



Diary Dates:

22/5/18	Year 7 Robotics Day
28/5/18	Half Term
4/6/18	Students return to school
6/6/18	Just Talk Campaign Y8 boys pm
7/6/18	Happy Puzzle Company Y7/Y8
8/6/18	Just Talk Campaign Y7 boys pm
11/6/18	Y5 - Waste Aware
14/6/18	7G/7T Computer Museum Visit
15/6/17	7B/7C Computer Museum Visit
22/6/18	Y8 Robotics Day
25/6/18	Inset Day
26/6/18	Y5 Kew Gardens Visit
6/7/18	Sports Day
12/7/18	County Transition Day
19/7/18	Y8 Celebration Evening
20/7/18	End of Term 2:30pm finish

Choir & Orchestra cancelled this week

Thank you for supporting the great opportunity that arrived at Norfolk Road playing fields on Monday. As we were celebrating the Royal Wedding the children agreed that a circus performance would be really appreciated. A huge thank you also for the amazing cakes that were entered for the 'Cake Bake off', winners will be announced next week.

What is the game 'Fortnite' and is my child at risk?

In conversation with some parents over the last couple of weeks, a number of you have picked up on your child playing 'Fortnite' a 12 + game. We have attached a link to Childnet which gives you the latest information on what this game is and the risks for students. We hope this helps!
[Information from Childnet for parents on the Fortnite game](#)

What is happening with Homework?

Subject leaders in KS3 have agreed to post, by Friday morning of every week, on a website (information and link) the weekly homework that has been set for each year group and class. In order to support Homework, the parent group that met requested that we have an additional back up to the planner. We will be trialling a variety of strategies during this period. At the beginning of July we will invite Parents back in to tell us what they thought of this communication process and whether it helped. We will then update our Homework Policy accordingly. KS3 will still receive their homework via the teacher and the planner, but as a parent, you will have an additional method of accessing the information and worksheets. The homework

timetables remain with Maths and English homework twice a week and one homework for Modern Foreign Language. Foundation subjects are then set every two weeks.

KS2 remain with their current allocation of maths and English twice a week and Modern Foreign Language once a week.

What is happening with the toilets?

Due to a plumbing and draining issue, students are currently using the gym toilets. They will be back to normal by Monday

Summer Reading Challenge

Buntingford Library have kindly agree to support the launch of the Summer Reading Challenge for Year 5, Year 6 and Year 7. Year 8 will be supported in school. After half term, classes will be visiting Buntingford Library to find out about how they can get involved. Students not local to Buntingford can still take part, as the launch is for all Hertfordshire libraries.

Year 5

Intervention letters will be sent out this week, inviting students to attend a six week course of Saturday lessons, beginning on **9th June 2018**. We cannot encourage you enough to support these extra lessons: past experience has proved that students that who took part, really benefitted from the extra help and made good progress. If you are unable to attend, please let us know asap, as we have a waiting list of parents keen to support their child to succeed.

Year 6

Congratulations to Year 6 who managed to maintain their cool and calm, and commit with determination to their SATs this week. The Reasoning paper was really tough and once again, we could feel the hike in expectations. Results will be out in July. In the meantime, please praise your child for their resilience this week. Thank you also to the rest of the school who were caring and considerate. Parents and students please take a break and a big well done!

Year 7

Year 7 will be off timetable next Tuesday 22/5/18 to take part in a Computer Robotics day which will be funded by the school.

Year 8

We have arranged a Robotics Day after half term on 22/6/18. Year 8 students are about to begin their planning for their Celebration Evening and

day visit – more information from them next week.

UKTSDF Tang Soo Do after School Club

On Friday students were given a demonstration of Tang Soo Do. Classes will take place every Monday and will commence on Monday 4/6/18 from 3:30pm until 4:45pm £60 per term [£30 half term] If your child is interested in attending the after school club, please complete and return the attached flyer. Please contact Master Stavrou on 08007710078 or 07507726642 for further information.

When are Ofsted coming?

We are expecting a visit from Ofsted any time soon. If you haven't already done so, please support the school by taking a few minutes of your time to complete the online Ofsted questionnaire – Thank you

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Attendance

If you wish to report a student absent, please continue to use the direct email below:

attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

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