



Edmonton County School

Educating our Community for Success

Letter from the
Chief Executive of EdAct



Dr S M Tranter

Dear parents and carers,

Already we are into the second month of the school year and the first month has been a busy one for us all.

Last evening, we held our Year 11 Curriculum Evening and it was good to welcome so many parents to that event. There is a Curriculum Evening for each year group and at that event you will be informed about:

- What your child will learn during the year
- Key decisions you will need to make – for example optional subjects for GCSE
- Key dates during the year – where there are assessments etc. This is particularly important for students in the upper school
- Advice on how you can best support your child and what to do if there are any concerns

We remain concerned about the misuse of phones and the amount of time some children spend on their phone or computer. This has been shown to have a detrimental effect on progress and [health \(https://journal.psych.ac.cn/acps/EN/10.3724/SP.J.1041.2017.01524\)](https://journal.psych.ac.cn/acps/EN/10.3724/SP.J.1041.2017.01524). Please discuss this with your child and set firm boundaries and times for when the phone is on and importantly off. There is also good advice on how to set up a phone so that there are safety triggers to prevent abuse (<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/e-safety-checklist-getting-your-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe/>)

Our half term break commences on Friday 21 October and concludes on Monday 31 October 2022.

When we return from half term, there will be a noticeable change in that the evenings will be dark. Please talk to your son or daughter about keeping safe, travelling between home and school.

Yours sincerely,

Dr S M Tranter - Chief Executive of EdAct



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IMPORTANT EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Dear Candidates/Parents

In Year Admission Testing**EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS**

- Make sure you check the seating plans posted in the playground in case there is a change of room for your exam (line up in the playground at least 15 minutes before the start time)
- Bring all the equipment you will need for the exam [black pens, pencils, ruler, calculator (where allowed), protractor, compasses]
- Full school uniform/smart business wear needs to be worn, with IDs placed on the exam desk
- Make sure you understand the rules
- Mobile phones/smart watches, or any other product with potential technological/web enabled sources of information must be switched off and put in bags. **Any student found with such a device on them in an exam room will face disqualification from that exam**
- Any pencil cases taken into the exam room must be see-through
- Only small water bottles will be allowed into the exam room and must have all labels removed

You must not take into the exam room:

- notes
- a calculator case/instruction leaflet

Listen to the invigilators and follow their instructions during the exam. Students will be attending lessons as normal when not sitting an exam.

Good luck with your revision and the exams!

Ms G Boniface

Examinations Manager - Edmonton County School

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**Week Commencing 10th October 2022**

Date	Start	Len	Board	Component Code	Component Title
Mon 10th Oct	08:30	All Day			In Year Admission Test - To Be Confirmed

Week Commencing 17th October 2022

Date	Start	Len	Board	Component Code	Component Title
Tues 18th Oct	08:30	2 hours			Bio Medical Admission Tests



Careers Notices



Personal Statement workshop Year 13

All year 13 students and a selected group 12 students will be attending a workshop on Thursday 13th October when a representative from Coventry University will be coming into school to deliver a workshop and one to one meeting to help guide them with tips and good practices on how to write a good personal statement.

Writtle University College's next Open Days and Webinars: Year 12

College Course Open Day: Saturday 15th October, Saturday 26th November

College Course Webinar: Monday 31st October, 6-6.45pm

University Course Open Day: Saturday 8th October, Wednesday 26th October

Students can click [here](#) to find out more and book onto their College Course Open Days and Webinar, and [here](#) for our University Course Open Days.

Get the Jump campaign for Years 10 to 14

Get the Jump' Skills for Life is a new campaign by the Department for Education, aimed at young people aged 14-19 to help them understand all their education and training choices, how they compare and where they can lead.

We recommend all students click on the link below to learn more about their choices.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-your-education-and-training-choices>

Sheffield University Sessions Year 12

Upcoming information sessions

To find out more about Discover Sheffield, how students apply for the programme and to get your questions answered, go along to one of their information sessions run by their team.

These are virtual events hosted on Blackboard, the University's interactive platform. You are welcome to join their online events from 5.50pm via the links below.

[Wednesday 28 September](#) at 6pm - 6.30pm

[Tuesday 4 October](#) at 6pm - 6.30pm

[Wednesday 5 October](#) at 6pm - 6.30pm

EDT residential Insight into University Year 12

For all students interested in studying STEM at university should consider this opportunity. Registration for EDT Residential Insight into University 2023 courses is now open.

[Residential Insight into University](#) courses are Industrial Cadets accredited summer schools which can help you decide which degree course might be right for you and also enhance your UCAS application. Courses run over 4 or 5 days where Yr12/S5-6 students get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject. In summer 2023 these will include:

- Ø Materials Science at University of Oxford
- Ø Maths at Lancaster University
- Ø Broad-based Engineering at University of Sheffield
- Ø Materials Science at University of Cambridge
- Ø Robotics & Autonomous Systems at University of Liverpool
- Ø Mechanical Engineering at UCL
- Ø Life Sciences at University of Warwick – details coming soon
- Ø Aerospace Engineering at University of Liverpool – details coming soon

It's just like studying at university! You will get the opportunity to experience university style lectures and work on activities and group projects with the support of academics and student mentors. Throughout the duration of the course, you will stay in halls of residence and will take part in social activities in the evenings.

How to Apply: For dates, cost, requirements, content of each course and the application form, please click on this link <https://www.etrust.org.uk/residential-insight-into-university> If you are interested in any of the university options click APPLY NOW to complete the application form.

Please note places on each course are limited so it's highly recommended that you apply ASAP to avoid disappointment. Make sure you think about what to write on your personal statement (approx. 200 - 250 words) to tell us why you would like to do the course, which subjects you are currently studying and your predicted grades. Applications are open for a limited time and will close on the **3rd of January 2023**.

British Red Cross Volunteering Opportunity Years 12 to 14

To all students, especially those looking to go into medical careers, we recommend you sign up for work experience volunteering for the British Red Cross. You will be building your transferable skills as well as giving back to the community.

The Red Cross in Green Lanes, Palmers Green are looking for unpaid volunteers at both their book shop and charity shop.

How to Apply: Applicants need to apply online click on the link below, this will take you to their website where you can choose the location and job you would like to volunteer for.

https://volunteer.redcross.org.uk/opportunities/results?#display=grid&s=distance&o=asc&page=1&public_search=true&search=Greater+London%2C+England%2C+United+Kingdom&lat=51.6214872&lon=-0.1075657&geojson&limit=14&include=image

Residential Insight into University

Summer Schools 2023

Insight into University residential courses (previously known as Headstart) are summer schools run over 4 or 5 days where students get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject. Students will get the opportunity to experience university style lectures and work on activities and group projects with the support of academics and student mentors. Students will stay in halls of residence and will take part in social activities in the evenings.

These courses are for Year 12/SS-6 students and are a great way to try out a STEM subject at university before applying. This allows students to make a better informed decision for their UCAS application, as well as meeting like-minded students from all over the UK.

These summer schools are run for small groups (on average 30 students) and so places are limited.

Applications open on the 3rd of October 2022 and will close on the 3rd of January 2023.

Courses running in summer 2023

Maths at Lancaster
 Mechanical Engineering at UCL
 Life Sciences at Warwick
 Materials Science at Oxford
 Robotics at Liverpool
 Broad-based Engineering at Sheffield
 Materials Science at Cambridge
 Aerospace Engineering at Liverpool

Find out more and apply on our website [here](#).

Statistics from 2022

99%

of participants said they would recommend the course to other students!

94%

of participants said they felt the experience on the course will help them make a better informed decision for their UCAS application.

What our students say

"The course was extremely informative as well as enjoyable, I loved meeting so many new people who were just as interested in the same subjects as me as well as being able to learn so much within such a short space of time."

"I thoroughly enjoyed this course - the people were lovely, the food was great and the proper hands-on STEM subject experience was invaluable to my understanding of life as a student."

"It was AWESOME AND FANTASTIC!!! I loved having loads of practical activities and getting to see the Engineering Labs. I also liked getting the opportunity to feel like I was actually a university student at UCL, as well as making incredible friends."



Follow us on social media



Visit our website

www.etrust.org.uk/residential-insight-into-university



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Do you have a warm smile and friendly manner? We need you!

Opportunities available for Customer Service and Shop Floor volunteers. Please ask for more information.

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Clear eye for a great buy?

Could you help a customer find the item of their dreams?

Opportunities available for Stylist volunteers. Please ask for more information.

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Treasure hunters wanted

Keen eye for hidden gems? Can you spot something valuable?

Opportunities available for Treasure Hunters. Please ask for more information.

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We are looking for volunteers on:

Day:

Time:

To find out more please speak to a member of our friendly team.

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LITERACY NEWS



First marked in the UK in October 1987, as part of African Jubilee Year, Black History Month is a recognition of the heritage, culture, and achievements of Black Britons. With the theme 'Time for Change: Action not Words,' Black History Month 2022 focuses on amplifying Black voices, allyship and activism, and sharing the stories and diverse legacies of Black people in the UK.

To celebrate Black History Month at ECS, our libraries have a **wide selection of books to read** which are easy to find in the wonderful displays that the librarians have been creating.

We also have **competitions** where you can choose from a variety of different poetry and book-related tasks for your chance to win your very own brand new copy of some brilliant teen/YA books by black authors.

Years 7 and 8 and 9 will also be doing some special activities during their **library lessons** this month.

So make sure you come to the library this month and check out everything that we have to offer.

STAFF AND STUDENTS!

Get involved...

It would be wonderful to include some of your favourite books by black authors to celebrate Black History Month this October so please send me photos of yourself holding your favourite book OR just let me know the title and author and you might feature in the Newsletter!



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: ABLE



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Portable
Preventable
Excitable
Available



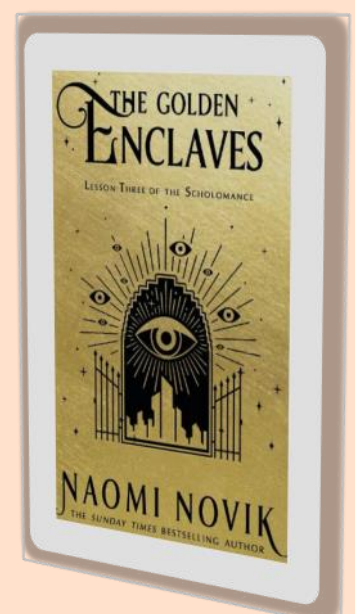
Can you think of any more 'able' words?

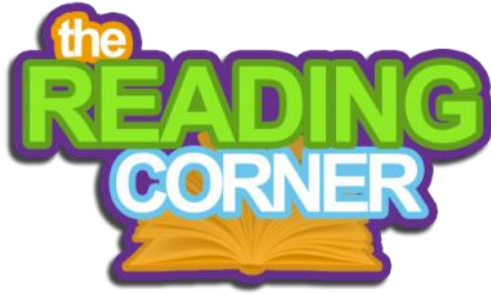
Staff are reading...

Miss Tsolakidou is reading:

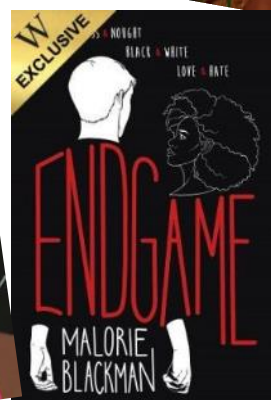
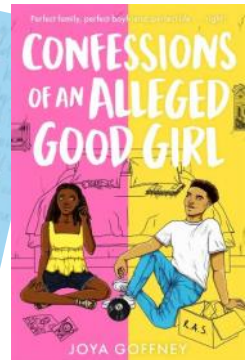
The Golden Enclaves

by Naomi Novik





Recommended Reading



E-books

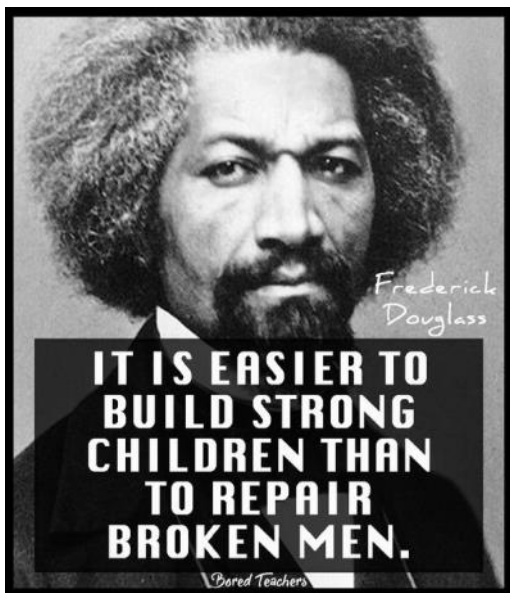
now available in ECS library!



Use the app on your device:	Use the link on the school website or the computer desktop:
1) Download the ePlatform app on your device 	1) Click on the website/desktop link 
2) Find 'Edmonton County School' and log in with your school email	2) Log in with your school email 
3) Search for books and click 'borrow'. You can now start reading!	3) Search for books and click 'borrow'. You can now start reading!

I am very happy to announce that thanks to Miss Tsolokidou, ECS libraries are now offering E-books! This poster shows the very simple steps you need to take to access this either on a phone, tablet or desktop computer.

For more information about E-books as well as all the other brilliant resources the libraries have to offer, please pop in and have a chat to our lovely Librarians!



TEACHING AND LEARNING TIP

Check out these websites for some top teaching and learning resources:



The subject association for history, the Historical Association, has many black history resources available including those linked to in their annual Black History Month news story. BBC Bitesize – Resources relevant to Black History Month.

National Archives – ‘World Through a Lens’, photos from over 100 years history, including Africa and the Americas. Many of these could be used as the stimulus for lessons in black history.

Oak National Academy – Has a selection of black history resources available for both English and history lessons including on the resistance to slavery in Jamaica in the 19th century and on the Windrush.

Bristol Museums and BBC Teach provide resources on the Bristol Bus Boycott.

The Royal Mint worked with the West India Committee to create a black British history pack titled ‘Diversity Built Britain’, with resources for schools that are aimed at illuminating stories and accounts of important and inspirational Black people that have lived, worked and studied in the UK.

Have a great week!

Laura Portelli
Literacy Coordinator



Secondary Assemblies – w/c: 10th October 2022

	Bury Campus - Hall	Cambridge Campus - Hall
Monday 10th October	Year 7	Year 7
Tuesday 11th October	Year 8	Year 8
Wednesday 12th October	Year 9	Year 9
Thursday 13th October		
Friday 14th October	Making a positive start to Year 7	

Top Tutor Groups For Attendance W/C 26th September 2022



7B3 - 100%

7C1 - 99.3%



Overall Bury Attendance - 93.8%

Overall Cambridge Attendance - 93.7%



Mrs M Corfe - Attendance Officer



Sixth Form Best Attendance W/C 26th September 2022

Cambridge - 12F - 95.9%

Bury - 13A - 90.7%

Overall Year 12 Attendance - 91.0%

Overall Year 13 Attendance - 84.0%



Well done and keep up the good work!!

Mrs M Labiche—Student Manager - Cambridge Campus

