

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first Bulletin for the new academic year. I hope that you and your families have had a restful summer. The purpose of the Bulletin is just to provide key information for the half term ahead. There will also be a half-termly newsletter which will be more detailed and includes the activities which have occurred. I want to start with a thank you to all parents for helping the testing process to work so smoothly.

It has also been a real delight to welcome our new Year 7 and 12 students. A particular thank you to parents of Year 7; we have all been so impressed with how polite, smart and organised they are. They seem to have settled so quickly but please do alert us to where you have any concerns. The first point of contact should be the Form Tutor and then the Head of House. Supporting your child in ensuring they have a school bag, correct equipment, reading book, bottle of water and correct uniform (including PE kit) means that staff we can focus on the learning in the classroom.

Staff and students are so excited that we are now able to operate more normally, in terms of students not needing to be in bubbles and being able to move freely around the classroom. Again, I would ask parents to support us in encouraging good personal hygiene, particularly before and after school, and after eating. The guidance is for those students who travel on school and public transport to still wear masks and that students continue to test twice per week. I am really looking forward to students having the superb opportunities for enrichment on a Wednesday afternoon where activities range from Latin, to Duke of Edinburgh Award, Photography etc. The list is endless. Details of the enrichment programme are on the school website.

I look forward to seeing parents at the events in the calendar. Please do come and see me at the Year 7 "Meet the Tutor" session, as I am always keen to know how we can improve, particularly in terms of our communication.

Stay safe

Mrs C Horrocks  
Principal

## Safeguarding and operational aspects of school

As is our normal practice, there will be a full school assembly next week outlining key safeguarding issues and concerns, how to ensure personal safety, how to report concerns and where to access support, either in school or via other forums. The assembly will be shared with you and I would urge you to talk through the content with your children so you can gauge their knowledge and understanding.

Every September, the DfE release the statutory guidance for schools entitled Keeping Children Safe in Education and unsurprisingly the 2021 guidance offers key changes as follows:

- More emphasis on online safety ... being aware that technology is a significant component in many safeguarding issues; abuse can happen online, offline or both; children can also abuse their peers online.
- Peer-on-peer abuse is highlighted in light of the issues raised through the "Everyone's Invited" website and the ensuing Ofsted's Review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges.
- Risk factors that increase the likelihood of involvement in serious crime have been added.
- Additional emphasis that victims should be taken seriously, supported and kept safe and never made to feel like they are creating a problem for reporting abuse, sexual violence or sexual harassment.

All our staff have a legal duty to read KCSIE part one and given that it is critical we work together to keep our young people safe, you can also access this document via the link below if you wish ...

# Elizabethan Academy

## Half-Termly Bulletin

Thursday  
8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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We take our statutory safeguarding duties in school very seriously and have a team of 12 fully-trained key staff who make up the Designated Team. Those staff are ...

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Ms A Clark	
Deputy DSLs	Mr F Ciardulli Mrs S Wheatley Ms D Ager	
Designated Team	Mrs N Mason Ms S Glaister Mrs A Foulds Ms T Lilley Ms S Steed	Mrs C Horrocks Mr L Dainty Ms S Withall

You can contact staff directly, usually the Head of House in the first instance for safeguarding matters or via email on [safeguarding@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk) in out of school hours.

## Wednesday afternoon enrichment and early closure

The first early closure went smoothly as a new way of working and in order to safeguard our young people going forwards, parents/carers should complete the Microsoft form below if their child is going to stay in school until the normal time of 3.15pm.

To clarify the bus situation ... all Kettlewell school buses, plus the 195 will pick up at 2.30pm. Unfortunately, the service buses are unable to re-route earlier buses to school, so parent/carers need to make alternative arrangements if their children are to leave school at 2.30pm.

We have set up a supervised study space in school for students whose parents wish them to stay on site until the normal time for whatever reason. It is important you indicate this on the Microsoft form so we know who to expect

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## The Big Notts Survey

Notts County Council are keen to hear the views of its people and are asking schools to promote this with their parents, students and staff. So please find 10 mins to discuss as a family and complete it and they will use the responses to help shape priorities for our county. If you don't have your say ...

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/get-involved/the-big-notts-survey>



### [The Big Notts Survey | Nottinghamshire County Council](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/get-involved/the-big-notts-survey)

The Big Notts Survey. We need YOU to help us shape the future of Nottinghamshire by filling in The Big Notts Survey. It's quick, it's simple, and most importantly, it's your chance to have your say on how you want Nottinghamshire to look in 10 years time.

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk)

### School Photographs

These are scheduled for Monday 20 September ... all students will be photographed for school records and for parents/carers to purchase.

### Punctuality

There has been a lot of lateness to school this week and we have been reminding students that they need to be in school by 8.30am to ensure they are in Tutor Period on time. There is a combination of getting used to being back in a normal school routine and the road works on Hallcroft Road. However, from next week we are going to be taking social time away from students who are late to school without good reason. The start of the day is when important messages are conveyed, positive relationships are secured with tutor and fellow tutees and students get into the right mindset for the lessons ahead. Our PSHCE sessions, including the statutory relationship, health and sex education is delivered by tutors this year and this is an important part of our curriculum ... if they are late, they are missing this vital input. Please support your child in leaving home in good time to ensure they are in school by 8.30am every morning. Breakfast is available in the Dome from 8.00am

### Lockers

We are going to remove the lockers from school over the next few weeks, to make more space on the corridors for students and staff to travel in a less congested fashion around the building. Historically they have not been used as much as anticipated and in the current situation the priority is to keep the corridors as uncongested and free-flowing as possible.

### Sixth Form News

The Sixth Form recorded a fabulous set of results this summer with nearly 1 in 2 grades being A\* or A. Our headline figure of 49% compared favourably to the local figure of 41.3% and a national figure of 44.3%. Not only that, but with a 100% pass rate in all subjects cements us as arguably one of the best post 16 providers locally.

To find out more about what we offer there are a number of Sixth Form events taking place this term for both parents of existing students, as well as prospective parents and students thinking about joining us next academic year.



21<sup>st</sup> September

Welcome Evening for Parents and students of our new Year 12.

5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October

Sixth Form Open Morning (pre-booking essential).

4<sup>th</sup> November

Open Evening for Year 10 and Year 11 students and those students considering joining us in September 2022.

More information on all the events listed above will be out in due course. Please look out for them on our social media channels and website (links at the bottom of the bulletin).

Sixth  
Form  
Open  
Evening

Thursday 4th November  
17.15 -19.00  
01777 713700

An opportunity to visit the Academy and find out everything you want to know about our dedicated Sixth Form. Staff and current students will be available for a tour and to answer any questions.

### T & L/how to support your child tips

Improving recall has proven to be one of the most effective ways for students to progress and achieve. All Year 7 and Year 8 students will be provided with termly knowledge organisers (summaries of key learning) which will help them to develop this vital self-study skill. Teachers will be setting regular home learning using the knowledge organisers and starting lessons with short quizzes to check student knowledge.

Students from Years 9-11 will either be given knowledge organisers by their subject teachers, or asked to create their own based on the topics they have already studied.

Other home-learning can also be set by teachers to encourage students to practice skills, research or develop wider knowledge and passion for their subjects.

How can you help?

- Wherever possible, ensure your child has a quiet place to focus on their work.
- Encourage your child to regularly check Go4Schools to see what home-learning has been set and to help prioritise and organise their time.
- Support with revision by testing your child from their knowledge organiser.
- Revision should be short and focused – ideally no more than 20 minutes.
- Speak positively about school and home-learning. Don't use it as a punishment! We want all students to see the value in developing their knowledge.

### Wellbeing Tips/Being Brilliant

We are starting our second year following the 'Brilliant Schools' wellbeing programme. The Brilliant Schools team are running a 'Live' event, via Zoom for all Parents. The session is called 'Supporting Brilliance' How we can use Sport Psychology in everyday life and will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm. The codes to access the session will be emailed to parents directly before the date of the event.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

You should all have received an email this week explaining the Enrichment Programme and providing a link to the Microsoft form where students need to select their activities. The deadline for submissions is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. We are incredibly excited about our new Enrichment Programme which will enable all our students to participate in a wide range of academic, sporting and cultural activities. School will end at 2.30pm each Wednesday after the enrichment activity, but any students who need to remain on site will be supervised in a study session.

Breakfast Club is now running every morning from 8.00am - 8.30am in the Dome. A range of food is available including bacon sandwiches, waffles, toast, hot dogs, ham and cheese toasties and croissants. Pupils eligible for free school meals can receive toasties/toast free of charge.

This half-term, a range of extra-curricular activities are running at lunch and after school which we encourage students to participate in:

- **Y11 Maths** intervention and revision sessions: Tuesdays 3.30pm Maths corridor.
- **The Fandom Zone:** a place where members of film, TV and book fandoms can come together, share their interests, and build new friends. Wednesday at lunch in EL3. All year groups are welcome. We have fans of Disney, *Doctor Who*, *Harry Potter*, *The Hunger Games*, superhero films and comics, *Star Wars*, anime etc.
- **Art Club:** Mondays 3.30pm - 4.30pm. To work on a mural on the MFL corridor. For GCSE/A Level, and KS3 students who have an interest in art and are considering it for GCSE.
- **Art Club/Coursework catch-up.** Mrs Draper. This is open to Years 7 and 8 for Art Club and GCSE/A level students at any point in their course if they want extra studio space and time to finish off coursework

pieces or build up their portfolios. Tuesday after school 3.20pm - 4.30pm (Art Club) and to 5pm for GCSE/A level although students can leave earlier if they wish. Venue - ART 1.

- **NFL Fantasy League.** All year groups welcome. We will do our first meeting Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> after school but then it will be Wednesday lunchtime in MA7.
- **Lunchtime Homework Club** for students who need access to a computer to complete homework. Open to all Year groups, Monday to Friday in ICT 3.
- **School Production:** rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in the Performance Space from end of September/beginning of October for pupils who are successful in the audition process.
- **Young Voices:** Monday 1.30pm - 2pm. Performance Space - open to all years.
- **Choir:** Thursday 1.30pm - 2pm. MU1 - open to all years
- **KS3 Dance Club:** Friday 1.30pm - 2pm. DR1 - open to Years 7 and 8 only.
- **Keyboard Skills:** Friday 1.30pm- 2pm. MU2 - open to all years
- **Sports Hall Activities and Football on Astro:** Lunchtime - Monday Year 9, Tuesday Year 7, Thursday Year 8 and Friday Year 10.
- **KS3 Football:** Monday 3.15pm - 4.15pm
- **KS3 Netball:** Thursday 3.15pm - 4.15pm
- **KS4 Football:** Thursday 3.15pm - 4.15pm
- **KS4 Netball:** Monday 3.15pm - 4.15pm

## Assessments/Exams

This half term, Year 7 and Year 12 will be sitting a Baseline Assessment in all their subjects; Year 11 students will be completing GCSE part papers in English, Maths and Science.

For Year 7 this information is then going to be used to identify any gaps in their knowledge, which will support teaching staff in their planning. Year 7 are taught in their Tutor Groups for some of their Core lessons each week, and for one lesson a week they are in smaller groups which are organised into bands. The data from the Baseline Assessments will be used to make sure that they are in the correct groups for their intervention lesson in English, Maths and Science. Year 7 will be taught in mixed ability Tutor Groups in all of their other lessons.

The Year 12 Baseline Assessment will be used to confirm the suitability of students for the courses that they have chosen.

Year 11 are completing a full set of assessments in English, Maths and Science so that we can see where they are in relation to their Target Grades. This information will then be used to plan the interventions that will need to be put in place to secure the best possible outcomes.

Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 will be starting their assessments in the second half term of the Autumn Term. Year 11 and Year 13 will be sitting a set of PPE Examinations from the first week of November.

## Calendar dates for the half term

Our Open Evening takes place later this month and whilst this is primarily aimed at students moving up from primary and their families, we are aware that many of our new parents have not been able to visit the school due to previous restrictions. If you would like to join us on 29<sup>th</sup> September we would love to see you there.

Please feel free to share details with your friends and family members who might be interested in attending.

You can stay up to date with news and events on our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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**OPEN EVENING 2021**

**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** 17.00-19.00

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We also have Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October (4pm-5.30pm).