THE Eastbourne ACADEMY

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NEWSLETTER

Headteacher Message

On Monday, a group of Year 11 students went on the University of Sussex study skills trip. They enjoyed a carousel of workshops supporting study skills, memory and well-being to prepare for the forthcoming mock season.

This week we were also pleased to welcome our Year 11 parents for the revision evening. Mr Pollock talked through approaches to effective revision and students and their parents worked together on planning a revision schedule in preparation for their mock exams.

KS3 has also been busy. In science, Year 8 have been learning about atoms, elements and compounds and in design technology they have been building land yachts (some of which are pictured below). It was also delightful to see the 3D models Year 9 have made in response to modern and post-modern architecture and Year 7 have been making and designing trainers.

On Friday, the whole school completed their lockdown practice. We are so proud of the way students approached this with maturity and remained calm and quiet in their classrooms.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Students' Work

This week features some 3D models inspired by modern and post-modern architecture. Year 8 have also been busy making and racing land yachts in their design technology lessons. We have also included an example of a chair students made using our laser cutter.
In history Year 7 have also been exploring how Vikings introduced Danelaw settlements across England after settling here in the 9th century. Year 9 have been completing source analysis assessments on how the Treaty of Versailles impacted Germany in the 20th century.

Attendance

Next week we will be rewarding mentor groups that have the highest and most improved attendance across the term.
If you are ever unsure if your child is well enough to attend school the NHS provide advice here: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Parent View

We really value the feedback we receive from parents, staff and students about our school and how we can continue to improve.

Last term students told us they wanted shorter canteen queues, so we added two additional food outlets.

Students also told us that they wanted access to school in the mornings, so we opened the tennis courts and front playground at 8am.

Students asked for new digital clocks in each classroom, so now these have been installed.

We are also looking for feedback from parents. We kindly ask that parents spend a few minutes responding to our parent view questionnaire so that we can work together to build a school that reflects and serves our community.

The link is here:
https://forms.gle/kDuCqA8hmosQML9e7

Online Platforms

All students have access to Sparx Reader and Sparx Maths.
Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader are online homework platforms designed to support your child's learning by providing personalised, targeted practice tailored to their specific needs.
Sparx Maths builds problem-solving skills using video tutorials and written working-out checks.
Sparx Reader boosts comprehension with age-matched e-books and interactive check-in questions.
Both platforms track progress to foster strong, independent learning habits.
All students can log in using their Google account.

Health & Safety Update: Aerosol Sprays

To keep our school a comfortable and safe place for everyone, this week we are reminding students not to use aerosol sprays indoors. We have staff and students with asthma who can be strongly affected by them. We really appreciate your support in keeping our shared spaces spray-free.

Useful School Contacts

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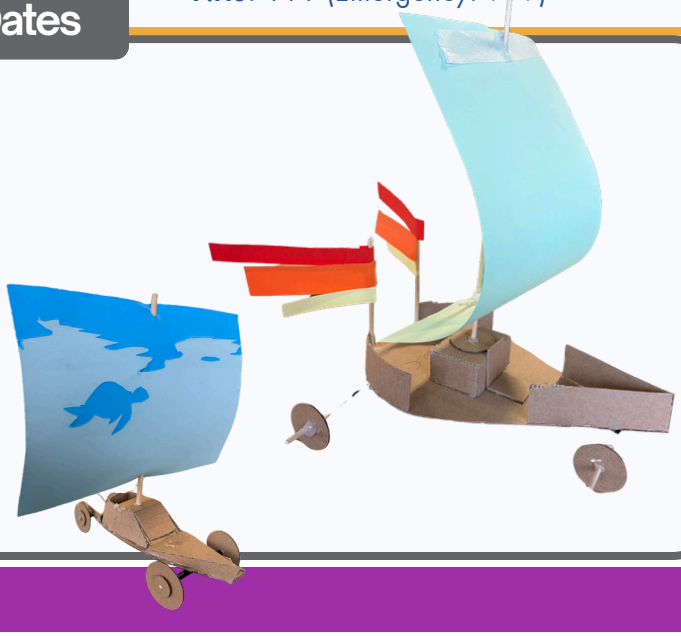
CAMHS: 01323 446065
Childline: 0800 1111
Children's Legal Centre: 03003305480
Citizens Advice Bureau: 03454040606
Foodbank: 01323 409925
NSPCC: 08448 921928
Police: 101 (Emergency: 999)
Samaritans: 01323 735555
SPOA: 01323 464222
NHS: 111 (Emergency: 999)

Key Dates

19th- 20th October: Staff INSET Days
Wednesday 21st to Friday 30th October: School Holidays
Monday 2nd November: First day of Term 2
Monday 2nd to Friday 13th November: Year 11 Mock Exams
Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th November: Motion House Dance Workshops
Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th November: Year 10 Poland Trip
Tuesday 10th November: Inspire Programme - University of Sussex Trip
Wednesday 11th November: Swalebot Trip
Tuesday 24th November: Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 2nd December: Year 9 'Calling it out' performance
Friday 4th December: Microstem Trip
Thursday 10th December: Year 11 Progress Evening 3:30-6:00pm
Wednesday 16th December: School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 17th December: Danceathon
Friday 18th December: End of Term 2. School closes at 1:30pm.
Monday 4th January: INSET DAY
Tuesday 5th January: Students return for Term 3.