



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, 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.

You can find out more about our school by following us on Facebook and Instagram.



A note from the Headteacher

Dear Families

As we step into the season of reflection and gratitude, I am heartened by the profound sense of community that has been so vividly expressed through our recent Harvest food bank collection. Your overwhelming generosity has truly embodied the spirit of our school's Christian vision of: "Belong, Be more, Be Esher." The wonderful donations that have poured in are not just contributions of food and necessities; they are a testament to the caring and supportive network that makes our school more than just an educational institution. I extend my deepest thanks to each and every one of you for upholding this spirit of giving and togetherness.

Our collective efforts have shone brightly, also through the success of the shoebox appeal. This initiative saw boxes filled with gifts and essentials that are now on their way to bring joy and comfort to those in need. It is heartwarming to witness our students taking charge of such charitable endeavours, showcasing leadership and compassion that go beyond the classroom. The charitable work done by our students, with your invaluable support, continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others, resonating with our commitment to life beyond our school gates. Let us continue to join in these endeavours, for it is together that we can extend the reach of our community's kindness.

I must not forget to highlight the excellent approach our Year 11 students have displayed during their pre-public exams (PPEs) over the past two weeks. To say they skipped in would probably be a step too far, however the calmness and quiet confidence they took into the exams is testament to their hard work and the support of the school community and families. Parents and families of our Year 11s, please pass on my congratulations and best wishes to them.

Thank you, once again, for being an integral part of our school's journey of giving, learning, and growing. It is with a grateful heart that I acknowledge the strength and warmth of our school community, which continues to inspire us all.

Yours faithfully

Mr King
Headteacher

Eco-Schools Ground Force Day - Sunday 26 November @ 10am

We have had a delivery of 450 tree saplings, which need planting on the school field. We're looking for helpers and tools to do this, so if you are free and want to help, please contact Mrs Heugh-Lait (cheugh@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk) so we have an idea of numbers.

Please bring gardening gloves with you and a spade/trowel as we do not have equipment to lend out. Any amount of time you can spare will massively help us get them planted before the weather turns.

We are also after any donations of extra-large plant pots to pot some oak tree saplings. If you have any spare pots and want to donate them, please drop them off at reception. Again, we are very grateful for any donations for our projects. Thank you!

Esher Community Choir



In preparation for the Esher Church of England High School annual Carol Service on Wednesday 20 December, we are planning to put together **a special community choir made up of staff, parents and students of Esher High School**. We're going to learn a couple of jazzy carol arrangements and sing through the classics.

Perhaps you've done a bit of singing before? Maybe you always wanted to sing in a choir? Or you just fancy a bit of fun on a Friday afternoon.

It is **open to everyone** and a real opportunity for the whole community to belong - you don't need to be an amazing singer; the only requirement is that you're **up for having some good fun!**

We are going to run 3 rehearsals between now and the Carol Service. There will be mince pies – Christmas attire is optional!

Dates

Friday 24 November

Friday 8 December

Friday 15 December

Time; 3:30-4:30pm

Where; Esher High Performing Arts Block (Black Box)

Who; Everyone is welcome!

[Click here](#) to express interest so that we have an idea of numbers. If you have any questions, please email Mr Hancock at chancock@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk.

Message from Mr Marriage – Head of Year 10

I will be on shared parental leave from Monday 27 November until the end of term. Please direct any Head of Year 10 queries to tutors as first point of contact and Jon Howe. I would appreciate being copied in on any key correspondence with Y10 students/parents so I remain in the loop on my return. Wishing you all an awesome Christmas break when it arrives.

Many thanks, Mr Marriage

Cycling to School

We would always encourage our students to cycle to school as and when possible. However, for their own safety, and our community's safety, please can you remind your child:

- To cycle on cycle paths and the roads only; paths and narrow alleyways are for pedestrian use only.
- For their protection, please ask them to always wear a helmet and use lights and high vis clothing to ensure visibility in the dark.
- To remain mindful of pedestrians.

Parking on More Lane

Thank you to the large number of parents who are now waiting and driving into the school at 3.15 to pick up your child. It makes More Lane a much safer space for our students. We would like to remind the small number of parents who still park on the double yellow lines, pavements or in private driveways, this causes a viewing hazard for our students who cycle. We have referred this to Surrey Police and Surrey County

Council. From their response we anticipate traffic warden activity to increase in coming weeks so we wanted everyone to have fair warning, as we aim to work together for a safe and happy community.

Late Bus Tickets

If your child needs to use the late bus, you can buy a book of 10 tickets for £25.00 on [Scopay](#). In an emergency, single tickets may be bought with cash from Student Services for £2.50.

New Year Celebrations at Esher Rugby Club

Tickets bought through [this link](#) will earn 10% to the Zambia Parent Fundraising:



Dates for your diary

27 November – 1 December	Year 11 Pre-public exams
Monday 27 November	Year 7 – 11 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 7 December	Waynflete Diner
Friday 8 December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14 December	Year 8 Parents Evening
Wednesday 20 December	Esher High School Carol Service
Thursday 21 December	End of Term – 12.30pm, School buses depart 12.40pm



Term Dates

Term dates are available on the school website, using [this link](#).