



Diary Dates

	Entry and exit times Year 5 – 9:00am – 2:45pm Year 6 – 8:55am – 2:40pm Year 7 – 8:50am – 2:35pm Year 8 – 8:45am – 2:30pm
30/5/21	Half Term
8/7/21	County Transition Day

Timetable – Week A – available on our website
www.edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Parent Governor Applications

Thank you to those parents who have expressed an interest in joining our Governing Body as a Parent Governor. This is the largest number of parents we have ever had volunteer to support us and we have sent out the necessary nomination forms. However, as we only have two Governor vacancies, we will be required to hold an election, further information to follow.

How have students responded to the year group bubble change?

The students responded with absolute joy, as the majority of students have been unable to see their friends in other classes. Spaced out on the field with MSAs and teacher support, students have relished the opportunity to meet each other at breaks and lunch. As part of this drive, we have taken the opportunity to support students to become a little less dependent on their phones. Now students have the opportunity to talk to each other face to face, phones will be collected at the start of the school day and returned at the end of the day. In the event a teacher wishes students to use their device in lessons, they will have access to them during this time. This was first trialled in Year 5 and has been successful in reintroducing students to the art of conversation.

Will Parent Consultations take place this year?

We are currently considering a plan to provide parents with a Cloud Parent Consultation for foundation subjects (Not English and Maths) as well as a written report for the end of term on your child's progress and attainment. Dates to be confirmed

Will the normal end of year events take place?

We are planning for Year 8 to have a formal celebration evening with parents, subject to the June lockdown release. We are also hoping to offer Year 5 parents an opportunity to come into school to celebrate their first year at Edwinstree, as we are clear neither they nor parents have had any opportunity to see the school and formally meet the teachers.

Why are supply teachers teaching KS3 this term?

Mrs Kitchener has been unwell this term and we are sad to announce that to support her return to health, she has made the decision to leave us. Mr Galanides has been covering

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most of her maths lessons, with PSHE lessons in KS3 being covered by supply teachers.

From Monday 10th May, Mr Galanides will take over the Maths teaching for Year 8 with support on Thursdays from Ms Bailey (who is currently teaching in Year 6 but taught two of the Year 8 classes in September). **Until half term, Year 7 and 8 PSHE lessons will be additional PE lessons.** We are in the process of securing a teacher of Science to deliver the sex and relationships curriculum planned in the KS3 PSHE curriculum post half term. Students have been informed of the changes but, to make these changes, we have had to alter the timetable again. A new copy of this timetable is attached and available on our website. To confirm: until half term Year 7 and 8 will have two sessions of PE in a week. After half term, PSHE will return as normal. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Will students lose out on the entitlement for PSHE?

In both Year 7 and Year 8, students have a planned curriculum of PSHE for the year, so their entitlement is met. This is the best option for the next 3 weeks. Please make a note that where your child has PSHE lessons, they will need to attend in their PE kit until half term. Thank you for your support with this.

What is our School Improvement Plan and what are we hoping to achieve?

Having completed another round of assessments, we are currently collating the data for your child's core subjects and will produce a data report for you at half term. This will give you a clear indication of how your child is fairing against the national standard.

Will Year 6 students sit a SAT paper?

We plan to use a SAT paper at the end of June to give a clear assessment of your child's current attainment levels. This will be delivered in class and spread over two weeks, in a low key and supportive manner. Their results will provide you with an indication of their current SATs result, but this will not be published to the Government.

Why are primary schools undertaking a series of tests for secondary?

Despite COVID, we know your child and they are not transitioning to a new school. The SAT papers will support us to get a clear indication of your child's current level in the Summer, but we do not need to assess further as we continue to support your child's education in Year 7 and Year 8.

Will there be a Summer school or a catch up programme?

Following the latest data collection, we will reboot a variety of interventions across year groups to support a catch up programme, especially where we have identified a child has not secured a curriculum threshold. Parents will be informed of the intervention and expected outcomes. This programme of interventions will operate for the next year in order to support students. We are currently reviewing the opportunity to provide a Summer school and

we have to apply to the DFE and be accepted in June. Within this Summer school, we are keen to offer both enrichment catch up opportunities along with tutoring in English and maths. More information post half term.

Would you like to support the ESA?

We are currently looking to recruit new members to join our Edwinstree School Association. If you are interested in supporting the school in key school events over the next half term and beyond, or help with fundraising, please contact the school on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

What does it involve? Half-termly meetings and a willingness to participate and encourage others to engage in fundraising and support our calendar of events that normally take place throughout the year. The ESA has been invaluable in helping to support educational school visits, visits to the church, school discos, school productions and formal events. It is also a great opportunity to meet other parents.

Science - All years

Health and safety: A reminder that all students need a band or clips to tie their hair up for science lessons - this includes floppy fringes.

Nail polish, or any sort of gel/ false nails cannot be worn in science lessons.

Year 6 science lessons week beginning 10th May

During this week, Year 6 will be spending part of their science lesson outside in the wilder places in the school grounds. Please can you ensure that on the following days the children in these classes have long sleeves, trousers (jog bottoms are fine) gloves and preferably some sorts of flat souled boots or wellies:

Wed 12/5/21 - 6A & 6B

Thu 13/5/21– 6C & 6D

Year 8 transition

If your child is worried and concerned about transition to Freman and may need extra support.

Please find the link below to a questionnaire that identifies your child may need additional support to make the transition, please complete and return. Additional programmes of support are likely to take place after half term and in line with lockdown restriction release, so that staff and students are able to visit between the two schools.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BTrlzduqZ0-r9r2eTDmg8EC-9XP1151Olwl3yMnc4IVUOFhaQUgyTE1XNzFBNUINSjFFSUJOWk01Sy4u>

Year 8 Art Club

There will be a Year 8 art club every Tuesday lunchtime, starting on 18th May. If your child would like to join, please ask them to write their name on the list by the art room. Mrs Burches

Golden Broom winners

8A – non-uniform day Monday 10/5/21

6B – non-uniform Wednesday 12/5/21

Reporting a student absent

Please remember to inform us **every day** that your child is absent from school. Please use the dedicated email address: attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk or you can leave a telephone message. Please do not use Parentmail, School Gateway or any other email addresses, as these are not routinely checked. In the even your child tests positive for Covid-19 please notify the school via: covid@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

KS3 Testing: please continue to test at home – on Wednesday and the weekend and log with the Government we know this can be time consuming but it is providing an additional safety check.

Jo Gant

Headteacher

Timetable 10/5/21

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