



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL  
Creative Education Trust



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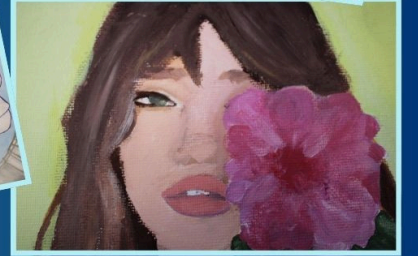
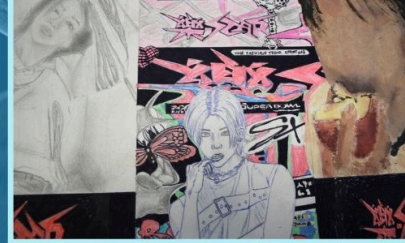
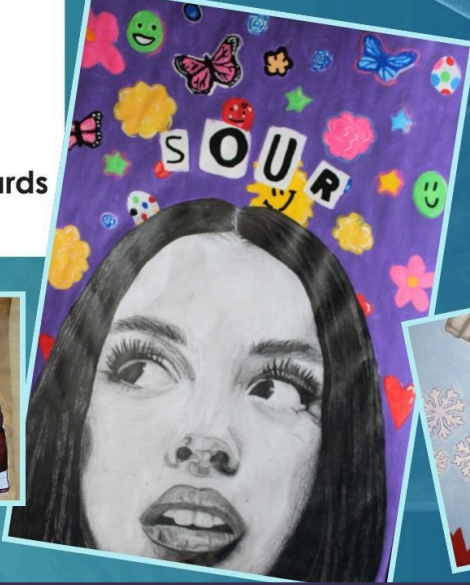
**PRINCIPAL'S VLOG**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026



**Our EGScellent Attendance Winners**



**Young Creative Awards Nottingham**



## Week 26 Principal's Update

Children have returned to school brilliantly, following the two-week Easter break. We have a really EGSciting summer term ahead of us with a very busy calendar of events!

We have just launched our Year 7 Summer Disco - tickets can be purchased via the Swap Shop. A really great opportunity for Year 7 to come and dance the evening away with all of the great friends they've made since joining us!

Our Basketball Academy also began this week with an OUTSTANDING turn out of children. Our basketball coach, Micah, has complimented our children on their dedication and enthusiasm. There is still the opportunity for children to sign up should they wish to do so.

I have written to parents of Year 6 children who will be joining us this September, so if you have siblings in that cohort, please do take some time to digest the dates and opportunities included.

## Top Guilford Gold

Well done to the children who have been our top Guilford Gold earners in their year group over the past two weeks!



<b>Year 7</b>	Ksenia T (7G) Dominic A (7A)
<b>Year 8</b>	Sienna P (8E)
<b>Year 9</b>	Samuel B (9C)
<b>Year 10</b>	Dorothy A (10F) Oluwatamilore F (10G)
<b>Year 11</b>	Ayomide S (11H)

## Children's Voice in Action

This week, our **Year 8's** shared their thoughts, opinions and ideas with Miss Johnson at Hot Chocolate and Chat. The children talked about the new school menu, as well as the after school Ellis Electives and Coco the dog!

*"We'd like to see more of Coco around please - including group opportunities"*



*"The food menu - it's good because it's changed recently - the snack meal option is great"*

*"We think the idea of having our timetables on our lanyard is a good idea"*

*"The Birthday shout outs on the Principal's update make us feel like we matter."*

*"Basketball academy - it's been great to be involved"*



# CELEBRATING OUR YOUNG CREATIVES

Before the Easter Break some of our EGScellent children were entered into the Nottingham Young Creative Awards, and we are delighted to celebrate their outstanding achievements. The creativity, imagination and effort shown in their submissions has been truly inspiring, and we are proud to be able to share their impressive work with our school community.

Taking part in opportunities such as this helps our children build confidence, express themselves creatively and showcase their talents beyond the classroom. Every entry reflects the hard work, enthusiasm and originality of our young creatives.

A huge well done to all the children who took part – we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you and wish you the very best of luck. Your creativity continues to shine!



**AMBITION**

**INTEGRITY**

**RESPECT**

## Celebrating our EGScellent children

Our children who have shown EGScellence throughout the week or demonstrated our values or pledges have enjoyed a Party with the Principal today. More detail of their achievements will be shared on our socials.

### This weeks winners were:

**Year 7** - Ksenia T (7G), Alexia B (7A), Dominic A (7A), Max C (7H), Brooke G (7H) and Eduard B (7H)

**Year 8** - Sienna P (8E)

**Year 9** - Samuel B (9C), Harley H (9I), Viktoria R (9I), Margaret S (9J), Faith N (9G), Myles C (9A), Emma C (9F), Mohammed S (9H), Chistina J (9C) and Evangeline A (9J)

**Year 10** - Dorothy A (10F) and Jazire G (10F)

**Year 11** - Ayomide S (11H) and Kehinde A (11H)

**THE YEAR 7 GREAT**  
*Ellis Quiltford School*  
**BAKE OFF**

Thursday  
Bake-Off Sessions  
3 to 4.15pm

BEST HOUSE WINS!

Sign-up via Arbor

**POKEMON CLUB**

**GOTCHA**

Mondays  
3.00 - 4.00pm  
Open to Year 7 - Year 9

Sign-up via Arbor

**BASKETBALL ACADEMY**

Tuesdays 3 - 4.30pm. Year 7 & Year 8  
Boys Basketball

Wednesdays 3 - 4.30pm. Year 9 & Year 10  
Boys Basketball

Thursdays 3 - 4.30pm. All Years  
Girls Basketball

Sign-up via Arbor

**MARKETING & EVENTS**

*Ellis Elective*

Tuesdays  
3.00 - 4.00pm  
Open to all year groups

Mrs Luckett. A9

Sign-up via Arbor



**Ellis Electives**



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April:** Year 11 Sports Day
- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April:** Notts Police free 'online security & fraud' [webinar](#).  
Time: 13:00-14:30 & 18:00-19:30
- **W/C Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May:** EGScellence EGStravaganza Week in School
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May:** Our 'Respect' Awards Ceremony
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May:** Year 7 Disco 5.30-7pm
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** Year 8 HPV Immunisations in School
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** Last day of Term
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:** Children return to School after the half term break



Join Us For Memorable Night

**YEAR 7 DISCO**

THURSDAY 21ST MAY 2026  
TICKETS ON SALE IN THE SWAP SHOP

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## SAFEGUARDING – Knife Crime and the Law

This week This week in safeguarding training, our children completed a session focusing on knife crime and the law. The session explored what the law says about carrying knives, the serious legal consequences involved, and—most importantly—how to keep themselves and others safe.

As well as important information, the focus was on knowing where to seek help or advice if they are worried about themselves or someone else, and how to report a concern in school or in the community. This training is delivered in partnership with Nottingham Police's Operation Sceptre.

Find out more here: [Sceptre Webpage](#)

If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please email: [john.williams@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk](mailto:john.williams@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk)

National knife  
crime campaign

#NottsAgainstKnives

**Sceptre**



**BASKETBALL ACADEMY**

Our first Basketball Academy sessions have taken place this week, with over 90 children taking part in! Our coach Micah has made a great first impression on the children and their skills are improving already. A reminder that these sessions finish at the later time of 4.30pm and children MUST bring their PE kit (or alternative sports kit if their PE kit is on the wash) and trainers.



**Parent/Carer Voice:** I really value feedback from Parents/Carers, and use this regularly to improve our school offer. Feedback can be given via [this link](#) or by scanning this QR Code.

