



Diary Dates:

7/7/19	Y7 Sports Festival - Cancelled
11/7/18	Y8 Adventure Island Southend
12/7/18	County Transition Day
13/7/18	Non Uniform Day - MND Day £2
16/7/18	Parent Feedback Meeting 5pm KS3 Homework Trial
17/7/18	11am-3pm Uniform sales
18/7/18	11am-3pm Uniform sales
19/7/18	Y8 Celebration Evening 6:30pm
20/7/18	End of Term 2:30pm finish
4/9/18	Autumn Term

We hope you enjoyed Sports day and understood the reasoning behind our changes. As the weather forecast continues to be hot, students can remain in their PE kit at the start of next week. Thank you for your non uniform day contribution to Ms Liddle's memorial fund.

Year 8

The visit to Adventure Island in Southend for our Year 8 leavers takes place on the 11th July, and the majority of Year 8s will be attending. Students should arrive at school as normal and we hope to return by 4:30pm at the latest. In the event of a delay, we will update you via Parentmail. **Please note: all students not attending the trip will be expected to be in school as normal.**

Year 8 Celebration Evening - don't forget, if you want to sign up for photographs on the night the link is <https://portraitsbysarah.as.me/edwinstreesingleleaverportrait>.

Triple Image Leavers Portraits (to include head & shoulders leaver's portrait; full or 3/4 length leaver's portrait & family portrait) - priced at £20 + £1.50 delivery - can be booked at 5 minute intervals from 7:45-8:45pm using this link <https://portraitsbysarah.as.me/edwinstreetripleleaverportrait>

Those who haven't pre-booked but would like a portrait will be fitted into available spaces on the evening on a first-come-first-served basis with a priority being given to single leaver's portraits to ensure each Leaver has the opportunity to have a photo taken. If you have any queries, please contact Sarah at info@portraitsbysarah.co.uk <<mailto:info@portraitsbysarah.co.uk>>

Year 7

The students enjoyed the Big Bang experience. Thank you to the significant numbers of students who have signed up to support Year 5 transition day on Thursday. Please make sure if your child is keen to be a leader that they make the Monday 16th July deadline. They will need to write a letter to the Headteacher outlining what value they think they could represent and why. Roles and duties will be assigned after the application process.

Year 6

SAT results will be with you by the end of next week. Our message is, "*regardless of the individual result, all students should be praised for their gargantuan effort*". This is the key to future success, not a single student gave up and this will help them move forward to their GCSEs,

Year 5

Thank you to the Year 5 Student Council who have been preparing a transition video for the Year 4s visiting us on Transition Day. Their advice is impeccable and worth viewing, we hope to be able to share this with you.

When do we hear about class changes and when do we receive the reports?

Class changes and confirmed tutors will accompany the reports in the last week of term. However, if you have a vulnerable child, you will be contacted next week to help minimise their anxieties. We request that all parents support the school's stance that the students give it a three week trial in their new group. If at the end of September they feel that they are still very unhappy, please book an appointment to see the Head of Year. Last year, the Year 8s were anxious about this change; however we have seen their friendship groups broaden and flourish.

How have we made the choices for tutor groupings? We have looked to evenly spread ability in English and Maths and to place SEND and PP students.

Internet Safety

We would like to remind parents to be vigilant regarding your child's use of the internet. An incident has recently been reported: a student received messages from an unknown person via Instagram. The messages were of a mildly sexual content and several attempts to video call were made. Please discuss the possible dangers with

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your child and help keep them safe on the internet. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Is Ofsted visiting?

Still on alert and they could arrive in the last week of term, so no release from our watch! If they do not arrive this side of the term, we will see them early on in September.

Parent Feedback Meeting KS3 Homework - Monday 16/7/18 at 5pm

As requested by parents, we have been adding the KS3 Homework to our website. We would really appreciate your feedback: has it made a difference? If you are unable to attend the meeting, please email your feedback to: admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk – Thank you

Free School Meals

We would like to remind parents that if you are eligible for free school meals, please remember to renew your application for September 2018 as all current applications will expire at the end of the summer term. You can apply online at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

LAMDA Speech & Drama

Next term, Starlight Stars will be offering students an after school enrichment club from 3:30pm – 4:15pm [day to be confirmed]. Please contact Alex James on lamda@starlightstars.co.uk

Young FilmMakers Club

The Young FilmMakers are now returning for the fourth successful term at Edwinstree School to run an After School Club. Your child will learn how to storyboard their ideas, build on their confidence, use literacy skills, to use the camera, set up the green screens so we can add the special effects when editing, and undertake the roles of Director, Camera Operator, Clapperboard Operator. As well as a cast member, they will perform on some exciting missions such as School of Rock, Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them, I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here, The Greatest Showman, Men In Black, Willie Wonka, It Came from the Stars (Star Wars) and many more. All their work will be edited and a download will be sent to each child at the end. For more details on the sessions please contact Gillian on 07341305131 or

northherts@youngfilmmakersclub.co.uk

VARIOUS PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE - SPACES ARE LIMITED

Computing Lessons

Computing lessons will return to the curriculum in September and students will be placed on a rotational cycle of lessons with Design and Technology in Year 7 and Year 8. Our schemes of work will focus on coding and computer language. Mr Galanides will be leading the department this year and is currently in the process of resourcing the new schemes of work

English Department

Please support us by checking that your child has returned all library books by the end of term. We are missing many of our core reading books, fiction and non-fiction books. We would appreciate a check under beds and in wardrobes before the end of term.

As a trial, we are offering students the opportunity to borrow a fiction book over the holiday. Please encourage children to continue to read regularly. The summer Reading Challenge is held at all local libraries and is a great free activity. Our first house competition, next term, will include a count-up of all students who receive a certificate from their library.

If you are having a clear-out over the holiday please consider donating children's magazines and books to support our library. Next term we will be fundraising to support the purchase of new books.

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Filmmakers info

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