

GETTING READY TO RETURN

I hope you have been well and enjoyed a restful half term. We had all been anxiously awaiting the announcement from the Prime Minister on Monday, and we are elated to be welcoming students back to EBS from 8th March 2021. Please do read the letter from Miss Coffill which outlines how we will ensure the safety of all members of the East Barnet Community, which will then allow us to provide good quality face-to-face teaching. Do encourage your sons and daughters to take full advantage of the five-minute wellbeing chat with a member of staff at EBS on Thursday 4th March to ask any questions or raise any concerns they may have about their work or return to school. We will look to run another webinar for Year 11 and 13 examination year groups before the Easter holidays as schools have now been provided with further clarification on Centre Assessed Grades. Thank you parents and carers for your continued efforts and all of the support you have provided the school during this lockdown.

C. Hunt, Acting Headteacher

EAST BARNET SCHOOL DRAGONS' DEN 2021



The EBS Dragons' Den competition at the start of the year gave students the opportunity to decide how to spend £2500. The money was made available to them following positive steps taken by all year groups to maintain and look after shared spaces and toilets at breaktime. A large number of entries were eventually whittled down to six ideas. The students who came up with them entered the Virtual Dragons' Den on Monday 8th February to pitch their ideas to our fierce dragons - Mr Hunt, Ms Coffill, Mrs Smith and Mrs Chamberlain. The finalists' ideas ranged from inflatable obstacle courses, designing new personalised learning apps to a Hangout room to reward positive behaviour. All the students involved presented their ideas superbly and were very professional in their approach. After lots of deliberation, the Dragons decided to invest the money in the these ideas:

1. A new school Laser Cutter
2. A School Allotment Improvement Project
3. Voice translators for students new to English and Motivational Posters around school

The new projects will receive money to get them up and running soon. Congratulations to all the students below that made the final and presented in the Den: Elena Roncarati (Year 12), Roman-Leo Antoniadis (7H), Katerina Angeli and Amelia Rutherford (7A), Helena Pishiri and Libby Foster (10C), Adnan Wansa and Loart Mehmeti (Year 12), Julia Zegar, Amelie Usher and Emilia Payne (9A).



Roman-Leo A (Top Left) has the Dragons laughing during his entertaining pitch!

SPRING JACK PETCHEY WINNERS



Congratulations to the Jack Petchey winners for the Spring Term so far:

January: Alexandra Skidmore (9G)

Alexandra was nominated for her dedication to her studies and education during lockdown. At the end of the Autumn Term she flew to the US to spend Christmas with her family (and meet her newborn niece) with the intention of heading back to the UK for the start of the next school term. However, over the Christmas break lockdown restrictions came into place and unfortunately, there was a positive COVID test within Alexandra's family. This affected the family's travel plans, meaning Alexandra was unable to fly back to the UK for the start of the academic year. However, Alexandra was determined that her studies and education would be unaffected and continued to log in to her live school lessons from the US. Due to the time zone differences, Alexandra was waking up at 02:30 in the morning, to be online for 02:45 and to keep up with her studies. She is a worthy recipient of the January Jack Petchey Award for her commitment to studies and for emphatically demonstrating our school motto "*I want to learn*".

February: Nicholas Augustou (8D)

The February Award was presented to Nicholas Augustou for his contributions and help during live, remote science lessons. He constantly offers support to other students during LIVE lessons by taking screen shots and providing model answers. He shares these when a student is finding the work difficult. Nicholas jumps in to help when he sees that the teacher is supporting another student to help those who need guidance. He is a top student and fully deserves recognition for the leadership skills he has displayed in these lessons.

KS3 TEXTILES PROJECT

For students in Textiles from September to February, the Textiles Technicians have been working their magic to complete your practical work, ready for you to take home. The projects are: Juggling Ball, Cultural Cushion and Fleece Hat. We hope you are looking forward to seeing your finished products. They will be distributed in your Food lessons.

KEEP FIT: Barnet Partnership for School Sport have put together a list of virtual resources to keep active [here!](#)

World Book Day, a global celebration recognised in over 100 countries, is looking slightly different this year as we celebrate virtually:

- A digital £1 book token has been sent to all students to be used at local stores to buy one of the 12 titles of special World Book Day £1 books or against a book of choice. Don't forget to use it before 28th March 2021!
- A short photo literary competition will be launched to win house points ([click here](#)) which will be accessible on student Skooler dashboard through Plans.
- Details of special events will be accessible on the EBS Library SharePoint accessed through Skooler. Meet the creative minds of authors and illustrators and live event links. There is also a chance to take part in a WBD Britannica Online Quiz for a fun way in which families can win books for school libraries. All details are on the Library SharePoint ([click here](#)).
- Remember, read anywhere and everywhere, from breakfast to bedtime! We would love you to share your story with us.
- Our E-book platform is accessible via the EBS Library SharePoint ([click 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.

PTFA NOTICES

IT COULD BE YOU! Congratulations to January Lottery draw winners: IP won £50 (no. 87) and BD won £15 (no. 32) - the £25 prize (no. 155) went unclaimed - could that be your lucky number? Be in with a chance of winning one of three prizes each month (£300 - £15) - just check it out on ParentPay, it couldn't be easier! £15 buys a whole year's subscription. All for a good cause - remember, you've got to be in it to win it!

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

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

ITS ALL HAPPENING IN CAREERS!

Primarily for Parents & Students of Years 10 - 13

[National Careers Week 2021](#) #NCW21 (1st - 6th March) is fast approaching offering fantastic virtual career experiences and a chance to ask questions. Sponsored by Natwest (see [here](#) for a video about Natwest Careers and Apprenticeships), there will also be a Virtual Careers Fair (no need to register - details will be on the [Careers SharePoint](#) as soon as they're released). A free NCW21 Parents' Guide is available [here](#).

Interested in finance, accountancy or technology? [Price Cooper Waterhouse](#) (PCW) has various initiatives to engage pupils between Years 10 to 13 as part of NCW21. There's also a virtual event aimed at parents/teachers on 11th March, details [here](#).

For useful careers advice on many different careers, take a look at the comprehensive careers' website [here](#).

For all Parents and School Community

[Inspiring the Future](#) is a campaign that aims to give all school children the opportunity to hear about careers directly from those people who work in them. We'd love to hear if any of our parents and wider school community would be interested in sharing their career stories - we're always looking for people to take part in short careers talks. Please contact [EBSCareers](#) for details.

VIRTUAL CAREER TALKS

Year 10-12 have attended several inspiring and informative career talks during this term; listening to professionals across a range of sectors. To date, all talks have been well attended with great questions and engagement by the students.

The first talk, arranged by Mrs Direk, was very informative and covered all aspects of a career in the Police including sign up, pay, degree qualifications and areas of specialism.

The next talk was a Law talk delivered by Shak Inayat from Penn Law Group. This talk covered everything from law, solicitors, barristers, how to qualify to interesting facts! Two students even won t-shirts for their fantastic questions! Here's what student Alex Malacsik had to say:

"I think the talk was mind-opening and realistic. It was very pleasant to listen to Mr Inayat talk about his field of work. It has made me heavily consider working as a solicitor or barrister. I also think that in general these types of talks should be heard by everyone - I found it great."

A hair and beauty talk was delivered by the talented Natasha Hall at *Me Pretty My Vintage*. The talk not only focused on hair and beauty, but how to get into the different industries, engage with clients and build a brand/business to be proud of! Students engaged throughout asking entrepreneurial questions! Student Anthea Lambi reviewed the talk:

"I thought the hair and makeup talk today done by Natalia was really interesting and informative! I thoroughly enjoyed it and it was really interested to see what she had to say about being in the hair and makeup industry! She definitely opened my eyes to the realities of that industry and was very encouraging. Her advice was helpful and when I asked questions she replied with great detailed answers!"

Full details on upcoming career talks are provided weekly by form tutors and in assembly, please email Ms Buczman if you have a suggestion on which sector you'd like to hear about! A big thank you to all our speakers who have given so freely of their time to and provide our students with this tremendous opportunity, we are extremely grateful.