

WE ARE READY

Many of you will have seen in the news last week that the earliest schools will now be open is 8th March. I want to reassure you all that we have been working hard behind the scenes, so we are ready to welcome all students back into the building when it is safe to do so. We have the mass testing areas set up and we are trialling our systems weekly. We will continue to do our utmost to provide the best quality remote learning experience. This has been a very stressful time for all staff, students, parents and carers. Your sons and daughters have been working extremely hard to stay on top of their studies but as I mention in my whole school assembly next week, it is important for students to look after themselves and ensure they are finding the right balance between their studies and self-care. We hope all of the students take a moment to complete the student wellbeing survey coming out shortly so we know how they are all feeling, and if we as a school can be doing more to help students find an appropriate balance.

C. Hunt, Acting Headteacher

QUEEN AWARDS CBE TO FORMER STUDENT!



Professor Keith Hawton was a student at EBS (then EBSGS) from 1954 until 1961, under our very first Headteacher, Mr Allan Clayton. After leaving EBS and after a year of casual employment and learning Latin (with Mr Gribbin - former EBS teacher), Professor Hawton attended Cambridge University to read Natural Sciences, moving on to medicine after three years to pursue a career in psychiatry. This path involved an extra year at Cambridge followed by three years of clinical medicine at Oxford.

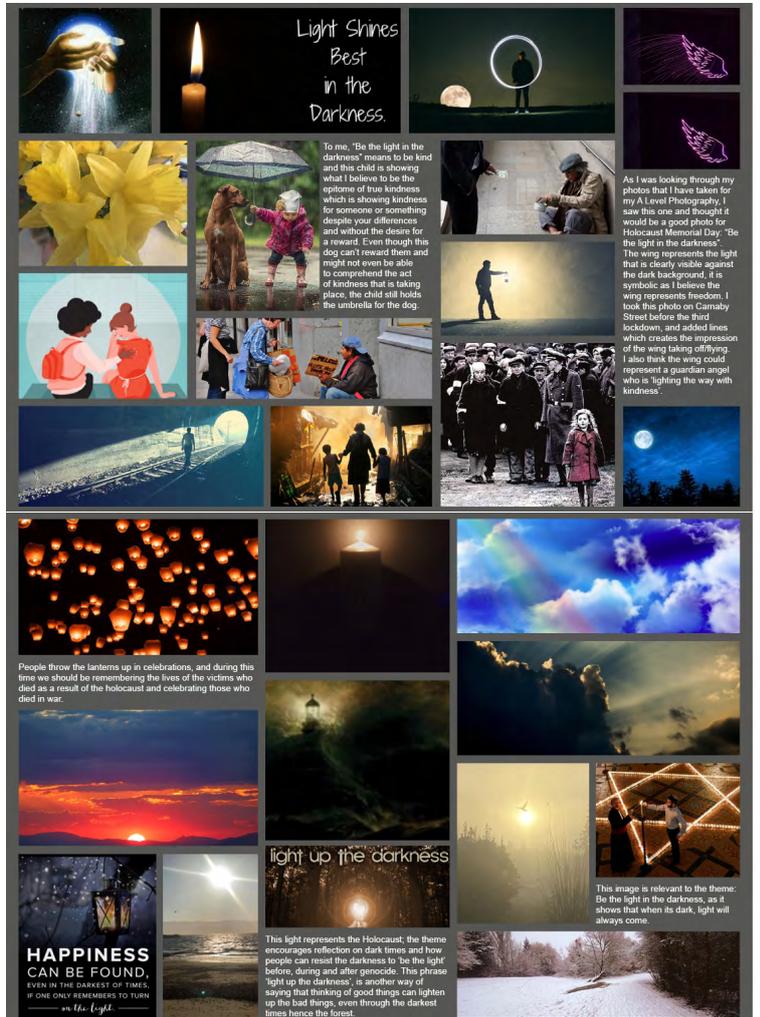
Professor Hawton is still working (just research these days), and is Professor of Psychiatry in the University Department of Psychiatry where he leads the Oxford Centre for Suicide Research. He is also a Fellow at Green Templeton College, where he was Dean for several years. Fast forward to today, and Professor Hawton has been awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in the delayed announcement of the list in October 2020 for 'Services to Suicide Prevention'. Professor Hawton recalls his memories of EBS:

"I have extremely fond memories of my time at the school, which was of course in the days when Allan Clayton was Headmaster. Indeed, I have always been extremely grateful for the all-round excellent education and experiences I had at the school, not just academic but more generally, especially in how to get along with a diverse range of other people. I still remember well certain teachers who were really significant in my development. I was especially touched when I came back to the School Reunion about 10 years ago and Mr Hall immediately recognised me and greeted me as if I had never left!"

We are immensely proud of Professor Hawton, not just for his CBE and the exceptional academic and professional journey he has been on, but for the area in which he has chosen to specialise. One of the main focuses for EBS is the mental health of staff and students, so to know that a former student is focusing on suicide prevention is fantastic news. When the pandemic is over, we are hoping to invite Professor Hawton into the school to meet with some of our students. Once again, congratulations from all of us in the EBS community!

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

In PSHEE on Wednesday 27th January, students watched a presentation about Holocaust Memorial Day. This year's theme was 'Be the light in the darkness', and students were encouraged to send in photos/images that they felt represented the this year's theme. Further images can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).



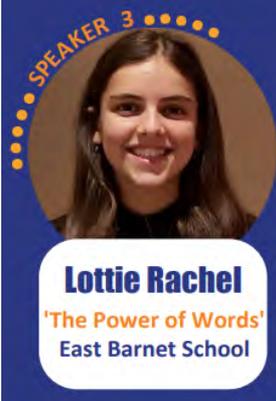
SURVEY ALERT: At EBS we welcome and value your feedback. We would be very grateful if you could complete our short survey on remote learning provision. Please click [here](#) to access the survey.

COUNTY AWARD FOR STUDENT!



Each year, Middlesex LTA Tennis Awards are presented to individuals and venues to recognise and reward their outstanding contribution to British Tennis. This year, on behalf of Middlesex Tennis and the Lawn Tennis Association, Lola in Year 9 was selected to receive the Middlesex Tennis Young Person of the Year award for 2020, in recognition of the volunteering work that she has been undertaking. The Middlesex Tennis judging panel selected Lola from a strong field of nominations but felt she deserved the prestigious county award. Congratulations, Lola!

'SPEAK OUT' CHALLENGE



Jack Petchey's "Speak Out" Challenge is a programme which aims to amplify young people's voices by building confidence, developing skills and creating platforms for young people to share their stories and ideas to empower not only themselves but each other. Lottie in 10G made the digital final that took place on 2nd February, delivering a speech entitled 'The Power of Words', and what a speech it was! Her confidence,

along with the message behind her speech, meant her delivery was inspiring and a great joy to witness. Despite the absolutely amazing speech, the competition was tough, and unfortunately she did not place, but she has certainly achieved a lot by getting that far. I have attached a certificate of her achievements from the Speak Out trust along with the programme of yesterday's events.

CAREERS UPDATE

TWO FREE PARENT WEBINARS: Available for parents of students interested in Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science as well as the Power of Networking. Details on how to register are available by clicking [here](#).

"STEP INTO THE NHS": The NHS offers opportunities in over 350 different career pathways and we're encouraging students to explore the many options available. Visit [Step into the NHS | Help Young People Discover NHS Careers](#) for details, where there is a section on how to get work experience (particularly during the pandemic), as well as details about apprenticeships. We're also publicising an NHS Poster Competition available to KS3 students via the Careers SharePoint. For details of this and a wide variety of different career opportunities and events, students can follow [EBS Careers SharePoint Resources](#).

EBS QUIZ RESULTS

A MASSIVE thank you to all the students in Year 7 that took part in the East Barnet School Quiz, gaining points for their individual House! A special well done to 7F for having the most participants, and to Eleni Webb in 7H for getting the highest score, well done!

PE NOTICE

Each week the PE Department has set PE lessons; they are not live as we are supervising students in school. Your child should be accessing voice-over PowerPoints each week via Teams. They can be performed either in their allocated lesson time or a more convenient time throughout the week. They include fitness circuits, step-count challenge and a House competition. All previous lessons can be accessed in [Teams](#).

EXCITING NEW WRITING COMPETITION!

Details of a writing competition that was launched by Barnet Libraries on Monday can be seen [here](#). Please encourage your child to enter for a winning prize of the latest book by Michael Rosen, the famous local author. An EBS winner would be a proud moment for our students.

REMOTE LEARNING HELPFUL TIP

If students are struggling with accessing Skooler and viewing Microsoft Teams lessons, please click [here](#) for a video made by one of our students. If you are looking for a student guide to Teams, one can be found on YouTube [here](#).

MY CHILD AT SCHOOL APP



You should have by now received login details for your My Child At School account

via text message. If you haven't redeemed the invitation yet, please take a few moments to do so as MCAS will be our main means of communication with you, providing important information regarding your child's progress and access to their termly reports.

User tips:

- Username - this was sent to you in the original text message and will be your surname and four or five numbers, not your email address.
- Passwords should be at least eight characters and made up of upper and lower case letters, numbers and special characters.
- Once you've redeemed the code login via www.mychildatschool.com
- Access the MCAS app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store - links are available on the login page. This will provide live data direct to your mobile device.

If you haven't received an invitation, please check your school text messages for the invitation in the first instance and if you cannot find the details then please contact the school office via email at enquiries@eastbarnetschool.com. More detailed instructions and the guide can be found [here](#).

PTFA NOTICES

AGM: The PTFA Annual General Meeting is rescheduled to take place on Thursday 25th February 2021, and we would kindly encourage you to attend via Zoom. For further details, please email: ptfa@eastbarnetschool.com

EBS LOTTERY: The PTFA request your kind assistance and support through the purchase of a lottery ticket for £15.00 which can be purchased through ParentPay, and includes 33 chances to win a year with prizes of up to £300.00! All proceeds go to supporting students at EBS.

The PTFA is a vital fundraising link for the school; your support and collaboration is highly appreciated and is vital for the future longevity of the PTFA.

**EAST BARNET SCHOOL
PTFA
Lottery**

**Be a winner
with our very own lottery!**

- 33 chances a year to win
- Prizes range from £15 to £300
- Maximum of 250 tickets