



December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

End of Autumn Term 2024

We are approaching the end of the long Autumn term and I thank you for your support of our school over the weeks leading from the beginning of the school year to now.


Your day to day efforts in getting your daughters up, out and into school on time, especially during the dark mornings are recognised and appreciated.

This year has continued to be financially challenging for lots of our families and this, combined with unsettlement, war and conflict in many countries across the world, can make day to day life feel difficult and uncertain, especially for families with loved ones living in such locations.

It is important that, as a school, we work to provide stable, caring and consistent routines for all students and I thank you for your support in this as we move towards the Spring term.

I wish your daughters, yourselves, families and friends a safe, peaceful and happy Christmas break, with all my best wishes for the New Year.

God bless

Jennifer Gumbrell
Headteacher 

End of Term Arrangements

Our last day of this term is Friday 20 December 2024. Students will be dismissed from 12.00pm.

Your daughter will be reminded that she is to make her way home directly on foot or by public transport and we will be reminding our year 7, 8 and 9 students that they must not make their way into Enfield Town to visit shops or food eateries.

All of your daughters know that they are not to visit McDonald's in Enfield Town before or at the end of the school day, including an end of term early finish. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Public Transport

The conduct of our students when they are travelling to and from school on public transport is important to us. Please remind your daughter that when the buses are busy they should allow members of the public on first and then board the bus in an orderly manner. It is often better to walk to a bus stop a little further away from school (particularly at our Rosemary Avenue site) where the bus stops are far less busy. We have school staff on duty at the bus stops every day ensuring your daughters start their journey home safely.

Start of Spring Term Arrangements 2025

Start dates and times:

Monday 6 January - INSET DAY - School closed for all students.

Tuesday 7 January - School starts at 8.40am for all students.

Breakfast Club/ Homework Club

Breakfast club and homework club will resume on Wednesday 8 January. 8:00-8:30am and 3:20- 4:20pm on both sites.

School Uniform

All students should return in full school [uniform](#) Hoodies of any colour are not permitted in school and will be confiscated if worn. Headscarves and hair coverings must be black, school blue or school green.

Jewellery

The only jewellery permissible for school wear is a single pair of studs in the earlobe and/ or one small plain stud in gold or silver in the nose. False eyelashes, false nails and acrylics are not permissible.

Jewellery or accessories worn by a student other than that stated in our uniform policy are likely to be confiscated and returned at a later date that is convenient to the school, for example at the end of that school term.

PE Kit

As we prepare for the start of the Spring Term we want to ensure that our students are well-prepared for all aspects of their education, including Physical Education (PE). We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that your child comes prepared for their PE lessons wearing the correct kit. If students are found to be wearing their PE kit on a day where they don't have PE, parents may be required to drop off their school uniform.

Mobile Phone Policy

Students in Years 7-10 must have a Yondr pouch if they bring their phone in to school. As clearly and consistently communicated this is **not optional**. Phones must be locked in their pouch at the start of the day, where they remain until the end of the school day. The introduction of Yondr pouches in September has resulted in a significant decrease of time spent dealing with related issues, and we believe that this is impacting positively on our students.

There have however been a small number of instances where students in years 7- 10 have not adhered to our clearly communicated expectations resulting in checking of content, confiscation of mobile phones and sanctions. In view of this we continue to monitor, evaluate, review and amend our policy and practice - [mobile phone policy](#) - and we thank you for your continued support of our working to maintain a mobile phone free school environment where students do not call, message, film or video; for the safety, privacy, welfare and benefit of all.

Attendance and Punctuality

Poor attendance directly affects achievement in school. Evidence shows that a student's progress and attainment is affected if their attendance falls below 90% and statistics show that if students miss just 17 days (34 sessions) of school, their GCSE attainment is likely to drop by an entire grade. Please support us in ensuring that your daughter attends school every day and is on time.

If you wish to report your daughter's absence please call our school reception by 8am.

- 020 8363 9934 EXT 347 (Lower site, Years 7-9)
- 020 8363 3030 EXT 347 (Upper site, Years 10-11)
- 020 8363 3030 EXT 239 (Sixth Form, Years 12-13)

Who to contact in school with a query

If you wish to contact school regarding any matter please email ecsgeneral@enfieldcs.enfield.sch.uk marked for the attention of the member of staff you wish to contact. Staff will aim to make contact within 48 hours.

Parents' Evenings

All parents' evenings are conducted online via SchoolCloud. Further information on how this system operates will be sent to parents prior to the evening.

Year 7	Thursday 5 June 2025
Year 8	Thursday 8 May 2025
Year 9	Thursday 27 February 2025
Year 10	Thursday 20 March 2025
Year 11	Thursday 23 January 2025
Year 12	Thursday 24 April 2025

Installation of further CCTV surveillance on the school premises

The school will be installing further CCTV surveillance during the Christmas holidays. We have introduced these additional surveillance measures in order to:

- maintain a safe environment for members of our school community
- ensure the welfare of students, staff, volunteers and visitors
- deter criminal acts against persons and property
- assist in identifying persons who have committed an offence.

We will be installing CCTV that cover corridors and the entrance areas to our toilet blocks following some incidents of vandalism with all overt surveillance on the school site clearly signposted.

Progress and Achievement Leader News

Year 7

As the festive season approaches, we wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been an outstanding start to the year for our Year 7 students. It's hard to believe that the first term of secondary school has already flown by, and we couldn't be more pleased with the progress, enthusiasm, and determination our students have shown.

From the very first day, they have embraced their new academic challenges and have settled into their studies, showing a strong work ethic and a desire to learn. Teachers have been impressed by their engagement, participation, and eagerness to succeed. They have demonstrated a positive attitude toward learning, achieving lots of achievement points.

The girls have been building strong relationships with each other, their teachers, and staff. It has been wonderful to see the friendships they are forming as they navigate this new chapter in their school journey. Many students have also participated in extracurricular activities, helping to develop their teamwork, leadership, and social skills. We're confident that as they continue to grow, they will become well-rounded, resilient individuals.

This term, our Year 7 students have also had the opportunity to participate in a variety of school events and activities. From welcoming them to the school with our induction programme, netball, cross country as well as taking part in our Christmas celebrations, Year 7s have shown great eagerness in everything they've done. Students will be rewarded for exceptional effort in our upcoming celebration assembly. Their contributions have added to the vibrant atmosphere of the school, and we're excited to see what the New Year will bring.

With a strong foundation built this term, we are confident that they will continue to develop academically, socially, and emotionally throughout the year. We look forward to seeing their continued success and are excited to support them on their journey.

We hope you enjoy the festive season with family and friends, and we look forward to welcoming Year 7 back in the New Year for an exciting second term. Ms Sharpe

Year 8

Year 8 have settled into the new year, new content and new challenges well. We have been able to introduce an exciting new initiative of the Sustainability Prefects, with many girls showing an eagerness to take responsibility for the school environment. We have been able to organise a reward trip for many students this term with an ice skating trip, and we look forward to being able to celebrate them more as the academic year progresses. Ms Hart

Year 9

Year 9 have enjoyed being taught in their new teaching groups and are looking forward to choosing their options soon. Many have become prefects and librarians this year, and have thoroughly enjoyed this responsibility. Three students represented our school in the Black History Month poetry competition and came runners up within the borough of Enfield, and attended an awards ceremony. Many students applied to be part of the magistrates competition, their applications were all outstanding, and congratulations to all who were accepted onto the programme. A selection of students are taking part in 'The Brilliant Club' with a view to visiting Cambridge University at the end of the programme. Some students recently enjoyed watching Wicked at the cinema as part of the Jack Petchey Award. I look forward to further progress and achievement from year 9 who are showing themselves to be excellent role models throughout the school. Ms Neocleous

Year 10

Our Year 10 students have made a fantastic transition into the Upper School and Key Stage 4. Watching them grow in maturity and confidence has been a true delight. They have embraced the high expectations set for them and navigated the new school building and structure with grace and determination. Starting KS4 can be challenging, but every single student has pushed themselves and made a strong start in their GCSE subjects. As a year group, the Year 10s have shown exceptional hard

work and self-motivation. We hope they continue to aim high and strive for excellence. Well done to you all! We look forward to seeing their progress throughout the year. Ms Obuz

Year 11

On the whole Year 11 students have made a committed start to the year. There are many added pressures for them to overcome this term but they have settled well with a determined spirit. Starting Year 11 is a challenge for a lot of our girls and they are embracing it and trying really hard to be the best versions of themselves. Many have already started to make good habits and are attending intervention classes and lots of students have played in the Netball team this term which has been a good distraction from the pressures of academic studies. They will have sat their first PPEs of the year and I know that this will be a good starting point for them to progress further throughout the rest of the year in preparation for their GCSE exams in the summer. Ms McNeill

Year 12

The new Year 12 cohort have just embarked on their A level journey, making significant strides in developing a variety of essential skills over the Autumn term. They have developed their time management skills, balancing the demands of multiple subjects and extracurricular activities, and during form times we have explored a wide range of revision techniques. This term has also seen growth in resilience and adaptability, as the year group navigate the challenges of transitioning to a more independent and rigorous academic environment. Year 12 have also enjoyed relaxing in a new common room and using the SRC as a quiet place to study. A large number of Year 12 students have also become Academic Prefects, supporting KS4 lessons across a wide variety of subjects. In addition to this, we have now recruited a new media team who will start in the new year, and are looking forward to our Head Girl Team applications in January. Overall, Year 12 have made a fantastic start to their A level journey, and I look forward to seeing them thrive in our Sixth Form. Ms Cowell

Year 13

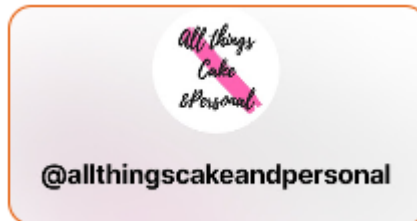
Year 13 have had a very busy term balancing coursework, writing personal statements and completing their UCAS applications all alongside learning the more demanding new content in their subjects. Their resilience and determination has been outstanding this term, and I'm delighted to say that as well as a large number of our students successfully submitting their university applications well ahead of the 25th January deadline, many have also already received offers - who could ask for a better Christmas present?! Three of our Year 13 students were invited to interview at either Oxford or Cambridge this year, and we have our fingers crossed for them as they endure a few weeks of nervous waiting! Well done to all of you who have worked so hard this term and I hope that a restful break can be enjoyed by all over the Christmas period. Mr Matthai

Community Links

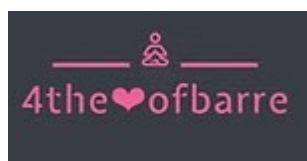
When given the opportunity to participate in the 'North London's High 5 Challenge' our Post 16 students rose to it. The challenge encourages young people to practice entrepreneurship, creativity, teamwork and initiative by raising money for North London Hospice. The idea is that you start with £5 and aim to raise as much as you can from the original £5 for our local community charity. Whilst Year 12 students were busy making friendship bracelets for our Year 7 students at a cost of 50p and making bespoke departmental bracelets for our colleagues for a charitable donation, our Year 13 students organised a teacher bake off. The cakes that were chosen were a red velvet or Victoria sponge. Both of which proved to be very popular, when sold out at the Winter Concert. The event was so popular that we had over 30 teachers baking, working in teams of 2 or 3. The dedication illustrated by our Post 16 students was very impressive, as were their initiative, enterprise and skill of communication. In total we raised £633.65 for our local charity. Ms Costa



Thank you to local businesses who have kindly donated to our Winter Raffle.



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Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Box from George's Market Drop