



ELTHORNE PARK

HIGH SCHOOL

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN A LEARNING COMMUNITY



Message from the Headteacher

We are delighted to share our extra-curricular programme for 2023-2024 with you today in this newsletter. I really hope that your children find something in the programme that excites them and we're particularly pleased to be working with Brentford FC for the first time and offering extra-curricular football sessions led by Brentford coaches. I've been speaking to our students in assembly this week about our values; along with Proud, Prepared, Principled and Persevere, "Participate" is a key part of our ethos and we hope that every member of our school community will take part in at least one extra-curricular activity this year.

Please remember that students must be on site by 8:40am each morning, with tutor time starting promptly at 8:45am. While we have been pleased that most students have had the correct uniform and lanyards, we have also had to speak to some students about bracelets, earrings and skirt length. We would be grateful if parents and carers could support us to keep uniform expectations high. This is something that we will be talking about more at the Year Ahead meetings which begin next week (full details in today's newsletter).

I would like to thank all of our students who volunteered to help at Open Evening on Wednesday. They made excellent tour guides and represented our school community superbly well. We now look forward to Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 17th October from 4:30 - 7:30pm. Parents and carers should note that there will also be an early close on this day (12:30pm), but that school will begin at the normal time of 8:40am on Wednesday 18th October.

With all good wishes,

Eliot Wong, Headteacher

Year Ahead Evenings

We are delighted to be able to run our Year Ahead Evenings in person this year and over the next fortnight we welcome our current parents to Elthorne Park High School. The Year Ahead is an opportunity to meet your child's tutor and the pastoral team. The evening will consist of a range of presentations designed to help both you and your child prepare for the academic year to come. This year we will be launching our new Parent and Student App, Edulink One, and verifying contact details so we can issue log in details. We will also introduce our new personal development programme and careers platform Unifrog. Due to the number of people attending the event we ask if possible not to bring your child to the Year Ahead.

Year 7 - Tuesday 19th September 2023 — 5pm - 6pm

Year 8 - Thursday 28th September — 4:45pm - 6:15pm

Year 9 - Thursday 28th September — 4:45pm - 6:15pm

Year 10 - Thursday 21st September — 5pm - 6pm

Year 11 - Thursday 21st September — 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Year 12 - Wednesday 20th September — 6pm - 7pm

Year 13 - Wednesday 20th September — 5pm - 6pm

Ms Reeves, Deputy Headteacher - Student Support and Inclusion



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Dates For the Diary

Tuesday 19th September
Year 7 Year Ahead Meeting

Wednesday 20th September
Year 12 Year Ahead Meeting
Year 13 Year Ahead Meeting

Thursday 21st September
Year 10 Year Ahead Meeting
Year 11 Year Ahead Meeting

Thursday 28th September
Year 8 Year Ahead Meeting
Year 9 Year Ahead Meeting

Monday 9th October
Year 11 Parental Workshop

Tuesday 10th October
School Photographs

Tuesday 17th October
Sixth Form Open Evening

Extra Curricular 2023-2024

Our [Autumn Term Extra Curricular timetable](#) will begin on Monday 18th September. Our programme has increased this year to include more activities including art, cuisine club and Brentford FC. The timetable for non paid clubs will run for Autumn 1. Please note due to Sixth Form Open Evening there will be no clubs on the 17th October.

Logging into myEVOLVE

myEVOLVE is the parent portal for the EVOLVE 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.

All [paid clubs](#) went live on Parent Pay on Wednesday 13th September. We are aware that there may be a high uptake for these sessions and will look to increase the amount of clubs once full. If you would like information about how the school can support you to pay for sessions if you are entitled to pupil premium please contact [Ms Reeves](#).

Ms Reeves, Deputy Headteacher - Student Support and Inclusion

Peripatetic Music Lessons

ParentPay is open for all Peripatetic Music lessons, starting September 2023. If your child wishes to have personal music lessons, please sign up and make payment for the first term. Details can be found on ParentPay.

Ms Joseph, Faculty Leader - Performing Arts

Mobile Phones

A reminder that we do not allow students to have mobile phones out during the school day. If a student has a mobile phone, it must be switched off and in their bag. We are an anti-bullying school and will not tolerate unkindness over social media. We will continue to support students regularly with eSafety and bullying through assemblies, tutor activities and our PSHCE programme where students are encouraged to explore this topic through activities and discussion. We kindly request that parents are monitoring their child's device throughout the school year and support us with this message.

Mr Laryea, Assistant Headteacher

Parental Workshop

On October 9th for Year 11 parents and students we will be running a workshop on exam preparation. There will be two sessions running, the first of these will take place between 5 - 5:30pm, the second session will take place from 5:45 - 6:15pm. These sessions will be repeated so you will only need to attend one session.

Mr Hardy, Key Stage 4 Leader

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

Summer Term 2024**Spring/1**

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May

Half-Term

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Spring/2

Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July

Summer Holiday

Thursday 25th July onwards

Thought of the Week

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”

(Aristotle)

Year 10 English Trip to Poetry Live on Friday 24th November 2023

Please can parents and carers of year 10 students be reminded that the deadline for payment for the Year 10 English Trip to Poetry Live is **Monday 18th September**. (Terms and Conditions for Visits are available on the school website <http://www.ephs.ealing.sch.uk/school-documents.html>). If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, or on the Pupil Premium Register, then the cost of the trip will be covered for them. All students will be travelling to the venue via public transport which will be free of charge. The cost of the ticket is non-refundable. Thank you to everyone who has already paid and/or given their consent for their child to attend the event. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact [me by email](#).

Ms Allen, KS4 English Leader

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to all students with excellent attendance this year and also to those students who have tried hard to improve their attendance throughout the academic year! 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
96.7%	96.3%	96.9%	95.9%	95.7%	97.9%	94.6%

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.

Mr Laryea, Assistant Headteacher

News from Key Stage 3**Year 7**

Building a Base - Our first full week is over and honestly the students have been amazing. They are settling into the “Elthorne Way” and representing our 5 P’s at every opportunity. You can all be very proud of how they have adapted to life at new school and the way they have carried themselves over the past fortnight. The resilience displayed by the year group has been a pleasure to witness.

Interform - This week sees the launch of our first official interform event; interform football. Across the school year all the students will participate in events to try and get their hands on the converted interform trophy.

Student Council - This week we hold elections within the year group to launch our student council. Student leadership is a huge part of the school and it's a great opportunity for students to contribute to and shape the community that they such a big part of.

Jeans for Genes (Friday 22nd September) - We will be holding our first charity event to raise funds for one of our many fantastic charities; Jeans for Genes. Year 7 will be running a bake sale on the day and we hope to beat last year's total of £741. Alongside this students will also be able to attend school in their jeans. This will mark the start of a year of fundraising events. By the time of the next newsletter, the year group will have selected the charity that we are going to support throughout the course of this academic year.

**Year 7 Interform**

Event	Term
Football (22/9/23)	½ term 1
Maths (Weekly)	½ term 1
Basketball (10/10/23)	½ term 2
Thank You Card (launch 17/11/23)	½ term 2
Badminton (19/1/24)	½ term 3
International Quiz (2/2/24)	½ term 3
Netball (1/3/24)	½ term 4
Spelling B (15/3/24)	½ term 4
Rounders (26/4/24)	½ term 5
Great Elthorne Bake Off(28.6.24)	½ term 5
Sports Day	½ term 6

Lastly I wanted to thank you all for making sure your children are so well prepared for the transition to secondary school. If you do have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact the year team through your child's tutor or directly to me. You can find all the contact details on [our staff contact list](#).

Mr Bardsley and the Year 7 Team

Year 8

We have quite a bit of news to share today. Overall, we have had a really positive start to the school year. Students seem to be settling in again and most teachers have been really impressed with the year 8s! From a pastoral perspective, as head of year, I am so proud to see how engaged they have been and how well equipped the students remain for lessons.

You may have heard of some negative interactions occurring on social media platforms such as TikTok. Most social media platforms have an age rating of 13+ and the Apple App Store states that parental guidance is recommended. We also strongly encourage parents and carers to keep a close eye on children's social media and ask for your support in reporting any negativity that could potentially escalate into school or you feel is getting out of hand. Following some interactions in our first few days of school, I had a strong chat with the year group about being kind to each other, digital footprints, and the seriousness of being unkind online. On another and more positive note, this week we had an open evening and the Year 8s received nothing but praise! So many parents of potential future year 7s were so happy with the attention they received from our year 8 tour guides and helpers. As year leaders, we also had one assigned each to present to prospective students and we were all so impressed! Thank you again, year 8s! You are amazing. A testament to the incredible year groups is that we are leading the credits in the school - let's keep this going! Ms Sugden, our Assistant Year Leader, has asked me to mention that we have a few remaining spaces for our Year 8 Residential - please do sign up as soon as possible to secure your place. If you have any questions regarding the residential, please do get in touch with her. Details are on [our staff contact list](#). There are so many other exciting things happening this year and I cannot wait to share some with you on our Year Ahead Evening on Thursday 28th September.

Mr Reyes and the Year 8 Team

Year 9

Our first full week back and the positivity has continued. Students have shown the 5 P's in all aspects of school life. They have proudly worn their uniform, arrived prepared for lessons, participated in large numbers as open evening helpers, been principled in arriving to school on time and persevered through the challenges of a new timetable and the changes to school day.

An area of improvement is the students P.E. kit, please ensure students are bringing and wearing the school branded P.E. kit for their lessons. We look forward to welcoming you into school on the 28th September for the year ahead event, where we will share all our information about the upcoming year.

Mr Sykes and the Year 9 Team

Design Technology Contribution

As you will be aware, all pupils in years 7, 8 and 9 study several Design Technology areas (resistant materials, textiles, graphic design and electronics). In many schools, pupils are required to supply their own materials, fabric and components for DT lessons but at EPHS we appreciate that this system can be both time consuming and expensive for parents. Therefore, it is our policy to ask for a contribution of **£8 per academic year from every pupil in KS3**. The contributions will be used to subsidise the cost of supplying materials for DT practical lessons as well as supplying prizes for our 'Designer of the Month' award. This system has the additional advantage of allowing us to take advantage of discounts given for bulk ordering.

In light of the above, I would be most grateful if you could submit your contribution of **£8 via ParentPay by the end of this half term**. Please note that for reasons of health and safety pupils are required to supply their own ingredients for Food and Nutrition/Food Science and they should bring a suitable container to practical lessons so that they can take their work home.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other matter, please [contact me by email](#). I would like to thank you for your support with this and look forward to working with your child during the next academic year.

Rosie Short, Faculty Leader - Art & Design Technology

CIEAG – Careers Information, Education, Advice and Guidance at EPHS

Elthorne Park High School is committed to offering our students high quality career learning opportunities. These are provided through a programme of internal careers education and externally provided independent and impartial careers information, advice and guidance (IAG). CIEAG is also an integral part of the curriculum and contributes to the ongoing drive to raise aspirations, develop key employability skills and illustrate the relevance of subject studies to later life. You can find out more information about our CIEAG provision and a range of useful resources on the school's website: <https://www.ephs.ealing.sch.uk/careers>. As part of our commitment to developing our programme, the [CIEAG policy](#) and [Provider Access Statement](#) are reviewed annually. We welcome feedback on these policies from staff and parents ahead of their GB consultation on 26th September. Please [email any responses to Ms Crix](#).

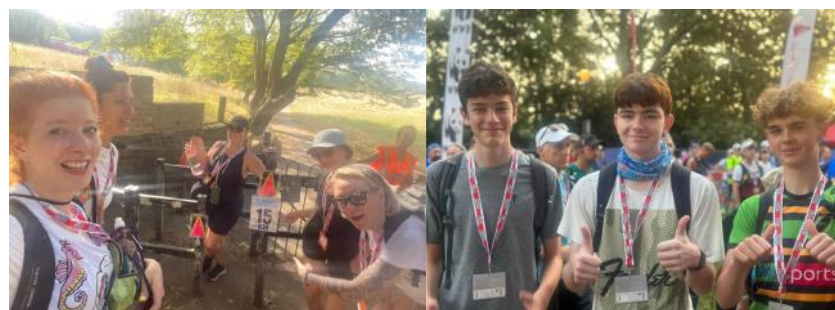
We are also excited to announce that the school's new CIEAG partner is Unifrog. All students will have the opportunity to use the careers library provided through Unifrog as well as being able to keep a detailed record of their personal achievements and experiences across all key stages. You will find out more about how Unifrog can support your child at the year ahead evening. If you would like to access the platform earlier – [please feel free by clicking this link!](#)

You will need to sign up using the code EPHSParents which will prompt you to create an account. There is a wealth of information and guidance for parents here with everything from apprenticeship webinars to career profiles.

Ms Crix, Assistant Headteacher

This weekend Joel Boyd, Year 10, walked 25km and Anita Bravin (from SCP) walked 50 km in the sweltering heat as part of the Thames Path Challenge to help raise in excess of £11,000 to support Michelle Hanafi and her team who provide an essential service as part of the Schools Counselling Partnership. If you can afford to donate any amount no matter how small please go to <https://gofund.me/13738ea7>

Ms Reeves, Deputy Headteacher





PTFA

Parents, Teachers, Friends Association



Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

**The Forester, W13 9EP
Thursday 21st September
7.30pm**

So we can book enough space, please email us if you'd like to come along:

elthorneptfa@gmail.com





A Big PTFA welcome back to school - and an especially big welcome to all new Year 7 families.

Come along to our PTFA AGM on Thursday, 21st September to meet us and find out about how you can get involved.

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AGM

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In 2019 we had our first ever Elthorne Park High School team running the Ealing Half Marathon raising an incredible £1700 for Elthorne PTFA. We have 3 amazing people running again this year on our behalf. Fay Block, Pete Lee and Dmitri Miletiskii - thank you and good luck!! If anyone else is running the half marathon or mini mile and would like to add their name to our team sheet - email us : elthorneptfa@gmail.com

Please show your support by donating: <https://bit.ly/JustgivingEHM>

Ealing Mental Health Support Team



Workshops for parents/carers - Autumn term 2023

Over the Autumn term, Ealing Mental Health Support Team will be running a variety of workshops for parents and carers of children who attend a school in Ealing.

If you would like to sign up to one of our workshops, please do so on the below website or scan the QR code.

<https://forms.gle/EE7eGmXmjSemf2te9>

If you have any questions, please do email us on:
Ealing.mhst@nhs.net



Transitions back to School

12th September 2023

4pm

Student Anxiety

17th November 2023

4pm

Exam Stress

20th October 2023

4pm

Student Low Mood

1st December 2023

4pm

Introduction to Autism

29th September 2023

4pm

Introduction to Autism

24th November 2023

1:30pm

Understanding Behaviour in Children with Additional Needs

27th October 2023

1pm

Understanding Behaviour in Children with Additional Needs

19th December 2023

11am



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