



ELTHORNE PARK

HIGH SCHOOL

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Message from the Headteacher

We are eagerly looking forward to some exciting events taking place next week. Our spring Wider Opportunities Day (EWOD) takes place on Tuesday and my colleagues have planned a varied, enriching and informative programme of activities for our students. Please note the slightly later start for Year 8 students who will begin their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities once the year groups heading off site for the day have departed.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
London Zoo Science Museum	STEM workshops and Planetarium	Options taster Day	Preparing for Work Experience	Phasels Wood Outdoor Activity	Escape Room Lee Valley (PE & Sport) PE / Sport	Student Finance and Preparing for Adulthood
Arrive at school 9:30am	Arrive at school 10:10am	Arrive at school 8:45am	Arrive at school 8:45am	Arrive at school 8:30am	arrive at school 8:30am	Arrive at school 8:45am

On Wednesday we have our Shakespeare Festival at 7pm in the hall with tickets available on the door. Tickets are £3 for adults and £2 for students/concessions. The students have put so much work into the rehearsals and we hope that many parents and carers will join us for what promises to be a memorable evening.

A reminder that Thursday 28th March is the last day of the Spring Term and we finish at 12:30pm. The last day will be a non-uniform day, with students asked to bring a donation of £1.50 to support the work of St. Ann's School. The summer term will begin on Monday 15th April at 8:40am.

With all good wishes,
Mr Wong, Headteacher

Parent Workshop - Social Media

On **Monday 25th 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

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. Over 1,000 parents have already logged on - please email 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. Results from BTEC public examinations sat in January are now available to view in the app and Year 11/Year 13 Spring reports will be available next week.

Mr Ryan, School Operations Manager



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Dates For the Diary

Tuesday 26th March 2024
Wider Opportunities Day

Wednesday 27th March 2024
Shakespeare Festival @ 7pm

Thursday 28th March 2024
*End of Spring Term
School closes @ 12:30pm*

Monday 15th April 2024
School resumes @ 8:40am

Tuesday 16th April 2024
Yr10 PPEs commence

W/B Monday 29th April 2024
*Yr11 MFL Speaking Exams
Yr11 Art & Graphics Exams*

Thursday 2nd May 2024
Yr9 Online Parents Evening



Uniform Shop

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the uniform shop will be closed this Saturday 23rd March. We apologise for any inconvenience. Uniform that has been ordered and not yet collected, can be picked up from school reception on Monday between 10am - 4:30pm. You can either collect in person or your child can collect. Please ensure all uniform is collected by the end of term 28th March 2024.

Finance Team**Uniform Reminders**

It's been refreshing having the senior leadership team support year teams with uniform checks. We have seen a marked improvement with the vast majority of our students wearing their uniform with pride - Proud being one of our core values. Thank you for your continued support in this area. Our uniform policy remains: Lanyards must be worn and on show at all times, shirts must be tucked in at all times, skirts must be worn to knee length, trousers must be tailored uniform style (not skin-tight or flared), trainers are not permitted, bracelets are not permitted, nor are hooped earrings or visible make-up. A reminder that our school uniform policy is in place in order to ensure students are prepared for the wider world in which there will be professional standards like these for them to adhere to in whatever path they choose to take.

Mr Laryea, Assistant Headteacher

Eco Club Events

We have been planting up areas in school this Spring with blueberries and strawberries and we've had great success with Spring flowers already. Trees for Cities/Schools will be with us next week to prepare new green spaces in school ready for planting the week beginning 26th March. If your child would like to take part in a planting session on Thursday or to find out more about helping to make the school site greener, please see Ms Harvey or Ms Martino

Ms Martino, Senior Librarian

UCAS update

So far this year we have submitted 170 UCAS applications for our Year 13 students. Students have been receiving exciting offers from a range of Russell Group universities. Students are keen to start marking their firm and insurance choices. Please ensure that they speak to a member of the Sixth Form team before making their selections. We are encouraging them to wait until they have received their latest PPE grades next week. On Tuesday 26th March, as part of our EWOD programme, students will receive a session on student finance. The majority of the application will need to be completed at home with parents/carers, however we will share resources with students/parents when the applications open at the end of March. We will be continuing to support students who are making applications to apprenticeships. If you feel your child needs support, please contact a member of the team.

We are now starting our UCAS programme for our Year 12 students. Last Tuesday we launched our early entry programme for students interested in applying to any course at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, or for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry. At the beginning of the Summer term, students will meet weekly with members of the UCAS team to start preparing their applications for the October deadline. We will do an official launch for all students on Monday 22nd April and will start supporting students to actively start looking at different university options and preparing their UCAS applications in their PSHE lessons. Please start talking to your child about what they might want to do next year and whether there are any university open days that they would like to attend before the end of Year 12.

Ms Ervin, Director of Sixth Form

Student Academic Year 2023 - 2024

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

Summer/ 1

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May

Half-Term

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Summer / 2

Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July

Summer Holiday

Thursday 25th July onwards

Student Academic Year 2024 - 2025

Autumn 2024

Autumn/1

Monday 2nd September - Wednesday 23rd October

Half-Term

Thursday 24th October - Friday 1st November

Autumn/2

Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December

Christmas Holiday

Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January

Thought of the Week

“Ramadan is not only about fasting. It is about patience, sympathy, humanity, love, forgiveness and remembrance.”



News from Key Stage 4:**Year 10**

As we approach the end of this term we have been very impressed with the amount of students continuing to uphold our expectations around school. At a time where a lot of them are tired and thoughts are moving to the upcoming PPE examinations at Easter this has been great to see.

We are aware that a lot of students are already preparing themselves for their PPE's and revision is already well underway. For anyone looking for further information or support with revision strategies then we encourage visiting the *Academic support and Revision page of our school website*. Here you will find information about different revision strategies as well as topics to focus on. We also strongly encourage students to speak with their classroom teachers about anything they are uncertain about or any gaps they may have in their learning due to previous absence.

We hope you have an enjoyable Easter break and thank you for your support as always.

Ms Maddox and the Year 10 Team

Year 11

We're excitedly looking forward to Tuesday's trip to Phasels Wood, which the majority of the year group are attending. We have a number of exciting activities planned for students and they are sure to thoroughly enjoy themselves. A reminder that students should dress practically/appropriately for the day, we will be outside so students should wear comfortable clothing that they don't mind getting dirty. I'd also recommend checking the weather forecast in case of rain. Students will also need to bring a packed lunch as they will not be able to purchase anything on the day.

On Monday I had the privilege of attending the Awards Evening for Year 11, 12 & 13. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate many of the students within the year group and the valuable contributions they have made to our school community. We also had some excellent musical performances during the ceremony, showcasing the talents within Year 11. Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who were able to attend in support of our students.

As we approach the Easter holidays we recommend that students dedicate time to revision ahead of the GCSE exams in May, however they should also ensure they take the time to exercise, get outside and socialise with friends and family. This will help students avoid burnout ahead of the exams beginning.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mr Simmonds and the Year 11 team

News from Key Stage 5:**Year 12**

The year team is looking forward to our EWOD day on Tuesday 26th March at the escape room in central London. It should be a great opportunity for team building and working together. Students not attending must be in school.

After Easter we will be discussing post-18 options and the holidays may provide an opportunity to discuss next steps with your young adult. Do they want to go to University or begin a degree apprenticeship? Will they look for employment and/or have a gap year? Do encourage your child to begin to look at prospectuses and really begin to think about their future. These are challenging decisions to make so the more preparation the better.

I hope you have a relaxing holiday and Happy Easter and Eid Ul-Fitir if you are celebrating.

Ms Trueman and the Year 12 Team

Year 13

I can't believe it is already near the end of the Spring term. This year has gone so fast and I couldn't be prouder of the year group. This week we had the Year 11, 12 and 13 awards evening and I felt quite emotional awarding our Year 13s. They really have worked hard and deserve the recognition.

With only 4.5 days to go of this term and then just over 4 weeks in the Summer Term, Year 13 needs to ensure they are in 100% and attend **EVERY** lesson. Not all content has been taught plus many subjects will be moving onto revision on top of the feedback lessons from the PPEs. It is vital students take on board the advice from the teachers and focus their revision appropriately. EWOD day is going to be an important day for Year 13 as there will be workshops focused on Student Finance (how to apply!) and looking after your mental health. Year 13 must be there as they need to know this information.

Keep going Year 13 - you've got this!

Mrs MacDonald and the Year 13 Team



Mobile Phones in School

Over the last few weeks we have had an increasing amount of behavioural incidents linked to mobile phones. Our Behaviour Policy sets out when and how a child can have a mobile phone in school.

The School recommends that students do not bring mobile phones to School. Should students bring their mobile phone to School, it is under the following strict conditions:

- *Mobile phones must be switched off and out of sight kept in student bags during the school day whilst on school premises; this also applies to break and lunch time*
- *Mobiles are only permitted to be used by students once they have left the school site*
- *The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phone*
- *Sixth form students are permitted to use mobile telephones in School but only in the designated areas of the sixth form study rooms and the sixth form café area or when given express permission in lessons.*

Students using mobile phones or wearing earbuds or headphones will have them confiscated and forwarded to their Year Leader; students will be issued a Level 1 detention by the confiscating member of staff.

Mobile phones will be returned at the end of the school day from the Year office, following student attendance at their Level 1 detention. Persistent failure to comply with the mobile phone policy may result in phones being held for a longer period of time and/or an increased sanction.

Students may only be given permission to use mobile phones/headphones by their teacher in some lessons i.e. Music lessons or MFL lessons where listening activities take place or sixth form lessons. Teachers must give express permission to students in these circumstances.

Videeing of students or staff is a serious breach of the School's behaviour & child protection and safeguarding policies. Any student found to have carried out such actions will *be issued a high level sanction*.

We are also aware of the growing concerns around the use of social media and the impact this has on mental health. Whilst there are many positives for using social media and mobile phones we ask parents to remind their child or children of the risks surrounding the incorrect use of modern technology.

Ms Reeves, Deputy Headteacher

Year 10 Pre-Public Examination (PPEs)

The Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) will run from Tuesday 16th April to Friday 26th April 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 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 Summer PPE series provides a useful and important opportunity for your child to experience GCSE style examinations in the hall. For further general 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
Revision lists and key information KS3 KS4 KS5		
<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 & 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



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 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
94.7% <i>(down 0.4%)</i>	94.8% <i>(down 1.0%)</i>	95.2% <i>(up 0.1%)</i>	94.6% <i>(up 2.4%)</i>	93.0% <i>(down 2.0%)</i>	90.0% <i>(down 0.4%)</i>	82.8% <i>(up 7.9%)</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.

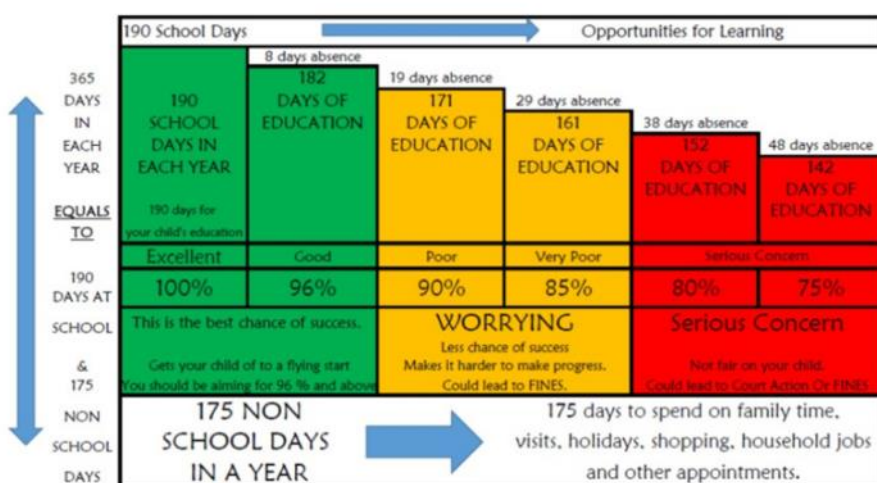
Lateness reduces learning time

- 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.

Elthorne Park High School
presents...
The 2024
Shakespeare Festival



Help us
celebrate
World
Theatre
Day!

- ★ *KS3-5 students will perform extracts from a range of Shakespeare plays.*
- ★ *Featuring an abridged version of **Romeo & Juliet** performed by the Year 10 Drama GCSE ensemble.*

When: Wednesday 27th March, 7pm

(Doors open at 6.30pm)

Where: The Main School Hall

(Including a 20 minute interval with refreshments provided by the PTFA)

Tickets: £2 Students/Concessions £3 Adults

