



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. **A note from the Head of School**

It is scary to think that half term is only a week away! We have had a busy week in school with our Open Evening this week and a staff training day today. We are looking forward to our Open Mornings next week. If you know any Year 6 parents who are interested to know more about us, please do let them know.

Today has seen staff in a range of session all designed for them to reflect and improve on their teaching practice, something that will benefit all students.

As we head towards the break, I want to prompt all of us, parents and staff, to talk to the children about their learning so far this year. It is an empowering conversation when asking them something like, “so tell me what you have learned this week”, “where are you learning the best...why is that?” or “where do you find learning difficult...why”. I am sure you will get some heart-warming responses and be able to dig a little deeper. Feel free to use our school idea of ‘Be More’ to push your child along and think how they can keep progressing. I hope you all have a restful half term when it arrives.

Sincerely,

Andy King
Head of School

2. **Medical Update**

The wellbeing of our students is our priority, so it is really important that we are informed of any new medical condition (e.g allergy, asthma, diabetes) that your child has been recently diagnosed with. We can then keep our database up to date and our staff are fully aware should your child become ill.

Therefore, please could you let us have the details by updating the Medical Section on Edulink or by email to Office@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk.

3. **Students feeling unwell in school**

Please be aware if a student feels unwell in school, they will be assessed in Student Services and the decision will be made whether to send them home or keep them in school. If your child calls you to pick them up, please do not come to the school, ask them to come to Student Services and we will contact you if we feel it is necessary.

Thanks for your cooperation.

4. **Contact Details**

As with Item 2, please inform us of any change to your contact details; address, email, mobile or landline numbers (this should include your additional contacts), this will ensure that should we need to contact you, we have the correct data.

5. **Home Learning**

Please be aware that a weekly email will automatically be sent to parents summarising the homework set and submitted in the last week, the email will arrive on Sunday morning and the subject of this homework will be 'Microsoft Office 365'. We are working with Microsoft to make the subject of the email more informative.

Students can see the details of homework set in teams, this [video](#) explains how to do this – students will need to use their school username and password to view this video. Students who are absent due to covid-19 (but well enough to work) will have work set for them as an assignment on Teams.

6. **Literacy - Ways to encourage reading**

Research shows that parents have an important role to play in developing a love of reading. One way you can help with this is to explore different texts with your child: magazines, blog posts, novels, online articles. Did you know that parents who talk to their children about books, TV programmes and films help their child to develop an interest in reading? Consider when might be a good time in your day/week to ask your child about what they've watched or read recently.

Having books, magazines and other texts at home makes a difference to children's interest in reading and their achievement. Exploring your local library is a great way to bring new texts into the home at no cost to you and it allows your child to encounter a variety of text types.

None of us like everything we read; it's important for us to be open about that with our children. We can help them to find texts they're interested in by talking about the passions, their hobbies and what they're interested in doing in the future.

You are probably aware that research shows reading is a key factor for academic success. But did you know that this could be the reading of fiction or non-fiction? Many students prefer reading non-fiction, such as autobiographies, magazine articles or blog posts. Any background reading for topics studied in class will support the learning in class.

Reading isn't confined to the pages of a book. Remember that when your child reads the internet, instructions, recipes etc they are still reading – in fact they're reading purposefully. At secondary school, students read many different text types from different time periods and about different topics. These could be scientific instructions, newspaper articles, adverts, poems and much more. Have you asked them which they prefer and why? Please find attached some useful tips to support your child with literacy at home.

7. **Year 11 – Virtual Work Experience Information**

Online careers event

On Thursday 21 October a virtual event ‘**Best Next Step Surrey**’ will be taking place for all Year 11 students, their parents and carers. The event will be repeated twice in the day at 1.30 – 3.00pm and again at 6.00 - 7.30pm. The aim of the event is to have students thinking about what comes next after Year 11 and beyond.

The event will be hosted by CTM Pathway and there will be advisers from Innervate Careers on hand in the Live Chat to answer any questions. The video content and commentary will run for just over one hour and has the following objectives:

- To consider the future world of work and what skills will be in demand
- To inform about the various educational pathways post 16 and where they can study across Surrey
- To give guidance on how to choose a career path and what to consider along the way.

Please register your participation [HERE](#).

8. **Careers – Job Interview support for our Year 10 and 11 cohort**

There is an opportunity we would like to offer our parents and guardians to help our Esher community. We are looking for some volunteers to help develop our students for the wider world of work by guiding our Year 10 and 11 cohort through an interview and the techniques they will need. If you are able to give up some time on Friday 10 December, our first ‘Be More’ Day, between 9.00am and 1.30pm (even if for an hour) it would really benefit our students and give them the confidence needed when they are faced with a job interview, which can be very daunting and overwhelming.

Questions and refreshments will be provided. If you are able to help, please fill in the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ZxPvBsGs2w>

If you have any further questions, please contact me on jhowe@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk

9. **Maths Matters**

Attached you will find a newsletter from the Maths Department (Oct 2021). You will receive future editions with the Parent Bulletin each month.

10. **After School Club Register**

A reminder that a register is taken at the start of our After School Clubs in Edulink. If you go to the “Clubs” section, you will find all the information there.

11. **Harvest Collection**

We are running a house competition for Harvest, with a food collection for East Elmbridge Foodbank ([Harvest with East Elmbridge food bank | East Elmbridge Foodbank](#))

Here are some of the options for each of the houses to collect, but we will except any non-perishables as part of our collection. All donations should be left in your child’s tutor room.

House Harvest Heroes

 <p>VEGA</p>	 <p>SIRIUS</p>	 <p>MIMOSA</p>	 <p>CAPELLA</p>
<p>Squash Sweet Chilli/BBQ crisps Bourbons Sweets Chocolate Spread Super Noodles</p>	<p>Long life fruit juice Ready Salted Crisps Custard Creams Chocolate Honey Pot noodle</p>	<p>Tinned Vegetables Cheese and Onion Crisps Digestives Sweets Peanut Butter Cuppa Soup</p>	<p>Squash Salt and Vinegar Crisps Hob Nobs Chocolate Jam (Not strawberry) Small packets of tea bags</p>

Collect as much as you can for your houses, all items will be finally weighed and counted on Friday 6th November. Any donations welcome even if not on the list.



12. **Follow us.....**

At Esher High School we're all about keeping you updated via our various social media platforms with what's going on. It could be about a bake-off, soggy beach news or what a particular class/tutor/year group has been doing.

You may recall we hosted an amazing Performing Arts BBQ a couple of weeks ago, more recently we welcomed a number of Year 6s from our feeder schools who enjoyed a number of exciting subject activities and then on Monday, we launched our Inter House Competition. There are some fantastic pics showcasing these events and many more.

All we ask is that you download the apps below and enjoy what we're all about.

Twitter:

[@eshershchool](https://twitter.com/eshershchool)

Facebook:

facebook.com/eshershigh

Instagram:

[@eshershofficial](https://instagram.com/eshershofficial)

13. **PE Football boots/trainers request**

The PE Department would be grateful for any donations of football boots or trainers that are no longer needed. These would be used in our PE Kit Room for the students. Please drop them into school for Miss Perks to collect. Thank you.

14. **Vacancies**

We have a number of vacancies which may be of interest. All details can be found on the website.

15. **Communication from Cucina/IFG**

Natasha's Law

Attached you will find information from Cucina, our in-house caterers, regarding the review of their labelling system following the introduction of Natasha's Law.

General Update

IFG has updated the school regarding the food chain and hiring staff to work for their organisation.

16. Zambia

Esher Rugby Club Programme

One of our parents has set up an affiliate programme with Esher Rugby Club for Esher High School and specifically for the Zambia trip next year.

This means that any event Esher Rugby Club hosts that involves tickets sales is an opportunity for us to generate money. (e.g Fireworks night, every Home game of their National League 2 South playing 1st XV team, disco or band performance evenings etc). For every ticket sold for their events, we get a percentage to help fund the Zambia trip in July 2022.

N.B: It says up to 16 year-olds need to go with adult company, however they said a lot of kids go with their friends, however they need to get the adult ticket via the link (or QR code) to the night and they are quite relaxed about it (unless it is really young crowd, like Year 7/8).

If a child buys a ticket at the gate on the night it is £5, they will then be checked so see if they are under 16, and an adult is accompanying them - we will obviously miss out on gate sales.

The link to buy the tickets:

[Fireworks Night 5th November 2021](#)

Fireworks Night 5th November 2021

BACK WITH A BANG! Esher Rugby Fireworks Night
& Fun Fair Great food and drinks on offer! An
amazing night for the family Friday 5th November

- a) In addition, you can use the QR code unique to Esher High School Zambia Rugby Trip sales.

Escher C of E High School

Funfair & FIREWORKS

Friday, 5TH November 2021

Under 16s **MUST** be accompanied by an adult

ADVANCE TICKET DISCOUNT
until **30th October**

£8
Adult

£22
Family of 4
2 Ad / 2 Ch

TICKETS
<https://tinyurl.com/37h49pzu>

Gate Price
£10 Adult
£5 Child (5-15yrs)
Under 5s FREE

Doors, Bar, Street Food & Funfair from 5pm
Display Starts 8pm
After Party with DJ
90's & 00's 9pm

**HUGE EVENING OF FUN TO BE HAD.
HELP SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS'
FUNDRAISING EFFORTS TO GO TO
ZAMBIA IN SUMMER 2022!**

Both ways will record all sales driven by us.

Lastly to summarise as follows:

Our profit:

1. Initial 30% of all ticket sales reimbursed to the school's Zambia trip

Tickets prices are:

Child /Adult £8 (we get £2.40)

Family(2a/2c) £22 (we get £6.60)

Next Action:

Word of mouth by all, to tell children, neighbours, friends, sports friends/parents, family etc to come to the fireworks night on Friday 5 November and use the link or QR code to buy the tickets.

Please support our students for their trip next year.

Clothing Appeal

We are always incredibly grateful for the support you have shown the school by way of all the donations that keep coming in, even during lockdown. Our sincere thanks.

With half term fast approaching, this would be an ideal time to have a clear out of all the unwanted clothes, shoes, accessories and of course sports gear, which haven't seen the light of day in ages! Other than the sports gear, everything else goes to a local recycling depot where we receive money depending on weight. The sports kit, including boots and trainers. is sent directly out to Zambia. We look forward to seeing you armed with loads of bin liners next month!!!

17. Helping you to #Be Ok

Please find detailed below a couple of posters with details of two local groups, which your child might be interesting in joining.

Helping you to #Be OK

We can help year 8-11 young people
The young people will learn strategies to relieve anxiety in a supportive environment. They will have fun and make new friends whilst being creative and trying new things!
Funded by the Walton Charity 12 places available

Fridays in Claygate from 4.30-6.00pm
Based at the Claygate Hub and Emmanuel Hall
Email: supportclubs@elevateeleven.com

waltoncharity on thames
Working to build a better community in Wiltshire

ELEVATE LIFE



Helping you to: **#Be OK**

East Molesey on Tuesdays

Walton on Wednesdays

'The Common Room' in East

Molesey on Thursdays

Using creativity and interventions to promote socialisation and relieve anxiety with our trained mentors!



An opportunity to have fun and make friends!

Tuesdays and Thursdays: Refresh: 129, Walton Road, East Molesey, 4.30-6.00pm
 Wednesday: Spurgeons (next to Grovelands School) Walton on Thames KT12 2EQ
 Email: supportclubs@elevateeleven.com

18. **Dates for your diary**

Monday 11 -	Open Mornings 9.30 – 11.00
Wednesday 13 October	
Monday 11 October -	Year 11 MFL Speaking Exams
Friday 15 October	
Monday 1 November	Year 10 MFL Speaking Exams
Thursday 11 November	Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening, 4.00pm – 8.00pm
Monday 15 November	Year 11 PPEs commence for two weeks

19. **Term Dates**

2021/22

Autumn Term 2021

Autumn Term	Thursday 2 September – Thursday 16 December, 12.30
Half Term	Monday 18 – Friday 29 October

Spring Term 2022

Spring Term	Tuesday 4 January – Friday 1 April
INSET Day 3	Monday 21 February
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.