



Glance @ Grammar

Key Information and Dates



Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy calendar year 2023 has been. So much achieved by so many people for the Enfield Grammar Community. This term has been packed full of sports, music, trips, a Jack Petchey National winner, Black History month celebrations and so, so much more.

I am really proud of our work for our families that have been hit hardest by the cost of living crisis. Thanks to the generosity of those that were able to donate to our fundraising appeal, we are in a position to provide 32 families with laptops and/or Wi-Fi for their sons to help them complete their home learning and also to support families with food vouchers for the long January month post the Christmas period. Thank you all for your generosity.

Have a wonderful break with your loved ones and we look forward to welcoming you and your boys back to our EGS community in January 2024.

C Lamb

Headteacher

Farewell with thanks to:

Mr A Alaimo, Teaching Assistant
Ms N Inci Ucbenli, Higher Level Teaching Assistant
Ms S Sathish, Teaching Assistant

Warm welcome to:

Mr D Armstrong, Wellbeing Practitioner
Mr M Collins, Deputy Headteacher
Dr R Frimpong, Science Teacher
Ms S Langlet, French Teacher
Ms T Macedo, Welfare & Attendance Officer
Mr C Marhsall, Assistant Headteacher
Ms A Paphitis, Teaching Assistant
Ms S Senior, English Teacher
Mr C Thompson, Head of Citizenship
Ms J Vass, Teaching Assistant

Occasional Cover Teachers

We are seeking to appoint colleagues to join us as Occasional Cover Teachers to deliver lessons to our students in the absence of their class teacher. For further information, please visit our website at: <https://www.enfieldgrammar.org/work-for-us-2/>

January 2024

Mon 8 INSET Day
Tue 9 First day of term (8.30am start)
Wed 24 Yr11 Parents' Evening (online)
Fri 26 School Photographs - Years 11, 12 & 13

February 2024

Tue 6 Yr12 & 13 Parents' Evening (online)
Fri 9 KS3 Music Concert
12 - 16 HALF TERM
Mon 19 First day of term (8.30am start)
Thu 22 Yr8 Parents' Evening (online)
Thu 29 KS4 Music Concert

March 2024

Wed 6 Yr10 Parents' Evening (online)
Wed 20 Yr7 Parents' Evening (online)
Wed 27 Battle of the Bands Music Event
Thu 28 Last Day of Term

April 2024

Mon 15 INSET Day
Tue 16 First Day of Term (8.30am start)



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PE Department

It has been another busy term with regards to sport with over 50 fixtures having been played across football, rugby and basketball as well as boys representing the School with distinction at Middlesex Rugby festivals and in the Borough Cross Country Championships.

In football all year groups have again entered the National Cup, County Cup and the Borough Leagues. There have been many successes already such as the Year 7s making it to the 5th round of the National Cup as well the Year 11s and Year 10s both making it into the 4th round of their respective year group County Cups with those games to be played in the New Year. Across the School the boys have found their shooting boots with 123 goals scored already. From January, Saturday football begins and we are looking forward to being able to report on even more success.

The rugby season has seen a very pleasing increase in the number of boys wanting to play for the School, particularly in Years 7, 8 & 9. These three year groups all attended the Middlesex rugby festivals this term. These are long days where the teams play six games against the best teams in the County and all of our boys truly fulfilled the school motto of "tant que je puis". The Year 7s finished as runners up in the Shield Competition and all the boys who took part across the year groups enjoyed themselves and returned home with a renewed motivation to improve for next season. We are working with other schools in the Borough to re-establish more local opportunities for the boys to play and we hope to have more games for some of the other year groups after Christmas. I would like to thank Enfield Ignatians RFC for their support this year, with particular thanks to Mr Champion who has been helping with our Monday afternoon training sessions.

Our basketball club continues to grow with the reintroduction of a Year 7 team this year. So far the team has gone unbeaten in their 4 games in the league, scoring 110 points in the process. The U16s have made good progress in their league too, winning 2 of their 3 games so far. The U15s have a busy January ahead with three games in the month - good luck to all involved. Many thanks to Mr Smith for his running of the basketball with Mr Bowe and for his continued support providing first aid cover on Saturday mornings.

Finally I would like to mention the success of one of our past pupils, Sydie Peck, who recently made his debut in the Premier League for Sheffield Utd.

Mr G Kendrick, Director of Sport

Modern Foreign Languages Department

Year 7 French Competition

Well done to all Year 7 who took part in the 2 nd competition. The participation was amazing but I had to choose the top 6 only. You'll all get a reward certificate and your prize this week. Get ready for the next one! It will be set in January and due the last week of the half term. The winners are:

Abdirahman H, Can O, Tyler F, Rafael K, Patrick M & Adam Z

Year 8 French Competition

Well done to all Year 8 who took part in the 2 nd competition. You'll all get a reward certificate and a prize. Get ready for the next one! It will be set in January and due the week before half term. Only the top 5 are listed. The winners are:

Elias B, Samir H, Hanif A, Shane L & Toyesh J

Year 8 Spanish Competition

Well done to all Year 8 who took part in the 2 nd competition. You'll all get a reward certificate and a prize this week. Get ready for the next one! It will be set in January and due the week before half term. Only the top 5 are listed here. The winners are:

Erick M, Harry A, Elias B, Mateo A & Samuel D

Ms S Langlet, MFL Department





Congratulations to the following students in their achievement in the national Senior Maths Challenge which took place in November. The Senior Mathematical Challenge is a 90-minute, multiple-choice Challenge; it encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Senior Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think. Most are accessible, yet still challenge those with more experience.



Bronze Award

- Yadata Dechasa
- Loucas Georgiou
- Dennis Malaj
- Sidney Witter
- Ali Tintas
- Manan Lad
- Rachid Ould-Ali
- Arlind Jashari
- Ada Mese
- Archie Kenny



Silver Award

- Luca Musca



Gold Award

- Farhaan Soobratty (invited to next round due to high score)

Maths Trip

On Monday the 20th of November, 16 A level students travelled to central London to a Maths Inspiration Roadshow. The first lecture was Are you smarter than AI? given by Rob Eastaway. Puzzle-solving is one of the ways in which humans display their creativity and ingenuity. But is Artificial Intelligence set to become as good as, or even overtake, people at solving and setting puzzles? Rob Eastaway posed some of his favourite puzzles from the New Scientist magazine's weekly column to test our creativity and ingenuity – and then see how ChatGPT got on.

The second lecture was The Shape of Escape given by Aoife Hunt. How many people can you fit into a football stadium or a music festival? How quickly are they all going to be able to get out? These are important questions for event organisers, and mathematicians can help to answer them. Aoife Hunt showed how professional consultants use GCSE and AS Level maths to understand the movement of crowds – whether at Wembley Stadium, Glastonbury or Heathrow Airport. We looked at the connection between crowd flow and quadratic equations, and how computer games are being built to predict what you will do in an emergency.

The third lecture was The Sacred Geometry of Chance by Ben Sparks. In his Nineties song Shape of My Heart, Sting sang about a gambler finding beauty in the “hidden laws” of probability that govern poker. Mathematician and musician Ben Sparks uncovered some surprising hidden laws. He looked at how emotion, art and mathematics can go hand in hand despite the stereotypes. It was an enjoyable day out and Year 12 started to see how mathematics is used in the real world.



Music Department



The Music Department has been very busy this term and had a really positive start to the new academic year. In November our choir performed with other choirs from schools in the Borough at Enfield Music Service & Choir Festival. The boys were brilliant and it was great to hear other local choirs perform too. We have begun plans for our Music Concert Tour in July 2024 to Belgium, which sold out in just one week!

A number of our students have done their music grade exams, and all passed which is absolutely fantastic! Well done to those students. We took our Music GCSE and Music Tec A Level students to an African Music Concert Series at Forty Hall during Black History Month, where the boys experienced different types of West African and Contemporary African Classical music and even got to have a go on some of the instruments themselves.

One of our Music Scholars did a Composition Master class at the Royal Academy of Music where he not only, composed his own music, but also had students from the Academy perform it!

Finally, as we build up to the end of the term, we took 12 of our students busking in Enfield Town Market Square Bandstand where they performed for 2 hours in the cold, to raise money for the North London Hospice. We raised over £120! It was a wonderful occasion and lovely to see friends, family and people from the community cheering us on. The following day, we did our spectacular Christmas Concert! The Hall looked magnificent thanks to our brilliant site team, and the boys rocked the night away performing some festive hits for a packed hall full to the brim with friendly faces. Thank you all so much to those who came along to support the boys!



Geography Department

Geography trip to Iceland

In September, We took a group of Geographers to Iceland for a look at the breathtaking geographical landscapes. Having studied topics including tectonic margins, volcanoes, earthquakes and so much more, it was great to see all the things we talk about in real life.

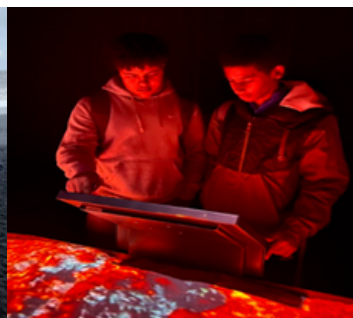
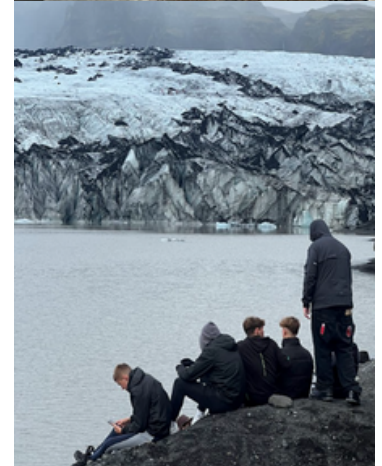
Although a lot of early starts, long day and lots of walking, no one seemed at all tired. All of our boys were very eager to explore and see, what is, a very different environment to what they are used to.

Over the course of the next few days, we saw some amazing sights. Stunning waterfalls, hot springs, volcanoes, we got up close with lava that is just a few years old, we took a trip to the Lava Centre, learning all about tectonics, stood right next to Gullfoss waterfall, had a dip in the 'Secret Lagoon' a geothermal pool, and saw the massive waves and beautiful black sand of Reynisfjara beach. Saw the direct impacts of climate change, through the retreat of a glacier. A truly unforgettable experience.

The waterfalls were especially a highlight. The mighty Gullfoss is always a delight. Skogafoss, included a climb up the side of the waterfall on steps, and none of us were expecting it to be quite so hard, even Mr Harcourt struggled, but the view at the top was definitely worth it. Another, Seljalandsfoss, included a trip behind its flow of water, that left us pretty soggy, but our boys loved it. We managed to stay dry for most of the trip, (other than one massive downpour in the Thingvellir Valley) so it was not too bad getting a bit damp.

I'm sure the boys will fondly remember the nightly Year 11 vs 13 water polo/rugby/handball games (not sure they gave their creation a name) in the pool. Running all the way to a grand final on the last night, it was great seeing everyone getting involved, even some of the other hotel residents were cheering the boys on, and a bond formed between boys of different year groups. Even when the rain came pouring down, they were in the pool, battling it out for the win. Iceland sent us off in style with a glimpse of the Northern Lights, even if the time of year meant they weren't as green as normal, they were still a delight.

Seeing the boys out in Iceland, showing true passion for geography made all of the planning worth it, and we hope they had a truly unforgettable experience that they will remember for the rest of their lives. Geography really is a lot more than just colouring in. Thanks to all for boys for being great representatives of our school throughout the trip.



ADT DEPARTMENT



The Art and Design Technology Department have had an exciting and productive year so far.

Year 7 Art students have been learning about colour theory and portraiture. They have been creating their own superheroes and supervillains.

Year 8 have been using the inspiration of Cubism to develop their work. They have looked at the work of Pablo Picasso, Georges Braque and Juan Gris.



Year 9 Art students have been learning about the proportions of the human figure. They have then analysed the exaggerated forms by Alberto Giacometti and Fernando Botero. Students have reacted to the work of the Giacometti to create their own elongated sculptures..

To celebrate Black History Month, students in KS3 & KS4 were asked to create a portrait inspired by the work of Yermine Richardson. These artworks were entered into the BHM Art Competition 2023. Judging was very difficult due to the high standard of work. It was a joy to see so many beautiful, intricate and vibrant artworks.

Students had the opportunity to enter the EGS Christmas Card Competition. After much deliberation, Shakithyan Thavaseelan was crowned the winner with his atmospheric and festive design. Well done to Shakithyan and the shortlisted students



SHAKITHYAN THAVASEELAN 9S
EGS CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION
WINNER 2023

ADT DEPARTMENT

A busy and productive Autumn term in the Food Department.

Year 7 students have been settling into the routine of the kitchen and have been developing their culinary skills and confidence. Dishes made include fajitas, stir fry and nankhatai biscuits. It was also lovely to see the numerous entries for the recent Interhouse cookie competition set by the Food department - we were blown away by the standard and the effort shown. A couple of entries are shown here. Very well done to all involved



Year 8 have been demonstrating their knowledge and understanding of food by choosing their own dishes more - for example, making a rice-based dish. This gave students the opportunity to cook dishes such as biryani, jollof rice and risotto. Skills were extended through bread making (pizza) and pastry (fruit pies). Again, fantastic to see the progression in confidence and skills.



Year 9 have completed their term in Food and were enthusiastic and committed to try their best and produce high quality dishes. Students were encouraged to challenge themselves and we have seen a variety of technical skills and well loved dishes such as fresh ravioli, apple pie, samosas, macaroni cheese, burgers and brownies.

We ask all students to cook and help out at home so that their confidence develops. I hope that each family is able to support their son by allowing them into the kitchen to cook (and clean up) together!

Happy holidays from Mrs Broadley



Wentworth Golf Club

Our students had an excellent day out at Wentworth Golf Club on behalf of The Golf Foundation charity, helping introduce children of all backgrounds to the game. Our boys took part in challenges, and had the opportunity to see professional golfers in the BMW PGA Championship!



Student Spotlight

Congratulations to sixth former Ibrahim Gelleche in the Ox Bright Essay Competition Awards. He wrote a brilliant essay answering the question "How can long-term thinking in the field of Law foster optimism about the future?" We are very proud of Ibrahim!



Gardening Club

Our garden club has spent the term, since September, weeding, pruning, planting, putting up a new greenhouse, collecting leaves for composting and more.....it's been busy!

To end the term we held a festive wreath-making session for the boys; it's creative and calming but also a lovely opportunity for us, as staff, to spend quality time with them.

They were able to take home some of their wonderful handicraft to help make their houses a little bit more festive!

Thank you to Mrs Culora, the wellbeing team, Ms Field and Ms Miller who came along to support, and as always, to our fabulous parent helper Sarah, who volunteers her time every week to make gardening and the outdoors accessible, interesting and fun for the boys.



Yr7 Inter-house

We are currently running an inter-house competition in year 7 to include **all** subjects. So far, we have completed Rugby, Art and Food Tech, but we just had to mention how overwhelmed we were with the cookies that were handed in! The brief was to make cookies and design packaging to put them in. We really did have some incredible contenders!

Congratulations to joint winners 7M and 7U (woohoo!) but also a shout-out to all who have taken part so far – Well done Year 7!!



Science Workshop At St Andrews Primary School

Ms Brimble (Science Teacher) and Ms King (Science Technician), from our EGS Science Department, took a group of our Year 7 students to St Andrew's School to support their Year 1 topic of 'materials' by holding a science workshop on the changing properties of smart materials.

Our students helped the St Andrews pupils carry out 7 science experiments including using thermoplastics, indicators and electro-fabrics.

It was a big success; everyone had fun learning and understanding and it is lovely to have a supportive relationship with our local primary schools.



Trips and Activities

High Achievers Evening

Winchmore School hosted the High Achievers Evening this week, celebrating STEM, Languages and overall academic achievement from Enfield Secondary Schools. We were delighted to attend and very proud to celebrate some of our students. Congratulations Tamzid, Bryan, Arlind, Ben, William, Ewan, Zakaria, Hamza, Tyler & Abdul



Student Spotlight: Ethan's Jack Petchey Speak-Out Winners Ceremony

The Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge, a national speech competition that is run with Year 10 pupils every year, is a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn confidence and eloquence. Thousands of students took part last year and we were thrilled that our very own Ethan Bousoula won the nationals with his hilarious, wise and moving words.



Last week, the English department was delighted to run an awards ceremony for Ethan with The Speakers Trust. The Mayor of Enfield, Ethan's father, and other representatives from the Speaker's Trust attended the ceremony with the rest of Year 11 to recognise Ethan's great achievement and congratulate him on this impressive accolade. Year 11 made us proud as a supportive and mature audience.

Ethan serves as a great example for this year's competition hopefuls and he gave some sage advice to our Year 10 students who are currently taking part in the competition. The first workshop kicks off next week – good luck boys!

David Dein MBE Visit

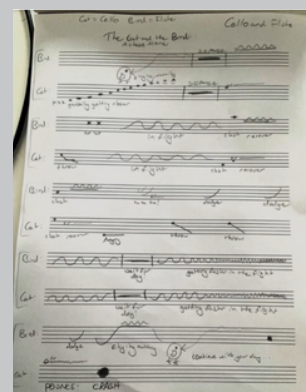
David Dein MBE is a British businessman, known for being a former co-owner and vice-chairman of Arsenal Football Club, and former vice-chairman of the Football Association. David Dein was vice-chairman of Arsenal between 1983 and 2007, and was instrumental in the formation of the Premier League in 1992 and in appointing Arsene Wenger as Arsenal manager in 1996.

We were honoured to have him come to EGS as part of the Speakers for Schools programme to deliver a motivational and inspirational talk; it was a fantastic presentation about life in the Premiership and being successful. David then took questions from our students.



Student Spotlight: James Lovell, Year 10

James Lovell in Year 10 recently attended a composition masterclass at the Royal Academy of Music. He was asked to create a graphic score for his own composition which was then developed and performed by professional musicians from the Academy. Well done, James, this is fantastic!



'Old Boys' (Alumni) Event



Monday 18 December, saw the first of what hopefully will become an annual event, the Christmas Jingle & Mingle for our ex-students. It was lovely to see 'old boys' spanning over many years and interesting to hear old stories about the school and what they are all doing now. We had some of our current sixth formers on hand who took them on tours of the school. Thank you to all of those who came along, especially it being a Monday night!

Enfield Grammar School (that has been part of Enfield for a very long time!) is relaunching their 'Old Boys Association' (Alumni) with a Jingle & Mingle event and would love to have as many generations as possible represented. The OBA has been going for over 100 years and we would like to see it going on for another 100!

The invite was extended to all of our ex-students, from those who are currently at university through to those who may have 'more distant memories'(!) of their school days, including past employees (support and teaching staff).

The Old Boys Association has dwindled over the last few years and EGS decided it was time to step up and try to rejuvenate it. We, along with a couple of key 'Old Boys' who have kept their website going, will continue to build on the membership year on year in the hope that we can reintroduce the large annual silver service dinner and some sporting events.

If you were a member of the school and would like to be added to our database to be advised of any such future events, then please email the office for the attention of Mrs Field/Mrs Walsh. office@enfieldgrammar.org





The Gerald Bungey Scholarship – A moving story & remembrance



All of our sixth form students who enrol in degree programmes at universities receive a £100 scholarship in their second year as a consequence of a moving story of one of our former pupils, who tragically lost his life in the First World War.

Mrs Bungey and her late husband agreed to leave half their estate to provide a memorial to their son, Second Lieutenant Gerald Edward Bungey. The yearly funding for the award comes from interest paid each year on a bequest left to the Enfield Grammar School Foundation from the estate of Mrs Maude Bungey and is paid out by our Foundation Trustees who are part of our governance structure.

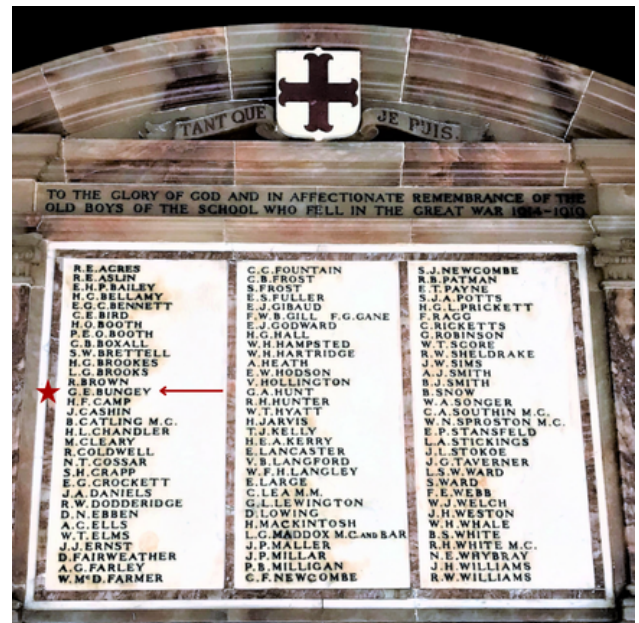
Gerald attended the EGS from 1911 to 1914 and was Captain of 1st Cricket team and Football Elevens, and runner of the mile and half-mile. Joining the army soon after the declaration of war in 1914, he was killed in action on 4th August during the Battle of the Somme at the young age of just 19 years, while fighting with the 14th Fusiliers.

It makes you reflect on all those young men (many just out of school) who never had the chance to go onto any type of further education or live out their lives.

In school we have a memorial to all those alumni who never came home; Gerald E Bungey is listed in the first column.

Enlisted in the Honourable Artillery Company in September 1914. Commissioned in 14th (Res) Bn. Royal Fusiliers April 1915. To France July 1916, joining 9th Bn. On the morning of 4 August the Bn. was in the Albert Defences. They received orders to attack Ration Trench with the 8th Royal Fusiliers and 7th Royal Sussex. They left the Albert Defences at 3pm and completed the relief by 6.30 pm, taking up positions in 4th Avenue (X3a95 – X3b89) and 3rd Avenue (X3c79- X3b54). The bn. went over the top at 9.15pm. A, C and D Companies attacked, with B moving into 4th Avenue behind them. A and C reached their objectives and linked with the 8th RFs. D Coy was held up by an unseen trench between the positions. Early on the morning of the 5th B placed a bombing stop in Ration Trench at R33d36. This was later attacked by Germans with flamethrowers and pushed back by 40 yards after vigorous fighting. The battalion suffered over 300 casualties.

Killed in action 4 August 1916. Age 19. Commemorated Pier and Face 8 C, 9 A and 16 A THIEVAL MEMORIAL.



Remembrance Assemblies

Our remembrance assemblies are always moving, educational and reflective. On 10 November, our school community came together to acknowledge the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

This year, the Last Post was performed by Daniel Moorwood, Year 12.



EGS Fundraiser

As we navigate through challenging times, we are acutely aware of the financial hardships facing many families across the UK due to the ongoing economic crisis. As a school community, we are committed to supporting our students and their families.

To assist families this winter we re launched our fundraising appeal last night with the aim to provide financial assistance to those who require support during these difficult times.

Each barrier or worry that we can remove for a young person improves their experience at school and helps to support their engagement and learning.

Thank you in advance for your support and, if you are able to donate, your kind donation will help make a positive difference to our students and their families.

<https://gofund.me/ef208fab>

EGS Christmas Fundraiser

Tant Que Je Puis

**FAMILIES IN NEED
WINTER APPEAL 2023**

EGS Community
'helping to support each other'

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