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With the half term holiday behind us I would like to open this newsletter by thanking Mr Meighan who organised and led the skiing trip to Austria which included nearly fifty of our students. He was supported by five of our teachers and we really appreciate those staff giving up their time in the school holidays to ensure that such opportunities can be provided to the students. It was apparently a fantastic trip and further details/photos are included later in this issue, along with the usual updates from the activities that continue to take place across the school.

When school staff are caught in the day to day demands of work, it is often quite easy to forget how fortunate we are to work in a profession that has such a direct impact on young people's lives. While teaching is a tough, challenging career choice, it does give the opportunity to create memorable experiences for children that will sometimes be remembered for many years to come. One recent example of this was the interview given by ex footballer Ian Wright on Desert Island Discs, which gained a huge amount of public attention when it was recently broadcast.

Wright was brought up in south east London and unusually didn't sign up for a professional football club until his early 20s, when he joined Crystal Palace. He was then bought by Arsenal for a record fee, went on to be their second highest goalscorer and played over thirty times for England. However, he had a difficult childhood and struggled at school. In the interview, Wright said that one teacher, Mr Pigden, changed his life.

"He gave me responsibility. I used to collect the registers from the teachers, then he made me milk monitor. It was really good. I just felt important. He wouldn't let me play football if he'd heard I'd been naughty in class. He just gave me a sense of feeling like I had some use. He was the greatest man in the world." Wright went on to say that his teacher had been a pilot in World War Two, yet he was more proud of the fact that Wright went on to play for England than of his own heroics. As he told the story on the interview, Wright's voice cracked and he became upset, apologising to the listeners for getting so emotional - "I've turned into this bumbling, crying guy." In fact rather than cause embarrassment, the interview has gained huge popularity and gone viral, been downloaded by thousands of people so they can

hear Wright's recollection. It is certainly worth listening to and is a reminder of the impact that a good teacher can have on a young person's life.

The next issue of the Elton Times will be sent in a fortnight, which will already be taking us closer towards the Easter break. While we were hoping to have the 3G pitch completed for around that time, the recent awful weather has meant that work has been delayed by a few weeks. Hopefully as the weather improves into spring the work can accelerate and we still hope to have it completed for into the final summer term. We will continue to keep you updated and I remain open to contact for any issues or concerns that need to be raised, through my usual email address of [wiltonj@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk](mailto:wiltonj@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk)



# Skiing in Schladming, Austria



*During my time at the skiing trip I really enjoyed the after activities for example the swimming and bowling. I would love to go again next year. At the end of the week I didn't want to come home. It was lots of fun. Olivia Edge Year 9*

*The skiing trip was very fun and enjoyable and was an overall very good trip. All of the food was very nice and everyone managed to learn to ski and those who skied before all improved. All the instructors were very helpful and made the skiing even better. It was a great experience and I would definitely go again. Sophie Bebbington Year 9*



The 2020 ski trip proved a fantastic success which was reflected in the fabulous conduct and attitude of all 47 students who participated. It is a long journey to get to Austria but is definitely worth it to be skiing in clear blue skies on top of the Alps! It began with a drive to Folkstone, where we collected our excellent tour drivers Lee and Mark, to catch the Eurotunnel train to Calais. It was then followed by the long stint through France, Belgium, Germany and finally into resort in Austria. Our base, the youth hotel Edelweiss was a very welcoming home for the next six days and provided us with amazing views, comfortable accommodation and delicious food.

Then to the slopes. The four expert ski instructors all delivered outstanding lessons to ensure that skiers of all levels, from the experienced to complete beginners, progressed steadily throughout the week. Ramsau was our initial skiing base but the

best day was undoubtedly skiing on the Planai slopes of Schladming. We saw the full range of alpine weather, with glorious sunny days Sunday to Tuesday, with some much needed snowfall to freshen up the slopes and cooler temperatures on Wednesday and Thursday.

Evening activities of swimming at the impressive Therme Amade in Altenmarkt and bowling were complimented by plenty of 'chill out' time at the Edelweiss, with FIFA on the PlayStation proving very popular along with the pool table and table football. All too soon our trip drew to a close for our long journey back home and whilst sad at leaving, we do have a lot of great memories of our time away.

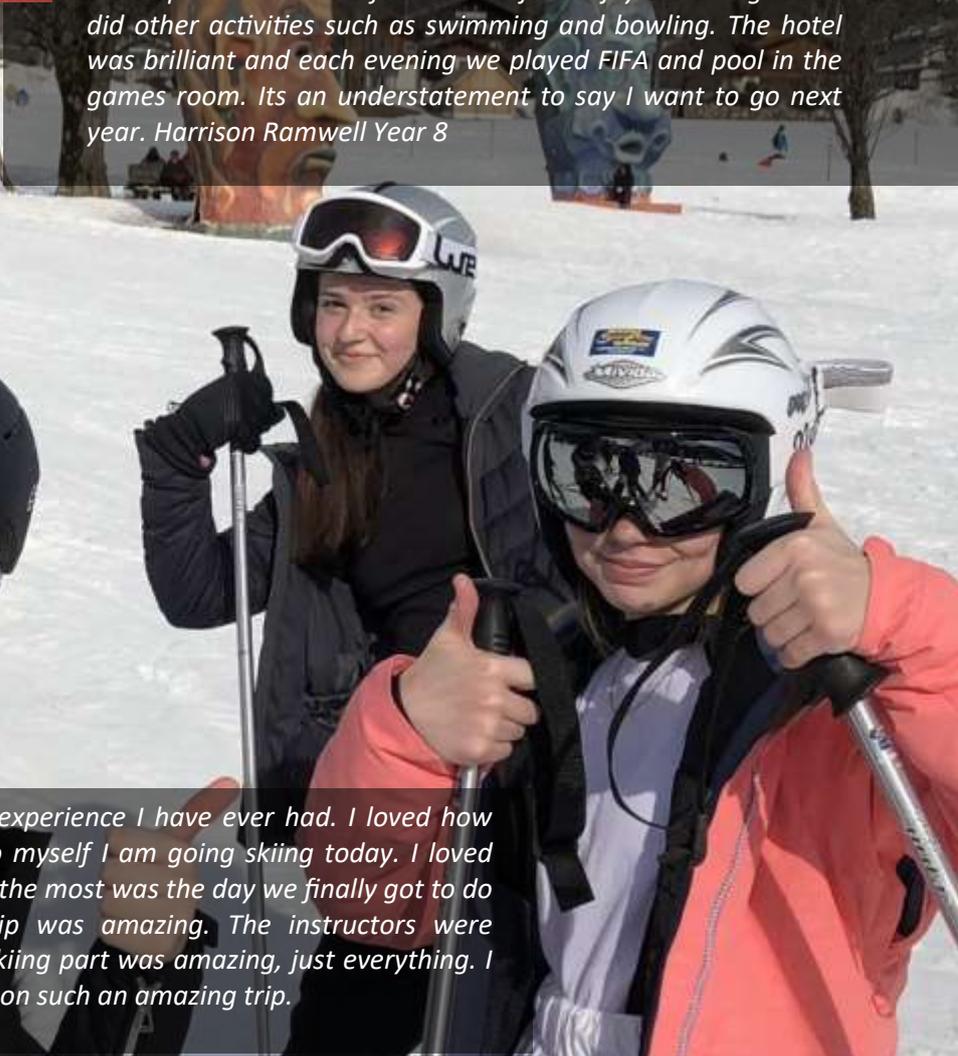
We reiterate our thanks to a wonderful group of students who we all enjoyed spending time with, to parents for supporting the trip and to the Elton staff who accompanied the trip. Exciting news of the 2021 trip coming soon..... Mr Meighan



*I went on the skiing trip for school, and it was really good. I thought the skiing was great, the instructors were really nice and helpful. I definitely think I have improved and it was good fun skiing and laughing with my mates.  
Rachael Filkins, Year 9*

*My time on the ski trip was really exciting because it was my first time skiing and I think I have improved a lot. I really enjoyed the night activities especially the water park that was one of my favourites. I wish I was still there!  
Summer Calladine, Year 9*

*Skiing is a trip to remember as I learnt to ski and spent some time with my mates. Perfect amount of time to get a grip on the slopes and to have fun. I didn't just enjoy the skiing as we did other activities such as swimming and bowling. The hotel was brilliant and each evening we played FIFA and pool in the games room. Its an understatement to say I want to go next year.  
Harrison Ramwell Year 8*



*My time at skiing was the most amazing experience I have ever had. I loved how every morning I could wake up and say to myself I am going skiing today. I loved every second of that trip. The day I enjoyed the most was the day we finally got to do the black run. Everything about that trip was amazing. The instructors were amazing, the facilities were amazing, the skiing part was amazing, just everything. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to go on such an amazing trip.  
Corey Lomax, Year 8*



# Tesco Bag Packing Saturday 29 February



A huge thank you to all those students that gave up their time on Saturday to help fundraise by bag-packing at the Tesco Superstore in Bury. They managed to raise a fantastic £505.46!

A special thank you to Ammara, Tiarna and Ellie for doing a double-shift and for Matilda for running through the store returning a debit card to their owner!

There were many compliments on how friendly, well mannered and smart the students looked on the day.

The next bag packing event will be on Saturday 14 March—if you would like to volunteer your time please come and see Mrs Filkins.

# GCSE RE Pancake Day

Year 11 RE GCSE students have been working really hard and are on the cusp of completing their GCSE course. In the week leading up to half term, students were sitting mock exams in preparation for the real thing. As their first RE lesson back after half term fell on pancake day, I decided to treat them for their efforts. Crepes and scotch pancakes were provided with bananas, chocolate spread or honey to add as toppings. Students also got into teams to play my pancake day quiz. Mrs Parkinson.



## Test your knowledge

1. What is pancake day traditionally known as?
2. What is the day after pancake day called?
3. What is the period between pancake day and Easter known as?
4. How many days are there between pancake day and Easter Sunday?
5. What is the religious significance of pancake day? Why is it celebrated?
6. What is the most popular topping on a pancake?
7. Approximately how many eggs are used in Britain on pancake day?
8. How much did the world's largest pancake weigh?
9. Where was the world's largest pancake made?
10. What is pancake day called in the USA?



The first student to return a full set of correct answers to Mrs Parkinson in room 25 will win a prize!

# World Book Day—

## Events All Week



Pupils will be receiving their World Book Day Vouchers for £1 books in English classes during this week and the vouchers are valid until the 29<sup>th</sup> March. In addition, we will be doing a number of activities in English lessons linked to World Book Day, culminating in a free book swap on Friday at lunch time.

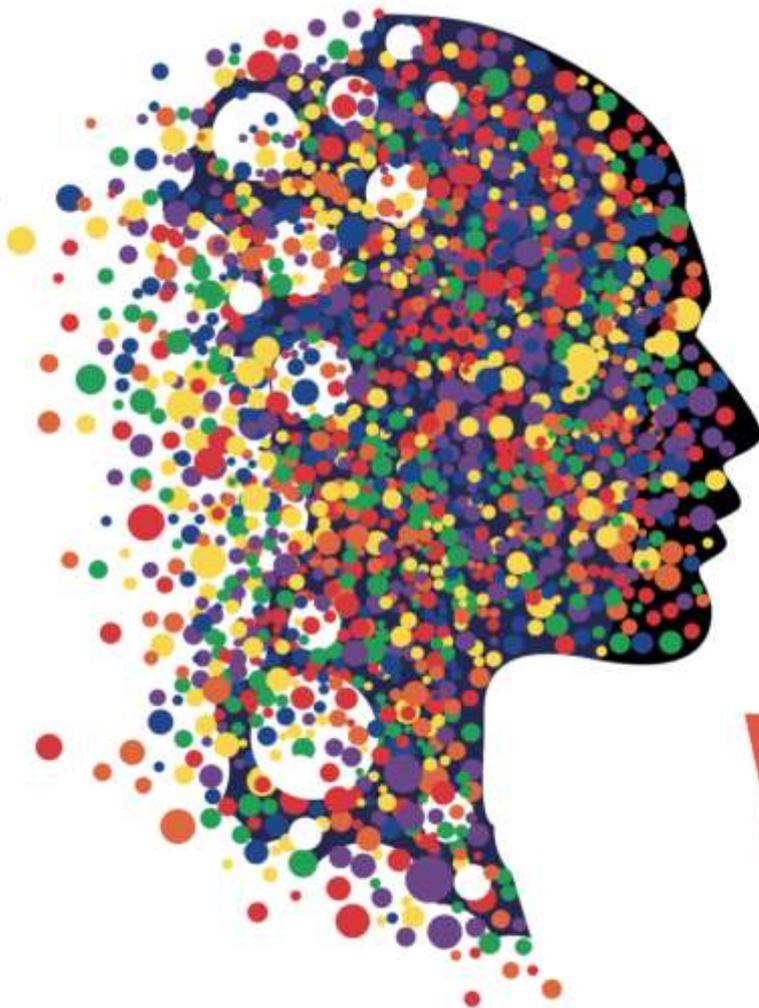
On Friday 6 March, students can attend school in non-uniform providing they bring a book or DVD to exchange at the book swap event. If they don't have a book or DVD they will be requested to donate £2 for non-uniform.



## Date For Your Diary

A Study and Wellbeing event will be held for all year 11 students and parents on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm.

The event will include a range of sessions on study methods, subject activities and supporting student wellbeing during the exam period.



**YEAR 11S  
HAVE YOU  
REGISTERED YET?**



## Important Notice to All Y11 parents – Free Online Maths Support

To support our Year 11 students over the next few months in preparation for their Maths GCSE, we are giving them access to a brand-new online resource (SchoolExams), containing exam questions, model answers, and video solutions to exam questions. The quality of the videos is the best we have seen. They are professionally shot by a TV production team. The normal cost of this product is £34.99 per year for members of the public, but **we are giving it to our Year 11 students for free.**

Students will also be able to search for exam questions on any topic area they are struggling with and practise them with high quality feedback and solutions. In order to take advantage of this valuable revision tool, **each student first needs to click on this [link](#) and register using their school email address.**

A user guide can be downloaded from [here](#). The questions are from Edexcel maths papers. Don't worry about this. The difference between AQA and Edexcel is tiny. Both exam boards follow the same maths curriculum, so you will get the same benefit.

Please do not miss this opportunity to improve your child's Maths GCSE grade. Register today and start using the website. We encourage students to give us their feedback, as the makers of SchoolExams want to improve it by responding to your suggestions.

If you have any questions, please email me at [wilsond@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk](mailto:wilsond@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk).

Happy revising!  
Mr Wilson

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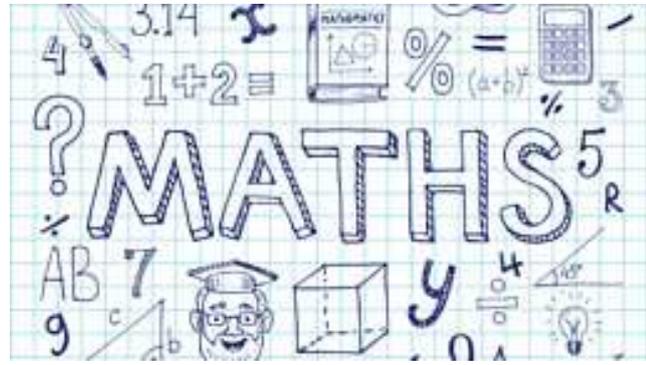


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BY GCSE MARKERS**



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BETTER GRADES**

# Maths Department: Three Digit Trouble



All six digits of three 2-digit numbers are different.  
What is the largest possible sum of three such numbers?

$$\begin{array}{r} 245 \\ + 258 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 394 \\ + 105 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 562 \\ + 291 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 296 \\ + 193 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 506 \\ + 384 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 588 \\ + 222 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 294 \\ + 294 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 569 \\ + 175 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 783 \\ + 211 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Send your full working out and answers to Entwistle-WilkinsonJ@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk.

All correct entries will gain an Achievement Point and be put in a hat. The first name pulled out wins a £5 Trafford Centre voucher!

## Bury 7-A Side Champions



Congratulations to our Year 7 girls team who beat Tottington, Woodhey, Parrenthorn, St Gabriel's and drew with Bury Church to win the tournament.

# GCSE Physical Education Important Dates for Year 11

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Student Development Day

**GCSE PE Examiner Input**



**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

GCSE Physical Education

**Student Revision Conference**

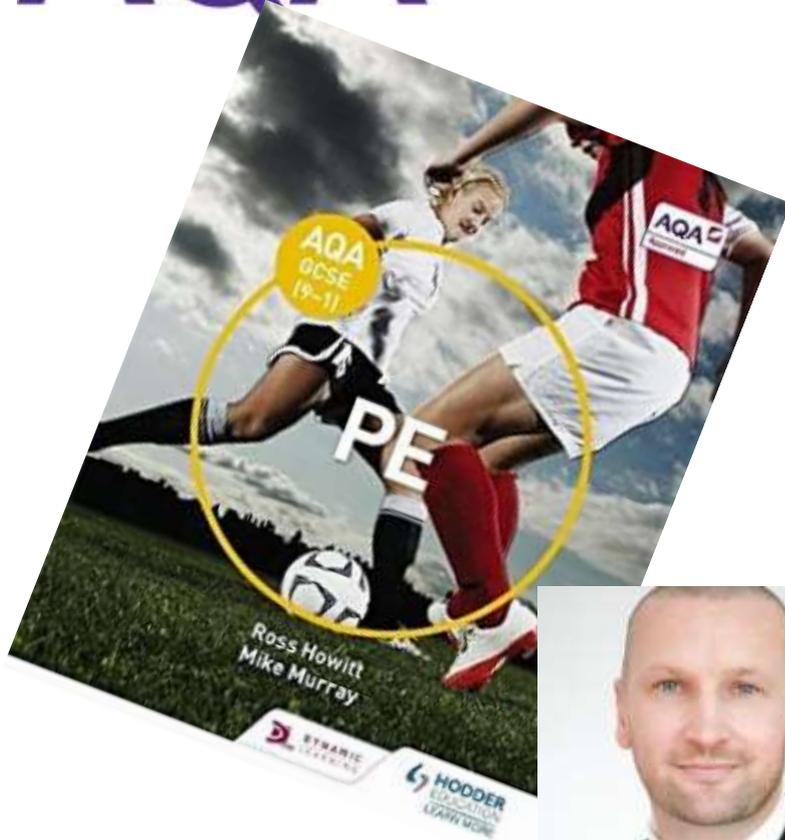
Manchester



**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

GCSE Physical Education

**Practical Moderation Day**



**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

GCSE Physical Education

**Live Webinar**

**Paper 1**

4-5pm



**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

GCSE Physical Education

**Live Webinar**

**Paper 2**

4-5pm



# Student Council Update

## School Council Meeting with Headteacher Thursday 13 February 2020

Representatives from each year group of the School Council met with the Headteacher on Thursday 13 February 2020 to put forward student suggestions and issues in school.



### Highlights from the meeting:

1. **Student Council Email Address** to enable any student to contact the Council directly. This is in place of a suggestion box.
2. **Notice board in LRC and Canteen** with Student Council details on.
3. **Barriers at Lunchtime** were requested to be put in place every day (currently Friday only) to control the queues and stop pushing in. This was put in place immediately.
4. **Water Fountains** concern over lack of functioning water machines around the building. Business Manager has set up a meeting with suppliers for Thursday 5 March to look at installing more robust machines as soon as possible.
5. **Lunchtime Menu Student Council** would like to see the introduction of a salad bar at lunchtime. The viability will be discussed with the Catering Manager.
6. **Elton Times Newsletter** Student Council requested to insert a regular feature in the newsletter, which was agreed.
7. **Student Toilet Facilities** Student Council stating concerns over the student toilets and restocking. It was agreed that the caretakers would monitor and restock the toilets hourly and that CCTV has also been installed to monitor.

# Coronavirus Guidance

Reminder of the recent guidance sent to all parents / carers:

If you have recently been abroad please check the information for travellers relating to novel coronavirus at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public> on a daily basis for 14 days after your return, and follow the relevant advice.

This information on the website is updated daily to reflect the changing situation. More countries may be added as the situation evolves which is why it is important to continue to check it until the recommended 14 day period has passed.

For specific guidance for educational settings please see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

# Aerosol Deodorant Reminder

Please can we remind students and parents that aerosols should not be brought to school as they have a very negative impact on students and staff with asthma. Roll on deodorant should be used after PE.

Mrs Johnson  
Deputy Headteacher



7.30pm Saturday  
21st March 2020

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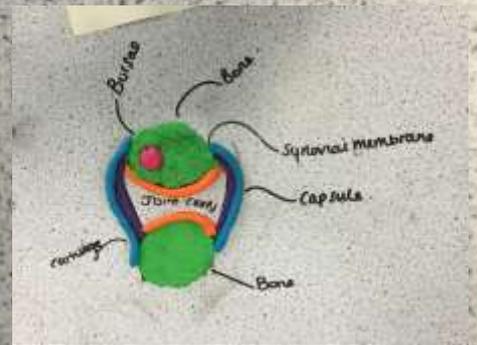
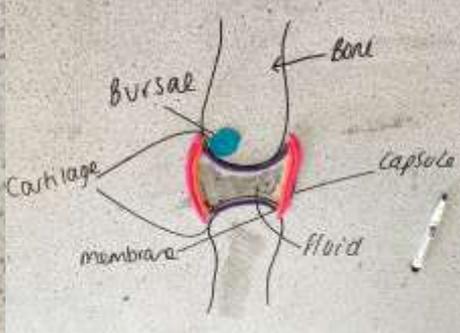
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# Year 11 GCSE PE Revision

As part of their exam preparation Year 11 have been making synovial joints in lesson.



# Rugby Young Leaders



Students have been training to take the lead role in a forthcoming primary school tag rugby festival. All students were excellent, but a special mention to Kendal Edwards who was the first to volunteer during the training.



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18 February 2020

## CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 2019

To: **ELTON HIGH SCHOOL, BURY**

Dear friends,

It is with sincere appreciation that we send this letter of thanks to your school pupils, parents and staff members, for the wonderful response to our Christmas Appeal in 2019.

With all the special Christmas gifts, plus many gifts of food, toiletries, financial contributions and help that we receive from throughout the Borough, we know that our Christmas receipts are going a long way to helping us to service a growing need during the winter months.

So, it is a great joy that we are able, to say a very big.....

**THANK YOU!**

The need of course does not stop after the winter, but is with us all year, every year. We are at this point a long way away from our target hope – ***“to be able to close the Porch operation because the need has gone away”***. Unfortunately, that target is nowhere in sight at this time despite the “prosperity” that we associate with the United Kingdom, in common with many western nations.

We look forward to the extra contributions that we have had in past years over the Easter, Harvest and Christmas periods, and of course the continued regular weekly contributions that organisations (schools, churches and businesses) make throughout the year.

Thank you so much for your kindness, your generosity and your care.

Sincerely,  
Alan Wood  
Secretary  
Porch Boxes



## Chloe To The Rescue!

Well done to Chloe McKinley in Year 8 who was the first on the scene at a local store when one of the shop assistants became seriously unwell. Chloe acted quickly, called an ambulance, put the man into the recovery position and waited with him until the ambulance arrived. A fantastic example of an Elton student acting responsibly in the local community!

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