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Forthcoming

Monday 17th June - Year 7 Tawd Vale Summer Camp Parent Meeting at 5pm in the Main School Hall

Wednesday 19th June - Year 7 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 19th June - Year 11 Leavers Assembly

Wednesday 26th June - Year 6 Induction Day

Headteacher's Welcome

The last issue of this newsletter was sent at the start of the half term holiday and hopefully all our students and families had a good restful break. School has been much quieter than usual since our return for this final half term. Year 11 are now in the last stages of their GCSEs so are in school less and less, while Year 10 are out doing their work experience placements this week and we look forward to hearing about how they have gone on in the various places of work.

With us reaching the weekend, today also sees the start of the men's football European Championships, which are being held in Germany. England head into the tournament as second favourites, behind France, and will be hoping to emulate the success of the Lionesses who won in their most recent European Championship in 2022. Unlike last year's World Cup in Qatar which saw us watch a couple of games in school, the European Championships sees games all take place in the late afternoon or evening. No doubt many of our students will be watching and here are some facts about the Championships as we head into four weeks of tournament football;

24 - The number of teams in the tournament, the highest ever for a tournament finals competition.

39 - The age of Cristiano Ronaldo, who holds the record number of appearances (25) and this will be his sixth Euro tournament.

9 - The number of former winners of the tournament who are playing this summer; Czechia, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia and Spain (but no England!).

16 - The number of previous European Championship finals. The first competition was in 1960, with the first winners being the USSR.

146,000 - The number of people who applied to work as Euro Volunteers for the tournament, providing help and assistance for the thousands of expected fans. In the end, 16,000 were successful in being chosen, from over 120 different nations.

3 - The number of times that both Germany and Spain have won the tournament, more than any other countries.

11 - The number of German cities that are hosting matches over the next four weeks. The biggest stadium is in Berlin (holding 71,000) and the smallest is in the eastern city of Leipzig (holding 40,000).

Whoever wins, the tournament will provide lots of interest and excitement across our school community, while it also provides welcome distraction from the predictability of the English league, including Leeds United's unsurprising promotion collapse a few weeks ago. It also leads into the Olympics and we will be focussing on that particular theme in July's Enrichment Week, with linked activities to be planned for across Years 7-9. More details to follow in future newsletters.

I hope that this issue gives the usual varied update on the main stories from across our school. As always, if you have any queries or questions about any aspect of our school, no matter how small an issue it may be, please do not hesitate to contact me directly through the email address below. Many thanks for your continued support.

Jonathan Wilton, Headteacher

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Year 10 Exams

Following on from the excellent year 11 exam series, next week will see a series of year 10 exams. Year 10 have already made a superb and focused start to exams in the core subjects, and we feel confident they will continue to shine in the remaining tests. A small number of year 10 students will also be sitting their first external examination, having worked hard in their own time to prepare to sit GCSE Statistics as an additional option.

Parents can support all of the exams by ensuring that all students come into school on time and fully equipped, with a black pen, ruler, pencil, rubber and scientific calculator. We will be reminding all students that mobile phones must be turned off and left at the back of the room and your support in reinforcing the importance of this is also appreciated.

As ever, please continue to let us know if you have any queries or concerns during the exam period by contacting our Year 10 Learning Co-ordinator Mr Dolata dolatab@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk or our Exams Officer Ms Cowsill cowsills@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk.

The schedule for year 10 internal exams is below:

Monday 17th June	P1 and 2 9am	Science (Bio) COMBINED ONLY (1h15)
Tuesday 18th	P3 and 4 11.20am	Music (1h15)
Tuesday 18th June	P5 2.10pm	French
Wednesday 19th June	P3 and 4 11.20am	History (1h20)
Wednesday 19th June	P 5 2.10pm	Design Tech and Food Tech (1h)
Thursday 20th June	P1 and 2 9am	PE (1h30) and RE (1h15)
Thursday 20th June	P3 and 4 11.20am	Business (1h30)s
Thursday 20th June	P5 2.10pm	French
Friday 21st June	P1 and 2 9am	Maths (1h30)
Friday 21st June	P3 and 4 11.20am	Geography (1h30)
Monday 23rd June	P1 and 2 8.45am Main Hall	Biology(Triple) (1h45) (Activity Studio)
Tuesday 24th June	P1 and 2 8.45am Main Hall	ICT (1h15) and CompSci (1h30)

Changes to Key Stage Three Reports

From next year, we are looking to make some amendments to the way we report on students' progress in years 7, 8 and 9, by moving away from the GCSE-style grading system and reporting test results directly to families.

As we prepare to embed these changes, it would be helpful to have some feedback from parents and to discuss how best we might ensure families are fully supported to use the grade card as a tool to support students.

A focus group session for any interested parents will be held after school on Wednesday 10th July at 4pm. Please email wardens@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk if you would be interested in attending.

Whole-School Sponsored Walk

SPONSORED WALK JULY 17TH 2024

During the final week of term we intend to organise a sponsored walk during school time. Parents and students will be provided with further information in due course. This has previously been an excellent event with students and staff having some fresh air and exercise together (weather dependant!)

We will be setting up a Just Giving page to collect in sponsor money and all of the collected monies will be to the Student Council to improve the outside social areas for students.



Reward Trips

We wanted to provide parents with an overview of our reward trips/events for 2024-2025:

AUTUMN

Year 7 - Teambuilding

Year 8 - Blackpool Pleasure Beach

Year 9 - Blackpool Pleasure Beach

Year 10 - Alton Towers

Year 11 - Alton Towers

CHRISTMAS

Year 7 - Wicked/Ice skating

Year 8 - Wicked/Ice skating

Year 9 - Wicked/Ice skating

Year 10 - Trafford Centre

Year 11 - Trafford Centre

EASTER

Year 7 - Bowling

Year 8 - Bowling

Year 9 - Outdoor activities

Year 10 - Outdoor activities

YEAR 8 & 9 TRIP TO BLACKPOOL - Autumn 2024

We are planning our first reward trip for 2024-2025.

Last year we went to Blackpool in the Autumn Term to avoid the long queues at the end of the Summer Term. This was hugely successful as students were able to enjoy many more rides due to smaller queues and reduced waiting times. Much more value for money!

When we return to school in September, the reward trip criteria will be shared with parents and students. The criteria will include uniform, equipment, punctuality and behaviour.

We want all of our students to be able to enjoy the day in Blackpool and hope that this trip will be an incentive to all of our Year 8 & 9 students.





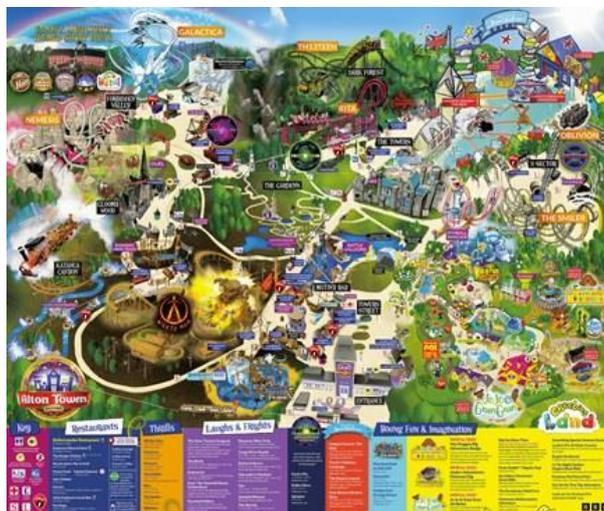
YEAR 10 & 11 TRIP TO ALTON TOWERS - Autumn 2024

We are planning our first reward trip for 2024-2025.

Last year Year 11 went to Alton Towers in the Autumn Term and they had a brilliant day as there were less visitors and shorter queues! This meant that students were able to enjoy many more rides and get really good value for money. This year we have decided to offer this trip to students from Year 10 & Year 11.

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We want all of our Year 10 & 11 students to enjoy the day at Alton Towers and hope that this trip will be an incentive to all of our Year 10 & 11 students.



Liverpool Art Trip

Year 9 students who have opted for GCSE Art, Photography or Textiles had a brilliant trip to Liverpool on Wednesday 12th June. Students initially had the opportunity to take photographs and draw around the beautiful St John's Gardens. They had set tasks to complete and created some outstanding drawings and photographs. Next, they visited the Walker Art Gallery, looking at a range of paintings, sculptures and drawings from throughout history to present day.

The students' behaviour was exceptional throughout the day and they represented our school so well. Students were interested in the artworks and showed real interest in the techniques used and what the works were about.

In the afternoon, everyone went to Crosby beach to have lunch and look at the sculptural installation 'Another Place' by Antony Gormley. Lots of students were interested in the artwork, asking lots of questions about the meaning and purpose.

Well done Year 9!

Students will be given tasks to complete on their Google Classroom - make sure to have joined with the code bczj27t

Mr Thomas, Head of Art

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Blue Peter Event

Blue Peter were filming at Elton on Tuesday this week for a short film about freestyle football. Students were learning tricks from Ben Nuttall, professional freestyle footballer, and were joined by the Blue Peter presenter Joel Mawhinney. Students thoroughly enjoyed the session and the programme will be aired within the next four weeks - more details to follow!





1 - Ben Nuttall, Professional Football Freestyler and 3x Guinness World Record Holder, from England, UK.



2 - Presenter, Joel



Design a Bookmark Competition Winners

KS3 pupils were invited to enter a bookmark competition to win a chocolate prize and have a number of their bookmarks printed and displayed in the LRC for other pupils to use.

We had loads of wonderful entries and shortlisted 37 of these entries which were then voted on by the English staff, the LRC manager and a small selection of other staff members.

The top 10 winning entries were:

1. Isla Myerscough with 'Knowledge is power'
2. Ellie Mills with 'The Three Musketeers'
3. Emmy Davies with 'Winnie the Pooh'
4. Shylee Proudfoot with 'Explore the world of books'

5. Beau Wood with 'Escape to a different dimension whilst reading'
6. Roman Adams with 'To Read is to live'
7. Eve Creswell with 'Hope is the only thing stronger than fear'
8. Tabby Hart with 'The Wizard of Oz'
9. Zain Alradhi with 'Iraqi flag'
10. A mystery entry with 'Waddle I read today?'



Whilst the other entrants didn't receive as many votes as these, they all received several votes and will also have a few copies of their bookmarks printed and displayed in the LRC.

The additional entrants were:

James Forrest, Milyka Evans, Hannah Moore, Max Phillips, Maisy Andrews, Finley Currie, Emily Cancelliere, Summer Barry, Freya Allen, Reuben Harris, William Tomlinson, Joe Hindle, Riley Pilling, Luke Burgoyne-Frankland, Harley McGuffog, Oscy Pananzila, Oliver Arnold, Jennifer Rothwell, Sophie Sharples and Orla Hepworth.

I would like to thank all the pupils who made the effort to enter the competition and encourage those that weren't shortlisted this time to enter again in the future, it's wonderful to see so many pupils involved. The pupil bookmarks are always really popular in the library.

Miss Lythe, LRC Manager

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3 - Bookmark Winners

KIT LIST



When visiting the summer camp, you will need to bring the following:

- 1 x Sleeping bag & pillow - **essential**
- 2 x Pairs of outdoor footwear for wet and dry activities
- 3-4 x Pairs of trackies/combat trousers (not jeans!)
- 4-5 x T shirts
- 3-4 x Sweatshirts and warm layers
- Plenty of underwear - **essential**
- 1 x Pair gloves and a hat
- 1 x Warm jacket
- 1 x Waterproof jacket - we can supply a limited amount
- 1x Small/medium towel
- 1 x Very large towel
- Relevant toiletries
- Plastic bags for separating wet clothes
- A torch and spare batteries - **essential**
- 1 x Small rucksack / Daypack
- Labelled medication
- Sun protection
- 1 x Pair of wellies or waterproof boots
- 1 x Mug - **essential**
- 1x Water bottle - **essential**
- 1x Lunch box - **essential**

Whilst some are marked as '**essential**' this kit list does not include anything optional. All items are very important as we cannot provide alternatives.

We can supply some waterproof items if you do not have one to bring - however the amount we can provide is very limited and there is not enough for everyone.

Lots of changes of clothes and plastic bags are really important as we cannot guarantee the weather.

As mentioned previously, we cannot look after or take responsibility for any valuables, so please refrain from bringing expensive electronics etc.

Lana Nuttall, Year 7, Raises £255 for Charity!

Fantastic efforts were made by Lana Nuttall (Year 7) in raising lots of money for cancer charities over the half term break. She raised £255 at Ferringo Fest over the Bank Holiday weekend at Elton Vale Sports Club. She managed her own stall selling headbands and applying Festival Glitter and temporary tattoos. Lana also sourced all of the materials herself, getting business sponsorship from Fenster Trade Frames & Tesco Community Funds. This was her second year raising funds and beat last years total by 55%. She is already planning for next year's festival.

This was a fantastic achievement with Lana really exemplifying our Elton values!

Lana was helped on the day by Tarryn from Year 7. Lana is pictured below with Festival Owner Steve Ferringo.



Art Department

The Art Department would like to say a huge thank you to [Fred Aldous](#) - the art shop in Manchester. Fred Aldous has very kindly donated a £50 gift voucher to the department for us to buy art products ready for next year.

We're really thankful to the shop and I'm sure our students will appreciate having high quality, specialist materials to use in their GCSE work!

Fred Aldous is based in the Northern Quarter in Manchester (37 Lever St, Manchester M1 1LW) and has over three floors with 30,000 art, craft and design products, alongside contemporary stationery, design-led gifts and homeware. Thanks again!





Geography Department

Sandcastle trip on Tuesday 9th July

Year 7 trip – Please see below the list of year 7 students who are on the Sandcastle trip on Tuesday 9th July.

Alexander Armitage, Arabella Hayman, Ashton Irwin, Austin Irwin, Ben Taylor, Connor Carey, Connor Carman, Devlin Hardman Baker, Eivissa Joyce, Ellis Pollard, Eva Barry, Fraizer Cross, George Davenport, Harry Kelly-Grundy, Harry Morris, Isla Lodge, James Forrest, Joe Connell, Josh Wardle, Joshua James Watson, Kaysha Wolfenden, Lana Nuttall, Layla Abbariki, Layton Jones, Leo Coyle, Luca Greenlees, Luca Sellers, Lucas Webber, Lucian Rostron, Max Mceneaney, Max Richardson, Max Seyers, Myah Pinder, Niamh Mccarthy, Oliver Faini, Oliver Saville, Riley James Rowe, Riley Pilling, Robert Fatania, Ryan Leigh-Kumawu, Sadie Thomas, Seren Bailey, Teddy Holland, Thomas Barber, William Lloyd.

Year 8 trip – Chester Zoo

Letters will be handed out at the end of this week. This will be a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their understanding of the Ecosystems Unit.

Year 10 trip – Keep an eye out for the year 10 Fieldwork trip – letters will be handed out at the beginning of next week. Students will be completing Rivers fieldwork which they will need for GCSE Paper 3.

Mrs Moss, Geography Department

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Maths Department

Maths Challenge KS3 - Money Money

Every pay day Thursday, the reigning monarch distributes Money Money to equal numbers of men and women.

One year 64 men and 64 women each received 64p, one penny for each year.

Written as a power of 2, what was the total amount distributed in pence?

Maths Challenge KS4 - Pythagorean Quadruple

Find distinct positive whole numbers **a**, **b** and **c** such that

$$\mathbf{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 11^2}$$

Deadline Friday 21st June - Email your solutions to armishawm@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk - Prizes available!

Last Edition's solutions from Samir Khan Year 9

The sum off all 2000 digits would be 6,000 because the solution would be that one group of them numbers e.g. 12345 added together makes 15 and there would be 2000 numbers so to get how many more numbers u need do $2000/5$ as there is 5 digits which equals 400 then times the 15 by the 400 to get 6,000.

The symbols in the 100th and 101st position would be the diamond then the heart.

The solution is that 96 is a multiple as 6 and therefore the symbols in the positions would be 97,98,99,100,101,102 would now be in the same position as 1,2,3,4,5,6 which is the order of: Heart, Clover, Heart, Diamond, Heart, Spade.

Well done Samir!

ALL students are required to bring a scientific calculator to their Maths lessons, they will also be useful in Science, Geography, Business Studies and potentially more lessons. But which calculator is best?

Which calculator should I buy?

If a student can look after it, then a scientific calculator bought for September in Year 7 will serve the students right the way through to their GCSE exam in Year 11. Its very prudent to write the students name on the calculator as they are easily misplaced/lost/left in classrooms etc and a named calculator can be returned.

We DO NOT recommend a particular calculator anymore as a school.

We used to recommend (and sell) the standard the Casio Classwiz fx-83/85GT X, but in early 2023 Casio brought out the fx-83/85GT CW, which is very different (despite a poor reception from UK Maths teachers). If you can find the old (discontinued) calculators BUY IT! It usually costs around £16-£18, though if you're lucky you might find it for £12 or so in a promotion, unfortunately there seems to be a booming price on ebay for them.

We are selling a £5 budget calculator Oxford OES613 in school (retails at £11.95) that is suitable for GCSE – though this not as good as the discontinued Casio fx83/85 models. If you have a very tight budget then you can pick up a scientific calculator in Asda, Tesco, B&M, Poundland etc.

What is MOST important is that your son/daughter learns how to use their calculator efficiently and effectively! We will help them with this.

Helping you choose: the 2 buttons that students like - as they make fractions easier to view and calculation formats easiest to interchange between are Calculators without these buttons can still perform these calculations, it just looks different and/or takes more steps.



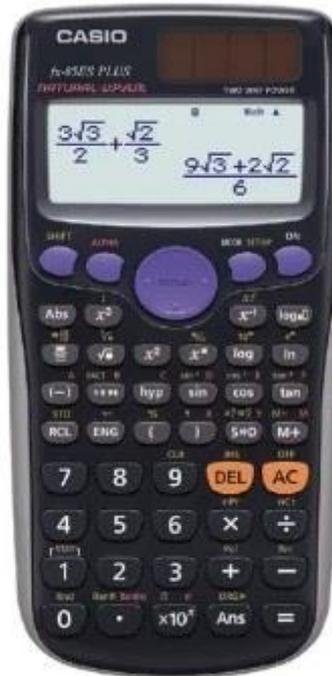
Here's an extract from AQA's guidance for GCSE:

For GCSE Mathematics exams, calculators should have the following as a minimum requirement:

- *four rules and square*
- *square root*
- *reciprocal and power function*
- *brackets*

- a memory facility
- appropriate exponential, trigonometric and statistical functions.

For the purposes of this specification, a 'calculator' is any electronic or mechanical device which may be used for the performance of mathematical computations. However, only those permissible in the guidance in the Instructions for conducting examinations are allowed in GCSE mathematics examinations.



5 - Old & Best!



6 - New & Not Recommended



7 - School Selling

ANY scientific calculator will do!!



For any further advice, please email Mrs Butterworth (Head of Mathematics)
butterwortha@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk

Science Department

For the second year we entered students from two Year 10 classes (T1 and H1) for the National Scientific Thinking Challenge. It is a bit like the Maths challenge that you may be familiar with and tests students' scientific reasoning rather than knowledge. Around 16,000 Year 10 students took part across the UK and Europe. The following students were awarded certificates.

Gold (top 10%) Ava Cooper, Katie Westmoreland, Rex Ting

Silver (top 25%) Isabella Hirst, Riley Dobson, Jacob Myerscough, Beatrice Ward

Bronze (top 40%) Ben Chappell, Isabella Woodward, James Rigby, Evan Chalmers, Idrees Fiaz

Congratulations to all students that took part!

Mrs Colyer, Deputy Head of Science

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PE Department

Year 8 and 9 Athletics Trials

Our Year 8 and 9 girls were invited to attend a trials evening at The Bury Schools Athletics Championships last night. Pupils from other Bury Schools were also in attendance. It was a great night to meet other students, to experience running at the track and to find out how talented they actually were in relation to other students across Bury. Thank you to all students who represented our school superbly as always.

Ms Jones, PE Department

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Attendance Penalty Notices

A collage of three informational leaflets from Bury Council. The left leaflet is titled 'Improving Attendance = Improving Outcomes' and discusses the council's commitment to providing all children with the best start in life and works hard to ensure that all children in Bury attend school regularly. The middle leaflet is titled 'Attendance at Bury' and provides contact information for school absence fines, including the email 'schoolabsences@bury.gov.uk' and the website 'www.bury.gov.uk/schools-and-learning'. The right leaflet is titled 'Warning and Penalty Notices' and provides information for parents and carers, explaining that the council's School Attendance, Exclusions and Community Education Team act on behalf of the council in enforcing a parent's duty to ensure regular school attendance. It also states that officers work closely with schools and families to resolve issues of poor attendance and support children and families when pupils are experiencing difficulties in school or issues are disrupting a child's education. The Bury Council logo is visible on all three leaflets.

What does the law say about poor school attendance?

Under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996, parents or carers may be prosecuted if their child does not attend school regularly and their absences are unauthorised (or in other words, the school cannot or has not given permission for them to be off school).

Bury Council has the power to issue Penalty Notices as an alternative to taking legal action. Penalty Notices are issued to parents or carers who are considered capable of but are unwilling to work towards improving their child's attendance.

When will a Penalty Notice be issued?

Bury Council will always try to work with schools, parents/carers and pupils to improve pupil attendance, but will issue Penalty Notices where a pupil has missed at least 10 sessions (5 school days) due to unauthorised absence in the last 10 weeks.

What is a Notice to Improve?

NB: Notice to Improve letters are not issued for absences due to Leave taken During Term Time - Parents/Carers will receive a Penalty Notice Only.

Before a Penalty Notice is issued, you will receive a written warning which will explain the extent of your child's non-attendance and the possibility of you receiving a Penalty Notice. You may receive more than one Notice to Improve and Penalty Notice if you have more than one child with poor attendance.

During this period, your child must not have any further unauthorised absence from school, or a Penalty Notice will be issued. There is no limit to the number of times a Notice to Improve can be issued.

What is a Penalty Notice?

A Penalty Notice is a fine issued to parents or carers and can be either £80 per parent or carer, per child (if the parent is made with 24 days of missed) or £500 per parent or carer (if paid after this, but within 28 days).

Penalty Notices are issued by first class post to your home and will explain how and where to send your payment. You must pay the whole of the amount owing in one payment – you cannot pay in instalments or just pay part.

After one penalty notice has been issued, if a further penalty notice is issued within a three year rolling period, the fine will be fixed at the higher rate of £100. If a third is issued within a three year rolling period, there will be no option to pay the fixed fine. This will progress to legal interventions.

What happens if I don't pay?

If you do not pay the penalty in full within 28 days of issue, Bury Council is required to start legal proceedings against you for the original offence of failing to ensure your child attends school regularly. This may lead to a fine of up to £1000.

Payment of a Penalty Notice means that you can no longer be prosecuted for the period of Notice.

However, Bury Council will consider prosecuting you should further unauthorised absence occur.

I've received a Warning Notice and I want to avoid a Penalty Notice What do I do?

- Make sure your child goes to school each day and arrives on time;
- If your child is ill contact the school on the first day of absence and explain the circumstances;
- If your child is away for other reasons let the school staff know, especially if you know in advance;
- Do not take holidays or leave in term time;
- Talk to your child's school about any problems with your child's attendance.

Why is attendance so important?

Missing school has a huge impact on how well a pupil gets on at school. The more school a child misses, the harder it is for them to get into a routine of attending regularly and catch up on the work they have missed. Missing school can also leave a child more open to becoming involved in crime, either as an offender or as a victim.

Research also shows that a year 11 pupil who has missed 17 days during the school year may get one grade less than they would have achieved had they attended regularly. A few days of absence now could have a huge impact on a child's future opportunities.

Mrs Johnson, Deputy Headteacher

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Job Vacancies

We have several jobs advertised, starting in September 2024:-

- **Behaviour Mentor - Grade 8;** 37 hours per week; term time only plus 5 additional days: Closing Date June 19th at 3:30pm
- **HLTA Inclusion - Grade 9;** 29.35 hours per week; term time only plus 5 additional days: Closing Date June 21st at 10:00am
- **Teaching Assistants x3 - Grade 6/7;** 29.35 hours per week; term time only plus 5 additional days: Closing Date June 21st at 10:00am

Please visit our website at <https://eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk/vacancies/> for further details and application form.

Pre-Loved Uniform Donations

As we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to request any pre-loved uniform (either school uniform or PE kit) to be donated to school to enable us to support families with the cost of uniform and also to support students who arrive in school without full uniform.

Mrs Johnson, Deputy Headteacher

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