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School Production: Billy Elliot

On Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th March our whole school production played out on three fantastic evenings! The cast and crew for this production were fantastic and showed incredible maturity and respect as they depicted the story of Billy Elliot.

A huge well done to the cast and crew as well as the Billy Elliot team: Mr Marshall, Mr Franklin, Miss Stockwell, Miss Yatirawana, Mr Meyer, Mr Whiddett and Mrs Cruickshank. A big thank you goes to our Technical Team, headed up by Mr Portnow and a special mention to Ethan Handy and Ollie Reaney for your enthusiasm towards all things technical, as well as Carissa Coles, Tilly Hardy and Darrell Funani who are starring in their last production here at Edgbarrow.

Thank you so much to all of those who came and showed their support and a huge well done to all involved - we are so proud of you! [Click here for more Drama news.](#)

R Carr, Head of Drama, Acting Head of Performing Arts

Headteacher Update: Mr Matthews

Welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter...

So much has been happening across the school, it's a real pleasure to share with you the successes and activities that have taken place. Whether it's Comic Relief, trips and visits, Billy Elliot or the Careers Convention, there's been lots going on.



This is the first newsletter since the release of our Ofsted report. We wanted to make sure that we acknowledge the huge contribution of the students, we have thanked them via tutors, a whole school assembly and given all the students a school pen. I want to give particular thanks to our School Council representatives and our student leaders who did a wonderful job in various meetings with inspectors. Again, thank you for your help, support and completion of the Ofsted questionnaire. I'm not one for resting on laurels nor for performing for Ofsted, so it's done, out of the way and we move on to new developments and improvements that support our students.

I hope this newsletter gives you full coverage of the curriculum at school. It is not just about what happens in lessons it's about providing students with the opportunity to succeed and find success. There's no better example than through sports teams or on the stage. Our PE department has been sharing our sports results via their social media accounts and I encourage you to follow them and share in the success (and occasional defeats). Thank you to those

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who attended Billy Elliott and a huge thank you to the staff and students involved. It was amazing to see so many students involved. It was a brave show and a real triumph; I hope it will provide all the cast and crew with some wonderful lifelong memories. Thank you to all those that attended the Careers Convention and to those involved with the Year 10 mock interviews, we hope this helps students to plan for their future careers and gain some inspiration.

We continue to work on the Edgbarrow8 - a set of pedagogical practices that teachers try to embed in all their lessons. We strive to cover Respect, Ambition, Reflection, Deep Learning, Success for All, A Thirst for Learning, Clarity & Consistency, and Pride in Work & Environment. This helps with consistency and we train and adapt each year to engage with the latest education research. Further information can be found [here](#). This year we have focused on improving literacy which helps to allow all students to access the curriculum fully. It doesn't matter how old they get, reading daily makes a significant difference to education and 'Success for All'.

Departments continually update their curriculum and have been focusing on Key Stage 3 assessments. We've found the system to be a little clunky and at times inaccurate, so in September we'll launch a new system that will include new parent reporting that is hopefully simpler for all. Departments continue to publish their curriculum plans and these can be found on each subject page in the [Departments](#) section of the website. My thanks to our Heads of Department and the Teaching & Learning group for all their work.

Our pastoral team have also been looking at options to share more information with parents/carers regarding rewards and sanctions. We've reviewed the options and hope to begin some trials next term, with the ambition to

launch in September. This will be via an app that both parents and students can access. We'll update you next term.

We say farewell and thank you to Mr Thorman, a former student who has done some fantastic work in our Progress Department over the last two years. It will be sad day for us and the students he has supported. He is going into his field of IT and we wish him all best for the future. Mrs Cruickshank is also moving on after nine years at the school. She started in our SEN and English departments, has been a deputy Head of Year and more recently supporting the Music Department; she's been a star and will be much missed. We wish her well as she returns to an SEN role at Robert Mays School. Ms King is also leaving after ten years at the school; she has achieved a promotion to Head of Sixth Form at John Madejski Academy. She has held various posts related to her work in Sixth Form and is currently our Head of Vocational Education. Ms King has worked incredibly hard and has a real passion for health and social care. We know she will be brilliant in her new post. Charlotte Revill is also leaving us after five years as our Data Manager to take on the role of Business Manager at a local primary school. Charlotte is the brains behind our reporting and tracking systems, ensuring we comply with statutory reporting to the Department of Education. A whizz with numbers, spreadsheets and databases, she has provided more support to staff and students than anyone will realise. We wish her every success in her new role.

The Summer term is always busy as we complete final preparations for the exam season. I know our Year 11s and 13s will be working hard and we wish them every success.

As always, thank you for your support of the school. I wish you all a fantastic Easter break.

S Matthews, Headteacher

Edgbarrow8



Reminders

From First Aid

The Importance of Eating at School

It sounds obvious to make sure you eat during the school day but here are a few reminders as to why it is so important:

- Gives you energy
- Helps with your concentration
- Supports your growth and development
- Helps keep your complexion clear if you are eating a sensible and balanced diet



So please remember to:

- Eat five fruit and vegetables a day
- Eat your breakfast
- Drink water

Please see the link below for more advice:

[Health For Teens | Everything you need to know about health](#)

HEALTH FOR TEENS

K Benn, Lead First Aider

Free School Meals

If you would like to see if you are entitled, please select this [LINK](#) to apply.

The application form can also be completed online at: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/learn-free-school-meals

Support for Service Children



Service children are children with one or more parents currently serving in the British armed forces.

As a school we are entitled to claim additional money for all Service children on our roll under the government's funding arrangements and this has also been extended for Service children for up to two years after their parent has retired from HM Forces.

If you are in or recently retired from HM Forces, please would you confirm this by emailing secretary@edgbarrowschool.co.uk who will send you the relevant forms.

Exam Timetables

All students sitting examinations this summer should have received their exam timetable. If you have any questions, please contact examoffice@edgbarrowschool.co.uk

We wish you all lots of luck with your upcoming exams, believe in yourself and all your hard work will be worth it in the end. Our team is here to support you.

Please visit the [student area](#) of our website for support with exams and revision.

The Exam Office

Contacting Us

Please do not reply to messages from InTouch as they are not received by the school. Emails should be directed to: secretary@edgbarrowschool.co.uk and they will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.

Pastoral Information

Please see the links below for updated information on Uniform, Authorised Leave of Absence and our Behaviour Policy.

- [School Uniform](#)
- [Authorised Leave of Absence](#)
- [Behaviour Policy](#)

Personal Development



Look out for our termly Personal Development Newsletter with information about SMSC and the PSHE curriculum. This will give you an insight into what your children are accessing, and also enables you to have important conversations with your child on pertinent and emerging topics.

You can read our latest issue [here](#).

Notice Board

STUDENT ABSENCE

We would like to remind parents/carers that we have a dedicated telephone number for reporting student absence whether it's a medical appointment or absence from school.

The number is: **01344 467675**.
Parents can also advise of absence by using the email absence reporting facility on the school website.

ATTENDANCE

Although we strive for high attendance from our students, if you know your child is unwell or injured and not fit to be in school please do not send them. If a student becomes unwell or injured during the course of the school day it is the parent/carer's responsibility to collect their child or arrange for a responsible adult to do so. Please ensure that your contact details are kept up to date so we can efficiently ensure the health and safety of your child.

ADDITIONAL MEDICAL NEEDS/HEALTH CARE PLAN

The lead first aider kindly asks that all students requiring medication in school and a health care plan please remember to update these as medical needs change/arise. Please make a note of the expiry date of any medication coming into school. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that medication kept in school is in date in case of emergency use. Many thanks in advance for your help. If you have any questions, please contact
Keely.Benn@edgbarrowschool.co.uk

STUDENT SUPPORT CENTRE

The Centre is for any students experiencing social, emotional or behavioural difficulties that may have an effect on their learning. Students and parents are welcome to contact Mrs Martin and her team directly. However referrals will always be agreed with the Head of Year. The team can be contacted via the main school number on **01344 772658**.

STUDENTS' PERSONAL PROPERTY

Parents should note that school cannot be responsible for personal property of students whilst the students participate in off site activities. The school will not be liable for loss of or damage to such property should this occur. By agreeing that your child may participate in the activity proposed, you also acknowledge and agree that the school shall have no liability in this respect.

NON-SMOKING SITE

May we remind parents and other visitors that we are a non-smoking site, therefore smoking is not permitted anywhere within our buildings or grounds.

SOFT FOOTBALLS

Please remind students that they should bring soft footballs (not leather ones) into school to play at lunchtime.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

If it is necessary for students to take any medication in school (including non-prescription medicines), the medication and a signed consent form (this form can also be downloaded from the school website) must be handed in at Reception where it will be stored safely. The medication should be sent in its original container, complete with the expiry date and dosage details. The student must come to the medical room at the required time to report to the First Aider before taking the medication.

MOBILE PHONES

It is a serious breach of examination regulations to bring a mobile phone into an examination room – see the school website for more details. Please ensure that students do not bring mobile phones to school during examination sessions. At other times mobile phones should be switched off and remain hidden and not used at any time on the school site.

LOST PROPERTY

Items of lost property can be reclaimed from Reception at lunchtime from 1.45pm onwards only. Items of PE kit are kept in the PE department for a short time before arriving in Reception. Can we please remind all parents that all personal effects should be named and that unclaimed lost property will be disposed of at the end of each term.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please could any medical appointments be written in your child's planner and can they also be reminded to sign out at Reception when they go to their appointment.

MINIBUS

Can students please make sure that when using the school minibus they do not eat when travelling in it and certainly do not leave any litter behind. Furthermore, please do not wear dirty boots while travelling in the bus and ensure that the whole bus is left clean and tidy after every journey. This is a fantastic bus; let's make sure we can all enjoy it.

PARACETAMOL

Paracetamol can be accessed via the Lead First Aider if needed. Contact with the parent/carer will be made for consent. We hope this will enable your children to remain in school and that they will be more comfortable and able to concentrate on their lessons. We will of course still ask you to collect your child if they remain unwell or in severe pain. An accurate record is kept of Paracetamol use. If you have any concerns regarding this please contact the **Lead First Aider** on **01344 772658**.

Absence Reporting

In routine matters of absence, we would be grateful if parents would contact the school before **8.30am ON EACH DAY OF ABSENCE** if a student is going to be away. We need **DAILY** notification of your child's absence to ensure they are safe. Failure to provide a reason for absence will result in an unauthorised mark being applied. If your child has a medical appointment that interrupts their school day, please ensure that we are also made aware of this.

The school has a dedicated telephone line and email address specifically for absence reporting. Please note that the telephone number is only able to take messages and you will not be able to speak to a member of staff. The telephone number is: **01344 467675**, alternatively, please email the school (absence@edgbarrowschool.co.uk) on **each day of absence**.

If we do not have a reason for a student's absence, under our First Day Response system contact will be made with home.

If a child becomes ill whilst at school they will be looked after until a parent/carer can collect them from school. The school does have fully qualified First Aiders who can provide medical assistance where necessary. Contact will also be made with the parents/carers as rapidly as possible. In an emergency, an ambulance may be called to take the child to the hospital, but treatment cannot usually begin until a parent gives consent. We respectfully ask that if your child has a minor ailment (e.g. cold or cough) that they attempt a day in school. Our school First Aid team will make contact with you to arrange for you to collect your child if they feel that they are not well enough to be in school. Alternatively, quiet spaces can be provided for your child to work in.

IMPORTANT: PUPILS WHO SUFFER DIARRHOEA/VOMITING SHOULD NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL UNTIL 48 HOURS AFTER THE LAST EPISODE OF VOMITING OR DIARRHOEA.

Permission will not be given for family holidays during term time. Any request for Leave of Absence should be made using the form on our website, ([Leave of Absence Request Form](#)) which is also available from Reception. Any absence during term time has a detrimental effect on learning and social interactions. Students with poor attendance may be invited to an Attendance Action Plan meeting or be required to provide medical evidence for any absence or appointment, in consultation with the Education Welfare Service.

It is extremely important that emergency contact numbers are kept up to date. Please inform us immediately if personal details change.

M Fisher, Attendance Officer

Attendance Matters

Minutes late per day	Equates to days of teaching lost in ONE year	Which equals this number of lessons missed
5 mins	3½ Days	17 Lessons
10 mins	7 Days	35 Lessons
15 mins	10½ Days	52 Lessons
20 mins	14 Days	70 Lessons
30 mins	21 Days	104 Lessons

Attendance during ONE school year	Equates to days absent	Which is approximately	Which means the number of lessons missed
94%	10 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11½ Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13½ Weeks	340 Lessons

Greater than 95% Attendance	77% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSEs, including Maths and English, when attended more than 95%
Less than 90% Attendance	43% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSEs, including Maths and English, when attended more than 90%
Less than 80% Attendance	32% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSEs, including Maths and English, when attended more than 80%

Source: Department of Education

PTA News

A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered at recent events this past term to support the school. Helping the PTA not only raises valuable funds to benefit our children, but it is also a great way to meet other parents/carers/teachers and feel more part of the school community.

The recent annual Careers Convention on 9th March was a huge success. A massive thank you goes to parent Jo Turner who volunteered and worked with Karen Robinson (Edgbarrow School Careers Manager), to organise the event in both the main hall and Sixth Form. We were delighted to secure the support of over 50 companies including colleges and universities and hope all those students that were able to attend found the convention useful and were inspired.

The Quiz Night held on the 3rd March was a success and had a good turnout, raising almost £900 for the school. A big thank you to Malcom May, Dawn and Richard Love for organising this fun event.

The latest Bag2School in February raised £291.50. Thank you to parent Tanya Jacobs and volunteers for organising this regular fundraiser after every half term.



Upcoming Events

Next PTA Meeting	Gardening Morning	Uniform Sale	PTA Social
Tuesday 25th April 7pm Edgbarrow	Saturday 20th May 10am-1pm Edgbarrow	Thursday 13th July 5:30-6:30pm School Library	July 7pm Date & location TBC
Join our meeting to help plan activities and discuss funding opportunities for the next school projects. Everyone is welcome.	This is a great opportunity to come and meet some of the PTA volunteers and help the school with some gardening at the same time! Drop us an email if you're interested.	We'll be holding a second hand uniform sale on the same day as the Meet the Tutor evening. Come along to grab a few bargains! Or if you're able to help out please email us.	We'll be hosting our annual PTA social before the end of the Summer term. Details will be shared nearer the time via Facebook or email us if you're keen to attend.

Everyone is welcome to join our next PTA meeting on **Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 7pm**; whether you are new to the school, an experienced volunteer or just curious, come along! I look forward to seeing many of you there. If you'd like to join our WhatsApp group drop us an [email](#), or [join the Facebook Group](#) to keep up to date with all the latest Edgbarrow PTA information, dates for upcoming events and PTA Meetings/AGM.

Have a wonderful Easter.

Ella Page, PTA Chair

Contact the PTA

Email: PTA@edgbarrowschool.co.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/edgbarrowpta

Fundraise for Edgbarrow

Unfortunately, Amazon has now discontinued its AmazonSmile programme, but please visit our [PTA pages](#) for ongoing easy ways you can help fundraise for the school. This includes online shopping, through your payroll or making a one-off donation.

Win £25,000 with Bracknell Forest Lottery!

Bracknell Council have created a weekly lottery. Tickets cost just £1 a week and from every ticket sold, 60p will go directly to us, just select Edgbarrow School PTA as your chosen charity. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000!

Find out more information at: www.bracknellforestlottery.co.uk.



Head of Year News

Year 7: Mr Burrell

What a busy term for Year 7! Their tutors and I are delighted with the resilience, determination and hard work the students are putting into school life. It was an absolute pleasure to read their recent grade reports. I was so pleased to be able to invite Mr Matthews to award certificates to 34 students who had each achieved no fewer than six Exceeding Expectations (E) grades for their Attitude to Learning. Another 139 students received certificates celebrating all E and M (Meeting Expectations) grades for AtL. We're very proud of all of our students - what a great start to their Edgbarrow careers.

I am so pleased to see many Year 7 students taking advantage of all the opportunities that Edgbarrow offers outside the classroom. So many of the students attend clubs at lunchtime, after school, and the PE clubs. Many students go to Drama, Creative Writing, Faith Hub, Art, Science, Board Games, Problem Solving and the other clubs that staff give up their time to run. If your child is not attending clubs, please do encourage them to become involved in school life as it is an opportunity to develop their skills and character. Importantly at this stage in their school life, it's also a chance to develop new friendships in addition to the ones they have brought with them from their primary schools. [Click here to visit our co-curricular page.](#)

Students and staff greatly enjoyed the Geography trip to the Natural History Museum in London. See below for some pictures from one of the days. The volcano show and earthquake simulator were the highlights of the day.

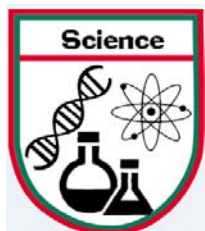
Students from the year group have been offered the chance to plant trees in our collaborative project with the Woodland Trust. I hope that they are proud to be involved in playing a part in increasing biodiversity on the school grounds, contributing to the global drive to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and also leaving a legacy at Edgbarrow.

Miss Hancox (Deputy Head of Year) has been working with our charity reps in each tutor group to coordinate our fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support, Year 7's chosen charity. This included a film night, where nearly 60 of our students came to watch 'Johnny English'. A good time was had by all, and a lot of popcorn was consumed. In our PSHE lessons, the students have recently been studying the need for, and motivations behind, supporting acts of charity. Their tutors were pleased to see the mature attitude of the year group and their willingness to support others less fortunate.

The Summer term will be equally busy for Year 7. On 22nd May, we enter the Year 7 assessment month, during which time each subject will offer the students a chance to show their progress throughout the year. We will be discussing revision techniques with them before these assessments.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a happy and restful Easter break, and I look forward to working with you all in the Summer term.

T Burrell



Science Club - All Year 7 and 8 welcome

Do fun experiments and learn amazing new facts!
Every Thursday, 3.20pm - 4.20pm in S3.

Follow the science department [@edgbarrowscience](#) on Instagram



Year 8: Mrs Cooper

Once again, I am delighted with the dedication so many Year 8s have shown to their work and participation in co-curricular activities. The recent grade reports showed how many of the students are meeting our high expectations in lessons and I was proud to be able to invite Mr Andrews, Assistant Headteacher to present certificates to over 190 students who achieved such excellent grade reports.

I am pleased to see so many involved in the numerous co-curricular activities on offer. The school production was amazing and featured many of our Year 8s. Our sports clubs are well supported by the Year 8s and I am proud to celebrate the successes of the sports teams including our girls' and boys' football teams and our boccia teams.



The vast majority of the year group have taken turns to be school runners and without exception have shown a high level of maturity and sense of responsibility which is admirable. A number have also been tour guides and again have risen to this role, talking to visitors with enthusiasm and warmth about the school and proving themselves to be fantastic ambassadors for the school.

Year 8 has chosen to support the Teenage Cancer Trust as their charity and have worked hard to sell sweets and cakes during our Charity week in February. I am hopeful that by the time you read this, we will also have raised further money through our cake sale and I would like to extend my thanks to you for all your support with this.



Next term sees the Year 8 assessment month which takes place in May. Some departments will take the opportunity to conduct assessments during lesson time and will inform the students when these will be taking place and what they need to revise. We will be discussing revision with the students and I would urge you to encourage some work at home to help the students recap and prepare for the forthcoming assessments. Developing good revision habits now will pay huge dividends in the future when students prepare for formal external exams.

As always, I thank you for your support and encouragement in getting your children to school on time, prepared for the day and dressed correctly. I wish you all a very happy Easter and hope that the students have a restful break over the holiday and return to us refreshed for a busy Summer term.

J Cooper

Year 9: Miss Pilgrim

We are fast approaching the end of another busy term! Year 9 continues to impress me with their attitude and approach to all aspects of school life. I regularly visit them in lessons where I am delighted to see the wonderful learning environment they create. I am also regularly emailed by staff or stopped in the corridor to be told how well Year 9 are doing in their lessons.

Over this past term, Year 9 have had to make some important and, in some cases, difficult decisions about the subjects they will be studying next year. They all showed great maturity in the way they handled the process. We have now got all options forms in and Mrs Gascoigne will be working on next year's timetable over the coming months to confirm what subjects will be running and what options each of you have got. Unfortunately, this process does take time but I can assure you that you will have your options confirmed before the summer holidays.

The year group continue to get fully involved in a wide variety of co-curricular activities in all parts of the school. It is great to hear the results from the various sporting fixtures, even when we don't win, and it is lovely to see the hard work and dedication that Year 9s have put into this year's school production of Billy Elliot (see photos below of some Year 9 performers). A large number of students attended the training session for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition on Saturday 4th March. They approached this with fantastic enthusiasm and I'm sure are going to thoroughly enjoy the training weekend in April and the full expedition later in the year. It is also great to hear of all the volunteering our students are completing for their Award.

As a year group, we are supporting Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) Charity this year. Earlier this term during Charity Week, our charity reps ran a basketball competition to raise money. Next



term we are going to be looking to collect gift donations of toys and games to send to the hospital for the seriously ill children and young people cared for at GOSH.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter break. I hope you get to spend quality time with family and friends and that you stay safe and well. I look forward to another exciting term when we return on Tuesday 18th April, which is Week A.

E Pilgrim



Year 10: Mrs McClatchie

As we near the end of term, I am amazed at how much Year 10 has packed into this term. We have had school trips, numerous sports fixtures, practice interviews and mock exams to mention just a few! Yet again as a year group, you show how versatile and resilient you are, taking all this in your stride.

Recently I managed to sit down and go over grade reports for the year group. I am so proud of how much you excelled in both the effort you are putting into your subjects and also the progress you have made. It has also been a pleasure dropping into many of your lessons and seeing the work you are producing.

The Year 10 mock exams gave you all a chance to experience exams in controlled conditions to help prepare you for next summer. We know that we still have lots of hard work to do regarding finding the best ways to revise and developing exam techniques but many of you certainly demonstrated the subject knowledge you have retained during these assessments.



As I write this, Year 10 are doing their mock interviews; this is the first time most of them will have ever done a formal interview. They all look so smart if a little nervous as they wait to be called in. However, when they finish the vast majority have really enjoyed the experience and come away feeling they have done well. See below from some lovely feedback from some of our interviewers. I hope that this has been a positive experience and will help them when considering life after GCSEs whether it be Sixth Form, college or an apprenticeship.

Year 10 has continued its success on the sporting front. The girls have played in an indoor cricket league, doing really well and developing their talents. The boys' football team is undefeated in the league and cup as I write this, so I am hoping to be able to share great success with you next term. Fingers crossed they can do the league and cup double!

A small group of Year 10s also volunteered to help with the Careers Convention a couple of weeks ago. Again the feedback from school staff and also the exhibitors was tremendous.

We also have the young ambassadors in Year 10 who are a group of sporty volunteers, who have been trained to help support and run sporting events with local primary schools. They have now been heavily involved in a number of different competitions and the feedback I get from Edgbarrow staff and the primary school teachers is amazing. They really do themselves and us proud.

I could not have been a prouder Head of Year than I was last night when I watched the opening night of Billy Elliot! It was such an amazing production with so many talented individuals taking part. So many Year 10s were involved, lots of them in leading roles including Billy!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy Easter. I hope you get some well-deserved rest and hopefully, we get some sunshine to enjoy. Those of you going on the ski trip, enjoy every second of it as I know it will be amazing. I am gutted I cannot join you but you are in very capable hands with a great group of staff there to look after you.

L McClatchie



From Our Mock Interviewers

Two of our team members, Emma McLean and Matthew Eastwood both recently took time out of their schedules to volunteer at Edgbarrow School, Crowthorne to participate in mock interviews with Year 10 students. Mock interviews are an excellent way to prepare students for applying for a sixth form, college place or an apprenticeship. They provide a chance to gain real-life experience and practise their communication and interview skills. For many students, it was their first time participating in such an exercise, which can be daunting. However, Emma and Matt said that all the students were relaxed, focused and did extremely well.

Emma said "I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Edgbarrow School and found it really rewarding to be able to help and provide guidance to the students that I interviewed". Matt echoed Emma's comments and added that he would love to take part again in such a rewarding initiative.

By participating in these events, Carbonxgen can also make a positive impact on the local community. It's a great way for companies to give back and to help inspire and motivate students as they prepare for their future careers.

J Buston, Carbonxgen



Year 11: Mr Dangerfield

For Year 11, this has been the last full term before we come back to external exams in all subjects. Well done to all students for the positive way they are dealing with the final few weeks of mock exams. It can be hard when students are revising at home on their own but all the effort put in now will be reflected in the exam results in the summer. Keep up the good work and remember that your tutors and teachers are all here to help you. There are lots of tips for revision on students' Google classroom pages and the [school website](#).

We are delighted to see students involved in other activities around school, including playing their part on the School Council, organising 'Nerf the teacher' for Charity Week, taking part in sporting fixtures and being part of the school production. The Prom and Yearbook committees are

busy with these two important parts of being in Year 11. We hope you've all bought your ticket for Prom and don't forget to order a Yearbook and hoodie as mementoes of your time at Edgbarrow.



The year group has also been advised about the post-16 options available to them and students have completed applications and interviews to Edgbarrow Sixth Form or other colleges or apprenticeships. Offers of places on courses are now being made and students should know the entry requirements that they are aiming for to be able to take up these places in the autumn.

Whilst we're near the end of Year 11, it is important to remember to wear uniform correctly; blazers and ties are to be worn, grey or black socks please (not white) and no jewellery or trainers. Chewing gum is not allowed and we would be grateful if you could support us by reminding your children of this fact. Getting all these things right helps create a positive attitude in class and helps teachers with their lessons.

We need to thank two groups of people for all their help and support with the students over their time here. Firstly, the tutors; Mr Fisher, Miss Carr, Miss Guillen, Mr Law, Mrs Rolls-Roake, Mrs Anigbo, Miss Madz, Mr Rousou, Mr Whiddett and Mr Jackson. We have been so lucky to have a great team of tutors, many of whom have been with their group for all five years. We have also had the pleasure of Mr Burges's company this year, guiding us through Year 11 and so we thank him for his efforts too. The other group to thank is you, the parents and carers. It is so much easier with your support and we thank you for all you have done and continue to do to help your child as they move towards the end of their Key Stage 4 education. Thank you.

The Easter holiday is a crucial time for Year 11 to prepare for assessments. Students must discuss with their teachers what they should be studying and I would be grateful for your support in encouraging revision. It is of course very important that they also have a break to ensure they are fit and healthy when they return after the Easter holiday.

I wish you and your families a very happy Easter.

R Dangerfield

Exam Support and Revision

All students sitting examinations this summer should have received their exam timetable. If you have any questions, please contact examoffice@edgbarrowschool.co.uk

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The Exam Office

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Sixth Form News

Head of Sixth Form: Mrs Hume

We are approaching the time of year when our thoughts turn to moving forward. The Year 13 student leadership team will shortly be moving on to focus on their exams and the exciting destinations that they have lined up. Also, the Year 12s will be stepping up to take on the challenges of leading in the Sixth Form as well as being role models for the rest of the school.

I feel immensely proud of Year 13 and how hard they've worked; overcoming a range of challenges and dealing with times of uncertainty. I am also pleased with the thought of the exciting futures they have ahead. However, this is tinged with sadness about moving on, because I will miss them, they have been an integral part of the school community.

There are still many events to plan and look forward to, including the highlight of the Prom. The student leaders have done a great job organising this, booking a lovely venue at Ascot racecourse. I am confident it will be a wonderful evening to celebrate the fantastic work of Year 13s (fingers crossed for some sunny warm weather).

The student leaders have done an excellent job this year and should be proud of their achievements. They have run successful events including the tuck shop at sports day and the sponsored walk, a great pizza and quiz night and they were also amazing in their confident presentations at the Open Evening. Some also took part in the brilliant school production of Billy Elliot. They have managed all this alongside challenging subjects and university applications.

In the next few weeks, we will begin the process of selecting the next team of student leaders. Letters of application have been submitted, and the creativity and enthusiasm shine through - all of them have some amazing ideas on how to progress our Sixth Form.

Other developments in Sixth Form are the continuing growth of the guest speaker programme. We have hosted 15 guest speakers or workshops this year with some of the highlights including, amputees talking about resilience, the excellent Peter Radford's welfare session and visitors from nearby universities. We also have more to look forward to in the Summer term including welcoming in current Year 11s for their induction days and the Year 12 enrichment days - all of which promise to be positive.

Wishing all of you a peaceful Easter break.

R Hume

Sixth Form in pics...



Student Leaders



Quiz Night



Sponsored Walk Tuck Shop



Sixth Form Netball Team



Stars in the school production



News Around School

Art & Languages Trip to Paris

On est allés à Paris!

Year 12 and 13 artists and French students spent the week-end in Paris in February. We saw lots of art, spoke lots of French et on s'est très bien amusés!

We travelled in style on the Eurostar and once we were checked into our accommodation we set out to see the sights of Paris. After a whistle-stop tour of the Centre Pompidou, Hotel de Ville, La Pyramide du Louvre et Notre Dame and a delicious dinner we were all ready for bed.

Saturday morning saw us up early and off to the Musée D'Orsay where we were impressed by the incredible artwork and the building which provided lots of opportunities for the photographers. Then the French students took the lead in ordering lunch before we headed to the Musée Rodin for a wander through the gardens and his house to see the sculptures. Despite a slightly cloudy day, we enjoyed the walk



through the Champs de Mars to our bateau mouche. The boat trip was a bit cold but we saw all the sights and watched people setting up for photo opportunities opposite the Eiffel Tower! The best bit was the Eiffel Tower lighting up just for us as we got off the boat.

On Sunday, we spent the morning at Montmartre, starting with a killer climb up the steps to the Sacré Coeur but it was worth it for the views. We enjoyed a wander through Montmartre and Pigalle, some souvenir shopping and a last French lunch before collecting our bags and heading back to the Gare du Nord for our train home tired but happy!

We walked a long way, learned how to use the métro, saw the sights, practised our French, were inspired by artists and took lots of photos, quel bon weekend!

K Bransfield, Languages



Art & Photography



Our department is in full swing with Year 7 and 8 students block printing, looking at colour, graphics, tone and also ceramics. Year 9 is concentrating on portraiture and students are producing some lovely work.

Year 10 GCSE artists have finished their Animal project and have started on their second project, looking at Identity. Year 10 GCSE photographers are finishing their first coursework project on Shape and Form, handing this in after Easter.



Year 12 artists have been experimenting with clay and have produced some wonderful items relating to their current project. They have also tried their hand on our potters' wheel and these pots have been fired and are now going to be glazed. Year 13 artists have been given their exam questions and are well on their way with this final project. The Sixth Form artists have been to Tate Britain to experience art first-hand that is relevant to their current project.



Year 12 photographers have looked at landscape and portraiture and are now setting up still-life photoshoots to add to their introductory skills project. Year 13 photographers have started their final exam which ends next term.

Sixth Form artists joined up with languages and went on a fabulous trip to Paris, visiting the art museums and galleries and using their French skills.

Our after-school club has produced some lovely surrealist collages which are on display now.



A Jackson, Art & Photography

English

Readathon



Key Stage 3 students are currently taking part in the Read for Good Readathon!

It's been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives (OECD).

The charity, Read for Good, encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach inspiring reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. Students can choose whatever they want to read, from comics to classics and audiobooks to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. And, they are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand-new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

Teachers, parents and students tell us that the freedom to choose what to read, combined with the knowledge that they are directly helping children in hospital compels them to get involved.

Over the Easter holidays, we encourage you to support your child by helping them plan what they want to read or helping them complete their list of books. Remember they can read whatever they want: books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Sharing books is fine too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audiobooks.

The easiest way to sponsor a child is at <https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor> or use the sponsor form brought home.

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. They'll be helping kids in hospitals get books, as well as helping themselves. And our school receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total – so there really is something in it for everyone.

For more information, visit www.readforgood.org.



Accelerated Reader Programme

All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 continue to use the Accelerated Reader Programme to help boost their reading. Students have engaged well with the programme and since September 387 students have taken 1712 quizzes on books they have read - this is a total of nearly 62 million words read so far this school year!

A special mention must go to our word millionaires so far: Imogen Barker 7S, Roxy Bonewell 7S, Lucas Howell 7S, Emily Remedios 7U, Matthew Sahdev 7P, Anita Williams 7R, Martha Reaney 9P and Edith Scarr 9P.

There are now 144 members of the 100% club for students who have achieved 100% in a quiz since September.

Millionaire word readers and members of the 100% club can find their names on the Accelerated Reader noticeboard in the English corridor.

Creative Writing Club

Key Stage 3 and 4 students have been creating amazing pieces of prose and poetry for different competitions and projects this term. Lots of students have been published in Young Writer's competitions and have been proudly showcasing their work to their peers, teachers and families. We are looking forward to the Summer term with more creative writing opportunities!

Here are some of our fantastic young writers at Edgbarrow:

Isobel Dutton, Isabel Groves and Tobi Kilvington, whose poems were published in the recent Young Writer's 'The Power of Poetry' competition - all about setting your voices free. See next page to read some of our students' creations.



Don't forget, Creative Writing Club for KS3 is now on Mondays (Week A) in E1 after school.

N Linder, English Department

Creative Writing Club

Sinful Lands by Isabel Groves - Year 8

Our Earth is full of sin
I know this first-hand.
One sin could come from a measly tin
This hourglass is running out of sand.

BC

Messed up times
People were slaughtered left and right
Being alive was considered being a crime
This was a time of fright.

AD

From AD things only got worse
Expect it to be better, you will find you are wrong.
Everyone was carried away in a hearse
Send them to hell, last thing they will hear is a gang.

1500

People began to get smart
But this never stopped the death that occurred.
Slaves pulled many a cart
While more and more people's visions were blurred.

1900

A caning here and a caning there
No one could escape.
When it started the Victorian era
Not even the children got away without a scrape.

Present

What have we done?
We have ruined each other.
I pray that this sin can be undone
Or our next generation will be lost in another.

The Cry of Earth by Tobi Kilvington - Year 8 Haiku poetry

Our great treasure, Earth
The planet we kill slowly,
Help save our nature.

So much destruction,
Human pollution and waste,
Help save the forests.

Planet B by Isobel Dutton - Year 7

We don't know if there is a planet B
Where will the last standing tree be?
Will the human race just run off and flee?
But where, oh where, is this planet B?

My mum, my dad, my sister, my son,
At this rate pollution has won,
When the sun is too hot and life is undone,
Where, oh where is this planet B?

Poverty, racism, criminals, liars,
Terrorism, extremism, big tree fires,
What will we do with animals in wires?
So where, oh where is this planet B?

Hide, run!
Duck, there's a gun!
Wars and refuge ain't no fun,
Please tell us where, oh where is this planet B?

I guess time is up,
No one took action - this ain't a bluff
The world is a mess, just our luck...
Because there isn't, oh there isn't a world named planet B.

Science Revision Poems

Poem about Classification by Gabriella Jones

Memorising classification
Can be a pain
But remember it always
Starts with **Domain**.

Kingdom is next
And **Phylum** is third
The system sorts all organisms
Plant, mammal or bird.

Remembering these
Can be a tricky task
But you should always know
That at four it comes **Class**.

So Linnaeus decided
The next one was **Order**
People tried to do this before
But their sections were broader.

Family's at six
And **Genus** at seven
You can now remember
This poem - it's heaven.

We're almost finished
Because **Species** is last
This helpful was to remember
But it may not be fast.

The Electromagnetic Spectrum by Gabriella Jones

The first type of wave
You really need to know
Up to 3000 million Hz
It's the waves of radio.

Carrying the signal
From your phone or your TV
They enable Bluetooth
But what's the next one? Well let's see.

Microwaves are shorter
And are used to communicate
They also heat up food
At a much faster rate.

All objects emit this
It's the waves of infrared
Often used to heat things
Or in the field of med.

The next wave is the one
That we all know and see
Visible light is easy
But the next one is UV.

Ultraviolet waves
Are used often in detection
But be wary against damage
From the sun you need protection.

X-Rays are quite frequent
Because they mean bones can be seen
Most often used in hospitals
Their ionisation can be mean.

Gamma rays kill cancer
But they sometimes are it's source
Just remember all their properties
Waves are such a big part of the course.

Science

Faraday Challenge

On Tuesday 31st January, Edgbarrow took part in the Faraday Challenge Day held at Sandhurst School. The Challenge Day is part of an annual STEM competition run by The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET). Six students from Year 8 represented Edgbarrow on the day and were tasked with planning, designing and creating a prototype of a product from a brief given to them at the start of the day.

Our team had to work together and utilise their team working, problem-solving and creative thinking skills. The day concluded with each team presenting their idea and prototype where they explained how they formulated their idea, how it would work on a larger scale and how they overcame any problems they encountered along the way.

It was a great experience to introduce them to the world of engineering, help to develop their future employability skills and to have fun!

Our team of Anya Agarwal, Hannah Hadley, Tomer Merzer, Nathan Park-Hodge, Chloe Robson and Alex Smith did fantastically well, representing themselves and Edgbarrow brilliantly! Well done all of you!

C Rolls-Roake, Science



British Science Week

We celebrated British science week 10th - 19th March and the theme this year was 'Connections'. The aim of the week is to get students to think about their connections to science in everyday life and how it impacts them now but also in the future. An assembly has run all week focusing on how we connect to one another, to other planets, to animals and to plants. They have been encouraged to analyse and reflect on how these connections have changed and will continue to change in the future.

Year 7 and 8 students have been invited to enter a poster competition to demonstrate their thoughts on connections, with key stage 4 students being given research tasks involving new technologies.

N Thomas, Science

Techognition Day

Friday 10th March 2023 was Techognition Day - A day to celebrate the fantastic work of all technicians in schools and colleges!

We have technicians based in different departments around the school but these are our Science Technicians. We really do thank them for all the brilliant work they do behind the scenes to support the Science Department in educating our students and bringing Science to life!

C Agate, Science



Science Club

In science club students have been given the task of building a Brookland Glider, which highlights the connection between the forces of flight. The students worked hard to master the battle between lift and drag and were able to produce working gliders (and most importantly have fun!).

N Thomas, Science



Library



It has been another busy term in the library with World Book Day giving us lots to do! We held our annual 10p book sale at lunchtime which is always chaos but great to see lots of excited students taking away lots of books.

We also ran a WBD Surprise Book for the first time this year. We wrapped lots (and I mean lots!!) of library books and invited students to come and choose a surprise book. The idea was that they might pick something they wouldn't normally choose but give it a try anyway and expand their horizons a little - it's always good to branch out and try something new. We included some of our overstock in with them too so if they unwrapped their book and there was a 'You Have Won' slip inside they got to keep the book (the rest had to be returned as normal library books). This proved a huge success so look out for more of this in the future.



We also ran a WBD quiz during tutor time (in conjunction with English) all the classes that entered did really well, and we were very impressed with their book knowledge. The winners in each year group were... 7S, 8T (after a three-way tie break!), 9T and 10Q - well done everyone! Have a go at one on the quiz questions opposite!

As well as all this we have been buying, processing, and cataloguing lots of new books, putting up displays and booklists for LGBTQIA+ History Month and Women's History Month and we are preparing for the rescheduled author visit for Year 7s.

Next term we will be instigating a 'Silent Day' every Wednesday from the start of the Summer term. As our library is always so loud and busy we want to have a day that will be more welcoming for our neurodivergent and anxiety students so every Wednesday will be silent (or at most very quiet whispering). I'm hoping to create a calm and inclusive environment for those who would either like to sit and read or work quietly or play chess, do some colouring or craft activities etc. Please let your children know.

We hope you all have a great Easter and Happy Reading!

10. LIBRARY QUESTION! What book has been borrowed the most out of these four books?



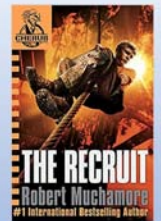
a) Big Shot by Jeff Kinney



b) Heartstopper by Alice Oseman



c) Murder Most Unladylike by Robin Stevens



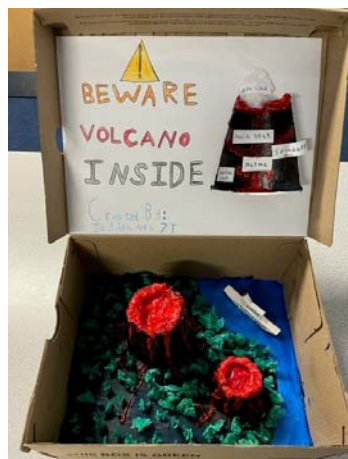
d) The Recruit by Robert Muchamore

Answer: Heartstopper

N Mansfield, Senior Librarian

Geography

Our Year 7s have been hard at work bringing their volcanoes to life. This follows their current topic 'Risky World' where they have studied the structure of the earth, tectonic theory, volcanoes and now earthquakes. After being inspired by the volcano show at the Natural History Museum they went away and created some shield and composite volcano models of their own. Some students even made their volcanoes explode using vinegar, coke and mentos!



Lots of the students' models are currently on display in our school reception area. Here are a few that were made by our nurture group; Mâtè Velegi, Jayden Nel, Emi Trichet and Divyansh Shukla. Well done to all!

J Macfarlane, Geography

Music & Performing Arts

Edgbarrow FM

We were very excited to have released our second Edgbarrow Escapes podcast this term. In a special episode, our very own Billy Elliot, Abbie Morris, talked us through some of her production themed escape items and was guided by our Host Daniel Joyce.

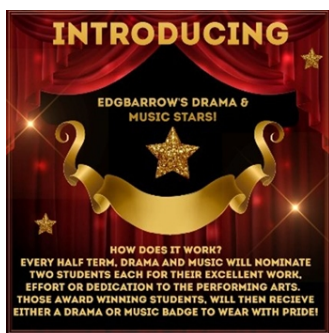


You can find the latest episode [here](#):

Swing Band & Choir

This term, Swing Band have been focusing on, 'Dancing in the Streets/Girl from Ipanema' and Choir have been working on 'Dance Monkey' and 'The Climb' by Miley Cyrus! A big thank you to Miss Yatirawana and Mr Meyer for all of your work with these wonderful musicians.

Drama & Music Stars



We are very proud to have been able to recognise and celebrate a number of drama and music stars this term!

Congratulations to:

Drama: Charlotte Wyld, Roxy Bonewell, Bertie Brown, Benjamin Fuller, Jasmin Alloway, Eesa Ahmad, Sebbi

Walmsley, Emilia Breach, Sydney Brown, Finlay Muggridge, Tehilla Nwafour, Eivie Reid.

Music: Leo Rodriguez, Abigail O Dwyer, Amelia Roantree, Isadora Candido, Dinis Linhares, Maya Saleh, Anrudh Raj, Nathan Park-Hodge, Gurmeet Nandra, Christopher Cattermole, Alice Dyer.

Alumni News

It was fantastic to see Ella Plummer in her first TV appearance on 'Call the Midwife' this term. Ella is a former Edgbarrow Drama student who is currently training at Drama



Studio Longon. A huge congratulations and well done Ella!



My huge thank you to all the students, staff, parents and guardians who have helped support the department over the past term, it has been extremely busy but it has been fantastic to watch our students shine! I hope you all have a lovely Easter!

R Carr, Head of Drama, Acting Head of Performing Arts



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Maths

Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
GOLD		GOLD	Charles Delwiche *	GOLD	Lennon Hadland Isaac Remedios Savir Sharma Lewis Hartley *
SILVER	Samuel Catchpole Alice Dyer *	SILVER	Finley Adams Kelvin Brown Oliver Brownhill Yugandhar Dandekar Alfie Hadley-Tippett Roy Jarvis Bryan Kan Ethan Loyal Kristian Mietle Max Pollard Eve Spredbury	SILVER	Afia Adu-Gyamfi Andrew Allan Thomas Breare James Davies Henry Down Conn Farrell Katie Finucane Jack Fowler Gabiella Jones Riley Park Henry Pollard Bella Purvis Lillian Scarr Josie Selby Morgan Williams
BRONZE	Alfred Ash Logie Barr Freya Bridport Lily Carter Evie Croyden Amelie Dutton Joe Finucane Lilia Frupp Scarlett Futhee Yariv Gelbolingo Liam Joy Jessica Lewis Finlay Muggridge Anthony Nawala Eva Rea Harry Robinson Ata Rodriguez Alexander Rynhoud Edith Scarr Henry Thompson Abigail Turner Beth Williams Louis Wright Christy Yeung	BRONZE	James Baxter Lewis Beasley Nathan Bento James Caiger Luis Celis Rosie Chapman Luke Cumming Charlotte Daley Isobel Hardman Isobelle Hennessey Daniel Joyce Katherine Nance George Nottage Mihle Nqwaku Liam O'Dwyer Priyanka Raj James Ray Shaadi Samara Anton Sutton Roddy Taylor Harriet Townend Keziah Trainer Nicolas Wheeler-Silva	BRONZE	William Abel Ella Farrington Jack Harrison Ben Howard Thomas Nance Olly Nemeth Daniel Summersell

* also received a certificate for 'Best in their Year'.

Lewis Hartley in Year 11 also received a certificate for 'Best in School'.

Gold certificate scorers in Year 11 scored enough points to be entered into the Kangaroo round of the maths challenge on 16th March. A massive congratulations to Lewis Hartley who gained a merit certificate in the Pink Kangaroo paper.

Well done to all our students for another excellent term of Mathematics!

M Meyer and the Maths Department

Maths Challenge

On 2nd February some of our highest achieving maths students in Years 9, 10 and 11 sat the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is a national competition with problem-solving type questions set around many different areas of maths.

Our students achieved gold, silver and bronze certificates and the results are given in the table opposite.

Junior Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 26th April, our top sets in Years 7 and 8 will sit the Junior Maths Challenge. They will be informed of the details closer to the time and provided with some practice materials on Google Classroom.

Year 10 Maths Feast

On Thursday 24th March, eight of our Year 10 students represented the school in the Maths Feast Competition against other local schools. They did magnificently coming third and fourth out of 13 schools only being beaten by Hoe Valley School and Tomlinscote School. Well done to Isobelle Hennessey, Alesha Mistry, Fin Adams, Luis Celis, Bryan Kan, Nearchos Kompis, Kelvin Brown and Yugandhar Dandekar.



Religious Studies

On 26th January, the Year 7 HAT students experienced a Zen Buddhist Tea Ceremony, led by Mr Marshall. Students were able to engage in critical reflection of what it means to 'be present in the here and now.' The Tea Ceremony is a Zen Buddhist meditation technique that is practiced in order to think deeply about the meaning of life. It is usually a shared experience between people discussing the art of making tea, of living in and focusing on the present moment.

The Tea Ceremony is a reminder that even the most mundane activities can become useful ways of meditating, reflecting and living life in the present moment without worrying about the past or future.

The RS department would like to thank Mr Marshall and Mr Birch, the HAT co-ordinator, for allowing our students to experience and participate in the session and hope the Year 7 students enjoyed themselves.

Click on the image opposite to watch Mr Hinz and Mr Marshall talk more about the Buddhist Tea Ceremony.



C Hinz, Head of Religious Studies

On 26th January I had the wonderful opportunity to listen to the Archbishop of Canterbury lecture on the topic of reconciliation. Justin Welby spoke about the influence of political philosophers Thomas Hobbes and Carl Schmitt whose conflicting views on dictatorship and conflict are currently influencing world leaders.

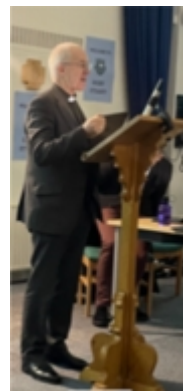
In order to resolve conflict and bring about reconciliation Justin Welby encourages 'curiosity'. By this, he means listening to the lived experiences of individuals and encourages open conversations/debates. He highlights the

importance of 'being present' by encountering others with authenticity and devoting full intent to the other and finally by 'reimagining', of which he implies finding hope in the places we long to see change. Although he believes reconciliation in world conflicts is rare, he believes it can be achieved through hard work and engagement in ecumenical movements.

His conclusions regarding the power of reconciliation are encouraging when working towards the prevention of conflict within school through the inclusion of others and finding ways in which to unite through similarities.

If students would like to read the Archbishop's Book '*The Power of Reconciliation*' there will be a signed copy in the library.

C Thurgood, Religious Studies



Congratulations to Sophie Thurgood (Year 10) for her winning painting in the Philosophy, Ethics & Religion art competition 2022.

The Year 8 students have been enjoying reading the Bhagavad Gita and getting into character. This is Grandma (Alex Samut), the narrator of the Hindu Holy Book.



Cooking & Nutrition

Year 7 has been busy this term making savoury muffins and samosas in teams. The students have been finding out about where food comes from, along with carrying out some sensory analysis on crisps!

Year 8 meanwhile has made spring rolls in teams, and then we looked at the importance of breakfast; they made breakfast burritos and frittatas!

Year 9 has continued to learn about staple foods; they have made shepherd's pie, paella, Moroccan couscous and risotto.

Year 10 has excelled this term, they've made; fish pie, ravioli, lemon meringue pie, cheese souffle, baked Alaska, herb crusted fish, crème brulee and fruit tartlets!

Year 11 has completed their Level 2 Practical with outstanding results and they've also been practising their knowledge on Provisions.

Please follow our instagram page for more photos of students' work [@edgbarrowdt](https://www.instagram.com/edgbarrowdt)

L Catanach, J Crowe and C Pashen



PE Department

Girls' Football

The girls' football team has really taken off this year and we are beyond proud. We are regularly having over 60 students coming to club every Wednesday, and the level of football is very impressive. We have played many games across two year groups of U13 and U14, and both teams remain almost undefeated the whole season. Hannah Hadley in the U13 squad is a masterclass in pure football talent, a mini Alexia Putellas. Annalise Irwin is such a strong attacking midfielder that aids us in dominating the centre midfield. We have Emily Pottie, Lucy Plumtree and Isobel Gouldsmith-Leigh as our excellent goalkeepers. I could literally list the whole squad but I do have a word limit.



As a department, we are so pleased with the constant attendance to football and we look forward to next year when this will almost certainly be more. We have also been very lucky with the generosity of the local community and gained several sponsors for a brand new kit which we can't wait to turn up to our next game in. Well done to everyone who has come to training or played in a game, we are delighted and can't wait for next season.

Boys' Football

Year 7 has started the season very strongly. Currently unbeaten in five games, with four wins and a draw. The boys have formed together well to forge a strong team with some stand-out performances from Josh Philpott and Bobby Thomson who is our leading scorer.

Year 8 This year I have been lucky enough to continue with the Year 8 football team after last year's success. We started the season well beating some strong teams from Cox Green, Furze Platt Sandhurst and three other schools scoring over 5 goals each game. This has helped the boys continue their unbeaten run to now 20 games! We have had to have a slight change around to the team after losing our amazing keeper, but I am sure we will continue to do well after a great turnout for keeper trials recently. I would like to say a massive well done to the boys for their continued success. Long may it last.

Year 9 The Year 9s have had a mixed start in terms of results this term but they have had excellent participation leading all the year groups with 36 regular participants at training. The team has been led by captain Joseph Lee with strong assistance from some of our experienced players such as Oli Philpott and Stirling Law, whose contributions on the pitch have played a pivotal role in the success that the team has had. They look forward to their sports tour in May.

Year 10 The Year 10s have had an excellent start to the year. They have won all of their five games so far including a hard battle against a St Crispin team who are very strong and beat them last year. Captain Dan Snow has led his team from the front, leading by example and being the engine in midfield working box to box. Other standout performers have been Harry Pashley, Arda Ermis and Ethan Burt.

Year 11 This year the Year 11s have played three competitive games and although they have not been on the right end of the score line they have given their all in games. They managed to play three games against Sandhurst, Garth and Little Heath and lost 2-0, 5-1 and 3-0. With exams and lots of after-school commitments, there were always players missing in games but this did not stop the boys from putting in a good account for themselves.

Girls Indoor Cricket



We have had a great turnout for our Indoor Cricket club this year and have seen a vast development in the students' bowling and batting skills. We have managed to play a few fixtures which have proven tough competition, but in true Edgbarrow fashion, we won't let that bring us down and we look forward to transferring those skills into the Summer term with ROUNDEERS!!!



Edgbarrow was represented by two excellent teams in The Bracknell Boccia Tournament. There were over 15 teams in two pools and Edgbarrow did brilliantly. They worked well as a team and ensured everyone was involved. Great team spirit! Team A came second, with Team B coming third. What an excellent set of results, well done to everyone who took part.

Indoor Athletics

This year we took a male and female Year 8 team to the Bracknell Forest partnerships indoor athletics. Both teams did excellently placing in several events (see opposite).

This was a fantastic set of results. The students thoroughly enjoyed it and were an excellent representation of our school all day.



Girls

Paarlauf - Bronze
6 lap - Gold
4 lap - Gold & Silver
2 lap - Silver

Boys

6 lap - Silver
4 lap - Gold & Silver
2 lap - Gold
4x2 obstacle - Silver
4x2 relay - Gold

Young Sports Ambassadors



This term the sports ambassadors have been amazing as always. They have continued to help the PE staff with clubs through running drills, refereeing matches and generally helping to organise. They were amazing in helping 18 local primary schools take part in the Busi Badminton event held at Edgbarrow, where they helped run individual stations for specific badminton skills. From the success of this, they were then asked to help officiate an Under-10s badminton singles competition held at Bracknell Leisure Centre. Again, they were amazing at officiating, especially as none of them had done it before!

The next event is a multi-sports festival in May. I would like to say a massive well done and thank you to the sports ambassadors for everything they have done and continue to do!

Move HQ

We were fortunate in being able to take our Year 12 Sport and Exercise Science students and our A-Level students to Move HQ, a sports conditioning facility. The students took part in a range of fitness tests which supported their learning of Field and Lab Testing. They also had a presentation from the Head of Move HQ and the Head of Strength and Conditioning about how to develop athletes to elite level. We really enjoyed this experience and look forward to returning.

Sponsorship



We have recently sourced two new girls' football kits as a direct result of a sponsorship plea that was put on the "We Love Crowthorne Village" Facebook page and Edgbarrow PE Instagram account. We were inundated with kind offers of sponsorship so had to adopt a first come, first served approach. Two Sisters Café in Crowthorne High Street and SCS Ltd were the first two lucky winners to have their brands put on the girl's football kits. The kits look so smart and the girls are very proud to wear them.

We have also been very fortunate to secure a grant from Western Provident Association which has enabled us to purchase four new table tennis tables and we have eight branded netball post protectors on order which will enhance the safety and aesthetics of our netball courts no end.

O Johnson, Head of PE



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Careers & Work Related Learning

National Careers Week

To mark #NCW2023 we held a range of assemblies including Revere who introduced our students to the Marketing sector; a captain from British Airways who spoke about her career pathway and opportunities in aviation; an engineer from SSE; and Thames Waters Corporate Engagement Manager. All of the presentations are available on the school website.



Careers Convention

Our annual careers convention took place on Thursday 9th March. We had over 50 exhibitors on-site and over 400 students, parents and carers attended. Students were able to interact with representatives from higher and further education, apprenticeship providers and employers. We were pleased to have such a good turnout despite the inclement weather! Initial feedback from exhibitors, students and parents/carers is very positive including:

"Thank you for inviting me to your Careers Fair yesterday. It was an excellent event and your students were brilliantly engaged and discerning about their future pathways."

"Compared to other events I have attended this one was busy and I had lots of enquires."

"Good meaningful conversations with prospective students and parents."

"Great turnout! Great attendance and engagement from students and their parents. The staff and students were very hospitable."

"So many good interactions, even the Year 8s were super interested!"



Careers Guidance Appointments

All of Year 11 have now had either a 1:2:1 or group workshop with Adviza. Adviza has been present at Student Guidance Evenings this academic year to provide guidance to parents/carers on how they can support their children at transition times and on their careers journey. A Careers Coach from Bracknell Forest has seen some of our students who need more regular support going forward. We do have access to a dedicated Adviza members area which contains information for students, parents/carers, upcoming events and webchat: www.adviza.org.uk/careers-guidance-for-you



Year 10 Mock Interviews

Year 10s have had mock interviews with a member of the local business community. All students will receive feedback on how it went with suggestions on how to improve their interview techniques and their CV. [Click here to read some brilliant feedback from some of our interviewers on the Year 10 page.](#)

Business Mentoring Programme

We are in the process of winding up the programme for this academic year and will be looking to relaunch it in September to Year 10s. Students have the opportunity to meet with a business mentor approximately once every half term to work with them on objectives that they have identified for the coming year. This can cover a range of areas from revision techniques, time management, confidence and networking skills.

K Robinson, Careers Manager

Term Dates

Summer Term 2023	
<i>Staff Inset Day</i>	<i>Monday 17th April</i>
Start of Term	Tuesday 18 th April
Half Term	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June
Last Day of Term	Thursday 20 th July (school closes at 12.05pm)
<i>Staff Inset Day</i>	<i>Friday 21st July</i>
May Bank Holidays	Monday 1 st & Monday 8 th May
Autumn Term 2023	
<i>Staff Inset Days</i>	<i>Friday 1st, Monday 4th September and Friday 24th November</i>
Start of Term	Tuesday 5 th September
Half Term	Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October
Last Day of Term	Friday 15 th December (school closes at 12:05pm)
Spring Term 2024	
<i>Staff Inset Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 2nd January</i>
Start of Term	Wednesday 3 rd January
Half Term	Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February
Last Day of Term	Friday 28 th March (school closes at 12.05pm)
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st January
Summer Term 2024	
Start of Term	Monday 15 th April
Half Term	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 th July (school closes at 12.05pm)
<i>Staff Inset Day</i>	<i>Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July</i>
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May

Term Dates can also be found on our website at:
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