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## Letter from the Head of School

### Mr P Miller

Dear Parents and carers

Welcome back to a new school year and, to our new Year 7 parents, welcome to Edmonton County School.

Our Weekly Newsletter aims to provide our school community with news, updates, important announcements and key dates. However, if you do have any questions, please contact the school via [info@edact.org.uk](mailto:info@edact.org.uk) in the first instance.

Some upcoming key dates are:

- Thursday 29th September: Open Evening for the parents of Year 5 & 6 children – note that we will be closing the school at 12 noon in order to prepare for this event
- Thursday 6th October: Curriculum information evening for parents of Year 11 students
- Thursday 13th October: Welcome and 'settling in' event for parents of Year 7 students
- Thursday 20th October: Sixth Form Open Evening, for the parents of Year 11 students

We are also hoping to have our KS3 and KS4 Presentation Evening events which had to be rescheduled due to the excessively hot weather in July. Details to follow.

The summer saw our Year 11 and Year 13 students achieve some of the school's best-ever public examination results, despite the disruption of school closures due to the



Covid pandemic during the last two years. For Year 11, completing their GCSE courses, the school's provisional 'Progress 8' score (which measures the academic progress students have made from Year 6 to Year 11) puts us in the top third of schools nationally. In the Sixth Form, we continue to have a 100% A\*-E grade pass rate, with half of students achieving the highest (A\*-B) grades, with our progress (measured by ALPS) putting us in the top 10% of Sixth Form providers in the country for the sixth successive year! The majority of these students are about to start degree courses at some of the country's best universities. We are, of course, very proud of our students and hope to build on this continuing success in 2022-23.

Finally, the state funeral for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be on Monday 19th September and this will be a Bank Holiday. Therefore, our school will be closed to pupils and staff on this day. Pupils should return to school on Tuesday 20th September for our usual 8:25am start.

I wish all students and families the very best for the new school year. Thank you for your continued support.

**Paul Miller, Head of School**

## Attendance Expectations

### Students

- Attend school every day unless they are unwell or have another authorised reason for absence
- Arrive in school before 8.25am, appropriately prepared for the day and go straight to period 1
- Be punctual to all lessons for the whole school day
- Inform a member of staff if they have concerns that may affect their attendance

### Parents/Carers

- For safeguarding purposes, the school must be provided with at least two up to date contact numbers
- Ensure their children attend school every day unless they are too ill to attend or there is another acceptable reason for absence; this is a parent/carers legal responsibility (Section 444 of the 1996 Education Act)
- Ensure their children arrive on time, prepared and equipped for the day
- Inform the school by phone on 0208 360 3158, press 1 for the attendance line. This must happen before 8.30am on each day of absence
- Avoid making non urgent medical and dental appointments in school time
- If appointments must be made in school time, a copy of the appointment card or letter must be provided, and if a student is absent for more than 5 consecutive days a medical certificate will be required
- Attend meetings/events to communicate with the school regarding their children's attendance and progress; these include Parents Evenings, Academic Review Days and Curriculum Evenings, along with individual meetings if attendance is a concern
- Engage with range of support offered to encourage improved attendance

Please ensure that you are clear on holiday dates, as this is the most common reason for fines being issued. Any questions please contact the number above.

Thank you in supporting your child's excellent attendance to school.



# Celebrating SUCCESS at Edmonton County School



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN THE ENGLISH FACULTY

The English Faculty are delighted to have achieved some of their best ever GCSE exam results in the summer 2022 exams with 77% of students achieving a grade 4+ in Language or Literature and 60% achieving a grade 5+ in Language or Literature. This shows what can be achieved when students work hard. We are looking forward to working with this year's cohort of Year 11 students as we seek to do even better!

CONGRATULATIONS  
ON YOUR  
FANTASTIC  
EXAM  
RESULTS  
WE ARE SO  
PROUD OF YOU

Well done!

The English Faculty would also like to welcome Mr Lister, Miss Osman, Miss Healy, and Mr Harper to the English team. Many of our students would have already met these teachers and they are excited to be working with you.



Mr Lister



Miss Osman



Miss Healy



Mr Harper

Finally, we would like to praise all of our students for the great start they have made in English this year. We are looking forward to helping you become even better at English as the year goes on. Keep working hard!



Mr C Flack  
Head of English Faculty



# LITERACY NEWS



As the nation mourns the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II this week, we think about her extraordinary commitment and service and the huge influence she had on British culture.

One way her legacy can be seen is in literature. Not only did the Queen love reading, she has also appeared as a character in many well-loved books.

Winnie the Pooh creator, AA Milne, wrote about the changing of the guard in his poem, 'Buckingham Palace' in 1924 and there is a good chance that the then very young Princess Elizabeth of York may have read it.



The Queen also appears in Roald Dahl's famous book the BFG. When Sophie takes her friend the giant to visit the Queen, she is surprised that the Queen doesn't scream in fear. "*Queens are far too controlled for that*" says Elizabeth with a wink.

Like many of us, the Queen liked to read to help her relax and unwind. She loved books about horses and other animals and she also loved detective novels.

A love of reading was something she passed on and shared with her children. I think this is one of the best gifts anyone can give to a child and the best thing is, you don't have to be royalty to do it!

I love the photo above which shows the Queen enjoying a picture book with her daughter, Princess Anne.

My book recommendations this week all have a royal theme in memory of our beautiful late Queen Elizabeth II.

## GOING BACK TO OUR ROOTS

### Going Back To Our Roots

This year instead of words of the week, we are going back to our roots looking at prefixes, suffixes and the roots of words.

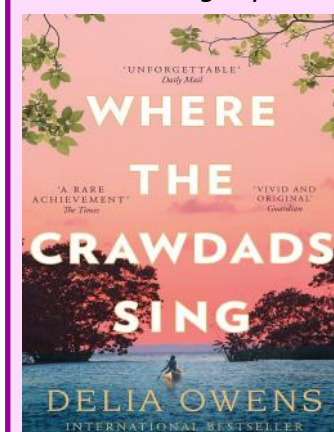
More on this to come, but for now, here is our suffix of the week: DIS!

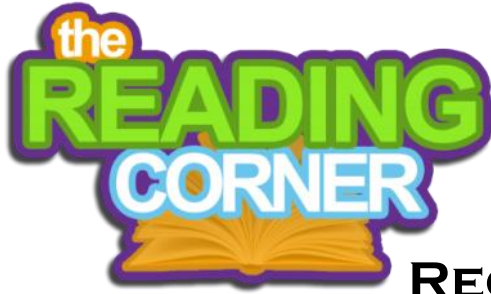
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Disobey

Can you think of any more 'dis' words?

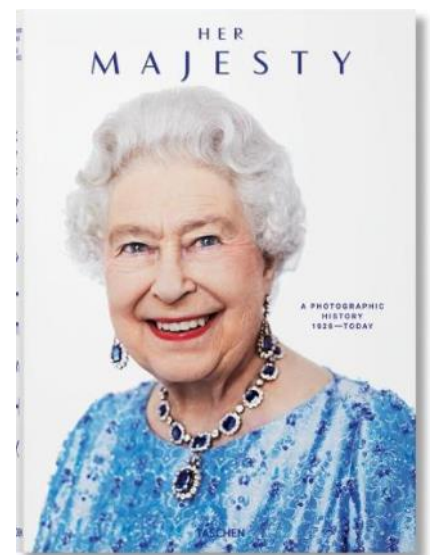
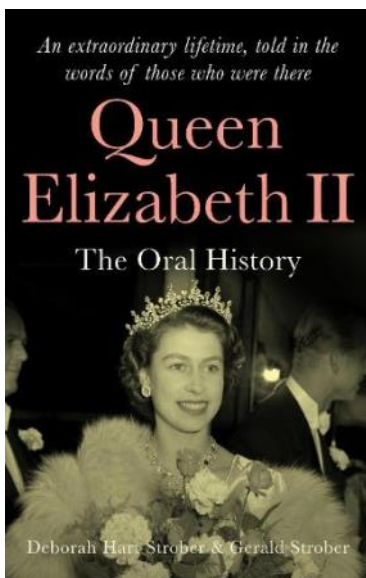
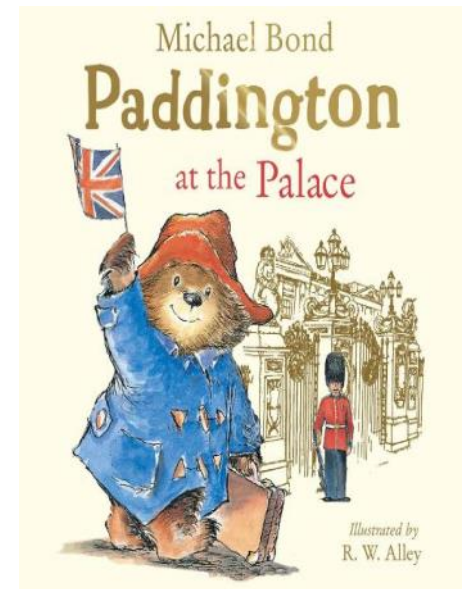
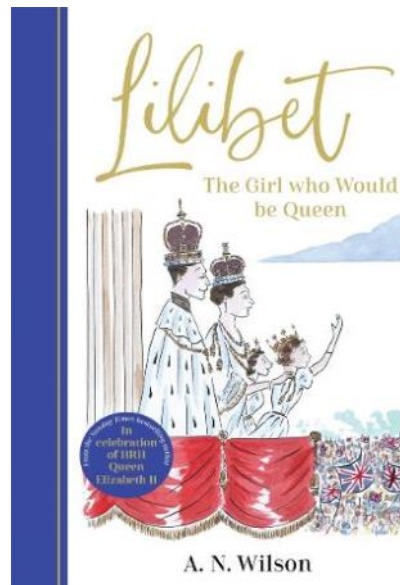
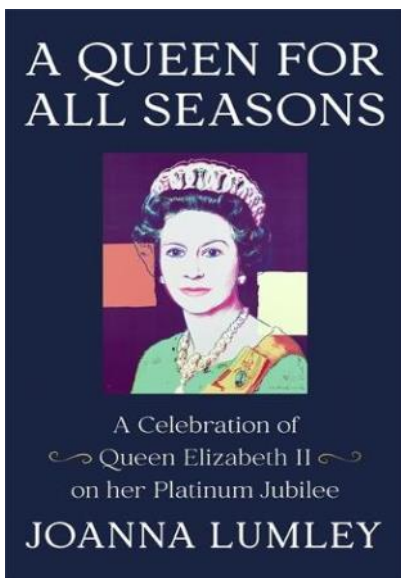
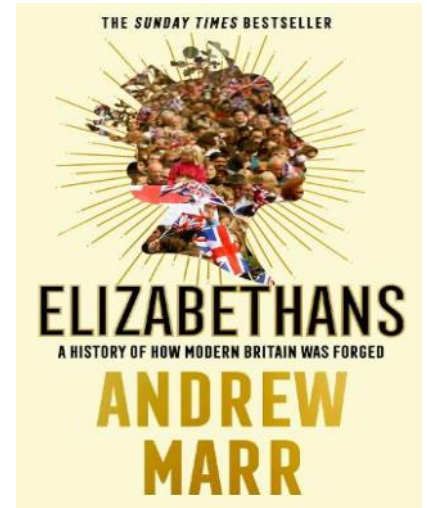
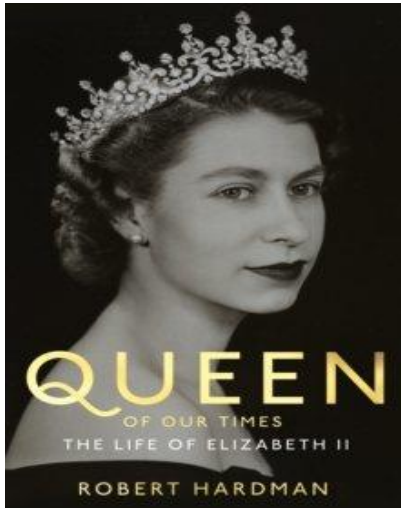
#### Staff are reading...

Miss Alibhai is reading 'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens





RECOMMENDED READING



**LITERACY TIP OF THE WEEK**

Build your vocabulary this year!

The start of a new school year is the perfect time to form good habits. As you go through your lessons, make a list of new and interesting words in a glossary. You will be surprised how many new words you have learnt by the end of each week, month, term and year!



Ms L Portelli  
She/her  
Literacy Coordinator

**A WARM WELCOME TO MR LISTER**

I am very pleased to announce that we have a new member in our Literacy team this year.

Mr Lister is an Assistant Head Teacher who has a passion for Literacy and Oracy and I am very much looking forward to working with him on some really exciting new initiatives and projects this year and to build even further on the reading culture that we value so highly in our school.

Mr Lister says, *"I am delighted to be part of a literacy team with a shared love of reading, writing and oracy"*.

"I know of no single formula for success. But over the years I have observed that some attributes of leadership are universal and are often about finding ways of encouraging people to combine their efforts, their talents, their insights, their enthusiasm and their inspiration to work together."

- HM Queen Elizabeth II  
[www.geckoandfly.com](http://www.geckoandfly.com)



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## Secondary Assemblies – w/c: 19th September 2022

	Bury Campus - Hall	Cambridge Campus - Gym
Monday 19th September	BANK HOLIDAY – QUEEN ELIZABETH II STATE FUNERAL	
Tuesday 20th September	Year 11	Year 11
Wednesday 21st September	Year 13	Year 12
Thursday 22nd September		
Friday 23rd September	Making a positive start to Year 10	

### Top Tutor Groups For Attendance W/C 5th September 2022



**7B1 - 99.2%**

**11B2 - 99.2%**



**Overall Bury Attendance - 92.4%**

**Overall Cambridge Attendance - 91.4%**



Mrs M Corfe - Attendance Officer

### Sixth Form Best Attendance W/C 5th September 2022

**Cambridge - 12B - 92.2%**

**Overall Year 12 Attendance - 88.1%**

*Well done and keep up the good work!!*

Progress Leads - Bury & Cambridge Campus

