

E.T.C. Newsletter

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Academy Plans for ETC

On Friday 13th November, the Sponsors for the proposed Academy (Sussex Downs College and East Sussex County Council) and the Government (DCSF) organised an interview for the post of Principal Designate. I am pleased to say that following this interview they have asked me to take on the post which means that if the Academy proposal goes ahead, then I will lead it. If the Academy proposal does not happen, then I will remain as Head of ETC. I hope this will provide continuity for the students and will help the school to continue its improvements. The Academy will provide many new resources for the children if it goes ahead, so can I urge you to come to the public meeting on Tuesday 1st December at 6.30 pm at ETC? This will give you the chance to ask any questions you might have to the Lead Sponsors and to the County Council.

The consultation documents have now been given out so please ask your children to hand them over to you if they have not already done so! There are TWO consultations, one to open the new Academy and one to close ETC if and when the Academy happens.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thanks to the excellent team work of staff and parents, there has been an improvement in attendance at ETC over the past year. We are now on line to meet the target for this term and I am grateful for the enormous amount of work that has gone into this. We have looked at the results of students from last year and there is a very clear link, as you might expect, between high attendance and high performance in the GCSEs. We saw a pattern that even average ability children did better than higher ability children if their attendance was a lot better. A very good argument when you are trying to get your teenage son or daughter out of bed in the morning!

To help get this message home, for the last few weeks, any student arriving late twice in one week is having a lunchtime detention the same day with senior members of staff. We will keep doing this as the result has been that the number of students coming in late has fallen very sharply, meaning that they are getting the most of their first lesson of the day. Please note that students should arrive at school **before** the first bell (8.35 am) so they can get to their first lesson which starts at 8.40 am. There is a breakfast club in the Canteen between 8 am and 8,30 am offering free toast and hot drinks, so it is even better if you can encourage your children to come in earlier than the first bell.

Thank you

Keith Pailthorpe

YEAR 11 GCSE MOCK TIMETABLE DECEMBER 2009

Tuesday 1st December - Drama - Practicals all day - Hall (VST group)

Wednesday 2nd December - Art - All day Room 29

Wednesday 2nd December - Spanish orals all day - Resource Centre - time slots to be advised by teacher

Thursday 3rd December - French orals all day - Resource Centre - time slots to be advised by teacher

Friday 4th December - Performing Arts - Practicals all day - Hall

Friday 4th December - Drama - Practicals all day - Room 38 (TRY group)

Tuesday 8th December - ICT FSKL Diploma Re-sits - Room 60 (with JWE)

DAY/DATE	8.40	Duration	11.00	Duration	14:00	Duration	Venue
Monday 14th December	Humanities Paper 1	1hr 45mins	Drama Written	2hrs	Triple Science Physics	1hr	Hall
Tuesday 15th December	YR 10 DIPLOMA ENGINEERING ENG2U1	1hr 30mins	Humanities Paper 2	75mins	French & Spanish Reading	50mins	Hall
Wednesday 16th December	Media Moving Image	1hr 45mins	Physical Education	2hrs	Spanish Listening (H)	45mins	Hall
					Spanish Listening (F)	35mins	Gym
Thursday 17th December	DT Product Design	2hrs	Citizenship	1hr 30mins	French Listening (F)	35mins	Gym
	DT Food	2hrs	Triple Science Chemistry	1hr	French Listening (H)	45mins	Hall
Friday 18th December	Media Text	1 hr 30mins					

***All students will be in school as normal and return to lesson once the exam is finished. There are no clashes with college and students are expected to attend. Full school uniform. All equipment will be provided by the Exams office.
Students will be issued with a personalised timetable week commencing 22nd November 2009.***



Modern Foreign Languages
Department



MFL WORDS OF THE WEEK.

SPANISH - Week commencing 16th November, 2009



YEAR 8

un pez
un caballo

un conejo
un gato

un cobayo
un ratón

un perro
una tortuga

un pájaro
un hámster

YEAR 9

el desayuno
la bebida

el almuerzo
la comida

la cena
hay

primer plato
china

el postre
india

MFL WORDS OF THE WEEK.

FRENCH - Week commencing 16th November, 2009



YEAR 7

Lundi	Mardi	Mercredi	Jeudi	Vendredi
Samedi	Dimanche	trente	quarante	cinquante

YEAR 8

prenez	tournez	allez	traversez	descendez
le rond-point	le pont	la place	les feux	la rue

YEAR 9

Je me lève	Je me lave	Je me couche	Je me brosse les dents
Je me douche	Je me coiffe	Je m'habille	Je me réveille
Je m'amuse			

TIME FOR SOME FUN YEAR 11?

Have you ever heard the term 'all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy'? Well there is also a reverse rhyme to that - 'All play and no work makes Jack a sorry boy' so don't use the following as an excuse! But it is a good idea to have a break between studying.

Now you do have a chance to think of something nice, and help us plan to make it nicer! The Prom Fashion Show! Whether you are going or not, wouldn't it be nice to dress up for the evening anyway? Or at least see what others might wear? You will want to celebrate finishing your exams, and parties happen don't they? If you are lucky enough to be a model, you will have that night to remember too!

Our next show will be in February, and names for models can be handed into the front office from today until the Christmas holiday. There are 16 places for girls and 4 for boys. Should there be too many entrants, names will be pulled from a hat in the first week after Christmas. Models will be informed of the practice times, but the show will be in the evening and permission will be sought. Names on the tear off slip please.

The fashion show itself is a mixture of viewing possible dresses, suits, tiaras, hair styles, etc. Plus, in the past we have had limos, hummers and really old cars too! Everyone will be able to come and see inside a stretch limo! Each stall gives prizes to raise funds too. More about it closer to the date. For now, fill out your application to become a model and hold onto your hat until we let you know!

Mrs Weston: I am interested in becoming a model for the evening during the Prom Fashion Show in February 2010. I understand I will be needed to attend practice sessions in January and will also need parental/guardian permission to attend the show in the evening.

My name is: _____

My mentor group is: _____

Please hand into the Front Office before school closes at the end of this term.

Bliss Gowns

has a fantastic stock of beautiful prom dresses.

Check out their website: www.blissgowns.co.uk

Last Friday, Bliss Gowns kindly brought in a small selection of their latest dresses. Heather Albon is the proprietor and also the person who runs the Fashion Show with Mrs Weston each year. The few fantastic dresses on show were only a small part - she has many more!

The gowns come in many colours and sizes also at very affordable prices. They do have a range available to hire. Advice on colour and style choice is freely offered and the trial of dresses is great fun! Every effort is made so the same dress is not sold to another person attending the same event. However, some may wish to colour co-ordinate with friends or boyfriends. To finish the look a selection of tiaras and necklace sets are available.

If you would like to visit the studio to see the amazing collection please 'phone for an appointment and Heather will provide a one to one service where she can help you choose the style and colour that best suits you for your special occasion. No embarrassment of parading in a shop!

Bliss Gowns is local, in Eastbourne. Appointments are available days, evenings and weekends. So please call for an appointment: 01323-272923

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For further information about Prom dresses/suits and the Prom Fashion Show, see Mrs Weston

YEAR 11 - YEARBOOK UPDATE

Some of you keep missing the chances to vote, see what is going on etc. Check your newsletter regularly and see the notice board outside room 4! Your yearbook is being created by some of you, *for you*. Mrs Weston (and others) will be editing the content.

PAYMENT

The team will be coming around to remind you to pay your £10 deposit before the Christmas holidays - you have had all of September and October to do this to Mrs Weston. Correct money please. (Final price £19)

PICTURES

Your pictures are being collected by Louise Sheeran on Facebook, which you can sort from home - make sure they are perfect! Not from your phone, no red eye or rude signs, pictures of you - an odd friend from outside is ok but not good. Keep those for your private albums as they will mean nothing to the rest of your year and do not come here!

OPINION

You have also been asked for your opinion about who is the best... and voted - results will be displayed soon. Keep your eyes and ears open - you will be asked more! (Not in class please)

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COMPETITION

The cover competition was not entered by anyone so you will be getting a plain cover voted on by the editors - £5 prize removed, but late entries accepted until March.

NAMES

Pay attention as this is the last chance to have your name put with your individual picture. Use the tear off slip! Hand it in to the front office immediately. It is very difficult to add later.

To: Mrs Weston, Editor of 2010 yearbook via FRONT OFFICE

I am happy for my son/daughter/ward to have their name with their picture in their yearbook and realise that they will have left ETC by the time the books are sent for publishing and all pages will have been edited prior to submission.

StudentsName/MentorGroup_____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

THE CHILL GRILL



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2009

ROAST TURKEY *with* STUFFING,
CHIPOLATA SAUSAGE, GRAVY

Or

FESTIVE PASTA BAKE

with

ROAST POTATOES, CARROTS, SPROUTS & PARSNIPS

AND

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

Or

MINCE PIES

Or

SANTA'S CORNFLAKE CAKE



£2.50 - tickets available
Adults (£2.90 inc. vat)



Sittings: 1.00 p.m. Years 7/8 - 1.25 p.m. Years 9/10/11
Tickets available from Pupil Reception