

Ernest Bevin College and Sixth Form Centre



A Specialist Sports, Mathematics & Computing College

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Principal: Tracy Dohel

Start of Academic Year 2021-2022

27th August 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the academic year 2021-2022 and to our students and staff. We are pleased to report some outstanding achievements by our students in their A levels, GCSEs and vocational qualifications this summer.

In Year 13 there were a number of top grades awarded and this included three students who gained A* in all their A Level subjects and three students scoring high vocational grades in their Engineering course.

Students have secured destinations across a range of universities, including UCL, Kings and Queen Mary, reading courses such as Medicine, Engineering and Computer Science.

Our Year 11 students were also delighted with their results with many of them securing top grades and being able to move on to their chosen courses.

This year, following the cancellation of exams, grades were awarded through a process of teacher assessed grades, against a national standard and approved and awarded by the exam boards. The government is not publishing performance data for any schools or colleges this year due to the varying impact of the pandemic.

We are immensely proud of all the work and achievements of our students, especially after such a difficult and disrupted year. Our teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure students are all able to progress onto further education and study, and we look forward to seeing what they will achieve in the future.

Welcome to new staff

We are delighted to introduce you to our new staff. We offer a very warm welcome to

Miss Heyes, Assistant Principal

Mr Scrimshaw, Director of Sixth Form

Mr Osman, Teacher of Maths

Mr Ali, Teacher of Economics

Mr Grandidge, Teacher of Sociology & Psychology (Maternity Cover for Miss Senior)

Miss Henry-McLean, Teacher of RE

Miss Sweeney, Attendance Officer

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Mr Divac, Librarian

Mrs Small, Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead (Counsellor)

Ms Montague, Principal's PA

Miss Boateng, Key Stage 3 Pastoral Support Manager

Miss Siddica, Key Stage 4 Pastoral Support Manager

Mrs Pearce, Receptionist

Miss Reed, Health Care Coordinator

Miss Sekar, Mrs Begum and Mr Obodai, Learning Support Assistants

Mrs Khan, Learning Support Assistant with EAL specialism

Mr Findlay, Visiting Music Teacher.

We would also like to congratulate the following existing staff who have new roles within the College.

Miss Patel, Senior Vice Principal

Mrs Dorcely, Director of Learning Key Stage 3

Mr Heathcote, Director of Learning Key Stage 4

Ms Iweha, Director of Learning Key Stage 5

We welcome all three to the Senior Leadership Team.

Miss Williams, SENCo

Miss Peroy, Head of Department MFL

Mr Safo-Antwi, Head of Department Business, Computer Science and Economics

Mr Pilcher, Second in Charge Humanities

Ms Lewis, Second in Charge English

Mr Farrell, second in charge Maths (maternity cover for Miss Odufisan)

Mr Roy, Lead Practitioner, English

Mr Wiseman, Assistant Director of Sixth Form (maternity cover for Miss Young)

Ms Begg, Teacher of English

Miss Fielding, SENCo Assistant

Mr Bedward, Key Stage 4 Pastoral Support Manager

All teaching positions are filled, and you will see from the appointments, both externally and internally, that there is a greater profile on the additional staff in place to support students not only in class but out of class too.

We have created three significant senior leadership roles titled Director of Learning. Each Director of Learning will lead the academic and pastoral aspect of a key stage. They will work closely with the Heads of Year and the Pastoral Support Managers.

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I urge parents to attend the Parent Information events listed in the key dates below in order to meet the staff in these key roles and hear directly from us about our vision for your child at Ernest Bevin College.

Please continue to contact the tutor in the first instance regarding your child's academic and pastoral development and, if necessary, they will direct you to further support within the College.

We have updated the tutor information on our [website](#).

Returning to the College

We welcome Year 7 and Year 12 to the College on Friday 3 September at 8.40am for their induction days.

Year 7 will be greeted at the front of the College building and directed to the student entrance.

Year 12 should, for this day only, enter through the main reception entrance.

All students should be present on Monday 6 September at 8.40am.

Year 7 to 11 should arrive through the student entrance and Sixth Form through the Sixth Form entrance.

Times of the College day

On Tuesdays all students will receive an extended Tutor Time to deliver the PSHE curriculum.

	Mon/Weds/Thurs/Fri	Tuesday
Tutor Time/Assembly	8.45am-9.05am	8.45am-9.30am
Period 1	9.05am-10.05am	9.30am-10.25am
Period 2	10.05am-11.05am	10.25am-11.20am
Break	11.05am-11.20am	11.20am-11.35am
Period 3	11.20am-12.20pm	11.35am-12.30pm
Period 4	12.20pm-1.20pm	12.30pm-1.25pm
Lunch	1.20pm-2.00pm	1.25pm-2.05pm
Period 5	2.00pm-3.00pm	2.05pm-3.00pm

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High expectations

To ensure that we maintain the highest quality of education and ensure all students make excellent progress, it is essential that punctuality and attendance to the College is given the highest regard. All students should be ready and prepared to learn with the right equipment, their homework completed and their uniform worn correctly. They should be encouraged to read age-related literature beyond that provided by the College. High attendance, excellent behaviours and a commitment to learning will continue to be rewarded through our reward and recognition systems.

I am immensely proud that students at Ernest Bevin show their commitment to these expectations, though there are a handful who regularly do not. The most common infringements are:

- wearing trainers without a medical note
- wearing coats indoors around the College
- not tucking shirts in

We will continue to follow up such infringements as per our policy and will expect students to wear their uniform correctly. We have a supply of school shoes and uniform items which will be loaned for the day. There is a comprehensive school [Behaviour and uniform policy](#) in place and I recommend that parents and students refer to this.

I appreciate that the use of electronic devices, including mobile phones, is prevalent in society. However, these are a huge distraction in schools. It is essential that electronic devices should not be seen, used or heard at all during the school day and will be confiscated if they are. Please read the [Electronic Devices policy](#) on our website for full details.

College site improvements and building works

I would like to thank the Premises team for all their work this summer. Some examples of their work include the many classrooms and corridors painted and decorated as well as external walls of the Science block. Benches in the courtyard have either been replaced or repaired. In addition, weeds have been removed around the building. The College has also been deep cleaned.

There are two building projects that will still be in operation when we resume the school year. The first is the Science block; we have repaired the roof and upgraded ventilation to the rooms and we are in the process of replacing the windows at one side of the block. We expect this to be completed within the first two weeks of the term

The second project is the main boiler room; the boilers are being completely removed and replaced. This will not affect the water supply to the College. We are planning for the majority of the work to be completed by October.

Both projects have required Heras fencing to be set up around the areas where work is taking place and some scaffolding on the Science block. We will speak to students regarding any alternative routes they may need to take around the site but we expect this to be

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minimal. We ask you to also speak to your child regarding the dangers of approaching such works and to ensure they maintain the health and safety guidance we will provide them.

COVID-19 updates

In accordance with the [DfE guidelines](#) EBC will be starting the academic year as follows:

- We will no longer require students to stay in bubbles and assemblies will resume.
- Face coverings are not required but we appreciate that in enclosed and crowded places some staff and students may want to continue to wear a mask. We ask that if required to aid learning and communication that a student lowers their mask when asked to. It is expected and recommended that face coverings are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.
- We will continue to promote good hygiene for everyone, maintain appropriate cleaning regimes and keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- We will also follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- We will continue to update our [risk assessment](#) and the most recent one is on our website.
- We will have a contingency in place if positive cases were to substantially increase.
- We will retain an asymptomatic testing area on-site until further notice, to test students who are unable to test themselves at home.
- We encourage all students and staff to continue to undertake twice weekly home tests until the end of September, when this will be reviewed.

Tracing close contacts and isolation

There is a key change in tracing close contacts and isolation. NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a [PCR test](#). We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

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Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal.

Key dates

Key dates for the first two months of this year are below and dates for the academic year can be located on our [website](#).

I very much look forward to working with you in the best interest of your children. It is well known that children make best progress when their school and family work co-operatively with each other. As part of this, I welcome and appreciate parents' feedback and look forward to continue hearing from you.

If you would like to discuss anything or if you have any concerns, please do contact the College.

Yours faithfully

Ms T Dohel
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Key dates Autumn term

Please note some dates/times may need to be subject to change due to further government guidance or other unforeseen circumstances.

Event	Date	Time
Term starts for Year 7 and Year 12	Friday 4 th September	8.40am
Term starts for Year 8 to 13	Monday 6 th September	8.40am
Year 10 Information Evening	Monday 20 th September	4.30pm-5.30pm
Year 11 Information Evening	Monday 20 th September	6.00pm-7.00pm
Year 12 Information Evening	Tuesday 21 st September	4.30pm-5.30pm
Year 13 Information Evening	Tuesday 21 st September	6.00pm-7.00pm
Year 7 Information Evening	Wednesday 22 nd September	5.30pm – 6.30pm
Year 8 Information Evening	Thursday 23 rd September	4.30pm-5.30pm
Year 9 Information Evening	Thursday 23 rd September	6.00pm-7.00pm
Open Evening (students leave at 1.20 pm)	Wednesday 29 th September	5:30pm -7.30pm
Late start	Thursday 30 th September	10.00am
Open Morning	Friday 1 st October	9.00am – 11.00am
Parental Workshop	Wednesday 7 th October	5.00pm – 6.00pm
Open Morning	Friday 8 th October	9.00am – 11.00am
SLT Parental Drop-ins	Monday 18 th October	4.15pm – 6.00pm
Last school day of half term	Friday 22 nd October	
Term resumes	Monday 1 st November	8.40am