



ELTHORNE PARK

— HIGH SCHOOL —

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN A LEARNING COMMUNITY



Message from the Headteacher

This week the students have been taking part in a range of activities in support of Mental Health Awareness week and our celebrations in tutor time this morning have recognised the resilience and determination shown by so many of the young people in our school community.

If you haven't done so already, please do take a few minutes to complete our [parent survey](#) and additional [behaviour survey](#) by Monday 22nd May. A reminder of our behaviour expectations can be found [here](#). Your responses really will help us to improve as a school and I look forward to reading your comments.

With all good wishes,

Eliot Wong, Headteacher

Summer 2023 Public Examinations

The public written examinations are now in full swing and students have been approaching these with admirable determination and resilience. The exam timetable for the public examinations this summer is available [here](#). Final individual timetables for all students sitting public examinations this summer were issued a few weeks ago so please make sure that your child has a copy of their final timetable with rooms and seats so that they can find their seat with ease.

Please contact Ms Yates, our Examinations Officer, if you have any queries or questions in relation to these examinations. Should students have any issues on the day of their exam, they should see Ms Yates or myself to explain the issue so that it can be dealt with swiftly and in line with JCQ guidelines.

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

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

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Dates For the Diary

Monday 22nd May
GCSE/GCEA Public Written Examinations continue

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

Tuesday 27th June
New Year 12 Induction Day

Thursday 29th June
Yr11 Prom

Friday 30th June
New Year 7 Induction Day

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
95% <i>(down 1%)</i>	96% <i>(down 1%)</i>	94% <i>(up 2%)</i>	95% <i>(down 2%)</i>	92% <i>(down 2%)</i>	91% <i>(up 12%)</i>	85% <i>(down 2%)</i>

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

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

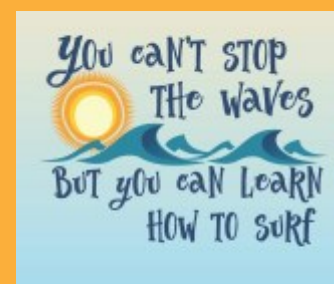
Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

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**Year 10**

Next Wednesday is the Year 10 Parents Evening. You will have received an email reminding you to book appointments on School Cloud, with the window opening Thursday afternoon. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress following the PPE's, so it's important that you attend.

Students have been set a task on Show My Homework to complete an online form linked to their work experience placement. There is a form for those who have already found a placement and a different form for those who have not. This must be completed by Wednesday 24th May, students have had time in computer rooms to do this but it is worth double checking at home with your child.

Many thanks

Mr Simmonds and the Year 10 team

Year 11

Exams are well underway and the students seem to be responding really positively. Whilst it is normal for students to experience stress and anxiety during this times, everyone connected to them including those at home can also experience this. If there is any extra support you feel we maybe to offer please do contact the year team. Most of all please encourage them to revise and be on top of the timings for the actual exams. Please read what Mr Ryan has written about the exams process on the first page of this newsletter if you haven't already done so.

The ticket window for prom has now closed and I will write to share final details of the event next week. Just a quick reminder that prom takes place on Thursday 29th June. Updates about the yearbook and hoodies will also follow.

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.

Many thanks

Mr Bardsley and the Year 11 team

News from Key Stage 5**Year 12**

Students have been receiving their PPE marks over the last week. Students will be told in lessons how and what they need to do to improve in order to meet/excel their targets. Students should be using half term to reflect on their results to ensure they are ready for the final half term where we will be focusing on UCAS and the next steps Post-18.

Parents evening takes place virtually on 7th June 2023 and this will be an excellent opportunity to discuss the PPE results with subject teachers.

Some dates to remember are:

- 27th June - Super Curricular Day for Year 12 - only those invited into school to support the new intake of Year 12 induction day will be required in school
- 28th June - UCAS/Careers Preparation Day for Year 12

Many thanks

Mrs MacDonald and the Year 12 team

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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PARENTING WORKSHOPS

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