



# Parent E-Bulletin

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Issue 2

Welcome to Esher Church of England High School Parent E-Bulletin. This is sent to all parents, twice every half term 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**

Dear Families,

We have had an exciting few weeks in school showcasing our community to prospective parents. The feedback we have had about their visits, but also the lovely recommendations you have given, have been heartwarming. Thank you for your support, it makes our job that bit easier!

With one more week until half term break, I am sure we will be coming back to some cooler weather after the holiday. A reminder of some key areas on uniform and staying warm to make the return as smooth as possible:

- Coats are encouraged, these are to be worn over school uniform (including blazers). Coats will need to be removed before going into lessons.
- In school uniform, jumpers are optional, blazers are a daily requirement.
- Students can wear their school PE mid layer, v neck knitted school jumper or blazer with PE kit to keep warm. A coat over their polo is allowed.
- PE jogger bottoms or plain black jogger bottoms to be worn with PE kit.
- Hoodies are not permitted.

On the theme of uniform, I will be holding an open forum on our school uniform on Monday 13 November at 5.30pm in the Hub in school. It will be a chance to give views on adjustments and feedback to the school leadership team. An invitation will be sent as a separate Edulink message. If you are unable to attend, there will be an opportunity to feedback via an online form.

Sincerely,

Mr King

## 2. Safeguarding

During tutor time next week, we will be holding discussions around the attacks that have taken place in Israel and the conflict that has escalated since then. One area I would encourage you is to check if your child is accessing snapchat and to think about removing it as there are reports of extremely graphic videos being shared on this platform.

## 3. The Big Ambition Survey

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England, is asking children, young people and parents to have their say about what they need to make their lives better. Please use this [link](#) to complete the survey.

## 4. Vacancies at Esher High School

### **Data and Assessment Officer**

We are currently recruiting for a Data and Assessment Officer to join the busy Data Team. If you or anyone you know might be interested in this position, more details can be found on the link:

<https://www.esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk/news/?pid=6&nid=4&storyid=3342>

### **Cleaners**

We are currently looking for cleaners to join our team on a permanent basis - if you know of anyone that might be interested in the role, please do invite them to submit an application. More details can be found here - [Esher Church of England High School - School Cleaner \(esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk\)](#) The hours are Monday to Friday, 3pm to 6pm. Term time only working can be considered.

## 5. Students Riding Bikes

As we get into the darker and wetter , can you please ensure that if your child is riding to and from school, they have the correct lights on their bikes and are wearing a helmet. This must be the case for all those on bikes entering and leaving the school site. Thank you in advance for your support on this.

## 6. Santa Stork Christmas Appeal



**HELP LOCAL CHILDREN GET A GIFT TO OPEN THIS CHRISTMAS**

This Christmas, Walton Charity is teaming up again with Stripey Stork to ensure that some of the **thousands of children living in poverty** across Elmbridge have a gift to open on Christmas Day.

For many of these children, our gift will be the only one they receive.

Thanks to the generous support of our local community, last year the appeal funded gifts and stocking fillers for **593 local children**. This Christmas, demand for help is expected to be even higher as local families face a challenging winter with the cost-of-living crisis still hitting hard.

**Double your donation! Walton Charity will match all donations made the appeal £ or £.**

- £6 could buy a football and a pump
- £15 could buy a radio controlled helicopter
- £20 could buy a Baby Annabell doll

To donate, please click here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/santastork23>

## 7. Dates for your diary

6 – 10 November	Year 11 MFL Speaking Exams
Friday 10 November	Capella Charity Day, raising money for <b>Cancer Research</b>
20 November – 1 December	Year 11 Pre-Public Exams
Monday 13 November	Year 7 The Greatest Show (E Band)
Wednesday 15 November	Year 7 The Greatest Show (S Band)

## 8. Term Dates

### **2023/24**

#### Autumn Term 2023

Autumn Term	Monday 4 September – <b>Thursday 21 December, not Friday 22 December</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 23 October – Friday 3 November, finishing at 3.00pm</b>

#### Spring Term 2024

Spring Term	Monday 8 January – Thursday 28 March
Half Term	Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

#### Summer Term 2024

Summer Term	Monday 15 April – Friday 19 July
Half Term	Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

#### Autumn Term 2024

Autumn Term	Monday 2 September – Friday 20 December
Half Term:	Monday 21 October – Friday 1 November

#### Spring Term 2025

Spring Term	Monday 6 January – Friday 4 April
Half Term:	Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

#### Summer Term 2025

Summer Term	Tuesday 22 April – Friday 18 July
Half Term	Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

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