



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
Creative Education Trust



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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
Friday 9th January, 2025

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STEM ON TRACK
DESIGN LEARN BUILD RACE

Here at **EGS** we are taking part in **STEM On Track!**

Week 15 Principal's Update

Welcome back! We now enter the Spring Term, although the weather certainly doesn't feel very Spring like!

All of our children have made a fantastic start back to school this week, with Year 11 displaying EGScellence in their first week of exams.

A reminder during the cold weather that we provide breakfast for all children free of charge every morning, from 8.15am in the canteen. This includes hot breakfast options.

Please do take a few moments to nominate any of our school staff for the Celebrating Teachers Awards that are being advertised in partnership with the University of Nottingham and Notts County Football Club. Details of how to do so are included later in this Ellis Echo.

Finally, preparations for Year 7-10 exams are underway. Please encourage children to prepare adequately by using the materials on the school website.

Top Guilford Gold

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



Year 7	Zoe P (7H)
Year 8	Kamaal K (8A)
Year 9	Olajide B (9A)
Year 10	Moyosola I (10J)
Year 11	Aliyah B (11J)

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!

"The Principal's daily update is really useful"



"We LOVE the variety and quality of food served!"

"Could we look to get lockers put in around school?"

"I feel very protected and safe in and around our school"

"Would it be possible to have a comic / manga club as an Ellis Elective please?"

YEAR 11 CAREERS FAIR – A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

Towards the end of last term, we were delighted to host a Year 11 Careers Fair, welcoming a range of employers and organisations into school.

The event proved to be a fantastic opportunity for our children and their parents/carers to explore the wide range of pathways available beyond school. Throughout the fair, children had the chance to meet potential employers, learn about different industries, and gain valuable insights into careers, apprenticeships, internships, and future employment opportunities. For many, it was an eye-opening experience that helped them better understand the current job market and the skills employers are looking for.



Importantly, the event also encouraged children to discover career paths they may not have previously considered, helping them to think more confidently and creatively about their next steps. Parents and carers were able to ask questions, gather information, and support their children in making informed decisions about their futures.

We would like to thank all the employers, organisations, and families who supported the Careers Fair and helped make it such a positive and successful experience. Events like this play a vital role in preparing our children for life beyond school, and we look forward to building on this success with future careers events."



Time to shine!

Celebrating the Start of Ellis Electives

To mark the start of our Ellis Electives this week, we were delighted to visit the Drama elective to watch a rehearsal for this year's EGS show – and what a treat it was.



The children were full of energy and confidence, proudly projecting their voices, practising lines and enjoying working together as they revisited key scenes. The atmosphere was lively, creative and focused, with clear enthusiasm from everyone involved.

Mrs Stewart was clearly enjoying the session, guiding and supporting children while helping them plan what's coming next. It was fantastic to see such a fun, supportive and imaginative learning environment in action as Ellis Electives get underway.

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 - Zoe P (7H), Max C (7H) and Eduard B (7H)

Year 8 - Kamaal K (8A), Anas A (8A), Angel N (8A) and Eeva B (8E)

Year 9 - Olajide B (9A) and Isla W (9E)

Year 10 - Moyosola I (10J), Nate A (10B) and Isaac H (10C)

Year 11 - Aliyah B (11J)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Year 11 Common Trust Assessment exams** continue until the 30th 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](#)
- **The week of 12th January:** Grand Prix House Competition week with x5 medals to be won
- **W/c 26th January:** Year 7-10 January Exams will start. [Please find a link here for more details.](#)



SAFEGUARDING - Preventing radicalisation and extremism

This week, all children and staff have taken part in training focused on recognising and preventing radicalisation and extremism. The training focused on helping our children and staff to understand how to identify concerning extremist online content, make safe choices online, and to know when and how to seek help if they view or are asked to view anything of concern.

We encourage you to continue these conversations at home. You can explore further information at the following:

- <https://educateagainsthate.com/parents/>
- [Internet Matters - Radicalisation Advice Hub](#)
- <https://actearly.uk/>
- [NSPCC - Keeping Children Safe Online](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

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.



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STEM ON TRACK

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STEM ON TRACK

STEM On Track is a year-long, student-led STEM programme that combines real-world, hands-on learning with curriculum-linked digital modules in Science, Maths, and Design.

With no planning required and no prior mechanical experience needed, children build a full-size racing kart using step-by-step video guides and learn the STEM theory behind each component through our interactive online Race Academy.

Mr McCalla will be working with our Maths department here at EGS and the club will run on Mondays after school. So, do you want to get involved in something exciting?

This programme is super easy to join and fully supported. You'll take part in a club where you design, learn, build, and race!

It all leads up to real racing events - including a Test Day, a STEM Fair, and even the National Finals. It's an amazing chance to get hands-on experience and real-world inspiration you'll never forget!

