



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 hope that you all have had a fantastic half term and that the lighter days and blossoming flowers have given you all a spring in your step as we gear up for the next 6 weeks!

As this has been the season of love, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your efforts to work with us to support your children over the last half term. There are many things to be thankful for, but a few are:

<3 Thank you to all families that have encouraged and supported your child with completing their homework and revision: building these habits is important for ensuring that they practice the skills and embed the knowledge that they need.

<3 Thank you to all parents that attended the Year 9 Options Evening last half term to support your child to make the best possible curriculum choices.

<3 Thank you to all parents that have supported your children at events such as the peripatetic music concert. Watch this space for more information about our upcoming Spring Gala event if you missed it!

<3 Thank you for supporting and encouraging your children to attend clubs and take part in the many team fixtures that happen every week; this is such a great way for your children to Be More!

The upcoming half term is no less busy than the last with PPEs for Year 11s, more events and charity days and lots of learning! Hopefully this bulletin will provide you with insight into some of that!

Best wishes

Mr King

2. Careers



PwC Opportunity

PwC, a leading professional services firm, are delighted to announce that their national Virtual Insight Programme is now open for applications. For **Year 11** across the UK, applications are now open for PwC's Virtual Insight Programme. Students will have the chance to learn about PwC's different business areas, their culture and ways students can join PwC through interactive sessions over 3 days. They'll receive guidance and top tips on the application process and support building their skill set to prepare them for the workplace. Apply [here](#). The deadline for applications is Friday 8 March 2024.

3. Performing Arts

Our PAPA (Performing Arts Parents' Association) are in the throes of planning an amazing Esher High event – *The Harmony Gala*, which will take place on Wednesday 27 March. You will find more information in the attached poster.

Next term, will see our production of 'We Will Rock You', a musical extravaganza, which we hope you will come and see our fabulous students in action. Rehearsals are well underway, so now we're on the countdown..... Poster attached.

4. 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 questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

5. Sirius Charity Day

This is what is happening for our next charity fundraising day.



✿ Join us for Sirius Charity Day on Friday 8 March! ✿

Indulge in a day of sweetness and support as we raise funds for mental health. Treat yourself at our cake sales, explore a candy wonderland at our sweet shop, and try your luck at the thrilling tombola, sweet pong and much more!!

6. U16 Girls Football

Our U16 girls unfortunately lost their first game of the academic year, in Round 6 of the ESFA Nationals Cup. However, they made it to the last-16 schools (or tied 9th if you ask the girls) in the country, which is an amazing achievement! The girls involved included: Megan E, Eva S, Jess C, Ciara S, Sophie S, Iona M, Yossi M, Lou B-B, Zoe Rs, Lydia A, Maggie D, Bess T, Lexie P, Emilia C (not pictured) and Summer J.

They have also made the semi-final of the County Cup to look forward to and have gone from strength to strength this year, showing an incredible desire to work hard for each other and never giving up!



7. Student Services

Paracetamol

Please be aware that Student Services will no longer be handing out paracetamol to students if needed. Therefore, if you would like your child to have a supply at school, please provide a box with your child's name and hand in to us to be stored safely.

Lost Property

We have a large number of lost property items, namely coats, water bottles and keys all looking for a home! If your child has lost any of these items, please ensure they pop along to Student Services soon as all items will either be donated to charity or thrown away within the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

8. Dates for your diary

26 February – Friday 1 March	Year 11 PPEs
7 - 8 March	Year 11 Food Practical Final Exams
11 – 14 March	Year 11 Hospitality and Catering Practical Final Exams
Friday 8 March	Sirius Charity Day
Thursday 21 March	Year 9 Parents' Evening, 4.00 – 8.00pm in the Sports Hall
Friday 22 March	Year 9 House Event during Period 5
Wednesday 27 March	EHS 'Harmony Gala' – save the date!

9. Term Dates

Spring Term 2024

Spring Term	Monday 8 January – Thursday 28 March – school finishes at 12.30, buses depart at 12.40 (Good Friday – 29 March)
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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.