



Elthorne Park High School

Newsletter

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Dates for the Diary

Thursday 16th September

*School Open Evening
Early Closure for students @
12:20pm*

Friday 17th September

*Late start all students
9:45am*

Friday 17th September

*Headteachers Presentation
3.45pm*

Message from the Headteacher

I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer.

Here at Elthorne we are thrilled to have all year groups back in school for face-to-face teaching. The students have made a superb start to the new academic year and we have been delighted to welcome our fantastic new year 7s to our growing school community. The students have been settling into new routines exceptionally well and have shown a great attitude to learning in lessons. Our testing programme is running extremely smoothly and I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr Ryan, Ms Martino and the whole testing team who have set up our hugely impressive testing centre once again. Fewer than 1% of our student population have tested positive and students who are forced to miss school due to COVID-19 will have classwork shared with them via SMHW at the end of each day.

Despite the busier than usual start to the year it is important that we find time to celebrate our GCSE, A-Level and BTEC successes from the summer. 82% of our year 11 students achieved a good pass in both English and maths, with 63% achieving a strong pass in both, above the average for Ealing and the national average. There were some outstanding individual performances from our year 11s, with 28 students averaging grade 8 or higher and 65 students averaging 7+. Many of these students have continued into our sixth form which is welcoming its largest ever year 12 cohort this September. At A-Level 36% of all grades awarded were at A*/A, with 63% at A*-B. 33% of BTEC level 3 grades were Distinction*. We are absolutely delighted for all our students who will be going off to universities including Oxford, Cambridge and Edinburgh, and a range of exciting apprenticeships.

Our Year Leaders have been talking a great deal to our students about the importance of getting into good routines for the new school year and it is pleasing to see so many students waiting at the gates when they open at 8.35am. Students should remain in the playground areas until the bell sounds at 8.40, at which point they can move to their tutor rooms. From next Tuesday any students who would like to buy breakfast will be able to do so from 8am at the Grab & Go servery near the main school canteen. There will be a member of staff on both the Westlea Road and Vicarage Lane gates who will let any students wishing to buy breakfast through to the servery.

With all good wishes,
Eliot Wong, Headteacher

Show My Homework update

It is great to see so many of our new year 7s already using Show My Homework regularly. A few parents have contacted me asking about how their children can reset passwords and I would encourage any students to follow these 2 steps if they are unable to log in:

1. Sign into Google using your school email address (for year 7s these will all start with 21, then initial, then surname, then @ephs.ealing.sch.uk)
2. Open SMHW in another tab, select our school, leave username/password blank, then click on 'Sign in with Google.'

Kind regards,
Mr Ward, Deputy Headteacher

Open Evening for Prospective Parents

Our annual Open Evening for prospective parents takes place on Thursday 16th September. This year, due to COVID-19 concerns, we have reduced visitor numbers for this event and access is by pre-booked tickets only; these have been available to book through the school's website.

Open Evening Organisation

The school will be open for visitors with tickets from **5:15pm to 8:30pm. The Headteacher's presentations take place at the following times:** 5:30pm, 6:15pm, 7:00pm and 7.45pm in our main hall - C101. Electronic tickets indicate the presentation that you have booked - please show your ticket as you enter the hall. **A bell will ring 5 minutes before each presentation** to remind parents on tours.

We have organised some student friendly presentations for visiting students on the first floor of C block in rooms C208, C210, C212 and C214. Parents are encouraged to drop their children at one of these presentation rooms 5 minutes before they attend the Headteacher's presentation in the main hall and then collect their child from supervising staff in the main playground after the Headteachers presentation.

Student Helpers

We would like to thank students who have offered to support our Open Evening activities and tours, we ask that their signed permission letters are returned to the main office. Letters have been issued by departments/areas where students are supporting. We ask that only students helping who have signed permission letters from parents attend the event.

Students helping are required to attend in full school uniform and arrive at 4:45pm reporting to the area they are supporting for registration. Student tour guides are required to report to Mr Morgan and Ms Curley in the D01 canteen. Students supporting are advised to wear protective face masks in areas where social distancing is not possible. **The event finishes at 8:30pm**, we ask that parents who are collecting their children do so at the main Westlea Road gates.

To support preparation for this important school event we have an early school closure and a slightly later re-opening time the following day:

Early closure Thursday 16th September

Students will have normal lessons from P1-3. Students will be dismissed at 12:20pm. Students entitled to FSM can collect their lunch from the main dining hall.

Later opening Friday 17th September

The school will reopen at the slightly later time of 9:45am on Friday 17th September. Students will go straight to their tutor period and will then follow their normal timetable from 10:00am.

Additional Headteacher Presentations

For those prospective parents and students who could not access tickets for our main Open Evening, Mr Wong will be running some additional Headteacher presentations after school on the following dates:

Friday 17th, Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th September starting at 4:30pm.

Again access to these is by ticket only bookable through the main school website. These sessions will be Headteacher presentation and Q&A opportunities for prospective parents but do not involve tours of the school.

Once again we would like to thank all of our student helpers who make this event such an enjoyable and special occasion.

Mr White, Deputy Headteacher



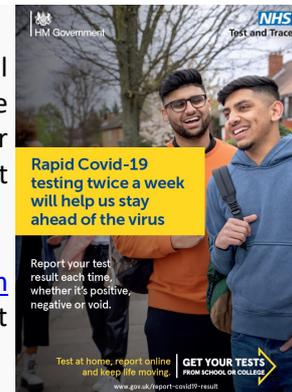
Student Academic Year
2021 - 2022

Autumn Term 2021**Autumn/1**Friday 3rd September - Wednesday 20th October**Half-Term**Thursday 21st October - Friday 29th October**Autumn/2**Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December**Christmas Holiday**Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd January**Spring Term 2022****Spring/1**Tuesday 4th January - Friday 11th February**Half-Term**Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February**Spring/2**Monday 21st February - Friday 1st April**Easter Holiday**Monday 4th April - Monday 18th April**Summer Term 2022****Summer /1**Tuesday 19th April - Friday 27th May**Half-Term**Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June**Summer /2**Monday 16th June - Friday 22nd July**Summer Holiday**Monday 25th July

Twice-Weekly Testing

A reminder that all students who have consented should be conducting their twice weekly lateral flow tests. These should be done every 3 - 4 days. Regular results (either negative or positive) are very reliable and we can be confident in them. Please remember the lateral flow tests are only for use if you do not have any of the listed symptoms of COVID-19. If you are symptomatic, you must [get a lab PCR test from the NHS](#).

Results should be recorded on [the school database](#) using the test bag id and on [the NHS system](#) using the QR code on the test cartridge. We will issue new test kits automatically (starting next week) where the results are recorded on the school database.



We continue to issue new kits to those who we have identified as having run out from recording their results. If you have not been recording your results, but need a new kit, please [contact Mr Ryan via email](#). A reminder that our short video guide to home testing [can be found here](#).

Mr Ryan, School Operations Manager

Thames Path Challenge



This Saturday, 11th September, these four Elthorne parents and two of our counsellors Michelle and Anita will be walking between 50km and 100km as part of the Thames Path Challenge to help raise funds for the Ealing Schools Counselling Partnership who offer much needed therapeutic support to our young people, parents and teaching staff at Elthorne. They have been training over the summer and are hoping to raise over £10,000. With less than a week to go they still have about 1/3 of their target still to raise. Any donation, large or small, will go towards supporting the mental health of the school community. All donations will also be hugely motivating for the huge challenge awaiting them on Saturday. <https://gofund.me/632fcd9>

We thank them for undertaking this challenge to benefit this service which we so value.

We're a Food Bank Partner

We're proud to be a Food Bank Partner and have a good tradition of making donations to Ealing Food Bank. We can also support referrals to this service for members of our community. Please contact your child's Pastoral Support Worker or Ms Quinn to request a referral code. The team are pleased to share that new centres in Northolt and Perivale are now open. These new centres will have the same selection of products as the more established foodbank centres, but with less of the hustle and bustle (and queueing!). Please see opening times [here](#).

Waitrose West Ealing is hosting a special donation day on Saturday 11th September 2021. The team are inviting people to go along and share what they can. They'll be there from 9am - 5pm with big smiles and shopping lists of our most needed items.

Ms Quinn, Assistant Headteacher

Reminder: We are a cashless school

This is a reminder that the school is now completely cashless. We no longer have the revaluation machines in the canteen for students to top up their lunch cards. All top ups will have to be made through ParentPay. As an alternative to a debit/credit card, they offer a facility whereby you can have a PayPoint card, which can be topped up, using cash, at local shops. This credits your ParentPay account, but can take up to three working days. If you would like this option, please contact the finance team on finance.admin@ephs.ealing.sch.uk.

Catering News

From Tuesday 14th September 2021, breakfast will be available to students from 8am to 8:30am from the "Grab & Go Food" counter. The menu will be as follows:-

Bacon petit pain 75p	Toast & butter 20p
Sausage petit pain 75p	Toast, butter & jam 40p
Quorn sausage petit pain 75p	Waffle & fruit compote £1.00
½ bagel & butter 65p	Piece of fruit 32p
Beans on toast 55p	Hot chocolate 75p

Ms Patel & Ms Mitchell, Finance Team

News from KS3

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Brown and I am the Key Stage 3 Leader and will be supporting the year teams with managing their year groups and ensuring the highest standards and consistency across Key Stage 3. If there are any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me - please note the 'a' in my email address. Otherwise it goes to another member of staff.

Mrs Brown - kabrown@ephs.ealing.sch.uk

Year 7

We have had a fantastic, if not very busy, start to life at EPHS. After receiving planners and timetables on Monday, students have made a superb impression with all their tutors and teachers in their first full week. They have shown amazing levels of perseverance and independence as they move around the school site as well as showing teamwork by ensuring their peers are getting to the right classrooms and pointing each other in the right direction.

With the independence that secondary school brings and students travelling to school with friends or alone, we're reminding students of road safety and ensuring they are walking on the pavement. Your support with reminding students about keeping themselves safe on their way to and from school would be appreciated.

Finally, we received an email from Ms Kahan saying how focussed, hard working and positive students were in MFL; it made us very proud of the Year group. We're looking forward to hearing all the new French, Spanish and German they're learning as well as the wide variety of languages we all speak as a year group.

We are really excited about building on this successful start and working with you all as we start this journey through secondary school. Next week we'll be sharing information about some exciting events we'll be inviting parents to on-site.

Mr Sykes and the Year 7 Team

Year 8

They were the last to arrive but they are finally back! We have really enjoyed seeing the happy and well rested faces of our Year 8 community coming through the gates over the last two days. They have thrown themselves once again into the throws of school life with the same perseverance and determination that they began last year with. It has also been fantastic to see them prepared for learning and proudly wearing their EPHS uniform once again.

For this term we will be focusing on students being prepared and just want to share the following notice:

Uniform

Students must be in EPHS branded shirts and jumpers, black trousers/ skirts, their lanyard and in black polishable shoes. Trainers of any kind will not be permitted unless it is on days where students have PE. Equally PE uniform needs to be the EPHS branded t-shirt and sweatshirt, black bottoms and sports trainers. Cycling shorts and leggings may be worn but sports shorts/ skirts must be worn over the top. Parents will be contacted about any uniform issues so that they can be quickly rectified.

We are really looking forward to another exciting and fantastic year with our year 8 community and look forward to working with you to ensure the best for our students.

Take care and stay safe

Ms Maddox and the Year 8 Team

Year 9

Hello and welcome back. I hope you have all had a fantastic summer break, and your child is excited to start Year 9. It's been great seeing the students so well presented and enjoying their first few days of school. This is an important year for students as they begin to contemplate their GCSE option choices for the final two years of high school. This process will be explained throughout the year to both students and parents, but the best preparation is to apply themselves in all subjects so that they have a strong foundation to carry on to Key Stage 4. I'm pleased to say that the students seem to have taken this message on board.

Stay safe and take care

Mr Simmonds and the Year 9 Team

Reminder of EPHS PE Uniform

Top half - white EPHS T shirt and/or EPHS PE top

Important changes: Bottom half - Shorts/skirt/skort/tracksuit bottoms, **skin-tight cycling shorts/sports leggings must be worn WITH shorts/skirt.** All items must be black (logos allowed). Please see the uniform [here](#).

Mr McDougall, Subject Leader – Physical Education

Your School Photograph is Ready! Years 7 & Year 12

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711, you will need an admission number from the school.

Mrs Marr, School Administration

Helping support your child using GCSE pod

GCSE pod is a web-based application which the school has subscribed to. Every student is provided access from Year 9 (years 9-11) and the content is designed to support them throughout their GCSE journey. The website has over 6000 short 3 to 5 minute videos, called pods, designed to chunk learning and aid with retention and recall in an interesting and stimulating way.

GCSE pod has a whole suite of resources designed for parents to help support their child using the program, this can be accessed using the following URL, <https://www.gcsepod.com/parent-resources/>.

GCSE pod also offers parental webinars which demonstrate how you can use GCSE pod to support your child's learning plus get tips and guidance on effective home learning practices. There are opportunities to ask questions which will be answered by a GCSE pod expert and you will learn about the best way to make full use of the resource. There are currently four dates available, the 22nd of September, 7th of October, 20th of October and the 4th of November 2021. These can be booked by following the URL, <https://www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-parent-webinars/>.

If you require further guidance regarding GCSE pod, please contact Mrs Tamplin at ktamplin@ephs.ealing.sch.uk

Mrs Tamplin, Deputy Achievement Coordinator

Vacancy on Elthorne Park High School Governing Body

Elthorne Park High School's Governing Body (GB) currently has a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor. We are an outstanding Community school with a focus on achieving academic excellence for all our students, and placing equal emphasis on developing students' character and potential. We offer a wide range of experiences and learning opportunities through a broad and balanced curriculum, providing an inclusive and welcoming learning environment for all.

Governors play a crucial role at our school:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding school leaders to account for performance
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

We are looking for someone who wants to engage in the life of our school, help set our strategic direction and to act as a critical friend. No previous experience of being a school Governor, or of the education sector is necessary. As a Governor, you need to be open to learning new skills, obtaining wider knowledge and developing your own capabilities. A range of training is available to support you with this. The positive impact on your own development, and the opportunity to give something back to the community are just two of the many reasons that people choose to become Governors.

You would be joining a diverse group of Governors, from a variety of backgrounds, who each bring with them different perspectives and experience but who are there for the same purpose, to ensure we can provide the best education for all our students, and achieve excellence in our learning community. The GB meets on five evenings over the course of the school year, and Governors are encouraged to join one of the two sub-committees of the GB: "Curriculum & Teaching" and "Resources". We also ask each of our Governors to link to a specific subject area or other aspect of school e.g. Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs, Sixth Form, in order to build a deeper insight into that aspect of how the school is performing. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Wendy Henderson, Clerk to Governors, on whenderson@ephs.ealing.sch.uk to register your interest. The Chair of Governors would be more than happy to have an informal discussion with anyone interested in finding out more, before formally applying.

Ms Henderson, Clerk to the Governing Body

Science Technician Vacancy

Job details	
Employer	Elthorne Park High School
Location	Ealing, London
Salary	Scale 4 – (£20,911 – £22,052)
Contract type	Full time/term time only (35 hours pw)
Contract term	Permanent
Job dates	
Posted	7.9.21
Closing date	Midday on Tuesday 21 st September 2021
Job starts	As soon as possible

Elthorne Park High School is a successful and significantly oversubscribed 11-18 mixed school with 1600 students including 320 in the Sixth Form, based in Ealing. We are a high-performing school that has risen to become one of the top performing schools in West London and inside the top 250 in the country. In March 2019 Ofsted judged us as outstanding.

With a modern £14 million state of the art building equipped as a centre of excellence, we offer a range of outstanding resources with a particular focus on ICT and new technologies.

For further information and an application form please refer to the links on the TES website or visit our website www.ephs.ealing.sch.uk and forward completed forms to Ms Wendy Henderson, the Headteacher's PA on whenderson@ephs.ealing.sch.uk

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants will need to undertake a DBS enhanced clearance for the school.

MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL & THEORY TUITION

SEPTEMBER 2021 – FEBRUARY 2022

Elthorne Park High School offers an excellent music tuition program and we highly encourage all students to participate in this program if possible. There are a total of 30 lessons across the academic year split into 2 halves. Students can study instrument(s) privately with a specialist teacher. Tuition is available during school time on a timetabled rota for the following instruments:

Music Theory	Bass Guitar	Woodwind: Oboe
Voice	Strings: Violin	Woodwind: Bassoon
Piano	Strings: Viola	Brass: Trumpet
Steel Pans	Strings: Cello	Brass: French Horn
Drum kit	Strings: Double Bass	Brass: Trombone
Guitar Classical	Woodwind: Flute	Brass: Tuba
Guitar Electric	Woodwind: Clarinet	
Guitar Ukulele	Woodwind: Saxophone	

Fees for 15 lessons for term 1 (September 2020-February 2021):

Individual 15 minute lesson (We recommend 30 minute lessons)	£116.25
Individual 30 minute lesson	£232.50

Concession prices for free school meal students are available. Please contact the school to apply at finance.admin@ephs.ealing.sch.uk or call the finance department.

We recommend that students take individual 30 minute lessons to make good progress. If your child is taking or is interested in taking GCSE/A level music, theory lessons are encouraged.

Final Deadline for payments/forms for existing students: **September 6th 2021.**

1. Payments are to be made on **ParentPay**. If you have any queries please contact the finance department. Please email finance.admin@ephs.ealing.sch.uk for any pay related queries.

2. Please complete the google form. <https://forms.gle/brjEkvVixgknG3o1A>

Please note that if you have not paid for lessons on ParentPay, you will not receive lessons.

The school has a limited supply of instruments available for **hire** by pupils - £75 per academic year. Please email mwickens@ephs.ealing.sch.uk to inquire. Alternatively instruments can be hired from Ealing music services or John Packer Ltd.

3. Lessons will begin mid to late September 2021. The timetable will be emailed to you by your teacher. If you do not receive your timetable before September 23rd 2021, please contact Ms. Wickens at mwickens@ephs.ealing.sch.uk.

4. In relation to social distancing lessons may need to take place remotely online. Please bear with us as we wait for more up to date guidance.