



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
Friday 21st November, 2025

Our Socials...



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Week 9 Principal's Update

This week, we are celebrating an EGScellent improvement in attendance at Ellis Guilford School. Our attendance has improved by 1% on the previous academic year, which, although seemingly small, is hugely significant. Thank you as always to our parents and carers for ensuring children arrive on time every day.

If you have a moment, please do fill in the parent/carer voice form linked below. I would also like to invite parents/carers to an upcoming Parent Partnership Forum which will take place on Wednesday 3rd December from 5pm-6pm here in school. A letter will be sent shortly including a link to sign up.

Please do take the time to read about our fantastic sporting achievements over the last couple of days. Well done to all of our children who continue to represent us so wonderfully.

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.



*Use
your
Voice*

Top Guilford Gold

Well done to the above children who are our top Guilford Gold earners in their year group this week.



Year 7	Skyla C (7H)
Year 8	Ewaoluwa B (8I)
Year 9	Kamron L (9F)
Year 10	Enakshi L (10F)
Year 11	Jaida-Rae S (11J)

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"I LOVE the library, it has every single book I need in there!"

"It would be good to have an early breakfast club in school"

"The teachers support us and make us feel like we are not alone."

"We are really looking forward to this terms EGScellent EGStravaganza."

Children's Voice in Action

This week, Miss Johnson has loved sitting down again with our children over a hot chocolate to hear their thoughts, ideas, and plans for making EGS even better. We wanted to share just a few of their brilliant comments with you too!

"Mr William's 'Dad jokes' during family lunch are funny!"

Tower of London Year 7

On Thursday last week, 95 Year 7 children enjoyed an incredible day at the Tower of London as part of their history curriculum. It was a long 13-hour day, but an absolutely rewarding experience! Children had the chance to:

- See the Crown Jewels
- Explore the White Tower, built by William the Conqueror
- View Henry VIII's armour
- Learn about the dramatic history of where Queens met their fate

Our children were a credit to the school, showing **EGS**cellent behaviour and manners throughout – something even members of the public commented on!

On the way home, our wonderful coach drivers treated us to a scenic tour of London, passing Big Ben, The Shard, Trafalgar Square, and the Christmas lights on Regent Street. A huge thank you to all the staff who made this trip such a memorable experience!



SPORTS

AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESPECT



EGS V The Latymer School Football. Year 9 and 10 teams.

Our Year 10 team delivered an outstanding performance in a recent touring match, securing a 3-0 victory against Latymer. After a tight first half, goals from Misheck and Tino (with 2 goals) sealed the win. Special mentions go to Liam for his midfield control and Jordan for a solid defensive display.



Our Year 9 team also impressed, showing courage and determination in challenging conditions. Man of the Match was goalkeeper Chaise M for his incredible saves. Strong performances came from Tadiswa D and Lamar K in midfield, with Logan C returning after a year and Adom M-W making his debut. Our goal was scored by freekick specialist Alfie S.



A fantastic effort from both teams – we're proud of their commitment and teamwork!

Year 9 Boys Basketball Tournament

On Monday, we hosted the Year 9 boys basketball tournament and our team finished 4th place against some tough competition!

For most of the lads, this was their first ever competitive basketball match, and they should be super proud of what they achieved. They showed **EGS**cellent attitudes, determination, and teamwork throughout every game!

Well done, boys – this is just the beginning! 🏀



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. More detail of their achievements will be shared on our socials.

This weeks winners were:

Year 7 – Skyla C (7H) and David E (7G),

Year 8 – Ewaoluwa B (8I) and AnnLiya T (8B)

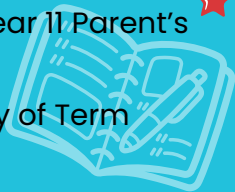
Year 9 – Kamron L (9F), Eliza B-G (9J), Emma C (9F), Aminah J (9J), Muhammad K (9J), Margaret G (9J) and Lale K (9G)

Year 10 – Enakshi L (10F) and Jesin Prince P (10d)

Year 11 – Jaida-Rae S (11J) and Alvin U (11C)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Starting Thursday 20th November:** 12-week indoor multi-sports and team games programme with Play and Youth ([click here](#))
- **1st December:** House competition; 'Super Mario Quiz' will be set. 40th Anniversary!
- **Wednesday 3rd December:** Parent Partnership meeting 5pm–6pm
- **W/C Monday 15th December:** Link below
- **EGScellence EGS^{tr}avaganza Week!!**
- **Wednesday 17th December:** Year 11 Parent's evening and careers fair
- **Friday 19th December:** Last day of Term



Attendance

Principal's Prize Box

We are celebrating children who have been at school **every day** since we returned from the half term break, and therefore have not broken their streak! Those children were put into a raffle, and we selected 25 winners!

This weeks 1st prize winners were:

Year 7 – Ross S (7A)
Year 8 – Miley L (8B)
Year 9 – Willow C (9G)
Year 10 – Chloe W (10J)
Year 11 – Tobias S (11H)



SAFEGUARDING – Road Safety Focus

This week our children have been learning about staying safe when travelling to and from school.

We've highlighted key areas in our local community that require extra care:

- ⚠ A610/Nuthall Road & Melbourne Road pedestrian crossing
- ⚠ Bar Lane & Percy Street pedestrian crossing
- ⚠ Bar Lane directly outside school
- ⚠ David's Lane level crossing

We've also raised concerns about children doing wheelies in the road while cycling to school – please remind your child to stay safe and sensible at all times. Together, let's keep everyone safe!

Miss Johnson has also written to the local council asking for an urgent review into a pedestrian crossing on Bar Lane.

We have sent home two letters this week to parents regarding important policy reminders and safeguarding advice. A reminder on our School being a strict mobile free zone – [link here](#) and important advice on road safety – [link here](#).

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



HELPFUL LINKS...



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