



# ELTHORNE PARK

## HIGH SCHOOL

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### Message from the Headteacher

Although this is another relatively short half-term, it's an exceptionally busy one for us here at Elthorne. Our Year 11s and Year 13s are now over half way through their PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations) and our teachers are already working hard to mark these in order to return them to the students in good time. A reminder that we have two early closes for marking and moderation of PPEs on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March (12:30pm finish). This half term we also have our Awards Evening for Years 11, 12 and 13 on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, our Spring Term Wider Opportunities Day on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and the Shakespeare Festival on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. There are also some fantastic reward trips planned between now and the end of term for students who we feel have really demonstrated our school values, the 5Ps: Proud, Prepared, Principled, Persevere, Participate. In my message last Friday I completely forgot to thank Mr Reyes and the members of staff who led a very successful A-Level Spanish/Geography trip to Valencia with Years 12 & 13 at the beginning of February half term. I'm so grateful to our staff who give up so much of their time to organise such a brilliant range of trips for our students. So many great memories are made on trips like the Valencia visit and I know that the students are already excitedly preparing for the ski trip to the French Alps at Easter.

Make sure that you take a look at the [programme of activities](#) for World Book Day later in this newsletter. There's a lot going on in the library - please encourage your children to get involved!

With all good wishes,

**Mr Wong, Headteacher**

### Parent Workshop - Social Media

On **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 5pm to 6pm** the school along with our Safer Schools Officer will be running a workshop to support parents to understand how to support their child to be safe online. [Please sign up](#) if you would like to attend.

**Ms Reeves, Deputy Headteacher**

### Uniform Shop

The final opening date for the on-site shop for collection will be Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The last date for submitting orders online is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. You will be able to order through [Juniper](#) and [School Bells](#) from 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Finance Team**

### 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. All Autumn & Spring Term progress reports are available to download from the app and you can also keep an eye on your child's attendance in the attendance tab.

**Mr Ryan, School Operations Manager**



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### Dates For the Diary

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*Yr11/Yr13 PPEs continue*

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*School closes @ 12:30pm*

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*Year 8 HPV Immunisations*

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*Yr11, 12 & 13 Awards Evening*

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*School closes @ 12:30pm*

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*Wider Opportunities Day*

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*Shakespeare Festival @ 7pm*

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*End of Spring Term  
School closes @ 12:30pm*



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**School Book Fair and World Book Day tokens**

A huge thank you to all our students and families who supported the School Book Fair this week. It was great to see students excited to find a new book for themselves or a family member. We are finalising the totals but early estimates indicate that we will be able to buy over £200 worth of new books for the school. Thank you!

Students can still collect World Book Day tokens this week ahead of **World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** which can be used to get £1 off a new book until 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Ms Martino, Senior Librarian**

**Hay fever/ Allergy season**

Hay fever season is soon approaching, if your child suffers from hay fever please make sure non-drowsy medication is given before school. Welfare will not be able to give students medication while in school or send students home if they have forgotten to take medication.

Many thanks

**Ms Walters, Welfare Officer**

**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 half term and are also 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. 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.

**Mr Kelley, Associate Deputy Headteacher**

**Information from our Safer Schools Officer**

Please can we request that if your child is the victim of a crime that a report is made **to the police** at the earliest opportunity as recently we have been only been made aware of a number of incidents by the school. It is essential that the school is made aware of an incident as it may have an impact on their ability to safeguard your child but if you delay reporting an incident to police it can have an impact on the investigation and lead to valuable evidence being lost.

You can report an incident to police in a number of ways.

- If it's an emergency and the crime is still taking place, call 999 and ask for the police.
- If it's not an emergency, do not call 999. This doesn't mean the crime is not important to us it just helps the police to make the best use of their resources. In this instance please contact 101 or please [report the incident online](#).
- You can go to your local police station in Acton or Hayes to report the crime there.
- If you have information regarding a crime and don't want to talk in person to the police you can contact Crimestoppers online or call 0800 555 111. You will remain 100% anonymous - always.

If you would like any further information then please do not hesitate to get in touch with your local Safer Schools Team who would be happy to help.

**PS Chrissy Harvey, Ealing Safer Schools - West Area BCU**

## 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

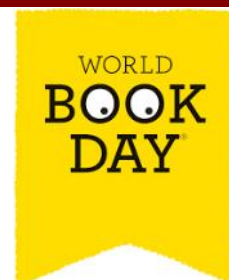
***“The best way to  
guarantee a loss  
is to quit”***

*(Morgan Freeman)*





# EPHS celebrates World Book Day 2024 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March



From **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**, we are celebrating our love of reading at EPHS! We are proud to be a Reading School and World Book Day 2024's message is one we strongly believe in — **read your way**. Children deserve the choice and chance to read whatever gives them pleasure and there is a book or story for everyone. Students will be given their free **£1 tokens** - do come to the library if you haven't received yours.

On **Monday**, we kick off by launching our **Manga and Comic Art competition**. To celebrate our students' love of manga and anime, we invite you to share your passion and talent by drawing or painting your favourite character. We can't wait to see your entries. Enter by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**. Open to all years. One entry per person. Prizes include a trip to Forbidden Planet! Winners announced before the Easter holidays.



Are you a Star Baker? On **Tuesday**, it's time for the **Great Book Bake Off!** Find inspiration from a favourite story or character and bring your sweet or savoury book-themed creations to the library before school. Our expert panel of judges will taste and pick the winners at lunchtimes. Please label your entries with any allergens. Open to all years. On your marks, get set, bake!

On **Wednesday**, come and try the **Northern Lights Escape Room**. Do you know your dæmons from your dust, your alethiometer from your armoured bear? You have 25 minutes to solve the clues, open the locks and escape from the library! Open to all years. If you think you have what it takes, come to the library at lunchtime on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** in your team (max 6) to take part in a qualifying quiz! Places are limited so set a reminder!



Running all week in form-time - **Guess the Book quizzes**. Test your knowledge to win WBD prizes for your form! **Book swap** on **Thursday** lunchtime in the library and playground. Bring in a book from home which you've read and would like to pass on to someone else. If you just want to pick up something new, come along and you might find your next favourite read!



Your **World Book Day tokens** can be swapped for one of the £1 books or used to get £1 off a book of your choice at the **Book Fair in school from 26<sup>th</sup> February** or in bookshops including Waterstones, WH Smith and participating supermarkets until 31<sup>st</sup> March. For more information, ask in the library or visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>  
**What will you choose?**



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

Year 7 have made a great start to Spring Term 2 with lots of productive lessons and our first interform of the half-term already ticked off. Over the next few weeks 7O and 7R will be focusing on their charity project, an Easter raffle set to take place during the last week of the half-term. If you have any donations which would make suitable prizes for a year 7 child, please please bring them in to the schools reception. As ever your support is hugely appreciated. 7T & 7H did a phenomenal job with their sweet sale raising over £250 in 2 minutes, the speed with which the year group left their Period 1 lesson and descended on the sale was truly something to behold!



The year 7 rugby team produced some hard fought and skilful performances in their recent tournament, defeating both Ealing Fields and West London Free School. Both spirits and mud levels were high! As mentioned, our latest competition took place before the break and huge congratulations go out to 7R who triumphed in our marathon event. Next up is our Spelling Bee on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

You can find a schedule of extra-curricular activities on Evolve but should you have questions about the programme or anything else please do not hesitate to contact the year team.

**Mr Bardsley and the Year 7 Team****Year 8**

Year 8s have been doing so well this half term! I have to give a special shout out to 8O – 0 behaviour points at the time of writing this! As a collective, they have been incredible and their cover form tutor, Ms Elias, has only be singing their praise. 8N have also been amazing! They showed me that as a collective, they can be trusted. We had an emergency absence and they were so well behaved and patient until I arrived. We are currently in final discussions for organising the final details for the residential and we will soon set very clear expectations on the trip. As mentioned in the original expression of interest letter, attendance on this trip is dependant on behaviour so we will be monitoring behaviour carefully.

On another note, as puberty starts to fully kick in for most of our students, we are noticing that a few students are pushing some boundaries. Please could you keep having regular conversations with them about being respectful and managing healthy relationships with peers and with our professionals. Most students are INCREDIBLY polite, so please do praise this. Our year 8s have so much potential, but these next 2 years are very important to ensure they keep on the right path.

And finally, a reminder that the immunisation team will be visiting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March to administer the HPV vaccination to Year 8 students. If you haven't already, please [read the letter from the team](#) which explains what the vaccinations is and how to provide consent. Consent must be provided online [via the NHS consent platform](#). If you do not wish your child to have this vaccination you must also complete the form and indicate this. If you have any issues with the platform or with providing consent, please contact the immunisation team on 020 3958 4181 or [via email](#) for advice.

**Mr Reyes and the Year 8 Team****Year 9**

A really positive start to Spring Term 2 for Year 9, they have been prepared with their uniform, taking responsibility with the changes to movement around the school site and being punctual to their lessons. We are continuing to drive punctuality to school, please ensure your child leaves home with enough time to ensure they arrive on school grounds for 8:40am.

I am delighted to share in the sporting success of the girls and boys football team. Congratulations to Leila, Caylie, Meredith and Zach for their various achievements in sport and dance at a national and district level. As a year team we love to hear about students' achievements, so please do share with your child's tutor and year team.

I know there are lots of questions around options and what is happening, I'd like to reassure you that the options website is due to go live the week after next. The website will have many of the answers you are seeking and give you a complete overview of the process so keep an eye on emails/newsletters for further information. Students will also be receiving an assembly in the coming weeks from Mr Kelley to provide them with more information.

**Mr Sykes and the Year 9 Team**

**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>95.0%</b> <i>(up 1.1%)</i>	<b>96.0%</b> <i>(up 1.7%)</i>	<b>95.6%</b> <i>(up 0.9%)</i>	<b>93.4%</b> <i>(up 3.6%)</i>	<b>96.5%</b> <i>(up 3.2%)</i>	<b>94.5%</b> <i>(up 3.9%)</i>	<b>80.3%</b> <i>(down 2.6%)</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.

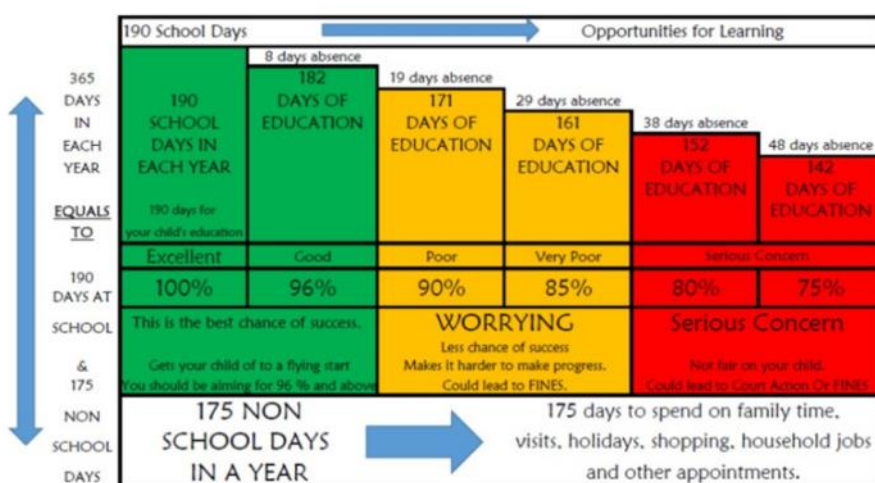
**Lateness reduces learning time**

- 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.