

Eton Academy Monthly Newsletter - Welcome!

March 2025

Dear Eton Academy Community,

As we look forward to the warmer weather that spring brings to the UK, it's hard to believe we are already halfway through the school year! Time really does fly when we are engaged in learning and growing together. This newsletter brings you updates on upcoming exams and assessments, introduces our new ventures in virtual reality, and highlights key dates and events to look forward to.



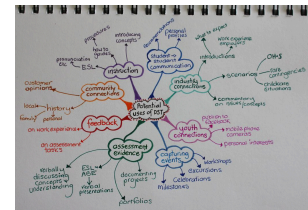
Exams and Assessments for Term 2

As we approach the end of Term 2, it's crucial for our students to gear up for assessments and exams. Primary and lower secondary students, along with our Grade 10 pupils, will have their **written exams starting the week of March 17th**. In addition to these exams, students in courses such as Art and Design, Computing, Global Perspectives, and Digital Literacy will need to submit coursework for grading. Deadlines will be clearly communicated through Google Classroom and must be adhered to as they will impact grades.

Quick Revision Tips for Effective Exam Preparation

Here are some straightforward and practical revision techniques to help students prepare for exams efficiently:

- **Active Recall:** Test yourself regularly on the material. Use flashcards or practice questions to enhance memory.
- **Spaced Repetition:** Spread your study sessions over several days or weeks to better retain information.
- **Practice Papers:** Work through past exam papers to familiarize yourself with the format and to practice time management.
- **Mix It Up:** Alternate between subjects or topics to keep your study sessions dynamic and maintain your focus.
- **Mind Maps:** Use mind maps to visually organize information, helping you to see connections between concepts.
- **Teach Others:** Explain the material to someone else. Teaching is a great way to reinforce your own understanding.
- **Take Breaks:** Avoid burnout by taking short breaks. Try studying for 25 minutes and then taking a 5-minute break.
- **Healthy Habits:** Stay hydrated, eat brain-boosting foods, and get plenty of sleep to keep your mind sharp.



National Careers Week

Exploring future career paths is an essential part of our students' development, and we're excited to celebrate National Careers Week! Throughout the week, students will be engaging in discussions about different careers during PSHE lessons and assemblies, gaining insights into various industries and professions.

To help students explore career options, we encourage them to use the following online resources:

[National Careers Week](#) – This site provides a wealth of career guidance materials, including job profiles, employer insights, and downloadable resources to help students explore different career pathways.

[BBC Bitesize Careers](#) – A fantastic platform featuring real-life career stories, industry insights, and interactive quizzes to help students discover careers that align with their interests and skills.

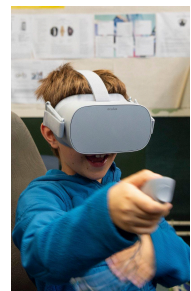
What can students do on these sites?

- Take career personality quizzes to explore potential job options.
- Watch video interviews with professionals from various industries.
- Learn about job roles, required qualifications, and career progression.
- Explore apprenticeships, university routes, and alternative pathways.
- Access CV-writing tips, interview guidance, and employability skills training.

We encourage parents to discuss career aspirations with their children and explore these resources together. Career exploration is an ongoing journey, and we're here to support students in making informed decisions about their future!

Get ready for Virtual Reality (VR)!

We're excited to be introducing VR learning at Eton Academy! Students will take part in weekly sessions exploring the world of VR. This innovative approach aims to make learning more engaging and interactive. Please ensure you download and set up 'Rec Room' on your device before the session. If you own a VR headset, make sure to bring it along!



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World Book Day - March 6th

Get ready to celebrate the joy of reading on World Book Day! We encourage all students to participate in activities that will be held to foster a love for reading. It's a perfect day to explore new genres and discover new authors.

British Science Week - March 8th-17th

British Science Week is just around the corner, and we have a series of exciting activities planned. This event is a fantastic opportunity for our students to delve deeper into the wonders of science through experiments, guest lectures, and field trips.

Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr Celebrations

We extend our warmest wishes to our Muslim families observing Ramadan this month, followed by the celebration of Eid al-Fitr. May this time of reflection and community bring you joy and peace.

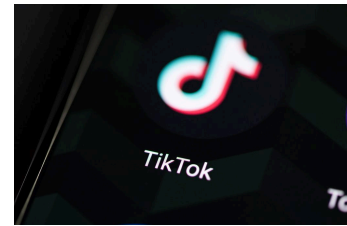


Clock changes at the end of March

As the clocks go forward at the end of March for Daylight Saving Time in the UK, we are mindful of the potential disruptions this change might cause, especially for our international families. To ensure minimal impact, we will adjust our timetable accordingly. This adjustment helps maintain consistency in class schedules across different time zones, ensuring that all students can continue their education with us smoothly.

Safeguarding Spotlight: Keeping Your Child Safe on TikTok

TikTok is a dynamic platform where children and teenagers engage with a global community through creative video content. While it can be a source of entertainment and self-expression, it's important for parents to be aware of the potential risks associated with its use.



What to Watch Out For:

- **Viral Challenges:** While many challenges are harmless, others can be dangerous or inappropriate. Be cautious of trends that encourage harmful behaviors, such as consuming inedible substances or participating in risky acts.
- **Inappropriate Content:** Videos may contain sexual, violent, or other adult themes despite TikTok's age rating of 13+. Engaging with such content, even negatively, can lead to more showing up in your child's feed.
- **Privacy Concerns:** Users can encounter issues with privacy if personal information is shared. It's crucial to keep accounts private and educate children about the risks of sharing personal details.

Seven Steps to Enhance Safety:

1. **Use Family Pairing:** This feature allows you to control safety settings and monitor your child's TikTok usage from your own device. [Set up Family Pairing](#)
2. **Keep Accounts Private:** Ensure that only approved followers can view videos your child posts. [Make an account private](#)
3. **Enable Restricted Mode:** This setting helps filter out inappropriate content from your child's feed. [Enable Restricted Mode](#)
4. **Set Time Limits:** Manage how long your child can spend on TikTok each day to prevent excessive use. [Manage Screen Time](#)
5. **Restrict In-App Purchases:** Use device settings to prevent unauthorized purchases through the app. [Manage spending on iOS](#) | [Manage spending on Android](#)
6. **Manage Interactions:** Adjust settings to limit who can comment, duet, or message your child.
7. **Educate and Communicate:** Teach your child how to report inappropriate content and discuss online safety regularly. [Report a problem](#)

By taking these steps, you can help ensure that your child's experience on TikTok is both safe and enjoyable. For further assistance and detailed instructions on setting up these safety features, please refer to the TikTok Help Centre.

Parent Feedback

Your feedback is extremely important to us! Please take a moment to let us know your thoughts through our parent feedback form [here](#).

Other upcoming events

- March 6th - World Book Day
- March 8th-17th - British Science Week
- March 17th - Start of exams for Term 2

Warm regards,



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