



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. **A note from the Headteacher**

It has been an absolute thrill and privilege for me to welcome students and staff back over the last two weeks as Head of School. I want to thank you all for your support with the staggered start we had to implement to ensure we followed the government guidelines of testing all students on their return from the summer break. We continue to follow all advice in place for reducing the risk of spreading Coronavirus and we have communicated this to students on their return.

It was lovely to be able to speak to our Year 7 parents this week at our Meet the Tutor Evening. We also have a Year 10 Curriculum event coming up next week that will be a recorded event shared online.

We are currently reviewing the way we conduct Parents' Evenings this year. I would like to get your feedback on whether they should remain online or return to "in person" in the Sports Hall. Please [use this link](#) to complete a one question survey to help us in our decision making.

I have encouraged all students during assemblies this week to live out part of our motto for this year of "Be More". There are some great opportunities for students to do this featured throughout this bulletin. Do encourage your children to get involved in the wider curriculum this year and perhaps push themselves out of their comfort zone to try a new activity!

I am delighted at how well students have returned to their learning this week. It has been lovely to see them back in their specialist teaching rooms with restrictions eased and continuing to develop their knowledge and skills. Do follow our social media accounts to keep up to date with the amazing experiences that are happening day in day out, as we will be adding new insights throughout this term.

Best Wishes

Andy King

2. **Archbishop of Canterbury Visit**

Would you like to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury? We are absolutely delighted to let you know that Justin Welby is to visit the school on Saturday 25 September and you are invited to a public 'Big Questions' event which we are hosting in the Sports Hall from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

The Archbishop will give a short talk on 'Finding hope in uncertain times' and you can then ask him questions. Justin Welby is a really engaging speaker and, as Britain emerges from the pandemic, he is doing a number

of these meetings to help people engage with the big questions of life and faith. There's more information on the attached invitation leaflet and do come if you can. The event is free to attend and everyone is welcome – so bring friends if you wish - but spaces are limited so you would need to register in advance at <https://bigquestions-esher.eventbrite.co.uk>

3. **Year 10 Virtual Information Event**

On the school calendar the above is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 15 September**. The event will now be a virtual format on **Friday 17 September**. A letter will be emailed on the Friday with more information, including the login details. We hope you will find the event interesting and informative.

4. **Careers**

1:1 Careers Advice Appointments

During the Autumn Term we offer Year 11 students a Careers Appointment with our Careers Advisor, Alex Elbourn, for guidance on KS4 options and beyond. If your child would like an appointment, please contact ebosley@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk and she will arrange an appointment.

Careers – How you can help?

Esher High School would love to hear from parents who would be willing to share their experiences of work and help build out students' knowledge of employability skills, the workplace, the labour market and job search skills.

If you would be interested in contributing to our careers offer, please email Lizzie Bosley, Assistant Headteacher and Head of Careers on ebosley@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk. More information about the different ways you could help can be found on our website [here](#).

Careers - New Virtual Work Experience Opportunities Recruiting Now

Esher High School has teamed up once again with Speakers for Schools and some of the most exciting brands in the UK to create a range of exciting remote work experience placements which will give our students opportunities to try out industries they are interested in and allow them to gain insights into the reality of work.

Please find attached a variety of Virtual Work Experience opportunities for our Year 10 and 11 students – early application is encouraged. We encourage all Year 10 and Year 11 students to participate in at least one virtual work experience opportunity this year.

Free Careers Guide

Please click on the link below to get a FREE careers guide for your child/children. This includes a full range of information regarding alternative pathways and the importance of STEM in career choices:

<https://mailchi.mp/successatschool/parents-careers-guides>

5. **Message from the Online Safety Coordinator**

I hope you all had a good summer and welcome to the Year 7 parents that have just joined us. At Esher High School, safeguarding the welfare of young people in our community is the responsibility of us all.

To assist parents and guardians please find below some useful links

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>

We are aware that some parents and guardians may have concerns around the safety of their child when using the internet and new technologies at home. Below are some websites that will help support your efforts in keeping your child safe online.

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Parent-factsheet-04-19-WEB-with-links.pdf>

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Parents-and-carers-resource-sheet-1019.pdf>

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Let's-talk-about-life-online.pdf>

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Family-Agreement.pdf>

<https://thekeysupport.com/demos/elearning-parental-controls-on-devices-20-21/index.html#/>

6. **Maths Equipment Request**

Help us to help your child learn effectively by having the correct equipment for every Maths lesson.

Regular equipment checks take place at the start of lessons to ensure students can embrace learning successfully. Equipment can be borrowed if forgotten by visiting the S3 classroom before tutor time (see below).

Please check your child has the following:

Two (ideally black) ballpoint pens 	For all written work.
Red ballpoint pen 	For regular corrections.
Casio FX83GTX (or FX85GT plus) calculator 	For topics requiring specific functions that are supported by these two models. £10 from the Hub but available from supermarkets and Amazon for a similar price.
Pencil, sharpener, rubber & ruler 	For graph & shape work.

Equipment loans

- The Maths shop opens 08:30-08:45 daily in S3.
- Stationery and calculators can be borrowed to ensure lessons run without interruption.

Equipment purchase

- The above equipment can be purchased before school, break & lunch in the Hub.
- Calculators are available to order on ScoPay. Collect form the Hub.

If you need any advice with purchases, do get in touch - demery@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk

7. **A couple of reminders**

Contact Details

We ask that should you change address, landline or mobile number that school is informed as soon as possible. This also applies to your other contacts.

Please could you let us know either through Edulink One or office@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk

Parking

We kindly ask that you do not park in our neighbour's driveways when dropping off/collecting your child. The ideal place is at the bottom of More Lane on the bend to Lower Green Road.

Dogs on site

Could we remind you not to bring your dog on site as they are not permitted due to health and safety reasons.

8. Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Competition

***The MFL team are pleased to announce this year's House Competitions ***

Please see the attached flyer for more details and encourage your child to participate in this exciting competition.

You may choose to enter one or more of the competitions. Entries should be submitted to your MFL teacher (French or Spanish) this may be in the form a photo emailed to your teacher.

The closing date for entries is Monday 27 September.

All entries will be judged by the MFL team. First, Second and Third places will be awarded for each year group. All winners will receive a prize, achievement points and a number of house points which could help put your house in the lead at the beginning of the year!! If you have any questions, please ask your MFL teachers.

9. Extra-Curricular Clubs

Wow!! We have an amazing selection of Extra-Curricular Clubs available for our students to participate and enjoy this term. Please go to the Extra-Curricular section under Students on our website where you will find more information from:

- The PE Department
- Performing Arts
- Design & Technology
- Departments, including English, Art and the Hub Club.

Hub Club

At Esher High School we believe that learning beyond the classroom is vital to success, and teachers are regularly setting work for students to complete outside of lessons. Some students find it difficult to work at home and prefer to remain in a school environment to do their work. We offer an after school 'Hub Club' for students to work in our Hub (Library) and IT rooms to support students with their extended learning and revision tasks. It runs Monday-Thursday from 3-4pm, with staff available to help guide students with their work.

A late bus leaves at 4.10pm Monday to Thursday, for which they can get tickets from Student Services.

10. Performing Arts Department

Please find attached a flyer from the Performing Arts Department, with an update on our newly refurbished Studio 3 and exciting details of the BBQ Variety Show.

Also attached is a letter from PAPA (Performing Arts Parent's Association)

11. The Hub

Please find attached some information from the Hub.

12. Vacancies

We currently have a couple of vacancies which might be of interest. Please check our 'Vacancies' section on the website for more details.

Submission deadline is Monday 20 September.

13. Spare D of E Equipment

Have you got a tent or other equipment, sitting in your garage or shed and taking up too much space? Did you take a family camping holiday and decided it was not for you? If so, we would be so grateful to receive any donations of any unwanted kit for our Duke of Edinburgh award.

We are particularly looking for three or four man tents, expedition rucksacks, walking boots and sleeping bags (if clean).

Thank you for your kind donations.

14. Christ Church, Esher

Attached are details of Sunday Services and a note from Revd Darren McCallig, Rector of Esher.

15. Dates for your diary

Tuesday 14 September	Year 7 Photographs
Friday 17 September	Year 10 Photographs
	Year 10 <u>Virtual</u> Information Evening
Friday 24 September	Year 11 Geography Trip to Stratford, London
	Performing Arts BBQ Variety Show
Friday 1 October	Year 11 Geography Trip to West Wittering, West Sussex
Thursday 7 October	School will close at 12.30pm due to the Open Evening
	Open Evening, 6.00 – 8.30pm
Friday 8 October	INSET Day
Monday 11 -	Open Mornings 9.30 – 11.00
Wednesday 13 October	
Monday 11 October -	Year 11 MFL Speaking Exams
Friday 15 October	

16. Term Dates

2021/22

Autumn Term 2021

Autumn Term	Thursday 2 September – Friday 17 December
INSET Day 1	Wednesday 1 September
<u>INSET Day 2</u>	<u>Friday 8 October</u>
Half Term	Monday 18 – Friday 29 October

Spring Term 2022

Spring Term	Tuesday 4 January – Friday 1 April
<u>INSET Day 3</u>	<u>Monday 21 February</u>
Half Term	14 – 18 February

Summer Term 2022

Summer Term	Tuesday 19 April – Friday 22 July
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 May
Half Term	Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

All 2021/22 term dates are available on the school website, under [Parents](#) - Term dates.