

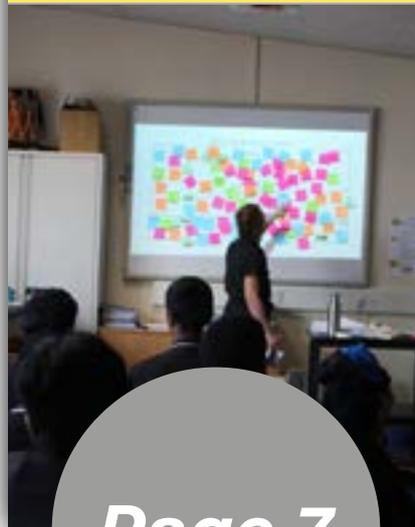
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Message from the Principal

It has been a busy term and I hope everyone is looking forward to a well-earned rest over the holiday period.

We will be welcoming Mr Blakemore to the Senior Leadership Team after the holidays for the summer term to support leadership at the College. Mr Blakemore joins us as Associate Principal and brings a wealth of experience from other schools at senior level.

Our Royal Marines Cadets have been doing us proud again as they recently took time out on a Sunday to present at the Wandsworth Civic Service. I received a hand written note from the Mayor of Wandsworth thanking and congratulating them on behalf of all in the Wandsworth Community.

Miss Buchanan, Lead Practitioner of Science, was invited to a reception at 10 Downing Street on Monday, 28th March to thank teachers and system leaders for their work during the pandemic. Boris Johnson sincerely thanked the guests and the colleagues they represented within the teaching profession for their continued dedication and support for our young people throughout the last two years. I would like to thank Miss Buchanan for representing staff at Ernest Bevin College and for feeding back her experience to us.

I enjoyed meeting with Year 9 students for Principal's Breakfast and was delighted with their feedback about lessons; something they really like is the attention teachers show in lessons. I also managed to shock them when they suggested an improvement to the College would be to install Astroturf and their estimation of how much it would cost was only about 2.5% of the actual cost!

As we head into the final term of the school year, I would like to take this time to remind you again that we have provisions in place to provide free school meals for students. Please [click here](#) to be taken to the application form and return it to schooloffice@ernestbevin.london

Thank you all for your hard work and support this term and wish you a relaxing holiday.

Ms. Dohel
Principal



Poetry Club

Ms. Begg has been running sessions after school to help students prepare their entries for the Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award, run by the Poets Society. This is an opportunity for any young poet aged 11-17 to accelerate their writing career. With entries from over 6,000 young people across the UK and worldwide, it is the largest competition of its kind. Each year, 100 winners (85 commendations and 15 top Winners) are chosen by two high profile poets, receiving their awards at an annual prize-giving event in October.

The deadline for entries is April 11th. We wish the students the best of luck!



Blue Ties

Year 11 have been hard at work preparing for their GCSEs with intervention running weekly. About 20% of the year group have had 100% attendance at intervention sessions.

Preparation for the graduation is well underway with the year book complete and the initial invites having been sent to parents this week.

Excellent work from 11MAS who had a week of 100% attendance recently in the week beginning March 14th. Further congratulations to 11MAS, 11HL and 11LP who have all won tutor group of the week and been able to skip the lunch queue on a Friday.

Three students were chosen at random to win end of term prizes. These students were selected from those who had won tutee of the week this half term. Every week each tutor selects a student who has shown excellent behaviour and a good attitude. I then chose three at random to win Amazon vouchers and a reading book. The winning students are Safwaan, 11LP; Zamin, 11KH; Piraveen, 11MMS. Congratulations to all.

-Ms. Thompson

Green Ties

On Tuesday March 15th, Year 8 participated in four workshops presented by the London Ambulance Service, the London Fire Brigade, and the Metropolitan police. The following information explains what the sessions were about.

What was the ambulance activity about?

The ambulance services session focused on what you should do if you see someone wounded from a sharp object. The paramedic team suggested three rules to follow when you see a wounded patient:

Rule 1: ensure that the area around the scene is safe from any dangers, for example, cars or any other dangerous objects.

Rule 2: call for help. You can do this by calling 999 or asking someone else to call 999. You must inform the paramedics of the situation because it may help save the patient's life.

Rule 3: stopping blood loss. To do this you will need to either elevate the patient to a nearby wall or lie the patient down and apply pressure to the wound. This will help prevent them from losing too much blood. Fact: it is better to leave the sharp object in the wound because it acts like a plug.

What was the Fire Brigade activity about?

The London Fire Brigade talk was based on road safety, telling us how to stay safe.

The main focus of the session was the importance of wearing a helmet when cycling. The helmet will protect your brain, which is a key organ in your body. If damaged, your brain will not function properly. To help increase the safety for cyclists, several roads now have separate lanes for cars, pedestrians and cyclists. Also, poles have been placed on some streets to act as a barrier between cars and cyclists.

Safety in cars is also important; one of the best ways to remain safe when travelling in a car is to wear a seat belt. The seatbelt acts like a barrier if you are involved in an accident, helping to minimise injuries to yourself or others. Fact: if you are in the back seat without a seatbelt, you could kill the person in front of you instantly if you are in a crash. Remember that it is there to protect you.



What was the police activity about?

The first police session focused on county lines. County lines are large networks of drug trafficking from major cities to small quiet areas. It is usually carried out by young men aged 15-18. If you are over the age of 10 and involved in county lines you can be arrested. The Metropolitan police recommend talking with someone like your parents, teachers, or using an online forum such as [ChildLine](#) if you are at risk of becoming involved with county lines.

The second police activity focused on sexting. The term sexting is a combination of the words sex and texting. Sexting is the act of sending sexual text messages. Sexting can happen when someone you know or meet online asks you to send explicit photos of yourself or they ask you to share the photos of someone else. You should never send explicit photos, no matter how much you trust or love the person who has asked you to send them. You can be arrested if you have explicit pictures of girls or boys under the age of 18. Do not take or send explicit pictures of yourself. Speak up and tell a trusted adult so that they can help you.

I found all four talks really interesting and informative. I am glad that we had the opportunity to attend the sessions.

- Zakir 8SSS

Aayaan enjoys writing short stories and challenged himself to write one that would get the attention of the reader from the first sentence. I am sure you will agree that this story does just that!

Diary of the Dimension

Note: Before we read this, certain words may be cut off due to events written in this diary.

'I was filming with my friends, making a short horror movie. I tripped over something but when I hit the floor I ended up somewhere else. An office with mundane wallpaper looping infinitely in my sight. All I could hear was the endless buzzing of the lights. The moist carpet made my feet sink into the wetness of the threads beneath my feet. I guess I was the only one here so I could make myself at home? I heard metal footsteps and creaks. Was something in here with me? I started to walk through the labyrinth of offices and found random furniture. I found an oddly coloured wall. I checked it and I somehow fell through it. I was in a room with a few sofas and a wooden table. I decided to rest here and wait for the events to come.

I exited the room to see the mundane offices from before. I saw something behind me peeking around the corner. I suddenly became aware of my surroundings. The metal creaks and footsteps started to become louder. What was that thing? It made a sound like nothing I heard before.

I jumped down a hole and suddenly I'm in a different world. It was still an office but different wallpaper and a less soggy carpet. It felt a little more comfortable but the knowledge of me being trapped in a labyrinth made it less settling. I looked around and it still felt like a maze, except it had less repeated sections and actually had a specific layout. I found a chasm that led into darkness, but on the other side there was more land to unfold. It was a jump to something more interesting but it was risky. I heard the creak metal footsteps again. I decided it was now or never. I jumped and barely made it.

I found some stairs and decided to walk up them. It led to the same endless layout of buzzing lights, moist carpet and mundane wall paper looping over and over again. I was being chased and the monster was behind me and an exit to reality was finally just before my gras-'

- Aayaan 8PCB

Red Ties

EBC recently had an open event on Wednesday 9th March, inviting Year 6 students that have been offered a place to take another look around the college and meet teachers and current students. A few Red Tie students were asked to be Ambassadors at the event, helping to show the Year 6s around and talking to them about what it is like to be a student at EBC. Two Red Ties have written about the event below.

I got the news on Tuesday that I was an ambassador. It was as if stars flew into my heart and exploded (in a good way!).

On Wednesday I was ready. I prepared my speeches and I walked around the route twice. On the tour I was waiting in a line revising my speeches, not knowing that I was next. My heart was beating and I felt worried, but then I remembered that I was paired up with a sixth former. "Yes! Yes! Yes!" I thought.

Then it was time. We had a few locations to visit on our trek around the school. Our first location was the library (and one of the groups must have had a lot of questions because the library had another group in it!). I told them about the basics such as, "there are loads of gigantic, glorious books. If you're missing homework you can go to the computer area. If you're not fancying that, go on these tables and play some card games - although I do advise you to read the books because it can help with your vocabulary."

We also popped into the Modern Foreign Languages, Maths and Design Technology classrooms. I showed off the different clubs we have at Ernest Bevin on the colourful bulletin board. We then made our way to the PE block (which is always a winner!). Finally, my new sixth former friend and I escorted our group back to the entrance to collect a copy of the book 'Ghost' by Jason Reynolds, in which Ms. Dohel wrote a message. Hopefully the Year 6's will be back again to join us in September.

- Freddie, 7CP

Most Year 6s were interested in our sports facilities and our extracurricular activities, such as swimming, table tennis and football.

The students that we showed around were very intrigued by our learning spaces as well. A lot of people were surprised about how diverse the school is and thought that this was a good thing.

There were many questions asked, such as: what kind of trips do we go on, if there is a judo club and what are the times for the school day. The children hopefully entering Year 7 were satisfied with the answers that we gave.

The parents were more than content with the quality and quantity of work that we produce in our classes.

Some of the Year 6s were curious about the plays that we do in drama. We explained to them that in Year 7 you learn Romeo and Juliet. They were also very interested when it came to sports and the playground, asking a lot of questions including: do all years get separate lunchtimes, how long is break and can we bring in our own footballs.

We look forward to seeing them in September!

- Zak, 7JR

Yellow Ties

On Friday 25th March, 15 Yellow Ties were selected to take part in mentor training. They are now fully fledged mentors for Year 7 students and will be working one-to-one with them to help with all things including academia, wellbeing and mental health. The day was a success with all 15 students enjoying the tasks they were given. They are all looking forward to getting the programme up and running, and meeting their Year 7 student after the Easter break.



Year 10 took over Mr. Lee's Design and Technology lessons between Monday 28th March and Thursday 31st March. Students were tasked with creating lessons for the rest of their class.

The lessons were planned, delivered and resourced by small groups of students and topics were based on:

- Sustainability and the environment
- Production techniques and systems
- The iterative design process

Students delivered with confidence and with their subject knowledge taking the lead. They even created their own Do Now tasks, showing a clear similarity to their teacher-led lessons. Some even handed out some praise points.

The lessons were both informative and fun and the students reported that they really enjoyed this unique learning experience. What a great way to learn from each other!



Sixth Form

The Sixth Form football team had a recent game against Ashcroft Technology Academy. EBC gave a comfortable and professional performance, winning by a flattering margin.

The team gave solid performances. Hassan and Melvin excelled in defence, while goals from Gino, Charlie, Euan and Kareem ensured that EBC was victorious. Rayyan scored a hat trick and was awarded man of the match.

Mr. Wiseman was impressed with the performance of the whole team, with the final score coming in at 8 - 1 to EBC. This team is definitely one to watch out for!

Friends of Ernest Bevin



Dear staff, students and families,

Can you support our Design & Technology department and help raise money to either repair or replace our broken laser cutter machine?

Ideally, the College would benefit from a new laser cutter to replace our nine-year-old machine. This will cost £12,000. In the event that we are unable to raise the full amount, we are aiming to repair the laser cutter at a cost of £4,000.

Why are we fundraising?

Ernest Bevin specialises in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects. It is vital for our college and our students to be equipped with the best technology to help them achieve their full potential.

The current laser cutter machine, with recent student projects created using it:



How to donate

We are asking for donations from parents, alumni, local businesses and the wider community. If you wish to donate, [please click here](#) and support the DT department at Ernest Bevin College.

You can also support us by sharing the FEBS campaign with your network by following us on our social media platforms below. Send us a like, re-post/re-tweet. Also, if you'd like to partner with us, please send us an email below. Your contribution will be hugely appreciated.

Finally, from us all here at FEBS we wish those celebrating Easter, Passover and Ramadan an enjoyable celebration and the EBC community a pleasant and restful half term.

Thank you for your ongoing support!
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Reminders:

We would like to remind all students and parents that selling items on the College site is a banned activity. As we have a number of students with nut allergies, we would also politely remind everyone to consider the impact that could be caused to fellow students. Any reported selling activity will be followed up and very firm sanctions will be put in place.

If you have school uniform items that your son has grown out of or no longer uses, please donate them in the uniform donations box at the main reception. Uniform donations help other families get school uniform at a bargain price, as well as reducing waste. This can be anything from a tie to a blazer to parts of the PE kit. Please ensure items are clean and in good condition.

We were informed yesterday of a price change for our school meals. The price change is driven by the increases in the National Living Wage (NLW) and the Retail Price Index (RPI%) including food inflation. The current price is £2.60 and the new price is £2.75. We were only advised yesterday that this change will be effective from today, Friday, 1st April. We appreciate that this is very short notice and, in order to help, we will not implement the change until 19th April.

Key Dates:

Friday 1st April - Last Day of Term

Saturday 2nd April - World Autism Awareness Day

Sunday 17th April - Easter Sunday

Monday 18th April - Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 19th April - First Day of Term