



# Parent E-Bulletin

22 September 2023

Issue 1

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,

Welcome back to another academic year, and a warm welcome to those parents who are new to our school community. It's been truly heartening to witness how our students have returned with such enthusiasm and purpose, setting the tone for what promises to be an exciting year of growth and achievement.

We are thrilled to have expanded our team with the addition of new staff members who bring a wealth of experience and expertise to our school. I'm pleased to announce that we are fully staffed once again this year, and this sense of stability and continuity is invaluable, especially in the ever-changing educational landscape.

In our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible learning environment, we have made a few adjustments this year that we believe will enhance the overall educational experience for our students. One adjustment is our renewed focus on punctuality. We have introduced clear guidelines for what constitutes being late to a lesson, supported by a 10-minute lunchtime detention. I am delighted to report that our students have embraced this change admirably, and the result is that lessons are starting promptly, allowing more time for meaningful and productive learning.

I'd like to take a moment to celebrate the remarkable achievements of last year's Year 11 students. Their hard work, dedication, and resilience have paid off, as evidenced by the outstanding results they achieved in their examinations. These students have set a high standard for academic excellence and have left a lasting legacy. We are immensely proud of their accomplishments and look forward to seeing them continue to thrive in their future endeavours.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and here's to a successful and rewarding year ahead.

Sincerely,

Mr King

## 2. Performing Arts/DT BBQ – Friday 29 September

The Performing Arts and DT team would like to extend an invitation to this year's Performing Arts BBQ. This is a showcase for, and celebration of, some of the work of our Music and Performing Arts students. Alongside this, our Waynflete Diner Team will be providing food.

Please do come along to support and cheer students as they return to the stage and enjoy a medley of performances. Tickets are £5 and include a burger, crisps and a drink. These can be purchased via ScoPay. Please fill in this [form](#) if you have an allergy requirement and will do our best to accommodate.

## 3. MFL House Competition

\*\*\*The MFL team are pleased to announce this year's House Competition: "Illustrate a Quote" \*\*\*

Your child may choose one of the three quotes shown on the attached flyer to illustrate, using any medium. Their entry can be digital or a paper copy. The quote in Spanish, French or German must be featured in your entry.

Entries should be submitted to your MFL teacher (French or Spanish). Digital entries should be emailed to Ms. Buck directly ([kbuck@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:kbuck@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk)).

The closing date for entries is Tuesday 3 October. All entries will be judged by the MFL team.

All winners will receive a prize, achievement points and a number of house points which could help put their house in the lead at the beginning of the year!!

## 4. Zambia Appeal

Next year will see 40 Year 10 students embark on an amazing adventure to Zambia. To help with their fundraising efforts, we are still taking donations of unwanted clothing, footwear, handbags and books. Sadly, no bedlinen or towels. Mr Horrod will then take the bags to the recycling depot.

Any sports clothing and footwear will be sent directly to the children in Zambia.

## 5. 100% Time

We have introduced this year to all students the strict expectation that students must be on time to lessons.

Students are all given a minimum of 4 minutes movement time to get to each lesson and the start of lessons are signalled by a bell.

Students who arrive after this bell will be regarded as late to lesson and will gain a same day late detention, with an escalation of a next day leadership detention for those who fail to attend. The lates run from Period 5 the previous day to period 4 on the day of the detention. Students have had the outline of this system multiple times and it has been made clear that students are responsible for being on time and when late with reason providing evidence to share with the class teacher to back this up. Students will be reminded they have a lunch detention; however, it is very clear when they are late with the introduction of the bells.

Students arriving more than 5 minutes after this bell without valid reason will be judged to have truanted the lesson.

This has been a significant change but has already considerably improved punctuality to lessons improving the positive slick starts to lessons, the opportunities to recall previous knowledge and increase our aim of students using 100% of their time for learning.

With all new processes the system is improving all the time and with your continued support we believe lateness can be eradicated.

## 6. Extra-Curricular Clubs

The clubs have been slightly amended to reflect a change of day for the KS3 Art Club to Monday.

## 7. Parent on-line Sessions

Attached you will find a couple of flyers from Face Family Advice, with details of free online sessions that might be of interest.

## 8. Sickness and Medical Appointments

To report any sickness or medical appointments, please call the main school number and select Option 1 to speak to the Attendance Team. Alternatively, email to [attendance@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk)

Please do not use the Office email.

## 9. Late Bus Service

There has been a change to the late bus service running on Monday to Thursday afternoons. Due to low numbers for the Cobham service last year, it has now been cancelled. However, the 715 can be picked up in Esher High Street. The timetable is below:

<https://bustimes.org/services/715-kingston-guildford>

There are now two services, operated by Bear Buses, that go to Thames Ditton and Molesey/Hersham. The timetables are attached.

## 10. Car Parking

Following a complaint received recently, please could we ask that you do not park on the pavements outside the school drive and surrounding residential driveways, especially near the entrance to Esher Green Surgery. As well as making it difficult for residents and ambulances needing to gain access to the Surgery, it makes it impossible for our students and pedestrians to safely walk up and down More Lane.

Please arrange to meet your child at the end of More Lane/Lower Green Road.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

## 11. Parent on-line Sessions

Attached you will find a couple of flyers from Face Family Advice, with details of free online sessions that might be of interest.

## 12. Dates for your diary

Friday 29 September	Performing Arts/DT BBQ, 6.30 – 8.00pm in the Quad
Thursday 5 October	EHS Open Evening, 6.00 – 8.00pm
	<b>School finishes at 12.30, buses depart at 12.40pm</b>
9 and 10 October	Open Mornings, 9.00 – 10.00am
6 – 10 November	Year 11 MFL Speaking Exams
Friday 10 November	Capella Charity Day
20 November – 1 December	Year 11 Pre-Public Exams

## 13. Term Dates

### **2023/24**

#### Autumn Term 2023

Autumn Term	Monday 4 September – Friday 22 December
<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>Friday 6 October</b>

Half Term	Monday 23 October – Friday 3 November
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#### 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

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Monday 2 September – Friday 20 December

Half Term:

Monday 21 October – Friday 1 November

Spring Term 2025

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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.