11 Aspire Intervention programme Summer Term

Next week is the final week of our Aspire Extra support and intervention sessions in preparation for the summer series of external GCSE and BTEC exams. These are non-compulsory sessions offered by departments as extra support in preparation for GCSEs and BTECs this year.

Click below for Individual department schedules

English	Mathematics	Science	History
German	H&S Care	Music	Drama

Students have been 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, Science and Spanish 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, PE, Sport, Media (both Creative and iMedia) and German** sessions all run once a week. **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. You will be informed by the Hub if you are required to attend these sessions. **French, Business, Enterprise, Resistant Materials, Art and Graphics** sessions only run in certain weeks. Make sure to mark these on your organiser so you don't miss out on them. **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. Once you've been told which day of the week you're needed, mark it off on your organiser and plan your other sessions on other days.

How to plan which sessions to attend:

- Using their Spring term report, students will be asked to think about which subjects they should prioritise.
- 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.
- If you have been given a separate 'Tuition organiser' these sessions must take priority over any additional Aspire sessions. You can attend Aspire sessions on the days of the week that you don't have a tuition session.

Week 4								
Tues 9th May	English	Science	Geography	Btec sport	Drama	Music	Media	Hub Support
Wed 10th May	Maths	English	German	GCSE PE	Spanish	H&SC		
Thurs 11th May	Maths	Science	History	Drama	Spanish			
Fri 12th May	German 7-9 Club (Lunchtime)							

Ms Jennings, Associate Assistant Headteacher - Attendance and Achievement

School Uniform

From the 9th May 2023 we will be increasing the cost of the school uniform. Over the last couple of years the prices have increased but we have absorbed these costs as we wanted to keep the price as low as possible. However, we have had another increase (due to factors such as an increase in price of raw materials, wages, energy), and so we are having to make small increases to our prices.

At Elthorne Park High School we expect all students to attend in full school uniform, each day. We would be grateful if parents can support the school, by spending some time over the Eater break discussing our policy with your child and checking that they have the correct uniform for school. Please find below a link to the school's uniform policy [here](#).

In particular, we remind parents of the importance of the following key uniform items:

- Lanyards and ID cards must be worn around the neck and be visible whilst on school site.
- White shirt with EPHS logo stitched into the collar.
- Burgundy jumper with EPHS logo stitched into jumper. School jumpers must be worn to school each day.
- Black polishable shoes or ankle length boots only.
- Plain black tailored uniform style trousers only.
- Plain black school uniform style skirt. Skirts should be knee length (on the knee) with no frills.
- If ears are pierced, only one small stud earring is permitted in each earlobe. Stud earrings must only be plain silver or gold.
- Cotton hooded tops, tracksuit tops or leisure wear **are not permitted in school**

Non-uniform items will be confiscated and passed on to your child's Year Leader.

Following consultation with stakeholders, the school will be slowly phasing out two older items of school PE uniform; replacing these with two more modern and hard wearing items. Both new items will become compulsory items of PE uniform over a phased period of time.

To ensure there is no additional cost to parents, we will initially be introducing these two new items as part of the core PE uniform for our new year 7 intake only, joining us in September 2023. As stocks of the old PE uniform items become depleted, we will gradually ask parents across all year groups to replace old items with these new ones.

The two PE item changes will be as follows:

Old uniform item	New compulsory uniform item	Cost of new uniform item
White cotton PE T shirt with logo	Polo shirt - PE top Black and burgundy with the school logo.	£21 - £22 Size dependent
PE fleece top with school logo	Mid layer top - PE Black and burgundy with the school logo.	£26 - £31 Size dependent

As with all PE uniform items, these can be ordered using the link on the school website. Our policy also contains details of parents who may be entitled to financial support with school uniform and processes to follow.

School uniform orders, delivery and collection

Please note that school uniforms cannot be purchased directly from the uniform shop in the car park. Uniforms must be pre-ordered by parents and then collected. Uniform can be ordered on our [Uniform shop page](#).

Should there be either financial (entitlement to FSM) or medical barriers that prevent you replacing this item of uniform can you contact your child's Year Leader to see how the school might support with uniform replacement.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for your continued support, ensuring we maintain high standards of school uniform, such an important part of school life.

Mr White, Deputy Headteacher

PTFA Update

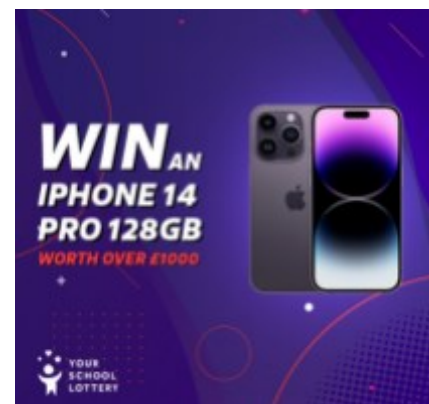
Parents, Teachers, Friends Association



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.



**EALING
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PARENTING WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY

14

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

9

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

13

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

22

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

4

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

11

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