



ELTHORNE PARK

HIGH SCHOOL

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN A LEARNING COMMUNITY



Message from the Headteacher

I would like to draw your attention once again to our [parent survey](#) which is absolutely key to our planning for next academic year. We hope to receive as many responses as possible before Monday 22nd May and look forward to your feedback. In addition to the parent survey, we would also like you to give us your thoughts on behaviour in our school. Mr White has prepared a summary of our behaviour expectations [here](#) and we would appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete this short additional [survey](#) to give us your feedback on the proposed changes in this area. As you can imagine, we are busy planning behind the scenes for next academic year and always welcome your comments.

Next week our Year 11s and 13s begin their written exams and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish them all every success. We're very proud of their hard work up to this point, and of the contribution that they've made to our school in their time here.

With all good wishes,

Eliot Wong, Headteacher

Mental Health Awareness Week — 15th - 21st May

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week. All students and staff will take part in activities to build awareness of mental health. This year's theme is [#tohelpmyanxiety](#). To find out more information about what is happening next week as part of E4E Mental Health Awareness please follow the included links

- [E4E Mental Health Awareness Week Summary](#)
- [ESCP Supporting your child with anxiety](#)



We have also updated our [Wellbeing](#) section of our website to include many top tips and resources for parents and students to support in understanding mental health and wellbeing.

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 issued 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 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

Thursday 29th June

Yr11 Prom

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:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
96% (up 4%)	97% (up 6%)	92% (up 5%)	97% (up 3%)	93% (up 11%)	89% (up 14%)	87% (up 10%)

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

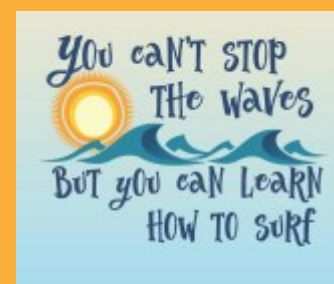
Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Spring/2

Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March

Easter Holiday

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April

Thought of the Week

News from Key Stage 3**Year 7**

We are fast approaching the end of the academic year which also means the end of students' first year at Elthorne! I am very glad to see that most students have settled in extremely well and seem very happy. As you may have heard, the head teacher has recently reminded all students of expectations in school, in terms of behaviour, attitude in lessons and being prepared for learning. Unfortunately, we have seen a spike in students being caught using their phones in school and/or not wearing correct full uniform, including lanyards. Although most students in our year group are complying, we ask for your support in helping your child arrive to school on time and fully equipped to learn. Our policies and uniform/equipment lists can be found on the school website if you have any doubts.

In lessons, Year 7 students continue to be fantastic and it really shows with the amount of gold award meetings organised every week. I teach some of our Year 7s and I have to say that they have all been so engaged and so well behaved! I have seen the same excellent attitude reflected when I walk around and pop into some lessons. Please praise your children if you know they have been doing well.

Mr Reyes and the Year 7 team

Year 8

Year 8 have handled the recent disruption to their schooling fantastically well, the combination for bank holidays and industrial action has meant students have been in limbo during the past fortnight. Fortunately, we can look forward to some consistency that will help support students with their routines. We are delighted to see students have continued to uphold fantastic levels of pride in wearing their uniform, please continue to check your child's uniform as they leave for the morning, and with the warmer weather reminding them they should also have their school jumper with them.

Our Year 8 residential is fast approaching and we are really looking forward to implementing all of our plans for the 2 days. I know from conversations with students they are excited for the event which will further enhance their personal development. On the subject of trips, the ski trip was launched last week and is proving as popular as ever, we look forward to sharing further details with you.

Whilst walking around lessons and the playground this week, it was a pleasure to see students interacting with each other professionally. It was great to see the pride in students' books, especially their English lessons where they were comparing the book and play versions of Frankenstein. The presentation and explanations of their comparisons was excellent and I would encourage you to sit down with your child to look through their school books to see their presentation and discuss their learning.

Looking ahead to next week, we are going to be engaging in activities for mental health awareness week, activities include; an assembly, a personal development session delivered by tutors, mindfulness activities and on Thursday we will be supporting 'Wear it Green' where students can wear a green item with their uniform for a donation that will go to ESCP.

Thank you for ongoing support.

Mr Sykes and the Year 8 team

Year 9

It has been a busy 2 weeks in the year 9 community with parents evening and the options process officially being launched. Please remember that the deadline for options choices is **Monday 15th May** and your child's pathway can be found on their most recent report. If you have any questions about their options or pathways please contact myself or Mr Kelley to discuss these. We are looking forward to supporting our young people in their choices and future decisions and this is a fantastic opportunity to opt for subjects that they feel passionate about and want to move forward with.

Currently we are having a big drive on uniform and equipment within the year group. Please can you ensure that your child has a full lanyard and full set of equipment for school. Lanyards and ID cards can be purchased from the school reception and it is a quicker process than ordering them from the school uniform shop/ parent pay. Form tutors will be in regular contact with parents regarding missing or incorrect items weekly moving forward. This will also extend to P.E kits as there has been a significant amount of missing kit in lessons. Students without kit will not be allowed to take part and will be sanctioned if this continues to be an issue.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Ms Maddox and the Year 9 Team

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

Extra Curricular NEW CLUB

We are very lucky to be able to reintroduce our Japanese Club. From the 8th June there will be a 4 week Japanese introductory course with a native speaker teacher, Mrs Tomoko Egawa.

- Open to Years 7-10— in room D05
- Cost for club is £8 per child. Please log on to parent pay to make the payment.
- Topics: Greetings, self introductions / numbers / age / an introduction to the Japanese Writing systems and talking about likes and dislikes.

Come along and enjoy experimenting with a new language and learn about Japanese culture!

Ms Reeves, Associate Deputy Headteacher - Personal Development & Inclusion

Uniform

If you have any school uniform that your child has grown out of, but is still suitable for use, we would be grateful if you could bring it into school. This will then be sold/passed on in the uniform shop. If you need any second hand uniform, please go to the uniform shop on a Saturday morning, and pay what you can for the uniform available.

Many thanks

Finance Team

Year 11 Arrangements

Year 11s are expected to attend all timetabled lessons up until Friday 26th May and from Monday June 5th onwards students should only attend school if they have a public exam. If an exam has taken place for that subject/topic from May 15th (prior to half term), then students will be expected to bring appropriate revision materials to those lessons in readiness to revise for an alternative up and coming assessment.

The Year 11 leavers assembly will take place on Friday 26th May. Students will then have a period of shirt signing and be dismissed as a half day. We recommend students have a spare jumper/shirt to sign for the afternoon as they will not be allowed into exams with writing on their shirts.

Please keep reading the school newsletter as Ms Jennings will be keeping parents informed of any up-and-coming interventions throughout the exam period

Mr Bardsley and Ms Sackie-Richards are putting the final details together for the school prom, yearbook and hoodies. Quick reminder that the last day to pay for a prom ticket on Parent Pay is May 13th. Please let them know if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr Hardy, Key Stage 4 Leader

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.



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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