



# ELTHORNE PARK

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### Message from the Headteacher

As we come to the half term break student safety has been on my mind and I wanted to ask you to remind your children about keeping their possessions and themselves safe next week. As I alluded to in the last newsletter it is all too easy for them to become distracted by their phones when out and about, leaving themselves vulnerable to theft - sometimes even by thieves riding scooters snatching them out of their hands.

I also wanted to thank Year 10s who went through a screening process organised by our Safer Schools team on Thursday. They were very patient waiting their turn on a cold and rainy morning and the process went very smoothly. I'm sure you'll be glad to hear that no knives were found, and that - as you probably guessed - one of our main concerns is stopping students bringing vapes into school. We will be continuing with the screening this term so please remind your children that if any are found they will be confiscated and disposed of. Thanks for your support with this.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024, having previously supplied our uniform in-house, the school will now be using two external uniform providers. We are very happy to be partnering with [Juniper Uniform](#) based in West Ealing, and [School Bells](#) who are based in Hounslow. Uniform will be available *to buy online or in person at their stores. If you have placed an order to date or require any uniform urgently, then you will still be able to place an order with us for shirts, blouses, jumpers and the new PE uniform. The older PE uniform of white t-shirts and sweatshirts, is being phased out, however we will be selling the stock we currently hold and further information about this will follow.*

For orders placed to the existing shop by 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 (final order date through the school), you will be able to collect your order by 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 after which time the uniform shop onsite will be closed, and you will no longer be able to purchase uniform through the school. You will be able to order through [Juniper](#) and [School Bells](#) from 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024.

I know that some of you will know Ms Bishop who runs our Saturday shop and would join me in thanking her for doing this for several years. We're sorry that we won't be offering this service any more but parental feedback showed that we needed to move into line with other local school.

Finally, I'd like to thank all those who have congratulated me on my impending retirement from Elthorne. For those interested in applying for the job here is a link to the [advert in the TES!](#)

With all good wishes,

**Eliot Wong, Headteacher**

### Edulink - Our Student & Parent App

We have produced [a parent guide](#) to help you navigate the different aspects of the portal. On page 8 you will find a step by step guide on how to update your contact information. You can download the app by clicking on one of the icons to the left or access the portal via the web. Almost 1,000 parents have already logged on - please email [edulink@ephs.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:edulink@ephs.ealing.sch.uk) to get your own login details so that you can have an informed overview of your child's school life. For Yr11 & Yr13 parents, you can now view the individual Spring PPE timetable on the app as well as their entries for the public exams this Summer.

**Mr Ryan, School Operations Manager**



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### Dates For the Diary

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
*Spring Half Term begins*

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
*School resumes at 8:40am*

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
*Yr11 & Yr13 PPEs commence*

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**  
*Year 8 Parents Evening*

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
*School closes @ 12:30pm*

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
*Year 8 HPV Immunisations*

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
*School closes @ 12:30pm*

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
*Wider Opportunities Day*



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**Ealing Teen Read students meet Josh Silver**



On Thursday, author Josh Silver visited school to deliver a series of talks and workshops to Year 8 and 9 and then took part in a Q&A (grilling!) from the Ealing Teen Read reading group. He was so impressed by and grateful for their insightful questions and articulate discussion of his debut novel, HappyHead. Well done to Olivia, Izzy, Francis, Aiden, Leo, Maisie, Sam, Mia, Hiruni, Amran,



Anoushka, Sonija, Ulysses and Lucy.

**Ms Martino, Librarian**

**Anna Freud Schools and College Early Support Service**

To increase our support in mental health and wellbeing we are now working with the Anna Freud services. All students can access a one off consultation or up to 8 1:1 online sessions. If your child is in Sixth Form they are able to self refer. If your child is in Year 7-11 you or your child can be referred through their Year Leader or by [contacting Miss Weedy](#). Further information about what the Early Support Service offers can be found on our school website [in the wellbeing section](#).

**Ms Reeves, Deputy Headteacher**

**Year 10 Work Experience**

Please continue to support the Year 10 students in finding work placements for 5 days between Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Once your child has found a placement, please [complete the online form](#) see link below, which will trigger a risk assessment of the employer and the placement details. The online form will require contact details and insurance information from the employer and should be completed by the students.

**Ms Crix, Assistant Headteacher**

**Jack Petchy Awards**

Having celebrated our 2023 winners this week at Greenford Hall at a brilliant Awards ceremony and seeing their great achievement I can now proudly announce the winners of the Jack Petchey Award 2024. They are: **Ziyad Khan, Zac De Gale, Arineh Avanesian, Conor Moore, Pola Zochowska and Astrid Lee**. They had fantastic nominations from their peers having done outstanding work for the school as well as the local community. We could not be prouder!

**Mrs MacDonald, Positive Rewards Leader**

**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform will be closed on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February during half term. Normal opening hours will resume on the Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February. The final opening date for the on-site shop will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. You will be able to order through [Juniper](#) and [School Bells](#) from 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Finance Team**

**Elthorne Wider Opportunities Day, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

This week we have sent out the trip information for our March Wider Opportunities Day. On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, your child will attend one of the activities below which will replace their usual timetable.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
London Zoo or the Science Museum	PSHCE Workshops - Being Independent	Options Taster Day	Preparing for Adulthood	Phasels Wood Activity Day	Activity Day	Super Curricular Day

**Ms Reeves, Deputy Headteacher**

**Student Academic Year  
2023 - 2024**

**Spring Term 2024**

**Spring/1**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Half-Term**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Spring/2**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter Holiday**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Summer Term 2024**

**Summer/ 1**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Half-Term**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Summer / 2**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

**Summer Holiday**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July onwards

**Student Academic Year  
2024 - 2025**

**Autumn 2024**

**Autumn/1**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

**Half-Term**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Autumn/2**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Holiday**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

***“Freedom is fragile  
and it cannot  
be taken  
for granted”***



**News from Key Stage 3****Year 7**

As many of you will know, one of our chosen Year 7 charities this academic year is St Ann's school, a school in Hanwell for children with profound disabilities. On Tuesday week our Ms Crix took our Year 7 student council reps to visit the school and had the following to report: *"Please can you say a massive well done to your student council reps. We took a trip to St Ann's School this morning to meet the staff and teachers and learn a bit about where the money that Year 7 are raising will be used. It was eye opening and humbling understanding what the curriculum looks like for students with such profound learning needs. The student council took part in a sensory story session and pizza making with some of St Ann's pupils. They were generous and mature with their time! St Ann's are incredibly grateful and really wanted to pass on their thanks to you all for supporting the students."*



The learning environment in classrooms this week has been very impressive. It is always hugely impressive to see how engaged the students are even at the end of a dark cold half term. This week students have been reading over, complete with character voices, learning about forces in science and GPOP'ing work using an actualizer in maths lessons.



As Year Leader I also wanted to pass on the thanks directly to you for all the support as parents you have given with our fundraising initiative so far this academic year.

**Mr Bardsley and the Year 7 Team**

**Year 8**

The end of Spring term 1 officially marks the half-way point in year 8! If you think the last term and a half went quickly, then the Spring/2 and summer terms are going to go by much quicker! I always feel like my newsletters are a little negative, but I have to remind you to be vigilant of your child's interactions with others outside of school. Teenagers are particularly vulnerable to external influences and it is important to keep an eye on who your children are socialising with to prevent any issues that could arise. Similarly, as a school we cannot monitor student's use of social media, but most issues that arise between students often stem from their use of it outside of school. Please keep an eye on this too. This week, Ms Sugden held the meeting for the PGL residential. I cannot wait to go on this trip with most of our year group. I am certain that it will be a fantastic opportunity for students to build new friendships and strengthen existing ones. Hopefully it will create some very positive and unforgettable memories.

A reminder that our online parents evening will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 4:30pm - 7:30pm and you will be able to book appointments from next Monday. More details and instructions will come via email on Monday.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term.

**Mr Reyes and the Year 8 Team**

**Year 9**

A short half term comes to an end, but Year 9 have shown no signs of slowing down with their participation during the past fortnight. We have had a number of sporting events, boys basketball, girls and boys football, with the highlight being the boys winning 7-0 against Brentside on Tuesday evening! Well done to all.

More congratulations go to all the Jack Petchy award winners. Congratulations to **Theo, Ash, Olivia** and our very own **Ms Roberts**. These awards are made even more special as they are nominated by other students. Well done to all, you continue to make us all proud.

Thank you to all that attended the Q & A with Mr Kelley this week around the options process. Next term will see students experience some option subjects during the EWOD day and we will be increasing information for students through our tutor time programme.

On another note the TFL pioneers have been delivering assemblies this week about increasing students' knowledge and understanding of travel safety. One of their aims is to reduce the number of journeys made to and from school by car. They are encouraging students to either walk or cycle. If neither of those are a suitable option, then we would like to encourage students to bus and stride or park and stride to school.

**Mr Sykes and the Year 9 Team**



### Year 11 & Year 13 Pre-Public Examination (PPEs)

The Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) will run from Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 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 to students before the end of this half term. These will also be available to view [on our parent/student app](#). **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 November 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

Revising at home	Effective revision strategies	Well-being
Useful Revision Websites	Examination board information	Career pilot / Careers info
<b>Revision lists and key information</b> <b>KS3   KS4   KS5</b>		
<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 hints &amp; 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. 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 Half Term break to check that your child has all of the equipment listed above.

**Mr Kelley, Associate Deputy Headteacher**

### Behaviour Update

**Ready, Respectful, Safe** - these three small words carry so much weight, as they sum up our expectations for behaviour in school and the journey to and from school. I believe as parents we hold the same expectations for our child(ren). At EPHS we want our students to always be Ready for learning - that means being Prepared, Punctual and always ready to Participate.

We want our students to be Ready to contribute; demonstrate Respect for themselves, their peers, school staff, buildings and resources, our neighbours and local community; be Safe in their conduct to and from school, during the school day and online.

This term we have seen some marked improvements in students' punctuality to school and lessons, thank you for your continued support with this. The behaviour curriculum focus for Spring Term 1 has been on Manners and Respect; whilst sweating the small, yet significant elements that make for a productive and safe school community. We love reporting back on the successes of the term, if we are to continue to build on our successes then it's important to give feedback on areas, some still 'under development'.

For this reason, I would like to draw parents' attention to the areas we would like your support with:

Smartphones and social media have become part of everyday life; they are great when used appropriately with wisdom and caution. But, research shows that smartphones, social media and online gaming are the single biggest contributors to anxiety, mental health issues and social behavioural issues for young people. As such we'd remind parents that our school policy recommends that students do not bring phones to school. If they *are brought in then they must be switched off and out of sight in bags or else they face having them confiscated (only Post-16 students are permitted phones in Post-16 areas)*. We also ask that parents place limits on their child(ren)'s phone activity and frequently vet what they view and experience.

And of course uniform, attendance and punctuality (to school and lessons) remain key focal points, next half term, in our bid to further raise behaviour standards in our school.

**Mr Laryea, Assistant Headteacher**



### Attendance and Punctuality

We wish to work with you and offer help and support, if needed, to help your child attend school. It is vital that all students have excellent attendance at EPHS. Research shows that even a few days of absence can have a negative impact on students' performance. We are committed to working with students and parents/carers to achieve our overall attendance target of 97%. At EPHS we value all students and believe they are entitled to an excellent education. As set out in our attendance policy, we will work with families to identify the reasons for poor attendance and try to resolve any difficulties. Early intervention will be a priority. Every school day counts.

As part of our commitment to ensuring the well-being and safety of all students, we request that parents/guardians submit **medical evidence** for any student absences due to medical appointments or extended periods of absences from school. This evidence helps us maintain accurate records and ensure that we are aware of the well being of our students. Additionally, we would like to emphasise the importance of reporting your child's absence on a daily basis. This can be done [our parent portal](#), by emailing [attendance@ephs.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@ephs.ealing.sch.uk) or leaving a voicemail on the absence line.

### Attendance last week:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
<b>94.7%</b> <i>(up 0.1%)</i>	<b>96.2%</b> <i>(up 2.3%)</i>	<b>95.4%</b> <i>(up 0.4%)</i>	<b>92.6%</b> <i>(up 0.6%)</i>	<b>95.1%</b> <i>(up 2.4%)</i>	<b>93.4%</b> <i>(up 0.2%)</i>	<b>83.1%</b> <i>(down 1.9%)</i>

Students should leave home with plenty of time to get to school on time and are expected to arrive **on school site** by 8:40am each morning, so that they are able to be in their tutor rooms at 8:45am when the registers are taken. On occasion, unavoidable lateness will happen and please inform the attendance team if this is the case. Students arriving late to school without communication from parents/carers that is authorised by the school will result in a same day lunchtime detention and a notification will be sent in all cases of lateness. Punctuality is monitored closely and plays a crucial role in students' achievement. Persistently late students will trigger additional monitoring.

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. Please also provide supporting medical evidence for all appointments.

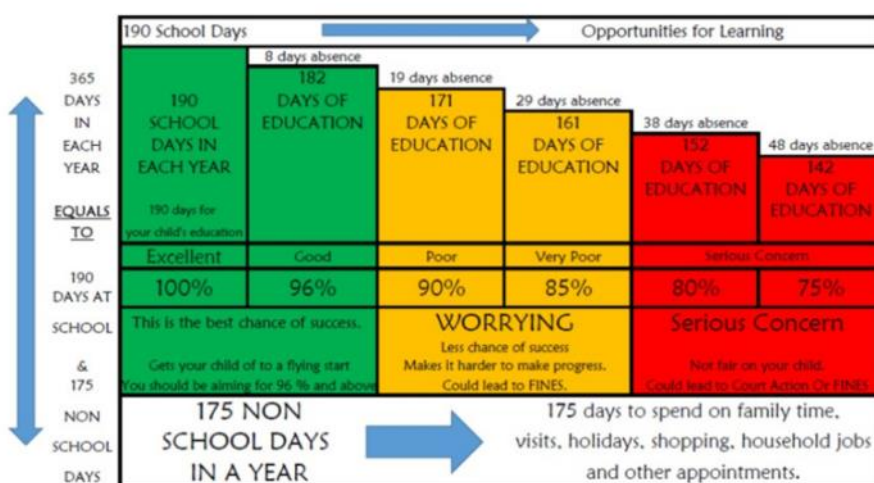
### Lateness reduces learning time

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year, that's 15 lessons missed
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day adds up to 2 weeks absence a year, that's 50 lessons missed
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day adds up to 19 days absence a year, that's 95 lessons missed

### 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 Leave of Absence 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**



Please help us to help you. If you are worried about your child's school attendance, then staff are available at school and within the local authority who can help and support you. Gaps in education can mean your child will not reach their full potential.