



Edwinstree Middle School
 A Voluntary Controlled Church of England
 School
NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 19/07/2019

Diary Dates:

2/9/19	Inset Day
3/9/19	Autumn Term begins
28/10/19	Half Term
6/12/19	Occasional Day – School Closed
20/12/19	End of term – 2:30pm finish

A huge thank you for all your support this year; whether it be the torture(!) of problem-solving with your child through maths homework, using the passports to help decipher the new GPS or reading for 20 minutes every day 5 times a week, we appreciate your effort. Thank you to those Parents who take the time to show up for events or support educational visits. A particularly big thank you to the Year 8 Parents who showed immense dedication in attending the Normandy residential visit and to the ESA for their sterling work in fund-raising for the school and supporting our major events. This year the ESA has contributed to re-stocking the class texts that we send home with every student, and the start-up fund for the new ARTs awards that will be taking place next year.

We started the year as an RI school and we finish ‘Good’. Our SATs results show systematic year on year improvement. However, we are not done: the community of Parents and students deserve an outstanding school and we will keep pushing forward. Please remember, we won’t get everything right all the time so let us know when we get it wrong. No problem is too small, so talk to us. A parent and school working together will support a happy and successful child.

What happens on the first day back?

All students go to the hall, class list posters will be on display for new students and staff will be there to guide them. The first two hours of the day will be spent in tutor time, allocating timetables, rooms and ROAs (Record of Achievement). They will also spend time exploring the changes we have made to the school and revisiting our Vision and Purpose. If the timetable has PE on the Tuesday, we do not expect students to have their kit with them and the PE department will accommodate this.

Where do I go to replenish my uniform and what is the expectation in September?

We expect all students to be wearing the new PE kit in September, which can be purchased online

from Price & Buckland <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/edwinstree>
 School uniform can be purchased from any outlet except the school tie which can be purchased from the school office. Our expectation is students start the Autumn term in winter uniform. Year 5 ties are without the house colours as the cost of the coloured stripe was becoming prohibitive and excessive. We will sell off our old stock to other year groups and slowly move all year groups to non-house-coloured ties. All ties are now priced at £5. We are often asked questions about shoes: we do not expect trainers, but the modern day shoe can look like a trainer. The school shoe must be able to cope with wet weather and, for health and safety in science and food technology, the shoe must protect the top of foot as well as be appropriate school wear. Attached is our uniform list.

Year 7 applications for Leadership

During the first two weeks of new term, Year 7 will have an opportunity to apply for a Leadership role. The application is open to all as we encourage the new Year 8 to take on responsibility and support the younger members of the school. Please see attached letter, which is also available on our website.

Music Lessons

Mrs Bradshaw will be replacing Mrs Catton as piano teacher from September. This will work differently to Herts Music Services as she is self-employed. Communication will be between yourselves and Mrs Bradshaw - this includes invoicing, payments and timetabling. We will pass her contact details on to you at the beginning of September.

HPV Vaccinations

HPV Immunisations are being offered to all boys and girls in Year 8, during the next academic year (September 2019). The link for the electronic consent form can be found within the letter and must be completed by Monday 9th September 2019. Please note the form will not work on some mobiles or tablets. Should you have any issues please contact the school office.

Enrichment clubs and activities after school and at Lunchtime.

Lunchtime clubs and after school clubs will commence the week beginning 16/9/19 and we will publish the Enrichment club list first week back. The only exceptions to this are the following clubs below:

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LAMDA – After School Club Tel: 01763 287691

email: inspiring@examstars.co.uk

Please find attached the LAMDA Lesson application form. Please note that the existing students we have on roll will continue in September without needing to complete a new application form (unless they have given us half a term's notice).

Exam Stars provides lessons in Performance and Communication following the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) syllabus, which includes the option for students to enter examinations. Lessons will take place on Tuesdays.

Filmmakers Club

Sign up online:

www.northertsyounghfilmakersclub.webstarts.com

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North Hertfordshire Under 11 District Football Trials [Y6 2019/2020]

If your child would like to be entered for the district football trials at Grenaway School, Royston on 6/9/19, please see accompanying letter. You will need to contact r.dowler@rsat.org.uk Please note this is not school led initiative and as a Parent you take responsibility for entering them.

*I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a restful summer break and look forward to seeing all our students at **8:40am on Tuesday 3rd September 2019.***

Jo Gant
Headteacher
Enc HPV
Y7 Leadership
Football Trials

Tutor Groups for September 2019				
		Tutor Group	Room	
YEAR 5 TEAM				
Mrs A Kelly (was Miss Shelley) - HOY5	AKY			
Mr M McCarthy	MMY	5MMY	13	
Miss A Ealet	AET	5AET	NL2	
Miss E Sali	ESI	5ESI	11	
Mrs S Barrett	SBT	5SBT*	14	
YEAR 6 TEAM				Previously
Miss K Devonshire - HOY6	KDE	6KDE	17	5E
Mrs A Van Wyk	AVK	6AVK	6	5F
Miss K Lacy	KLY	6KLY	19	5P
Mr M Kelly	MKY	6MKY	18	5T
YEAR 7 TEAM				
Mr P Baines – HOY 7	PBS	7PBS	2	All new classes
Mrs S Theroulde	STE	7STE	28	
Ms L Sanders	LSS	7LSS*	31	
Mrs E Keohane	EKE	7EKE	Art	
YEAR 8 TEAM				Previously
Mr T Galanides – HOY8	TGS	8TGS	3	7F
Miss G Bustard	GBD	8GBD	32	7C
Miss G Davies	GDS	8GDS	4	7R
Mrs H Booth	HBH	8HBH	29*	7S
*5SBT – MRS Wednesdays *7LSS – KBK Mondays *8HBH – CCY Fridays				

Year 8 Photographs

Please find following the link to the Edwinstree Leavers Portraits:

[Edwinstree Leavers 2019](#) using password:

ELC2019. Due to work commitments orders will be dealt with after 5th August 2019.

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