

# E.T.C. Newsletter

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## HIGHEST GCSE RESULTS IN THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY!



We were delighted to see the results of Year 11 students rise to the highest ever result for the Government's 5A\* to C GCSE indicator (including English and Maths) and the second highest ever results for 5A\* to C GCSE with all other subjects.

This shows a progress level which puts ETC in the top few percent of schools in the country because students made such a lot of progress while they were here. In assemblies this week, I asked students which was the better achievement; a student who comes into the College at a grade B in Year 7 who ends up at a grade B in Year 11, or a student who comes in at an F and gets a C by Year 11. Almost everyone said it was the one who improved who had done better, and that is how I think we should see the ETC results in comparison with other schools. A good school is one that helps its students to make excellent progress, not just one that gets them to the expected levels.

The new term has started very well and the uniform looks fantastic!

Parents, neighbours and students have commented on how smart our students look as they walk to school, and they feel better themselves. Here are some of the things they said to me about the new uniform:

"It makes me feel like I am going to work like an adult." (Year 8 student)

"It is much better than what we wore at primary school." (Year 7 student)

"Why can't we wear the new uniform? The little ones look smarter than us!" (Year 10 student)

This good start relies on us all working together to ensure that the uniform is kept up and that the children wear it correctly, especially in keeping their shirts tucked in and doing up the collars and ties properly, and I am grateful to all the parents who made sure that their children were ready for the new school year. Can I please ask you to make sure that children have their names in their uniform, especially the blazers as we do not want them to lose them?

Thank you,

Keith Pailthorpe



# Modern Foreign Languages Department



A note from the Modern Foreign Languages department to parents/carers,

The MFL words of the week will be published in the newsletter every week. These must be learnt in addition to any other homework published in the school calendar for MFL.

We ask you to support us in encouraging your child to establish a routine so that these words are learnt, as they are a vital element to progression in MFL.

Merci – Gracias – Thank you!

MFL Department

## MFL WORDS OF THE WEEK.

**SPANISH - Week commencing 7th September, 2009**



### YEAR 8

Hola	Adiós	Buenos días	Buenas tardes
Buenas noches	¿Qué tal?	Bien	Gracias
Me llamo	¿Y tú?		

### YEAR 9

pero	bastante	padre	madre	alto
los ojos	el pelo	pequeño(a)	moreno	rubio

# MFL WORDS OF THE WEEK.

FRENCH - Week commencing 7th September, 2009



## YEAR 7

Bonjour  
J'ai  
Merci

Au revoir  
Et toi?  
Bien

Salut  
Comment

Je m'appelle  
Ça va?

## YEAR 8

La France  
La Suisse  
Le Maroc  
Les États-Unis

La Grande Bretagne  
La Guadeloupe  
Le Sénégal

La Belgique  
Le Canada  
L'Angleterre

## YEAR 9

la tête      la jambe  
le pied      le nez

la bouche  
les yeux

le dos  
les dents

le ventre  
les oreilles



## UNIFORM

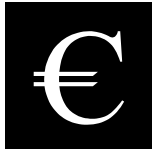
Please note it is essential to name all items of uniform.

## Events Planner 2009 - 2010

Week	Date	Event
1	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>INSET DAY 1</b> First day of term for all students – Y7 only 8.40am in the Hall, other 9.40am Year 7 - 11.20 - 12.00pm East Sussex Music Service Recital
2	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept  Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept  Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	College Starts Y10 Photos - Turing Y10 Photos – Somerville 4.00pm East Sussex Music Service Recital Y10 Photos – Brunel Y10 Photos – Faraday Y7 Photos start
3	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	CATS Tests CATS Tests <b>INSET DAY 2</b>
4	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	TRIP - Aim Higher 'Create the Future' Y9 + Y10
5	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	PSHEE Day 1 - Y7 day 1 - Alternative timetable operates 11.20 - 1.20 Glyndebourne Workshop – Hall 6.00 - 8.00pm Celebration of Achievement Evening
6	Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct  Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y6 OPEN EVENING – School Closes 1.20pm Y6 Open Morning 9-11am TRIP - Perf Arts/Drama mentor time onwards – Wicked 2.30-3.30pm PE School Council National Poetry Day - Visiting Poet to work with Yr 7
7	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Maths Yr 11 Mock Examination papers 1 & 2 Science Mock GCSE examination SDC Eastbourne Open Evening
8	Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	English Intervention Day Yr 11 p1 – 4 5.30pm - 7.30p Y7 Subject Teachers' Parents' Evening (settling in) Maths Intervention Day Yr 11 p1 – 4
	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Autumn Break
9	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	SDC Eastbourne Open Evening Mathematics Paper 1 GCSE Exam SDC Development day (no College)
10	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov  Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov  Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	English Paper 1 GCSE Exam (am) TRIP - Y9 Engineering Diploma Maths Paper 2 GCSE Exam (am) TRIP - Y9 Hospitality Diploma English Paper 2 GCSE Exam (am)
11	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov  Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov  Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	GCSE Exam - Science Y9, 10, 11 TRIP - Y7 Lewes Castle. TRIP - Y7 Lewes Castle. GCSE Exam - Science Y9, 10, 11 TRIP - Y7 Lewes Castle. <b>INSET DAY 3</b> GCSE Exam - Science Y9, 10, 11 TRIP - Y7 Lewes Castle.
12	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Taster Day SDC 6pm Former Yr 11 Certificate Tea Party 2.30-3.30pm PE School Council <b>INSET DAY 4</b>
13	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	SDC Y11 Parents Evening this week PSHEE Day 2 Y8 Team Building, alternative timetable Mock Exam - Y11 Spanish Speaking Mock Exam - Y11 French Speaking TRIP – French Dept.
14	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec  Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Get Smart Week SDC Y10 Parents Evening Rehearsal for Carol concert 7.30pm Carols By Candlelight Rehearsal for Carol Concert 7.30pm Christmas Concert Academic Review Day
15	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y 11 Mocks all week practical and written - please note no study leave TRIP - Perf Arts/Drama Y9 + 10 p5 - Pantomime. School finishes 1.20pm
	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Christmas Break

16	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	PSHEE Day 3 Y9 Careers Convention. Alternative timetable
17	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	TRIP - Y8 Southall TRIP - Y8 Southall Diploma Exam am - Engineering ENG201
18	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2.30-3.30pm PE School Council Wealden Skills Centre tour Y9 College Open Evening, Eastbourne
19	Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	5.30 - 7.30 pm Year 9 Preferences & Parents Evening SDC Lewes Tour Y9 Wealden Skills Centre Open Evening
20	Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	SDC Lewes Y9 Open Evening
21	Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SDC Development Day (no College) 5.30 - 7.30pm Y11 Subject teachers - parents' evening Mock exam - Y9 Short course D+T
	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>February Break</b>
22	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>INSET Day 5</b> 7.00 pm Prom Fashion Show
23	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar  Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	ETC Annual Book Week Launch - events every day GCSE Exam am - Science Y9, 10, 11. Mock Exam - Spanish Speaking Y10 GCSE Exam am - Science Y9, 10, 11. Mock Exam - French Speaking Y10 GCSE Exam am - Science Y9, 10, 11.
24	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar  Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y10 Mock Exams Y10 Mock Exams Y10 Mock Exams Y10 Mock Exams PSHEE Day 4 - Y7. Alternative timetable Y10 Mock Exams Y9 College applications deadline
25	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar  Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Performing Arts GCSE AQA Unit 2/4 Performing Arts GCSE AQA Unit 2/4 2.30-3.30pm PE School Council Performing Arts GCSE AQA Unit 2/4 Performing Arts GCSE AQA Unit 2/4 5.30 - 7.30pm Y8 Subject teacher- parents' evening Performing Arts GCSE AQA Unit 2/4
26	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar  Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	GCSE Drama Moderation Interviews for Y9 college courses start GCSE Drama Moderation
27	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Rehearsal - Movement and Interactive Cluster Showcase 7.00 - 9.00pm Movement and Interactive Cluster Showcase Performance
	Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Easter Break</b>
28	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Student Supporter application forms available Y10 Subject teacher parents evening 5.30 - 7.30pm Prefect application forms available
29	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	VOC EX - Alternative timetable – all week
30	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> May Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> May Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> May Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY PE School Council 2.30 - 3.30pm 7pm Yr 11 Graduation Evening TRIP - Y10 Humanities
31	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> May Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> May  Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> May Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Prefect training Y10 GCSE season begins Functional Skills Exam am- English L1+L2 Functional Skills Exam am - Maths non calculator Functional Skills Exam am - Maths calculator
32	Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> May  Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> May  Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> May Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSE Exams - Humanities am, RE pm Diploma Exam am – Eng TRIP - Y7 Drusillas. TRIP - Y7 Drusillas. GCSE Exam am - Science Y9, 10, 11 pm PE TRIP - Y7 Drusillas.-

<b>33</b>	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Eastbourne Schools' Shakespeare Festival (16th) Week
	Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSE Exam pm - Spanish Listening
	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSE Exam am - English Literature pm – Humanities
	Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSE Exam am - Science Y9,10,11
	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May	pm - DT 4576+3544 GCSE Exam am - Spanish Reading GCSE Exams am - Science Y9, 10,11
	<b>Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>May Break</b>
<b>34</b>	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> June	GCSE exam am D&T 4557 Y9 pm Maths non-calculator
	Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> June	SDC Y10 Parents Evening GCSE Exam am – English
	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y10 Taster Day – Park
	Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> June	GCSE Exam - pm Science Y9, Y10, Y1
	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> June	GCSE Exam - pm French Listening GCSE Exam - am Maths Calculator
<b>35</b>	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> June	GCSE Exam - am English paper 2 am French reading
	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> June	SDC Lewes Celebration evening
	Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> June	GCSE Exam - am Science Y9, 10, 11
	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> June	TRIP - Y9 Humanities Coastal TRIP - Y9 Humanities Coastal
<b>36</b>	Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	GCSE Exam -am Drama Written
	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	GCSE Exam - pm DT 4547 + 3542 SDC Development Day - no college
	Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> June	GCSE Exam am Citizenship pm Science Y9,10,11
<b>37</b>	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> June	SDC Induction day for new Y10
	Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> June	SDC Eastbourne Celebration Evening Year 6 Taster Day & Parents Evening
	Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> July	GCSE Exam - pm Media
	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	PE School Council 2.30 - 3.30pm PSHEE Day 5 Y10 Enterprise - Alternative Timetable SDC End of term
<b>38</b>	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Field Events
	Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Field Event
	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y10 Taster Day - EVOC
	Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Field Events
	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Field Events Y10 Taster Day - Lewes Sports Day – Park College – Alternative timetable 7pm Yr 11 Prom
<b>39</b>	Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Rehearsal for Show
	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Show
	Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Show
	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Show
<b>40</b>	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> July	TRIP – Y10
	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> July Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Summer Break
	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	INSET DAY
	Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	First day of term for all students



**European Day of Languages**  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
**European Buffet**



Come and sample some typical European foods that you may never have tried before!

We'll be serving them up in the Hall on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September at lunchtime.

Only 30 tickets available, so first come, first served.



£1.30 from Mel Hopkins in room 49 of The Octagon.



**European Day of Languages**  
**Year 7 Fancy Dress Competition**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, we are celebrating the European Day of Languages. As part of this, we would like any creative year 7s to take part in a fancy dress competition in the Hall at lunchtime. Winners will get a prize! You will need to dress up in a traditional European costume. There are lots of ideas for this on the internet!

Please DO NOT wear the costume to school.

Bring it in a bag and you can get changed in the Hall before the competition starts.

Please give your name to Miss Delgado in room 45 if you are interested in taking part.

**YEAR 7 CAT TESTS**  
**MONDAY 14 & TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2009**

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT) is an assessment of a range of reasoning skills. The tests look at reasoning with three types of symbols: words, numbers and shapes or figures, i.e. verbal, quantitative and non-verbal reasoning.

Each test last no longer than 20 minutes, with short breaks in-between. Students will spend either Monday or Tuesday next week sitting the various tests during the morning. A Timetable has been issued to all students giving details of their day and seat number.

Equipment will be provided. Students are allowed to bring a drink into the venue, which must be bottled water.

Scores from these tests are used to determine future targets covering KS3 and KS4 (GCSE.) The scores are not reported to students and parents, but targets are reported separately during termly reports.