



Welcome to the first Ernest Bevin Academy newsletter. I have mentioned previously that you will not notice significant change at this time but, having spent considerable time planning for the transfer to help our school community grow and improve, I feel we should be celebrating our new beginnings whilst still

maintaining the key values we hold in order to keep our unique Ernest Bevin identity. I held assemblies last week and spoke about our history, beginning as Bec Grammar School, becoming Bec-Hillcroft and then Ernest Bevin School and I am proud to be a part of the evolution of the school as we join United Learning.

I was delighted to be able to meet with lead learners from across Key Stages 3 and 4 for Principal's Breakfast and the common theme that often comes up is how much staff care about students and their progress; they also said they appreciated the rewards and would happily recommend for the school to implement more of them!

We ran a very successful interview skills and CV writing workshop in conjunction with London Careers Hub; the feedback from the visitors was overwhelming positive, they commented on how enthusiastic and engaged our students were. One visitor even said that they had run several workshops previously and their visit to Ernest Bevin was the best so far. Mr Kilner was given the opportunity recently to take some students to 'Tina' the musical and also ran a successful Diversity Day; both of which are featured later in the newsletter. We are pleased to be able to offer students the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of enriching experiences.

Our Year 11 students have been fully engaged in mock examinations this week; students have been preparing and look like they made the most of their last 'practice' before sitting their public examinations. Well done to them all and I hope they continue to work hard as the summer approaches.

Please don't forget to take a look at our new style website and let us know any useful feedback.

Wishing you all a restful week ahead.

*Ms Dohel*  
*Principal*

### Principal's Breakfast This Month



### Key Dates

**Tuesday 7 March**

Loud Mouth visit

**Tuesday 8 March**

Year 6 Welcome to EBA evening

**Thursday 9 March**

Year 9 Parents' Evening

**Thursday 21 March**

World Poetry Day and Ernest Bevin Academy poetry book launch event

**Monday 3 - Friday 14 April**

Easter break - School closed for students

### Second-hand Uniform Appeal

We are appealing for donations of second-hand uniform in good condition.

If you have any items of uniform or PE kit that your son has grown out of or no longer needs, please donate this via the collection box at main reception. This allows us to reuse the clothing and help out other students.

# School News

## Diversity Day 2023

This year's Diversity Day took place on 20th February for all students in KS3 and KS4. The focus of this year was LGBTQ+ History Month with KS4 having a presentation delivered by Mr Kilner and KS3 welcoming speakers from 'Just Like Us', a company who work with LGBTQ+ volunteers to communicate their stories to students. Students across all year groups were massively engaged in all aspects of the hour workshops and contributed well to discussions. Each workshop ended with a presentation from Year 11 student, Talha, where he spoke to students about equal opportunities, misogyny and what it means to be a man in 2023.

Diversity Day is celebrated on different days each academic year. Our focus last year was on International Day of Cultures and will be celebrated during Black History Month next academic year. The aim of Diversity Day is to celebrate different cultures, lifestyles and beliefs and to educate our students on the history and, in some cases, current issues faced by protected groups.



## Interview Skills and CV Writing Workshop

On Tuesday, 7th February, a half day CV writing and interview techniques workshop was held for approximately 60 students from years 11-13. Sessions were run by Rebecca Whyatt from Reed/London Careers Hub, Sam Aylott from NG Bailey, Imran Sharif, People Manager at The Gentleman Barista, and Steven Rimmer, a CLCH volunteer.

*"During the Interview Skills and C.V. Writing Workshop I was exposed to a lot of new information and strategies that I had not yet thought about and this has given me a lot more confidence about myself and also made me think about how best to find an apprenticeship. I enjoyed working with others and being able to discuss my ideas and I felt listened to and supported. I will definitely be updating my C.V now and writing a covering letter that is ready for when I begin actively looking for an apprenticeship as an Engineer." - Year 13 student*



On 8th March, 30 Year 9 students were lucky enough to attend a performance of Tina: The Tina Turner Musical at Aldwych Theatre. All students who attended thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

*"The play was very lively, and the actors were lively as well. The effects were amazing, so I give it a 10/10"* Kyron Year 9

*"Something that I particularly liked about the Tina Turner Musical was how they integrated all of her songs into the performance"* Yusuf Year 9



## **UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge**

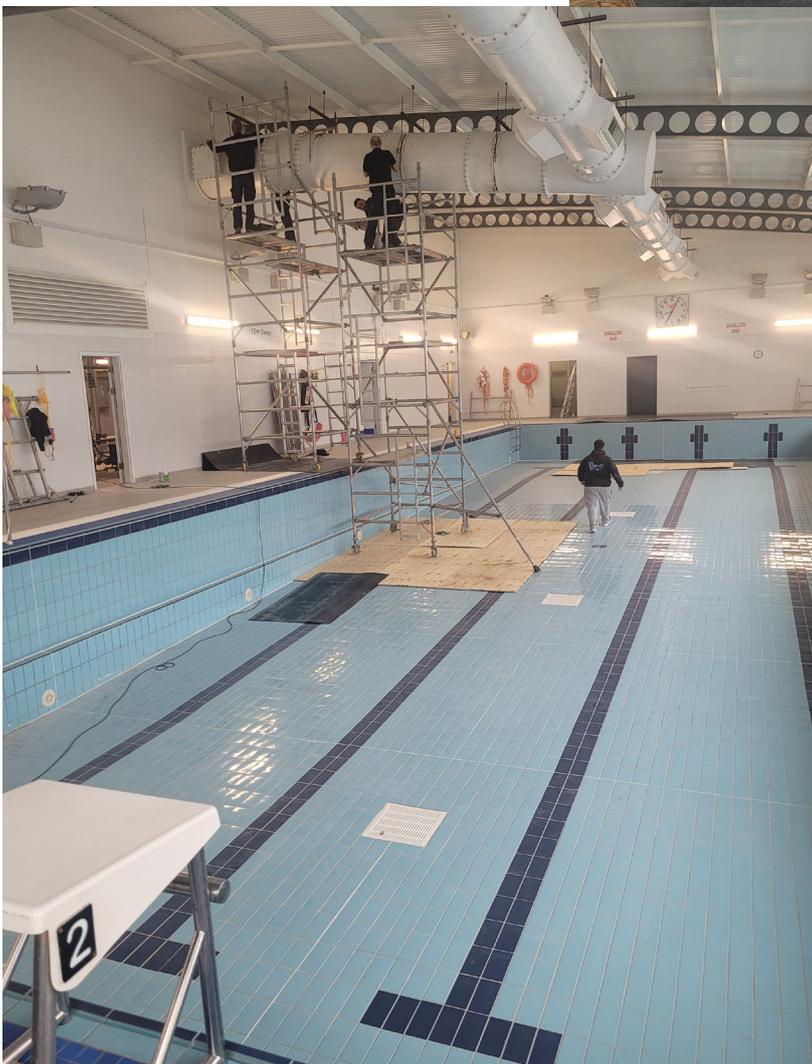
On Thursday, 16th February, six Year 10s and four Year 11s sat the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. This 60-minute multiple-choice test consisted of challenging problem-solving questions and required deeper thinking in Maths. The UKMT Maths Challenges are the UK's most popular mathematics competition. There is a world of challenging problems for young people to tackle, regardless of their age and stage. The UKMT Mathematical Challenges and Olympiads are excellent sources of challenging problems.

Ridwan in Year 10 achieved Gold and Best in Year, while Fahad in Year 11 achieved Gold and Best in School and progressed onto the next round taking place on Friday, 17th March.

Congratulations to all the students who took part and good luck to Fahad in the next round.

## Behind the scenes!

Have you ever wondered what happens in the school over the holidays? Perhaps not but if you have, read on! During the holiday period, the school is still a hive of activity with lots of work going on. The holiday is the perfect opportunity to do some of the projects that are easier to do when students and staff are not all in the building. So the paint brushes come out, the wiring checks get done and we do building work as well.



This half-term we have had GCSE art sessions underway in the art department as well as premises working on building projects to help ensure the staff and students are in a safe and secure environment. We have cleaned and repaired gutters using a cherry picker which took up an enormous amount of space but allowed the very high parts of the building to be successfully checked. The pool renovation work also started. This is a six-week project which the premises team are heavily involved with and has started with draining the pool over a four-day period and then installing the scaffold to replacing nuts and bolts. The team will also be checking all of the hundreds of tiles, the paint work and the ceiling.

## Table Tennis Holiday camps

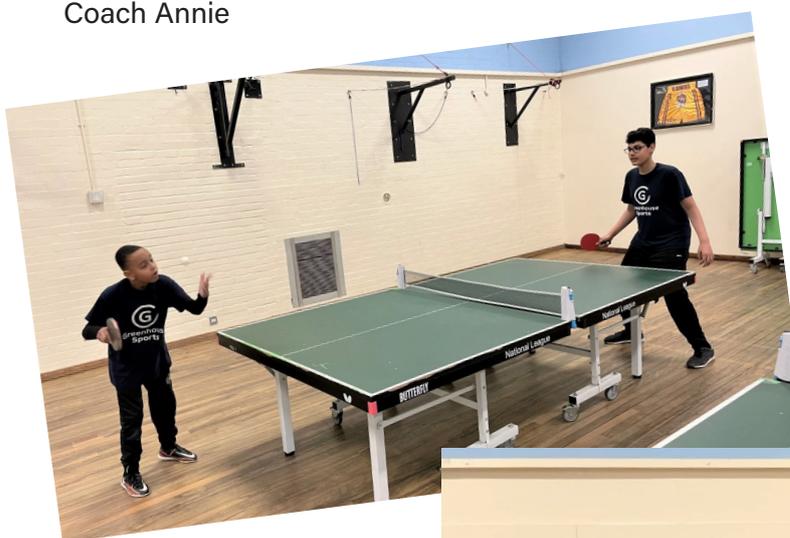
Five holiday table tennis training camps are running throughout this academic year, mainly for Year 7 and 8 players who are registered with Greenhouse Sports.

This term we had a fantastic raining camp from Monday to Thursday, 13th to 16th of February. Approximately 14 boys attended the camp each day.

They learned various technical skills each day, Kwasi Year 8 said *"I really enjoyed the camp, I learnt a lot and I feel as if I've really improved. It was fun and it gave me the chance to learn. Overall, it was incredible"*. Fauzan year 8 said *"I really loved the camp as I have been given many opportunities and this really helped me improve my table tennis such as my footwork, backhand and ball control. Not only that, but I also loved playing with my friends and learning new things"*.

After 3 days of training, we held a friendly competition on the last day of camp, the winner was Haider (Year 7), runner-up Romeo (Year 7) and the third place went to Bryan (Year 7). A special mention also to Abdul-Hakeem (Year 8) who has improved hugely.

Coach Annie



Three further holiday camps will be running this year during the Easter holiday, May half-term, and the Summer holiday. Participants who would like to attend these training camps must register for the Greenhouse table tennis programme: [www.greenhousesports.org/registration](http://www.greenhousesports.org/registration)

Greenhouse Sports Table Tennis clubs run before school, at lunch time and after school.

Table Tennis Clubs	BC 7:30am - 8:30am	LC 13:20pm - 14:00pm	ASC 15:00pm - 16:30pm
Monday		√	√
Tuesday	√	√	√
Wednesday		√	√
Thursday	√	√	√
Friday	√		√

# Community Notices

## Free football tickets!

AFC Wimbledon Women have 3 remaining fixtures to be played at Plough Lane this season, and they would love to offer EBA students tickets for the games.

What: AFC Wimbledon v Chesham United  
 Where: Cherry Red Records Stadium, Plough Lane (SW17 0NR)  
 When: 5 March, 2pm

Click on the league table image to be taken to the booking webpage.

Pos	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	 Hashtag United F.C.	11	9	1	1	46	12	34	28
2	 AFC Wimbledon	11	8	2	1	25	5	20	26
3	 London Seaward	12	8	1	3	25	18	7	25
4	 Norwich City	11	6	2	3	21	22	-1	20
5	 Actonians	11	5	1	5	31	18	13	16
6	 Ashford Town FC (Middlesex)	12	5	1	6	26	27	-1	16
7	 Queens Park Rangers F.C.	11	4	3	4	17	18	-1	15
8	 Cambridge United	13	2	4	7	22	29	-7	10
9	 Chesham	11	2	0	9	11	53	-42	6
10	 Cambridge City	13	1	1	11	14	26	-22	4



**MONTHLY FILM & SOCIAL CLUB**  
 For autistic and disabled community  
 CARERS & PA'S WELCOME  
 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
 COMMENCE FEBRUARY  
 10-3PM  
 £3 entry and refreshments  
 TOOTING & BALHAM SEA CADETS  
 89 MELLISON ROAD  
 LONDON SW17 9AS

FOR MORE INFO:  
 INFO@A2NDVOICE.COM

Age 18+

POP UP CINEMA FOR ALL

Please click on the image to be taken to the website.

## WANDSWORTH FOODBANK

If you're facing hardship, many local organisations can refer people to **Wandsworth Foodbank** for emergency food, support and advice. Ask the person who gave you this leaflet, visit [wandsworth.foodbank.org.uk/get-help](http://wandsworth.foodbank.org.uk/get-help) or scan this QR code.



You can also call **Trussell Trust's** free helpline on **0808 208 2138** (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, closed public holidays). You'll talk confidentially to a trained adviser who can refer you to your nearest food bank.

## IF YOU'RE FEELING STRESSED OR ANXIOUS

Talk **Wandsworth** offers free NHS support and confidential help for problems such as stress, worry and low mood. For help, phone **020 3512 6264**, visit [talkwandsworth.nhs.uk](http://talkwandsworth.nhs.uk) or scan this to self-refer online.



Whatever you're going through, a **Samaritan** will face it with you. You can call them on **116 123** or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org). They're here 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

## DOMESTIC ABUSE ADVICE AND SUPPORT

The **One Stop Shop** is a free drop-in service providing legal advice, information, and support to local people experiencing domestic abuse. Phone **0203 879 3544** (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm), or pop in:

- **Mondays** 10am-12pm at St Mark's Church, Battersea Rise, SW11 1EJ
- **Wednesdays** 10am-12.30pm at Picasso Building, Minstead Gardens, Roehampton, SW15 4EE

## ADVICE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

**Age UK Wandsworth** is a local, independent charity working in the community to support older people and their carers - including by providing benefits advice. You can phone on **020 8877 8940** or email [advice@ageukwandsworth.org.uk](mailto:advice@ageukwandsworth.org.uk)



## HELP FOR YOU THROUGH THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS

A quick guide to local sources of help, for people who live in Wandsworth Borough

This leaflet is being shared by local voluntary and community organisations across Wandsworth, to help local residents. For more copies, please contact [info@wandsworth.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@wandsworth.foodbank.org.uk)

## COST OF LIVING ONLINE HUB



**Wandsworth Council** has put together lots of useful information to help residents with the cost of living.

Scan this QR code or visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/hub](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/hub), or call freephone **0808 175 3339** to speak to an advisor.

## ONLINE BENEFITS CALCULATOR

Many people across the UK are missing out on benefits payments that they're entitled to.

Check you're receiving everything you're entitled to by scanning this QR code or visiting [turn2us.org.uk](http://turn2us.org.uk)



## CITIZENS ADVICE WANDSWORTH



**Citizens Advice Wandsworth** offers free, impartial, independent and confidential advice. To get in touch, scan this QR code, visit [cawandsworth.org/get-advice](http://cawandsworth.org/get-advice) or phone their free AdviceLine on **0808 278 7833** to speak to a volunteer adviser (Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm).

## COST OF LIVING & ISSUES WITH DEBT

If you're struggling with your bills because they're too high, or want to know if you're getting all the benefits you're entitled to, ring **South West London Law Centres** for free on **0808 109 8032**. Leave your name, phone number, and what you want help with, and one of the team will get back to you with free advice.

For other money issues, please visit [swllc.org/get-advice/debt/](http://swllc.org/get-advice/debt/) or call **0208 677 9252**.

**Crosslight Advice** also provides free debt and benefit advice. Visit [www.crosslightadvice.org/help](http://www.crosslightadvice.org/help) or phone **0300 373 1180** (open Mon-Fri, 9:30am-5pm).

## FOOD, FUEL & RENT GRANTS FROM WANDSWORTH COUNCIL

If you live in Wandsworth Borough, you can apply for support grants from **Wandsworth Council**. These are grants not loans, so you won't need to pay them back. You can receive a total of 3 crisis or community care grant awards in 12 months.



### CRISIS GRANTS FOR FOOD & FUEL

Wandsworth residents can apply for a Crisis Grant for food and fuel, which includes:

- Supermarket vouchers (£35 per adult/£40 per child in your household)
- Top-up gas/electricity vouchers for pre-payment meters (£15-£25 on each, depending on household size) **OR**
- Extra supermarket vouchers instead of top-up vouchers if you pay for energy by bill or direct debit, or are a British Gas customer.



### GRANTS FOR WHITE GOODS & FURNITURE

You can apply for a Community Care Grant for white goods (eg cooker, fridge) and essential furniture, if you're experiencing crisis and hardship.



### GRANTS TO HELP WITH RENT

You can apply for a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) if you're receiving Housing Benefit or Universal Credit, including a housing element, and need extra help with housing costs because your benefit doesn't cover your full rent.

## FIND OUT MORE & APPLY HERE

Simply scan this QR code, or visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/housing/benefits-and-support/discretionary-support-grants](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/housing/benefits-and-support/discretionary-support-grants). You can also visit Wandsworth Town Hall Customer Centre for help if online is difficult.

