



Parent E-Bulletin

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Issue 1

Welcome to Esher Church of England High School Parent E-Bulletin. This is sent to all parents fortnightly and aims to keep you updated with upcoming events, reminders, offers etc taking place at the school as the term progresses. We hope you find the information useful.

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1. Term Dates

Spring Term 2019:

Spring Term:	Monday 7 January – Friday 5 April
Inset	Monday 28 January
Half Term:	Monday 18 – Friday 22 February, 3.00 finish

Summer Term 2019:

Summer Term:	Tuesday 23 April – Friday 19 July
Half Term:	Monday 27 – Friday 31 May, 3.00 finish

All term dates are available on the school website, under Parents - Term dates.

2. Important Dates

Year 11 Parent Revision Workshop	Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 January, 6.00, Studio 1 & 2, PA Block
Ski Trip Parent Info Meeting	Thursday 24 January, 5.30 – 6.30, Studio 1, PA Block
Year 9 Injections	Tuesday 5 and Tuesday 12 February
Year 9 Options Evening	Tuesday 5 February, 6.00 – 8.00, Studio 1 & 2, PA Block

3. Year 11 Parent Revision Workshop

As we approach ever closer to our GCSE exams, it is important that both students and parents are doing everything in their power to keep up the momentum of revision.

We are now 12 teaching weeks away from the exams, so it is now crucial that students are doing consistent revision on all their subjects.

There are two workshops on next Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 January starting at 6.00pm and finishing at 7.30pm. The workshops will focus on getting the basics right, how to revise effectively and what high quality revision looks like.

We hope to see you there. Mr Quigley, Head of Year 11

4. **Literacy Workshop**

For parents of students who receive literacy intervention with Mrs Branscombe - the next Literacy workshop about “**Helping your child at home with reading**” will be held on Monday 11 February at 9 am. Please email Mrs Branscombe if you are planning to attend: mbranscombe@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk

5. **School Admissions**

The schools detailed below are consulting on their admissions policy for 2020, please see their websites for details if you would like to comment or know more:

Ashley Park C of E School

<http://www.ashleyschool.org.uk/parents/admissions>

Thamesmead School

<https://www.thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk/admissions-arrangements/>

6. **Hoax Email**

It has been brought to our attention that some of our parents received a hoax email from “esherhighschool@gmail.com at the beginning of term, relating to a whole-school closure due to boiler failure. Given the weather conditions will continue to remain adverse for the foreseeable future, if you receive any similar emails pertaining to be from the school, please check the school website where any details will be posted on the home page.

Should you receive any further emails from the hoax email address, please ignore it. Emails sent from school will always have a contact name and then the rest of the address:

office@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk

7. **Downloading the School Calendar to a mobile phone**

If you would like to download the School Calendar to your mobile phone, go to the school website on your mobile phone and then to the calendar page (via News and events tab),

<https://www.esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1> you will see a tab to ‘subscribe’. Please click on this and then follow the instructions according to what phone you have.

It’s really easy!!

8. **Uniform Reminder**

Thank you for your continued support with making sure your child wears their uniform with pride.

Please could we remind you that acrylic, gel or false nails of any description are not permitted in school. If students are found wearing any style of false nails, they will be cut down using clippers. Coloured nail varnish is not allowed.

A reminder that one small stud per ear lobe is the only jewellery allowed. Piercings in other places are not permitted, for example, nose, tongue, stretcher or eyebrow stud.

May we also draw your attention to the fact that hoodies must not be worn to school and will be confiscated until the end of the day. Therefore, if your child needs additional warm clothing, they are allowed to wear a coat or they may wear a plain white vest under their shirt.

Details of our uniform policy can be found on the school website and in your child’s planner.

9. **Student Services**

In a bid to help the environment, we are trying to limit the amount of plastic cups given out with water. Therefore, please ensure your child has a water bottle with them at all times.

10. **Parking outside school**

The suggested area to meet your child is at the corner of the road towards Lower Green where there is more room to park. Thank you for the vast majority who use this area and understand the need to keep the traffic flowing by the school itself.

Unfortunately, our neighbours are continually being frustrated by illegal/poor parking outside the school gates at pick up time, by a few inconsiderate parents. Elmbridge Borough Council have therefore commissioned Traffic Enforcement Officers to patrol outside school at around 3 pm. Please make sure you park legally to avoid a Penalty Charge Notice.

11. **Sending a “thank you” message**

We are often asked by Parents the best way to say 'thank you' to a teacher, a department team or a member of support staff. We have recently been sent a link to a website that you may be interested in using for this purpose – and it's free to use.

[https://www.teachingawards.com/thank-teacher-card /](https://www.teachingawards.com/thank-teacher-card/)

12. **Notices**

Zambia Clothing Update

During the final couple of weeks of last term, the cupboard in Reception was full with bags. Consequently, Mr Horrod loaded up the school minibus and took them to the recycling depot! With your generous donations, the final weight of items was 160kgs – such an amazing achievement.

From the donations received, about 30 pairs of trainers will be sent out to Zambia.

Zambia 2019 Quiz Night

The parents of those students going to Zambia this year are organising a Quiz Night to raise money for Tag Rugby and Dance Tour. The evening will be held in the Blue diner on Friday 8 March from 7.00. Tickets are £10, which includes dinner. There will also be a paying bar.

Please support the students by gathering a team of family and friends together, enjoy a fun evening and raise lots of money for this very worthy cause. Tables seating between 6 and 10 can be reserved by contacting Chris Horrod (Zambia Team Leader) at chorrod@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk. Payment can then be made once Mr Horrod confirms the tables are available.

Our thanks to you for your continued support.