



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
Friday 8th May 2026



Our EGScellent Attendance Winners



Help Us Create Our New EGS School Mascot!

Help us design a mascot that represents our school spirit, values, and creativity.

We would like to see YOUR Ideas!



Let your imagination run wild!

Week 29 Principal's Update

I can't quite believe we're at this time already, but our Year 11s are now ready to take their first major exam on Monday. One final Saturday session this weekend will support them to feel 100% ready.

We know that the coming weeks will be challenging for our Year 11 children. We remain committed to supporting them through this period, and continuing to deliver high quality lessons and interventions right up until the final exam. I am so proud of them and the way they are handling, what is always, a tricky time. Year 11 Prom tickets have been launched this week, and letters sent home to parents/carers with further details.

Tickets for Drayton Manor and Alton Towers will also be opening from Monday 18th May. Children will be reminded on how to secure their spot next week!

Top Guilford Gold

Well done to the children who have been our top Guilford Gold earners in their year group over the past week!



Year 7	Osarogie E (7E)
Year 8	Ahmed A (8E)
Year 9	Margaret G (9J)
Year 10	Dorothy A (10F)
Year 11	Chelcie M (11C)

Children's Voice in Action

This week, our Year 7's shared their thoughts, opinions and ideas with Mrs Platten at **Hot Chocolate and Chat**. The children talked about a wide range of topics from trying cultural food, to Tutor Group Reward and the timing between lessons.



"It would be great to have more practical lessons"

"Could we taste cultural food on culture day please?"

"Could there be a vending machine for ice-poles and drinks?"



"On culture day could we have activities like henna please?"

"Would it be possible to look at extending the time between lessons?"

Let's Celebrate TOGETHER

PLEDGES IN PRACTICE

HAS YOUR CHILD SHOWN EGSCCEPTIONAL EFFORT? CAN WE CELEBRATE THEIR PLEDGES IN PRACTICE TOGETHER WITH YOU?

We want to hear from you!



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 - Osarogie E (7E), Max C (7H), Skyla C (7H) and Zoe P (7H)
Year 8 - Ahmed A (8E), Eeva B (8E), Mason M (8I) and Kyron F (8E)
Year 9 - Margaret G (9J), Mohammed-Sarim S (9H), Chloe A (9I) and Daniel O (9A)
Year 10 - Dorothy A (10F), Karina W (10D), Kyra-Jaye W (10D) and Habnyom T (10A)
Year 11 - Chelcie M (11C)



Designing a new EGS School Mascot.



We are looking to design our very own school mascot, something that represents who we are, what we stand for, and the amazing spirit of our children. This is your chance to think big, be imaginative, and create something truly unique that could become a lasting symbol of EGS pride.

What could our mascot be? An animal, a character, something inspired by our values - the choice is yours! Think about what it would look like, what it would represent, and how it would show off our EGScellent community. Submit your ideas, drawings or descriptions and be part of creating something the whole school can celebrate. We can't wait to see your brilliant ideas!



NOTTINGHAM FOREST NETBALL EXCLUSIVE TICKET OFFER

We've been contacted by Nottingham Forest to invite you to be part of something bigger than a game, a moment that can help shape the future of women's sport.

By coming together as a community, we can break attendance records, raise the visibility of the sport, and show every young girl exactly what's possible when women are seen, supported, and celebrated on the biggest stage.

We're being offered an exclusive, heavily discounted ticket offer for our children, families, and staff. While tickets are typically priced at £10 for children and £18 for adults, this special offer brings all tickets down to under £4 making it accessible for everyone to be part of this landmark moment.

Friday 22nd May 7pm. Motorpoint Arena.

Please click here for how to claim your tickets.



Where EGScellence thrives, and the EGScptional shine

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **May:** Year 11 GCSE Exams ([Timetable here](#))
- **May:** **English KS3 CET Assessments** within school.
- **9th May (Saturday):** Year 11 GCSE Maths and English intervention sessions. [Click here](#) for info
- **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
- **July:** Mark your diary and keep saving your Guilford Gold. Trips to Alton Towers and Drayton Manor are coming!



SAFEGUARDING – Lockdown Drill

This week in safeguarding training, our children practised a lockdown drill as part of our ongoing duty to keep children safe in any situation.

This specific practice took place at breaktime to demonstrate to children what to do should the lockdown alert sound at breaktime. Children received training in tutor time regarding what a lockdown would involve, why we would trigger it and what to do if the alert sounds. They were informed that we would practise at break.

We are please to let you know that the practice was a success and we are confident that our procedure is robust in keeping children safe should we need to use it.

If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please email: john.williamseellisguilfordschool.org.uk

HELPFUL LINKS...

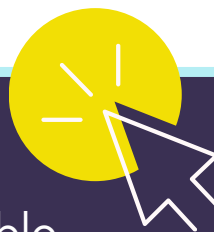
[2026 GCSE Timetable](#)

[NHS Advice on Sickness](#)

[Our Attendance Team: 0115 9131338](#)

[Free School Meals](#)

[Check Letters home](#)



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.

