

# E.T.C. Newsletter

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## Celebration of Achievement

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October we are holding our Annual Celebration of Achievement in the School Hall at 6pm. This year we are trying a completely different style of evening, much more like a Television Awards Evening and we hope this will be a rewarding evening for all those who attend.

Students have been nominated for different prizes, and thanks to generous sponsorship from a large number of local companies and enterprises, every child nominated will receive a medal, a free football ticket for Eastbourne Borough and a small prize bag.

On the night we will open gold envelopes to announce the winner of each prize (a well-kept secret at the moment!) and those children will get even bigger prizes. Our local MP will be joining staff, students and parents for the evening.

## Open Evening

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, we are holding our Open Evening for new parents to visit the College to see whether they would like to send their children here. It is an extremely important event and many current students will be asked to come into school (in full uniform please) to help show the type of work we are doing here and to help greet the visitors. As a result, please note that lessons will finish at 1.20 pm allowing for the rooms to be set up for the visitors.

The future of the College always depends on how many families choose us, and this affects the amount of money that is available for spending across the school. The higher results, the new uniform and the behaviour of the students have all improved noticeably this year, and we need other parents to get this message, so I thank those who regularly stand up for ETC. It is a good school and the more people who realise this, the better it will be.

## MUFTI Day for Breast Cancer – Wear Something Pink

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, we will be holding a non-uniform day in aid of Breast Cancer. All staff and students are being asked to pay at least a pound to the charity and to wear something pink on that day to show support for the campaign. Students in Communities chose the charity this year that they wish to support. If parents would like to add any donations to what the College can raise for this charity then they can send them to our Finance Office and we will pass the payments on in our total.

## The Choir Comes to ETC

The inspirational Gareth Malone from BBC's *The Choir* visited ETC on Wednesday to drum up recruits for a workshop he will be giving at the school next week where he will be looking for enthusiastic singers to take part in Glyndebourne's forthcoming youth opera *Knight Crew*. Gareth's visits to the school are being filmed by the BBC as part of the next series of *The Choir*. Over sixty ETC students have already signed up for a place in the workshop and a chance to become stars on both stage and screen.

Thank you,

Keith Pailthorpe



## CLASS OF 2010 YEARBOOK



Permission sought – important answer received.

Dear Year 11, Parents/Guardians,

This is it, the final school year, when all the studying comes to a climax! Friendships change, sometimes forever, and old friends can become forgotten over time. To help recall the fun times at ETC we produce a book full of pictures and comments. The aim is to create a wonderful keepsake capturing school life over the past five years, including clubs, activities, graduation and the Prom. All year 11 are asked for contributions, such as their own individual photograph and group pictures for consideration. (They will, however, be screened by us before they are allowed to go to print. Sadly not all will make it).

The purpose of this letter is to ensure that you have no objection for a named, individual photograph to be included – it need not be the school photograph if another head and shoulder shot is provided by the end of December. If you do have an objection your son/daughter's picture will still appear but without a name. If you are concerned about this at all, please contact me to discuss it. This book is not for public viewing or sale and will not be printed or collected until the students have left, so it would be a shame not to have these photographs to look back at in the future. Even the printers are fully aware of the need for discretion – we have worked with them for several years and have not had cause for concern.

We need to know your wishes. This year we are doing things differently, previously we have sent an opt out letter, this time we would like your permission to have an individual photograph with first and last name beneath in the Class of 2010 yearbook. We would be grateful if you could reply quickly so that progress can be made on compiling the book. At the end of this term all remaining pupils will be automatically included in the Yearbook without a name as stated above. I think you will appreciate that this could cause some confusion in the future when names become fuzzy.

Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

Kind regards

*Mrs E Weston*

On behalf of the ETC Editors

Mrs E Weston

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To: Mrs E Weston regarding the Class of 2010 yearbook.

I am happy to allow my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ be named in his/her book under the provisions mentioned in the attached letter.

From: Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

## **2010 YEARBOOK COMPETITION - OPEN TO ALL YEAR 11 ONLY!**

20p entry - as many entries as you wish! Can't draw? Write out a plan of what could go where and your ideas could get used.

Winners name on final printed book cover for posterity! £5 prize.

What it needs:

Colours.

A4 size.

ETC logo - can be added later

Class of 2010 OR 2005-2010

Your name on reverse.

The most creative ones will be judged. The best will be voted on. No names visible this stage - please ensure names are ON THE BACK

Closing date: End of Term 1.

Get moving year 11! Last year a year 9 won - a year 11 tweaked it but didn't win! (Sorry, can't happen again, Year 11 only).

Please either leave entries in my pigeon hole or in Resource Centre (not during Mentor time please)

Mrs E Weston

Examples are in Resource Centre or can be found on [www.book-builder.co.uk](http://www.book-builder.co.uk)  
Great example attached! p.s. if another artist's work is used, their name must be evident!

## An introduction to the Year 7 Learning Journey

1. Students will be taught for half their week by just one or two teachers.
2. The teachers will be concentrating on the teaching of skills.
3. The 6 Skills to be taught and practiced are: Independent Enquiry, Team Working, Self Managing a Challenge, Creative Problem Solving, Evaluating their performance and Engagement over an issue.
4. The students will be assessed on all 6 skills using a “3 level” scheme.
5. Students will still have some English, Maths, Science, DT, P.E, Art, Music and Language lessons. The subject teacher will assess their National Curriculum levels in these.
6. Humanities, Drama and ICT will all be covered totally in the Learning Journeys and the Learning Journeys teacher will assess the levels for these.
7. The Learning Journeys course will be taught in 7 groups approximately 20 – 22 mixed ability students.
8. The course will be very practical with as much learning outside the classroom as possible and an emphasis on active rather than passive learning.
9. The units of work have been written by us (unlike some schools who have bought in schemes) and are based on the student as a local, national and international citizen.

### Why we changed

1. Historically many of the skills students develop at primary school are not continued at secondary where content has traditionally been the focus.
2. Only having one or two teachers for half their timetable will be a half way house between primary and secondary school and therefore help with transition.
3. The 6 skills being developed will allow students to measure their skills development and prepare them better to study for the rest of Key Stage 3 and for G.C.S.E's and diplomas.
4. The course will be much more personalized to the students needs, rates of progress and talents.
5. At the end of Year 7 we are confident the students will have: higher self esteem, higher aspirations, greater ability to work with others, respect for others, opinions which they are able to express, a greater preponderance to take risks and better functional skills in Maths, English and ICT.

Mr Roberts – Head of year 7 learning journey

‘Any parent who would like to discuss it further please contact Mr Roberts’



Modern Foreign Languages  
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# MFL WORDS OF THE WEEK.

**SPANISH** - Week commencing 21st September, 2009



## YEAR 8

tener (tengo)  
un libro

una mochila  
un cuaderno

una regla  
un sacapuntas

una goma  
un estuche

un agenda  
un bolígrafo

## YEAR 9

Familia  
tía

hijo único (hija única)  
primo

abuela  
prima

abuelo  
padrastro

tío  
madrastra

# MFL WORDS OF THE WEEK.

FRENCH - Week commencing 21st September, 2009



## YEAR 7

habiter  
mardi  
samedi

où  
mercredi  
dimanche

Bienvenue  
jeudi

lundi  
vendredi

## YEAR 8

il y a du soleil  
il fait beau

il pleut      il neige  
il fait mauvais

## YEAR 9

le petit déjeuner  
quelquefois

le déjeuner  
toujours

le repas      tous  
de temps en temps

jamais  
manger

boire