



# Parent E-Bulletin

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Issue 4

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, **3.00pm finish**

Summer Term 2019:

Summer Term: Tuesday 23 April – Friday 19 July, **12.20pm finish**

Half Term: Monday 27 – Friday 31 May

All 2019/2020 term dates are available on the school website, under Parents - Term dates.

## 2. Important Dates

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| Year 11 PPE2 Exams           | 11 – 15 March                                    |
| Parent Forum                 | Thursday 14 March, 5.00 – 6.00pm                 |
| Prayer Meeting               | Tuesday 19 March, 9.15 in the Large Meeting Room |
| Years 7 – 10 Assessments     | 25 March – 5 April                               |
| PAPA Fundraising Party Night | Friday 29 March, 8.00 until late in the PA Block |

## 3. Cycle Helmets

A lot of students cycle to school and we really encourage this – especially as the weather improves. Please could we ask you promote the use of helmets when cycling to school even when they are on site. We are still seeing students without helmets which is of great concern as the school is so busy with cars and buses at the start and end of each day.

## 4. Uniform

Our uniform is important and we want all our students to wear it with pride. We have talked to them all recently about this but we would like to ask you to work with us to ensure your child arrives at school with their uniform worn correctly; shirts tucked in, and the girl's skirts worn on the knee and blazers to be worn at all times.

We are also seeing an increase in jewellery being worn, so please could you remind your child of the uniform policy which includes what jewellery is acceptable.

#### 5. **Prayer Meeting and Confirmation Classes**

The next Prayer Meeting for parents is being held on Tuesday 19 March at 9.15am in the Large Meeting Room. All welcome!

We have received interest from some students for Confirmation classes. If you are the parent of a student who might be interested in this, then please contact the Chaplain at [dwhymark@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dwhymark@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk)

#### 6. **Careers and Work Experience**

As part of our careers strategy we would like our Year 9 and 10 students to have the opportunity to gain work experience. The aim is to help students' understanding of business and industry, plus gain insight into different career opportunities. Do you think you would be able to offer a short placement at your company? This would involve small groups of students (5-20) coming to your work place for 2-3 hours to observe the day-to-day work you do. Observation is the main activity, but it would also be important to allow time to answer their questions.

If you feel you or your work place could offer this opportunity to our students please contact Lizzie Bosley on: [ebosley@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ebosley@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk)

All work experience opportunities are advertised to our students through tutors, displayed on the careers display board and can be viewed on the website at:

<https://www.esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Careers+and+Work+Experience&pid=45>

#### 7. **Mental Health Workshop Survey**

Thank you for all those who attended last night's parent support session on teenagers and mental health. We had over 100 parents at the event and would very much like to hear your feedback on the session which you can give by using the following link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/N5MMH5F>

If you are interested in being part of a working group who continue to look at mental wellbeing and working together to support our young people, please email Ms Lockhart on [PLockhart@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:PLockhart@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk). For those who could not make the session we will re-run the session and a date for this will follow shortly.

#### 8. **NEW! PAPA Newsletter**

PAPA has launched a new Newsletter, which will keep you up to date with events, stories and fundraising activities. Click here to find out more.

<https://www.smore.com/g2nu4-papa-esher-high?ref=email>

#### 9. **New Annual School Trips – future planning;**

After the successful running of bi-annual ski and Zambia trips over a number of years, we have decided to make these annual events. The Ski trip will take place during the February half term and Zambia at the end of the Summer term.

To add into this, I am pleased to also inform you that in February 2020, Mr May. Head of D&T, will be offering a trip in February half term to Disneyland Paris. Stay tuned for further information.

I hope this supports future planning if your child would like to go on one of these amazing opportunities on offer.

## 10. Dropping off valuable items

Please note that the school cannot accept any liability for items left by parents for collection by students. All items brought into school will be done at the owners' risk.

## 11. Student Services update

We are still receiving reports that parents are being contacted by their child asking to be collected if they are feeling unwell. If your child is unwell in school, we will assess them and call you if necessary. Please do not come to the school unless we have contacted you first.

With Spring being on the way, this can also mean the start of the hayfever season. If your child suffers from hayfever, please ensure they have their daily tablet before school. We can keep a supply for them here in case they forget but cannot administer a tablet if they do not have their own supply. Please also check your child has a water bottle with them.

Has your child lost a key? We have various keys in our lost property so please ask them to come to Student Services and check. If you wish to come and look yourself, please give us a call and we can arrange a time for you to come in.

## 12. Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for two teaching posts. If this is of interest to you or a friend, please take a look at the website for more details.

## 13. Notices

### i) Drum lessons and facilities to practise

As part of our instrumental tuition program we offer drum lessons with Mr Kyle Langley. We recognize that the practical side of this; the outlay for a drum kit to practice on at home, noise factor etc may be a deterrent in encouraging your child to follow this path. However, if your child is considering drum lessons, they are able to use the school facilities to practice during break times, before, and after school. Also practice pads and electronic drum kits are great options to practice on at home. Mr Langley offers the first lesson as a free taster session so that students have the chance to try out before making their decision. If your child is interested in this opportunity please email Mrs Jackie Sisley ([pamusic@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pamusic@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk)) to set up taster session.

### ii) Zambia Clothing Update

You have obviously been having a big clear out over half term as we received loads of bags on day one back at school! Thankyou. This is just brilliant! Please continue to bring in your bags to Reception.

### iii) PAPA Fundraising Evening

If you have yet to sign up for the forthcoming Fundraising Party Night, it's not too late!!

Performing Arts  
Parents' Association



Supporting Performing Arts at Esher  
Church of England High School

# Fundraising Party Night

RAFFLE

AUCTION

LIVE BAND

REFRESHMENTS

Friday 29th March, 8pm till late

EHS Performing Arts Centre

Tickets £10 (adults only event)

Purchase on Scopay or via email:- [papaesherhigh@gmail.com](mailto:papaesherhigh@gmail.com)

## THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS EVENT

- **Join us on the night and bring friends to an evening of entertainment!**
- **Donate raffle and/or auction prizes.** All donations accepted.
- If you are involved with a business that may wish to sponsor us, then please get in touch with us. Sponsorship letters are available on request.
- **Volunteer to help or be part of the 'PAPA' team.** We are always looking for more volunteers. For more information, visit our website or Facebook page or email us. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/PAPAEsherHigh/](https://www.facebook.com/PAPAEsherHigh/)

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