



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, 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

As we move through another enriching term at our school, I am pleased to share with you some of the wonderful achievements and developments that continue to make our community a place of vibrant learning and growth. At the heart of our vision – to help each student 'Belong, be more, be Esher' – is the commitment to support every learner in their unique educational journey. It is with immense pride that I witness the exceptional work being carried out across the school to support all students in their learning. This could not be possible without the dedication and expertise of our staff, who continue to deliver high-quality lessons, fostering an environment where each student is encouraged to reach their full potential.

I would like to extend my gratitude to our teachers and support staff for their tireless efforts. Their passion and skill in educating and nurturing our students do not go unnoticed. Their role in shaping the minds and futures of our young people is invaluable, and we are truly fortunate to have such a committed team at our school. You will be aware that we have a small number of teacher vacancies at present. Please rest assured that we are working tirelessly to fill these and minimise the impact this has on specific classes.

A special mention must be made of the fantastic 'Be More' day that our Year 11 students experienced yesterday. Focused on careers and personal development, this day was a shining example of our commitment to preparing our students for life beyond school. The enthusiasm and engagement displayed by our Year 11s were a testament to the positive impact such initiatives have on their development.

As we look forward to the rest of the term, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for our students and the continued collaboration between our school and the parent community. Together, we are nurturing a generation of confident, capable, and caring individuals who are well-equipped to meet the challenges of the future.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community.

Warm regards,

Mr King

INSET DAY – FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY

2. Careers

Careers Opportunity - Year 10 and Year 11 Students

Activate Learning are excited to introduce you to their **NEW** Taster Session Programme for Year 10 and 11 students. Between January and May 2024, students will be able to sign up to bespoke taster sessions on campus, aimed at helping them to make informed decisions about their next steps.

Each session will be completely tailored to a Career Pathway and provide students with the opportunity to sample an activity related to the course, view the facilities, and ask the tutors questions about studying with Activate Learning. Students will have complete control over the subject(s) they sign up for and how many they attend.

Sign up for the taster sessions by following the links below:

- Merrist Wood Taster Sessions - [Merrist Wood Taster Sessions. | Eventbrite](#)
- Guildford College Taster Sessions - [Guildford College Taster Sessions. | Eventbrite](#)
- Farnham College Taster Sessions - [Farnham Taster Sessions | Eventbrite](#)

3. LAMDA

In collaboration with Louder theatre the drama department is thrilled to be offering LAMDA qualifications.

What is LAMDA?

LAMDA is one of the UK's oldest and most respected awarding bodies. LAMDA is regulated by Ofqual, its vocational qualifications sit alongside **GCSE's and A-Levels on the Regulated Qualifications Framework** and at the higher grades, earn students UCAS Points, which make them stronger candidates for universities.

Why take a LAMDA class?

Studying for a LAMDA exam is an excellent way to way to **develop creative potential and improve powers of self-expression**. Students receive tailored, individual tuition on their vocal and physical skills.

*****Classes start at £6 a week*****

LAMDA lessons will run as Peri lesson. Please check Sway for more details. If you have any question's please don't hesitate to contact me.

The Link to the LAMDA tuition form is below

<https://forms.office.com/e/bCFtBXeiUu>


Thames Music Theatre

Thames Music Theatre is a new theatre company aimed at young people in SW London, Surrey and nearby areas. It has been founded by professionals in the world of music theatre, including the founder of the National Youth Music Theatre. Their first show will be this summer in the Rose Theatre in Kingston upon Thames and will be a hilarious music comedy set in Roman-occupied Lancashire and will be huge fun! They are looking for aspiring actors aged 10-16 to audition for this, with preliminary audition slots in early February and main rehearsals outside of term-time. Please do go to their website for more information and to submit an application: <https://www.thamesmt.org>

4. **PAPA**

✨ Join PAPA – Ignite the Arts Together! ✨

🏰 Calling all parents and arts lovers! 🏰

Be part of the Performing Arts Parents Association (PAPA) at [School Name].  Click the link below to express your interest and join a dynamic community dedicated to supporting young talents in the arts.

 <https://forms.office.com/e/zDjHDyrHxG>

💡 Why join?

- Connect with like-minded parents who share your passion.
- Play a crucial role in supporting school productions and events.
- Make a meaningful impact on your child's creative journey.

Ready to be a PAPA champion? Click the link and let's make performing arts magic happen! ✨🏰

5. **Uniform Shop**

One of our uniform suppliers, Unismart in Cobham, will be closing their doors on Friday 29 January and operating online only. Please check out their website for details [Unismart Ltd - School Uniforms & Sports Wear. Call 01932 868233](#) or email directly unismartltd@gmail.com

6. **Zambia and Zimbabwe 2024**

Clothes Collection

We are still fundraising and collecting donations to ship out to Zambia and Zimbabwe. Your donations of clothes, shoes, bags, belts can be recycled to help with the Year 10 fundraising efforts prior to their departure in July. Items not suitable are pants, socks, linen and bedding).

Sports clothing, training shoes and sports equipment will be either shipped out or taken in July.

Since 2019 we have shipped or taken 10,000 books to Zambia. If you would like to donate books (fiction, non-fiction or textbooks) please do bring them in to school. I will store and then make sure they are on the next shipment.

Please bring all donations to Reception.

Many thanks

Chris Horrod
Trip Leader

7. **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 1 February	2024 Ski Trip – Parents' Information Evening, 6.00 – 7.00pm in Performing Arts
Friday 2 February	Year 8 House Event
Thursday 8 February	Year 8 Options Evening, 5.30 – 7.30pm, Sports Hall
19 – 23 February	Year 11 MFL Speaking Exams
Thursday 22 February	Year 7 Parents' Evening, 4.00 – 8.00pm, Sports Hall
26 February – Friday 1 March	Year 11 PPEs

8. **Term Dates**

Spring Term 2024

Spring Term	Monday 8 January – Thursday 28 March (Good Friday – 29 March)
INSET DAY 3	Friday 9 February
Half Term	Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Summer Term 2024

Summer Term	Tuesday 16 April – Friday 19 July
INSET DAY 4	Monday 15 April
Half Term	Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May

Autumn Term 2024

Autumn Term	Tuesday 3 September – Friday 20 December
INSET DAY 1	Monday 2 September
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.