

Fortnightly bulletin, Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Fortnightly Round Up

The past week has seen our Year 11 pupils embark on their final GCSE written papers. It has been a busy first week and the pupils have responded superbly to the demands of the examinations. Just by way of a reminder, each morning when there is an examination, the academy is open from 8.20am for a Year 11 breakfast with a pre-exam revision briefing at 8.30am. As the end of the half term approaches, we will be shortly publishing our revision timetable for sessions over the half term holiday.

I would also like to congratulate our Year 10 pupils who have now completed their end-of-year examinations. As a first full set of 'mock' examinations, pupils were introduced to the routines and regulations for public examinations. Furthermore, Year 10 pupils will begin a week of work experience on Monday 22nd May.

The next phase of our toilet refurbishment is well under way in the maths area. The first set of male toilets should be completed ready for after the half term holiday and then programme will move to the Humanities area. Please follow our social media to view updates of the work.

Staffing

As the academy continues to grow, there are a number of opportunities available including Higher Level Teaching Assistants. Please see the link below for the job role profile:

https://ce0218li.webitrent.com/ce0218li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?VACANCY_ID%3d282085DITe%1BUSESSION=AB68966485DE46720D581FAA0F8165BE&WVID=9718725LZY&LANG=USA

We are also recruiting for a Pastoral Support Officer to work with one of our year teams. For further information on the role, please click the link below:

https://ce0218li.webitrent.com/ce0218li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?VACANCY_ID%3d129763DVsx%1BUSESSION=7A9C2F667D3EBC5AC1BF63DE37B79028&WVID=9718725LZY&LANG=USA

Advance notices and upcoming events

- Friday 26th May is the last day of the half term
- Monday 5th June, the academy reopens after the half term holiday.
- Monday 22nd Friday 26th May is Year 10 work experience week.
- Thursday 8th June, Year 9 Duxford Trip.

Safeguarding update

Please see attached the May edition of the CCC Safer Schools Newsletter.

Personal Development update

Students will be learning about the following areas in their Personal Development lessons across the next fortnight.

Year 7: Celebrating Diversity & Equality – Prejudice and discrimination; multicultural Britain; nature vs nurture.

Year 8: Celebrating Diversity & Equality – Supporting friends in the LGBTQ+ community; equality and diversity.

Year 9: Staying Safe Online and Offline – Illegal drugs (magic mushrooms, LSD, MDMA, ecstasy, GHB); what is LSD?

Year 10: Celebrating Diversity & Equality – Supporting other countries with aid; the Times Up movement and gender equality; equality and diversity.

If you would like to discuss these topics in any further detail, particularly regarding the individual circumstances for your child, please contact Ms Payne (SLT Lead for Personal Development) or Miss Hartley (PD Co-Ordinator). The curriculum map is also available on the curriculum pages on the Academy website outlining the content to be studied in each lesson across the academic year.

Careers Update

Year 10 Work Experience

Next week, year 10 students will be spending the week at their work experience placements. All students have now had their final placements confirmed and had the opportunity this week to finalise any remaining details. If you have any outstanding questions regarding your child's work experience placement either now or during the week, please contact Miss Webber (brogan.webber@astreaernulf.org)

During their work experience placements, students are expected to arrive on time and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the values of Ernulf Academy. If students are unable to attend their placement on a particular day due to ill health, it is their responsibility to contact their employer to make them aware that they will be unable to attend. If this does happen, we would ask that parents/carers also report their child's absence to the school reception in the usual way. If there is an emergency whilst a student is on placement, employers have been advised to contact parents/carers directly as well as notifying the school.

In order to support our students to get the most out of work experience, students have been completing activities in tutor time this week designed to encourage them to think about workplace culture and the skills they may need for the week. They will also receive a visit or phone call from a member of staff at school during the week to ensure they are happy with their placement and that all is going well. Students have been asked to keep a work experience log during their placements, which they will need to return in tutor time on Monday 5th June for a final evaluation activity.

We hope our students have a useful, inspiring and productive week.

Year 10 Trip to Comberton Sixth Form

A selection of students from year 10 have been invited to attend a taster day at Comberton Sixth Form College on Friday 9th June. This trip is designed for students who are currently forecast to meet the Sixth Form entry requirements of five grade 5's and above in their GCSE's. The visit will provide students with an opportunity to see what life at Sixth Form look like and give them a taster of some of the subjects that could be on offer to them.

Students who are invited to attend this trip have had a short meeting to explain the details and the arrangements and how to register have been communicated to parents/carers directly from Miss Webber.



Year 9 Meet the Professionals Workshop

On Tuesday 23rd May, year 9 students will have the opportunity to take part in a 'Meet the Professionals' workshop. These workshops will help to develop students' understanding of the different job roles within a business; help make students aware of the many different pathways available to them post-16; and to encourage students to think further about their own career pathway.

Across the morning, students will have the opportunity to meet a range of professionals from different employment sectors in the local area, to hear about their current role and the career pathway leading to it and have a chance to ask them questions.

This workshop will take place for one hour during the morning on Tuesday 23rd May. All year 9 students should attend the Academy at the usual time with their equipment and in full uniform, and will be directed to their workshop at the relevant time. We hope they enjoy the opportunity to meet the visiting employers and find the session eye opening and rewarding.

Student Leadership

Respect Campaign Update

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week. This year, the focus of this week is anxiety. All people experience anxiety from time to time, but if your child feels that they are feeling anxious very regularly or that it is affecting their day to day lives, we encourage them to speak to the Head of Year or Pastoral Co-Ordinator in the first instance. Students can also use the student safeguarding email – staystafe@astreaernulf.org - if they wish to contact a member of the pastoral team. You can read more about strategies to support your child to manage feelings of anxiety [here](#).

To raise awareness about anxiety and the impact it can have, students have taken part in some tutor time activities focussing on managing anxiety. The crochet club have also made crochet sunflowers, green hearts and leaves. Our Respect Ambassadors have been selling these at lunch time to students for a small donation. All proceeds from this will be donated to CPSL Mind.

Eco-Committee Update

The Ernulf Academy eco-committee has continued to flourish, and we are incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm and energy of these students. This week, they have developed a litter picking rota, with 2 students coming out of form time each day to help make sure the site is clean and tidy as the day begins.

Members of the eco-committee have also been invited to attend a trip to the Waterbeach Waste Management plant, with a focus on plastic recycling. Following this, students will develop an action plan to increase the recycling levels back at school. Details of this trip have been communicated to parents/carers directly.

Can you help?

You may have noticed that we have recently added some hanging baskets and a recycled planter near the main entrance. As part of the Go Green strategy, the eco-committee would love to create further planting opportunities around the school site to grow flowers and vegetables. However, while we have some compost and seeds, we would really like some more! If any parents/carers have any spare gardening equipment (gloves, trowels etc), compost, plants or seeds that they would be willing to donate, they would be very warmly received. Please contact Ms Payne on cheney.payne@astreaernulf.org. Thank you for helping!

Celebrations

Cambridgeshire fire and police visited us to give our year 7 students a talk on the importance of fire and road safety at home, at school, and within our community. They engaged with the team from Cambridgeshire in open discussion on these topics and took part in activities to learn more about the importance of fire and road safety.



This week was Mental Health Awareness Week. To support this our crochet club spent their time creating these sunflowers, clovers and heart badges to sell at lunch time with the takings going to mental health charity. Thank you to the student for their crochet skills and heading up the selling throughout the week.

Parent Teacher Association

Keep an eye on this space for upcoming family events during the remainder of the academic year and through out half terms and the summer holidays.

