



Parent E-Bulletin

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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

Spring Term 2020:

Spring Term Monday 6 January – Friday 3 April, **3.00pm finish**

Summer Term 2020:

Summer Term Monday 20 April – Friday 17 July, **12.20pm finish**
Half Term Monday 25 – Friday 29 May

Autumn Term 2020

Autumn Term Wednesday 2 September – Friday 18 December
INSET DAY Tuesday 1 September
INSET DAYS Thursday 1 (Open Evening) and Friday 2 October
Half Term Monday 19 October – Friday 30 October

Spring Term 2021

Spring Term Monday 4 January – Thursday 1 April
Half Term Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February

Summer Term 2021

Summer Term Monday 19 April – Friday 16 July
Half Term Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June

All 2019/2020 term dates are available on the school website, under [Parents](#) - Term dates.

2. Looking ahead to Spring Term

Monday 24 February – all week	Year 10 MFL Speaking Exams
Monday 2 – Friday 6 March	Year 11 Mocks – <u>Core subjects only</u>
3 & 4 March	Year 10 Apprenticeship Show, Sandown Park Racecourse
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10 March	Year 9 DTP/Meningitis Injections
Tuesday 24 March	Year 9 DTP/Meningitis Injections
	ISB Trip to the Houses of Parliament
Tuesday 31 March	Year 9 Holocaust Survivor Talk
Wednesday 1 April	Easter Church Services

3. The RE Department

Year 7 RE students would like to invite you to help them help the homeless. Last year we raised a lot of money which was split between several charities. This year several classes are doing

The Rucksack Challenge

The aim of the challenge is to fill as many donated rucksacks as they can with items that would make the life of a homeless person slightly more bearable and help them to support themselves. We got the idea from watching this;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-manchester-50621342/boy-7-fills-dozens-of-rucksacks-for-rough-sleepers>

Our list of items includes, but is not limited to, the following;

Coats, sensible shoes, sweat pants and sweat shirts, socks, underwear, jumpers, jackets, gloves, hats, scarves, t-shirts, hairbrushes/combs, water bottles, sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, toiletries (including sanitary products) as well as sealed food - with a ring pull if canned - first aid kits, vouchers and obviously RUCKSACKS (you probably have discarded school rucksacks hidden in a cupboard)

Pupils will fill and tag the rucksacks so the contents (sizes etc) are visible and once they're done we will take them to our chosen charity bases.

Homelessness can impact on anyone and there are thousands of teenagers and young adults who are without a roof over their heads due to family breakdowns. No one deserves to be unsafe, especially children.

Thank you in advance for your donations which can be dropped off at Reception or taken straight to S1

Last drop off day Friday 28 February

Mr Van Heyningen and Miss Tysoe



4. Twitter – are you following us?

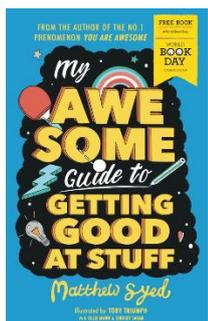
If you are not yet a Twitter follower, please do sign up to see what is happening in and around school. There will be loads to see during the half term trips to the Austrian Alps and Disneyland Paris.

If we have visitors in to give a talk or conduct a workshop, residential and day trips, achievements, a record of these is uploaded for all to see. It's a great media platform.

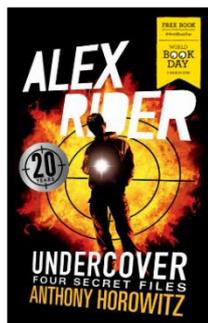
5. World Book Day

Students will be given World Book Day tokens during the week beginning Monday 2nd March via their tutors. Students can also collect the tokens from the Hub. Tokens can be redeemed until the 29th of

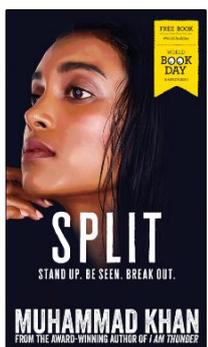
March. These can be exchanged in participating bookshops for one of the specially published £1 books or they can be used as part payment for another book or audiobook at your local bookseller



Discover the secret to getting REALLY GOOD AT STUFF in this brand-new book. Bestselling author Matthew Syed is here to bust some myths wide open. Find confidence, resilience and determination in this hilarious and practical guide by learning from the best, getting over failures and nailing your practice. So what are you waiting for? **It's time to get really good at stuff.**



Go undercover into the secret world of teen super spy Alex Rider in this explosive collection of action-packed short stories. See Alex take action against an imminent disaster, discover the truth behind the death of his parents and get inside the mind of his arch rival, Yassen Gregorovich.



Fifteen-year-old Salma Hashbi has been caught with her boyfriend in a totally humiliating misunderstanding. Instantly accused of being easy, she is shunned by everyone at school, shamed by her community and worst of all, has disappointed her mum.

Enough is enough and Salma decides to fight back against the prejudice and rumours, and audition for the role of her dreams. But on the hottest day of the year, with everything against her, can Salma make it in time and show the world who she really is?

A powerful story of standing up and standing out, written by the Branford Boase Award-winning Muhammad Khan.



Everyone knows it's TOUGH having a long-distance relationship – especially when your boyfriend is as sizzingly hot as Noah Flynn. Elle's thrilled her badboy-turned good has made it into Harvard, but being stuck back in California isn't much fun without him. So there's only one thing for it . . . a road trip to visit! And what could be better than packing up your best buddy's convertible, heading out on Route 66, and looking for fun and adventure along the way? Maybe only the person waiting for you at the other end.

JOIN THE WORLD BOOK DAY CAMPAIGN TO GET THE NATION SHARING STORIES FROM BREAKFAST TO BEDTIME

This is a nationwide campaign to help change children's lives, by making story-sharing a habit of a lifetime and creating readers for life. Reading for pleasure is in decline, so we want to help boost it back up, raise awareness and spark millions of imaginations.

Schools, bookshops, libraries, businesses and homes nationwide are joining in the **fun nationwide social event** to enjoy the pleasures of reading and **SHARE A STORY** on World Book Day... and every day. Spending **just 10 minutes a day** reading and sharing stories with children can make a crucial difference to their outcome and it's fun for all involved. You can read together **anywhere and everywhere, from breakfast to bedtime!** In the park, on the train, on the sofa, on a plane – reading and sharing stories can happen anywhere at any time.

6. Admissions

The schools below have all confirmed their admission arrangements for September 2021. Please see their websites for further information:

Long Ditton St Mary's
Thamesmead
Bishop Wand
Thames Ditton Junior School

7. Reminders

Earphone Devices

We are finding a large number of students wearing a variety of earphones devices, which are not permitted at school and will be confiscated if seen. It would be greatly appreciated if you could ensure that these items are either left at home or your child is reminded to remove them once they arrive at school.

**Wishing you all a very
restful Half Term**