

E.T.C. Newsletter

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Farewell E.T.C., Good Luck to The Eastbourne Academy

It is with great sadness that I say farewell to ETC after my 6 months' stay at the school. In that time, which has flown by, I have grown to respect the huge achievements of the school and the almost fanatical dedication of all those connected with the school to its success. Working in the invigorating, sometimes challenging and always optimistic environment that is ETC, one recognises the importance of the school to the community and the commitment it has for all the young people who pass through its doors. The energy and talent of both staff and students is a key feature of the school with relationships between them being second to none, as demonstrated at the fabulous Y11 Prom held at The Cavendish hotel last week. It is the combination of this energy, the relationships and the dedication of the staff to the school which will, I know, build on the school's strengths and establish The Eastbourne Academy as a leading light amongst the schools of the area.

In my short time at the school, I have worked with staff and students to look at certain aspects of school practice and shared with them my observations and some possible ways forward for the future. There are always things that need to be improved, in every school, but the key issue is that the school is both aware of the issues and is keen to move forward. It is very clear that this school is in that position and is eager to become an Academy, using the change as a catalyst for re-invigorating and improving the school still further.

For students, the first thing they may well notice is a very tight focus on appearance. The new school uniform, worn by all year groups will be rigorously enforced with an emphasis on a consistent standard of appearance. We have already made a start on that over the last few weeks, ensuring that blazers, ties and shirts, with the appropriate shoes, are worn to a particular standard. On that point, I remind parents that all students, boys and girls, must wear a stiff collared shirt with a top button, which must be done up, with their tie done up to the top and the school badge in full view. This is a particular issue for some girls who currently do not have the correct form of shirt. That must be remedied by September.

There will be many other changes, some physical, which will emerge as The Academy starts and develops over the coming year but all of them will be focused on building on the strengths of ETC and improving the quality of provision for all. It is an exciting time to be at the school and one that I feel the school is very well prepared for. If I leave you with one message, it is that I hope the community and you as parents give the Academy your full support, recognising that change is needed and that if the school is to achieve the best for its students then support for the highest of standards from parents is fundamental to the school's success.

Of course, it is also an end of an era. For those of you who have been around a while, you will recall the school has gone through a change of name before. Back in 2000, the school changed its name from Hampden Park School to Eastbourne Technology College. That too coincided with a change of status, as the school was one of the first in the county and certainly the first in Eastbourne to become a Specialist School. This again reflects the school's commitment to being at the forefront of national developments. Thus, we mark the end of 10 years of ETC. We do so with fond memories of a period in which the school has achieved remarkable achievements for the students that have passed through the school and has established itself as a leader in many spheres of education. The school should be proud of those achievements. There are of course, aspects of provision that need to be worked on but I leave the school, confident that it is aware of the issues and that the staff are committed to addressing them as The Eastbourne Academy.

I finish by saying that in my time at the school, I have become very attached to the place. I leave behind students and staff who should be proud of their work and whom I shall miss. I now feel very much part of the school and will follow its progress and successes closely. Many of the students that I have come to know quite well, I shall look out for their results and achievements over the coming years. I shall follow the work of the many staff who are taking up new roles in The Academy and I hope that, because of my time here, I may work with the school again in some small role. We are moving into an era of working in partnership and I hope that my school will have the opportunity to continue the links we have made over these last 6 months.

Thank you for making me most welcome and I wish Keith Pailthorpe, the staff and students of The Eastbourne Academy every success when it opens to students on **Friday, 3rd September.**

Ian Jungius

Updated from the original newsletter (mbn 20th July)

Arrangements for End of Term 6 2010 and Start of Term 1 2010

23rd July:

Periods 1 and 2 and break as normal

11.00 – Period 3

12.00 – Mentor Time – Somerville and Turing Assembly Brunel and Faraday

12.30 - Mentor Time – Brunel and Faraday Assembly Somerville and Turing

1.00 -Students dismiss

31st August : 9.00 – 12.00 SLT Meeting

1st and 2nd September: INSET day for staff – school closed for students

3rd September (Friday): First day of school for students:

9.30 – Yr 7 students and buddies only in Mentor Groups

10.00 – Yrs 8-11 join mentor groups

10.10 - Franklin Assembly

10.30 - Darwin Assembly

10.50 - Da Vinci Assembly

(Students remain in Mentor groups when not in assembly)

11.10 - Break

11.30 – Lesson 3

12.20 – Lesson 4

1.20 – Lunch (1.10 for Yr 7)

1.50 – Lesson 5

2.50 – Lesson 6 (KS4 only)

3.50 – End of School

As you will be aware, ETC has built up a strong and fruitful relationship with the world famous Glyndebourne Opera House in recent years. Our students have attended performances and workshops organised by the opera company and this year some of them took part in the youth opera *Knight Crew* and featured in the recent Gareth Malone documentary series on the making of the opera.

This week saw the culmination of yet another Glyndebourne project. A dozen students have been working on the preparation of a performance piece based on Mozarts' *Don Giovanni* which involved acting, dancing and singing. Two all-day workshops were run in school by some inspiring Glyndebourne staff and last Monday the group went off to the King's Hall in London to perform their piece. With live accompaniment from members of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, the group entranced the audience with their interpretation of the ball scene from the opera. As one of only three schools in the South East to take part, we feel privileged to be given such an opportunity and it is something which those involved will never forget.

As a follow up to the project, the students will attend a rehearsal of *Don Giovanni* next week at Glyndebourne where they will watch professional singers performing the first act. In October we have a chance to see a full performance of the opera again at Glyndebourne and this opportunity will be offered to all our students. A letter about this will be available in September.

Many thanks to Mr Somerville for organising the school's involvement in this project and to Mrs Waterhouse for accompanying the group to London

W. Jones (Deputy Head)

On Monday 5th July, four of our keen chess players went along to Bishop Bell school to compete against players from Cavendish, Hailsham, Willingdon and, of course, Bishop Bell. Unfortunately, all four players were randomly chosen to be in the initial play-offs to decide the final 16, and Lord Greger and Chadly Robson were disappointingly knocked out straightaway.

Christian Faustino was then beaten in about 2 moves by James of Cavendish, who beat one of our year 10 boys in the final 2 years ago as a year 7! Christian was understandably disappointed with this and will hopefully come back next year to fight for a place higher up in the rankings! Max Hay played some fantastic chess to get through to the 3rd round, losing to the same James who beat Christian. James decently said that Max had proven to be a good challenge but went on to win the whole tournament for the second year, beating a player from Hailsham who has played nationally in the past.

As you can see, competition at these events is strong, so if you'd like to participate next year, please make sure you get practising! Mr Duffield hosts a Chess Club in his room every Wednesday lunchtime so you have no excuse not to play!

Well done team. I'm very proud of you and I hope we can do better next year.

Miss Delgado

Gifted & Talented Enrichment Programme: Annual Trivia Challenge

On Monday 5th July four year 9 students (who were, coincidentally, all in the Faraday Community) travelled to Bishop Bell school to take part in an annual trivia quiz. We were competing against four other schools: Cavendish, Hailsham, Willingdon and, of course, Bishop Bell.

The first round saw us come joint first with three of the other schools. In the second round we also got full marks, but unfortunately that is where our luck ran out! Throughout the 4 other rounds our scores gradually went downhill and even a last fantastic effort from the ETC team was not enough to move us any further up the board.

In the end, we finished in third place, with Willingdon as the victorious team and Hailsham and Cavendish in joint second (at least we didn't come last!).

The challenge was great fun for everyone involved and we would definitely recommend it to anyone who is thinking of taking part next year.

TEAM ETC 2010:

Leanna Vine (author)

Libby Hughes, Ryan Flack, Hayden Edwards

Changes to the school website

The school website will be redeveloped over the summer and by September we should have a new web presence.

One important change is the school gallery will be coming off line. We will require all parents to consent to the use of images before they are published online. A consent form will be distributed in September.

The school gallery has been phenomenally successful with over 1,100,000 views. The most popular picture ever was of the 2006-7 years 10 & 11 girls' football team.

If you have any views or suggestions on content for the new website you can contact us at m.brennan@etc-sch.com

Mr Martin Brennan

Sale of Uniform during the Summer break

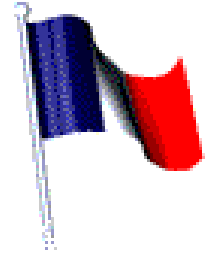
The school office will be open at the following times for sale of uniform.

Monday 26 th July]	
Tuesday 27 th July	}	9.30 - 2.00 pm
Wednesday 28 th July]	

Tuesday 24 August]	
Wednesday 25 August	}	9.00 - 2.00 pm
Thursday 26 August]	

Please note that uniform will **not** be available for sale on Friday 3rd September.

Modern Foreign Languages Department



HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

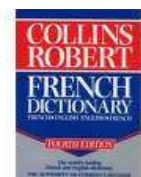
Start getting ready
for your languages lessons next year 2010/2011.

Current Year 9 going into Year 10 should have received two booklets
(1 French & 1 Spanish) to go through during the holidays.

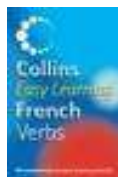
French Year 10 going into Year 11 should have received a letter and list for
going through over the holidays which have an amazing impact on your GCSE
grade.

Year 7, 8 & 9 will need French & Spanish dictionaries.

French Dictionary



French Verbs



Spanish Dictionary



Spanish Verbs Book



At the end of a successful, hot and exhausting Sports day the competitors and staff jogged a few laps of the track for our charity. Each runner was encouraged to donate 50p towards the Little Hearts Matter charity. At the event we collected £93.50 with money still drifting in during mentor time from those who were unable to donate on the day we expect to raise well over £100.

Well done to all those who ran and donated to the charity. A big thank you and well done to Charlie Hylands, the motivating force behind this charity. Also to Lani Woolgar the REL2 Charity rep who together with Charlie masterminded the event.

The total we as a college will send to Little Hearts Matter will be over £150 as the money collected from the sales of low fat good for your heart burgers at the sports day food stall is also being donated. Well done and thank you to our McETC crew Andi Edwards, Lisa Wilding, Tracy Moore and Jenny Charlesworth for their hard work and generosity.

YEAR 10 AND 11 SQUASH COACHING.

The college applied and was successful in gaining funding from Sports Unlimited for small groups to Key Stage 4 students to have Squash coaching.

Dan Peters an ex England international Squash coach provided 10 sessions, 5 for our Y10 and 5 for our Y11 group. The progress by all our students was outstanding and hopefully some will continue this energetic activity now the course has finished.

The tournament winners were Hannah Blundell and Shane Lloyd from Year 11 and Ryan Newman and Taz Fern from Year 10.

Well done to all those who took part.

Richard Ellis (School Sports Co-ordinator)

ETC Students sail to victory for the second year.

On Saturday 3rd July twelve students took part in the Royal Yachting Association's Secondary School On Board competition at Spray Water Sports centre on the Eastbourne seafront. All the secondary Schools and sailing clubs from the Eastbourne area were invited to compete.

The morning was spent learning to rig boats and sail and once the basics were covered the races began. All the schools did really well but it was ETC who had the largest team who looked the strongest in this technical sport.

After the competitive events the students went on to enjoy body boarding and windsurfing.

At the end of the day there was the Prize Giving and the ETC girls team came equal first with Ringmer School and our boys team came in third place.

All the students had a great day and many of them are going to join the kids club at Spray Water Park to continue their sailing and windsurfing experience. This is a great indicator that the day was a success.

Students taking part were Cherie Fullerton (Capt), Heidi Jabbari, Jessica Capon, Ashleigh Riddler, Jessica Cooper, Abbie Corke, Adam Mc Gowan, Matthew Woodward, Daniel Gill, Jordan Spooner(Capt) Oysnn Parks and Dean Hall.

A big thank you needs to go to Sarah Reed who was a constant source of encouragement and did a fine job looking after the ETC crew once on dry land.

Richard Ellis (Sports Co-ordinator)

On Monday 12th July eight year 8 students went to St Richard's Catholic College to listen to Johnny Ball give a lecture on Maths and Science. This formed part of the Gifted and Talented enrichment programme. As most adults will remember from his television programmes, Johnny is a very passionate and inspirational speaker. He made it clear to all the students how important Maths and Science are in the world and that they have the ability within them to succeed but must choose to be educated and educate themselves in order to do so. He also made the interesting point that 30% of the jobs that will be available to them in the future haven't even been created yet because technology is constantly evolving.

A lot of the topics he covered were extremely fascinating and need to be looked at in depth. So, for those of you who have an interest in Maths and Science, you might want to Google the following and impress your teachers with your new found knowledge:

The Fibonacci sequence

Isaac Newton and the law of gravity

Golden ratio

Egyptian pyramids and mathematics

Thank you to the students involved for being on your best behaviour and making sure your uniform looked perfect! These students were:

Max Hay

Luka Djordjevic

Reggie Smith

Jordan Bateman

Aaron Saunders

Lee Schooling

Abbie Corke

Gemma Young



Miss Delgado

G&T coordinator