



The Elton Times - Edition 146

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Forthcoming

Open Days - Tuesday 1 October and Wednesday 2nd October 09:00am-12:15pm

Open Evening - Thursday 3rd October 17:30pm-19:30pm (**EARLY CLOSURE AT 13:20PM FOR STUDENTS**). The 896 and 897 school bus has been organised to come early at 1:15pm.

Blackpool Pleasure Beach Trip - Wednesday 16th October (Year 8 and Year 9)

Alton Towers Trip - Thursday 17th October (Year 10 and Year 11)

Headteacher's Welcome

With the sending of this second newsletter, we already find ourselves more than halfway into this first half term. As was stated last time, it has been a really good start to the year and it has been great to experience the positive climate for learning that has been evident across the school. I have no doubt that, with our Open events taking place next week, we will get similarly strong feedback from visitors about our school and we look forward to our students showcasing all that is best about

Elton High. Reminders of the Open Events details are above, while a review of those events will be written up for the next Elton Times.

With our Elton Way principles of Ambition-Resilience-Kindness firmly embedded across our school, it was interesting to recently see the results of a research study which was linked to the new football season. The study, from Nottingham University, looked at the psychological traits which make young football players more resilient than others during a long, hard season. The main researcher, Ben Ashdown, said that "We know that resilience is a highly sought-after characteristic in elite level football." He noted that "People regularly talk about certain players - such as Bukayo Saka of Arsenal - as being resilient, without really describing what they have actually seen."

The study found that those players who were the most resilient showed certain characteristics on a regular basis. These included;

- The ability to manage their emotions under pressure
- A willingness to listen to feedback and make changes based on that feedback
- A demonstration of increased physical effort following setbacks and mistakes

The findings have been published in the 'Journal of Applied Sport Psychology' and are to be used by the FA to help young players across the country to improve. However, each one of those key points could be applied within a school setting - those are the characteristics that our most high achieving, resilient students demonstrate, and it is our responsibility to continue to promote this principle amongst as many of our students as possible.

I hope that this issue of the Elton Times provides the usual comprehensive update about all everything that is taking place across school. We really appreciate your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or queries about any aspect of your child's experience here at Elton.

Mr Wilton, Headteacher

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Chinese Trainee Headteacher Visitors

Following the visit of students from China in the summer term, Elton staff and students hosted nine trainee headteachers from Xuzhou, Jiangsu Province. The teachers spent two weeks in England as part of their training, and were interested to visit lessons and to meet staff and students to learn more about life in our school. They received a typical Elton welcome, as the pictures show!

Ms Warden, Deputy Headteacher

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Humanutopia - Year 7

Last Wednesday, (25th September), we had the pleasure of welcoming a company called Humanutopia to our school. They delivered a workshop for our Year 7 cohort titled **“The Big Jump.”** This workshop was specifically designed to support our students in their transition to high school and to help foster a strong sense of community within the year group.

Humanutopia is an organisation that works with young people across the country, aiming to improve confidence, enhance mental well-being, and inspire ambition by encouraging students to recognise and unlock their own potential.

I am incredibly proud of our Year 7 students, who approached the workshop with maximum effort and displayed impeccable behaviour throughout the day. There is no doubt that they all gained so much from the experience. A special thanks also goes to our Year 10 peer mentors, who assisted throughout the day by providing the younger students with valuable support and advice. Their dedication and positive attitude were outstanding, and we are fortunate to have such wonderful students representing our school.

Thank you to all parents and guardians for your continued support. I hope the students involved found the workshop enjoyable and beneficial.

Mrs Chapman, Head of Personal Development

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Attendance Awards

Attendance Awards 2023-2024 took place on Thursday September 25th for Years 8 -11. It was lovely to see so many of our parents and students joining us for this celebration of outstanding ambition and resilience. Over 250 of our students achieved outstanding levels of attendance in 2023-2024 and we are hoping that 2024-2025 will result in an even greater number of high attenders. Our Vice Chair of Governors, Mr N Scruton, welcomed the parents and students and Chair of Governors, Mr I MacKay presented the certificates and badges. Outstanding musical entertainment was organised and delivered by one of our lead prefects, Will Schofield.

Mrs Johnson, Deputy Headteacher

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Drop Everything and Read 1: 4th October 2024

READING is an important skill taught across all subjects here at Elton, but once a month this year we will be coming together as a school to read purely for pleasure and enjoyment.

We know that reading for pleasure is a crucial predictor of health and happiness in adult life and builds a range of academic and social skills, but sometimes students lose the habit of regular reading for fun during their high school years.

In a bid to encourage every Elton student (and staff member!) to keep reading, we will all come together for our first Drop Everything And Read event of this academic year at **2.10pm on Friday 4th October**.

All students should ensure they have a reading book of their choice with them in school. Miss Lythe will be delighted to help anyone access library books from the LRC in advance of the event.

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Year 11 News

Year 11 have made a fantastic start to their final year at Elton, with excellent attitudes to learning evident across all subjects.

In the final week of this half term, families will receive the first gradecard of the year, with predicted grades and Attitude to Learning assessments. In that same week, families are invited to our year 11 Meet the Tutor evening on Thursday 17th October, where form tutors will be available to discuss how students have settled in to the year so far.

Looking ahead to life after school, Bury College have open evening sessions on October 1st and 10th, while Holy Cross have an open day on Saturday 5th October which requires online booking in advance. We hope all our students and families enjoy looking at the fantastic range of options on offer!

In the meantime, interventions in school are underway with a particular focus on practical subjects and coursework. Year 11 students are welcome at any of the following sessions:

Monday lunch - Art/Photography/Textiles drop-in

Monday after school - English drop-in revision

Tuesday lunch - Art/Photography/Textiles drop-in; Music composition support; French speaking drop-in

Tuesday after school - Design Technology coursework (JBL only); Art/Photography/Textiles

Wednesday lunch - Art/Photography/Textiles drop-in

Wednesday after school - PE coursework focus

Thursday lunch - Art/Photography/Textiles drop-in; Maths drop-in revision

Thursday after school - Design Technology Coursework; Music composition support

Friday lunch - Art/Photography/Textiles drop-in; Science revision in Labs 4, 5 and 6

Friday after school - Music composition support

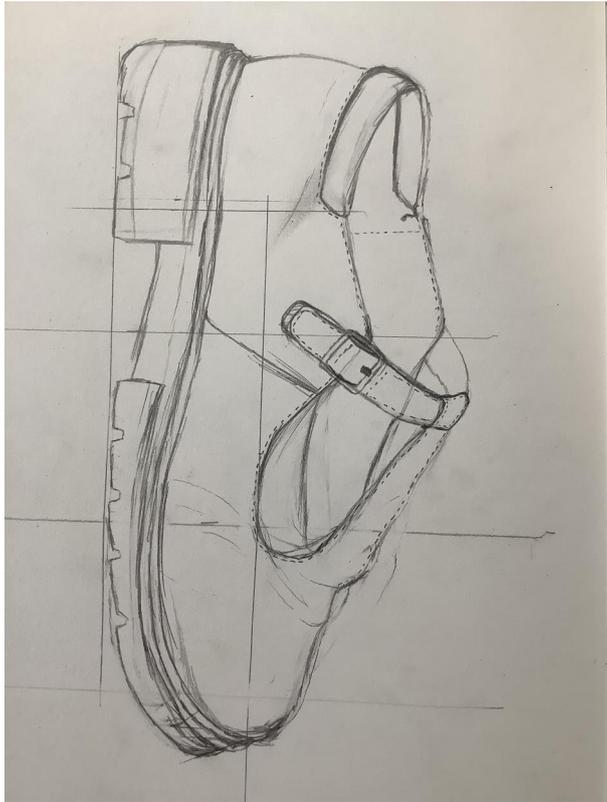
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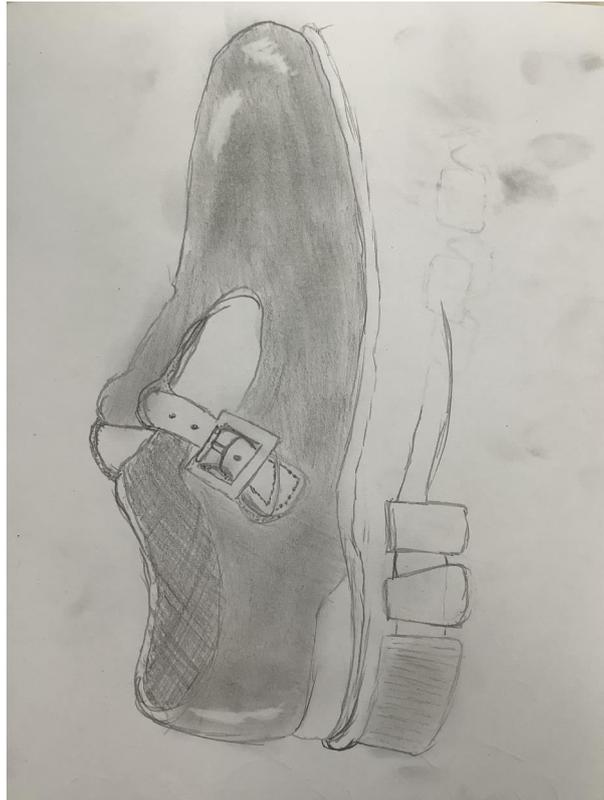
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Art Department

Well done to year 7 who have made an excellent start to their art lessons at Elton.

Here are some of their first drawings, which are so impressive!



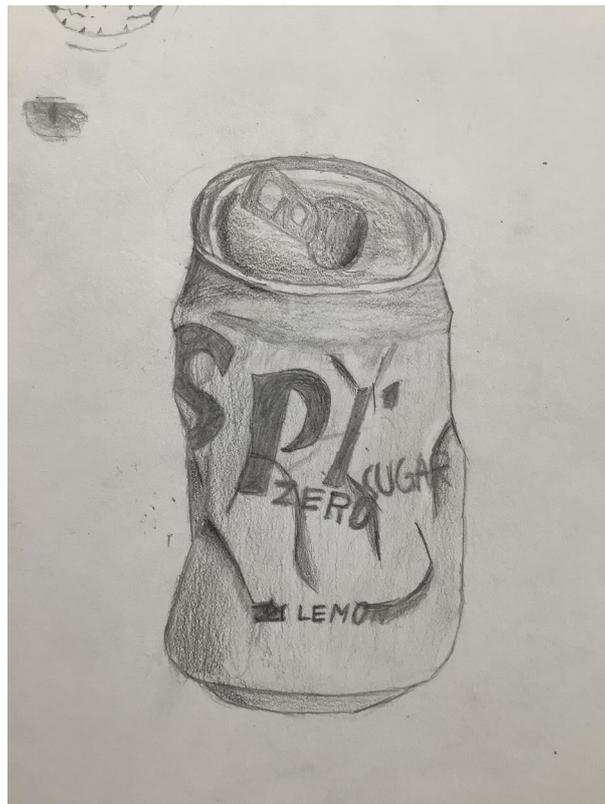
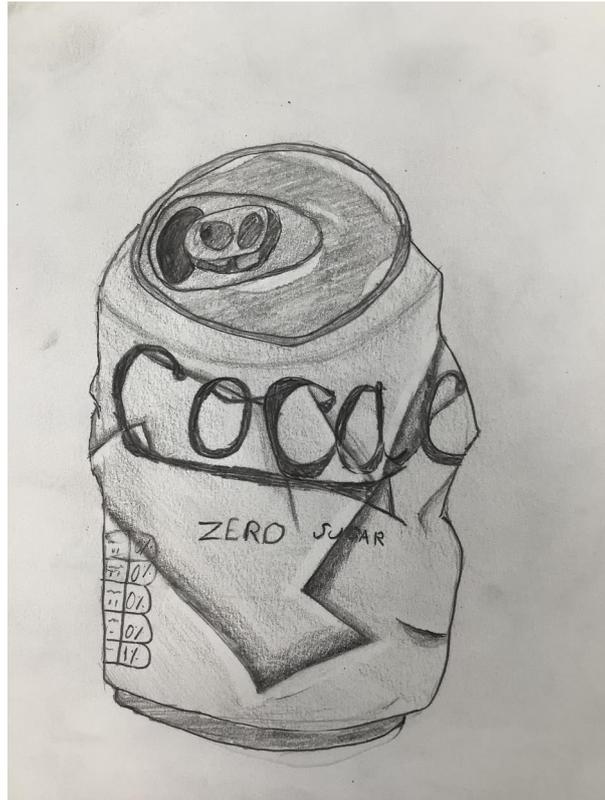


Well done to Year 8 who have taken on a really difficult observational drawing task and come away with some really brilliant results. Well done to James Forrest, Amaziah Akano, Laila Muhammad, Oscar Gill and Ben Richardson.

Mr Goodwin, Art Department

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Geography Department

Year 9 - This week a group of 40 year 9 students went on a trip to the White Scar Caves and the village of Malham. They had a fantastic time and were excellent representatives of Elton.





COMPETITION! The annual Geography pumpkin carving competition is now open! This is a year 8 competition as part of the Zombie Apocalypse unit, however students from any year group are welcome to take part. Students will need to bring their pumpkin into school for 31st October!

Year 11 – On Thursdays at lunch time we will be having intervention to help you with your Geography mock preparation. There will be a list of topics that will be covered on the door of room 7 each week.

Year 11 – The countdown is now on for Iceland 2025, you will be going in 200 days!

If there are any questions regarding payments, please email richardsonl@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk.

Year 10 – Last week, year 10 went on a trip to Haigh hall to support the learning of their small-scale ecosystem case study. They had a great day completing team building activities, completing the high ropes course and playing mini golf.





History Department

Once again our super sleuths in year 9 have been investigating the Whitechapel Murders and trying to uncover the killer on the loose, known as Leather Apron or Jack the Ripper. Despite producing numerous creative and atmospheric wanted posters as you can see information from the public has not been as forthcoming as our sleuths would like. Numerous suspects have been identified from the posters; you may even recognise some nefarious characters yourselves but enquiries have proved fruitless. We seem to be nowhere nearer catching Jack the Ripper now as the police were 104 years ago.....

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ICT / Computing Department

Y7 Computing Club

Year 7 students have completed the 'Hungry Monkey' game over two Computing Club sessions. They used scratch to create their games. They have successfully learnt how to create a variable, how to add or delete sprites, how to set different coordinates and loop a piece of code for a set number of times.'

Mrs Bajwa, Teacher of ICT/Computing

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Languages Department

European Day of Languages

This past week, students have celebrated European Day of Languages with a lunchtime quiz, where they had to name famous Europeans or people who speak European languages. There was a fantastic level of participation and some excellent entries. The overall winners, who were able to name all twenty celebrities, were Matilda Kennedy Holmes, Alice Rowland, Evie Walton, Megan Battersby, Willow Walesby Finley and Anna Turmore. Congratulations to our winners and a big merci/ gracias to everyone who took part in the quiz.

Mrs Bardsley, Head of Languages

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Maths Department

KS3 Challenge

Arrange these fractions smallest to biggest (111110/111111), (22221/22223), (333331/333334)

KS4 Challenge

Edith had 9 children at 15 month intervals. If the oldest child is 6 times the age of the youngest child. What is the age of the youngest child?

Deadline Friday 5th October - please email armishawm@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk with your solutions.

Prizes available!

Music Department



Music Extra-Curricular Timetable

If you would like to join the clubs below then please just go to MU1/2 at the allocated time.

Everybody is welcome to join

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30 - 9am		Singing Club			
Lunch 13.30 - 14.10	Karaoke when advertised	Composition	Samba	Keyboard Club Guitar Club	Jazz Band
15.10 - 16.00		GCSE Composition	Band Skills	GCSE Intervention	GCSE Intervention

- Keyboard Club has limited places so please see Mrs stopford
- See Mrs Stopford or Mr Wooliscroft if you want to join Jazz Band or Guitar Club
- Karaoke is a pop up club and will be announced in assembly when it is on
- Singing club is during form time, come straight to music which is where you will get your mark

Do you want Drum lessons ?



**Ask one of the music teachers for a sign up form!
(Limited spaces available)**

Science Department

Science is running the first qualifiers for the National Biology Spelling Bee with some fantastic prizes to be won. If you would like to join in and be in with a chance to compete against 226 other schools within the UK please see your Science Teacher for more details and a list of words to learn.

Also, a huge well done to the following Science superstars of the week who have outperformed the rest of their year groups in the Educake homework Leaderboards. An excellent start to the year, well done!

Year 8 - William Lloyd, Faye Wallis, Timofei Neznanov, Emilia Tallentire

Year 9 - Lily Hope, Ben Dawson

Year 10 - Courtney Halliday, Joshua Foster

Year 11 - Jessica-Mai Weatherby, Ashton Whyatt

Miss Taylor, Teacher of Science

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PE Department

Year 7 Cheerleading

Our Year 7 girls have started off their dance lessons with Cheerleading! They have been working really hard to make sure they are ready for their assessment in the last week during their final dance lesson. Good luck everyone! Keep practicing and working hard.

Ms Jones, Teacher of PE

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Year 11 Central Venue League - Round 1

Year 11 made an encouraging start to their 3 weeks of CVL football. A 3-1 win over The Derby with goals by Charlie Plummer, Oliver Houghton-Mort and Cael Guest. Their second game was a narrow 2-1 loss to St Gabs with Oliver Houghton-Mort again on the scoresheet with a tremendous 35 yard free kick.

Mr Meighan, Teacher of PE

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Our Year 9 girls rugby team entered the Bury Schools Rugby Championship last week at Sedgley Park RUFC. It was a fantastic afternoon and the girls were outstanding! They were there to defend their title from last year and they did not let us down! They played Philips High School and won 3-0. They then went onto play Derby High School and won 4-0 and finally played Tottington. It was a close game but ran out 1-0 victors! Well done to all the team - they worked so hard and never gave up.

Our Year 9 boys are playing next week so good luck to them; I'm sure they will represent our school just as well.





Year 9 Girls Rugby Champions of Bury 2024



North West Counties Shield Cup

Congratulations to Adam Dennis (Year 10) and Rory Green (Year 10) who are part of the Westhoughton Lions Blues Rugby League team, who have won the U14's North West Counties Shield Cup. Score 30-16.



Montreal, Canada Trip - October 2025

We are pleased to announce that we are offering students the opportunity to visit Montreal in Canada, taking place in October 2025 – [click the link](#) for further details!

Mrs Le Blanc, Trips Co-Ordinator

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North West Ambulance Service

The North West Ambulance Service - NHS Trust, have provided schools with a '[Help for Common Winter Illnesses](#)' leaflet which offers practical tips and advice on how to manage minor health concerns.

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