



# EASTBURY NEWS

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## WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR & A NEW DECADE

2020

I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday. The new calendar year has got off to an excellent start. The vast majority of pupils have made an impressive start to year full of ambition and wanting to be the best they can be in everything they do. I have heard of many very sensible New Year resolutions. I would like to thank families, parents and carers for ensuring that our pupils are arriving punctually, smartly dressed in full school uniform and ready to learn. It has been a pleasure to hear of so many success stories in the recent mock exams. For those who did not do as well as expected remember to learn from your mistakes, and ensure that in the run up to the final exams you fill the gaps in your knowledge. We all want 2020 to be another record breaking year.

Please be aware that this term can be cold and icy so extra care is needed to ensure pupils are wearing a warm coat and shoes with a good grip to and from school.

MR DAVID DICKSON, EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER

ABSENCE (Provisional dates February 5, 2020 – March 13, 2020)

Unfortunately, the start of the new year has not been so good for me. Towards the end of last term, I found out that I needed some spinal surgery. This has now been scheduled to take place in the first week of February. I will therefore be in hospital for a few days and then recovering at home until the middle of March. My excellent Senior Deputy Head teacher, Mrs Sharon Collins, will be the acting Head Teacher during this time and should be contacted if you have any concerns or questions.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Y9 INTO Y10 TRANSITION  
**EVENING/PARENTS' EVENING**  
Thursday 30 January 2020

Y11 SCIENCE MOCKS  
Monday 3 February 2020

**VALENTINE'S DAY**  
Friday 14 February 2020

HALF TERM  
17-23 February 2020

FIRST DAY OF TERM  
Monday 24 February 2020

Y11 MATHS MOCK  
Monday 24 February 2020

**Y12 PARENTS' EVENING**  
Thursday 27 February 2020

What to do if I have a question or concern

Our website and newsletter will hopefully keep you fully informed, however if you have a question or concern, please contact your child's tutor or Head of Year in the first instance. If you need to contact someone more senior, please contact the Assistant Head or Deputy Head responsible for your child's year group. In the rare event that you still have a concern please contact Mrs Collins (Senior Deputy Head teacher and Complaints Officer) on 0208 507 4503 or Aisha Raymond (Head of Primary) on 0208 5074602. Mrs Collins and Miss Raymond will keep me updated on any concerns.

Who to contact summary

	Contact	EXT	SLT Contact
Primary	Head of Primary Ms Raymond	4602	Executive Head Mr Dickson / Senior Deputy Head Mrs Collins
Year 7	Ms Mahmood	4517	Senior Deputy Head Mrs Collins / Head of Maths Mrs Fleet
Year 8	Mr Wood	4515	Assistant Head Mrs Lastiotis
Year 9	Ms Miller	4526	Deputy Head Miss Ward
Year 10	Mr Read	4512	Senior Assistant Head Mr Jhita
Year 11	Mr Oberholzer	4516	Deputy Head Mr Goy
Sixth Form	Head of 6th Form Mr Simpson	4505	Miss Moore / Mr Alkis

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2020

Stand Together is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2020.

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) takes place on 27 January each year and is a time to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

Holocaust Memorial Day is a time when we seek to learn the lessons of the past and recognise that genocide does not just take place on its own - it's a steady process which can begin if discrimination, racism and hatred are not checked and prevented. We're fortunate here in the UK; we are not at immediate risk of genocide. However, discrimination has not ended, nor has the use of the language of hatred or exclusion. There is still much to do to create a safer future and HMD is an opportunity to start this process.

The aims of HMD are laid out in the [statement of commitment](#). HMD activity organisers bring together the diverse strands of their communities to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day in their neighbourhoods. This is a real demonstration of how the lessons of the past can inform our lives today and ensure that everyone works together to create a safer, better future.

Each year thousands of activities take place for HMD, bringing people from all backgrounds together to learn lessons from the past in creative, reflective and inspiring ways. From schools to libraries, workplaces to local authorities, HMD activities offer a real opportunity to honour the experiences of people affected by the Holocaust and genocide, and challenge ourselves to work for a safer, better future.

Stand Together

*"Don't be content in your life just to do no wrong, be prepared every day to try and do some good."*

Sir Nicholas Winton, who rescued 669 children from Nazi-occupied Europe

The theme for HMD 2020 is Stand Together. It explores how genocidal regimes throughout history have deliberately fractured societies by marginalising certain groups, and how these tactics can be challenged by individuals standing together with their neighbours, and speaking out against oppression.

In the years leading up to the Holocaust, Nazi policies and propaganda deliberately encouraged divisions within German society – urging 'Aryan' Germans to keep themselves separate from their Jewish neighbours. The Holocaust, Nazi Persecution of other groups and each subsequent genocide, was enabled by ordinary citizens not standing with their targeted neighbours.

Today there is increasing division in communities across the UK and the world. Now more than ever, we need to stand together with others in our communities in order to stop division and the spread of identity-based hostility in our society.

HMD 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz – this is a significant milestone and is made particularly poignant by the dwindling number of survivors who are able to share their testimony. It also marks the 25th anniversary of the Genocide in Bosnia.

## SAFER INTERNET DAY 11th February 2020

This year's Safer Internet Day (SID) celebrations will take place on Tuesday, 11 February 2020. The campaign's slogan, "Together for a better internet", is a call to action for all stakeholders to join together and play their part in creating a better internet for everyone, and especially for younger users.

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation.

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

Globally, Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries, coordinated by the joint Insafe/ INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and national Safer Internet Centres across Europe.

The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet. Get involved to play your part!

I urge pupils, parents and carers, and indeed everybody to visit the website to learn more about how they can keep themselves and their families safe online.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020>

Parents and carers can download a great booklet to help them keep their children safe

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>

## ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Icy weather is forecast in the coming weeks

We ask all parents/carers to ensure their child is wearing suitable clothing in line with our school uniform and shoes with a good grip.

Secondary Students and staff are expected to use only the gritted pathway between the gate on

Roslynn road, the main school entrance if there are icy conditions – this will be the first secondary pathway to be gritted.

Students and staff are than expected to use only the gritted pathways (all other outdoor areas are out of bounds). During icy conditions students are expected to wait in the canteen or library until gritting is complete.

Primary pupils and staff are expected to use only the gritted pathway between the gate on Wilmington Gardens and the main primary school entrance if there are icy conditions – this will be the first primary pathway to be gritted.

In the rare event that the school is closed this will be posted on the school website. We will make every effort to do this by 07.45am. If there is no notice on the website then school will be open.

Can I ask parents/carers to check the website rather than phone the school as this blocks our line from other important calls.

## YEAR 10 EXAMS – MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> 2020

A reminder to all year 10 students and their families. Students now nearly a third of the way through their GCSE courses. Important exams take place in March (Provisional Start date 16<sup>th</sup> March) to check current progress and identify any gaps in learning. Successful students always take these exams seriously and put in a lot of revision to find out what they have really learnt. If full revision has taken place it also gives students an opportunity to 'learn from their mistakes'; and teachers can find out what needs to be taught again to those experiencing difficulties. I am extremely grateful to Mr Reed and Mr Jhita for providing lots of advice and guidance to students in assemblies and in this newsletter.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Y9 INTO Y10 TRANSITION EVENING  
Thursday 30 January 2020

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17 - 23 February 2020

**Y12 PARENTS' EVENING**  
Thursday 27 February 2020

**YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING**  
Thursday 5 March 2020



## Eastbury ARP Students Film at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre

The students from the ARP spent two days at the Globe Theatre in October last term devising and filming a BSL (British Sign Language) video with professional actor and Sign Language Interpreter Becky Barry and members of the Globe team as part of the show 'Christmas at the Snow Globe'. The video which the students made was fantastic and was shared on social media where it was viewed by over 2,500 people. In December the students and their families went to the Globe to see the show and received a standing ovation from the audience. What a fantastic experience! Well done everyone!

## Eastbury ARP Students Win Prestigious Garden Competition

The KS3 students from the ARP won first prize in the National RHS Schools Green Plan it competition. The students had to design and plan improvements to the school garden and created a happiness and wellbeing garden. The final was held at Capel Manor Gardens in December and the judges were wowed by their presentation and teamworking skills as well as their ideas and creativity. Big thanks to Ms Knight for supporting us all through the project. Following this win the students will be working over the upcoming term to bring their ideas into reality and to begin building their garden. We hope that our new happiness

## Alina Wins RAD National Art Competition

Alina Mihai, Year 8 ARP student has won the RAD (Royal Association for Deaf People) national bag design competition. Her colourful design will be proudly displayed on all RAD canvas bags across the country and will be framed and permanently displayed at RAD Head Office. Well done Alina!



garden will be a positive space for the whole school to use.

# HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2020

Students at Eastbury Community School have completed various activities to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day 2020, ensuring that the millions of people who died are remembered appropriately. In particular, fifty year 7 students were selected to take part in the Holocaust Memorial Project with Antony Lishak over the course of three months. Students chosen learnt about the Holocaust with Antony and were fortunate enough to listen to a survivor Lydia Tischler. After this, students reflected on the events and produced a Holocaust Memorial in memory of all those who died, but also to reflect on what we can do as a school community to prevent such atrocities happening again. Antony came in to see students' creations and commented that Eastbury Community School were the best school he had worked with and students were outstanding in their contribution to the project.

To further our work, Eastbury has been chosen by

the local council to represent the local community at their Holocaust Memorial Service next week. Two of our Sixth Form students who visited Auschwitz towards the end of last year will speak at the service in Barking Town Hall. They have written a reflective piece that recognises how far we have come as a society since the Holocaust and how much progress we still have to make, to ensure an equal and fair society for all, free from hate.

Overall, Holocaust Memorial Day has been recognised across the school at Eastbury, and students have challenged themselves to work for a safer and better future.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2020  
Theme vision

**Stand Together**

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Dr Nicholas Wilson, who rescued 900 children from Nazi-occupied Europe



## SCIENCE AND PSYCHOLOGY CONFERENCE

Year 10 Psychology students had the opportunity to attend a Science and Psychology conference at the end of the last term. They had talks by a variety of psychologists and educational specialists and took part in interactive audience activities.

The day included activities on science and pseudoscience, dance and the psychology of magic. The students got the opportunity to take part in an experiment and hypnosis workshop.

Quotes from students about the day are below:

"The hypnosis was really interesting yet funny at the same time"

"Extremely fascinating to find out social media and myths to do with this"

"Entertaining and interesting to see experiments done live in front of an audience"

"It was useful to go before our actual GCSE"

There are some current Psychology trips available for other year groups on a first come first served basis.

For more information about Psychology contact Miss Goodall, Head of Psychology at [ngo@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk](mailto:ngo@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk).



# BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

At Eastbury Community School we are at the heart of our community, and work well with our neighbours. We are in the middle of a large residential area, and as a large school this can sometimes cause our neighbours some inconvenience, which they deal with exceptionally well. We have however had a number of complaints where our neighbours have experienced their doors being knocked/bells rung - which has caused some of our older neighbours

some anxiety. We have also had a few complaints about the use of bad language in and around the area, and as you can appreciate we have a Primary school attached, so have many very young children in and around the area. It also doesn't put our young people in the best light.

Can I ask you to remind your son/daughter of the importance of being a good neighbour, not just in and around school, but in the wider community.

## SIXTH FORM NEWS

Last term, Year 12 students took part in huge charity event called First Give. Each group raised money to help support and improve facilities, staffing, workshops, trips, equipment etc for their chosen charity. 12A1 were the successful winners of the overall competition and won a further £1000 for their charity called Young Minds.

Congratulations to all of Year 12.

### FIRST GIVE PRESENTATIONS: The Best Yet



### FRENFORD YOUTH CLUB



### HUGGETT WOMENS CENTRE



Abdul & Mumtaj personally delivered a cheque of £411.50 to their chosen charity GOSH Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. This group built a strong relationship with the charity and are still raising money to help make a difference for the children at this hospital.



### TRUSSELL TRUST

# RICHARD HOUSE HOSPICE



# GREAT ORMOND STREET CHILDRENS HOSPITAL



# YOUNG MINDS



# THE AUDIENCE



## BARKING AND DAGENHAM YOUTH FORUM

The election results for our school in the Barking and Dagenham Youth Forum.

- Wahid Mansuri
- Benitte Diya
- Israa Mohamed
- Kanita Rexhepi
- Iris Borges
- Maryam Hasan

We had an excellent turn out for the voting figures! I would just like to say a massive thank you for everyone that took part and made a choice, and a heartfelt well done to all of the candidates, especially the successful team.

