THE Eastbourne ACADEMY

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# NEWSLETTER

## Headteacher Message

On Tuesday evening we welcomed prospective parents and students to our academy. We would like to thank you and your children for supporting this evening. We are especially proud of our pupil ambassadors, whose enthusiasm and polite conduct showcased the very best of our school community.

During lesson visits this week, we enjoyed reading the Year 7 students' work on mythical monsters in English, as well as the exploration of human and physical features in Geography. Year 11 have been busy studying Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice, and are particularly excited about the props that will soon to make an appearance in the classroom. Year 8s have been learning all about the digestive system in Science, and Year 9 have been exploring the difference between Fascism, Communism, and Capitalism in History.

This week students also practised the fire drill and line up locations during mentor time this week. It will be followed by a whole-school fire drill next week.

We are also delighted to share that after a recent course facilitated by our very own Dr Goodsell, and after several months of scuba-diving training, two of our students have achieved their PADI Open Water certification.

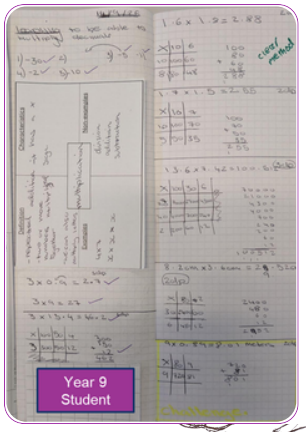
KS3 will be completing their NGRT reading tests this week which will be reported to you in the Christmas academic reports.

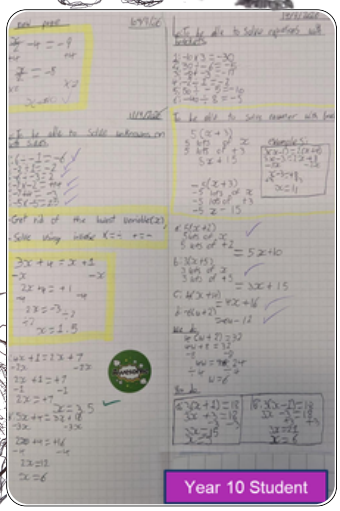
Thank you for your continued support.

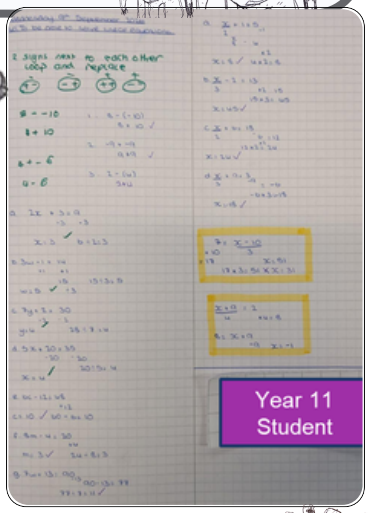
Mrs Rollings & Mr Rickard

## Students' Work

Mr Evans was keen to share a selection of work that students have been completing in **maths** this week. This has included algebra in KS4 and multiplication of decimals in KS3.
Mrs Watts was also delighted to share some **Yr10 Art GCSE work.** The artist we have looked at is the US contemporary artist Jesse Reno. They focused on 'quality of line' using a biro pen, a difficult task as you can not rub out the lines!




## Attendance

This week we launched **Get Smart Week.**

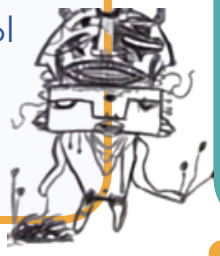
Students need to attend on time, every day all week to win a prize.

Prizes include:
Lollipops, Amazon vouchers, chocolate, All4One vouchers and one lucky student will win a Chromebook!

## Online Platforms

Google Classroom
Google Classroom is used by teachers to share lesson resources online so that students can access them whenever they need to. Google Classroom is also the place where we share any homework we set.

Seneca
Seneca is an online homework and revision platform using cognitive neuroscience principles to help students study school subjects, complete assignments, and prepare for exams through adaptive, interactive learning modules.



## Benedict's Law

Benedict's Law is named after 5-year-old Benedict Blythe, who died from anaphylaxis at school in 2021 after mistakenly being given cow's milk, to which he was known to be allergic.
Benedict's Law has introduced new allergy safety requirements for schools in England from September 2026. All of our staff have had allergy training and we have shared our allergy policy on the website.
In order to keep everyone in our school community safe, we have been reminding students that **we are a nut free school** and to make sure that they throw away any food waste in the bins provided. We have students and staff who are also triggered by airbourne scents found in aerosol deodorants and body sprays. As such we are asking that these not be sprayed inside the school building.

## Useful School Contacts

**General Enquiries:**
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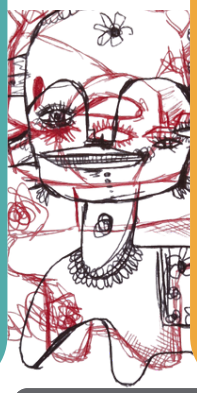

## Personal Wellbeing, Welfare and Safeguarding Contact Information:

**CAMHS**: 01323 446065
**Childline**: 0800 1111
**Children's Legal Centre:** 03003305480
**Citizens Advice Bureau**: 03454040606
**Foodbank**: 01323 409925
**NSPCC**: 08448 921928
**Police**: 101 (Emergency: 999)
**Samaritans**: 01323 735555
**SPOA**: 01323 464222
**NHS**: 111 (Emergency: 999)

## Key Dates

**21st-23rd September:** KS3 Reading Tests
**Frday 25t September:** Yr11 Tower of London Trip
**28th-29th September:** Yr11 GCSE Food NEA days
**Thursday 1st October:** Yr11 Geography Trip
**Monday 5th October:** Yr11 Inspire Scholars Study Skills Day at Sussex University
**Wednesday 7th October:** Schools Without Walls LINC Trip
**Thursay 8th October:** Yr11 Revision Evening
**Friday 9th October:** Ecofest Trip to Peacehaven
**Thursday 15th October:** Charlie's Promise Talks
**19th- 20th October:** Staff INSET Days
**Wednesday 21st October-Friday 30th October:** School Holidays
**Monday 2nd November:** First day of Term 2