



Diary Dates:

- 24/1/17 Basketball Club starts 3:20pm-4:20pm**
- 26/1/17 Y6 Parents' Feedback Meeting
12:15pm-4:30pm 1:1 appointments
15 minutes**
- 30/1/16 Big Sing -Choir at Saffron Walden**
- 2/2/17 Y7 Parents' Evening Eng/Maths/Sci
only 3:45pm-6:45pm**
- 7/2/17 Y7 Parents' Evening Eng/Maths/Sci
only 3:45pm-6:45pm**
- 21/2/17 Action Plan Meeting 6pm**
- 24/2/17 BBC 'Any Questions' at Edwinstree**
- 27/2/17 Y8 Visit National Gallery**
- 2/3/17 Y8 Parents' Evening 3:45pm-6:45pm**
- 7/3/17 Y8 Parents' Evening 3:45pm-6:45pm**
- 14/3/17 Y6 Parents' Feedback Meeting - Eng &
Maths 12:15pm-4:30pm**
- 21/3/17 Y6 Parents' Feedback Meeting - Eng &
Maths 12:15pm-4:30pm**
- 27-30/3/17 Normandy Visit**

Reminder

I would like to remind you that Edwinstree Middle School is a mobile phone free zone, please do not send your child to school with a mobile phone. Since Christmas, we have seen a number of pupils wearing 'fitbits' and we would strongly advise against wearing such an expensive item at school. We cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage.

Breaktime Snacks

I am pleased to inform you that the introduction of healthy snacks at breaktime has been very well received by pupils, thank you for supporting us. £1 is sufficient to purchase a drink and a snack. It has come to our attention that a number of children are buying high energy drinks and/or high sugar snacks on their way to school. Please explain to your child that these choices are not appropriate in order to start a school day.

Uniform

Heads of Year will be monitoring the school uniform over the next two weeks. In particular, we are focusing on ensuring that students have the correct footwear as described in your child's ROA.

Japanese

We have identified that our half termly Data Report failed to print the Japanese progress within the report. We have amended this error and will ensure a mini report on Japanese progress is sent home via your child. We apologise for this error.

Homework

Thank you again to those Parents who attended the Homework Forum. Below attached is our response to your concerns.

BBC - Any Questions

Edwinstree will be hosting the programme live on 24/2/17. A letter will coming home with your child tonight, if you would like to attend please return the reply slip.

Year 7 Parents' evening online booking

As a direct response to some recent parent feedback, we will be opening the Year 7 booking system this evening at 6pm. We listened to those people who expressed a concern at the system opening during the working day and so to support this, the booking system will open this evening at 6pm. Please be aware that there will only be appointments available to see your child's **English, maths and science** teachers only. There will not be a provision for appointments for any other subject areas or tutors on this occasion. The appointments will be ten minutes long to support a more in depth conversation and discussion around progress and next step targets. There will also be an opportunity to see your child's books. Please look out for a Parentmail.

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Homework Forum