



# ELTHORNE PARK

## HIGH SCHOOL

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### Message from the Headteacher

First of all I would like to praise our Year 10 students for the way that they have approached their PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations) this week. This is their first experience of hall-based exams and their positivity, behaviour and commitment to their studies have been exemplary.

Now that Spring is in the air and everyone's thoughts are turning to the future and the promise of new growth, Steve Ward has asked me to thank the parents who have reached out to him to offer their congratulations on his recent appointment to the role of Headteacher from September. Steve will be a great appointment and many of you will know him already from his work as Deputy Headteacher. He will be introducing himself to our students [in a message to them today](#). Later this term I know that he'll be seeking the views of staff, students and parents as to what you'd all like to see at Elthorne in the future.

With all good wishes,

**Mr Wong, Headteacher**

### Student Travel News

The student TFL pioneers are busy planning their active travel campaigns and competitions to reduce students school travel carbon emissions. Based on current data this has been estimated to be 102,296g of CO2 emissions per day. The students campaigns which will be shared in the parent newsletters and tutor times are looking to reduce our CO2 emissions by increasing active travel modes such as cycling, walking or park and stride. The student TFL pioneers are asking parents to support their child in more sustainable and active ways of travelling to school. More details will be shared in future newsletters.

**Mr Sykes (Staff TFL Pioneer)**

### Summer Extracurricular Timetable

We have updated a handful of extracurricular clubs on evolve to reflect the change to our summer activities in the PE department. Football and netball clubs run by the PE team will no longer take place this term, having been replaced by athletics, cricket and rounders. Paid clubs such as Brentford FC football and SUPA basketball will continue as normal, with parents able to sign their child up for this term on ParentPay. All clubs will now run until 28<sup>th</sup> June, with no after school clubs taking place in July due to the number of events and activities taking place in the last few weeks of the school year.

**Mr Simmonds, Associate Senior Leader**

### 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.

**Mr Ryan, School Operations Manager**



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### Dates For the Diary

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**

*Yr10 PPEs continue*

**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*

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

*GCSE Public examinations commence*



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**Behaviour update**

As we start to think about what the next academic year will look like, we pause to reflect on what's worked well so far this year and, at the same time, consider where we need to improve. Whilst hearing from various stakeholders it's encouraging to hear positive feedback on behaviour. Our data, teachers and year teams identify that attendance and punctuality are on a positive incline.

We want to see this positive trend through to the end of the year, so we ask for your continued support in two areas of focus for the summer term. Firstly it goes without saying that we will resume our work to make our uniform something our community is **PROUD** of. So please ensure your child's uniform is as per school policy, and ready for uniform checks on our first day back. Our message remains: ***We want our students to look and feel PROUD in wearing their uniform correctly.*** We expect shirts to be tucked in; trousers to be worn on the waist and appropriate skirts worn at regulation length. Also, lanyards must be worn before entering the school grounds. Trainers are not allowed.

Our second request for your support is for attendance week, which takes place next week. Which student, form and year group will have the best attendance??

**Mr Laryea, Assistant Headteacher**

**GCSE MFL Speaking Exams**

The main GCSE language as well as the heritage language speaking tests will take place between **29<sup>th</sup> April and 8<sup>th</sup> May**. Exact dates and times will be given by the end of next week.

The curriculum language pupils (French, German and Spanish) should continue to prepare for the 'general conversation' element of the test by completing and revision the answers to the typical questions on the google doc that they have been working on since Yr10. Heritage language students (e.g. Polish, Italian and Arabic) will have attended a briefing about the format of the exam on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>. All those entered need to give their chosen theme for the first part of the conversation section to their teacher by Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**Ms Kahan, Faculty Leader - Languages**

**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

***"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."***  
(Nelson Mandela)



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

Two terms have flown by and we are now into our last Year 7 term. This term we have a lot of extra-curricular events going on; our table tennis tournament, charity and inter-form events and our next Elthorne Wider Opportunities Day (EWOD).

Unfortunately last term saw an increase in the number of students who were issued sanctions for failing to complete home learning. A reminder that you can check up on what's been set and other deadlines using your parent account in Satchel One. We are also offering a home learning club every Tuesday after school from 3:10pm - 4:10pm. Should your child need any additional support with home learning please ask them to meet at the Year Office on Tuesday at the end of the school day and we will be happy to help.

**Mr Bardsley and the Year 7 Team**

**Year 8**

Today I was told by Ms Bowler that the Year 8s had the best entry into assembly and overall were the best in terms of being prepared with the correct uniform. It is amazing to hear positive news about the year group and I hope this continues into the rest of the summer term. With regards to uniform standards, a few students have started losing their lanyards and ID cards. If a new one needs to be purchased, there are 2 options: you can pay for a new one on ParentPay, or take the cash into the main school office/reception. A new ID card is £3, a card holder is £1.50, and a new lanyard is also £1.50. Please also note that when buying new trousers, please ensure these are black and are standard trousers. As part of ensuring that students are following our uniform policy, we are not allowing flares or tight trousers. Skirts should also be purchased to be at knee length. This is very clear on our uniform policy and we appreciate your support in this.

With summer on its way, we are hoping for more sun, and a lot of positive news to share in the next few parent newsletters. For now, I can share some plans of taking some class photos with their form tutors before the students grow any taller, and we are all looking forward to the Year 8 PGL trip!

**Mr Reyes and the Year 8 Team**

**Year 9**

A short but important message this week. Please continue to have conversations with your child about their GCSE options. As a school we can continue to offer support and initially your child may want to speak to their form tutor and if they feel they would benefit from further advice/support, then they can seek support from myself in the Year office. I am happy to book a short meeting to discuss with your child if you feel it would be beneficial. As always please contact me via email.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the uniform is the best it has ever been. It has been a pleasure to see students arriving prepared in the morning. As we always strive for even better, equipment could be improved specifically around the articles students may not find lying around the house such as a calculator, protractor, eraser, colouring pencils and a whiteboard pen.

**Mr Sykes and the Year 9 Team**

**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 to students before the break. 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.

**Mr Kelley, Associate Deputy Headteacher**

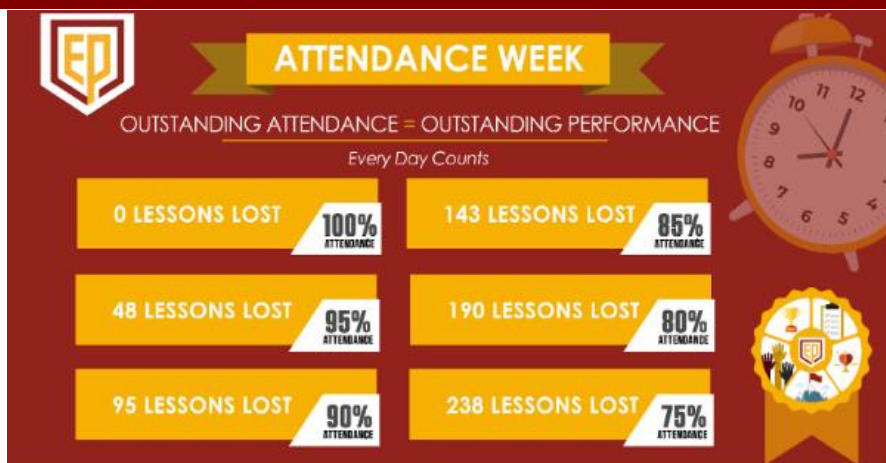


**Attendance Week**

It's Attendance Week next week! We encourage everyone to get involved.

**What it is:** A week when the whole school community has a focus on attendance because research shows that Outstanding attendance = Outstanding academic performance. The aim is to see how close we can get to 100% for the week.

**How can you get involved:** it's easy for the whole of next week please support and encourage your child(ren) to be in school every day. We have big competitions at play, so they have to be in for a chance to win! Also, check out [Ms Mir's Top Tips for attendance](#).



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 through Edulink, by emailing [our dedicated attendance inbox](#) 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>94.1%</b> (down 0.4%)	<b>94.7%</b> (up 0.2%)	<b>96.0%</b> (up 0.0%)	<b>93.9%</b> (down 0.9%)	<b>92.0%</b> (down 1.6%)	<b>86.2%</b> (down 4.5%)	<b>81.0%</b> (down 0.7%)

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 are not in registration by **08:45am**. 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/carers the information they need to support their child more effectively to make the most of each school day.

Students are expected to arrive on school site by 08:40 each morning. On occasion, unavoidable lateness will happen, please inform the school office if this is the case. Students arriving late to school without communication from parents/carers will result in a same day lunchtime detention and a notification will be sent. Punctuality is monitored closely and plays a crucial role in students' achievement. Persistently late students will trigger additional monitoring.

Lateness reduce 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

**Mr Laryea, Assistant Headteacher**

