



Headteacher's Message

As we conclude this half term, it's heartening to reflect on the achievements and memorable experiences our students have had, both academically and beyond the classroom.

Our A-Level and GCSE students have once again excelled, making us incredibly proud. Results days were full of excitement, and this year, we even had a special surprise with our "Rapping Science Teacher," who recorded a celebratory rap that was covered by the BBC! The accomplishments of our students as they embark on pathways to Sixth Form, university, and beyond highlight the dedication they bring to their futures.

Despite only being in the building for less than two months we have had a jam packed half term and this edition of EBS News is full with details of our exciting events and trips which the students and staff have enjoyed.

To start the first EBS NEWS this year, I'd like to share a story, which made me very proud. As students filled the lunch hall on a busy Wednesday, two Year 9 girls noticed a Year 7 girl sitting alone. Being new to the school, she looked uncertain and nervous. Without a second thought, the Year 9s caught her eye, offered a smile, and asked, "Do want to come sit with us?"

What might have been a small moment to some was a big one for the younger student. She looked up, surprised, her face breaking into a smile as she gratefully joined them.

This small, quiet moment in the lunchroom is a powerful example of our school's value of kindness. Kindness doesn't always come in grand gestures; often, it's found in simple acts that can make a lasting impact. By noticing someone who might feel alone and extending a hand, the Year 9 girls set a beautiful example for all of us.

Let's remember their kindness and look for ways, big or small, to include others. Sometimes, the most meaningful thing we can do is offer someone a place to sit—a reminder that in our school, everyone has a place at the table.

Have a restful half term.

Warm regards,

L. Swaine
Headteacher

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2ND SEPTEMBER 2024



5TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Results Days

Well, it has been another fantastic year for our A-Level and GCSE students! Whether it be a pathway to Sixth Form or university, we work extremely hard to facilitate the journey our students want to make, whilst developing their character to be fantastic upstanding members of society. It is on days like this that we couldn't be prouder of all they have achieved.

EBS EXAMINATION RESULTS
 HEADLINE FIGURES FOR 2024

GCSES 77% OF GCSE GRADES 9 - 4 (A* - C PASS)	GCSE A* & A 27% 27% OF GCSE GRADES 9 - 7 (A*/A)	<p>“ ONE OF THE SCHOOL'S VALUES IS "DO THE RIGHT THING". THIS SUMS UP THE WAY THE PUPILS CONDUCT THEMSELVES ”</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">OFSTED, 2022</p>
A-LEVELS 28% OF A-LEVEL GRADES WERE A* & A	 81% OF A-LEVEL GRADES A* - C	 TOP 30% IN THE UK OUR GCSE RESULTS WERE TOP 30% IN THE COUNTRY (2023 PROGRESS & BENCHMARK)

LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT, BEHAVIOUR & SAFETY - **OUTSTANDING** Ofsted

Thorpe Park Fun

On Thursday 5th September, the Year 10 students went on a long-awaited trip to Thorpe Park. This trip was organised by Mr Baxter who was their Head of Year in Year 9. The purpose of the trip was to reward the hard work of the students throughout Year 8 and 9 and to recognise their ability to uphold the school values. Thank you to all the Form Tutors, Mr Fry, Ms Dakis, Mr Joannou and Miss Gardner (current Head of Year), who took the students on the trip. They felt this would be a nice way to start Year 10 and to acknowledge the hard work students have put in so far during their EBS KS3 journey. Everyone had a lovely day despite the rain walking to the coach. All students showed maturity and positivity in their behaviour whilst at Thorpe Park which they have continued to portray throughout this half-term.



17TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Exam Results, Rapping Science Teacher and the BBC

If you want to see more about our exam days, hear the results day rap from the Rapping Science Teacher that was recorded at EBS, and to read the BBC reports of the day, please click [here](#).



Sky Studios Elstree Creative Media Trip

As they say in the business, actions speak louder than words, so check out the video of our Creative Media students visiting Sky Studios Elstree with Mr Polyviou and Mr Warr:





European Day of Languages

The European Day of Languages (EDL) has been celebrated across Europe on 26th September since 2001. It is a fantastic initiative to raise awareness of the diversity of languages spoken throughout Europe and it encourages people to learn different languages. On the day, in Year 7, 8 and 9 language lessons, we talked about how learning a language not only allows you to talk with people from other countries in their own language, but it's also an introduction to different cultures, different ideas and opens up a world of opportunities. Some students also took part in a "Great Global Bake Off" and baked some delicious global themed cakes! Well done to all the students who took part in the competition. Everyone who took part received some well deserved House Points. Our winners are pictured above, and to see the runners up, please click [here](#). We were also lucky enough to have a themed day in the Kitchen with a delicious European Menu.



Space Week

As the Northern Lights filled the skies in Barnet, we were celebrating Space Week in the Kitchen with some amazing cosmic cake and planet cupcakes. In case you were wondering, they did taste as good as they look!



Year 10 Curriculum Evening

On Thursday 10th October, we were delighted to welcome Year 10 students and their parents/carers to EBS for the Year 10 Curriculum Evening. This was an opportunity for students and parents to learn more about the GCSE journey, including the academic and pastoral support available. Click [here](#) to read more.



Open Evening 2024

We were once again running our Open Evening at the end of September, and is it possible this was our best one yet?! We welcomed a record number of visitors and actually ran out of our famous 'pizza boxes'. There were so many fun things happening around the building, probably too many to mention, so here are some fabulous photos of the Open Evening fun!



Thank you to all staff and students who made the evening so much fun!



Urban Space Geography Letter

On Wednesday 25th September, the Geography Department took A-Level students from Year 12 and 13 to a lecture at the Royal Geographical Society (RGS). The lecture, The Changing City – Alternative uses of Urban Space was led by Professor Oli Mould, who teaches at Royal Holloway, University of London. The lecture enabled students to understand more about the contemporary city and how it is forever changing, but too often it is to suit the needs of capital rather than people. However, that doesn't mean that people aren't finding ways to use the city in very different, engaging, fun, political or subversive ways to express their 'right to the city'. This lecture gave students an overview of the ideas, theories, political ideologies and case studies of how city places and spaces are developing, and importantly, how urban citizens are responding to that change with changes of their own, and by doing so creating a city that is not just for profit, but also for people. This lecture complemented A-Level units currently being studied by students; the Changing Places and Contemporary Urban Environments topics. Overall, students left feeling inspired to read more into 'Marxist Geography' and already excited for our next lecture in November!



Sixth Former Published in Paperboy

A huge congratulations to Sixth Former, Lola-Juliet Omran, who has been published this half term in an issue of the magazine Paperboy. Paperboy is a publication company that compiles articles and photographs from accomplished world renowned contributors and also selects students that are showing great talent and give them the opportunity to be published. Lola has written an outstanding piece titled Realities in Motion. A copy of the magazine will be available in the library to borrow. Well done, Lola!



Year 7 Pastoral Day

It was so lovely to see our Year 7 parents, carers and students in the building for the Year 7 Pastoral Evening. We have had some lovely feedback and are so pleased that parents and students found it beneficial.



English Teacher Meets Publisher

Miss Pieri as a member of the Society of Women's Writers and Journalists, attended a Zoom meeting with Penny Holroyde, a Publishing/Literary Agent for Children's books earlier this month. Miss Pieri said it was very interesting to hear from Penny about the publishing industry's concerns over children's literacy and the impact Covid has had on reading trends. To read the full article, please click [here](#).



Raising Money for Noah's Ark

On 18th November, students and staff wore something red to raise funds for the Noah's Ark charity. The community were asked to make a voluntary donation of £1 to try and hit our target of £1,500. We were raising money for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice as it is a charity very close to our hearts who have supported members of our community in the most tragic of times. We raised an amazing £1,872! After match funding, from Noah's Ark backers, this was raised to £3,744!



Kitchen Healthy School Award!

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded Healthy Schools status! We have been working closely with the London Mayor’s Office and London Assembly to recognise the amazing work our staff do to keep our students healthy in every sense. To achieve this prestigious award, we were judged on the quality of food in our Kitchen, as well as the way we encourage healthy life-habits for students. This includes encouraging physical activity to keep the body fit and healthy, as well as ensuring support to help our students with their emotional health and wellbeing. Thanks you to all staff involved and particular thanks to Mr Langley (Head of PE), Ms Christodoulou (Kitchen), Ms Goddard (Head of Food), Mrs Connick (Mental Health Lead) and Mr Gates (School Governor). A huge thanks to all of you!



Black History Month

We have been celebrating Black History Month by hearing and reading stories from some of our EBS alumni, in assemblies and around school, reflecting the Black History Month theme of ‘reclaiming narratives’. Our special BHM Menu also made a comeback for 2024, which is always popular with the whole of EBS.



Check out our new Careers Newsletter in your Important Documents!



House Cake Competition

There was a spooky vibe in the school on Thursday as creepy cakes, freaky frosting and ghoulish ganache walked through the doors to be presented for the annual House Cake Competition 2024. This is clearly a very popular theme as we had more cakes than ever, and they were frightfully delicious! Ms Swaine had the privilege of tasting all the cakes and picking out the winners. Congratulations to everyone who took part and look out for those House Points next half term!

Best Tasting



1ST: ISABELLA K.



2ND: EVIE H.

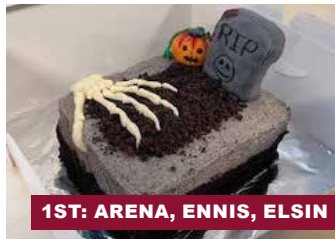


3RD: CHLOE D.



4TH: EFFIE F.

Best Looking



1ST: ARENA, ENNIS, ELSIN



2ND: RUBY & EMILY



3RD: PLEASE COME FORWARD!



4TH: ELISE & SAMMY