



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
Creative Education Trust

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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
Friday 24th April 2026



Our EGScellent Attendance Winners



Week 27 Principal's Update

This week has been full of sporting news! Our Year 7 athletics team took part in the Nottinghamshire Sports Hall Athletics competition and came 2nd! A superb achievement.

We celebrated Year 11 Sports Day on Wednesday, which was the first of its type. It was great to see that Year 11 were as competitive as ever, and some brilliant event records were set!

Our afterschool Tennis elective also launched this week and was extremely popular. Please do remember to encourage your children to attend electives, and sign them up via Arbor. All electives are available free of charge.

Next week is the final week before Year 11 exams start. Every minute counts for those children. Please do encourage Year 11 children to attend our Saturday intervention sessions, too!

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!



Year 7	Ksenia T (7G)
Year 8	Ahmad Q (8E) Ula K (8I)
Year 9	Maragaret G (9J)
Year 10	Dorothy A (10F)
Year 11	Tresora M (11H) Tawananyasha P (11E)

Children's Voice in Action

This week, our Year 9's shared their thoughts, opinions and ideas with Miss Johnson at **Hot Chocolate and Chat**. The children talked about the improved food menu during lunch, as well as having more variety in the Swap Shop to buy with their Guilford Gold.



"The food menu at lunch has improved"

"We'd like to have more variety in the Swap Shop"

"Be able to buy nice drinks with our lunch"

"A football goal on the grass area"

"Bring back Seneca for studies for year 10 and give revision sheet before exams"

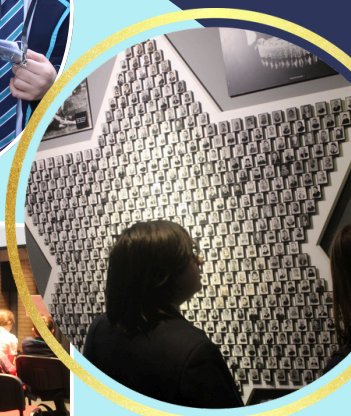


Year 9 Visit to the Holocaust Museum

Our recent visit to the Holocaust Museum in Laxton was a deeply meaningful and memorable experience for everyone involved. A group of 40 Year 9 children, accompanied by four staff members led by Mr Ball, spent a lovely day exploring the museum and its peaceful memorial gardens.

Throughout the visit, we encountered many poignant and moving artefacts that helped us better understand the realities of the Holocaust. A particularly powerful moment was when each child laid a stone in remembrance of the one million children who were murdered during the Holocaust, creating a quiet and reflective atmosphere.

We were also privileged to hear the testimony of survivor Malka Levine, who was just three years old when she was captured. She shared her incredible story of survival with honesty and courage, moving many of us to tears. Despite the hardships she endured, she spoke with remarkable positivity and hope, reminding us of the importance of sharing these stories, especially in today's world.



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), Eilidh B (7E),

Emmanuel I (7F) and Ayushi S (7G)

Year 8 - Ula K (8I) and Ahmed Q (8E)

Year 9 - Margaret G (9J) and Emma C (9F)

Year 10 - Dorothy A (10F) and Ruthyl K (10B)

Year 11 - Tresora M (11H) and Tawananyasha P (11E)



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS COUNTY FINALS 2ND PLACE IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE!

On Thursday, our Year 7 Sportshall Athletics team competed in the county finals, and what a performance they delivered!

Their determination and ambition across every race and event were outstanding, and the encouragement they showed to each other - and to other teams - truly reflected their sportsmanship. All their hard work paid off as they secured an incredible 2nd place in the whole of Nottinghamshire. We couldn't be prouder of this fantastic team!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- **30 April (Mon):** Notts Police Online Security & Fraud Webinar
13:00-14:30 or 18:00-19:30
- **7 May (Thu):** STEM on Track Day (Invited teams)
- **w/c 18 May:** EGScellence EGStravaganza Week
- **20 May (Wed):** Respect Awards Ceremony
- **21 May (Thu):** Year 7 Disco (5:30-7:00pm)
- **22 May (Fri):**
 - Year 8 HPV Immunisations
 - Last Day of Term
- **1 June (Mon):** Return to School after Half-Term



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OUR NEW TENNIS PROGRAMME

MONDAYS
3-4PM

ALL SCHOOL YEARS
ARE INVITED TO
TAKE PART



Where EGScellence thrives, and the EGsceptional shine

SAFEGUARDING – Sexual Harassment

This week, our children have taken part in safeguarding training focused on sexual harassment, as part of our ongoing work around safeguarding, respectful behaviour and healthy relationships. The session explored what sexual harassment means, with a particular focus on sexualised comments and how these might appear in a secondary school setting. Examples discussed included making comments about someone's body or appearance, using sexual jokes or language and sharing comments that are intended to embarrass, upset or intimidate someone. Children were encouraged to understand the impact of such behaviour, recognise that it is not acceptable, and to consider how to respond safely – including how to seek help for themselves or others. The importance of respect, consent, and speaking to a trusted adult was reinforced throughout.

You can find out more about this area of safeguarding at [NSPCC Learning](#)

NSPCC 'Learning'

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



YEAR 11 SPORTS DAY

EGScellent final Sports Day for our Year 11s!

On Wednesday afternoon, we enjoyed some fantastic displays of sportsmanship as our Year 11 children took to the field for their final Sports Day at EGS. From 100m and 200m races to relays, there was plenty of energy, effort and House fun on show.

We rounded it all off with a celebration ceremony in this morning's assembly – a brilliant way to recognise a memorable afternoon. Well done, Year 11!

