



# ELTHORNE PARK

## HIGH SCHOOL

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN A LEARNING COMMUNITY



### Message from the Headteacher

We have had an extraordinarily busy and productive term with lots of hard work, enjoyment and, as usual, many of our students preparing hard for their summer exams. The students of all ages and year groups have done exceptionally well and are, I hope, looking forward to the holiday and then the summer term. However, as you may be aware, I'm stepping down from Headship in July and this has meant that our Governing Body has worked through a rigorous and exacting process to appoint my successor. In relation to that process which concluded this week, here is a message from the Chair of Governors:

*I am writing to share some exciting news regarding the leadership of our school. Following an extensive and thorough selection process, I am delighted to inform you that **Steve Ward** has been appointed as the new Headteacher of Elthorne Park High School. This decision reflects the confidence and trust that Governors have in Steve's leadership abilities, his values, and his vision for our school's future. In his current post as one of our Deputy Headteachers he has shown an unwavering commitment to our school's ethos and principles, to our students' success, to the development and support of our staff and to the overall well-being of our school community. The Governing Body was unanimous in its decision that Steve is the right person to build upon the successes achieved under Eliot's leadership and to guide our school community into an exciting new chapter.*

*I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Steve on this well-deserved appointment, and I would encourage you all to join me in offering him our full support as he transitions into his new role. I have every confidence that under his guidance, and with the amazing work of our school leaders and staff, Elthorne Park High School will continue to thrive and reach new heights of success.*

*Joe Voelcker, Chair of Governors*

Now, I would also like to add my voice to the chorus of congratulations to Steve. Having worked closely with him for several years I am very pleased that he has been recognised as an exceptional leader and come September I look forward to hearing about his and the school's successes for years to come! In the meantime, I hope that you and your families will enjoy some nice weather over the next two weeks and we'll see your children back at school, refreshed and ready to learn on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Have a Happy Easter, Happy Eid, Happy Vaisakhi or, more simply, have a Happy holiday.

**Mr 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. Over 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. Yr10 Summer PPE timetables & Yr12 BTEC timetables are now available to view in the app along with the Year 11 & Year 13 Spring Progress reports.

**Mr Ryan, School Operations Manager**



### Inside this issue

- [Message from the Headteacher](#)
- [Parent App/Portal](#)
- [Uniform Reminders](#)
- [Yr10 Pre-Public Examinations](#)
- [Medication in school](#)
- [News from Key Stage 3](#)
- [News from Key Stage 4](#)
- [News from Key Stage 5](#)
- [Attendance & Punctuality Updates](#)

### Dates For the Diary

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

School resumes @ 8:40am  
Yr12 Geography Residential Trip

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Yr10 PPEs commence

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Yr11 GCSE Music NEAs

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Yr12 German Exchange

**W/B Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Yr11 MFL Speaking Exams  
Yr11 Art & Graphics Exams

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

Yr9 Online Parents Evening

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Bank Holiday

**W/B Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Yr11 MFL Speaking Exams  
Yr13 Art & Graphics Exams



@ephsofficial



@elthorneHighSch

-

<https://www.ephs.ealing.sch.uk>

-

(020) 8566 1166

### 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**

### Year 10 Pre-Public Examination (PPEs)

The Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) will run from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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, were issued this week to students. If your child was absent, then they and you can view these [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 .

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 Easter break to check that your child has all of the equipment listed above.

**Mr Kelley, Associate Deputy Headteacher**

### Medication in school

A reminder that if your child is required to take any medication that is not part of a medical healthcare plan which we are aware of, this will need to be given at home before attending school or on arrival home at the end of the school day. Per our policy, if medication is required at school, this will only be given as detailed in the student's *healthcare plan*, and when a *medication consent form* is completed. *If there is a short-term need parents/carers should contact the school to discuss and the medication consent form must still be completed.*

This allows our busy welfare team to best support the students who need welfare support. This does not affect students who can carry Inhalers and EpiPens in their School bags as per their medical healthcare plan.

**Mr Laryea, Assistant Headteacher**

## Student Academic Year 2023 - 2024

### 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 Term 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

### Spring Term 2025

#### Spring/1

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

#### Half-Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

#### Spring/2

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

#### Easter Holiday

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

## Thought of the Week

***"The beautiful spring came,  
and when nature resumes  
her loveliness the human  
soul is apt to revive also"***

*(Harriet Jacobs)*





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

3 fantastic trips and a celebration assembly! More after the Easter holidays, but needless to say we are very proud of how hard every single member of the year group has worked and they deserve a good break!



**Mr Bardsley and the Year 7 Team**

**Year 8**

Earlier this week, we were looking at photos from year 7 - our students have grown so much and some voices are even starting to change now! As personalities develop, we have really seen quite a few shine! We have also seen some students show some changes in their personalities which they are finding difficult so we need to keep working together to keep them on the right path and guide them.

We had quite a short but exciting half term. Last week we took students out on a rewards trip to foot golf which although muddy, they seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed. We also had EWOD - a planetarium projection was set up in the sports hall and they had a really exciting lesson on making water rockets - the students were so engaged! My favourite thing to observe earlier this week was the year 8s helping the organisation Trees for Schools plant some plants around the school site! My classroom is full of greenery, so I was thrilled to know that Ms Harvey and the Eco Club were able to make this happen for us at EPHS and to see the year 8s helping out!



We have 2 weeks of holiday now. Once again, things to look out for: Social media interactions (I will be mentioning this until the end of year 11), the uniform policy to ensure students are proud to wear our uniform and represent the school and news on attendance week. Next term is going to be so exciting as the PGL residential approaches!

**Mr Reyes and the Year 8 Team**

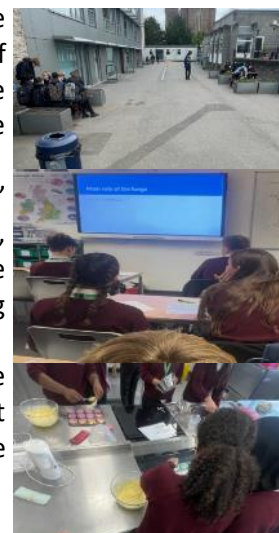
**Year 9**

As we approach the two-thirds stage of Year 9, I share some images of the playground beginning to show the first signs of spring. Students are making the most of the newly re-arranged playground and showing levels of maturity by sitting around and enjoying the calm and greener spaces we have on our school site. Whilst the process is ongoing to make the playground less grey, it is great to see students using and appreciating the development.

Tuesday was EWOD day and students were brilliant all day! For Year 9 students their day involved 'tasting' subjects that they might want to select as part of their GCSE studies. They approached the day with enthusiasm, passion and a curiosity to learn more about their future education. I visited many sessions and students were engaged, asking questions and curious about their subjects. We now move to the process of students making their GCSE choices for more information, please see the [GCSE options website](#).

We look forward to welcoming the year group back on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and as is always the case we will be double checking uniforms. Please ensure your child has a full school uniform and a reminder that hoodies are not allowed and will be confiscated. The holidays are also a great time to restock your child's pencil case and ensure they have a calculator for their maths lessons.

**Mr Sykes and the Year 9 Team**



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

This week saw another EWOD day here at EPHS and our year 10 cohort had the opportunity to wow some external visitors with their job interview skills. It was so great to see how many of them enjoyed the experience and threw themselves into it. Some of them even dressed to impress for the occasion!

We are rapidly approaching the PPE series for our year 10 students and as I mentioned previously we are aware a lot of them have already begun their revision for these. Just a reminder that for anyone looking for further information or support with revision strategies that 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 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**

It's been a fantastic final week, with the highlight being the Phasels Wood trip on Tuesday. Thankfully the weather was kind to us for the majority of the day and the students really enjoyed the opportunity to complete the range of activities offered in the sunshine. The students made us very proud with their behaviour and attitude throughout the day, with the activity leaders telling us what a positive impression they had made on them in a short space of time. We are sharing the Year 11 reports based on the recent PPE's today via email and [on our parent/student portal](#). In the report, you will also find a link to our [general GCSE/A-Level & BTEC timetable](#) for this summer. We wish everyone a restful break, and look forward to seeing students on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April as they start the final term of Yr11. Thanks for your continued support.

**Mr Simmonds and the Year 11 Team**

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

Year 12 have had a great term since Christmas and are really growing into truly compassionate, and conscientious global citizens. We have a number of students volunteering their time to help younger students as part of Elthorne service, the MVP mentoring project, reading and maths mentors and taking part in the Brilliant Club. I am so proud that so many of our students are so involved in the school community.

Year 12 students went on a Geography and Spanish trip in February and it was one of the best school trips I have ever been on! This week we have had students on rewards trips and had a wonderful day out at the escape room. The winning team was Marlie, Amy, Poppie, Eva and Dorian who escaped in 49m 15s - a super fast time!

**Ms Trueman and the Year 12 Team**

**Year 13**

I can't believe that Yr13 have finished their last complete term at EPHS. Where has the time and term gone?! We've welcomed 2024 and a leap year, had the final set of PPEs, UCAS deadlines & applications, exams for the BTEC students AND an awards evening, celebration assembly, a rewards trip AND EWOD! All of this in one term and the Year 13s and have done us all so proud.

When students return on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April they will have 20 school days left. That's right, just 20 school days! This means 100% attendance and punctuality will be imperative as the students finish their subject courses, coursework and revision lessons in preparation for the Final Summer Exams! We are sharing the Year 13 reports based on the recent PPE's today via email and [on our parent/student portal](#). In the report, you will also find a link to our [general GCSE/A-Level & BTEC timetable](#) for this summer.

We have our FINAL assembly together as a Year group on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May so ALL students should be in attendance (including BTEC students) as we say our final goodbyes before the students go on study leave. It will be a very special leavers assembly so I hope we have 100% attendance that day and please remind your young person to bring their shirts in to sign!

The Year 13 Team and I wish you all the very best during the holidays as you take time to relax and recuperate (as well as some revision for the exams!). Let's hope the Sun comes out to shine for us all!

All the best,

**Mrs Macdonald and the Year 13 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>94.5%</b> <i>(down 0.2%)</i>	<b>94.5%</b> <i>(down 0.3%)</i>	<b>96.0%</b> <i>(up 0.8%)</i>	<b>94.8%</b> <i>(up 0.2%)</i>	<b>93.6%</b> <i>(up 0.6%)</i>	<b>90.7%</b> <i>(up 0.7%)</i>	<b>81.7%</b> <i>(down 1.1%)</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.

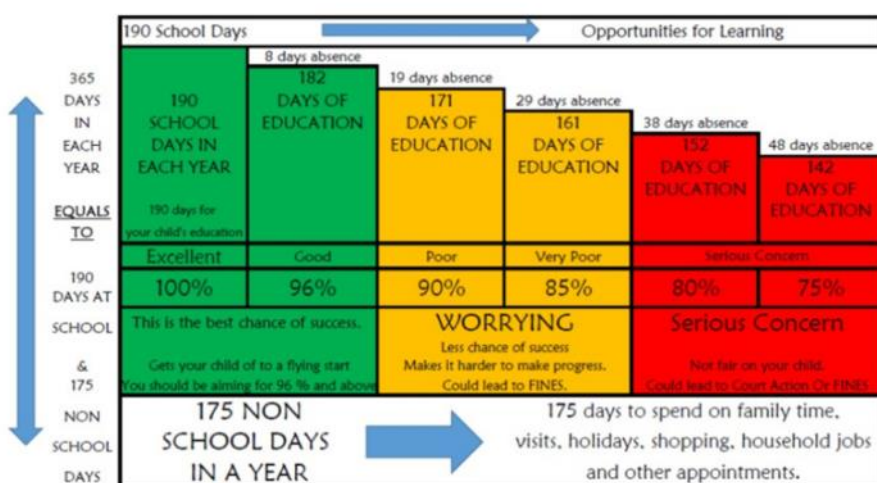
**Lateness reduces learning time**

- 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.