

OUR VALUES

The Year 11 and 13 mock examinations have now finished. They are an opportunity to reflect on the way students prepared and provides students and teachers with invaluable knowledge about where student gaps are. It can reassure students who have worked hard, and act as a motivator for those that know they should have prepared better. For examination students, there is sufficient time to prepare appropriately for examinations. In fact, in assembly this week, Miss Coffill told us that in the time between now and the exams, someone could walk to Japan. She also told us that a child of 5 years and 11 months was the youngest child in the UK to sit a GCSE maths paper. These two bits of information show what can be achieved with hard work and practice. Please support your child by ensuring they are revising every night and ensuring that their screen time is limited. For the non-examined year groups we are almost half way through the school year; there is so much that can be achieved by focusing on our “*I want to learn*” values; motivation, growth mindset and hard work but not forgetting to sprinkle all that you do with our “*Do the right thing*” values; kindness, respect and integrity.

L. Swaine, Headteacher

LIBRARY BOOK BUZZ!

The Library is now open daily from 8.30am - 4.20pm (closed 3:30pm Wednesday), and can be used for quiet independent or small group study, reading, research and revision and of course borrowing books. There are a number of students with overdue books, that were borrowed last term, please can these be returned at the earliest opportunity. We have a large group of student Library Assistants who are to be commended for their commitment and enthusiasm in ensuring that the Library is organised and welcoming to the 200 students that are visiting daily.



Year 7s have been gifted with a Book Trust Book Buzz book. The Book Trust is the UK's leading reading charity that supports children's interest in reading and we have bought in to this brilliant initiative for our Year 7 students. Students were provided with a choice of one of 17 fantastic titles, covering a wide range of subjects, genres and themes by new and established authors; students have had more options than ever before! Rosa, 7B said, “I saw *The Sky Falls* by Phil Earle in a book store and wanted to read a historical fiction genre, and was surprised that it was one of the choices that I could pick from”. Alexander 7D said, “I really liked the range of books to choose from. When I have finished reading [*Orion Lost* by Alastair], I can give it to my sister and that's like a chain reaction from just one book!”. Miss Pieri and Miss Denny are also organising a book review competition, so watch this space!

G. Morris, School Librarian

FIXTURE PERMISSIONS ON MCAS: A few weeks ago, we asked parents/carers to visit the ‘Parental Consents’ area on MCAS and to give permissions for your child to go on local sporting fixtures. Without this, your child will not be able to attend, so please do take a moment to tick the box.

NEW HOUSE CHARITIES TO BE DECIDED



For many years, through the House System, our school has supported and raised money for various local, national and international charities. With 20 new House Ambassadors appointed this year, we are now looking to introduce new House Charities that reflect our changing world, community and areas of challenge that our students want to support to bring about change. Over the next few weeks within Forms, students will be asked to discuss charities that they would like their House to support. Form Captains and House Ambassadors will then bring these ideas to the Student Voice House meetings, planned for the end of term - where one charity for each house will be agreed. Each year, when the new Form Captains and House Ambassadors are in place, students will participate in reviewing their House charity - with the option to select a new charity they are passionate about. The Heads of House, Ambassadors and I look forward to hearing your ideas!

D. Bailey, Student Leadership Coordinator

ATTENDANCE / APPOINTMENTS

Appointments should be made outside of school hours, if this is not possible, please email absence@eastbarnetschool.com with a your child's name, form and evidence of the appointment. Your child may only be excused from lessons for the duration of the appointment and should return to school immediately afterwards. Every student wishing to leave early must have a confirmation letter from the appointment or a signed note from a parent/carer, to be excused from lessons. Students are also required to inform the Attendance Officer when they are leaving and sign in and out at reception on departure and arrival. Appointments can only be authorised once medical evidence is provided. When reporting your child's absence please report via the school website or call 020 8344 2100 and select option 1, clearly stating your child's full name, form group and reason for absence before 8:00am. You must call and report absences for each day they are off. **Lateness:** If your child arrives to school once the gate is locked at 8:45am they will receive a late mark, if they arrive after 9:30am they will be coded as ‘U’ meaning late after registration is closed.

R. Gardner, Attendance Officer

MR BOAST - CORE OF THE D&T DEPARTMENT



Well done to Mr Boast, Senior Design and Technology Technician who has been awarded the Jack Petchey Leader Award. This followed him being nominated by various students across the year groups, in recognition of all his hard work across and beyond the school. We are so proud at EBS, to have staff like Mr Boast, that really go 'above and beyond' for our students! And thank you to all of the students that nominated him - please see details of Mr Boast's full

nomination below, which speaks for itself! Not only will he be invited to attend the Jack Petchey Achievement Award Event in the Summer, but he can now submit an application for a grant of £1,000 to spend at our school... watch this space!

Nomination

Mr Boast has worked at EBS for many years, and recently celebrated his 70th birthday. He was instrumental in setting up our now amazing workshops and due to his continuous hunting for anything useful that could be obtained free or for very little money he has increased the amount of machinery and equipment we have so that now our workshops are the envy of every state school in the country. He has a reputation beyond EBS as a technician who knows everything there is to know about the job, and if he doesn't know he will find out, hence he is contacted by other schools for his advice which he gives freely.

In school, Mr Boast goes above and beyond. He helps the environment and our finances by recycling wood from pallets which makes some of our projects, as well as finding any other materials that companies or individuals no longer want. He puts in hours of time to help build sets and props for our drama performances, including a pedal car for 'Bugsy Malone' and the convent backdrop for 'Sister Act.' He will fix, repair, and build anything and he will do it properly. Throughout Covid he built sneeze screens and other items that allowed the school to run in a socially distanced manner. This is why staff and students alike turn to Mr Boast, rather than buy new.

Students come and go at EBS and without fail, if they have studied any D&T to GCSE or A-Level they will all agree that Mr Boast is a legend! He will help students with every type of making, set up machines for them, prepare materials for them and advise them about their work. He has stayed in school with staff until as late as 7pm to help students nearing their coursework deadlines and he does this for one reason only - he is a thoroughly decent, kind and incredibly helpful person. Students have said he is the "Core of the D&T Department", "always has a smile on his face [...] he does jobs in the school that no-one else will" and "he helps everyone". For this reason and many more we would like to nominate Mr David Boast for the Jack Petchey Leaders Award.

D. Bailey, Student Leadership Coordinator

A MOMENT & STUDENT TO BE PROUD OF



On the 11th January 2023, I was invited to speak at the House of Commons at an event for the Holocaust Educational Trust. I was invited because of my previous work with the Trust on the Lessons from Auschwitz Project through the school, where I was lucky to be chosen to do a project involving a talk from Holocaust survivor, Janine Webber, and a one-day visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau in Krakow, Poland. I stayed on with the Trust after this, and became an Ambassador to the Holocaust Educational Trust, (a position I am keen keep for as long as I can, as the work they do is so valuable!), which is the reason I was asked to speak at Parliament. There were many esteemed guests at the event, including but not limited to: political figures, such as Sir Lindsay Hoyle; Speaker of the House of Commons; Lord Pickles of the House of Lords; Nadhim Zahawi, Minister without Portfolio; Robert Halfon, Minister of Higher Education; Holocaust survivor, Janine Webber BEM; Holocaust Educational Trust, Karen Pollock CBE; the German Ambassador, Miguel Berger; other young Ambassadors for HET, and many more incredible people. I was very lucky to be invited to speak alongside many influential figures, and I hope that my work with the trust continues!

Anna Volstad, Year 12



ARE YOU READY?

MCAS COMMUNICATION IS THE WAY FORWARD:

As per our previous notices, as it is now January, the My Child at School (MCAS) app, will now be the main way we contact you, that includes same day detentions. You will notice that letters are now being uploaded directly to 'Important Documents' within MCAS, and you will no longer be able to access letters without the MCAS app. If you are having any problems accessing MCAS, please contact the school office who will be happy to help. Your child may miss out on important notices and opportunities if you do not use this app. Thank you!



ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON TWITTER?

Follow for all the latest news: [@EastBarnetSch](https://twitter.com/EastBarnetSch)

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN

CHINESE PORK BELLY RIBS

AROMATIC DUCK BAO BUNS
WITH SPRING ONION & CUCUMBER

VEGETABLE MONEY BAGS

VEGETABLE SPRING ROLLS

PRAWN CRACKERS

CHOW MEIN NOODLES

'YEAR OF THE RABBIT' CAKE

THESE ARE EXAMPLES OF WHAT WILL BE AVAILABLE

23rd January 2023 YEAR OF THE RABBIT

Funded by
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Celebrate the Lunar New Year with us

Interactive cookery workshop with free food tasters.
Come inside and learn how to make traditional Asian dishes.

Friary House, Friary Park N20 0NR
Saturday 21st & 28th January
Workshop times 11:30am - 1:00pm & 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Free family activity
Guarantee a place:
vicki@breadnbutter.org.uk or 07891 333509

BreadnButter.org.uk
BreadnButterCIC

communityfocus THE ALL INCLUSIVE ARTS CENTRE

Winter Exhibition – upstairs at Friary House Sat 28th & Sun 29th January

the national sleep helpline

50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

03303 530 541

Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am

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*Survey of 2,000 adults by OnePoll, Aug 2021

EXPERTEDLIVE SESSIONS

ExpertEdLive seeks to offer schools and students the chance to learn through live interaction with experts in a variety of curriculum areas, providing enrichment and curriculum coverage. All events are pitched for KS2/KS3, are offered free of charge and schools from across the country connect directly from their classroom via Zoom. An overview and some introductory videos may be found on their [website](https://www.expertedlive.org/). Students have the opportunity to put their questions to the speakers through live Q&A with each event.

Family series - for children and parents to join from home starting 17th January, parents register directly via the [website](https://www.expertedlive.org/).

Family Science (Years 5-8) - Tues evenings at 7.00pm
Midweek Maths (Year 7&8) - Wed evenings at 7.00pm

Highlight Speakers - Dr. Simon Foster, 'Space Lab' Imperial College London - Speaking on Climate Change and Aurora. Dr. Foster is a regular speaker in the media and a leading public engagement figure for the UK's leading STEM university. Register for Dr. Foster [here](https://www.expertedlive.org/). 1.30pm Fri 27th Jan.

Coming Soon - Our Highlight Speaker at 1.30pm on 2nd March will be Helen Sharman, Britain's first astronaut. They would be delighted if students, teachers and parents can join for these events. Further information or questions – please contact admin@expertedlive.org.

A BUSY MONTH FOR CAREERS!

It is never too early to think about what you or your child may do after they leave school. The Careers Team have put together a document with all the helpful information [here](https://www.expertedlive.org/).

EAST BARNET SCHOOL

PRESENTS



ROALD DAHL'S

Matilda

THE MUSICAL JR.

MARCH 8th, 9th, & 10th at 7PM
MATINÉE on SATURDAY 11th at 2PM
ADULTS £10, CONCS £5

Book by
Dennis Kelly

Orchestrations and Additional Music by
Chris Nightingale

Music and Lyrics by
Tim Minchin

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
Music Theatre International (Europe)
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe
www.mtishop.com.co.uk

Tickets available at the EBS Shop
WWW.EASTBARNETSCHOOL.COM