

Ernest Bevin College and Sixth Form Centre

A Specialist Sports, Mathematics & Computing College

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Dear Parents / Guardians

I would like to thank you for your support and encouragement during the autumn term and I look forward to the start of this spring term with positive anticipation. As ever, it promises to be a busy and productive year. Year 11 mocks started on Thursday 4th January. All our important and upcoming events are in the Calendar which we sent out at the beginning of the academic year and can be found on the college website and My Ed app – see code below:

Enclosed with this letter is your son's end of term Assessment Manager Report which shows the following information for each subject.

Years 7 – 9

- a measure of his progress during this term
- a measure of his effort during this term
- the number of achievement and behaviour points
- current reading age in years and months

Years 10 – 11

- his guided target grade (GTG)
- his current predicted grade for the end of Year 11
- his effort (commitment to learning)
- the number of achievement and behaviour points

You will be able to judge your son's progress in each subject using this information. If you need to discuss any issues highlighted in the report, please do not hesitate to contact your son's Head of Year or his tutor.

Staff Changes

We are sorry to see the following staff leave at the end of the autumn term, who have made their individual contributions to the college – Mr Koorjee (Teacher of Science) and Ms Jones (Teacher of Geography). In addition, we are also saying goodbye to Ms Boateng (Assistant Principal) who is leaving us to become a Deputy Head at another school. I would like to wish them all well in their new ventures. We welcome Mr O'Nuallain (Teacher of Geography), Ms Gray (Teacher of Science) and Mr Demuro (Cover Supervisor).

Communication

Since September we have been using the My Ed app to improve communication between college and home. The app is free to download and use and I would strongly recommend that all parents download this app to your smart phone. For further instructions see below or ask at the college office. We will be going paperless by the end of this term which means all correspondence will be via the app. It is therefore important to download the app.



The My Ed app is available now for both Apple iOS and Android devices. The app can be found on either the Apple App Store or on Google Play by searching for My Ed or by scanning the QR code opposite to access the download page for our app. Once you have installed and opened My Ed, search for Ernest Bevin College and follow the simple instructions to identify yourself.

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Assistant Principals: Timothy Kay, Oscar Omo, David Smith, Patrick Sullivan. Director of Finance & Administration: Jon Oddy



My Ed is a free parent app that gives you a multitude of communication and information features to stay in touch with what is going on at college. The app gives you direct access to your child's attendance, timetable, absence records, achievements, behaviour and much, much more. We update the information in the app as the school year moves along. We are able to send you messages directly to the My Ed app relating to important information about your son's education and to remind you of events that are taking place at the college. You will receive a notification if we send you a message and there is no charge for the messages you send to us.

Uniform

In order to maintain our high standards, we remind you of our uniform code, details of which can also be found in the student planner and on the college website. Every pupil is expected to wear compulsory uniform of a black blazer with silver trim, college tie in the year colour, black trousers and black leather shoes. Shirts should be white and jumpers black with a V-neck. Pupils are expected to bring a school bag which is large enough to contain all the equipment ready for learning. If your son does not wear full uniform, he will be lent items by the college. Please support us in the ethos of our expectations around presentation by ensuring that your son has an appropriate hair cut – without patterns, notches or extreme styles.

The following non-uniform items and other articles **should not be worn / brought to college and are not allowed on the college site:**

- Hooded tops
- Outdoor coats with logos or with a sweatshirt hooded top attached to the coat
- Outdoor coats should **not** be worn inside the buildings
- Hats – may be worn in the playground but should be removed indoors. After Easter hats may not be worn anywhere on the college site (including the playground areas).
- No caps are to be worn on the college site at any time
- Trainers – except for physical education lessons
- Canvas shoes
- Mobile phones / iPods / MP3 players etc. including headphones
- Pouches

You can expect your son to have these items confiscated should they be seen by a member of staff; please ensure that they leave home properly prepared for a successful day.

Banned items – all types of knives and pocket knives, alcohol, fireworks and any sort of weapon, imitation firearm or harmful chemicals

Bringing any of these items into the college is likely, at the Principal's discretion, to result in a recommendation to the Governors of the College for a permanent exclusion.

Yours faithfully



Rukhsana Sheikh,
Principal