



# EllisEcho

PRINCIPAL'S VLOG  
Friday 23rd January, 2026



## Week 17 Principal's Update

I have previously spoken about how proud I am of our Year 11s and the maturity they have shown in their recent mock examinations. They have role modelled this wonderfully in time for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 to begin taking their English, Maths and Science assessments on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

All children have been issued with preparation materials and these are also on our school website.

As we approach our Spring 1 EGScellence EGStravaganza, thank you for all the work you are doing to ensure children attend every day. Our attendance continues to improve, which is absolutely crucial if we are to ensure our children get the very best outcomes possible, both academically and also pastorally.

As we approach the EGScellence EGStravaganza, I have taken time today in a whole-school assembly to remind children of the following EGExpectations:

- Full uniform is expected every day
- School begins at 8.40am and children must be onsite before this
- Lesson time transition is adequate to move around the school. Children must go straight to lesson. We are punctual here at Ellis Guilford School.

We have also set the EGExpectations that any footballs, basketballs or other sports balls must be carried around the school in bags (rucksack, carrier bag or similar), to support our calm corridors initiative.

I am looking forward to seeing as many Year 9 parents/carers as possible next week at Year 9 Parents Evening. This is a really important event as they begin to choose their GCSE options.

We'll also be sharing details of our Ambition Awards event which will take place in February – keep a look out for that!

### 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!

"Can we see Coco more?"

"My teachers are good. They listen to what I'm saying"



"I like the one way system, but it can sometimes make me a bit late"

"We would like to see more variety in the House Competitions please"

"The swap shop helps me to know what I can achieve for being well behaved and learning well. I know which rewards I need to save for."

# CELEBRATING OUR PLEDGES IN PRACTICE

We are proud to continue celebrating our children through our Pledges in Practice initiative.

It is always a joy to see our children living out our school pledges, both in and out of the classroom, and demonstrating our shared values in meaningful, everyday ways.

This article shines a spotlight on the wonderful behaviours and achievements that make our school community so special, but we can't celebrate them on our own, we need help from you! We encourage families to get involved! If your child has shown our values in action—whether at school or beyond—we would love to hear from you.

Recent nominations have recognised a wide range of achievements, including sporting successes, community involvement, and children showing excellent manners, kindness, and respect for others.

Thank you for helping us recognise and celebrate the positive choices our children make every day. Together, we continue to grow our supportive, respectful, and aspirational school community.

Has your child demonstrated one of our core values?

Let us know so we can celebrate their achievements and milestones!



Email us or

Fill out the form on our website ([Pledges in Practice page](#))

**Congratulations Pledges in Practice**

We are celebrating **Ria W** for demonstrating EGS Pledges in Practice

Isha participated in the "Dance Motion In The Spotlight" on an incredibly busy weekend.

This EGScellent effort is being awarded our Pledge in practice of AMBITION, RESPECT and INTEGRITY!

Well done Isha!

**Congratulations Pledges in Practice**

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**Congratulations Pledges in Practice**

We are celebrating **Isaac H** for demonstrating EGS Pledges in Practice

After a rigorous two-stage audition process on Nottingham Playhouse, Isaac has successfully earned a place in the Nottingham Playhouse Company!

This EGScellent effort is being awarded our Pledge in practice of AMBITION!

Well done Isaac!

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# BASKETBALL

## Year 8 Girls.

On Tuesday, our Year 8 girls competed in their Basketball Tournament and delivered an impressive performance, finishing 3rd place in the City.

After a tough opening match, the team showed great resilience, narrowly missing a win in their second game despite playing with just four players. Their determination paid off in the final match with a fantastic victory over Nottingham Academy. Throughout the tournament, the girls demonstrated outstanding grit, teamwork and commitment—an achievement to be very proud of.

## Year 8 Boys.

Our Year 8 boys travelled to the home venue of the Nottingham Hoods Basketball Club to compete in the year 8 finals. The team secured 4th place against some exceptionally strong opposition. They showed outstanding development throughout the tournament and should be extremely proud of their effort, teamwork, and determination. Special recognition goes to Mason and Brax Bullock for their relentless attitude, valuable scoring contributions, and constant encouragement!



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

**This weeks winners were:**

**Year 7** - Muhammad M (7E), Max C (7H), Shengyu D (7G)

**Year 8** - James T (8E), Alex S (8E)

**Year 9** - Samuel B (9C), Aleah R (9D), Christina J (9C), Rosie S (9E), Mary M (9F), Parisha D (9E), Aryas F (9J)

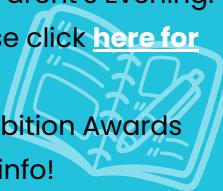
**Year 10** - Cole W (10F), Ahad H (10C)

**Year 11** - Ayomide S (11H)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Year 7-10 English & Maths Assessments** will start Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. [Please find a link here for more details.](#)
- Year 11 Common Trust Assessment exams** continue until the 30<sup>th</sup> of January, daily reminders are on our socials and a letter can be found here: [Year 11 Exams Timetable](#)
- Nominations NOW OPEN:** Celebrating Teachers Awards! Full details can be found [here](#)
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January:** Year 9 Parent's Evening. A letter has been sent home. Please click [here for a link](#)
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February:** EGS Ambition Awards Ceremony, look out for upcoming info!



### SAFEGUARDING – Domestic Abuse.

This week in safeguarding, our children have been learning about domestic abuse, including how to recognise unhealthy behaviours, how to seek help, and how to support friends who may be affected. These lessons form an important part of our safeguarding and personal development curriculum.

Alongside this, staff have received training on understanding domestic abuse and supporting children who may be experiencing or witnessing harm. This ensures that every child has access to trusted adults who can listen, respond appropriately, and help them get the support they need.

**Support Available in Nottingham City.** If you or someone you know needs help, Nottingham City has several specialist organisations offering confidential advice and support:

[Juno Women's Aid - 24/7 Domestic and Sexual Violence Helpline](#)

[Equation \(Nottingham-based domestic abuse charity\)](#)

[Nottingham Central Women's Aid](#)

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



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Our Attendance Team: 0115 9131338

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## FOOD TECHNOLOGY GORGEOUS CURRY CREATIONS!

This week in Food Technology, our children cooked up a storm as they prepared a gorgeous homemade curry. Filling the room with incredible smells and even better teamwork! From chopping fresh ingredients to seasoning their dishes just right, they showed great skill and confidence in the kitchen.

Every child produced a colourful, flavour-packed curry they could be proud of – and the photos captured their hard work beautifully.

Well done to our talented young chefs!



## HELPFUL LINKS...



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