

THE ELIZABETHAN ACADEMY

Student Briefing: 16 March 2026



Important notices from Staff

From Mr Alexander - Year 7 Students on the DRAX Power Station Visit Tuesday 17 March 2026

At morning break (11.10), report to Mr Alexander in the Assembly Hall where you will be registered. You can wear your own comfortable clothes, in-line with the school's policy. Make sure you have a warm/waterproof jacket and bring a packed lunch, snacks and drinks. You are reminded that we will be arriving back at school around 4.15pm and you will need to be collected by a parent/carer. When we commence our return journey, you will be given an accurate time of arrival back at school which you can send to your parents/carers so, make sure you have your mobile phone with you and it is fully charged.

The Elizabethan community being Brilliant ... please share the following news about students and staff with your tutees



Mrs Ferrarelli reports this week, **Y10 Child Development students** visited **Hallcroft Infants** to see their learning come to life, exploring the *theory of stages and types of play* in a real-world setting. They made wonderful little friends, observed play in action, and showed growing confidence throughout the visit. This hands-on experience will be a fantastic boost as they move into **Component 2**, helping them apply their knowledge with greater understanding and self-assurance. **Well done, Y10 — keep up the brilliant work!**



Mrs Cowan and our talented **music students** competed at the annual **Workshop Music Festival** on Friday and Saturday and achieved some wonderful results ... Congratulations to all performers! You were all so confident and professional! Very proud of every one of you, you represented the academy superbly!

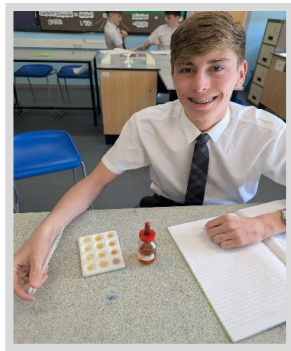
- ❖ **Choir ... 1st place 🏆 - unbeaten in 18 years!**
- ❖ **Years 7-9 Pop Song ... 1st Millie 🏆 2nd Sienna 3rd Erin Commended Eliza, Krystal**
- ❖ **Years 7-9 Disney Song ... 1st Frances 🏆 2nd Addison 3rd Eliza Commended Grace, Krystal**
- ❖ **Years 10-13 Disney Song ... Commended Bethany**
- ❖ **Years 10/11 Musical Theatre ... Commended Mercedes**
- ❖ **Years 12/13 Musical Theatre ... 1st Bethany 🏆 Commended Evie**
- ❖ **Years 7-9 Musical Theatre Group ... 1st Eliza, Grace 🏆 3rd Eliza, Sienna, Erin**
- ❖ **Years 10-13 Musical Theatre Group ... 2nd Mercedes, Daniel, 3rd Millie, Jacob**
- ❖ **Year 9 Musical Theatre ... 3rd Grace**
- ❖ **Years 7-9 Girls vocal solo ... Commended Addison**
- ❖ **Year 8 Musical Theatre ... 2nd Frances, 3rd Addison**
- ❖ **Year 7 Musical Theatre ... 1st Edie 🏆**
- ❖ **Grade 5 Piano Solo ... 3rd Molly**
- ❖ **Grade 8 Piano Solo ... Commended Ben**



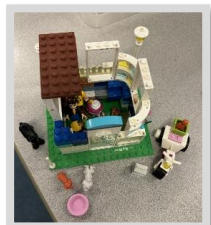


Congratulations to the following students for their brilliant **Work of the Week** ...

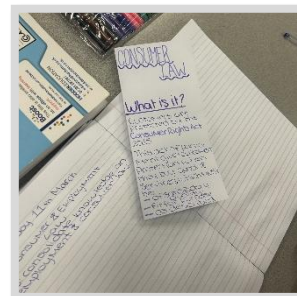
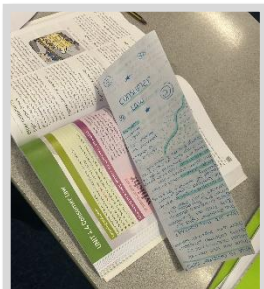
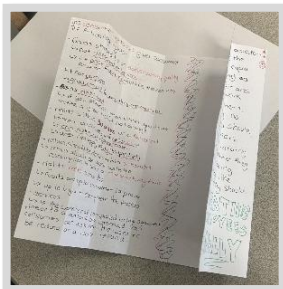
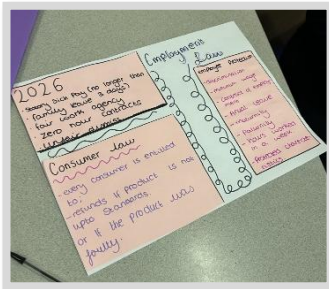
This week **Mr Mason's Year 11 science students** were investigating the effect of temperature on the activity of enzymes using amylase and starch. They all got textbook results, their attention to detail was most impressive



Mrs Reid and Miss Tiik would like to say a massive well done to **Years 12 and 13 sociology and psychology** classes for their hard work on reliability and validity using Lego houses.



Shoutout to **Mr Bingham's** Year 10 business students for their effort in creating pamphlets and guides showcasing their knowledge of consumer & employment law, particularly **Brooke, Georgina, and Isabelle**



Staff and students enjoying the spring sunshine in their walking with Bertie enrichment last week ...

Well done to the following students who topped the positive point league table last week for showing excellent attitudes to their learning ... **Junior, Iman, Mason, Giorgia, Sinead, Ayden, Isla, Olivia, Mia, Belle, George, Millie Joseph, Abbie, Austin, Ruby, Hannah, Boris, Amelia, Zach, Alissia, Rory, Zac, Harvey, Ava, Katherine, Bella, Zuzanna, Maddie, Jamie, Natasza, Frances, Iris and Katie.**

Mr Crowther would like to see these students at 9:00 on Monday, in his office, to recognise and celebrate this success and enjoy breakfast together. There is a 15-prize lottery at the end of each half term for all the students who top the positive points table.

There are **7 reward star badges** available for students to collect across the year ... 100 points Bronze, 200 points Silver, 300 points Gold, 400 points Emerald, 500 points Platinum, 600 points Amethyst and 700 points Ruby. Keep collecting those reward points to hit the milestones and gain the stars! **Staff, please remember to give 3 best in lesson rewards, every lesson, as a minimum!**

Congratulations to the **6 students** who achieved their **Bronze Positive Points Star Badge** last week.

Congratulations to the **34 students** who achieved their **Silver Positive Points Star Badge** last week.

Congratulations to the students who achieved their **Gold Positive Points Star Badge** last week ...

Ronan	Marius	Louis	Isabella
Kenley	Alaiya-Mai	Freya	Hannah
Jack	Jack	Alissia	Austin
Leah	Emily	Khaya	Mia
Emily	Yasmin	Ruby	Jacob
	Joseph	Sophia	Ava
	Rose	Katrina	
	Lena	Dylan	
		Danny	

Congratulations to the students who achieved their **Emerald Positive Points Star Badge** last week ...

Sam	Isaac Gray	Mason	George
Sophia	Olivia	Daniel	Sophie
	Benjamin	Harvey	

	Halle Chloe		
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Congratulations to the students who achieved their **Platinum Positive Points Star Badge** last week ...

Scarlett		Bertie	
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Congratulations to the first student who achieved their **Ruby Positive Points Star Badge** last week ...

	Mughal		
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Attendance ... do your bit and attend to achieve for yourself, your House and your year

Improving individual attendance remains high priority for us. All students need to ensure they **attend school every day and on time** as these are important life skills in preparation for the world of work and allows maximum learning, positive relationships and enrichment opportunities. **The am and pm registers are officially closed after 30 mins ie 0840-0910 and 1315-1345** and students arriving after this time are recorded as absent for that session, not as late. This is an unauthorised absence and 10 sessions of unauthorised absence over a rolling 10 school week period is likely to result in a fixed penalty notice for parents/carers (£160 fine!)

Students who have an attendance level of 90% or below are classed as persistent absentees and this puts them at a distinct disadvantage when competing with other students for places at college, university, apprenticeships, work etc plus it leaves big gaps in learning, increases anxiety and slows down progress. **As a minimum we are aiming for an individual threshold of 97% attendance #AttendToAchieve**

	Burghley	Galileo	Hardwick	Shakespeare	Totals
Week 9/3/26 - 13/3/26	92.4%	91%	91.7%	91.1%	91.4%
Overall 2/9/25 - 13/3/26	92.6%	93.1%	91.5%	92.1%	92.2%

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Total
Week 9/3/26 - 13/3/26	93.1%	92%	92.4%	90.6%	88.7%	91.4%
Overall 2/9/25 - 13/3/26	94.2%	92.7%	93%	90.7%	90.4%	92.2%

Best attendance last week at 97.8% is 10G1 ... Best attendance YTD at 96.8% is 7G1 ... impressive!

Behaviour by House ... weekly data

The numbers of positive and negative incidents plus positive points are detailed below by House and Year ... work hard to add to your House and Year positive counts. **Remember that any negatives you receive are deducted from your positives total and other students in your House and Year!**

9.3.2026 to 15.3.2026 (week)				Overall 23.2.2026 to 15.3.2026 (HT)			
House	Positive Incidents	Positive Points	Negative Incidents	House	Positive Incident s	Positive Points	Negative Incident s
Burghley	1076	2071	105	Burghley	3840	11762	314
Galileo	1216	2292	93	Galileo	4107	12183	277

Hardwick	1159	2281	110	Hardwick	3932	11775	291
Shakespeare	1092	2182	118	Shakespeare	3698	11275	382
Year group	Positive Incidents	Positive Points	Negative Incidents	Year group	Positive Incidents	Positive Points	Negative Incidents
Year 7	877	1845	55	Year 7	3258	15514	165
Year 8	1014	1942	89	Year 8	3455	14807	271
Year 9	994	1797	107	Year 9	3332	5875	308
Year 10	939	1893	101	Year 10	3037	5895	326
Year 11	627	1207	72	Year 11	2188	4361	175

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Lunch arrangements

We operate 2 sittings at lunch, queuing up the middle and each side of the Dome to support students getting through service quickly and smoothly. **Year groups on late sitting ...** do not start queuing until the early sitting are nearly through. **Make sure you continue to put your food waste and any litter in the bins provided.**

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Please remind students which side they queue ...

- The left side (nearest English/Science) is for Year 7 and Year 9
- The right side (nearest Humanities/IT) is for Year 8 and Years 10/11



Assemblies

Assemblies are scheduled as follows ... leave bags in tutor rooms please and move to the hall quietly and sensibly for an 08:50 start. Tutors, please sit with tutor groups ... **Year assemblies this week with Mrs Ferrarelli**

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 11 Years 12 and 13	Year 9	Year 10	Year 7+8
Hardwick	Shakespeare	Galileo	Burghley

Comic Relief RND 2026 – this Friday

To raise money for RND 2026, staff and students may wear non-uniform on the day including something red if they wish to do so. Sixth form students are also invited to wear 'fancy dress'. We are asking for a small donation (minimum £2) to be paid via this link: [Elizabethan Academy is fundraising for Comic Relief](#) and are aiming to raise £1000 for Comic Relief.

As with all non-uniform days, dress should be sensible and appropriate for the normal school routine, i.e. no cropped tops, torn jeans, shorts or tops with undesirable slogans or prints, and footwear must be sensible.



Please ensure you observe and abide by these requirements, to avoid us having to contact parents to bring in, other, more suitable clothing. It is only dress that can be varied on the day, all our other expectations of presentation such as hair, nails, make up and jewellery remain the same. Over lunch there will be some stalls

that students can pay cash to participate in eg raffles, tombola, guess the name, games and challenges to further the fund-raising throughout the day.

Please note, this is a normal school day with learning and teaching taking place as usual and the timetable will also be unchanged. You should bring in PE kit, if PE is scheduled on your timetable that day and especially if you are involved in the GCSE PE moderation. All students should remember to bring their timetable and equipment as usual. The impact of Comic Relief can be seen via this link ... <https://www.comicrelief.com/>

Career and Education Fair on Tuesday 24 March - Mr Alexander

The school is hosting a Career and Education Fair in the Sports Hall on Tuesday 24 March 2026. All year groups will attend the fair in sittings ... see the timings below. There will be 30+ stalls including the Army, Rolls Royce, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue, Wildbore Vetstop, Wirtgen Construction Equipment, Nottinghamshire Police, GXO Logistics, STEP Fusion, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals, HETA, Trelleborg, The Elizabethan Academy Sixth Form, Doncaster College, John Leggot College, Riseholme College, New College, Doncaster UTC, RNN Group, Palmer School of Excellence, the Department of Work and Pensions, Nottinghamshire Training Group, De Montfort, Sheffield Hallam and Lincoln Bishop Universities and many more. This is an incredible opportunity for you to explore your future and speak to employers, apprenticeship providers, college and university staff ... **Empowering your Ambitions.**

Timings for the day (you will be guided to the sports hall by your teachers):

Time	Year Group
TP	7
Period 1	9 and 12/13
Period 2	10Q half and 8R half
Period 3	10R half and 8Q half
Period 4	11 and 12/13



Easter bake sale – Mrs Williams



Interact enrichment are hosting an Easter bake sale on Thursday 26 March during break and lunch. This is the first instalment of a larger project where we will be raising money for an international charity: **Action Against Hunger.**

Action Against Hunger's mission is to save the lives of children and their families. They are there for them before and after disaster strikes. They enable people to provide for themselves, see their children grow up strong, and for whole communities to prosper. They constantly search for more effective solutions, while sharing their knowledge and expertise with the world. They push for long-term change.

As a group we believe this charity aligns with our school values and allows us to understand the importance of being respectful to everyone regardless of situation, resilient in times of hardship and be responsible for being the change we would like to see in the world.

So, join us, remember how lucky we are and enjoy a treat or two!

Epilepsy Awareness Day – Mr Bingham

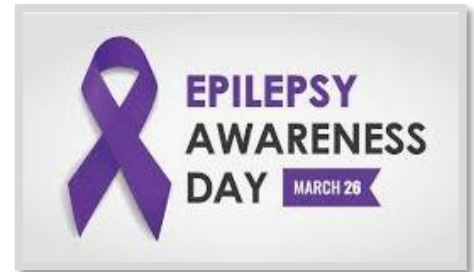
Thursday 26 March is **Epilepsy Awareness Day**, also known as **Purple Day**. We're joining schools across the country and the amazing **Young Epilepsy** charity to raise awareness and show support for people living with epilepsy. Epilepsy is a condition that affects the brain and can cause seizures. Not all seizures look the same — some involve shaking, but others might just look like someone is confused or “zoned out” for a moment. Epilepsy is not all about flashing lights - in fact only 3% of seizures are triggered this way! When you consider 1-in-26 people in the UK (including roughly 64,000 children) have epilepsy, that is still a lot. To help everyone stay safe, remember the **3 Cs**:

1. **Calm** ... stay calm and reassure others
2. **Cushion** ... move objects away and give space
3. **Call** ... get a member of staff

We're also running two fun staff competitions:

- **Purplest Faculty Award** ... which department goes all-in on purple
- **Individual Purple Champion** ... the staff member with the best effort

Please help Mr Bingham **Turn the Elizabethan purple** by wearing purple accessories (hairbands, ties, socks, etc) on Thursday 26 March **help stop the fear of seizures!**



Colour Run – Mrs Tsiknakis

Not long to go now until our very first ever Colour Run!!! Here is some further information about the day. We have made amendments to the running order of the day due to uptake ... the colour run will now be held as one big event during period 1, afterwards participants will continue with their usual lessons Period 2 onwards.

Information about the day:

- Please come to school dressed in a pair of bottoms and trainers that you do not mind getting colourful, you will then receive your white t-shirt and goggles before the event to get changed into
- You will need a change of sports clothes (top, bottoms and spare trainers if possible) to wear after the event
- Please bring a bin bag to put your colourful clothes in after the event
- Please arrive at the sports hall for registration at 8.40am
- You will run/walk a course that is set up around the field for 30 minutes, you can go at their own pace. You will get splashed with colour at various stations of the course; the distance will be based on how many laps you wish to do
- Students who wear glasses can either put goggles over the top or they are safe to wear just on their own - if you are happy with wiping the colour off
- You will have been given a sponsorship form, this not compulsory but we would like to raise as much as possible during this wonderful event - the deadline to hand the sponsorship money back in the brown envelope is 29 April. Please make sure your name is filled in as we are holding a competition for the most money raised and then a random draw for all participants for our second prize
- In extreme weather conditions we will postpone the event and look to host it shortly after, all parents/carers will be communicated with in this circumstance

If you want to get sponsors to support you are more than welcome to, even if you are not running in the event 😊

Weekly wellbeing tips and techniques

This week, just take it one day at a time ...

