



The Newsletter of Ernest Bevin College

Friday 21st October 2022



We enjoyed several very successful open events recently and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone involved for helping us to share with the community what we love about Ernest Bevin. The feedback from prospective parents and students was overwhelmingly positive and it is lovely to see so many students with unequivocal enthusiasm towards joining us; we look forward to giving them our warmest Ernest Bevin welcome next year.

The information evenings gave us the opportunity to meet with many of you and I was very grateful to staff and parents for attending; these events allow parents to have an insight into our expectations as well as detailing what might be coming up in the near future for their children and are invaluable as we work together to offer the best education to the young people in our care.

I was so pleased our Science Stars were able to attend the launch event on Wednesday at St George's University and look forward to hearing about their exciting endeavours this year – I really hope our students enjoy being part of the programme.

I wish you all a restful half term break.

Ms Dohel
Principal

Principal's Breakfast This Month



A Great Start to the Academic Year



Achievements Outside College



Positive Attitude

Year 7 Open Events

The Ernest Bevin College Open Evening took place on Wednesday 28th September, followed by two subsequent Open Mornings.

On Open Evening, student guides gave visitors a tour of the college site, viewing all the facilities and exploring each curriculum department. Each department put on an array of activities to demonstrate the work that students can expect to take part in during their time at EBC. This ranged from exercising on fitness equipment, conducting science experiments and testing themselves with maths challenges to creating badges and their own pieces of artwork.

The Open Mornings were slightly different. They took place during a normal College day, allowing visitors to see lessons taking place and view how students conduct themselves whilst in class and walking around the site.

We received great feedback from all of these events, with a selection shared below:

"Really nice pupil guides – friendly and informative."

"I enjoyed seeing the children working diligently and happily."

"I liked the learning because it was silent."

"Our host was fantastic and a credit to the school."

"I really enjoyed my experience and hope I can come next September"

"Great facilities. Relaxed and friendly atmosphere."

"Being shown around by pupils during the school day gives a real sense of the school. Nice to see the boys engaged in their learning and extra-curricular activities."



English Focus

The study of English at Ernest Bevin College this year has kicked off by introducing the students to new and captivating literary discussions and creative writing projects. **Year 7** start their studies with the all-important exploration of their culture, their heritage, and their identity that culminates in some colourful poster displays, wondrous word poetry and creative autobiographical writing. Year 8 learn the values of honour, respect and duty with tempered and guided exploration of poems from soldiers who have courageously served our country. These poems have led our students to reflect upon the place in society and the conflicts that humankind have had to endure. On November 11, **Year 8** will then convey their respect to their community by taking part in a Remembrance Event at St Mary Magdalen Church, listening to war poetry and readings and displaying their work completed during English lessons.

Year 9 have delved into philosophy by studying *Fahrenheit 451*, the challenging and high-minded novel about morality, censorship and freedom. From this, students will create their own dystopian futures in a piece of creative story writing. To begin their GCSE exam preparation, Year 10 have travelled back in time to read of a Victorian London covered in the thick, suffocating pall of smog – a London that is being stalked by the sinister Hyde in Robert Stevenson's

The Strange Case of Jekyll and Hyde.

Year 11, having already completed the readings necessary for GCSE exams when they were in Year 10, have started to revisit and revise their course so that they are fully prepared for their first mock examinations for English, which will be English Language Paper 1 on the 7th November, and English Literature Paper 2 on the 8th November. We are more confident than ever that last year's incredible success in GCSE English will be repeated.

The English Department is also more determined than ever to put the importance of reading in the forefront of our students' minds. Slogans such as 'Children Need to Read' will never be a laboured point at Ernest Bevin. We recognise, as government studies have reported, that '**regularly reading stories or novels outside of school is associated with higher scores in assessments**', even in assessments for subjects such as Maths. That is why all our students, from Years 7 – 10, will be reading a novel for pleasure during form time every week. This will not be an assessed novel – it's just for fun. We're calling this programme 'Bevin's Big Read! – a programme in which students will read aloud the same title.

After the half term, we are also revamping our homework system in English. As part of this, we are inviting you, the parents who know our students best, to push your son's journey to become a motivated reader by ensuring they read at least thirty minutes a night from a select list of exciting titles. Reading out loud can be like going for a run - it gets easier every time. Motivated readers will then compete for prizes for those who manage to read the most. Providing an audience for your son's reading at home could be hugely motivational for them, so we do encourage you when you have time to listen to your son reading. Students will also be given easy to access online quizzes as part of their homework to test their recall and ensure they reflect on their learning.

English at Ernest Engages More Than Ever Before!



We are delighted to announce that we will soon publish an anthology of poems written by the students at Ernest Bevin College.

We are proud of our students and the hard work that they do and to celebrate their success we share their poems with you and the world. The book is a compilation of the winners from the whole school creative writing Phoenix Competition and a combination of the works of students from the weekly running Poetry Club and creative writing workshops run by the English Department. It is through their poetry that they share their voice and from their voice that they are empowered to make a stand and speak out for all that they believe in.

Blood Moons on Mellow Nights by Suhaan

Imperfect angel seeking to regain its halo,
I wish to sleep in the arms of a goddess,
So I tread arrogantly
Since they hate those who are modest.

Life is filled with valleys and peaks,
Still in the bigger picture you'll find what you seek.
Take the right road, no reward for those who cheat,
Use all your might,
This path is not for the mere weak.

Smile through the melancholy,
It doesn't stay forever
Succumbing its lies is folly,
For the days get better.

Fates weaved by the divine,
I look to the sky for signs,
Only to realise
Within my soul is where all the answers lie.

Mesmerised by the blood moon's gaze,
This love for success is not a phase
Forever my eyes give chase
To the light o' night that follow daze
Yet why does my mind return to the blurry haze?

Life flows like rivers
Let go, and life will deliver
Your deepest desires, to make you quiver
With patience, sweetness follows the bitter.

Nightmares' can run to dreams,
I've witnessed the birth of gods from fiends.
What's dirty can turn clean
And the warmth of the heavens, onto any scene
The death of the stars
after all did create us

Passions rage, passions burn
They do as they please without your concern
Listen to your heart so you can learn
Only way to hear the music
Of the universe

Success is counted sweetest,
By those who never succeed

Mellow nights, chilly days
Starry skies, perfect for play
This life I'd never trade,
Joyous like a soul at heaven's gate...

Rising From the Ashes by Youssef

I rise from my ashes.
Again, and again
But I will not stop, I will keep rising
No matter how much it burns,
Every day I rise again and again remembering

Painful memories, so bad and so sad,
It has been a while now, it almost does not hurt
anymore,
No one remembers, only I can and that is even worse
But I need to live with it, I cannot change it,
But every time I rise again, I remember

Every single second passed previously.
It is a nightmare, I cannot wake up,
It is too much pain, too much suffering
It feels like if I keep getting cut by sharp spikes,
I will just ignore it like everyone does with me.

It seems to work, but still, I feel empty,
Do I really want to live this way?
But it does not matter as I will just burn and then,
I rise from my ashes.

Burst From Flame by Spencer

The Phoenix, rises high in the skies,
A burning passion in its eyes.
As its wings beat in the air,
No other birds could compare.

Despite the bird having to die,
The bird will be willing to fly,
And although it may give into death,
It will flap its wings like its last breath.

The bird descends into ashes,
Then gets reborn and fires flashes.
Although being small as a chick,
Their time will never tick.

Then, it rises back from its ash,
And gets up in a fiery crash.
The Phoenix demonstrates taking a new step in life,
Hence our school logo.
The bird can heal any soul,
You'll then be reborn and you can achieve your goal.

College Achievements

Congratulations to the **Year 7 Blue Ties** football team for winning 2-1 against Graveney School in their first match of the year!

The whole team played very well with Ibrahim and Malick scoring the two goals.

A fantastic start to your time at Ernest Bevin College - well done!



Mr Obodai, Teacher of Geography, took part in the London Marathon on Sunday 2nd October, raising money for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

Mr Obodai completed the marathon in 3 hours 59 minutes - a brilliant time!



Karting Success

A big well done to **Max** in Year 10, who will be competing in both the Regional Final of the British Indoor Karting Championship and the National Final of the Total Karting Zero Electric Southern Championship at the end of October.

Max first began karting in 2015, winning a number of junior local indoor events. After a few years away from racing, he began the sport again in 2021 and reached the regional finals of the British Indoor Karting Championship, finishing in fifth place and just missing out on the National Final.

This year, Max competed in the Total Karting Zero Electric Southern Championship, finishing with a place on the podium in five out of six championship rounds - claiming third place overall and the Bronze medal. Max will be competing in the National Final with the top ten drivers nationwide to be UK Champion.

Max also recently won a local qualifying round in the 2022 British Indoor Karting Champinship and will be racing in the Regional Final in Basildon.

Good luck!



Over the weekend of 7th - 10th October, 10 cadets and two staff travelled in the college minibus to Lympstone in Devon. This small village just south of Exeter is home to the Commando Training Centre of the Royal Marines. It is also the venue for the annual competition between all Royal Marines Combined Cadet Force contingents from across the UK.

Cadets take part in 12 disciplines, ranging from hard physical slog such as the Endurance Course and the Stretcher Race to tests of knowledge, memory and concentration such as navigation, first aid and observation.

The Ernest Bevin cadets improved their score by 125 points compared with last year and achieved third place (out of 16 teams) for drill and a highly impressive second place for teamwork.

Sleeping in an unheated warehouse, getting up by 0600 each day and working hard all day, it was not a surprise that the minibus home was quieter than the journey to Lympstone - as all cadets were sound asleep, arriving back at college by 7pm on the Sunday.

Mr Kay and the School Staff Instructor Mr Riches were very proud of the cadets who were complimented by a wide variety of competition organisers for their exceptional team spirit and behaviour.

Students can apply to join the cadets towards the end of April in Years 8 and 9. Cadets train after college every Tuesday during term and one weekend per month. They can also take part in a week-long camp every July.



We are pleased to introduce this year's College Council members.

The College Council consists of representatives from each year group. Council members are selected by their peers and meet regularly with senior members of staff, passing on information from their classmates and ensuring that all students have a voice.



**KS3 College Council
Representatives**



**KS4 College Council
Representatives**

"On Tuesday October 4th, Year 11 geography students visited Worthing beach to complete the fieldwork element of the course.

Although it was very blustery, it was nice to see geography in action. We were able to complete all the examinations needed for our course, including groyne surveys, sediment analysis, beach profiles, and bipolar environmental surveys, all of which will help us in our examinations in the summer."



International Day of Languages took place on Monday 19 September. To celebrate this, Ms Peroy enlisted student helpers to help run both a language treasure hunt quiz for Blue and Red Tie students and a language workshop, with students that are fluent in another language providing sessions teaching the basics of another language to other students and staff.



Sixth Form

Year 12 Update

Students in Year 12 are now very much part of the Sixth Form, having completed their induction and their first assessments. They now fully understand the transition and the expectations regarding independent study and work. We have had a really positive response from students in terms of their feedback about the first half-term; students are happy, feel supported and like the Study Centre. We have appointed 14 students to be ambassadors within the Sixth Form in roles ranging from Sports to Charity and finally Wellbeing Ambassadors.

Year 13 Update

Students in Year 13 have returned to the college and demonstrated a very positive attitude to their learning as well as extra-curricular activities and student leadership opportunities. We are delighted to welcome our new Top Six who have been busy leading assemblies and working with the Sixth Form Team on their vision for the Sixth Form. We have appointed the following students:

Ismaeel - Head Student
Gino - Deputy Head Student
Yusuf - Deputy Head Student
Ilyas - Senior Student
Sumayo - Senior Student
Yousaf - Senior Student

Students have already started applying for UCAS and we currently have applications from most of Year 13, including seven students who have applied early for Oxbridge, Medicine and Dentistry. Those who are not planning on the university route are now applying for apprenticeships and attending events to find out more about this field of employment.

Sixth Form Open Evening

November 3rd 2022

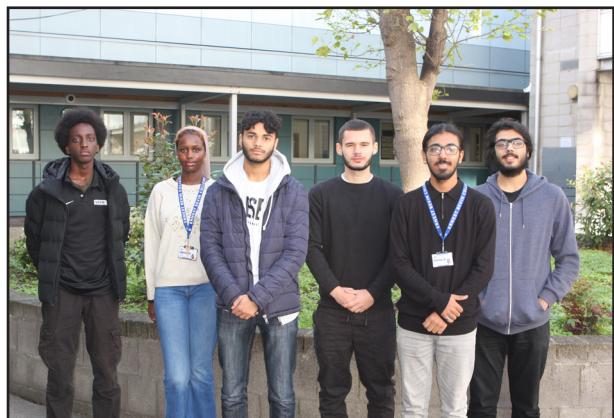
6:00 - 7:30pm

We look forward to opening up the college and the Sixth Form to Ernest Bevin families and students from Years 10-12, as well as welcoming external applicants.

This event will be led by the Sixth Form team, teachers of Sixth Form subjects, and student subject ambassadors to showcase the good work that goes on within departments.

The event will run from **6:00 - 7:30pm on Thursday 3rd November.**

Come along and find out about exciting opportunities we offer! [Please register your interest using this link.](#)



Top Six

On Tuesday 4th October, 16 Sixth Form students sat the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Senior Maths Challenge.

This 90-minute, multiple-choice test consisted of challenging problem-solving questions which required deeper mathematical thinking.

The UKMT Maths Challenges are the UK's most popular

mathematics competitions. There is an extensive number of challenging maths problems for young people to tackle, no matter their age and stage.

We are still awaiting the results from the Senior Maths Challenge and will share the results as soon they are available.

Well done to all the students for taking part.



Half Term Activities

We wanted to let you know about opportunities for students running during the October half-term and beyond that they may wish to take part in.

Jellyfish Theatre: Acting with a real script for ages 8-11.

Omnibus Theatre: Young Company Saturday morning youth theatre open to all young people and ages 5-16. Currently offering bursary places for Saturday courses.

Roehampton Base: celebrations of Black History and Halloween activities, including: trip to Madame Tussauds, Caribbean cooking, pumpkin carving, arts & crafts.
For ages 11 - 19.

AFC Wimbledon Football Holiday Club: Football sessions focus on developing core sporting skills and providing opportunities to implement them in match play.
For ages 11 - 16.

The Tooting Hub: youth centre for ages 11 - 19. A wide variety of activities, including: cultural trips, dance and drama activities, art and craft workshops, IT suite and music studio, accredited courses and short taster courses, learn a martial art.

Key Dates and Reminders:

Monday 24 - Friday 28 October
Half term

Thursday 3rd November
Sixth Form Open Evening
6:00 - 7:30pm
[Please register here.](#)

Thursday 11 November
Remembrance Day
Year 8 and CCF Remembrance Service trip

Year 7 Showcase
9:30 - 10:30am

Reminders:

The following policies have been updated on the website:

[Data Protection](#)
[Privacy Notice for Pupils](#)



Dear staff, students and families,

Earlier this year Friends of Ernest Bevin School sent out a parental engagement survey in March this year and the feedback received was that parents wanted a social event in the college. However, with regret, we had to cancel our FEBS AGM, quiz & curry night planned for Friday 14th October 2022 due to a lack of uptake. This would have been a fantastic opportunity to meet, raise much needed funds for our college and celebrate our achievements in person. If you had bought a ticket, please contact us at febssw17@gmail.com regarding any refund.

A thank you to Tooting Newsie, Cllr Paul White, Cllr Sana Jafri, NappyValley.Net for advertising our quiz night event. And a HUGE thank you goes out to all the wonderful businesses on our FEBS Instagram who reached out to us and donated support for food and prizes for our quiz. We hope that we will be able to use their donations for other fund-raising activities.

A big thank you also goes out to Mr Simeone and Mr Smith who happily agreed to participate on the night as quiz hosts. And a thank you to all our volunteers, both staff and parents, who are a huge part of the success at FEBS who show up and support us.

We're incredible lucky, to have Mrs Freeman's (Purple Tie) support, and she has been match-funding our fundraising efforts with her employer through their matched funding scheme. In September, we received £100 matched to our Bevin community picnic held on 25th May in Tooting Bec Common where we raised funds for the photobooth for the Y11 graduation ceremony. There are lots of companies that offer employees the chance to 'match' any money we raise – it's a very simple process that involves filling in a form. Get in contact with your employer to find out if you can do it too or reach out to us by sending us an email at febssw17@gmail.com.

Unfortunately, no nominations were received to elect a committee as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member and the current officers are:

Mrs Sheila Arshad – Chair (Yellow Tie)

Mrs Anuara Ali – Treasurer (Yellow & Purple Tie)

Mrs Houda Chebra – Secretary, marketing & social media comms (Green Tie)

Rev. Phillipa Boardman



Linktree*

PTA Events :

