



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL  
Creative Education Trust

# EllisEcho

**PRINCIPAL'S VLOG**  
Friday 27th February, 2026



## Our Socials...



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## Week 21 Principal's Update

Our children have had a brilliant first week back following the February Half-Term break. They look smart in their uniform and we've reset EGSpectations on equipment with the launch of our second set of knowledge organisers. This week, we have also had some brilliant sporting success with our Year 7s and Year 8s leading the way. Well done to them!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to school on Wednesday next week for our 'Night of EGScellence Showcase'. Tickets can be purchased for this event. Details of how to do so are featured!

It was great to see so many parents/carers of Year 9 children at our recent Options Evening, too. Thank you for your support.

## Top Guilford Gold

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



Year 7	Alexia B (7A)
Year 8	James T (8E)
Year 9	Simra W(9H)
Year 10	Aakash A (10E)
Year 11	Ayomide S (11H)

## Children's Voice in Action

This week, our Year 7s shared their thoughts, opinions and ideas with Miss Johnson at Hot Chocolate and Chat. The children also had some brilliant feedback on the number of Ellis Electives the School Offers!

*"We think that teachers should double check the stamping of planners"*

*"The options and spaces the school has at break/lunch are great."*



*"The daily update in tutor time is really handy"*

*"I think that the website would be better with more updates and a bit more work on it."*

*"Our School is very supportive of our LGBTQ+ children"*

# KARL NOVA. Rap Poet Visit to EGS.

Award-winning poet and hip hop artist Karl Nova spent the day with our Year 7 and 8 students on Wednesday, delivering two high-energy presentations that had everyone captivated from the moment he began. With his rhythmic, hip-hop-infused storytelling, Karl shared his remarkable personal journey – from being bullied at school in the UK, to moving to Nigeria at age seven to live with a father he had never met. Despite the many challenges he faced, he remained determined to follow his dream of becoming a storyteller, musician, rapper and, ultimately, a published writer.



Karl made writing feel exciting and accessible, especially for the groups who took part in his workshops. Using his simple "cheat code", students built confidence and crafted their own poems, many even choosing to perform them aloud. A final freestyle challenge – creating a rap using seven random student-chosen words – left the audience in awe. His visit was fun, inspiring and motivational, and many students have since requested his books from the library. Signed copies can also be purchased via [this link](#) available until Thursday 5 March.

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** – Alexia B (7A), Jamie E (7A), Ksenia T (7G), Ayushi S (7G), Brooke G (7H), Max C (7H) and Javarnie D (7C)

**Year 8** – James T (8E), Ayomiposi S (8C) and Kahlan M (8I)

**Year 9** – Simra W (9H), Al-Imran A (9D) and Aida L (9D)

**Year 10** – Aakash A (10E), Dorothy A (10F), Elise M (10E), Lilly C (10E), Noah P (10D), Vivian A (10A) and Gregory O (10A)

**Year 11** – Ayomide S (11H), Jayshann S (11B), Max L (11B) and Caisi M (11B)

## CHAMPIONS in the Making!

Our Year 7 boys' athletics team competed at Harvey Hadden this week and came home as Grand Final winners! Their ambition and effort earned them an impressive 1st place, securing a spot in the County Finals at the end of this half term.

A huge well done to the whole team – an outstanding achievement!



Where **EGScellence** thrives, and the **EGSceptional** shine

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 4th March:** Our 'Night of EGScellence' Showcase.  
*Tickets on sale now. Details on next page.*
- **Thursday 5th March:** World Book Day
- **Wednesday 18th March:** Year 10 Parent's Evening
- **W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** EGScellence EGStravaganza
- **Wednesday 25th March:** Integrity Awards Ceremony
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Last day of term.
- **Monday 13th April:** First day of the Summer term.



## SAFEGUARDING – INTERNET SAFETY DAY

This week in safeguarding we supported National Internet Safety Day (which took place Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February) which focussed on helping children understand the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) – particularly the ethics of using AI linked to harmful behaviours.

Children and staff have received training previously on the uses, benefits and limitations of AI and we will continue to keep up to date with this fast moving, exciting and sometimes concerning technology.

Want to find out how you can support your child with understanding AI and using it safely? See the NSPCC "Artificial Intelligence safety tips for parents" click [here](#) and please also see [here](#) for the UK safer Internet Centre for a range of useful tips and support.

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

# Children's Mental Health Week at EGS

This week, our children took part in a range of wellbeing activities – from exploring self-help books and making friendship bracelets to mindfulness sessions and adding messages to our gratitude tree. It was wonderful to see pupils supporting one another with such kindness and positivity.

Let's keep these positive habits going, because looking after our mental health matters every day.



## Year 8. Dodgeball



A fantastic group of our Year 8 boys competed in a dodgeball tournament on Wednesday – and delivered an absolutely EGScellent performance!

They showed brilliant determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout every match, earning themselves an impressive silver medal finish.

We're incredibly proud of how each player represented the school, both on and off the court.

# GREAT JOB!



A huge congratulations to all involved – you did yourselves and our school proud! 🎉👏

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WORLD BOOK DAY  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Enjoy the Masked Reader - who is behind the mask and what is their favourite book they are describing?

Please enter the creative writing competition - entries to Mrs Yeomans in G109 by March 20th

WHAT CHARACTERS AND BOOKS ARE YOUR TEACHERS DRESSED UP AS?

Collect a free World Book Day book from the library by exchanging your voucher.

COUPON  
Vouchers will be available from tutors



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LET'S  
Dance



# A Night of EGS**cellence**

An evening celebrating the talent of EGS children.

Wednesday  
4th March 2026

7pm

Main Hall

TICKETS  
ON SALE

Tickets:  
£2 - EGS students  
£4 - General Admission

[Tickets purchase online](#)

or

Scan QR code

