



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
Creative Education Trust



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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
Friday 11th September, 2026

Our Socials...



DON'T BREAK YOUR STREAK

EVERY DAY IS AN EGSCCELLENT DAY

Daily - Earn 10 Guilford Gold for every day you attend school on time.

Weekly - Complete a full week of attendance, on time, to earn a Golden Ticket and a chance to win prizes in the Attendance Prize Draw.

Half Term - Complete all 32 days on time, to earn a Streak Champion Certificate, and receive a special prize.

Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

Week 4

Week 5

Week 6

Week 7

Monday



3: Good attendance isn't about being perfect. It's about showing up consistently.

8: Small actions every day lead to big achievements.

13: The first month of school often sets attendance habits for the whole year.

18: You're doing better than you think - Keep going.

Tuesday



4: Children who achieve the most are often those who attend the most.

9: Attending school regularly helps you stay on track with your learning.

14: Routine builds strength - Showing up builds resilience.

19: You're capable of amazing things - Attendance helps unlock them.

New!

EGScellent determination - Keep going. **EGScellent** day starts with being present.

Week 1 Principal's Update

An official welcome back to all of our children and families!

Our first week back has been superbly successful, with record breaking attendance since before Covid-19. Thank you once more to all families for your continued support to ensure children are in school every day. We've also launched our 'Don't Break The Streak' initiative which sees children being rewarded with a Golden Ticket if they attend school every day within a week.

Our very popular Ellis Electives programme begins again next week. The timetable can be found on the school website. All electives are completely free of charge. Please sign children up via Arbor.

It was great to see so many wonderful children at our first Party with the Principal this year today. Well done to all worthy winners! A reminder that to receive an invite, children need to have the highest Guilford Gold in their year group, or have completed the most amount of homework, or have been noticed doing something particularly EGScellent by Miss Johnson.

Top Guilford Gold

Congratulations to the children listed below, who are this week's top Guilford Gold earners in their year group.



We celebrated their achievement at a special party with the Principal!

Year 7	Cameron L (7I)
Year 8	Dominic A (8C)
Year 9	Antoneta B (9A)
Year 10	Al-Imran A (10D)
Year 11	Aeliya A (11H)

Children's Voice in Action

Our Hot Chocolate and Chat sessions will be starting again next week. This initiative was created by Miss Johnson to ensure that every child has the opportunity to share their views about the school at various points throughout the year.

During these sessions, we listen to what is going well, gather ideas for new projects, and discuss ways we can continue to improve. Here are some of the comments shared by children last year...

"Would it be possible to have more music clubs please?"



"The new EGScellence Centre is a great new space for us!"

"It would be good to have more online homework please, as paper copies are hard to keep track of"

"Staff regularly listen to our opinions. They want to make our school the very best it can be."

ATTENDANCE

We are EGScited to have introduced a new 32 day 'Don't break your streak' calendar in school. Every child has been given a copy of this (graphic below).



At Ellis Guilford School, we expect our children to have an attendance of at least 98%.

We know that **every day counts** when it comes to learning, friendships and future success. That's why we're excited to continue our **"Don't Break the Streak"** attendance initiative!

Every day that children arrive at school ready to learn, they can have their planner stamped. When they achieve a full week of stamps, they earn a Golden Ticket. These Golden Tickets can then be posted into our exciting prize draw box for the chance to win some fantastic rewards.

The more weeks children complete without breaking the streak, the more Golden Tickets they collect, and the greater their chances of winning! Prizes change every half term and will include incredible rewards such as a Nintendo Switch, £100 JD Sports vouchers, signed football shirts, and many more surprises.

While the prizes are exciting, the real reward is the positive impact that excellent attendance has on achievement, wellbeing and confidence. Every lesson matters, and missing just one day can mean missing important learning and experiences with friends.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support in helping children attend school every day whenever possible.

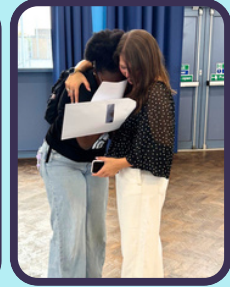
Together, we can help every child build great habits, maximise their opportunities and, most importantly, not break the streak!

- **This week, we achieved our highest attendance at school in the last 5 years!**
- **Significantly higher than national averages**

EXCELLENT

EGSCIENT RESULTS!

We were delighted to be celebrating another year of strong GCSE success, with improvements across all areas and a record-breaking number of children achieving Grade 5 or above in both English and Maths.



These EGScellent results mean that we are celebrating three consecutive years of our best academic outcomes on record! Huge congratulations to all the children celebrating their achievements with family, friends and staff. These results are a testament to the hard work, resilience and determination shown throughout their studies, supported every step of the way by our dedicated staff and families.

AMBITION

INTEGRITY

RESPECT

Celebrating our EGScellent children



PARTY WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Our children who have shown EGScellence throughout the week or demonstrated our values or pledges have enjoyed a Party with the Principal today.

This weeks winners are:

Year 7 - Cameron L (7I), Leighton B (7G), and Skylar-Rae S (7A)

Year 8 - Dominic A (8C)

Year 9 - Antoneta B (9A)

Year 10 - Al-Imran A (10D) and Lewis C (10G)

Year 11 - Aeliya A (11H) and Riley P (11F)

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

-Congratulations to this weeks attendance winners!

Year 7

Liliy-Ann T (7F)
Aston L (7D)
Darcie M (7F)
Jaxon A (7A)

Year 8

Alexia B (8G)
Aron C (8E)
Chloe H (8D)
Bilal H (8B)

Year 9

Kye C (9G)
Layla B (9D)
Caitlyn C (9E)
Joel B (9C)

Year 10

Feldhem T (10A)
Aleah R (10D)
Lucas P (10B)
Laiya M (10B)

Year 11

Aiden D (11H)
Aliyah H (11F)
Satveer K (11C)
Max P (11G)



DON'T BREAK YOUR STREAK



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Term Dates for 26/27 are LIVE.** [Click here](#)
- **Wednesday 30th September:** "Spread the word", its our **OPEN EVENING! 5-8pm**
- **Monday 5th October and w/c 12th:** Open Day tours will be available around school for families with children in Year 6
- **W/C 12th October: EGScellence**
EGStravaganza week will be returning, so keep doing your best!



SAFEGUARDING – Safety travelling to and from school

Please take some time to talk to your child about staying safe when travelling to and from school. As our children become more independent, it is important that they remain aware of road safety, including using designated crossings, avoiding distractions such as mobile phones when crossing roads, and staying alert to traffic, cyclists and other road users. Your support in reinforcing these messages at home can make a real difference in helping keep our children safe.

For further support see <https://capt.org.uk/csw-road-safety/>

If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please email: safeguarding@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk



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.



[NHS Advice on Sickness](#)



[check Letters home](#)

Our Attendance Team: 0115 9131338

Always keep up to date by following our Socials...

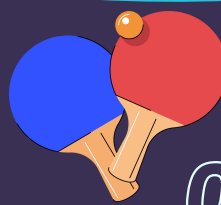


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OUR ELLIS ELECTIVES ARE NOW LIVE!



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>All School</i> Table Tennis STEM on Track (invite only) Musical Theatre Club Duolingo World Languages Club Fitness Club	<i>All School</i> Marketing & Events Club Casual Football Girls Football	<i>All School</i> SAMBA Club Debate Club Netball Choir	<i>All School</i> Fitness Club Girl's Basketball Academy Seed to Super (3-4.30pm)	<i>All School</i> STEM Club (application process) Multisports Club
<i>Year 7 to Year 9</i> Minecraft Club Pokemon Club Sparx Reader Club	<i>Year 7 to Year 9</i> Dance Academy	<i>Year 7 to Year 9</i> Humanities Club LGBT Diversity Club BookNite - Book Club	<i>Year 7 to 9</i> Sparx Club	<i>Year 7 to 9</i> Sparx Club
<i>Years 8 & 9</i> UKMT Team Maths Challenge	<i>Years 9, 10 & 11</i> Boys Basketball Academy	<i>Year 7</i> Boys Football Academy (invite only)	<i>Years 10 & 11</i> English EGScellence Club	
<i>Year 10</i> Higher Maths				
<i>Years 7 & 8</i> Boys Basketball Academy				
<i>Years 7, 8, 9 & 10</i> Boys Football				

Renew your membership every half-term.

ELLIS ELECTIVES ARE NOW LIVE!

14th September to 16th October - 3 to 4 pm.

Sign-up via
Arbor



HELPFUL LINKS...



[Free School Meals](#)

[check Letters home](#)