



# Enfield County School for Girls

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Dear Parents and Carers

## End of Autumn Term 2025

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 daughter up, out and into school on time, especially during the darker mornings are recognised and appreciated.

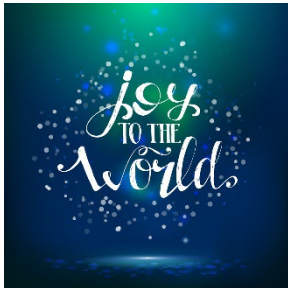
Many of our families continue to face financial hardship, day to day uncertainties and testing times and whilst the festive season is here to be enjoyed I also recognise that it can also highlight challenges faced.

I wish your daughters, yourselves, families and friends a safe, peaceful and happy Christmas break and look forward to welcoming your daughter back to school in January.

With love and best wishes for the New Year.

God bless

Jennifer Gumbrell  
Headteacher



## Winter Concert

Our winter concert is taking place at our Rosemary Avenue lower site, Thursday 18 December at 5.30pm. This annual event is a lovely opportunity for students, staff and families to come together and enjoy a festive occasion where our students showcase their gifts and talents. All are welcome!

## Staff Goodbye

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye and thank you to Ms Golamgouse, teacher of mathematics and Induction Tutor/Professional Coordinating Mentor who has served our school for many years.

Ms Golamgouse is taking up a new role in further education and we wish her all the very best in her new job.

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### **End of Term Arrangements**

Our last day of this term is **Friday 19 December**. Students will be dismissed from **12.00pm**.

It is important that, as a school, we work to provide stable, caring and consistent routines for all students and we thank you for your day to day support in the areas highlighted below:

### **Day to Day Matters**

Friday 19 December half day - Your daughter will be reminded 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 students 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. Thank you very much for your support in this matter, it is appreciated.

### **Public Transport**

The safety and conduct of our students when they are travelling to and from school on public transport is important to us.

This term staff members on end of the day duty have encountered challenge and refusal to follow instructions from some lower site students at the end of the day whilst waiting for and boarding the W8 bus. This is not acceptable and jeopardises the position of colleagues committed to ensuring student welfare in the local community whilst going above and beyond their role.

Please do 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. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

### **Start of Spring Term Arrangements 2026**

Start dates and times:

Monday 5 January ALL students to attend - later arrival time of 10.00am.

### **Homework Club**

Homework club will resume on Tuesday 6 January. 8:00-8:30am and 3:20-4:20pm on both sites.

### **School Uniform**

All students should return in full school [uniform](#). Hoodies 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 visible 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**

All students in years 7-11 are expected to lock their phones away in their Yondr pouches at the start of the day, where they must remain until the end of the school day. Our introduction of Yondr pouches has resulted in a significant decrease in the amount of time staff spend dealing with issues related to the use of mobile phones in school, and we believe that this is impacting positively on our students – good news!

### **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](mailto: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 4 June 2026
Year 8	Thursday 21 May 2026
Year 9	Thursday 26 February 2026
Year 10	Thursday 19 March 2026
Year 11	Thursday 22 January 2026
Year 12	Thursday 16 April 2026

### **Student Well-Being**

Our new PSHE strategy at the Lower School has been very successful this term, with all of KS3 having PSHE together after lunch each Thursday. This has enabled us to have a whole school approach to PSHE as well as giving us the opportunity to welcome external speakers to talk on topics such as hate speech and NHS careers. We continue to support students with their emotional well-being with our school counsellors who are in school on Tuesday to Thursday and there is only a short waiting list for support. Year 11 have had workshops on beating exam anxiety with the NHS group My Young Mind Enfield and the Enfield School Nurse Service has held 'drop ins' for students who have health questions. Over the winter holiday Kooth continues to be available to offer free, confidential and safe support for young people: [Home - Kooth](#) and for parents and carers self-referrals for support can be

made to Enfield Early Help <https://cp.childrensportal.enfield.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home> or Enfield Family Hubs continue to provide community support and practical help and advice on a range at their centres in Enfield: [Family Hubs | Enfield Council](#)

## Progress and Achievement Leader News

### Year 7

The year 7s have settled really well into life at Enfield County School for Girls. It has been a pleasure to be their Progress & Achievement Leader (PAL) this term, I am greeted on the gate with an excited 'good morning' and then an even happier 'good bye' at the end of the day! I am lucky to teach 4 of the 5 classes and I am thrilled at the way they commit to their studies and are really enthusiastic to learn. A few of the year group have helped me with assemblies and their attendance at extra-curricular activities has been amazing. I do know that crochet club has been very popular and I can't wait to see their creations in the near future. It is encouraging to be invited into lots of lessons from class teachers who have been excited to share with me how well the class are doing. I know A Midsummer's Night Dream has gone down a storm this term with lots of volunteers for the different characters. The Inter House competitions are also going down well with 7AN winning the Cross Country competition and I know the year group are looking forward to the Inter House netball competition taking place in the last week.

The House representatives for Year 7 have been attending meetings and contributing to new initiatives. They have also been our ambassadors for helping at evening events and representing us at 'drop-offs' to local charities such as the Enfield Food Bank. It was fantastic seeing all the festive jumpers being worn around the school and the 'sing a long' at Christmas Lunch was just lovely to see. I really hope as a year group we can continue to support our House charities and I am happy to listen to any fund raising ideas the year group can come up with. Some of our students are also members of the school choir, recently performing in the Enfield Choir Festival, as well as hosting a primary school choir festival in school. I am looking forward to hearing them sing at the Winter Concert on Thursday 18 December.

We are finishing our term with the Winter Disco and hope that all the girls will have lots of fun and hopefully it will be a nice way to celebrate them nearly finishing their first term.

I cannot stress enough how well the year group are doing and would like to thank all their parents for their support this term. I am really looking forward to the New Year and to seeing the year group continue to progress and mature.

I would like to wish everyone a fantastic holiday.

Ms McNeill

### Year 8

#### End of Term Highlights

As we reach the end of a busy and exciting term, we would like to wish all our students, families, and staff a very Merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful New Year.

Our Year 8 students have been exploring the world of work through the **Student Receptionist** programme. Pupils took turns supporting the front office team and teachers, greeting visitors, helping with messages, and gaining valuable insight into workplace skills. They represented the school brilliantly and showed great maturity in their roles.

Students also received an engaging presentation from the **Met Police Territorial Support Unit**, learning about the different roles within the police force and the skills required for the job.

### **Trip to Millfield Theatre**

The highlight of the festive season was the joint **Year 7 and Year 8 trip to the Millfield Theatre**. Pupils enjoyed a lively and imaginative performance of *Rapunzel and the Revengers*, filled with laughter, music, and plenty of audience participation. It was a fantastic opportunity to experience live theatre and celebrate the Christmas season together.

### **Sending Festive Wishes**

As we close the term, we would like to thank our school community for their continued support. We are incredibly proud of our students' enthusiasm, hard work, and achievements this term. We wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.

Ms Sharpe

### **Year 9**

It has been great to see Year 9 return this academic year. Already, they are beginning to show maturity in preparing for GCSE Option choices and focusing on their academic studies. A vast majority of our students are making full use of our new Year 9 only study room at lunch times, impacts are already evident within specific lessons as shared to us as Progress and Achievement Leaders. Our prefects have already hit the ground running and showcasing excellent leadership skills and qualities – supporting the lower year groups, managing the library and patrolling the school with confidence. There have been lots of PE opportunities in regard to lunch clubs, fixtures and house competitions! We are constantly striving to develop the students and school's cultural awareness, as evidenced via the Black History Month competition – where Year 9 successfully won 2 awards! As we enter the winter holidays, we wish all of our students and parents/carers a safe and relaxing break and look forward to welcoming our Year 9s back with open arms and a big focus and push onto GCSE Options! Miss Delamere and Miss Hart

### **Year 10**

Year 10 have had an excellent start at Holly Walk upper site, and continue to do really well. They are enjoying the transition and I am so proud of how they have all settled and continue to be focussed and driven. I am often receiving wonderful comments from their individual teachers about their positive attitude. As a reward for their commendable behaviour they will enjoy a trip to the cinema for the afternoon to enjoy a screen to themselves. They thoroughly deserve it!

Ms Neocleous

### **Year 11**

Our students have made a great start to their first full term of Year 11. This term has been incredibly rewarding, and our Year 11s absolutely loved the Christmas reward trip to the cinema. After completing their PPE exams from 4 to 17 December, they put in countless hours of hard work both in school and at home, and truly deserved the chance to relax. The trip was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to unwind, spend time together, and celebrate everything they have achieved over the past few months. The atmosphere was brilliant, and it was wonderful to see the whole year group coming together, enjoying themselves and ending the term on such a high.

Ms Obuz

### **Year 12 & 13**

This term has seen a strong run of positive developments within Year 13. Our UCAS process is progressing exceptionally well, with a higher number of applications on track to be submitted before Christmas, well ahead of our original schedule. Students have been engaging thoughtfully with their personal statements and course choices, as well as contextual resulting in an efficient application cycle.

Lunchtime supervisors continue to provide excellent support, creating a calm and well-managed environment around the school at lunchtime. Engagement in our “Beat Your Grade” initiative has been particularly encouraging, with many students taking up the challenge and receiving constructive, positive feedback from their teachers.

Additionally, a significant number of Year 13 students have secured valuable work experience placements across a range of respected institutions, including Barnet and North Middlesex hospitals, prestigious law firms, and local schools. These opportunities are already helping students strengthen their professional skills and broaden their career insights, before attending university or an apprenticeship next year.

Overall, Year 13 has demonstrated impressive maturity, ambition, and progress this term.

Mrs Ofori & Mrs Thompson

