

E.T.C. Newsletter

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Academy Meeting

Last week, a small number of parents and local community members attended the consultation meeting for the proposed academy. Matt Dunkley, the Director of Children's Services for East Sussex, and John Blake, of Sussex Downs College, both spoke to the audience about what they hoped the academy would bring to Hampden Park.

You should have received TWO consultation documents from school via your children. Some parents said they have not had this, so please check school bags and if you cannot find the documents then contact the school to ask for more. You can also go on line to these e mail addresses to get the information:

<http://www.eastbourneacademy.org/index.html>

<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/academies/eastbourne/>

or you can follow the Academy Links on our ETC website.

Reports to Governors

Last week there were three reports to Governors which are summarised below:

1. Attendance and punctuality have improved considerably over the past year. Well done to the parents, students and staff who have made this possible!
2. The new Year 7 Learning Journey has started very well under Mr Roberts' leadership. We are looking forward to seeing this develop further.
3. The Governors approved the targets for the school for Summer 2011. They aim to have ETC (or the Academy) hitting the highest possible results by that year and are planning now how that can be achieved.

Thank you,

Keith Pailthorpe

Aimhigher Parent/Carers Evening on Monday 23rd November

Thank you very much to all the students and parents who attended the evening and I hope it gave you some insight into going on to university.

There will be lots of opportunities going forward for you to be involved in Aimhigher activities and the school newsletter and website are the best ways of finding out about these.

If you have since thought of any questions you'd like to ask or information you'd like to find, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Smith at l.smith@etc-sch.com or myself at z.delgado@etc-sch.com and I will endeavour to help you. If there are any other parents who did not attend the evening but would like to find out more about higher education please also get in touch.

Mrs Smith & Miss Delgado
Aimhigher Coordinators

Congratulations

Congratulations to year 9 student Emily Swaddling who was awarded a highly commended in a National Story telling competition. Not only did she get to collect her prize from Laureate Taffy Thomas MBE who told Emily she was a gifted story teller but she was taken to the event in Leeds by plane from Gatwick. Ms. Reed who accompanied the student said it was great day and as it was the first time Emily had been on a plane she was very excited.

The Mayor of Leeds presented Emily with a book with her story published in it, a certificate and a book shop voucher. The whole day was to celebrate winners and achievers who entered the Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month 2009 story telling competition.

The school would also like to thank the TEAL service (Travellers and English as Another Language) for coming into school to talk to English classes about the experiences of travellers. We'd especially like to mention Gail Landon from TEAL for organising the competition entries.

Mr Brennan

Eastbourne Youth Radio

Congratulations to all the students who took part in this year's Eastbourne Youth Radio show. The students were their usual fab selves and could no doubt go on to wonderful careers in the Media if they so desire. A great big thank you also goes out to Local Employers Hotchkiss, who once again sponsored our show. The students involved on the day were:

Melissa Chinery
Sam Martin
Sebastian Norwood
Marcus Drew
Sophie Holland
Shannon Kingaby
Kieran Farnes
Heather Pegley
Lord Gregor
Paul Weatherby
Tia Kennedy
Star Brandon
Nathan Squires
Ollie Greenfield
Reece Bishop
Alex Baker
Elizabeth Roach

Mrs Knapp and Mr Brennan



Modern Foreign Languages
Department



MFL WORDS OF THE WEEK.

SPANISH - Week commencing 31st November, 2009



YEAR 8

soy	eres	es	alto	bajo	de talla mediana
barba	bigote	tengo	tienes	tiene	

YEAR 9

ir	voy	vas	va	vamos
vais	van	yo	tú	nosotros

MFL WORDS OF THE WEEK.

FRENCH - Week commencing 31st November, 2009



YEAR 7

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c'est

quel
Qu'est-ce que

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quand
pas

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Mon

YEAR 8

en voiture
en vélo

en avion
en pied

en train
à camion

en moto
à hélicoptère

en bateau
à hydroglisseur

YEAR 9

La fête des mères
la messe

La fête des pères
une bougie

Poisson d'avril
les vacances

Un feu d'artifice
les congés

Get Smart!

Next week, there will be a big push on raising awareness of the importance of being punctual and having good attendance. The Educational Welfare Service will be supporting the college and the following letter outlines the week's activities.

We hope that all parents and carers will also support the initiative.

Dear Parent/Carer



**'GET SMART' Week
Wise up to Attendance
7th December 2009**

Building on the success of last years GET SMART, the Education Welfare Service is returning to Eastbourne Technology College to support the college in promoting the importance of attendance.

It is vitally important for all pupils in East Sussex to have the best chance to achieve at college. To do this, pupils need to attend regularly and punctually. Eastbourne Technology College is committed to ensuring pupils understand the impact that absences can have on potential attainment and future life chances.

Many parents and pupils consider 90% attendance to be acceptable. However, by just attending for 90% of the academic year, a pupil is actually missing four weeks of academic and social interaction.

Eastbourne Technology College will be undertaking a planned week of 'ATTENDANCE' activities for pupils with support from the Education Welfare Service commencing on Monday 7th December 2009. The aim is for all pupils to achieve 100% attendance during the week.

There will be curriculum and tutor activities during the week for all pupils to raise their awareness of what is actually 'good' attendance and give a clear message that missing college means missing out.

As well as interactive activities for pupils, the Education Welfare Service together with Sussex Police will be undertaking the delivery of statutory sanctions through late patrols and truancy sweeps throughout the week. Parent/carers of pupils found to be late or absent without authorisation by the college will be contacted and legal action may be taken.

Supporting your child's education at Eastbourne Technology College is always valued. The GET SMART week will provide an opportunity for all pupils to understand the importance that regular and punctual attendance has for their future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Penny Lavan".

Penny Lavan
Principal Education Welfare Officer
Education Welfare Service



GCSE Spanish Revision

Friday Lunchtime

Room 45 - 1.20 – 2.00pm

Miss Delgado will be available in her room every Friday lunchtime to help with coursework and exam preparation.



We have two Christmas musical events coming up next week to which you are warmly invited. The first is a traditional candlelight Carol Service with readings which will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8th December at St Mary's Church, Decoy Drive, Hampden Park. The second is a Christmas Concert which will be in the Main Hall at ETC at 7.30 pm on Thursday 10th December.

