

# Ernest Bevin College and Sixth Form Centre



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Principal: Tracy Dohel

6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

## RE: Start of Term - January 2023

Welcome back to the start of the Spring Term 2023. I hope you all managed to rest over the holiday period and that students are ready for the busy term ahead. Best of luck to our Year 13 students who will be taking their mock examinations next week; a crucial week for them as they have never experienced public examinations before so we are planning the week to go ahead with a similar format to the examinations they will take over the summer.

### New Staff Welcome

We are delighted to introduce you to our new staff and offer a very warm welcome to: Mrs Ghinlan, Lead Teacher of Computer Science; Ms Beddoes, Head of Creative Arts; Ms Giraud, Head of DT; Ms Holmes, Teacher of Maths and Ms Maduka, Teacher of Media and English.

### Attendance

We mentioned attendance levels in the last newsletter and would like to remind you of the following information:

Between 92- 93% attendance - up to 15 school days absent in the academic year: high risk of underachievement.

Between 90 - 91% attendance - up to 19 school days absent in the academic year: severe risk of underachievement.

Under 90% attendance - up to 22 school days absent in the academic year, extreme risk of underachievement.

We are aware of reports stating that flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in the coming weeks and that high numbers of scarlet fever continue to be reported nationally. Whilst we are mindful of this, we request that you send your child to college if they are feeling well enough to attend.

### Policies

As a reminder, all our policies can be found on our website by clicking [here](#). We will be uploading a more detailed uniform policy and this will be available by the end of next week.

### Key Dates

<b>INSET DAY</b> Staff Training - college closed for students	Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>HALF TERM</b>	Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>	Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March

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We urge parents to attend the Parent Evenings as well as other relevant events listed below. Please continue to contact your child's tutor in the first instance regarding their academic and pastoral development and, if necessary, they will direct you to further support within the College.

Event	Date
Year 13 mock examinations Year 11 taster sessions for Sixth Form	Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 10 parents' evening	Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January
Sixth form and Year 11 Medical careers workshop – selected students	Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 7 Roehampton University trip – selected students	Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 11 parents' evening	Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January
INSET Day	Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 11 and 12 careers workshop	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Sixth Form workshop for CV writing and interview skills	Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Tina: The Tina Turner Musical theatre trip for Drama students	Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 9 subject choices evening	Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March
Sixth Form parents' evening	Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Evening for September 2023 new Year 7 students and parents	Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Regional final for Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge	Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 7 trip to The Tempest	Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 9 parents' evening	Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March
EAL coffee morning	Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March

## Industrial Action

Over the past few months, we have all been very aware of the different sectors involved in industrial action and this action will have affected many of us in some way. I wanted to inform you that teaching staff across the country are currently balloting regarding possible strike action, and, if strike action is agreed by unions, we will be in touch outlining our plans and the dates this will be taking place. Please be aware that this action could take place before the February Half Term holiday. We will, of course, give us much notice as we possibly can.

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## Progress with Academisation

We are still on target to achieve a transfer date of 1<sup>st</sup> February. It is unlikely that you will notice any significant changes for the rest of the academic year as we will be melding our systems and processes with United Learning. Please contact us if you have any queries and we will keep you updated with progress.

I hope families are keeping well during these challenging months and would like to share a link we recently received regarding warm spaces should it be useful to you [here](#). I have also been notified by our local NHS Trust about wellbeing sessions available to parents; details can be found by clicking [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Dohel  
Principal