



# Parent E-Bulletin

## 12 OCTOBER 2018

### Issue 3

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

##### Autumn Term 2018:

Autumn Term: Tuesday 4 September – Friday 21 December – **12.30 finish**  
Half Term: Monday 22 October – Friday 2 November

##### Spring Term 2019:

Spring Term: Monday 7 January – Friday 5 April  
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 7 Greatest Show Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 October, Year 7 parents invited.  
Enrichment Day Wednesday 17 October  
Last day of Half Term Friday 19 October, **3.00pm finish**  
Year 11 Mocks Monday 19 – Friday 30 November

#### 3. Use of Aerosol Deodorants

Sadly, 1 in every 15 of our students suffers from Asthma (this is around the national average for the condition). Please help support these students and also staff sufferers, by ensuring that aerosol deodorants are not brought into school, and that only roll-on deodorants are used, particularly in the changing rooms.

If aerosols are seen, they will be removed and not returned.

#### 4. Admissions

Surrey County Council is consulting on:

- proposed changes to admission arrangements for some community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2020
- the admission arrangements for all remaining community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2020
- Surrey's relevant area - this is the area within which schools must consult on their admission arrangements

Full details of the consultation and the changes being proposed are available at [Surrey Says](http://www.surreysays.co.uk) ([www.surreysays.co.uk](http://www.surreysays.co.uk)).

The changes being proposed are as follows:

1. **Furze Field Primary School** – reduction in published admission number for Reception from 60 to 58
2. **Wallace Fields Junior School** – change to the points used to measure each child's nearest school and home to school distance so these will be calculated according to the nearest gate for either Wallace Fields Infant or Wallace Fields Junior school rather than just those for Wallace Fields Junior School
3. **Criterion 2 for children with an exceptional social/medical need** – provision for children previously in state care outside England to be given priority within this criterion

The consultation will run until **Monday 19 November 2018**. Anyone wishing to submit their views should complete an online response form. Alternatively paper response forms are available by telephoning the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004. Please note that only response forms that are fully completed, with the respondent's name and address, will be accepted.

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to Surrey County Council's decision-making Cabinet on 29 January 2019. Its decision will then need to be ratified by the full County Council on 5 February 2019. Once determined, the final admission arrangements will be placed on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions).

#### 5. Year 11 Update

Mr Quigley is very pleased with the Year 11 attendance as of 28 September 2018, as it was higher than the last three weeks at **94.89%**. Please do keep this up! Even if coughs and colds are battling your child's immune system, please do send them in, we can help in Student Services if they feel poorly.

Ensure students are applying for places in Colleges. Every Monday since starting back a college has come in to speak to the students during assembly. We are currently getting lots of references from colleges for students who have applied, which is great!! So far we have seen:

- Kingston College
- Brooklands College
- Woking College
- Fulbrook 6<sup>th</sup> Form

Next week we have Merrist Wood College.

#### 6. Letters sent home

Can we remind you that when letters are sent home to all year groups and the whole school, you can also find them on the website, under News and Events - Letters Home, which can then be printed off.

## 7. Appointment/Illness Collection

If your child needs to leave during the day for an appointment, please collect them from Reception. They will sign out at Student Services and then come to Reception. Again, please ensure your child is reminded of their appointment in the morning.

However, if you have received a call from Student Services advising that your child is ill, please go to the blue gates, to the left of Reception, to collect them from Student Services.

## 8. End of the School Day

A reminder that the school gates are closed at 2.55pm each afternoon, so if you arrive just after, you will not be allowed on the premises due to the number of coaches on site.

If you are in school beforehand and need to leave at 3.00pm, you will not be allowed to vacate until the last coach has left, which is between 3.10 – 3.20pm.

## 9. Jewellery

Can we remind you of the Uniform Policy which can be found on the website:

*Jewellery – 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. No exceptions will be made for a “new” piercing. No diamanté style jewellery or bracelets, rings or necklaces should be worn.*

Please could we ask for your support in ensuring that all jewellery, other than one pair of earrings, remains at home. All other jewellery will be confiscated if seen.

Reception has a large amount of confiscated jewellery, so if your child has had items removed, please ask them to collect their item before half term.

## 10. Drum kit taster sessions at Esher High School

We are happy to announce that our drum tutor, Mr Kyle Langley is offering free taster lessons to our students. This allows students to try out an instrument before committing to lessons. If your child is interested, please send an e-mail to [pamusic@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pamusic@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk) – marked “DRUM TASTER SESSION”.

These will be held on a Thursday and as there is limited availability, will be allocated on a first come basis first served basis.

## 11. Tulip Planting ‘Dig-In’ - Saturday 10 November, 9am

Amazingly we have been donated 1250 tulips, from Squires Garden Centre as part of their ‘Community Bulb’ initiative. Therefore, we would like to invite parents and students to help us one Saturday morning to dig-in the tulip bulbs, before the ground gets too frozen. We will have our first ‘Dig-In’ on Saturday 10 November at 9am. If we have enough volunteers to spread the load, it should only take us an hour!

If you are able to help please could you email:- [lowen@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:lowen@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk)

## 12. Notices

### i) Year 7 The Greatest Show – FINAL REMINDER

The show is nearly upon us and we still have tickets available to buy via Scopay. Please note no tickets are being issued.

Remember, they will not be available to buy on the night.



ii) Zambia Clothes Request

An on-going request for any donations of unwanted clothes, shoes (tied together/bagged please), hats, belts and bags. Please continue to bring all donations to either Reception or Student Services marked "Zambia".