

## Fortnightly bulletin, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### Fortnightly Round Up

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, we welcomed over 700 members of our community into school for our annual Year 6 Open Evening. The evening was an overwhelming success and we are now welcoming daily tours for prospective pupils to join our school. I would like to thank all the volunteers who supported our school during Open Evening and the staff who showcased the very best the school has to offer. On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, we welcomed local town councillor and Mayor Rob Simonis to the academy. Having never visited the academy before, he was delighted to see purposeful and engaging lessons and clear improvements in response to the OFSTED report.

### 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. 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.

### ParentPay

A polite reminder that we operate a cashless catering system. Our Admin team have sent registration information to all our new parents and carers. Thank you to everyone who has activated their child's account. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the main school office: [office@astreaernulf.org](mailto:office@astreaernulf.org)

### Catering

A polite reminder that if your child has any medical requirements, allergies or lifestyle choices that you please fill out the alternative menu form and either hand in to reception or send to the office email inbox – [office@astreaernulf.org](mailto:office@astreaernulf.org). This information will be placed on scholar files and communication with both the kitchen staff and our first aid team, where appropriate.

### Advance notices and upcoming events

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Year 11 revision evening
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Year 11 Post-16 interviews
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – APDR meetings with tutors for SEN scholars

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – end of the half term
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – return to school for all scholars
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Year 11 mock exams begin

### Job Opportunities

We have some new and exciting job opportunities at Ernulf Academy, including Apprentice Operations Assistant, which is a great opportunity for any one within the St Neots community, or wider, who is looking for a first step into their career. Visit the below link to view the Apprentice Operations Assistant role directly.

[Job profile \(webitrent.com\)](#)

Or, check out the other jobs we currently have available - [Search results for ernulf jobs worldwide | Tes.](#)

### Uniform Swap Shop

After a successful debut earlier in the year, we are proud to again be able to offer our Uniform Swap Shop for parents and carers. If you have any Ernulf Academy uniform that is still in a good condition which your child no longer needs, we ask if you would kindly donate to the school. This uniform will help to support other families within our community who can come in and swap their children's uniform that no longer fits for something of a bigger size. If you do have uniform to donate, please bring it to the main office. A thank you as well to parents and carers who have already donated since the summer holidays, your support is hugely appreciated.

Our next Swap Shop will take place at the academy on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 3.05pm – 5.00pm. Please follow the link to book your time slot - <https://forms.office.com/e/VRZxZNMhJ>

### Safeguarding

Next week the St. Neots Neighbourhood Team are hosting drop-in sessions within our community. These will give the opportunity to find out more and ask questions on various topics. The St. Neots Policing Team is welcoming everyone to join them for the following sessions:

- On **Tuesday** (17 October) between 10am and 12pm we will be at **Barclays Bank** in High Street, St Neots, offering fraud advice.
- On **Thursday** (19 October) between 10am and 2pm we will be at **Market Square** in St Neots for a partnership event. This will be excellent opportunity for local residents to engage and meet with various social housing providers: Places For People, BPHA (Loves Farm), Cross Keys Homes (Wintringham), HDC, Cambs Fire and police.
- On **Friday** (20 October) between 1pm and 2pm we will be at **Ferro Lounge** in High Street, St Neots for our "Coffee with a Cop" event where you can address any concerns you may have with the neighbourhood policing team.

Please also see attached the most current edition of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter, covering topics such as cannabis edibles, road safety for pedestrian and cyclists and the NSPCC and Childline 'Report Remove' collaboration programme for under 18's.



## Meet the Tutor

This Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October we held a successful blended face to face and online Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening. It was wonderful to see and hear such positive feedback from tutors on how year 7 scholars have positivity transitioned from primary to secondary school. Thank you to parents and carers who attended these appointments to build the strong relationship between school and home. If you were unable to attend please make contact with your child's tutor via contacting the school office or emailing them directly to arrange a time to discuss.

## Careers

We have been very active in careers this half term to ensure that Year 11's are supported in making decisions with their next steps. We are keen for all students to be able to research possible career paths as soon as possible and so have launched our Morrisby platform for all scholars years 7-11 to explore. With a focus on Year 11 post-16 applications coming soon, here are a list of things we have started to put in place to support each of our scholars.

## Y11 Mock Interviews

Interviews are spread across two days – Tues 17<sup>th</sup> and Weds 18<sup>th</sup> October

You will be given an allotted time by your form tutor

You will have to leave your lesson 5 minutes BEFORE your interview time.

Interviews will take place in the library. You will enter from the computer room side.

You will sit in the waiting area until your interviewer is ready.



You can also find out your interview times on posters around school.

Reception  
Canteen  
Library  
PA

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October:

Revision evening to help you achieve the grades you need for your next steps. Remember your mock exams will be used to inform your predicted grades which are needed for your applications.

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November:

Assembly delivered by **Comberton Sixth Form** to discuss A levels and Higher Education pathways.

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November:

Careers Fair (after school) - a chance for you to meet all of the local Sixth Forms, apprenticeship providers and employers.

### End of November/early December:

PD lessons on how to write a CV, different types of employment at 16 and apprenticeships.

### 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December:

Tutor time sessions in computer rooms to complete your post-16 applications. The deadline for most applications is early January.

## Subjects

### PE

The start of the new academic year has brought about fantastic attendance at PE clubs. It has been particularly inspiring to see the high number of girls that have been attending after school football on a weekly basis. Rugby club has been a growing success with numbers in year 7 and 8 growing each week. A reminder that all students are welcome to attend the after school clubs on offer and this comes with no cost and no requirement to sign up.

We start our first round of fixtures today (13<sup>th</sup> October) with a group of year 7 girls traveling to Cambourne town FC to take part in a South Cambs schools 7 a-side football tournament. Our year 7 girls will be taking part in their first netball tournament next Wednesday where they will compete against other schools in the Huntingdonshire district. More fixtures to come after the half term break.

### PE Reminders:

A reminder that any student who is unable to take part in PE is required to bring a note to their lessons to hand to their teacher, emails sent into school may not make it to the PE teacher in time for the lesson or be seen prior to the lesson. Students who are unable to take part are also required to bring their PE kit with them and still get changed, unless there are certain circumstances preventing them getting changed, e.g. a broken arm.

### Maths

A big shout out to all our Year 8 students who have shown amazing scholarship and been awarded with the below Sparx Maths awards for this week.

## **Most Improved Year Group and Most Improved Class: 8Ma1**

### Media Studies

In Media Studies this half term Year 9 students have focused on media language, representation, film genre, connotation, and denotation. They have also analysed a music video in terms of stereotypes. Year 10 students have been introduced to designing film posters in Photoshop and exploring print adverts in terms of media language and representation. They have also been introduced to exam-style questions for analysing set media products. Year 11 students have been studying tabloids and broadsheets such as The Guardian and The Sun in terms of media language, representation, and context. They have also been making progress on their coursework, which consists of designing a magazine cover and double page spread.

We have just one more week left of this half term, and it is important that the focus and commitment from every scholar continues. I would like to confirm to all that our last day, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of October, is a full academy day and will run as normal, there will be no early finish.

I wish you all a lovely half term break from next week.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr M Neesam  
Principal

