



Edmonton County School

Educating our Community for Success



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Letter from the
Head of School

Mr P Miller

Dear Parents / carers,

As we approach the end of another school year, it's important that you are all aware of the arrangements for the end of this term and the plans for the start of the new school year in September.

End of term arrangements: As our last day of term is Friday 21 July. As is traditional, this a non-uniform day when we ask students to donate £1 to charity. Weather allowing, we will also be holding a whole-school Celebration Assembly on our Bury Campus field. This is always a great way to finish the term, and all students will be dismissed from the Bury Campus at around 12 noon.

Starting back in September: Although it may seem a long way off, the plans for the start of the new school year are:

- Friday 1 September: staff training day – no students in school
- Monday 4 September: Year 7 induction day and Year 12 enrolment day – no other years in school
- Tuesday 5 September: first day back for Years 8-11 and 13 – all students in school

Term dates for 2023-24: A reminder of the term dates for the school year:

Please note the change of date for the March 2024 INSET day.

Autumn Term 2023

INSET – Friday 01 September 2023

First half: Monday 04 September 2023 – Thursday 19 October 2023

Half-term: Friday 20 October 2023 – Monday 30 October 2023

Second half: Tuesday 31 October 2023 – Thursday 21 December 2023

INSET – Friday 22 December 2023

Spring Term 2024

First half: Monday 08 January 2024 – Friday 9 February 2024

Half-term: Monday 12 February 2024 – Friday 16 February 2024

Second half: Monday 19 February 2024 – Wednesday 27 March 2024

INSET – Friday 8 March 2024 (changed from Thursday 28 March 2024)

Summer Term 2024

First half: Monday 15 April 2024 – Friday 24 May 2024

Half-term: Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024

Second half: Monday 03 June 2024 – Friday 19 July 2024

Canteen prices: As we are all aware, there have been, and continue to be, significant increases in the cost of living. This has impacted everyone, and schools are not immune to these external factors. The UK's inflation rate is at the highest level for over 40 years, with food price inflation in April 2023 at around 19%. The National Living Wage (NLW) increased by 9.68% from 1st April 2023, which means that catering's two main expenses (food and labour) continue to increase. The school and HCL (our caterers) do not want to undercut the quality of the food as we know how important school lunches are to our students. However, despite tight controls and efficient purchasing we regrettably need to implement an increase in the prices of all food items from September 2023. Prices will increase by 10-12%. The best value for students is to purchase our Meal Deal at £2.75 which is a two-course meal. Further details will be published in the Key Information section of our website.

Cambridge Campus / A10 works: Transport for London will be carrying out improvement works along the A10 Great Cambridge Road outside Edmonton County School Cambridge Campus from 24 July to 22 September 2023. The works involve construction of a new right turn / deceleration lane in the central reservation along the A10 Northbound carriageway towards Edmonton County School/Power League field as well as installation of new signs and road markings and alterations to the existing safety barriers. This means there will be restricted access to the school for this period. Local residents have also been sent a letter by TfL. Please note that when the work is completed, our entrance and exit will have swapped.

Any updates regarding the above will be communicated to parents via the school website and/or text message.

I wish all our families a safe and sunny summer break. Thank you for your continued support,



Paul Miller, Head of School

IMPORTANT EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Dear Candidates/Parents

In Year Admission Tests

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.

Good luck with your revision and the exams!

Ms G Boniface

Examinations Manager

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Date	Start	Length	Component Title
Mon 17 Jul	08:30	All day	In Year Admission Tests



Careers Notices



Design Future London Project



The time has arrived for our finalist tow teams to visit City Hall to deliver their presentations for the GLA Design Future London Challenge. The students are two of four groups in their age group to reach the finals. You will now have the opportunity to watch this event live between 9am and 1.30pm. You can access the event by clicking on the following link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84207979805>

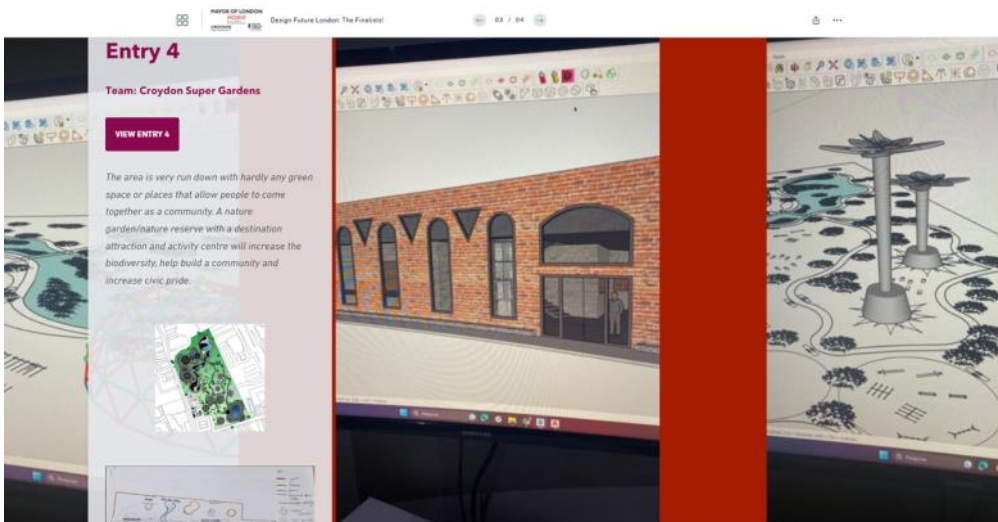
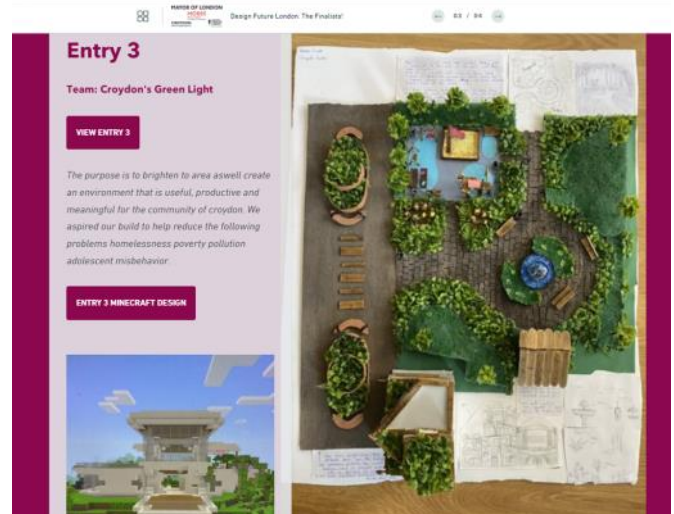
If you are unable to watch the event live, it will be available for you to watch on YouTube anytime after the event is finished. You can access the recording by clicking on the following link.

[YouTube channel](#)

Congratulations & Good Luck to our Finalists

Ms G Pastore

Careers Guidance & Development Advisor



Design Future London Project

It was a very tough competition this year and the judges have fed back that the entries were of an incredibly high quality, adhered to the brief, were full of imagination and creativity while having a practical application of the challenge themes which are important to the future planning of the city of London.



Judging Panel

16-18 year olds (secondary school) - judging panel led by Mark Southgate

Emma Foster, Senior Development and Design Director, Mount Anvil

Emma has 20 years of planning and development experience, and joined the Mount Anvil team in August 2015. She is responsible for sourcing, appraising and negotiating major land deals, leading the Mount Anvil planning design team, and developing relationships with stakeholders. Emma and her team at Mount Anvil are passionate about inspiring young people and have launched a programme to do just that called [Makers and Mentors](#). As part of Design Future London, the platform was extended to offer curriculum resource packs and connections between schools and industry.

Ben Elworthy, 2022 Winner of People's Vote

Ben submitted an entry to the previous design challenge which can be viewed on our [winners website](#) from last year. Since then, Ben has been working with MOBIE on increasing his network and profile and is particularly interested in brutalist architecture.

Johan Prinsloo

Johan has joined the panel from Croydon. He represents the local youth voice and is hoping to learn from the judging experience and start building a network.

(researched from Design Future London website)

The quality of the entries was incredible and all who entered should be congratulated. Feedback will be provided to all students who took part in due course, alongside a certificate that students can add to their portfolio of work or CV.

People's Vote

Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote for our semi-finalists.

The winners will be announced on Friday 14th July and I look forward to sharing the results with you next week.

LITERACY NEWS

Our first ever cross campus Spelling Bee and reading out loud competition took place on Wednesday after school this week. Students were selected to compete based on winning in class heats so the competition was fierce between some of the top readers and spellers in Key Stage 3!



There were some amazing prizes on offer, the star of which was our big plushie Spelling Bee! The parents, staff and students in the audience were on the edge of their seats to see who would win him!

It was a close call but Bury won so our bee will live victoriously in the Bury Library for at least a year until Cambridge have the chance to win him back!

We had individual winners from both campuses who took away some great prizes! Everyone who took part got to take home a really cool Spelling Bee pen too.

I just want to say a huge thank you to all the staff, students and parents who helped out and came along to support the event and an even bigger thank you to our wonderful competitors. They were all amazing and they are all winners!

Have a great week!

Ms L Portelli

Literacy Co-ordinator



Shakespeare Trip for Top Book Borrowers!

This week, Miss Wilson, Miss Tsolokidou, Miss Smith and myself took our top library book borrowers from Year 7 and 8 on a Reward Trip to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. We started with a quick stop off at St Paul's Cathedral where students stopped for a snack and took some photos, then we walked to the South Bank across the Millennium Bridge to the world renowned theatre. There we met Jimmy, an actor/director who gave us a fascinating tour of the Globe Theatre auditorium, vividly recreated colourful stories of the 1599 Playhouse, taught us about the London Shakespeare would have known and the Globe reconstruction process in the 1990s.



Jimmy really brought the theatre to life, exploring how the wooden 'O' works today as an imaginative and experimental space for performance. We then did a drama workshop with Jimmy which was mainly focused on the play 'The Tempest'. The session was fun, practical, interactive and grounded in the sounds and rhythms of Shakespeare's language. The students were all actively involved in playing characters and exploring the themes and context of the play.

After the workshop we had our lunch on the bank of the river Thames and had a mooch around the gift shop before we made our way back.

It was a fantastic day and we were very proud of our students who behaved beautifully and represented our school perfectly! Jimmy at The Globe commented not only on how polite and well-mannered our students were but also how enthusiastic and engaged they were in the tour and the workshop! We will definitely run this trip again next year!



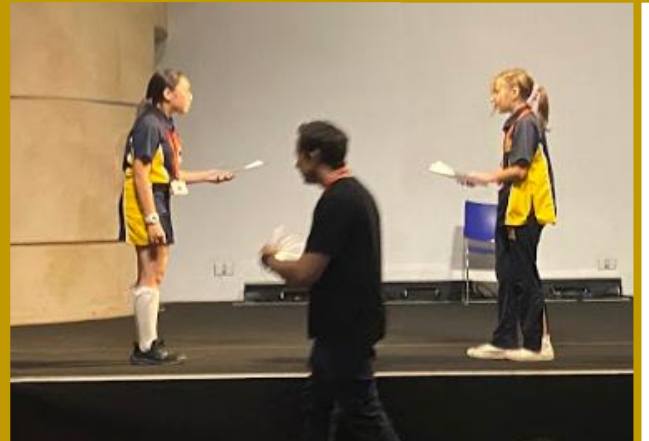
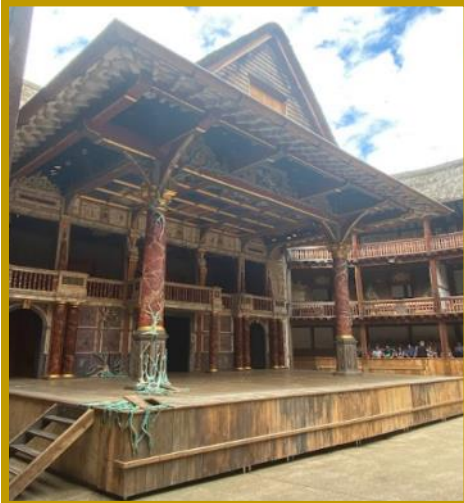
I'd like to say a big thank you to Jimmy at The Globe, to our amazing top-book-borrowing students, to Miss Smith and Miss Wilson for coming and last but not



least, a huge thank you to the wonderful Miss Tsolokidou who worked so hard to organise such a fabulous trip!



Shakespeare Trip for Top Book Borrowers!



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YOI SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns

Secondary Assemblies – w/c: 17th July 2023

	Bury Campus - Hall	Cambridge Campus - Hall
Monday 17th July	Year 7	Year 7
Tuesday 18th July	Year 8	Year 8
Wednesday 19th July		
Thursday 20th July		
Friday 21st July	All School Assembly - Bury Campus	

Top Tutor Groups For Attendance W/C 3rd July 2023



7B2 – 98.8%

8B2 – 98%

Overall Bury Attendance - 90.6%

Overall Cambridge Attendance - 91.1%



Mrs M Corfe - Attendance Officer



Office News

Water

It is important for us to keep hydrated for our bodies to carry out all of its functions. Children, in particular, need to make sure they re-hydrate as water is the primary way they regulate their body temperature, especially during warm/hot days.

Students should be reminded to remain hydrated by: bringing water into school (ideally in refillable, reusable bottles), purchasing drinks in the canteen or using the free water available in the canteen/water fountains.

Hayfever

At this time of the year it can be very distressing for your child if they suffer with hay fever. Please remind your child to take their medication to avoid unnecessary suffering. It should be sufficient for them to take their antihistamine medication at night or before school which would help reduce their symptoms and subsequently disruptions to lessons. A consent form can be obtained from the welfare office for eye drops and/or nasal sprays to be taken during the school day.

Although there is currently no cure for hay fever and it can't be prevented. Things can be done to ease some of the symptoms when the pollen count is high. Please see the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hay-fever> for more information.

In addition, please be aware we do not hold any other medication, except paracetamol or medication that has been prescribed for which we require consent to be administered in school.

Ms S Patel - Administration Manager - Bury & Cambridge Campus