

Parent Bulletin - April 2021

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our students experienced some significant changes during this term; both learning remotely and then returning to school. They have shown considerable flexibility and understanding and we have been very proud of the way that they have adapted.

Students were recently sent home with further packs of Lateral Flow tests to take over the Easter holidays. Please ensure that your child continues to complete the Lateral Flow tests at home on the days that we have suggested. It is an important step in keeping levels of Covid-19 low in our community. If your child does test positive for Covid-19 please ensure that you follow the NHS test and trace guidance. All tests should be reported, whether positive or negative on the following link:

[Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result](#)

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday, 19th April 2021.

Best wishes

Sarah Morgan
Headteacher

Key dates for parents

Year 8 Parents' Evening	Thursday 22nd April 2021
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 13th May 2021
School Closure (May Day)	Monday 3rd May 2021

GCSEs 2021 - A guide for parents and carers

Recently the government has announced the process that schools need to follow in order to assign GCSE grades this Summer. We have put together this video guide to help which may answer some questions. [Please click here to access the video](#)

Duncan Bowyer
Assistant Headteacher - KS4

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Our Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place virtually on:

Thursday 22nd April 2021 at 3:30 – 6:00pm.

To book an appointment with teachers please click on the following link:

[Eastlea Community School](#)

Appointments can be made from **Thursday 1st April 10am and will close on Thursday 22nd April 12:30pm.**

Easter Holiday Update

Easter FSM Vouchers

Vouchers will be provided to families whose children are entitled to Free School Meals to cover the Easter period. Parents should receive these via email shortly.

Easter Holiday Programme

Please find attached the Easter Holiday Programme provided by Newham. It entails a range of online fun activities, and some but very few face-to-face activities. As we are still in lockdown the programme is designed to ensure children, young people and families have activities to do at home as well as access to some learning resources. The programme also includes information on support services including health, food & funding support, crisis & counselling and housing support.

The programme is available online at: www.newham.gov.uk/ActivitiesForYoungPeople

The Test and trace support payment scheme

Parents or Guardians who are not legally required to self-isolate can now apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment if they need to take time off work to care for a child or young person who is.

Applicants must meet all the criteria below:

- be the parent or guardian of a child or young person in the same household and need to take time off work to care for them while they self-isolate (limited to one parent or guardian per household)
- be employed or self-employed
- cannot work from home while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result
- **meet all the other means-tested eligibility criteria for a Test and Trace Support Payment or locally determined criteria for a discretionary payment**
- their child or young person:
 - is aged 15 or under (or 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care Plan) and normally attend an education or childcare setting has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their education or childcare setting because they have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Claims made by parents and guardians can be made up to six weeks (42 days) after the child or young person's first day of self-isolation. For the full details and list of eligibility, [see attached guidance](#).

Sarah Morgan
Head of School

Message from the Director of Education, Inclusion & Achievement

Newham Council in partnership with the public health team, have put together resources aimed at supporting parents, carers and students during these difficult times. For more information please visit their updated website at:

[Back to school – Newham Council](#)

Bedrock Vocabulary

As a school we have invested in a new vocabulary tool which is known as Bedrock Vocabulary. This programme is a ready-made online curriculum which teaches students the academic words they need to succeed at school and beyond.

Please click on the links below for the names of those students who I wish to congratulate for making it to the top of the Bedrock Vocabulary Leaderboard as well as being identified for praise because of all their hard work during the lockdown.

[Bedrock Vocabulary Progress Leaderboard \(Year 7-10\)](#)

[Bedrock Vocabulary Praise and Encouragement Awards \(Year 7- 10\)](#)

Carlene Rowe
Assistant Headteacher

Free Reading Books for Students

All students in Years 7 and 8 have been given a free reading book to take home. This is but one of the many ways in which we are striving to improve students reading across the school. If you would like more information about supporting your child with reading at home.

Please visit: <https://eastlea.newham.sch.uk/advice-for-parents-carers-students/>

Carlene Rowe
Assistant Headteacher

National Literacy Trust's Virtual Library

The National Literacy Trust's Virtual Library is an online resource that enables students to listen to stories being read by some of the UK's most outstanding authors.

You can explore this virtual library at: <https://www.thenational.academy/library>

Carlene Rowe
Assistant Headteacher

Message from the Music Department

Greetings from the Music Department

New Head of Music

The Music Department at Eastlea is now under new management. My name is Ms Saarela, and I am the new Head of Music. I am very happy to be a part of building our school's music teaching and learning to high standards and to develop the enrichment activities we have on offer for our students.

Music clubs survey

We are canvassing the student community on clubs and activities they would like to get involved in. Do remind your child to fill this [short survey](#) about what kind of musical activities they would like to see at Eastlea from choirs, bands, and instrument clubs, to DJing, beatmaking and studio clubs.

Online Instrumental Lessons

During the lockdown, our instrumental and singing were carried out remotely - it has been a joy to listen to them make progress, and to observe the commitment and resilience our students demonstrated during lockdown. Special 'shout outs' to the following students:

Randy Asamoah

Kai Bryan

Imola Filler

Saydin Kaptiev

Lilly Regan

Katana Stewart

Alexandra Viegas

Marshall Levey

Lujain Shegafi

Danielle Boateng

Georgina Micallef

Jessica Levey

Tonisha Matthew

Elizabeth Amoo



Lockdown Soundscapes

Year 7 and 9 have been learning how to create their own lockdown soundscapes. A soundscape is like a painting you can hear. Students recorded sounds from everyday life, and arranged, edited and even added music to them. Students listened to each other's work and got to vote on the most successful one. The winning soundscape is [Andre-Gabriel Patriciu from Year 9, "Being in a among us](#)

[game](#)". Andre made clever use of music and musical timing combined with the world of video games and real life sounds.

Year 7s

Music shoutouts for creating some wonderful soundscapes and song lyrics, and for demonstrating resilience.

Al Amin Miah 7M

Jessica Levey 7M

Ronela Mehmeti 7M

George Clucas 7E

Ihsan Abdullah 7N

Martyna Zocholl 7N

Ricy Faiza-Mohammed 7A

Rebeca Rotariu 7S

Joselin Caicedo-Ibarra 7S

Beau Turpin 7T

Danielle Vieira-Boateng 7T

Kendrick Oscar-John 7T

Alexandra Bucur 7T

Gabriela Pojar 7E

Sam Chuenprayoon 7E

Neena Weatherley 7Y

Sumaiya Sahier 7E

Year 9

Ayesha Lais 9M + really good lyrics (BLM story, Breonna Taylor)

Marshall Levey 9A

Redwana Rahman 9M

Sumaiya Khanum 9S

Andre Gabriel Patriciu 9N

Ilma Bhuiyan 9T

Samanta Gazi 9N

Emyli Samaniego 9A

Olimatou Gillen 9M

Joseph Solomon 9Y

Ms Henni Saarela

Head of Music

Message from the Art Department

Eastlea Community School students continue their amazing Art studies online. We are very proud of them and would like people to view our online gallery to see some of their wonderful art. Eastlea Community School Gallery/celebrating students' online art studies: [Online Art Gallery - celebrating students' amazing online Art studies](#)

Mary Greanery
Head of Art

Year 9 Technology Project

Year 9 students have been working on producing replicas of vintage clocks within their technology lessons. These fully functioning works of art are a true representation of the range of skills which students are encouraged to develop within technology. You can view images of student work by clicking on the following link:

[Year 9 Technology Vintage Clock Project](#)

Zach David
Head of Technology

Virtual Money Workshop

The National Literacy Trust has teamed with [The Money Charity](#) to bring young people a series of workshops all about keeping an eye on their money throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

All participants have a chance to win a year-long [Experian](#) CreditExpert subscription worth £120! This will help you to develop your understanding of money management even further.

Sign up for a [Virtual Money Workshops](#)

Please fill in your details and choose from the list of dates below. Learn more about the cost of living independently and budgeting, credit, getting paid and much more!

All workshops take place from 5pm - 6.30pm.

Carlene Rowe
Assistant Headteacher

Well Ahead

Well Ahead is an online platform that has been developed in partnership with [Bupa Foundation](#) to help young people look after their mental wellbeing, especially in these extraordinary times.

Take a look at the tips and activities to support your child in expressing their emotions and processing the events of the world outside.

[Well Ahead](#)

Support for Families

If you or a member of your family is struggling to cope or is feeling overwhelmed, there are a range of free services and resources available to support anyone in your family.

Headstart Newham Mental Health Support Services for Young People

[HeadStart Activities](#)

Newham pop-up CAMHS

Newham pop-up CAMHS: Fortnightly, Saturdays 12-3pm. Offering support and consultation on mental health concerns. Click here for more information and to register.

[Online Pop-Up CAMHS Newham Registration, Multiple Dates](#)

Newham Mental Health Crisis Line

Newham 24-hour Freephone mental health crisis support line. Run by the East London NHS Foundation Trust (ELFT). Freephone: 0800 073 0066

[Services - Newham Mental Health Crisis Line/Crisis Support](#)

Newham Talking Therapies

<https://newhamtalkingtherapies.nhs.uk/>

Community Links mental health crisis prevention support

<https://www.community-links.org/advice/>

BBC videos and resources to support young people with understanding and recognising mental health problems.

[When I Worry About Things](#)

Newham Educational Psychology Service

More information can be found [here](#).

[Being a parent course](#)

[Kooth](#) is a FREE, anonymous, confidential, safe, online Wellbeing service, offering counselling, information, and forums service for 10-16 year olds in: Newham

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