

Etone College

NEWSLETTER

May 2018

PUPILS EXPERIENCE UNIVERSITY LIFE...



SPORT TASTER DAY AT
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY



MATHS WORKSHOPS AT
WARWICK UNIVERSITY

MFL SESSIONS AT WARWICK UNIVERSITY



AND MUCH
MORE...



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



The clock is ticking by and we are already underway with GCSE, AS and A2 examinations. Staff continue to work hard towards maximising the potential of each and every one of our pupils. Some pupils in Year 11 have already completed courses, secured grades and should now be investing their gained time into those subject areas that still need to be fine-tuned. After school revision sessions and in school master classes are full of the energy and drive that comes with the pressure of the countdown towards the start of an exam. Don't forget those all-important sessions that will be provided

over the half term holiday too – make sure you attend!

The 16th and 23rd August are the results days for AS/A2 and GCSE respectively and we look forward to some outstanding personal and collective achievements from all of our pupils. Many of you I know are staying with us in the Sixth Form to begin the next phase of your academic career. I look forward to seeing you all again in August and watching you celebrate your successes.

As one journey ends so another begins and as soon as the exams are over it is time for our current Year 10s to step up and take on the challenge of being the best that they can be. Prefect applications are the first of many opportunities available to those who wish to take on the extra responsibility and make a positive contribution to the life of the school. The selection process will be a tricky one as I know that there are so many who possess the quality and character needed. The potential in our current Year 10 cohort is massive. The question is “do you have the drive and determination that it takes to achieve the best results?” The upcoming Year 10 mock exams will be our clearest indicator to date. Work hard and ensure that you do yourself justice by achieving at least your baseline grades and therefore your potential.

Throughout the year pupils in all year groups are provided with a variety of curriculum enhancement opportunities including sporting events, trips, and guest speakers and performances that come into our school. The highlight of the year in terms of curriculum enrichment are our Activities Weeks in July. Staff are working hard finalising plans and arrangements for this event to ensure that it is a huge success.

As a result of the progress we have made, we have also recently once again gained SSAT Leading Edge status. This puts Etone College in an elite group of educational providers across the country that have been recognised for their level of performance. Leading Edge supports schools working in partnership to raise achievement, develop innovative practice and share practical strategies within and beyond the network.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank pupils, parents, carers, staff and governors for their continued support and to congratulate everybody on what has truly been a team effort and a fantastic achievement.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing half term break.....unless that is you have exams in which case...I hope you will be revising and working hard towards those final exams.

Good Luck!



'SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES...'



Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, 'The Scottish Play', is currently a GCSE text studied by all Year 10 and Year 11 pupils. It explores the life of Macbeth, a loyal soldier, friend and confidant of King Duncan, but also charts the change to his character and how he develops into a jealous tyrant, murderer and an enemy to those whom defy him.

Returning home one day from battle, the victorious Macbeth stumbles upon three witches on the heath. He and his friend Banquo are excited by what the witches tell them, but Macbeth is slightly more intrigued by their predictions. Driven by their disturbing prophecies, he sets out on the path to murder and as a result he has to make choices. These choices will determine his destiny and his eventual demise.

Currently playing at the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford Upon Avon, the English Department were delighted to take some of our pupils to an evening performance that brought the play to life. Pupils were thrilled with the battle scenes, and in awe of television and film actor Christopher Eccleston. They really felt that by watching the performance, they could really explore further the themes of betrayal, loyalty and ambition, amongst others, that were intended by Shakespeare to be portrayed through the characters and the story of the play.

One Year 11 pupil, Farah Shaikh, said of the performance: "I thoroughly enjoyed the play. At school we have been studying it, both from reading the play text and from watching film clips. However, seeing the live performance really brought it to life so much more. We were able to see the many monologues and conversations spoken between characters in person and really ponder, in those moments on stage, what was actually being said, without other distractions. It made me question the play and its purpose at a much deeper level and I am hopeful that this will enable me to write more critically in my forthcoming GCSE exam in English Literature."

Trip organiser and Teacher of English, Miss Knowles, said: "This was a great opportunity for the pupils to not only visit the RSC, but to also see a sell-out performance of one of Shakespeare's most discussed and debated plays. It really enabled them to witness a modern take on the 17th century play and also to consolidate their prior learning."

The English Department have many more trips planned to compliment the curriculum. See your English teacher for more information.

MFL EXPERIENCE AT WARWICK UNIVERSITY

Two weeks ago Ms Larrosa and a group of French and Spanish pupils from Year 9 had the amazing opportunity of spending a day at Warwick University as part as a Language development workshop.

The pupils who took part were: Matthew Baggott 9CI, Malika Dossani 9GI, Martyn Gandy 9CI, Morgan Haslam 9DI, Davina Jarwaa 9CI, Hinaa Labutta 9CI, Bindi-T-Leech 9DI, Brinda Pun 9CI, Michaela Para 9DI, Aamir Patel 9DI, Maria Chiara Randazzo 9GI, Megan Whetstone 9CI.

The day ran very smoothly, with lots of support from former Warwick language undergraduates. During the morning they had to create a presentation in their foreign language about their local town/ area and by the end of the day they had to compete with others in presenting and convincing the judges that Nuneaton was the best town (which of course it is!). Our pupils worked extremely hard and were praised for both their attitude and their behaviour. Their presentations were amazing and I was a very proud teacher when I saw them all presenting in the target language!

But it wasn't all hard work - the day included lunch and leisure time with other potential pupils of languages from other schools with whom we were able to exchange language learning tips!



MFL PRIMARY SESSIONS

Mrs Auton-Budds from the MFL department has been delighted to continue working with our local primary schools. Queens C of E primary school children have thoroughly enjoyed sessions in German, learning greetings, numbers and parts of the body through songs and actions. Mrs Auton-Budds and Miss Dunkley have also delivered sessions in French to Chetwynd primary school, where the children were learning about animals through the very popular children's story book *Cher Zoo*. We are looking forward to continuing our work next term with our local primary schools.

MATHS COMPETITIONS



MATHS PI DAY

We had an exceptionally brilliant π day this year. The Maths Team were all dressed with an item of clothing with π . There were exceptional messages and jokes on the Maths Team's shirts. Mr Randall's π joke was 'An opinion without 3.14 is just an onion.' Miss Shephard had her nails painted with maths equations and Mr McKenna's shirt with 'INS π PIRE' definitely inspired us for the day. Mr Chauhan,

Etone tutors and pupils eagerly participated in the Pi Day Competition where they answered some historic and factual questions related to π . One of the most difficult questions was working out which inch sized pizza was the best value for money. Also, pupils used their creativity skills in designing π shirts, which all looked amazing.

Well done to Dragon House who were the overall winning house with over 300 points. 7DI, 8CI and IIDI were the winning forms. Congratulations to the winners of the Pi Competition; Ethan Smith, Ella Papps, Kiera Cunningham, Harry Quincey, Rachel Wright, Yu Wie Li, Najisha Therpa, Swastika Thampa, Georgia Williams, Jennifer Millbourn, Abbie Handley and Liam Forwen. Well done to everyone that participated. It was truly a fantastic day.



MATHS EASTER EGG HUNT

The Maths Easter Egg Hunt went very well. Etone pupils took part in decoding a code for the Easter Egg Hunt by applying BIDMAS to maths questions. Well done to everyone that participated.

The winning house was Phoenix with over 240 points. Congratulations to the winning form 10G2.

MATHS EASTER EGG HUNT WINNERS

Phoebe Say, 7PI

Siorsa Dunn, 7PI

Jake Tomlinson, 7G2

Nandika Rai, 9DI

Molly Palmer, 10GI

Shuvahang Rai, 10G2

Kusum Limbu, 10PI

Marnie Leech, 10PI

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR SHOWING THE MOST WORKING OUT

Megan Whetstone, 9CI

Najisha Therpa, 10G2

Kusum Limbu, 10PI

MATHS TRIPS



MATHS AND BEYOND

On the 21st March, our Year 10 mathematicians went to University of Warwick. They attended a workshop called Maths and Beyond. Pupils explored and participated in challenging and interesting mathematics involved in a range of movie, television and radio clips. There were five workshops: Japanese Grid Puzzles, Google and Gaming Magical Maths, Peg Solitaire and Statistics, Financial Markets, and Maths in Audio. Our Year 10 pupils had a fantastic time. Overall, the Maths Workshop was a success as pupils saw how Maths is used in solving problems in the real world and why they should study Maths at A levels. It was truly a 'Maths and Beyond' day.



MATHS FEAST

On the 28th March, seven of our brightest pupils from Year 10 went to a Maths Feast (FMSP) Further Maths Support Programme. The event was organised by University of Warwick and Mathematics Education Innovation (MEI). Our pupils worked as a team of four and worked together to solve challenging and interesting mathematical problems. These are mathematical problems designed for Further Maths A level. They won the award for the best team. Well done to Davina Vallabh (Year 13) who supported them for the day.

Congratulations to Daisy Anderson, Holly Bannerman, Oliver Costall, Gyari Gurung, Christopher Myers, Olivia Pipe and Abbie Whiteman.



Pupil Reflection by Daisy Anderson, Holly Bannerman, Olivia Pipe and Abbie Whiteman.

"Today, we experienced the opportunity to participate in a Further Maths challenge called 'Maths Feast.' It enabled us to deepen our understanding of mathematics beyond the classroom and to give us a glimpse of what A Level Maths may be like for our future choices. We were also encouraged to develop team building skills which led us to win an award for best group regarding teamwork and therefore increased our confidence in overall mathematics. We would recommend this to all years and pupils who are interested in maths."

YEAR 10 ART SHOWCASE



Kusum
Limbu
10PI

Isabelle
Evans
10GI



Katie
Davis-White
10GI

Molly
Palmer
10G1



YEAR 11 ART SHOWCASE

Katerina Angelides | IG2



Aisha Khalifa | ID2



Samira Malek | ID1



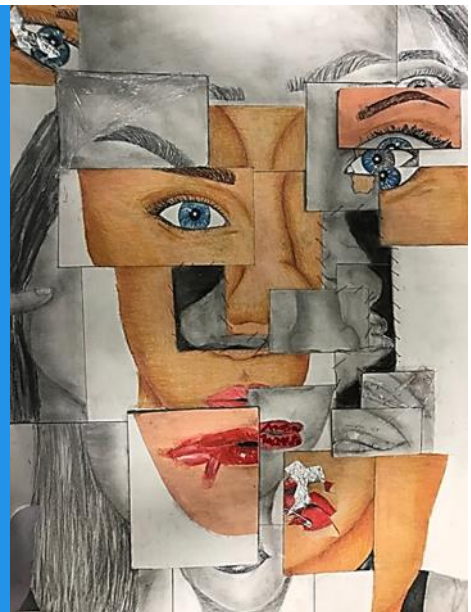
Shreya Rai | ID1



Chloe Walter | ID1



Ellie Rigby | ID1



YEAR 7 COMMUNITY ART PROJECT



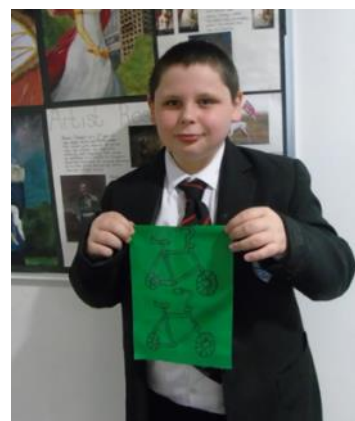
Pupils within Year 7 Art lessons have been creating art work to be displayed in Atherstone Town Centre for the visit of the Aviva Bicycle Tour that visits the town on Friday 15th June 2018.

Pupils have looked at imagery of cycles and the work of artists who have used Cycles as a starting point for their own art.

The project has been funded by North Warwickshire Borough Council's Community Arts team who are decorating the streets of Atherstone with the fabric bunting for the day of the visit.

Pupils produced initial designs before transferring their ideas and sketches onto fabric, and applying colour to make them look visually appealing and attractive. Their work will line the route that the competing cyclists will pass through and will help to enhance the environment for those lining the streets to watch the event.

Mrs Thomas, Teacher of Key Stage 3 Art



THE WIZARD OF OZ MEGA QUIZ

After finishing 'The Wizard of Oz' in the after school club, many pupils expressed a wish to be challenged to a mega quiz which tested their knowledge of both the book and the film and some contextual questions on the making of the film and L Frank Baum, the author. Some questions were particularly random. Did you know that Toto the dog's real name was Terry? Or that he earned more for each day of filming than a Munchkin? Ever wonder how many films he starred in? The answer is 15!

Pupils were faced with 100 questions which were either multiple choice or True or False questions. The ultimate winner was presented with a £10 WH Smith voucher and all entrants received sweets and chocolate for participation.



Congratulations to Joseph Tarr 8D1 with a score of 70 out of 100! Closely followed by Jahbari Ferdinand 7G1, Georgina Smith 7P1, Callum Monaghan 7P1, James Emery

7P2, Ella Papps 7P1, Jack Emery 7G2 and Jake Warren 7G1.

Well done to everyone!

SCHOLASTIC SUMMER BOOK FAIR ADVANCE NOTICE

EVERYTHING IS HALF PRICE!!

After half term and during the week of June 4th until June 8th, Etone will be holding a summer half price book fair for the first time!

Everything is half price which includes books, posters, bags, stationary, book marks and hand pointers! Stationary prices will vary from 20p to £1.50! Hand pointers and posters will be a bargain price of £1.50!

Book prices start at £1.50 with a huge variety of popular authors such as David Walliams, Jacqueline Wilson, Jeff Kinney, Michael Morpurgo, J.K Rowling, John Green, Liz Pichon, Holly Smale, Cressida Cowell, James Dashner, Ransom Riggs and Phillip Pullman. A fantastic chance to stock up for summer reading with the hottest books of 2018 and over 200 titles to choose from! There will also be a summer reading challenge for current Year 7 pupils as most of the books available are quiz-able with Accelerated Reader. Details will be announced shortly.

Parents and carers can also order by phone and pupils will be given instructions in regard to this. All sales will generate a 10% commission with which Etone College can add more books to our library shelves. Look out for another competition in which you could win one of five £5 vouchers to spend at the fair! Details can be found in the library. Well worth an entry with half price books on offer! Don't forget to grab a bargain!



CREATIVE TALENT - ABHIVEER ANNOJI



Abhiveer Annoji, 8C1 recently had one of his cartoons published in his local newsletter.

Abhiveer's many cartoons range in topics

as varied as the adventures of a little rubber duck who gets swept out to sea (see below) and the advantages of using solar panels when compared with fossil fuels.

Abhiveer explains, "I started to draw cartoons with my friends when I was about 6 or 7,

beginning with stick figures and later changing to solid characters. Sometime I use a computer or a graphic tablet to create 3D figures that I have previously drawn on paper."

So where does Abhiveer see this taking him in the future? Abhiveer says, "I want to learn animations and how to be a game designer as I am interested in making it my career."

Etone College is proud of Abhiveer's achievements so far, and we are sure he has a exciting and fulfilling future ahead of him.



TABLE TENNIS



Table Tennis has continued this half term for our eager pupils. With two hours of coaching and match play, the pupils have come on tremendously and are getting much more competitive. We are looking at setting up a league based competition as currently there isn't one between local schools, and these pupils will be able to put their coaching into practice.

Four of our pupils went to compete in the local Table Tennis Town Championships. These pupils are as follows Oliver Costall, Kodie White, Rozan Tamang and Lempo Chemjong. Oliver Costall who is currently only in Year 10, won the under 21's doubles competition with his older brother and Kodie White on his championships debut, got to the finals of the under 12's. All pupils played brilliantly and were a credit to the school.

CRICKET

Exciting times lie ahead for the Etone Cricket Team as they enter and compete in the brand new Big Bash Cricket Tournament. The competition consists of two pools of teams who will battle it out for an opportunity to play at the Nuneaton CC cricket ground to determine an overall winner. The team is newly formed and consists of both Year 7 and 8 pupils who have been attending training on Tuesdays.

Team captains Safwaan Chhibu and Eisa Jamal have expressed their enthusiasm and excitement to be entered in the competition and the team started their campaign with a match against St. Nicholas Chamberlain on Monday 14 May. Etone won with a final score of Etone - 55/1, St. Nicholas Chamberlain - 28/3. The rest of their progress through the tournament will be posted on the PE department Twitter page - @etonepedept.



PUPILS IN NATIONAL HOCKEY FINAL



Marnie Leech and Eirinn Newcombe were both part of the Nuneaton squad that qualified for the Investec Hockey final at the Olympic stadium in London on Saturday 5th May. This was a huge achievement for both pupils. Eirinn has written a brief write up of her experience.

With the game on Saturday morning, the team and supporters met up Friday evening for a motivational meal. There was a very supportive atmosphere, making us want to do our best on Saturday. Standing in the tunnel on the Saturday morning was so exhilarating, knowing that we were going to play on the same pitch as so many international players. Hearing our names being called out in front of the crowd was an unforgettable moment. Everyone really enjoyed the match and although the result didn't go our way, it didn't matter as just being there was extraordinary. The game didn't go as hoped, however, we never gave up throughout the game. It was a privilege to be able to play on the Olympic pitch, as not many people can say that at the age of 14 and 16 they have played there. Walking out for the medal ceremony was a moment that we will never forget. For lovers of hockey this was an amazing experience and one that we will remember forever. – Eirinn Newcombe Year 9

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY TASTER

On the 18th April a select few of our Year 10 BTEC Sport pupils got the opportunity to experience a day at the top sporting university in the country! Pupils were selected for this trip due to their hard work and brilliant grades so far in their coursework; they were able to take a step towards their future and see first-hand where hard work could take them . . . LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY!!

The day consisted of a sample of seminars giving our pupils an insight into how students at Loughborough balance the life of a student with the life of an elite athlete; and how to manage their time effectively to be the best they can be. The pupils also had a guided tour around campus, seeing the state of the arts sports facilities, including the strength and conditioning gym, England Cricket, new hockey pitches, The Tennis Centre and the Athletics training centre.

In the afternoon our pupils participated in a variety of field-based fitness testing using high tech equipment such as speed gates and force plates. They ended the day with a coached session of dodgeball.

Our Year 10 pupils were exceptional for the entire day. They showed enthusiasm, joined in discussions, asked the university pupils questions and threw themselves fully into the practical sessions. The pupils who attended even started planning their own routes to university! Well done to all that attended!



YEAR 10 ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT

The Athletics season kicked off with a great start this year with our Year 10 athletes representing Etone in all disciplines. A huge well done to all of the Year 10 pupils who attended the Athletics tournament on the 10th May. The pupils showed great sportsmanship and represented Etone brilliantly. The Athletics team should be very proud of their performance throughout the competition.

Massive congratulations to a number of our Athletes who placed in their competitions. Well done to Marcus Leach placing 3rd in High Jump.

Congratulations to Jack Walford who placed 2nd in the javelin competition which qualified him for the county tournament and Marnie Leech who placed 3rd in Discus and 2nd in Shot sending her through to County tournaments with Jack! Good Luck to both!

Well done to all of the Etone Year 10 Athletics Team!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF
THE YEARS 7 & 8 HOUSE SPORT
COMPETITION MAY 2018**



PHOENIX

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF
THE YEARS 9 & 10 HOUSE SPORT
COMPETITION MAY 2018**



PHOENIX



CENTAUR

As another term draws to a close we are faced with the bitter-sweet emotions that accompany such an event. I'm sure every member of our school community is looking forward to a bit of sunshine, a well-earned rest and some quality time with friends and family. But this point in a school year brings with it a degree of sadness as we say good luck and farewell to pupils and friends. Whether you are pupils or staff moving on to a different challenge, leaving for new adventures, or putting your feet up and having a much deserved rest, may I wish you on behalf of Centaur House, a happy and exciting next chapter.

May I take this opportunity to pay tribute to a number of our Centaur pupils who have maintained 100% attendance throughout the whole academic year. A huge well done to you all for such a wonderful effort.

All year our pupils have been collecting commendations as rewards for good work, accomplishments and achievements, high levels of effort and excellent behaviour. I'd like to recognise the efforts of those pupils. Really well done, a brilliant effort all round!

It has been inspiring to see the camaraderie and effort that has gone into ensuring Centaur has been successful in the House Sport events this year. Etone Sports Day 2018 is just around the corner and I would love to see our Centaur pupils pulling together and competing with such spirit against the other houses.

Finally, may I congratulate our Year 10 pupils who survived the recent Prefect application and interview process. You all gave an excellent account for yourselves and recommendations have been put forward to Leadership regarding the Prefect teams for 2018. Watch this space...

Have a great break!

Mr Astall



DRAGON

The sun is shining which can only mean one thing, the GCSE's have started. Year 11 have been attending after school revision sessions in a number of subjects and are working really hard. I wish them all the best and all I can ask for is that they try their best and put 100% effort in to their revision.

Pupils continue to take part in activities outside of school; Sophie Houghton, and Chloe Pitt are a part of FootwrX Dance Company along with other pupils from other houses; They have performed in a dance show recently, which I attended; the talent that these pupils showed was amazing and I know they all have a bright future ahead within the dance industry. Eirinn Newcombe played for Nuneaton Ladies Hockey Team in the Investec National Final at the Olympic Stadium at the beginning of May, what a fantastic achievement! Other pupils have also been involved in martial arts, ice hockey, netball and show jumping competitions.

We have looked at Mental Health Awareness and this was a focus in assembly, activities took place during PHSE lessons which led to some heart-warming discussions, and some pupils are looking at what else they can do to help other people affected outside of school.



Dragon house continues to support Georgie's Gift as their charity and this will continue over the next year and we hope to raise more money in the future to support this great charity.

I hope you all have a lovely half term whether you spend it here or abroad.

As always I leave you with a Joke from The Dragon

Q: What did the pen say to the pencil?

A: So, what's your point!



GRIFFIN

I have seen so much hard work from our Year 11 pupils this half term who are now in the heart of the exam season – we wish you the best of luck and look forward to seeing how your hard work has paid off in the summer. Keep up the motivation!

Yet again we have seen a number of pupils praised in assemblies for their progress and achievement and we have also given out lots of praise letters and postcards this half term for fantastic attendance – so well done all.

Year 10 Griffin pupils have excelled in their applications to become prefects this year and selecting the final candidates has been the toughest task I have had to face as Head of Griffin House! The applications were very strong and candidates really took the whole interview process seriously. I am very excited to announce the winning prefects in the next few weeks.

Outside of school Molly Palmer 10GI has been involved in The European Cheerleading Championships, she has been chosen to represent the UK on the 30TH and 1ST OF July in The Netherlands. What a fantastic opportunity, good luck Molly!

Miss Bailey



PHOENIX

This half-term, Phoenix House has been very proud to see Phoenix pupils focused and working hard. Year 7: you are now reaching the latter stages of your first year at Etone College and have really settled in. The year really has flown by, you will soon be Year 8! Year 11: you are working hard and are now in the latter stages of your time in main school; it seems like only yesterday that you were in Year 7. Yes, time really does fly indeed!

Phoenix House is especially pleased to announce just a few of the exceptional achievements of our pupils: congratulations to Abbie Connor in 9PI for athletic and football achievements at Army Cadets and a huge well-done to Marnie Leech who excelled in the recent inter-school athletics competition in Discus and Shotput. Additionally, I am very much looking forward to the forthcoming prefect interviews of which we have had an overwhelming response for this year: good luck to all of those of you who applied.

The future beckons: Year 8 have now chosen options and those of you in Year 10 will now be preparing for work experience and Duke of Edinburgh awards in July. These are key points in your school life and will help shape your future. Make the most of both opportunities.

Finally, Year 11 pupils: you are now at a time when you may feel a lot of pressure during the forthcoming exams. Remember that you must revise and focus but also relax! This is only a short, however intense, period. You have all worked extremely hard and I know that if you approach this time with a positive attitude and deliver nothing less than your very best you will achieve your full potential. Have a fantastic last half term...see you at the prom!

We are 'Team Phoenix', we support each other and work together to achieve 'nothing less than our very best,' we ensure we are organised, punctual and committed to our future.



Phoenix is proud to support the charity: Young Carers.



BREAKFAST CLUB!

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MEDICATION REMINDER

For all parents/carers

For your child's and other pupil's safety and well being,

NO PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION IS TO BE KEPT IN A PUPIL'S POSSESSION AT SCHOOL.

If your child requires any prescription medicine to be taken during the school day, a form, which is available from Mrs Dyde at reception, needs to be completed. The medication will then be kept with Mrs Dyde at reception for your child to collect when they are required to take it.

The only medication a pupil is allowed to carry on their person is just two non-prescribed pain killers, such as paracetamol or ibuprofen, for ailments such as headache or period pains.

If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Dyde at reception or email:
postbox@etonecollege.co.uk

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING



EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL MATTERS

ONE SCHOOL YEAR = 190 DAYS

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent days missed	Equivalent weeks approx missed	Equivalent no. of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	340 lessons

PARENT / CARER INFORMATION

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who are absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service of Warwickshire County Council

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority



Etone College Term and Holiday Dates – 2017/18

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
August 2017						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
September 2017						
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
October 2017						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
November 2017						
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
December 2017						
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Etone College Term and Holiday Dates – 2018/19

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STRANGER AWARENESS

As promoted by Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board's Taking Care Scheme please do not teach blanket 'stranger danger' messages to children. The reason for this is that sometimes a stranger is the only person who can help us and is a far safer option than not talking to anyone. E.g. a child lost in a shop is far safer to tell a stranger they are lost than to wander off looking for the person they have separated from. We may choose to discuss the likely 'safest' strangers in such scenarios such as a mother with a pram or small children or someone who works in the shop.

However, we do need to clarify the stranger issue as plainly there are situations we may want to warn children about for their own safety e.g.

- not to get in a car with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission.
- not leaving school with someone other than who they were expecting unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission and they have checked with a school staff member. Sometimes a password system is used so that children are only released into the care of an adult who can give the correct password – this is usually changed as soon as it has been used once.
- not to walk off with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission.
- if someone tries to grab them it is ok to break all the rules of politeness to others e.g. scream, kick, punch, bite...etc. Whatever they need to do to draw attention to themselves and alert others to the fact they are in danger.

Please reinforce these safety messages to the children regularly without giving them the idea that ALL strangers are 'bad'.



Keep yourselves safe!



In light of recent events, we feel it is important for our parents, carers, staff and pupils to know what to do in the event of an emergency situation.



www.cswprepared.org.uk

This website represents our local authorities and gives information to communities about what to do in the event of an emergency.



www.citizenaid.org

CitizenAID gives the public advice on what to do in the event of a shooting, stabbing or bomb.

Browse the website or download the app available to ensure you have the information you need to hand.

Etone College takes seriously its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of the children in our care.



Preventing Online Grooming: Keeping Your Family Safe Online

Calling all parents and carers

This two hour training session will assist parents and carers to keep their children safe online from grooming and radicalisation.

If you have groups of parents in teams, schools or community settings who would like this training please contact the Community Safety Team to arrange a date and time for this session or for more information.

We will be offering these sessions at local community centres across Warwickshire from February 2018 onwards if individual parents would like to book onto these. Please contact the Community Safety team for more details on:

communitysafety@warwickshire.gov.uk

What will we cover?

- How young people are groomed online
- How do we keep our young people safe online?
- How do we monitor the websites they are looking at?
- How do parents apply security measures onto young people's devices to keep them safe?
- How can we prevent those we care about from being groomed online?
- Who can I contact for help?



Safeguarding at Etone College

Below are some useful links for Parents/Carers when keeping up to date with E-Safety:

www.ceop.gov.uk

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

<https://parentzone.org.uk/>

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

www.childline.org.uk/

Do you use Facebook?

Why not 'like' the Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board page '**Staying Safe Online**' for the latest updates in our area?



Etone College and Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board
working together to safeguard children in Warwickshire

What to do if you are concerned a child is at risk of or suffering from risk and/or harm:

