





CAREERS DAY









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Thursday brings us all to the end of our Autumn Term and it has been another extremely positive, busy and productive term. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to our staff for all of their hard work and commitment to improving standards, to our pupils for their positive contributions, involvement and enthusiasm and to you, as parents and carers, for your ongoing support. It is very much appreciated!

There are lots of opportunities for pupils to grow and take on responsibilities at Etone – many of you are already heavily involved with extra-curricular activities, clubs and House events, but for any of you who are yet to join in, make 2019 your year!

Year 11 have recently completed their mock examinations in core subjects. Mocks are such important preparation – not only in the revision that is done but also in becoming familiar with the examination papers and working to exam conditions. The mock examinations continue in January so it important to find time over the break to ensure that you return on top form and ready to achieve your full potential!

Thank you all so much for all of your hard work and support. There are a number of staff who are moving on. We send Mrs Robertson our best wishes on her retirement following 11 years' service at Etone. We also say goodbye and good luck to Ms Hewitt, Miss Knowles and Mrs Carey. Thank you all for the contributions you have made and for all that you have done for the pupils of Etone College during your time here.

Finally, all that remains for me to do is to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am looking forward to another fantastic year at Etone College – where we truly believe in progress for all and never being less than your best!

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Mr Smith

On Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th November, Etone College hosted a group of 6 Chinese visitors.

Our 6 guests were all teachers at schools in the Chinese city of Shenzhen and were keen to learn about what life was like in British schools. Over the course of the two days, our guests met with various members of Etone staff to discuss teaching and learning in the UK and visited a number of lessons to observe teaching in the school.

We were also lucky enough to have a presentation from the group about how teaching differs in China. We found out that their school day was longer and pupils did compulsory exercise each morning. The group were extremely impressed by our pupils and very complimentary about our staff. A big thank you to everyone who helped make their visit so informative and enjoyable.



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On 25th October, Etone held a whole school Careers Day. The aim of the day was to inspire pupils' exploration of career opportunities, expand their networks and open their eyes to exciting employment opportunities. The Gatsby Foundation 'Good Career Guidance' Report states that good career guidance is critical if young people are to raise their aspirations and capitalise on the opportunities available to them. Etone College works hard to promote impartial careers to its' pupils and the careers day certainly encouraged aspirations for all.

Year 7 and 8 had talks from representatives of the Armed Forces and Emergency Services. The Air Ambulance, RAF and Police Force discussed their service and the careers available within each. Pupils were treated to a look around the Police car and the siren went off many, many times! We managed to raise some much needed funds for the Air Ambulance who work on a voluntary basis and the day was a great success.



Year 9 pupils took part in an 'Apprentice' style day where they designed and created a new healthy biscuit snack. Pupils were designated a 'role' within the team including design, packaging, marketing (including social media), manufacturing and sales. This was a fun and interactive way for pupils to learn about being entrepreneurial and setting up a small business. A competition for the best design was held and judged by Mr Smith (Headteacher) and a representative from local supermarket Aldi. The pupils were treated to a demonstration on cookie baking by our chef, Mr Thornley-Yates and then went on to create their own recipes. The pupils all engaged really well and enjoyed their part in the process.



Year 10 pupils were visited Coventry University where they were invited to explore the campus, experience lectures, discuss courses and future careers with heads of faculties as well as understand more about university life.

Year 11 pupils were visited by "Talk the Talk" to build on their communication skills and interview techniques for when they have finished school. Talk the Talk ran a workshop within school and this covered employability skills, interview techniques and key presentation methods. Pupils also developed oracy skills to improve connections with potential employers and were equipped with advanced visual, vocal and verbal communication skills.

The secondary aim of the day was to boost pupil's confidence and self-esteem for their move from school onto further education. Pupils were also provided with a resource to assist them with the creation of their CV's using appropriate professional terminology.

The day was a great success and our pupils are now more prepared to take the next steps with their education or career.



Choctastic Takeoff

Taking the Biscuit





Year 11 have kick started the year with a trip to Cadbury World in order to find out how the UK's biggest confectioner markets their brand. The students explored the history of chocolate and discovered how Cadbury have adapted throughout the years to maintain their 'top dog' position.

Next on the tour was the production process, where we found out how Crème Eggs are made — Easter will never be the same again. This led to a very excited 'Taste Testing' session where the students could create their own taste sensations. Tayyib may have just invented the next 'Big Thing' with his milk and white, fudge chocolate.

The main event was a look at how Cadbury market their business from 'The Man from Milk Tray' to the iconic 'Gorilla' advert. Finally, it was Etone's turn to impress as the students were able to communicate the values, ethics and marketing mix of the business to the employees themselves.

Of course the highlight of the day – the free chocolate, but I'm sure a couple of future Willy Wonka's are beginning to bud.



In the UK the biggest selling snack is the Biscuit. From 'Rich Teas' to 'Custard Creams' to the 'Chocolate Digestive', we eat more than 2 million a day. So for the year 9 careers day they were given a taste of business with the task to create a new brand of biscuit. In true 'Apprentice' style the students were split into teams where they were given a job based on their 'expertise'. From product design and development, packaging, marketing and social media students were tasked to think 'outside the packet' in order to create a brand the likes of Tesco had never seen before.

From energy boosting biscuits to the world's first 'Hallomas' biscuit with a Santa Ghost, the groups worked together in a team to ensure they had covered all of the angles.

After the product was complete it was time for the teams to present their ideas to a member of Aldi who would be judging the ultimate winner. Particularly impressive was the confidence that the students presenting their pitches had but ultimately there could be only one winner and it was with particular flare that 'Tiger Biscs' won the crown.

Head of business Mr Bowley describe the feel of the day "It was fantastic to see the whole of year 9 get involved in the task and really showed the enterprising spirit that is around within Etone. Students were really taking to heart the activity and considering what makes them buy their products and come up with methods they have seen used by other businesses every day."

Well done to all year 9's taking part and to the other years... That's the way the cookie crumbles.



STEM Roadshow

On Friday 16th November, Etone College hosted a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workshop, led by the BAE Systems Roadshow team in partnership with the RAF and Royal Navy. They presented their brand new show for 2018 "It's a Numbers Game" to all Year 7 and 8 students. Throughout the show, students were introduced to a series of fun and fascinating ways in which Maths is used in everyday life, including examples of the practical application of mathematical techniques within BAE Systems, the RAF and the Royal Navy.

The presentation included the most up to date technologies to demonstrate the importance of Maths in the future of Engineering. They brought with them their amazing robot MIA to show off her mathematical genius and they explored developments in facial recognition technology.

Students were invited to participate in some of the demonstrations and problem-solving games as they aimed to demystify the subject. The highlight for the students was when the roadshow team brought out a paramotor and allowed them to feel the power it generates. Aliyah described it as "mind blowing, literally and figuratively" and Megan said "we were all blown away by it".

More STEM games and resources can be accessed from the BAE Systems Education Programme website: https://www.baesystemseducationprogramme.com/













True Life Conference Trip

Restart a Heart CPR Training





On Wednesday 21st November 2018 year 12 and 13 Psychology, Sociology & Law students from Etone Sixth Form attended a True Life Conference in Birmingham run by ex-offenders entitled 'Life Behind Bars'. The conference gave the students an excellent 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to come face to face with real perpetrators of real crimes and ask them questions related to their stories.

The conference is run by individuals who have committed a variety of crimes in the past and have served a period of time in prison. These individuals now educate students across the country by sharing their experiences of crime and the criminal justice system.

Students had an excellent day and found each story both interesting and moving. They heard about the factors that led each individual into the path of crime and how they are trying to turn their lives around now that they have been released from custody. A wide variety of criminal cases were presented such as drug abuse, burglary and assault, including a female prisoner who talked openly about what life was like in a female prison. One of the most interesting cases of the day was presented by an individual who was part of a high profile fraud case of £21 million.

The day culminated with a shock twist in which one particular speaker discussed his murder charge and the reasons why, even though he was acting in self-defence, he served time for murder rather than manslaughter. This was a fascinating case that captured the intrigue of all.

The students left the day reflecting on what they had heard whilst looking forward to discussing these cases in future lessons.

Etone college students participated in Restart a Heart week. Duke of Edinburgh participants and many students from KS3 were given the opportunity to learn CPR which is a vital skill for young people who may be able to help someone suffering from a cardiac arrest.

"CPR stands for Call, Push, Rescue. When doing CPR, first you must check for any danger nearby which could have caused the problem with the patient, because it could also be a danger to you and people around you. Before you decide it is an emergency always check for a response from the person, because they might not be having a heart attack or anything else. If they give no response and they are not breathing, before you begin CPR, you must call an ambulance, call 999 or 112.

Once you have called an ambulance then you can start CPR. The first thing you do is the open the airway, this might mean you need to roll the person onto their side to clear their airway.

Now you must check to see if the person is breathing. To find out if someone is breathing you must look to see if their chest is going up and down or you can listen for their breathing as well.

If the person is not breathing you must now perform CPR. To do CPR you need to do 30 chest compressions followed by two rescue breaths, and this must be continued until the ambulance arrives. We learnt and practiced how to perform CPR with Ms Chapman using resuscitation dolls, learning this was fun and very interesting and it is definitely something that might help somebody having a heart attack."

Written By Elleanor 7G1



Only 1 in 10 survive a cardiac arrest

WE CAN BEAT THAT



Remembrance Week

Accelerated Reader

REMEMBRANCE DAY Left We Forget



November brought us all a reminder of the sacrifices that were made for us in the past. On the week leading up to the Centenary celebrations, Year 7 and 8 completed a number of Remembrance starters and a few super stars entered a poetry competition surrounding the theme of Remembrance. I was overwhelmed with entries; the love and compassion shown to soldiers from the past and present was truly heart-warming.



The winning entry was from Zak in 7P1:

'Remembering Our Heroes'

Today we wear our poppies,

As we stand here in the crowd,

Remembering a time of war,

And the soldiers bold and proud.

The sacrifices the people gave,

Through the wars the had to give,

Fighting in the battle so brave,

In order for us to live.

Today we should be thankful

For all that they have done.

So we wear our poppies for them,

Remembering each and every one.

Many more students have reached their points targets this half term and are already working hard towards their second targets. Congratulations to Grace, Kimaya and Isobel in 7C1. Also Philip and Molly in 7P1. Another target success is Cobain in 7P2. Well done to Natasha, Jasleen and Aashika in 7G1 as well as Louise in 7D2.

A huge well done to Sophie in 8P1 who has hit two targets and is working towards her third. Jack 7G1 has also achieved his second target!

Next week sees the arrival of our very first Christmas book fair and everything is half price! More millionaire readers this half term can take advantage of this sale and reward themselves with £5 worth of books!

Congratulations to Phillip 7P1, Millie 7P2, Isobel, Kimaya and Jem in 7C1, Natasha 7G1, and Sophie 8P1. There are some fantastic books on offer at half the price, as well as all stationary, posters and hand pointers. All students will have a browsing session and years 7 and 8 will be having a special Christmas themed library lesson where they will have the chance to enter a competition and choose a free book at the fair!

Check out the latest Dork Diaries books and also popular authors such as R.L Stine, Philip Reeve, Jacqueline Wilson, Michael Morpurgo, John Green, Micahel Grant and David Levithan. Grab a book for your Christmas holiday reading!



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Sporting Success

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Matrix Netball Academy Trials

On Monday 3rd December Etone College hosted trials for the Matrix Netball Academy. Pupils from Etone, Bloxwich and Dame Elizabeth Cadbury showcased their talents within netball competing for a position on the Matrix Netball Teams. An exceptional effort was show by all pupils who participated. Well done to all of the schools and girls involved.





Netball Trip

Year 7 pupils enjoyed a trip to the Wasps Netball Community event which was held at the Ricoh arena on the 15th November. The afternoon involved pupils developing their netball skills in practices that were led by coaches and players from Wasps netball. Pupils also had the opportunity to warm up on the showcase court where the Wasp Netball Team play their games on. During the afternoon pupils also enjoyed a tour around the stadium. It was a fantastic afternoon full of netball, the girls had lots of fun!

Thanks to a nationwide Premiership Rugby initiative Etone PE Dept students in years 10 & 11 have had the fantastic opportunity of working with coaches from former European champions WASPS Rugby in PE every Monday during this past half-term. Students have been able to develop their game through from basic running and passing skills, to full contact, including the tackle, rucks, mauls and scrummaging.

WASPS coaches have also kindly stayed at school after 3pm to run extra-curricular sessions for our most keen and talented players. Furthermore, students, staff and their families have been treated to free WASPS European Champions Cup tickets for huge fixtures against Bath, Rugby and Toulouse.



Needless to say all at Etone College are extremely grateful to coaches Andy and James for all their support and guidance!!! And they'll be back after Christmas to work with the Girls PE Dept and to run after-school sessions down at Nuneaton Old Ed's on a Monday 3.30-5.00pm.

FOR ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS. Please see Mr Astall for further information.



We have had a great turn out for Table tennis this half term at Etone college. Some students have really taken to the sport and have been attending regularly, making full use of the satellite club being ran from our school. With some of these students playing and training for two hours after school, the level of their ability is only getting better and better each session. It's also been great to see a few members of staff popping in to test their ability against the students, even if they don't come back for a few weeks after getting beat by the students.

After Christmas, we have a few games set up against other schools. This will provide the students with the opportunities to put their training to the test. We are look forward to the challenges and Mr Baggott will be looking to get even more students from Etone next year to play in the local town championships.

Maths in Action

UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

Sixteen pupils from year 11 had an amazing opportunity to spend a day at the University of Warwick on the 5th Nov to attend Maths presentation talks given by five renowned speakers from different industries: Alexandra Bellos, Dr Hugh Hunt, Nira Chamberlain, Emily Grossman and Cerys Bradley. Alexandra Bellos is a British writer and broadcaster. He is the author of several popular maths books, as well as having a column in the Guardian newspaper. Alexandra Bellos gave a jam-packed presentation about different ways of solving very challenging and tricky maths puzzles.

Dr Hugh Hunt is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Engineering at the University of Cambridge. He is a regular presenter on Channel 4 documentaries, including "Dambusters: Building the Bouncing Bomb" and "Guy Martin Wall of Death". Dr Hugh Hunt gave a presentation which was full of exciting demonstrations on why a spinning top stand lands up when spinning, how cats always manage to land upright and how riders stay safe on 'The Wall of Death' by applying conservation of angular momentum.

Nira Chamberlainis a renowned mathematician. He is the Principal Consultant for Data and Decision Sciences at Babcock International Group and is one of the Vice-Presidents of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications. Nira demonstrated how he created and wrote algorithms to predict an Artificial Intelligence apocalypse which simulated a world economical crash.

Emily Grossman is a scientist. She has been a panellist on the Sky1 television show called 'Duck Quacks Don't Ech'o. She has a PhD in cancer research, with expertise in molecular biology and genetics. She gave a powerful demonstration about how we should not believe everything we hear on the news and what statistical fallacy is.

Lastly, Cerys Bradley is a PhD student in the Crime and Security Science Department at UCL – University College London. Cerys shared views on the private world of political activism, cybercrime and how using the immense power of statistics can prevent crimes.

Overall, it was a jam packed day, full of powerful mathematical applications in different fields. Our students really had a fantastic, adventurous day. We are looking forward to next year's event. A massive 'Thank you' to the University of Warwick for the day.



On 6th November, twenty pupils from year 12 and year 13 participated in the Senior Mathematical Challenge by United Kingdom Maths Trust. The UKMT Maths challenge composes of 25 multiple choice questions which are challenging, intriguing and designed to stimulate mathematical problem solving.

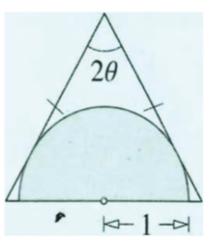
Our year 12s and 13s have enjoyed participating in this 90-minute challenge. This has been an interesting and rewarding experience for our pupils. It has encouraged them, not only to apply what they are learning in their A-level Maths but also to solve high-quality problems, encouraging them to think mathematically. This would help them in the future when applying to Russel Group universities such as University of Warwick, University of Cambridge, University of Oxford etc.

Well done to everyone that participated in the challenge. Congratulations to nine of our pupils, who achieved either a silver certificate or a bronze certificate.

Your Turn. Have a go at one of the challenges.

The diagram below shows a semicircle of radius 1 inside an isosceles triangle. The diameter of the semicircle lies along the 'base' of the triangle; and the angle of the triangle opposite the 'base' is equal to 2θ . Each of the two equal sides of the triangle is tangent to the semicircle.

What is the area of the triangle?



A $\frac{1}{2} \tan \theta$ B $\sin \theta \cos \theta$ C $\sin \theta + \cos \theta$ D $\frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta$ E 1/($\sin \theta \cos \theta$)

Adopt a Class

Languages in Business

The MFL department have very excitingly been invited to take part in the Warwick University 'Adopt a Class scheme' which links pupils in secondary schools with MFL students from Warwick University on their study year abroad in Germany. We have been linked with an English Language Assistant, Rosie, whose job it is to help students with their English as well as teach them about life in England. She is working at two schools in Germany in a town called Sonthofen, in southern Bavaria. One school is called the Staatliche Realschule Sonthofen and the other the Mittelschule Sonthofen. The pupils at both schools range between year 5 up to year 10, and each school has approximately 50 members of staff and 600 students. Rosie will be sending resources and video links from one of her classes to work with Mrs Auton-Budds Year 9 German class here at Etone College. We are looking forward to being able to develop a good working relationship between the schools and hope that the students are able to make contact with the pupils at these schools to help them to develop their understanding of German culture and the language.

On the 19th October a select group of Year 9 French and Spanish students were chosen to attend a 'Languages in Business' workshop at the University of Wolverhampton. Upon arrival at the university the students had the invaluable opportunity to listen to two motivational talks about the need for languages in business and the ways in which they can use languages in the workplace from industry insiders! After that they split into two groups, one for French and one for Spanish. They were given an introductory talk about the principles of marketing and then their task for the afternoon was to produce an advertising campaign in the target language for their product. Once they had perfected their campaigns they had to successfully market it to a team of judges from the university. The Spanish group produced a new brand of cereal and the French group were marketing a luxury perfume brand. The French team won an award for the French category, and the Spanish team won the overall competition so all in all a hugely successful day for Etone College!







Centaur House

GriffinHouse

Inn-keeping with the season I hope yule be reading this filled with festive cheer and finding yourself in good 'elf.

I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the achievements of Centaur students during their first two terms. Many of our little angels have really got their claus into life at Etone, pudding in huge amounts of effort.

Very well done to all our Year 7 students who have successfully made the transition from primary school. I'm sure Father Christmas has been watching and will reward all your hard work...

All students at Etone have the opportunity to be recognised for outstanding work or effort through our commendation awards. Centaur students have proven to be a most positive presents in the classroom, many achieving their silver commendation badges already. A massive congratulations to you all, keep up the good work! I hope many more Centaur students will be encouraged to follow the star performances of these students!

Over 50 students in Centaur House have shown you don't need to saviour best for special occasions and have maintained 100% attendance across the year so far. These wise men and women clearly understand the value of regular and punctual attendance at school. A splendid effort by all of you – can you make it to Easter with your excellent record intact...?

I ho-ho-hope you and your families have a happy and peaceful Christmas!

Mr Astall Head of Centaur House



What a fantastic term Griffin house have had. Congratulations to all of the Griffin students who have received their Bronze and Silver awards for commendations, I am so pleased to see that so many students have achieved these.

A special mention must go to Michelle (9G1), Elleanor (7G1) and Kai (7G1) who have gained the highest number of commendations and were the first students in Griffin to achieve their Silver award.

Griffin students certainly did themselves proud during the attendance competition this term. Once again Griffin students got the highest attendance overall with 96.4%, and a massive well done to 11G2 that had the highest attendance, keep up the great effort!

Well done to all of the students that took part in the House Sport Competitions this term I know that you all enjoying taking part and you are certainly a competitive bunch!

I'd like to thank the house captains for their contribution both behind the scenes and on the day. The House Sports Captains were Jack and Amelia (7G1), Cole and Khairah (8G1), Mohammed and Chloe (9G1) and Adam and Phoebe (10G1)

Children in Need was supported again this year with a Non- Uniform Day and various charity activities organised within houses. The cake sale alone raised over £300. Thank you to everyone who bought in cakes.

Malika (10G1) went above and beyond with her contribution, she made individual Pudsey sweet bags for us to sell. Thank you for being so kind Malika!

All together we have raised a fantastic total of £1,039.44 for an extremely worthwhile cause....... a truly great effort!

Once again Griffin students have received many certificates during the Progress Praise assemblies, well done to you all for your hard work and effort, Antonia (11G1) and James (7G1) both also won an Echo Dot.

After busy term everyone is now ready for a well-earned rest. I hope you all have a lovely break and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Miss Bailey Head of Griffin House



DragonHouse

Phoenix House

Firstly, may I wish you all a lovely Christmas and prosperous New Year. Once again the weeks appear to be flying by and Dragon House students are working extremely hard. Following on from progress report 1, a number of Dragon house students received attainment and progress awards from different subject areas; I am so proud of all of those pupils. I would also like to mention the following pupils who received Head of House Awards from me, for their work commitment towards Etone College; the pupils were:

Year 7: Ruby & Jason Year 8: Chloe & Leighton Year 9: Eva & Connor Year 10: Bindi & Liam Year 11: Lucy & Jack

I am so proud of the support that my Dragon house students gave to Children in Need and helped us raise £1039.44 for this worthy cause. Students supported the cake sale, non-uniform and spot kick. I am also looking forward to our Christmas jumper day fundraising event which I know Dragon students will fully support.

Lots of students have been busy outside of school with rugby, football, dancing, Ice Hockey, netball and martial arts competitions winning lots of medals along the way; special mentions go to Sam, Ethan and Ben (10D) for being selected to attend Rugby district trials, Sam has also been successful in being selected for The Wasps Academy. Some Dragon house students will be treading the boards over the festive period taking part in pantomimes across the county; "oh no they won't", "Oh yes they will!"

In true Dragon house tradition I will leave you with a festive Joke, but first of all have a delightful Christmas, enjoy time with family and friends an ready for action in the New Year.

Q: Who hides in the bakery during Christmas?

A: A mince spy





This has been a very busy half term and Phoenix House has lots of exciting news to share as we build up to the winter break. Since October half-term, Etone College has held its first Progress Praise assembly of this academic year and we were very proud to see such a significant contingency from Phoenix House collecting certificates for attainment, progress and attendance.

We are especially proud of the pupils that are nominated for 'outstanding contribution towards House' as this is a measure of those qualities that matter as much as academic achievement: courtesy, consideration and 'going that extra mile' in helping others and supporting Phoenix House. Those pupils are: Courtney (7P2) and Ethan (7P1); Ellie (8P1) and Rozan (8P2); Karina (9P1) and Jacob (9P1); Sophia and Ethan y (10P1); Jasmine and Gyari (11P1).

It has been especially exciting to select captains and vice captains for our second year of Inter-house sports. It was very difficult to select from the huge pile of applications for this and those selected are worthy leaders who will inspire their teams to success. Congratulations to those who were selected: Courtney, Mariam, Guy and Ben for Year 7; Millie, Sophie, Dylan and James for Year 8; Amy, Aleeza, Finley and Jay for Year 9; Sophia, Markella, Paruhang and Inti for Year 10. Congratulations also go to the winner of the recent Remembrance Poetry Competition: Zachary in 7P1. Remember Phoenix: 'never less than our best' gets results!

We are also pleased to see our Year 11 pupils focused and prepared during the start of their mock exams. Remember that you must revise and focus but also relax! Make sure you are organised and accept all opportunities that are offered through after school revision sessions. The more effort...the greater the reward. Have a fantastic winter break, you deserve it after all your hard work this term.

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.



