



Letter from the Head of School

Mr P Miller

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to this week's Newsletter for parents.

Social Media use outside of school: We are now

at the end of another busy and productive term and I believe this is a good opportunity to write to you about the concerns we have regarding children's use of social media outside of school during evenings, over weekends and during the holidays, in particular via mobile phone apps (such as SnapChat, Discord and WhatsApp).

Whilst there are certainly benefits to communication via social media, we are having to deal with an increasing number of incidents of conflict and unhappiness in school that stem from the inappropriate use of social media outside school time, including online bullying, sharing of indecent images, sharing of unkind memes and making derogatory, insulting or blasphemous comments about individuals or groups of people. Research shows that such behaviours impact significantly on young people's wellbeing and mental health.

The school has a clear policy regarding mobile phones, which can be found on our website Mobile Phone Policy 2023-24. In summary, mobile phones are not permitted to be used on school site and should be turned off and put away at all times. Students should store their phones safely in their bag. Smart watches are not permitted in school. Phones and smart watches will be immediately confiscated if seen on or in use on school grounds.

Outside the school grounds, parents are responsible for their child's use of their mobile phones and social media apps. Whilst we endeavour to resolve any issue that arises between pupils in our school, we have limited capacity (and limited powers) to investigate and sanction any incidents that arise from the use of mobile phones outside school. Therefore, we are asking for your partnership in dealing with this important issue. Most social media apps are for pupils 13 years and over. If you do allow your child to access social media, we ask for your vigilance. Just like their interactions in person, online interactions require supervision and support. What is right will vary from family to family but some strategies that are known to be successful include:



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- Monitoring their phones for the apps that are downloaded
- Enacting parental controls on phones and consoles
- Reviewing the messages they send on platforms and apps making monitoring part of a daily or weekly routine
- Setting expectations about what space (preferably communal) and times they have access to devices
- Encouraging them to share or discuss with you what they are doing.

As a school we are responding to these issues through our PSHCE, Assembly, Tutor Time and Enrichment Day programmes, and we work closely with our Safer Schools Police Officer in relation to any serious incidents that arise from the inappropriate use of social media. Thank you for your cooperation and support in these matters.

Upcoming events and important dates:

- Thursday 28 March 4pm-7pm: Year 11 Parents' Evening 2 held on our Bury campus
- Thursday 28 March: last day of the Spring Term (29 March is the Good Friday Bank Holiday)
- Monday 1 April Friday 12 April: Easter holiday
- Monday 15 April 2024: First day of Summer Term for all pupils normal start time!
- Thursday 25 April 4pm-7pm: Year 7 Parents' Evening held on our Cambridge campus
- Monday 6 May: Bank Holiday school closed
- Thursday 9 May 4pm-7pm: Year 9 Parents' Evening held on our Bury campus

Our Weekly Newsletter aims to provide our school community with news, updates, important announcements and key dates. However, if you do have any questions, please contact the school via ecsenquiries@edact.org.uk in the first instance.

As this is my last Newsletter this term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our school community a restful and peaceful Easter holiday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Paul Miller, Head of School





OFFICE NEWS

Lost Property

Several items of lost property have been handed into the School Offices of both campuses:



* Outdoor coats

- * School blazers
- * Bags with shoes/trainers

* Umbrellas

* Glasses

If your son/daughter has lost anything since the start of the year/recently, please ask them to check their classrooms or ask at the School Office to identify and reclaim their lost item.

It would assist the School Office in returning items handed in if they were appropriately labelled.



Extra Curricular Programme

ECS Extra-Curricular Programme 2023-24 (updated March 2024)

Club / activity / team	Year group/s	Campus	Venue/s	Day/s and time	Faculty	Lead staff
Science Club 7 and 8	Bury	B217	Wk A Monday 3pm –	6 :	Mr Acharya	
		Cambridge	C043	4pm	Science	Ms Lasker
Chess Club	7 and 8	Bury	B217	Tuesday 3pm – 4pm	Science	Mr Balachandran
Gospel Choir	All years	Cambridge	Music Room	Wednesday 3pm – 4pm	Expressive Arts	Ms Harper
Drama Club	All years	Cambridge	Drama Studio	Wednesday 3pm – 4pm	Expressive Arts	Ms Hilliker
Brilliant Club / The Scholars Programme	9 (AG&T students)	Both	Various	7 tutorials in Nov-Dec 2023	N/A	Mr Deniz, Ms Mannan + PhD tutors
Boys' Football Club	All years	Cambridge	Powerleague	Monday 3:15pm - 4:15pm	PE	Mr Stone, Mr Blake- Alleyne
Year 7 Football Club	7	Cambridge	Powerleague	Wednesday 3pm - 4pm	PE	Mr Blake-Alleyne
Girls' Football Club	All years	Cambridge	Powerleague	Monday 3:15pm - 4:15pm	PE	Mr Marshall
Girls' Netball Club	All years	Bury	Sports Hall	Friday 3:15pm - 4:15pm	PE	Ms Adem, Ms Fallon
Badminton Club	All years	Cambridge	Sports Hall	Friday 3:15pm - 4:15pm	PE	Mr Oladunjoye
Darts Club	All years	Bury	Sports Hall	Wednesday 3pm - 4pm	PE	Mr Lister
Year 9 Basketball	9	Bury	Sports Hall	Week B Wednesday lunch and 3pm - 4pm	PE	Mr Marshall
Literacy Club	7 and 8	Bury	B238	Tuesday 3pm – 4pm	Inclusion	Ms Guatieri-Park
Homework	All years	Bury	Library	Monday, Tuesday and	Inclusion	Ms Skulmowska
Club	All years	Cambridge	C125	Wednesday 3pm – 4pm		Ms Creighton
Christian Club (for all faiths)	All years	Bury	B105	- Thursday 2:15-3:15pm	Enfield Street Pastors	Ms J Chappell (Street Pastor)
	All years	Cambridge	C005			Ms F Gantha (Street Pastor)
Debate Club	7 and 8	Bury	B132	Wednesday 3pm - 4pm	English	Ms Arif
Arts & Crafts / Oasis Club	7 and 8	Bury	Week A: B007 Week B: B105	Friday Y7 and Y8 lunch breaks	Enfield Street	Ms J Chappell (Street Pastor)
		Cambridge	C003		Pastors	Ms F Gantha (Street Pastor)

IMPORTANT EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Dear Candidates/Parents

Year 10 Pre Public Exams



EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

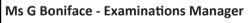
- Make sure you check the seating plans posted in the playground in case there is a change of room for your exam (line up in the playground at least 15 minutes before the start time)
- Bring all the equipment you will need for the exam [black pens, pencils, ruler, calculator (where allowed), protractor, compasses]
- Full school uniform/smart business wear needs to be worn, with IDs placed on the exam desk
- Make sure you understand the rules
- Mobile phones/smart watches, or any other product with potential technological/web enabled sources of
 information must be switched off and put in bags. Any student found with such a device on them in an exam
 room will face disqualification from that exam
- Any pencil cases taken into the exam room must be see-through
- Only small water bottles will be allowed into the exam room and must have all labels removed

You must not take into the exam room:

- Notes
- a calculator case/instruction leaflet

Listen to the invigilators and follow their instructions during the exam.

Good luck with your revision and the exams!



ecsexams@edact.org.uk - 020 8370 1924



Date	Start	Len	Component Title	Level	Cands
Mon 15 Apr	12:40	01:45	Y10 English Language.	GCSE/FC	260
Tue 16 Apr	10:05	01:00	Y10 French Reading Mixed Tier	GCSE/9FC	79
Tue 16 Apr	12:40	01:45	Y10 Religion & Life	GCSE/9FC	259
Wed 17 Apr	10:05	01:20	Y10 Hospitality & Catering	WJQ/L2	41
Wed 17 Apr	12:40	01:00	Y10 Maths Paper 1 [Non Calc] F	GCSE/FC	96
Wed 17 Apr	12:40	01:00	Y10 Maths Paper 1 [Non Calc] F support	GCSE/9FC	48
Wed 17 Apr	12:40	01:00	Y10 Maths Paper 1 [Non Calc] H	GCSE/FC	116
Thu 18 Apr	10:00	01:30	Y10 Geography Paper 1	GCSE/FC	122
Thu 18 Apr	10:00	01:00	Y10 History - Migration	GCSE/B	131
Thu 18 Apr	12:25	01:30	Y10 Computer Science Paper 1	GCSE/FC	56
Thu 18 Apr	12:25	01:00	Y10 History - Migration	GCSE/B	49
Thu 18 Apr	12:25	01:05	Y10 Turkish Reading H	GCSE/9FC	56
Fri 19 Apr	10:05	01:00	Y10 Design Technology Pt1	GCSE/B	45
Fri 19 Apr	10:05	01:05	Y10 Drama	GCSE/B	16
Fri 19 Apr	12:40	01:45	Y10 Biology Paper H	GCSE/FC	114
Fri 19 Apr	12:40	01:15	Y10 Comb Sci Biology F	GCSE/9FC	92
Fri 19 Apr	12:40	01:15	Y10 Comb Sci Biology H	GCSE/9FC	54

The	foll	lowing	week:
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Date	Start	Length	Component Title	Level	Cands
Mon 22 Apr	10:05	01:15	Y10 French Writing Mixed Tier	GCSE/9FC	79
Mon 22 Apr	12:40	01:30	Y10 English Literature.	GCSE/FC	260
Tue 23 Apr	12:40	01:45	Y10 Chemistry Higher	GCSE/FC	114
Tue 23 Apr	12:40	01:15	Y10 Comb Sci Chemistry F	GCSE/9FC	92
Tue 23 Apr	12:40	01:15	Y10 Comb Sci Chemistry H	GCSE/9FC	54
Wed 24 Apr	10:05	01:00	Y10 Maths Paper 2 [Calc] F	GCSE/FC	96
Wed 24 Apr	10:05	01:00	Y10 Maths Paper 2 [Calc] F support	GCSE/9FC	48
Wed 24 Apr	10:05	01:00	Y10 Maths Paper 2 [Calc] H	GCSE/FC	116
Thu 25 Apr	08:30	01:00	Junior Maths Challenge		70
Thu 25 Apr	10:00	01:00	Y10 Geography Paper 2	GCSE/FC	122
Thu 25 Apr	10:00	01:00	Y10 History - Elizabethan England	GCSE/B	131
Thu 25 Apr	12:25	01:30	Y10 Computer Science Paper 2	GCSE/FC	56
Thu 25 Apr	12:25	01:00	Y10 History - Elizabethan England	GCSE/B	49
Thu 25 Apr	12:25	01:25	Y10 Turkish Writing H	GCSE/9FC	56
Fri 26 Apr	10:05	01:00	Y10 Design Technology Pt2	GCSE/B	45
Fri 26 Apr	12:40	01:15	Y10 Comb Sci Physics F	GCSE/9FC	92
Fri 26 Apr	12:40	01:15	Y10 Comb Sci Physics H	GCSE/9FC	54
Fri 26 Apr	12:40	01:45	Y10 Physics Higher	GCSE/FC	114

DESIGN FUTURE LONDON CHALLENGE 2023 AND 2024



The charity Reach out 2 Kids (ROK) organised a showcase event with six of their partner schools that entered the Design Future London Challenge in 2023 and 2024. This took place at Havas Village where three teams representing Edmonton County School showcased our designs and models to architects and employers. It was an amazing opportunity to gain insight into careers in the built environment and design through networking; this has been the foundation for us to become aspiring architects and be confident in our ideas to improve sustainability and innovation for the living conditions of young people. The three groups from Edmonton County School came in first, second and third place.

Last year's winners 'Croydon Super Gardens' (Aila and Nena) came in 3rd place, 'Green Palace Project' (Eva, Paul, Rayan, Nishardeen and Loki, the presentation was delivered by Eva), came in second place and the winning team for this showcase was TEENZ (team members: Qian Lin, Erina, Shreya, Aila and Miguel) and together we presented our design which is a Youth Centre aiming to reduce youth crime, but also create a sustainable social space for young people to encourage outdoor enjoyment, better mental health and generating a close-knit community in Edmonton. Therefore, our passion for architecture has led to us being inspired by structural engineers and chartered architectural technicians

at the event to establish ways to improve the livelihoods of people within their environment. We endeavour to use this opportunity supported by Denise Stephenson (founder and CEO of ROK) and

Ms Pastore to fulfil and achieve our ambitions in the architectural industry.

Design Future London



Shreya Persaud Year 12 Student



MAYOR OF LONDON

Design Future London



MOBIE Ministry of Building Innovation and Education





Football

Year Group	Played	Won	Draw	Lost
Year 7	6 games	4 games		2 games
Year 8/9	4 games			4 games
Year 10/11	4 games	2 games	1 game	1 game
Inter Campus Ye	ear 10 Football	Bury Campus 2:1		

Well done to all of the students who took part, played well and displayed excellent sportsmanship.

Netball

Year Group	Played	Won	Draw	Lost
Year 7	4 games	4 games		
Year 8/9		2 games		



New PE Club

Darts Club has started on both campuses, times and location are detailed below.

Campus	Day	Location	Time
Bury	Tuesday	Outside Sports Hall	3pm - 4pm
Cambridge	Thursday (Week A)	Gym	Lunchtime



Orienteering Day



Three Year 10 Sport Studies classes successfully completed an Orienteering day at Trent Park.

Ice Skating Reward Trip





Mrs O Burrows - Deputy Head of PE Faculty



The end of term is coming up and with it a break in the normal routine. Many of us will be looking forward to some time off and an opportunity to recharge our batteries. Maintaining a positive work life balance can be challenging but it's vital to our wellbeing and in reducing our stress levels. When we make rest time a priority, we are more likely to return to work feeling positive and energised.

Each week we are going to offer you some thoughts and ideas for you to add to yours.

You may already use them, however it's always good to remind ourselves.

These are things that we can do for ourselves to maintain our wellbeing and reduce the impact of external factors, such as stress, and illness. This time of year, can bring about additional pressures that require extra effort to keep our minds and bodies well. Wellbeing tips and strategies can sometimes ease these pressures. An example of this is a healthy diet, exercise, breathing exercises and relaxation.

Each week we will share a wellbeing tip and a positive affirmation that can be used as an aid to put in your 'toolbox'.

Mellbein

This week's tip is...

When was the last time you had a good laugh? Sometimes life can seem serious, humour and laughter can be a great stress reliever. Laughter enhances your intake of oxygen, stimulates your heart, lungs and organs and releases endorphins. Whether it is a comedy show, a funny animal video, or simply finding humour in your day to day life. Laughter can be a good stress reliever. Maybe it's something you already do or maybe it's something that needs developing. Ultimately, laughing can be infectious and a great way to connect. So why not have a laugh and relieve some stress this half term break.

Inpirational Quote

This week's inspirational quote...

We don't laugh because we are happy, we are happy because we laugh.

William James

Stress awareness Month Starts April 1st

https://www.stress.org.uk/SAM2024/

To access support please contact your progress lead

USEFUL RESOURCES access to 24/7 mental health support

KOOTH - www.kooth.com

CHILDLINE - 0800 1111

CRISIS LINE --0800 151 0023.... 24/7 access to support when dealing with a mental health crisis









Mrs Sciascia, - Lead Counsellor Miss Knox-Hooke and Mrs Phillips - School Counsellors





ECS LITERACY NEWSLETTER



Hello everyone and welcome back!

As another term comes to a close, we find ourselves more and more excited about the Easter break: it brings with it longer and brighter days which are sure to lift our spirits and enhance that promising feeling that good things are coming our way.

Whatever plans you may have and however busy you may be, remember to spare a few moments each day to enjoy the humble yet precious joys of spring: the sunshine breaking through the grey, the vivid, sprawling greens, the fragrant whites and pinks (all of which are simply perfect outdoor reading conditions—just saying).

Happy holidays everyone!





A LITTLE SOMETHING FROM OUR



DRAWING CLUB MEMBERS

Rachel Runée Russell



Born. March 13, 1959 (age 64) Nationality: American Rachel Runee Russell was is an

American author of the children's
book series Dork Diaries and its
spin-off Series: The
Misadventures of Max Crumbly
Russel grew up in Saint Joseph,
Michigan, and has four younger
Siblings, two sisters and twis

University, then law school

daughter

brothers. She attended Northwestern

Dork diaries, written in a diary format, uses doodles, drawings, and comic strips to chroncle the daily life of the main Character, Nikki Naxwell, as she struggly to fit and survive middle school. Thesenes is based

en Russell's middle school experiences. a main character, Niki Maxwell, is named

As food August 2020, 55 million the main copies of Dork diaries are in after her Print worldwide in 42 languages, and the book series has spent 325 weeks on the New York Times Best sellers list in the Children's Series

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Rachel Renee Russell poster by Dílsuz Kodírova, 7C1.

The Babysitter's Club comic strip by Asmin Danisman, 7C3.



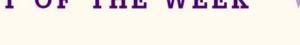






WORD ROOT OF THE WEEK





Paoto-

Word root of the week: photo

WORD ROOT OF THE WEEK QUIZ - photo

photosensitive

a) Nervous about being on camera
 b) Sensitive to light
 c) Crying when you see a picture of yourself





Word root of the week: **photo** = light

b) Photosensitive = sensitive to light (some people have photosensitive skins; certain foods need to be stored in the



Photosynthesis

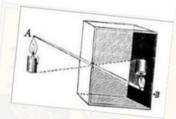
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What does this word root mean?



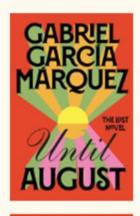
Can you think of any others?



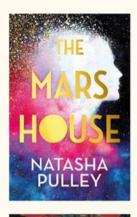
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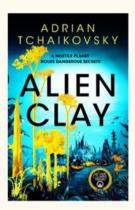


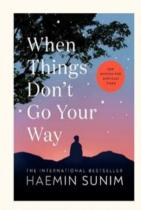
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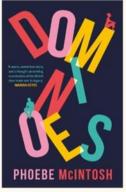


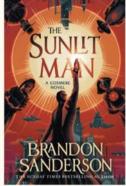




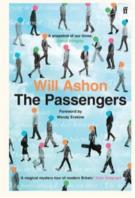


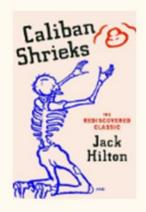






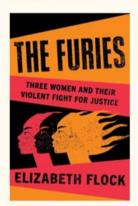


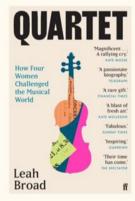












THANKS FOR STOPPING BY AND HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!
CHRISTY TSOLAKIDOU,
CAMBRIDGE LIBRARIAN



Secondary Assemblies – w/c: 15th April 2024					
	Bury Campus	Cambridge Campus			
Monday 15th April	Year 7	Year 7			
Tuesday 16th April	Year 8	Year 8			
Wednesday 17th April	Year 9	Year 9			
Thursday 18th April					
Friday 19th April					

Top Tutor Groups For Attendance W/C 18th March 2024



7C1 - 96.7%

7C3 - 96.3%

Overall Bury Attendance - 92%
Overall Cambridge Attendance - 92.4%



Attendance

Mrs M Corfe - Attendance Officer



Cambridge - 12F - 97.7% Bury - Year 13C - 90.8%

Overall Year 12 Attendance - 92.8% Overall Year 13 Attendance - 86.5%

Well done and keep up the good work!!

Mrs N Uddin - Student Manager - Cambridge Campus



Well Done!