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WELCOME

Once again we have continued to move Etone College forward and have delivered outcomes that are significantly above the National standard in all key areas of school performance. This year has also seen Etone deliver a record number of grade 9's across the school – with particular congratulations going to the Physics and Geography departments who managed significant numbers in their respective cohorts.

Our performances in EBacc (those pupils who achieve top grades across English, Maths, Science, a modern foreign language and humanities), were particularly pleasing along with all of our BTEC subject areas. We achieved a Progress 8 score which was for the fourth successive year, above the National average confirming that Etone College has once again performed exceptionally well.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the staff who continue to work tirelessly to prepare pupils for their exams as well as our parents and carers who work in partnership with us to support their child's learning and progress; it is truly a team effort. I would also like to congratulate the pupils who have achieved such wonderful results and the many who have stayed with us in Sixth Form.

This is a welcome piece of news for parents and carers who are currently making choices about their child's secondary school for September 2020 but also for our current Year 11 pupils who will no doubt gain huge confidence from knowing that if they apply themselves and work hard they will achieve great results too.

Thank you to all parents and carers who came to support our Macmillan Coffee morning on 27th September. We drank tea and coffee, ate lots of cake and raised £552.46 for an extremely worthwhile cause.

Finally, Year 11 pupils are already counting down to their mock exams which will run between Monday 9th – 17th December. Work hard and plan your time effectively, ask your teachers if at all unsure. Half term is an ideal time for you to revise and make real gains in your knowledge and skills

Mr I. Smith

In Loving Memory



Mrs Jodie Wilson

Last week we were deeply saddened and upset to learn of the passing of our colleague and friend Jodie Wilson. She began working at Etone College in 2012 as a Science technician. Shortly after joining us Jodie married her long-term partner and we were lucky to see her having her miracle babies. Jodie's talent and expertise as a chemist was soon recognised and she was asked to train as a teacher in the Science department, she successfully completed the Straight to Teach course which is no mean feat and joined us as a Newly Qualified Teacher. Jodie was absolutely determined to do her best in the classroom and be the best teacher that she could be.

Jodie was one of, if not, the most resilient people we have ever met. Nothing ever fazed her whether it be illness or personal circumstances she always picked herself up and got on with the job in hand. She had the highest of expectations of herself and others and never gave anything other than 100%. Jodie was always one of the first in in the morning and one of the last to leave in the evening and we were always in awe of how she could balance her teaching commitments and her family life.

Jodie was completely family orientated, even working with her mother at Etone. She adored her husband and her three young children and gave us the weekly run down of what they had been up to in nursery and at home, their birthday party plans (which were always spectacular) and family holidays. We could never imagine how much we would miss these updates.

We all have fond memories of Jodie but unanimously associate her with high heels. Despite being one of the tallest members of the department she always wore high heels. We could identify her by the tapping down the corridor at half seven in the morning and she is still the only teacher that we have seen successfully traverse the labs in high heels. Jodie was such a pleasant person, approaching every lesson and every student with a beaming smile and never had a bad word to say about anyone. The prep room always seemed a much brighter and livelier place when she was in. Jodie was so welcoming to the new members of our department and made them feel welcomed and supported. This week has only shown that more as many of our students have commented about how "lovely", "nice" and "supportive" she was.

We all wish to extend our sincerest condolences to her family and offer our support through this tragic time. To quote Jodie herself "I'm not being funny but..." we will truly miss our colleague and dear friend.

The Etone Science Department



2019 GCSE RESULTS

This summer, Etone College celebrated yet another successful set of GCSE results as the school maintained its consistent performance above the national average for pupil progress. Pupils also continued to achieve strongly in English and Mathematics with 69% of pupils achieving a grade 4 or above in both subjects.

Headteacher Mr Smith, said: "I am delighted that Etone College continues to perform exceptionally well. The results for 2019 are a testament to the hard work of staff and pupils and shows that the school continues to move forward at pace. Today is an opportunity to celebrate the success of our pupils and I look forward to seeing the vast majority again in our sixth form."

Dame Mo Brennan, CEO of the Matrix Academy Trust, said: "Etone continues to move from strength to strength. The 2019 results confirm Etone as a leading educational provider in Nuneaton. We congratulate our pupils and staff for their hard work and dedication. Well done Etone College."

Some of our outstanding performances were:

E Beck – Six 9s, two 8s and one 7

A Whiteman – Three 9s, three 8s, two 7s and one Distinction*

O Costall – Three 9s, four 8s and two 6s

O Pipe – One 9, four 8s, two 7s and two 6s

K Limbu – Two 9s, four 8s, two 7s and one 6

G Gurung – Three 8s, four 7s and two 6s



**69% OF PUPILS
ACHIEVED GRADE 4
OR ABOVE IN
ENGLISH & MATHS**

**99% OF ALL PUPILS
ACHIEVED GRADES
A*-E**



2019 A LEVEL RESULTS

Our Year 13 pupils achieved some outstanding results this year and we would like to congratulate all of them on their achievements.

We have secured very high results across the board with 99% of all students receiving grades A*-E (or BTEC equivalent).

There has been huge success stories within each department and, for the second year running, we have seen massive gains for all our Mathematics and Psychology students who achieved positive progress against their baselines. Within the BTEC qualifications, there was great success with the Sports Diploma and the Media Production courses.

With an A* in English Literature and A grades in Geography, History and Politics Ella looks forward to a University place at Warwick to study History & Politics. In addition to this Ella achieved a further A* in the Extended Project Qualification having presented a phenomenal research project on 'Brexit: A decisive indicator of Britain's declining European influence'. Similar success was seen by Daisy who also achieved an A in the Extended Project and achieved an A grade for Psychology and B and C in English Literature and History. She will continue her studies in Psychology on a course at the University of Sussex.

BTEC success was seen by Caitlin who achieved a Double Distinction for Sport and a Merit for Health and Social Care. She will be moving on to study Sports Science at Nottingham Trent University. Thomas excelled in his Health and Social Care BTEC achieving a Distinction alongside an A* for Psychology and looks forward to a place at De Montfort to study Adult Nursing. Other success stories include Dhruvi who achieved 3 B grades which earns her a place at Newcastle University to study Dentistry. Also exceeding expectations was Gavin who goes on to study Energy Engineering at De Montfort University.

We wish them every success as they move on to higher and extended study, apprenticeships or employment.



MARCUS JONES MP VISIT

On 11 October 2019, our Sixth Form had the opportunity to host our Nuneaton and Bedworth MP Mr Marcus Jones. As part of our Life Skills Program and commitment to British Values, the theme across our main school and sixth form for the week was "Individual Liberty and the Freedom to Vote". It was such an opportunity for our students to finish the week being able to discuss both individual and national concerns with our own representative in the Houses of Parliament.

After a brief tour of the Sixth Form, Mr Jones gave a short presentation followed by a question and answer session with our students. The questions were wide-ranging from, What made you interested in politics to whether he supported a hard stance on Brexit. Many of the Sixth Form will be eligible to vote in the next election and this time was important for them to start the process of engaging with the political process and exercising their democratic right to be part of it.

D Dewar, Head Boy said:

"My family recently made the decision to leave South Africa and relocate to the UK. I had grown up there but my parents who are of British origin wanted us to come to Britain. It is days like today that make me feel that I can have a voice and will be listened to. I now feel more confident in being able to speak out about issues that are important to young people."

What really impressed the students was the fact that Mr Jones grew up in Nuneaton and attended local schools. Apart from the 'political discussion' the fact that someone from this area can be part of the country's decision-makers and have a successful career is important to them. It gives the strong message that ambitions and aspirations are achievable with hard work and dedication. Etone College thanks our MP sincerely for his time and efforts with our students. It has left a lasting impression and above all that their views and opinions matter.



"I REPRESENTED ENGLAND"

In the month of May, I was selected to represent England for the 4th time at the Junior Karate World Championships in Santiago, Chile at the end of October. In recent months, for preparation for this major event, I have been competing in competitions abroad which have been held in Luxembourg and Germany. This was in order to gain further fighting styles that need improvement. Fortunately I had great success at both of these events.

In Luxembourg I placed 3rd out of 32 females aged 16-17. I won my first 3 fights comfortably before narrowly losing to a Danish fighter 2-1. Then as she made it to the final and eventually won the competition, I was able to fight for bronze in repechage. In the repechage I was required to win 3 extra fights in which I did so comfortably to secure my bronze medal.

The following week I flew to Berlin where I was entered into a similar competition called The Banzai Cup. Here I placed 3rd in my individual weight category (0.59kg 16-17 year old females), 3rd in open weight 16-17 year olds and 2nd in 16-17 year old team. I had an overall total of 16 fights. In my first fight I was informed that this was against the Danish fighter I had lost the week before to in Luxembourg. I watched and analysed my fight with her and I realised that I had to fight differently this time. As a result I beat her easily 4-0 which allowed me to progress in to the other fights. I took the bronze medal in that category.

I am shortly going to Chile for the World Championships where I hope my successes, failures and learning over the past few months will have prepared me for this major event.

By Cerys J



HOLOCAUST DISPLAY

We tried to cover everything from basic facts and figures to the less known information. We both believe that learning about individual stories of the Holocaust creates a better understanding of the atrocities that took place, as the extent to which persecution was carried on is incomprehensible. To help with this understanding, we invited Holocaust survivor Martin Stern to the Sixth Form as he shared his testimony.

I was then very fortunate to be able to interview him after, as shown on the display. We also included Fania Fainer's heart letter which was an act of defiance for which the women would have been beaten or killed for. The letter went through 18 women who each wished Fainer a 'Happy Birthday' and was glued together with bread and water.

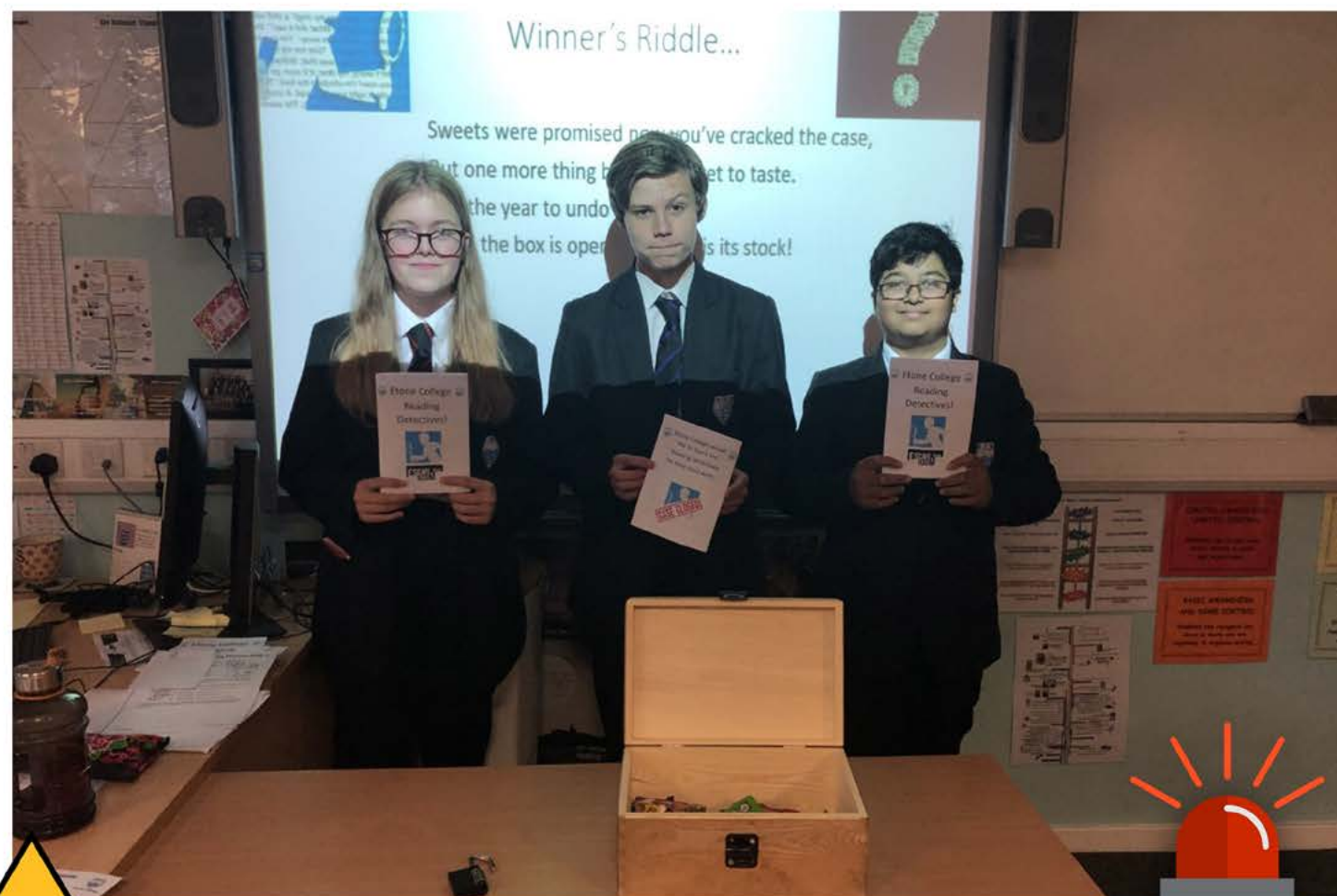
A variety of images were also included to highlight the reality of life in the camps. We hope this display exhibits the importance and remembrance of the Holocaust.

By Samira M



YEAR 6 PUPILS ESCAPE THE ROOM!

On Friday 20th September and Tuesday 24th September, Miss Hammersley and Etone College's Lead Learners welcomed Year 6 students from Queen's Academy and Wembrook Primary School for a transition event. The most able learners were challenged to take on the role of Reading Detectives to Escape the Room! They were tasked with solving riddles to unlock difficult Year 6 SATs style questions to accrue points; and we all know points mean prizes! The final hurdle was to unlock the coded box as the riddles and questions became increasingly challenging; even the teachers were stumped by some of them! You'll be pleased to know they escaped the room and left with a certificate of achievement; a most enjoyable session for both staff and students.



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Etone College says...

DRINK TO THINK!

Hydration Top Tips

- Carry a water bottle with you whilst in College.
- Refill your bottle regularly in the Cafe or the entrance to the main hall.
- Take regular drinks to keep your brain hydrated.



ETONE'S FIRST FRESHERS FAIR

At the start of September, Etone College saw its very first Freshers Fair, organised by our very own teachers. The fair consisted of a variety of guests who came out to offer us deals, freebies and advice on how we can make our sixth form journey easier, more enjoyable and efficient. Some of the vendors that we saw were: Domino's pizza, the local library, Rymans, Pingles leisure centre, Driving instructors, car insurance company and many more.

This was a great event to use in order to welcome the Year twelves into the Sixth Form community as well as an enriching event for the Year Thirteens, who used the occasion to get to know more of the Year twelves. More importantly for the Year Thirteens, it was a chance to get back into the reality of school by looking at what we need for the year to come and what businesses in our local area can help us to achieve what we need for the year.

Here are some student testimonials on how they found Etone's first Freshers Fair:

"The Freshers Fair was full of information. It helped the students to settle down as well as informing them of what discounts they can use to make their student life easier."

"I was able to meet new people in Year 13 who weren't in my form. The fair made me feel welcome and a part of the Sixth Form community but also gave me advice on how I can get my course books for a cheaper price."

"The Freshers Fair was such a success, I got so much information from discounts. I even secured a work experience place at the Pingles."

"I think the Freshers Fair was helpful for the Year Twelves as they got to know more about the routes they can take while at school and how businesses in the local community can help them through their Sixth Form journey."

For the Sixth Form, this was a new and valuable event in which the staff who were involved did a great job at ensuring there was a variety of vendors that could be of benefit to the students. Everyone got involved by talking to all the vendors and enquired as to what it is they can offer.

As a Sixth Form we would love to see another event like this, put on next year, including an even wider range of local bodies and businesses.

We as the student body, would like to thank all the members of staff that dedicated their time during the summer break, to put on a well organised event for the students. We would like to thank all the vendors that came out and dedicated the afternoon to informing us and advising us for the course of our next steps.



I attended the transplant games held at Newport, Wales this year. I was successful in winning a gold medal in the football event.

The transplant games are open to anyone who has been given the gift of life from a stranger, family member or friend or has donated an organ, it also pays homage to the family members who's loved ones donated in death. It is open to everyone regardless of race, colour or creed or ability. Its main aim is to celebrate life and also to promote more awareness of organ donation, where you have received a heart, lungs, liver, bone marrow or in my case a kidney.

It has events suitable from toddlers through to OAP's and everyone is supported and has great fun and a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones, as we have all been through similar experiences.

This year was my 3rd year of competing, I attended Liverpool 2016 and Birmingham 2018 and this year in Newport. I took part in archery, 10 pin bowling and athletics and football where I received a gold medal.

I also took part in the donor run which this year had special meaning, as it was in memory of a friend who lost his battle for life earlier this year.

The law regarding donation is changing this year from carrying a donor card or asking for consent for the relatives to ASSUMED consent where you have to opt out, this should save more lives.

I was also interviewed by the NHS Organ Donation and the interview is on their website.

By Nathan S



SUMMER MEDICAL SCHOOL AT KEELE UNIVERSITY

The medical summer school I attended was at Keele University, which encompassed 4 days (Tuesday-Friday). Most of what occurred was lectures in which different professionals and people with doctorates from different disciplines of science or sub categories within medicine (e.g. medics, physiotherapists and pathologists) talking about their field.

The general basis being; BMAT (Bio-Medical Admissions Test) versus UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test), their differences, which universities want which, their application and result times, minimum grades requirements for given universities that do medicine undergraduate courses or other fields and finally; the differences in between courses, what this means, how long education goes on for, what foundation years are and how quickly employment starts.

There was a lot to remember and take in but seeing professionals from different disciplines was exciting, interesting and made me realise there is such a wide range of opportunities within the medical field.

In addition, other activities focused around "PBL" (problem based learning) and why this is important when dealing with emergencies and life threatening situations. We were given a case study at the start of a period, which hints to what topic we needed to focus/study on for the following lessons and how they apply to real life scenarios. You learn how to 'think outside the box'.

My career plans are still not fixed, but the main areas I intend to go into are: Medicine (Emergency Medic or GP) or forensics within the police. The competition is tough out there and all students are expected to excel in their A level subjects. My plan is to work hard, succeed and then be in a position to make my choice.

By Gyari G



YEAR 13 PROM 2019

As I sat watching these young people all dancing together on the dance floor it strongly came to my mind that this was the end of a chapter in their lives and the start of a new one. Many of them had been with us from Year Seven and like the caterpillar, could almost be overlooked in the array of lots of them, with too big blazers and shiny new shoes. Looking at the glitz, the sparkle, the glamour of our young ladies and the smart suave assurance of our young men they truly looked ready to spread their wings and fly to their next adventures.

Destinations were varying, universities the length and breadth of the country, apprenticeships and jobs in many different sectors. The transitions for them at times scary but also exciting. Without a doubt each of them is ready for the steps into their places in shaping the future of us all. As staff we looked on and felt renewed and revitalised to see them 'ready willing and able' to face new challenges. Each confident face knowing for certain that through their hard work, perseverance and commitment that aspirations can be achieved.

This was also a poignant time for us in the Sixth Form as it was Mr Mitchell's last Prom. The staff and students thank him for his hard work, dedication and vision and wish him the very best for his next position. There is no doubt fancy dress will be a prominent feature of that College! To him and our departing students we look forward to hearing of their successes and have every confidence that they will be assets to their next establishments.

One final thought, to them and as a reminder to us all, 'You must be the change you wish to see in the world.'

By Dr King



UPDATED INFORMATION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

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 is 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 Warwickshire Attendance Service, part 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

Warwickshire Secondary School pupils recorded 10,017 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during academic year 2017/18. This is an increase of 1,122 on the previous year.

PEACE POSTCARDS

To celebrate European Day of Languages in September, 7X1 took part in an international project organised through the British Council to promote peace across Europe. The students each wrote a postcard telling a little bit about themselves in French and in English, and designed flashcards with the word and pronunciation of 'peace' on them. These were then posted to 23 other participating schools all around Europe. We in turn received postcards from students in countries including France, Russia, Greece, Turkey, Poland, Spain and Italy to name a few! The students were really excited to receive their messages and we used them to create a display in the MFL corridor.



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

In support of European Day of Languages held this year on Thursday 26th September, some students in 7 practised basic vocabulary when ordering off a menu that they had researched and designed for homework. They also created a Croque Monsieur to develop their skills in the food room. The results were delicious and promoted cultural awareness of those dishes enjoyed in other parts of the world. Bon Appetit!

Year 8 students used knowledge from their current bread making unit to use homemade bread to create a simple Italian starter of bruschetta. Students used words from different languages to discuss the ingredients used within their dishes. The results were Bellissimo!



NATIONAL POETRY DAY

To celebrate National Poetry day on 3rd October years 7, 8 and 9 were invited to enter this year's Young Writer's Poetry Competition. The theme this year was 'through their eyes'. Students were challenged to write a poem from the perspective from someone or something else.

Our students have written poems from a variety of perspectives from personifying anger to their favourite superhero. There was a great response with a total of 88 entries sent off to be judged in the hope to win a top prize of £100 and the amazing opportunity to be published! Phoenix topped the most entries submitted and gaining 140 house points. Go Phoenix!

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HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES

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FOODS:

WHOLEMEAL
BREAD, PASTA

HEALTHY
DRINK:

WATER,
FRUIT,
JUICE



PROTEINS:

LEAN MEAT,
FISH, BEANS,
HUMMUS

PLENTY OF
FRUIT AND
VEGETABLES

A PORTION
OF MILK OR
DAIRY
FOOD

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A big thank you from @CcfEtone to all those who worked so hard to put on great STEM day at Stafford, our cadets really enjoyed themselves.



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Another first visit completed to a new CEP Section, Etone College are off to a brilliant start and looking forward to the exciting times ahead, welcome to the RAFAC family @ComdtAC @HeadCCFRAF @aircadets @CCFcadets @SceoWm @CcfEtone

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Great to see our CCF in action tonight!



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ETONE HUMANITIES @EtoneHumanities



Day two of the Geography fieldwork trip for Year 10 and some 6th formers! Big thanks to Mr Hope for these wonderful pictures from the day @EtoneCollege



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The History Department are ready to play the pee of fortune! Make sure you come and visit us in D1-1 @EtoneCollege



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Excellent Roald Dahl Day efforts from our lovely team! #roalddahlday #culturalcapital



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Team English are ready to meet our next generation of learners at this year's Open Evening! Pop down to @EtoneCollege if you're free from 5.30pm-7.30pm #NationalPoetryDay #OpenEvening



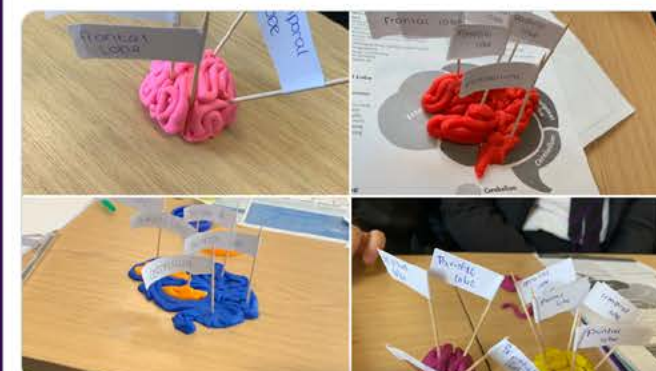
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ETONE PSYCHOLOGY @EtonePsych



Great lesson with year 9 today learning about the lobes of their brain and their functions! Some great technical models of brains too!



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Huge congratulations 🎉 to all of the GCSE Psychologists 🧠 on an absolutely amazing set of results. So proud of you all! Sad to be saying bye to some of you but good luck in your future endeavours! Here's to analysing the behaviour of everyone you meet from now on! 🙌

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Psychology are all ready to go in the @etonesixthform form for @EtoneCollege Open Evening tonight!



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Etone PE Department
@etonepedept

U17 Contact Plate Finals:

QF - Etone Jaguars 24-6 Solent Seahawks

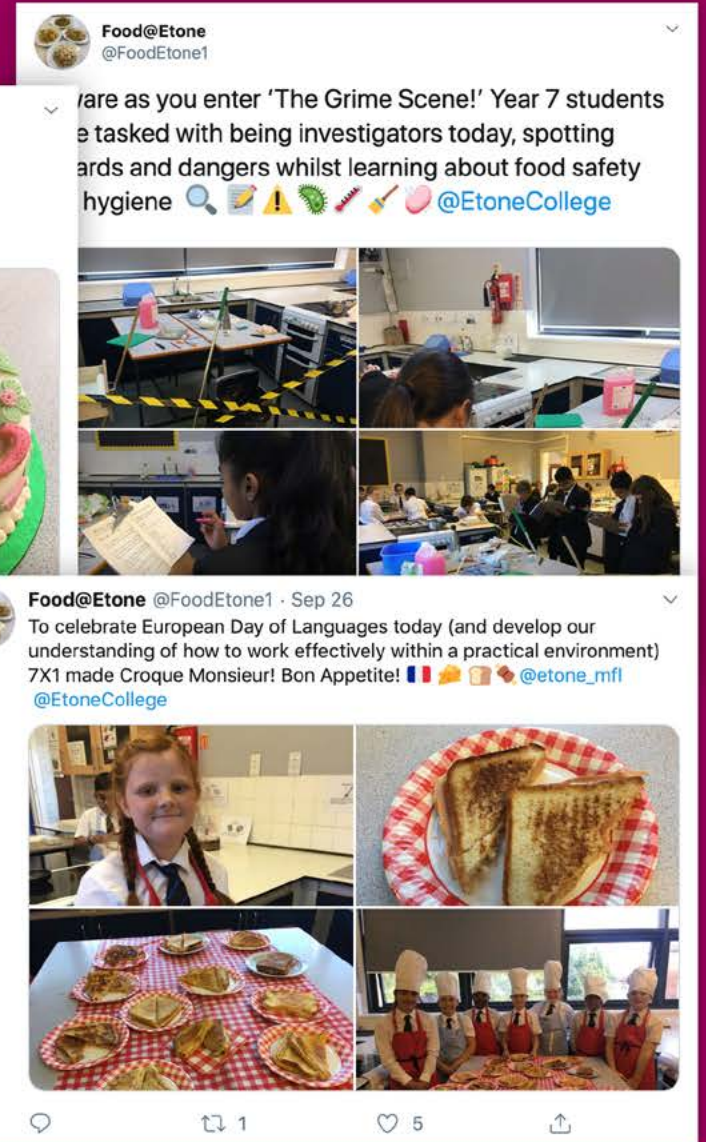
SF - Etone Jaguars 18-15 Manchester South Titans

Jaguars are Crowned U17 Plate Champions

Final - Etone Jaguars 35-21 Cobham Cougars

Offence MVP QB J. Chauhan

Defence MVP NT J. McConnell



EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS IN ACTION!

Activities week during the last week of the summer term saw a fantastic and creative collaboration between Business and Enterprise and Create: Design Technology, Food and Art who hosted an Apprentice style activity. Year 9 students were tasked with designing and making a flapjack bar after watching entrepreneurs on the TV show create and design food based products. Year 7 also participated in a similar activity which saw them design and produce a biscuit bar with equally amazing results! The standard of the products made were exceptional and very commercially marketable too.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to utilize and showcase their employability skills - team work, communication, problem solving, organisation and initiative. Some students acted as Project managers assessing the progress of those in the production team, who busily created the actual food products using the specification details from the design team. Others were responsible for taking an idea from a sketch, through to manufacture, then creating a sales and marketing pitch to convince a real life supermarket product buyer to invest in their team's concept. The success of the day culminated in each group presenting up their ideas to the rest of their year group including some potential investors.



AFTER SCHOOL FOOD CLUB

The after school food club continues to attract large numbers of students who are keen to develop their culinary skills, make and bake food to take home or make a tasty tea to serve to their family. So far this term we have made jam buns, rock cakes, savoury pizza pinwheels, Spaghetti Bolognese, and sweet and savoury scones. Sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.00 until 4.30pm in C1-3. If you have any suggestions for dishes you would like to make please see Mrs Thomas. New ideas are always warmly welcomed!

The after school food club is a fantastic opportunity to develop your skills and this half term students have broadened their abilities in dicing, slicing, peeling, chopping, grating, boiling, frying, simmering and the rubbing in method. The sessions are also a fantastic way of building friendships with others outside of your teaching group, working with others, team work, organisational skills and most importantly developing essential life skills to be more independent when preparing and cooking food for you and your family to eat!



SCIENCE TASTER PROJECTS

The Science department have been out and about visiting some of our feeder schools. Ms Chapman has worked with Year 5 children from Chetwynd, Queens, Middlemarch and Wembrook primary schools. The project involved encouraging curiosity through Science. The children carried out investigations into seed dispersal, seed germination, parachutes and forces. The sessions involved all Year 5 children in the schools investigating, practically, factors which affected; the dispersal of sycamore seeds, the germination of cress seeds, how parachutes land safely and how mass affects forces. The children all thoroughly enjoyed their practical investigation lessons. The project has been very successful and is continuing with further visits from Ms Chapman to the primary schools.

Miss Bailey has been able to welcome the same children into the science laboratories at Etone College allowing them to follow Harry Potter and George's Marvellous Medicine themed chemistry lessons. The specialist equipment at Etone College has allowed the children to discover chemistry when this would not be possible in their own school. The practical sessions have been supported by lead learners in science which has further helped the children to develop their science skills.

Ms Chapman in her role as Eco-coordinator introduced the new Environment Area to children from Chetwynd Eco Club. The children enjoyed finding some of the inhabitants of the area with nets and pooters. The children really enjoyed their time and can't wait to visit again to see how the area is developing as a wildlife haven in the centre of a busy town.





A warm welcome to our year 7 students and what a great start they have made.

Dragon house students are gaining a lot of commendations which is fantastic to see, this shows how hard they are working within lessons and completing outstanding pieces of homework. The first students in Dragon house to complete the Bronze award were J.Keenan, P.Sharkey (7D1) and W.Powney (7D2) which was a fantastic achievement; I know that all my Dragon students are determined to collect the most commendations this year and beat all the other houses. We have already entered lots of competitions, in MFL, English and History to try and win house points so that we can ensure Dragon House are number 1 in the school!

A lot of Dragon students are involved in a number of activities outside of school too. I have students participating in karate, netball, football, rugby, American football and ice hockey. Some of my students are members of local dance companies performing in lots of competitions around the country in different genres such as Hip Hop, Ballroom, Acro, Ballet, tap and contemporary; with a

number of students involved in competitions. I also have a couple of boxer's who have been competing in a variety of boxing matches and one of my year 11's has reached the National Final and we wish him lots of luck, a future Olympic champion in the making! I will no doubt have more news on student's achievements outside of school in the Christmas newsletter.

Dragon house continue to support the charity Georgie's gift and we hope to raise more money for this over the academic year.

I hope that Dragon House students continue to work hard and continue to achieve great things in and out of school.

Dragon House Motto: "High Expectations, High Achievement!"

R Price

Head of Dragon House



With its lazy mornings, late nights, glorious weather and ice-creams, the Summer already seems such a distant memory. It's not as much fun getting up in the dark at the moment and the weather leaves a lot to be desired, however the mighty, mighty Centaur House have made an excellent start to the new academic year!

A huge well done must go to our Year 7's on their excellent transition into life in secondary school. It never fails to amaze me how quickly they find their feet and settle into the 'Etone Way'. Particular praise must go to 7C2 and 7C1 who are at time of writing in 2nd and 4th place of all the tutor groups in terms of attendance! Very well done Year 7.

Furthermore 7C2 are flying at the top of the House Point leader-board with 590 points, nearly twice as many as the form group in second place. In fact Centaur House currently fill the top 3 positions with 9C1 and 7C1 in second and third respectively – a fantastic achievement for our House!

Special mention must go to S.Panchal 7C2 for becoming the first Centaur student to achieve the Silver commendation certificate. Very well done, and L.Bullens 7C2 and J.Ciobanu 9C1 who have also now reached the 50 commendation mark!

It's been great to see so many of our students taking up positions of responsibility within the school. A huge well done must go to R.Jones 10C2, C.Paraschiv 8C1 and S.McLafferty 7C1, who along with K.Ofori-Atta 9G1 were elected to the Etone School Council Executive Committee. We look very much forward to working alongside you on behalf of the students of Etone.

May I finally wish all our students and their families a relaxing half-term break!

Mr Astall
Head of Centuar House





On behalf of all the Phoenix tutors, I would like to welcome back all the tutees and welcome 7P1 to Phoenix house.

As the new Head of Phoenix house this year, I aim to build on our prior successes and drive forward to new heights. I was amazed at the results our previous year 11's achieved over the summer. Ella, Abbie, Oliver, Kusum, Olivia and Gyari achieved a staggering 15 grade 9's and 20 grade 8's between them alone, not to mention all the grade 7s and 6s that they and other peers within the form achieved. They have set the bar for all other year 11's students this year.

We also managed to come 1st overall in house points last year, narrowly beating the other houses. We have made a fantastic start to this academic year with regards to house points with 8P2 currently the highest scoring form in Phoenix. This is something that the students are proud of and each form is always striving to be the best overall. This healthy competition between students and forms, has meant that multiple praise postcards and commendations have been collected by Phoenix students already. We currently have 22 students that have achieved their bronze awards and 87 praise postcards sent to parents/carers. Well done Jessica 7P1 for being the first Phoenix student to receive their silver award.

It is also great to see all of the sporting potential within the Phoenix students. Last year our year 9/10 team became house champions and we finished a very close 3rd in what was the closest Sports day to date. We welcome the challenge this year to remain as house champions and push further towards winning Sports day.

Our student live by our Phoenix motto, which is: "Never less than our best". We won't ask for anymore and we expect no less and by doing so, you will get exactly what you deserve.

Phoenix House is proud to support the charity Cancer Research UK.

Mr Baggott
Head of Phoenix House



What a fantastic start to the year Griffin pupils have made!

Well done to all the year 7 students who have settled in so well to Griffin House. It is always a pleasure to come into your form and to receive so many positive comments from your teachers. You are all working really hard and achieve so many commendations, well done especially to those of you who have gained your Silver Award.

It is great to see that so many of you are making the most of all the experiences and opportunities that Etone has to offer. Thank you to all the students that helped on open evening you were a credit to Griffin House and the school.

Thank you to the prefects from 11G1 for helping out with open evening, you made a fantastic impression and gave year 5 and 6 students something to aspire to. You are fantastic role models.

As well as hearing about the progress you have all been making in your lessons it has also been great to hear about and celebrate the extra-curricular successes of Griffin students. Please continue to share your successes.

Griffin students in years 8, 9 and 10 have all come back with a fantastic attitude and I am proud to be sending so many positive praise postcards home.

11G1 have made a great start to the year and shown such maturity and commitment already to what will be an extremely important year. I have been so impressed by attendance at revision and support sessions, keep up the effort and it will really pay off!

Miss Bailey
Head of Griffin House





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