

## Fortnightly bulletin, Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### Fortnightly Round Up

A warm welcome back to school for all scholars after what I hope was a relaxing half term holiday. I am pleased to report that over the half term, we continued with our school improvement planned works which included further upgrades to our fire door system and the next phases of the D2 corridor has been fully repainted. On the last day of the half term, Mr Schleising conducted a live Golden Ticket draw to celebrate the outstanding work and effort so many of our scholars have completed over the half term and we are looking forward to extending this further over this next half term.



### Uniform reminder

I would like to remind all parents and carers that as we approach the colder months, scholars should come to school with a waterproof coat. Hoodies are not to be brought to school as they are not part of our uniform and do not provide any protection from wet and windy weather. Similarly, hats and caps should not be worn during the academy day. From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, any scholars wearing hoodies during the school day will have these confiscated. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Attendance

The start of the academy day is 8.35am and we open the gates at 8.25am to ensure a prompt start. All scholars should arrive at the bike shed entrance before 8.35am. Any child arriving after 8.35am should proceed to the main entrance and a 'late' sanction will be given.

### Attendance Update - Autumn Half Term 1

We have had 218 students achieve a fantastic 100% attendance for this half term. This is around 30% of our student population. We also had a further 161 students achieve above 96% for this half term. These make up over 50% of our students and is a great start to the new academic year.

A big well done to all of them – there will be postcards coming home from their Tutors to recognise this.

As we all know, missed school time can have a detrimental effect on students and as such, we encourage good attendance. If you wish to discuss your child's attendance, you can contact our Attendance Officer directly at [julie.keane@astreaernulf.org](mailto:julie.keane@astreaernulf.org)

## Safeguarding

Home Office updating the law to also make possession of nitrous oxide illegal, unless for a legitimate reason, making it a Class C drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

It will be a criminal offence to be found in possession of the drug where it's intended use is to be inhaled for psychoactive effects, or 'to get high'.

From 8 November, those found in unlawful possession will face either an unlimited fine, a visible community punishment, or a caution - which would appear on their criminal record - and for repeat serious offenders, a prison sentence of up to two years.

The penalty for supply or production will double, to up to 14 years in prison.

Please see further information via this government link -

<https://homeofficemedia.blog.gov.uk/2023/10/18/media-fact-sheet-nitrous-oxide-ban/>

## Job Opportunities

We have some new roles available at Ernulf Academy, including Apprentice Operations Assistant, which is a great opportunity for someone who is looking to take their first career steps and enthusiastic about learning beneficial skills in a supportive workplace. –

<https://bit.ly/EACareersTESNov2023>

Visit the link on our school website or visit the TES website to read the full job descriptions and to apply.

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**Start your career today!**  
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## APPRENTICE OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

Apply now for our Apprentice Operations Assistant role and learn all about the effective running of a secondary school.

Kick start your career, learn new skills and get hands on experience whilst building on your qualifications.



## Careers

The Careers curriculum is taking off at Ernulf!

Y11 students wowed employers before the October holidays with their ability to be professional and communicate well in their mock interviews. We have 17 different employers in over the two days. Scholars had 15-minute slots to answer interview questions and were given feedback on their performance.

Coming up we have a range of opportunities, we have Comberton College coming in to speak to the Y11 students about next steps regarding A-Levels and BTECs. The construction company SKANSKA are coming into school to give two assemblies, they will be delivering a workshop to our Year 7 scholars on road safety and delivering an assembly to Y11 scholars about apprenticeship and working in construction. We also have the 16th of November our Careers Fair, this is open to Year 9, Year 10, and Year 11 scholars. This is to allow them to meet a variety of post 16 providers ranging from the vocational routes like the military services to academic routes such as university providers. In



the meantime, all students have access to an online platform called Morrisby, this has a wealth of personalised information and guidance about future careers prospects that can be explored.



Finally, we have launched our Duke of Edinburgh's Award at the academy. Sessions run on both weeks and change every A week. This is so that Y10 and Y11 scholar can attend both their session 6 lesson and don't miss out on expedition skills content.

Scholars will be allocated a place and taught how to use eDofE – the award's online data collection platform.

The upcoming session are:

Session	Week A	Week B
eDofE Introduction	7 <sup>th</sup> November	14 <sup>th</sup> November
First Aid Foundation	21 <sup>st</sup> November	28 <sup>th</sup> November
First Aid Advanced	5 <sup>th</sup> December	12 <sup>th</sup> December
Countryside Code	19 <sup>th</sup> December	After half term

#### Advance notices and upcoming events

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Year 11 mock exams begin
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Year 11 mock exams continue
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Year 11 careers fair (further details to follow)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Staff Development Day and the Academy is closed to scholars
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – end of term

#### Subjects

##### Design Technology

This half term our KS3 scholars have been planning and preparing to make a range of projects. Year 7 are designing and making phone holders, Year 8's are making clocks using Plywood and Acrylic and the Year 9's are using CAD/CAM to make a tealight holder.

The Year 10 GCSE Design Technology scholars have also been busy creating LED lamps using 2D Design and a range of resistant materials. The Year 11 Engineering scholars continue with their coursework and have just completed a product disassembly and will be planning to make a lamp from a working drawing and specification.

We are also very pleased to welcome a new member of staff to the Technologies Mr Engelbrecht. Mr Engelbrecht recently relocated to the UK from South Africa. He has been involved in the teaching of Technology and Design related subjects at secondary and tertiary level for more than 20 years. He is very passionate about education in general and Design and Technology education in particular.

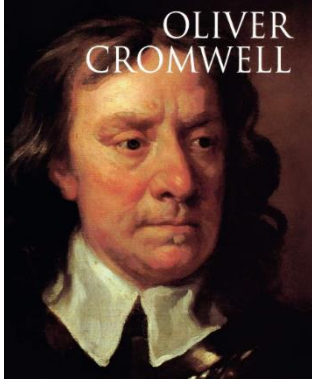
##### Science

Scholars and teachers of the science department have been busy in consolidating the habits of effective learning in science. Year 7 have settled in well and are now learning science conceptual concepts such Forces and Energy. Years 8, 9, 10 have been establishing their routines for effective learning and many are thinking of their future pathways linked to science. We would like to wish year 11 the best of luck for their November Mock exams. Year 11 have been working hard to prepare for their exams.

Fun Fact For Science Week...

## The Milky Way Galaxy is 105,700 light-years wide!

### History



In our history lesson we have started our new topics. Year 7 Scholars have finished looking at the Anglo-Saxon era and will be moving on to the Norman Conquest. Scholars will explore the events that took place during 1066. They will assess Bayeux Tapestry and see what we can learn from the detailed source. In Year 8, we are learning about the English Civil War. So far, we have looked at why tensions were rising between Charles I and Parliament. This is a very important bit of our local history as Oliver Cromwell, the leader of the Parliamentarians was only born in Huntingdon! Year 9 scholars are studying the abolitionist movement. This builds on from our Transatlantic Slavery unit, where scholars learnt the story of the slave trade through the voices of historians.

In KS4, we are looking at two of our most interesting GCSE topics. Year 10 are currently on their Medicine unit. This is our breath study spanning just under 2000 years of history. We have looked at the horrors of medieval medicine to the changing ideas of Renaissance medicine. Year 11 are on to their depth study, Superpower Relations. This is a smaller aspect of history, focusing on the events and impacts of the Cold War. Throughout both courses we have built in exam practice questions, where students have been given chances to look at past papers and exam questions. We aim to help build confidence with extended answers.

We also have the upcoming Battlefields trip, March 6th to 8th 2024. For those taking part final payments are due at the end of the half term – December 15th. We will be holding a parents evening soon to let parents know about the logistics of this trip, along with a few after school sessions to help prep the students for the trip. Details about these will be sent out by the end of next week.



### Maths

There are new due dates for Sparx Maths. Scholars have already been made aware via their tutors or in Maths lessons, but please ensure they are aware.

After half term, your Sparx Maths due in dates are changing

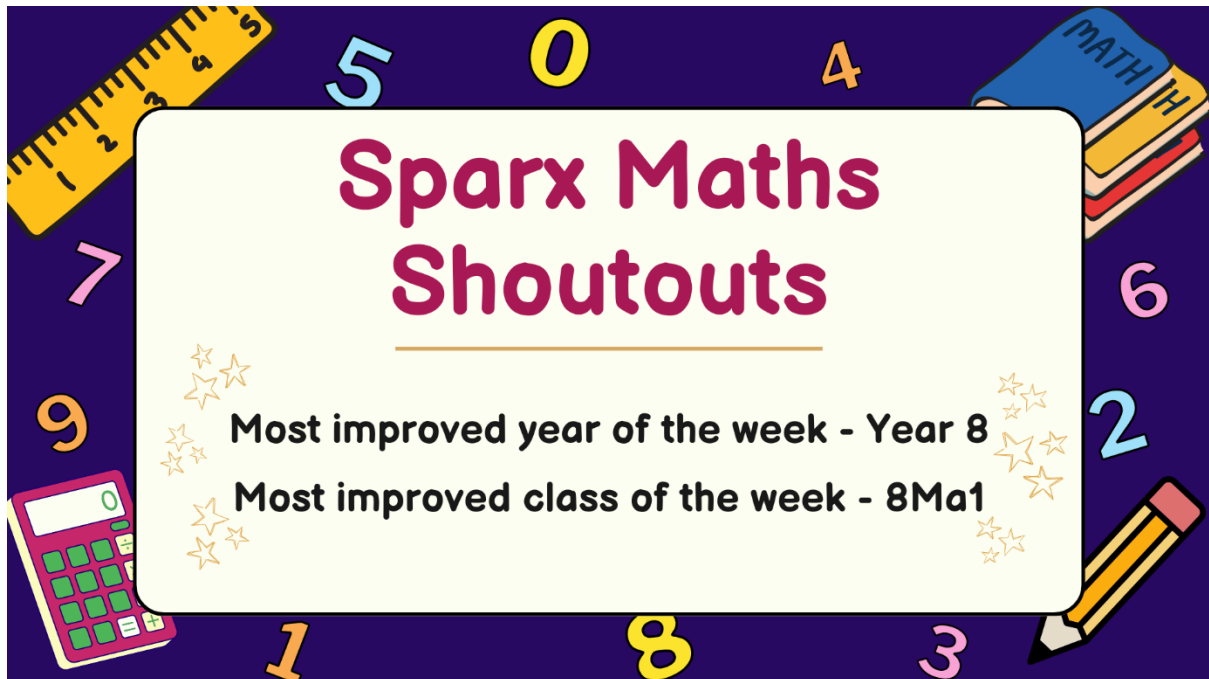
<u>KS3</u>	<u>KS4</u>
Sparx Maths will be due in every <u>Friday</u>	Sparx maths will be due in Every <u>Monday</u>

More information to why we are doing this will be shared with you in a maths lesson on your first week back.

In the meantime, please feel free to email Mr Hemming at; [Edward.Hemming@astreaernulf.org](mailto:Edward.Hemming@astreaernulf.org) if you have any questions.



We have also had a great outcome for our Year 8 scholars with last week's Sparx Maths results announcement. Well done to all our Year 8 students and a **big shout out to class 8Ma1**.



## PE

Well done to the Year 7 Girls Netball teams who competed in the District Netball Competition on Wednesday 18th October. The scholars were a real credit to the school and played brilliantly with one of the teams finishing in 3rd place.



A reminder that Year 11 mock exams start from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, these will run for the next two weeks. The timetable will be attached within the email should you need to refer to it. If you have any questions regarding mock exams, please get in touch with Head of Year 11 and Head of Key Stage 4, Mr T Crook – [Thomas.crook@astreaernulf.org](mailto:Thomas.crook@astreaernulf.org).

We wish all our Year 11 scholars huge amounts of luck in advance.

We hope everyone enjoys their weekend and we look forward to another great week at Ernulf Academy!

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mr. Neesam". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mr M Neesam  
Principal

