

Enfield County School for Girls







December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

End of Term Arrangements 2023

We are moving towards the end of the Autumn term with the Christmas break approaching fast.

Christmas lunch is being served this week at our Rosemary Avenue and Holly Walk sites and all students are invited to join in with this meal.

Thursday 14 December	RA	HW
12:30 - 1:05	Year 9	Year 11
1:05 - 1:40	Year 7	Year 10
1:40 - 2:15	Year 8	Post 16

We will be serving halal Turkey with a vegetarian alternative also available. Please note that no other meal options will be produced on these days.

Students will be able to enjoy Christmas lunch in the canteen with festive music. If your daughter does not want to have a Christmas lunch then she may eat her packed lunch with the other girls in their year group on this day.

'The Pantry', our new catering supplier charge £3.31 for a Christmas lunch, an increase from £2.75. I am pleased to confirm that, on this occasion, our school will fund the difference in price for all students. Please be mindful that next year Christmas lunch will cost slightly more than the meal of the day (not applicable to FSM students).

Winter Concert

Our Winter Concert is taking place on **Thursday 14 December, 7pm** at our lower site, Rosemary Avenue. You are warmly invited to attend this seasonal event to support our students who will have the opportunity to showcase their musical gifts and talents in performances that they have been rehearsing this term.

There are a number of festive events taking place here in school: Year 8 and 9 students will be ice skating at Alexandra Palace; Year 10, 11 and 12 will have the opportunity to watch screenings of Christmas films after school and Year 7 will enjoy a Winter Wonderland at the lower school; whilst Post 16 will be celebrating the festive season at the Southbank Christmas Market.

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End of term arrangements

Wednesday 20 December is our last day of term and students at both sites will be dismissed from 12:00pm. Your daughter must go straight home and not go into Enfield Town other than to take public transport. This is a busy time of year and schools work with the local business community and safer school policing to ensure that potentially crowded shops are not made more so at the end of term.

If your daughter is entitled to a free school meal and you would like her to receive a 'grab bag' meal prior to leaving school, do please contact the relevant Progress and Achievement Leader to ensure that we know.

Goodbyes

We are fortunate to have such committed and stable staffing here in school, however we are saying goodbye and thank you to some colleagues at the end of this term and wish them all the very best for their future.

Sohret Mehmet - Teaching Assistant Fehima Sayeh - Modern Foreign Languages Marina Williams - Art

Ms Sayeh and Ms Williams have each given 17 and 23 years' service respectively to our school and I thank them on behalf of all the students who have been through their classrooms and benefitted from their education.

We are looking forward to welcoming new colleagues to our school in the Spring term:

Eniola Alabi - Business Studies, Computing (Maternity Cover) Laura Davies - Assistant Headteacher Lovette Monyei - Modern Foreign Languages

I thank all colleagues here in school for each of their roles and contribution to supporting the effective running of our school.

Spring Term 2024 Reminders

Return to school

The Spring Term begins on Tuesday 9 January 2024 with the usual arrival time of 8.30am for an 8.40am start to the day.

Uniform

All students must return in full school uniform.

Our <u>school website</u> details clearly our school uniform guidance and I would ask that you refer to this if at all uncertain, and prior to purchasing any items such as shoes or coats for school use.

If you require any financial support in uniform-related matters do please contact Mrs O'Brien, Deputy Headteacher and we will do our best to support you.



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Jewellery, makeup and nails

Our school website details clearly our school guidance in respect to jewellery, makeup and nails. We expect this guidance to be adhered to and when necessary will apply school sanctions to a student who refuses to do so.

Mobile phones

Please ensure that your daughter is aware of our <u>mobile phone policy</u>. It is her responsibility to ensure that her mobile phone remains 'out of sight and sound' in and around the school building and outside spaces.

Headteacher Surgeries

Headteacher's Surgeries offer an opportunity to meet with me to discuss students' education and experience of school. We are keen to continue our partnership with parents/carers, working closely to sustain a well ordered and caring environment in which our students can reach their full potential and this is one strategy to support this important communication.

Our Headteacher's Surgeries will take place on the dates listed below. An appointment should be confirmed in advance. If you would like to arrange a meeting please contact the school office on 020 8363 3030 or email ecsgeneral@enfieldcs.enfield.sch.uk

Headteacher Surgery dates 2023-24

Tuesday 16 January 2024, 8-10am	Rosemary Avenue
Wednesday 21 February 2024, 3.30-5.30pm	Rosemary Avenue
Thursday 14 March 2024, 8-10am	Holly Walk
Tuesday 23 April 2024, 3.30-5.30pm	Holly Walk
Wednesday 15 May 2024, 8-10am	Rosemary Avenue
Monday 1 July 2024, 3.30-5.30pm	Rosemary Avenue

Finally, thank you for your support of our school this term.

Your day to day contribution in getting your daughter ready and to school in good time every day should not be undervalued and is very much appreciated.

This year has continued to be very challenging financially for many families in our school community and this, alongside so much unsettlement and conflict in countries and locations across the world, can make life feel difficult and uncertain.

This makes it more important than ever for our school to provide a stable, caring and consistent experience for all of our students as we continue to strive to offer this to your daughter.

I feel very fortunate to be the Headteacher of ECSfG and to be working with such a committed school community. I send all my very best wishes to your daughter, yourself and your family for a peaceful, safe, restful and blessed holiday season with hope for a Happy New Year. God bless.

Best wishes

Jennifer Gumbrell Headteacher

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- Money, debt and benefits
 Managing energy bills
- Housing advice
- Support for carers
- Council tax

- English lessons and adult learning
- Community groups
- Childcare, and more!

The Community Advice Hub combines services from Haringey and Enfield. If you contact the Hub you will be signposted to the best service to support you.

For info in other languages:

Get in touch:

(C) 07971 353607 (leave a message)





ConnectedCommunities@haringey.gov.uk

Or come and see us in person Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm in the Community Advice Hub room next to the restaurant.



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