



The Elton Times - Edition 150

2 December 2024

Forthcoming

Friday 5 December - Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 12 December - New Facial Recognition Student Registration Day ([Parental Permission Required](#))

Tuesday 17 December - Ice Skating at Planet Ice Blackburn (Years 7 / 8 / 9)

Wednesday 18 December - Trafford Centre Trip (Years 10 and 11)

Wednesday 18 Dec - Winter Concert

Thursday 19 December - WICKED Theatre Performance (All year groups)

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER - SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY AT 13:00PM

MONDAY 6 JANUARY - SCHOOL OPENS AT 08:40AM

Monday 6 January - Year 9 and 11 Grade Cards sent home

Monday 20 January - Year 7, 8, 10 Grade Cards sent home

Headteacher's Welcome

Recent weeks have seen the completion of Year 11 Mock Exams, while younger year groups (Years 7/8/9) have also been having assessments across their subjects. The next set of Grade Cards will be based on a new format in which the attainment of each student is clearly measured against other students in the school and this will hopefully provide an even better indicator of how each student is working in each subject. Key dates for those Grade Cards are shown in the section above.

One new aspect to our school practice has been the 'Drop Everything And Read' slots which are taking place every half term, with the next session due next week. These slots help to promote reading which in turn has an obvious impact on students' learning, and the publicity last week about the new 'Word of the Year' reflects the power of young people and social media. The Cambridge Dictionary named "Manifest" as the word of 2024, after a surge of celebrity-inspired popularity in the past few months.

'Manifest' is a word that actually originates from the 1300s and has been used to mean "clear" or "obvious". However, in recent times the meaning of the word has developed and it is used as a verb - 'to manifest' means to use the power of visualisation and positive thinking to make your dreams become reality. The singer Dua Lipa has said that her success is due to manifesting, saying "Manifesting is about making things happen. I stand very firmly in the belief of putting things into the world and making positive change." The American gymnast Simone Biles has also spoken about manifesting - she has said that she used to visualise future success when she was a young girl, focussing on receiving medals and standing on the Olympic podium. There is no doubt that the power of positive thinking can be really effective and we would hope that our students can develop this for their own benefit as they work through our school.

There will be one further newsletter before the Christmas break and, as we move into December, we have the usual forthcoming mix of reward trips and assemblies, as well as the Christmas concert. The main key dates are shown below, but if you have any additional questions about any aspect of our school or events, then please do not hesitate to contact me directly through the email below.

Mr Jonathan Wilton, Headteacher

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New Catering Facial Recognition (Consent Needed)

Our new catering facial recognition system has been delayed by a few weeks and will now be live for students to use at the start of January when we return from the holidays. We will be holding the registration day for all students on Thursday 12th December. The majority of students are now signed up for the system, but if you haven't completed the parental consent, it is crucial that you do so as soon as possible via the link: [Facial Recognition Link](#).

Mrs Filkins, School Business Manager

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Year 8 HPV Vaccination (Consent Needed)

Students in Year are due their HPV (Human Papilloma) Vaccination. Immunisations are a safe and highly effective way to protect young people against potentially serious diseases.

This vaccination helps to protect young people from cancers caused by HPV, this includes cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and cancers of the anal and genital areas. This vaccination also protects against genital warts. The vaccination is offered to **Girls and Boys in Year 8**. Please read the attached NHS letter and consent via the [HPV Link](#).

Mrs Bowyer, Hub Co-ordinator / Immunisations

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Now your young person is in year 8, they are due their HPV (Human Papilloma) Vaccination. Immunisations are a safe and highly effective way to protect young people against potentially serious diseases.

This vaccination helps to protect young people from cancers caused by HPV, this includes cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and cancers of the anal and genital areas. This vaccination also protects against genital warts. The vaccination is offered to **Girls and Boys in Year 8**. More information can be found by following this link; <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine/>

Please note HPV is now a one dose vaccine. Information regarding this change can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hpv-vaccination-programme-changes-from-september-2023-letter>

The School Immunisation Team uses E Consents. All you need to do is follow the link below or scan the QR code. You must complete this form even if you DO NOT want your child to have their vaccination.

Please note: If you do not complete the online form, consent may be taken from your child at the school immunisation session (This is known as Gillick competency).

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/portal/#/bury/pr/Bi2425HPV>



If you are struggling to complete the form or need it in another format, please contact the immunisation team for support. Once you have completed the consent form you will receive a digital email receipt to confirm.

School have been given dates throughout the academic year when the team will be attending school to offer these vaccination(s) - dates may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances and school will be able to supply parents/ carers with these dates as required.

If you have any vaccination queries, please do not hesitate to contact our service on the e mail or number provided at the top of this letter.

Please note that the immunisation team is a term time service that works Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We do not work in school holidays.



Year 9 ACWY/DTP Vaccination (Consent Needed)

The ACWY vaccination offers protection against 4 different types of bacteria that can cause meningitis, which is inflammation of the lining of the brain and Septicaemia which is blood poisoning both of which can be life threatening. The DTP protects your child against 3 different diseases diphtheria, tetanus, and polio, which can affect the nervous system. Please read the attached NHS letter and consent via the [ACWY/DTP Link](#).

Mrs Bowyer, Hub Co-ordinator / Immunisations

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

You may/may not be aware the School Immunisation Team has now moved to E Consents this year.

Your young person is due their ACWY/DTP Year 9 Vaccinations when they return to school after the summer break. Immunisations are a safe and highly effective way to protect young people against potentially serious diseases.

The ACWY vaccination offers protection against 4 different types of bacteria that can cause meningitis, which is inflammation of the lining of the brain and Septicaemia which is blood poisoning both of which can be life threatening. For further information visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/>

The DTP protects your child against 3 different diseases diphtheria, tetanus, and polio, which can affect the nervous system for further information visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster/>

School have been given dates throughout the academic year when the team will be attending school to offer these vaccination(s) - dates may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances and school will be able to supply parents/ carers with these dates as required.

Your young person will have been shown a short video in school explaining the vaccinations. Please discuss these vaccinations with your young person and when you have made a decision on whether to accept or decline these vaccinations complete the form by following the link below.

Consent should be provided by a person with parental responsibility; this includes a mother, a father named on the birth certificate or married to the mother, an adult granted parental responsibility by the courts or an adult with delegated responsibility (given by the local authority).

Please follow the link below to complete the consent form. It is simple and straight forward to complete, you will need to set up a username and password.

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/portal/#/bury/pr/BI2425TB>

If you are struggling to complete the form, please e mail parentsupport@schoolscreener.com

If you do not want the vaccine to be administered, please still complete the form to reflect this. Once you have completed the consent form you will receive a digital email receipt to confirm.

If we do not receive a completed consent form your child will be seen in school by the school immunisation team, their competency to consent will be assessed and the vaccination may be given. (Known as Gillick competency.)

If you have any vaccination queries, please do not hesitate to contact our service with any queries on the e mail or number below.

Please note that the immunisation team is a term time service that works Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We do not work in school holidays, any messages left or emails received outside of our working days, will be dealt with ASAP upon our return to the office.

Kind regards
School Immunisation Team
buryschoolinms@nhs.net
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Online Safety

For Parents - Roblox Major Safety Updates.

Last week Roblox, the game used by 90 million people daily, announced some major updates which are available to users and parents. The rollout has already started and will be fully implemented by March 2025. These safety updates include:

- Limits to how children under 13 can communicate.
- Parental controls accessible from the parents phone rather from the child's device (remote management).

There's too much detail to include within an email so to see an explanation of all the new features visit the Roblox website [HERE](#).

You can also see the full guide to Roblox parental controls on the Internet Matters website [HERE](#).

For Parents - Second-Hand Devices Guide

Often when children get their first or subsequent devices, particularly mobile phones, it's a hand-me-down, for example when a parent gets a new device on contract. This can be a real

positive, mobile devices are very expensive and the latest/greatest devices often have very limited additional functionality over older devices.

But it's really important these devices are configured correctly for younger users. thankfully Internet Matters have a full guide to help parents navigate all the different features and settings, plus how to choose the right second-hand device, safety concerns and much more.

All information and guidance can be found [HERE](#).

Mr Thompson, Assistant Headteacher

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Porch Box Appeal

We are thrilled to update you on Elton High School's Christmas charity initiative in partnership with Bury Porch Boxes, supporting individuals and families in crisis.

Your generosity has been amazing so far, but there's still time to contribute! We're collecting:

- **Tins:** Beans, soup, vegetables, tinned meat/fish, rice pudding, etc.
- **Packets:** Cereal, tea bags, pasta, biscuits, noodles, etc.
- **Toiletries:** Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. *(No perishable items, please.)*

Donations can be sent with your child by Thursday, 5th December. Alternatively, you can support via our GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/6d021436>.

Thank you for helping our students embrace the spirit of giving. Wishing you a joyful Christmas season!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Wilson

Mrs A Wilson, Maths Department

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Spotlight on Careers

Careers is delivered in all schools through the Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG strategy). The aim of the CEIAG strategy is to provide comprehensive information, advice and guidance that enables learners to achieve and progress onto higher learning or into relevant employment.

This takes many different forms and activities specific to each year group. For example, Year 11 have spent part of this term working on personal statements and CVs to aid their college applications, in addition to their very successful mock interviews that were held recently.

In a new regular feature in The Elton Times we will look at a different aspect of Careers Education. This week we will look at Local Market Information (LMI). As the name suggests LMI focuses on the local job market that enables young people to research future jobs in the local area to help understand the skills and qualifications needed, potential salary information, career progression for individual roles in addition to the demand for future employment and is therefore a useful tool that aids effective careers research.

For example, did you know the following LMI facts about the Bury area?

Of people aged 16 to 64 years living in Bury, **73.2% were employed** in the year ending December 2023. This is a decrease compared with the year ending December 2022 when the local rate was 79.3%.

Around 3,000 people aged 16 and over in Bury were **unemployed** in the year ending December 2023. This is a **rate of 3.4%**, the national average was 4.2%

Based on the total number of jobs, the largest industry in Bury is **Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles** (18.8%). Other major industries include Manufacturing, Education, Human Health And Social Work Activities, which represents over 10% of roles.

Financial & Insurance companies make up 1% of the Bury economy, and 3% of the roles across England.

2% of the total jobs in Bury are in **Information and Communication**. In England as a whole they make up 5% of total jobs.

In Bury, the number of roles in the Information and communication sector has **risen by 20% over the past year**, above the 5% annual increase seen in England.

AREA TYPE	Metropolitan District
POPULATION	194,606
GDP	£4.2 billion
AVERAGE SALARY	£30,765
LABOUR FORCE	119,898
JOB DENSITY	0.70

Miss Kick Year 11 Presentation

On Wednesday 21st November, Year 11 students were fortunate to receive a presentation from Grace Vella and Holly Grimes of Miss Kick.

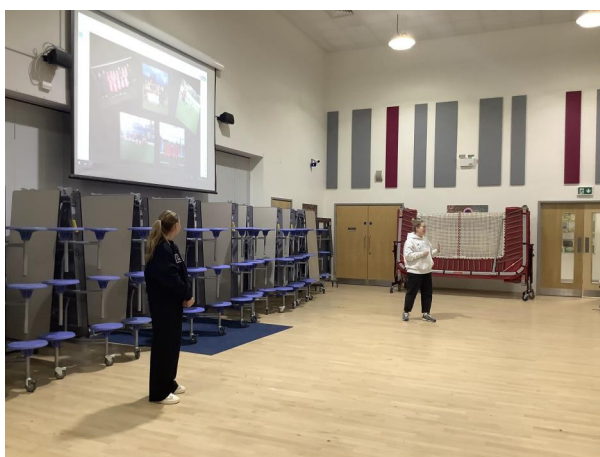
Both Grace and Holly gave inspirational speeches; Grace delivered a fascinating insight into how she started the business from her bedroom and that it has now grown into a major brand, spotted at many women's football matches and stocked by high street retailers, such as Next. Holly gave a great account of her career journey and relayed the important message that there will be knock backs along the way but that you will learn to overcome these.

Following the success of Miss Kick, Grace detailed how the Miss Kick Foundation was created. A key initiative of the this is the Future Leaders Programme, with the ambition of focusing on an executive group of future leaders, aged between 16-18-years old.

Thanks to the students involved for engaging with Grace and Holly and asking a wide range of very interesting questions; it appears from some of the questions that Miss Kick may have competition in the future!

Many thanks to Grace and Holly for giving up their valuable time to deliver such a motivational presentation. Further details about Miss Kick, including the clothing range and Foundation, can be found via www.misskick.com .

Iain MacKay, Chair of the Governing Body



School Trip Menu

During my high school years I was lucky enough to take school trips to some incredible places including Disneyland Paris and the USA. The memories rank among my most favourite, and 20 years later, are still a regular topic of conversation between my best friend and I!

I'm extremely passionate about being able to provide our students with similar, enriching experiences where they will develop a sense of independence, learn about other cultures and all whilst making incredible memories to last them a lifetime.

The full list of scheduled trips is shown below. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want more information or details.

Mrs Le Blanc, Trip Co-ordinator

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2025 SCHOOL TRIPS

NEW YORK

12-17 FEBRUARY 2025
YEAR 9 & 10

View the big apple from the 'Top of the Rock', ice skate in Central Park, watch a show on Broadway and take a ferry cruise to see the Statue of Liberty.



BERLIN

26 FEBRUARY - 1 March 2025
YEAR 11 GCSE HISTORY STUDENTS

A cultural and educational trip to the German capital for GCSE History students

PARIS

14-17 MARCH 2025
YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Visit the French capital, take a Bateaux Mouches down the river Seine, ascend the Eiffel Tower and enjoy the Disneyland parks

ICELAND

EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025
YEAR 11 GCSE GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS

A trip to the Nordic island nation for GCSE Geography students to explore the dramatic landscape of volcanoes, hot springs and glaciers

LONDON

29/30 JUNE 2025
YEAR 8, 9 & 10

An opportunity for students to explore our capital city and see iconic landmarks

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

JUNE / JULY 2025 (dates tbc)
YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Learn new skills with volunteering and expedition opportunities, whilst gaining a widely recognised and valued qualification

BARCELONA

9-12 OCTOBER 2025
YEAR 9 STUDENTS

Explore the Spanish city with a visit to PortAventura theme park, Sagrada Familia and Park Güell

MIAMI, FLORIDA

23-28 OCTOBER 2025
YEARS 8, 9 & 10

Enjoy time in the hotel pool and on muscle beach, visit Ocean Drive, take a boat tour to star island to view celebrity mansions and watch a Marlins baseball or inter Miami football game

2026 SCHOOL TRIPS

AUSTRIA

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2026 (dates tbc)
ALL YEAR GROUPS

Hit the slopes of the Austrian mountains for skiing lessons to learn or improve skills



BERLIN

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2026 (dates tbc)
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PARIS

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YEAR 10 STUDENTS

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USA

OCTOBER 2026
dates & destination tbc
YEARS 8, 9 & 10

An amazing enrichment and cross-curricular opportunity. The trip destination will alternate annually

Year groups are all at the time of departure

If you have any questions regarding any of the above planned trips, please email our Trip Coordinator, Mrs Jade Le Blanc
leblancj@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk

Art Department

Well done to all of the students who took part in the artist workshop which started last July. Their work is now in the Bury Art Gallery exhibition called 'Going to the Match' and is all about football. Their drawings were all put together by a graphic designer and turned into a huge banner which is now on display in the gallery. Yesterday, students were invited to the gallery to see their work and the rest of the exhibition, which also includes an original Lowry painting!

Well done to everyone involved. This is an amazing achievement and you have done Elton proud.



Well done to Nina, Erin and Emily in year 7 who organised and ran a really successful and busy crochet club last week. The 3 pupils were super organised and managed to teach a huge group of pupils a new skill.

Mr Goodwin, Art Department

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Geography Department

This is a reminder for students going on the Iceland 2025 trip to complete and hand in their Passport information letters. The deadline to hand them in (Miss Windsor in room 7) is 10th December.

Year 11 Geographers are going to be conducting their human Geography Fieldwork in Salford Quays on 10th and 11th December. The student list for each day is on the Geography classroom doors. Please can all letters be returned to Miss Windsor in room 7 as soon as possible.

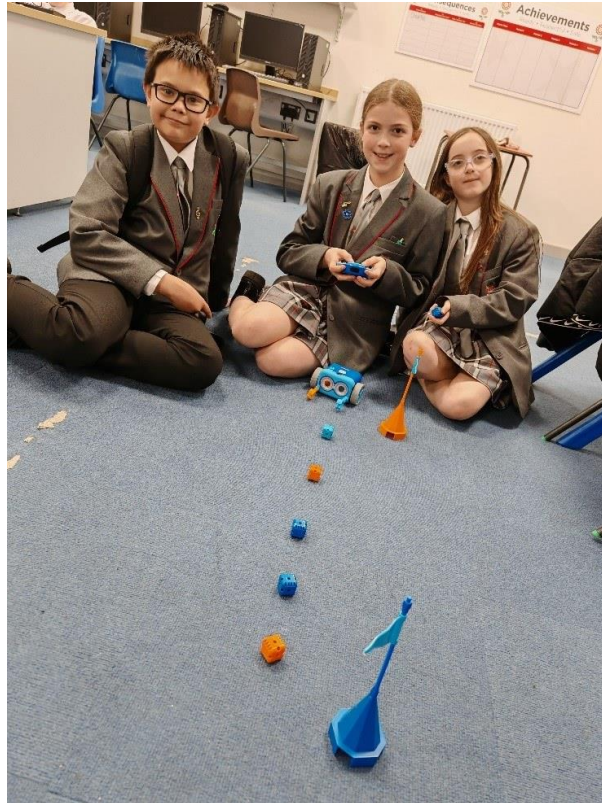
Mrs Moss, Geography Department

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ICT Department

This week we worked in groups and programmed Botley to follow a specific path and collect all of the square blocks/obstacles.

Year 7 students



We created a path for the Bell Adama Robot to follow a programmed route.

Year 8 students

Mrs Bajwa, ICT Department

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3 THE FIRST EVER WEBPAGE IS STILL ONLINE

The illustration shows a laptop screen displaying the first ever webpage, 'World Wide Web'. The page has a simple layout with text and a small robot character. A red banner above the robot says 'SINCE 1991'.

In 1991, Tim Berners-Lee developed the World Wide Web, while working at CERN near Geneva, Switzerland. The World Wide Web is an information system where documents and other web resources are identified by URL and can be accessed over the internet.

The first website page went live on August 6, 1991, and is still up and functioning at: info.cern.ch

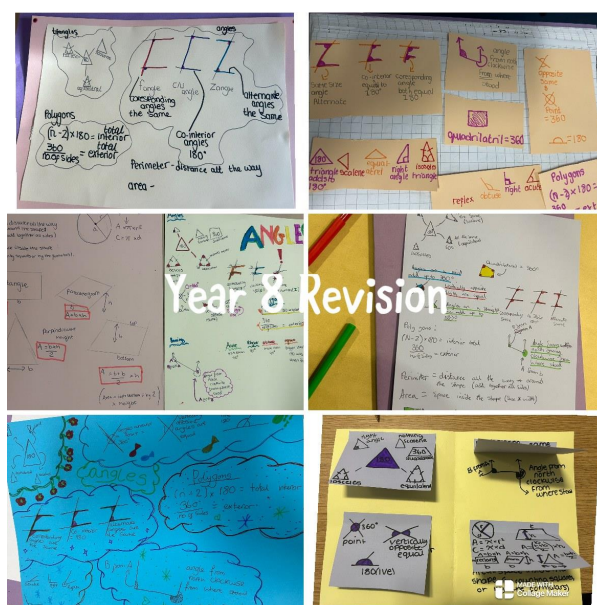
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Maths Department

Years 7, 8 and 9 have been preparing for their first Maths assessment of the year both in class and revising with homework tasks and questions etc. Below are some really good revision materials that Mrs Butterworth's Year 8 class have created to help them prepare for their assessment next week.

Mrs Butterworth, Head of Maths

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PE Department

Our school cross country team competed in The Bury Schools Cross Country Championships last week. It was a glorious day and excellent conditions with a team of 60 Elton students taking part. Over the last two weeks all year 7, 8 and 9 students have been taking part in cross country in both their PE lessons to get their fitness up and to find our fastest runners. In PE the conditions of our fields were often wet and muddy, but this didn't deter our students. They were ambitious, resilient and kind to each other helping those students who were finding it tough. This certainly helped at the competition as it was wet and muddy underfoot. The weeks of training certainly helped and we had a fantastic set of results, probably the best we've ever had! Top three received medals and top 12 will be invited to run for the Bury town team in February.

Top three student was Lillie-Mae Ball 3rd. Top 12 students were Matilda Nott 5th, Scarlett Thonkin 6th, Colbie Law 8th, Borys Jednaszdewski 12th, and a number of year 7 boys. These students will be receiving notification to represent Bury. The final results were staggering for year 7 team as both the boys and girls teams are now champions of Bury! Our year 8/9 girls came 6th and year 8/9 boys came 5th. The year 10/11 girls came 2nd and the year 10/11 boys came 3rd! They should all be very proud of themselves while we'd like to thank all those families who were able to come and support us and for all the washing of kit over the last few weeks. Thank you!

Ms Jones, Head of PE

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INSTAGRAM: the_elton_high_school is our new Instagram account, allowing parents to keep up-to-date with goings-on during and beyond the school day. Please follow!

The next edition of the Elton Times will be sent on Thursday 19th December 2024