



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL  
Creative Education Trust

# EllisEcho



**PRINCIPAL'S VLOG**  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

## Our Socials...



## Welcome to Year 7

Our New Year 7 cohort have now joined Team EGS and what a fantastic bunch they are!

They have experienced typical lessons here at EGS, spent lots of time with their tutor and enjoyed Family Lunch together.

## We have had an **EGScellent** first few days in school

It has been fantastic to welcome children back to school following the summer break!

Our new uniform looks EGSceptional, and children have been settling back into routine extremely well.

All children have been involved in Year Group assemblies where we have discussed our EGSpectations, and spent time with their new tutor groups.

This new Ellis Echo newsletter will be a weekly Friday release, including up to date news and information about school. This document will replace the formerly known 'Parent Briefing' which used to be issued on a Monday.

The Ellis Echo will include lots of celebrations of our children and our wonderful school community.



## Launching our new values

Over the summer term, children and staff voted on our school values and had their say on what they would like these to be. After some serious voting and deliberation, our children have selected Ambition, Integrity and Respect to be our values.

**Ambition** - We aim for EGScellence every day, with effort, kindness and no delay.

**Integrity** - Even when no-one's in sight, we choose to do what's honest and right.

**Respect** - We listen, we care, we're honest and fair.

AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESPECT



## Celebrating our EGScellent children

### • PLEDGES IN PRACTICE:

Alongside our new values, we have introduced three pledges. These are pledges that children make as being part of Team EGS. We are asking children to uphold these pledges at all times in and around school.

We know however, that there will be lots of examples of children demonstrating our values and pledges outside of school, and we need you to tell us about them.

On our website, you can complete a document to inform us of specific achievements for your child so that we can celebrate them here in school. [You can find the link to the form here.](#)

### • PARTY WITH THE PRINCIPAL:

Formerly known as Pizza with the Principal, we are diversifying our celebrations and will now host Party with the Principal on Fridays. Children will be selected who have shown EGScellence throughout the week or demonstrated our values or pledges.

## Building work and a new Library!



Today, our brand new library was launched here in school. A significant amount of money has been invested on relocating this very valued resource, into the centre of the school, making it much easier for children to access during break time and after school.

Alongside our new Library we have also been working on a new Pavillion situated out by the canteen. The Pavillion will offer extra space at break and lunch in a warm and covered area. We've also had a new toilet block built which is accessible via the outside Family Lunch area. This will reduce wait times for toilets before school and during Family Lunch.



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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CLICK THE LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Wed 10 Sept: Parent Information Evening  
5.00pm–5.30pm Year 7  
5.45pm – 6.15pm Year 8  
6.30pm–7.00pm Year 9  
7.15pm – 7.45pm Year 10  
8.00pm – 8.30pm Year 11
- Thurs 11 Sept: Year 7 Individual Photos
- Fri 12 Sept: Ellis Electives (clubs) announced
- Wed 17 Sept: Meet the Tutor (all years) Booking information to follow.
- Wed 24 Sept: Open Evening (for prospective children).



## SAFEGUARDING:

Child Sexual Exploitation This week's safeguarding session for our children will focus on the important and sensitive topic of child sexual exploitation (CSE). This follows recent national reports, including the 2025 National Audit on Group-based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, which highlighted the ongoing risks children face both online and in their communities. The National Crime Agency has also raised concerns about the increasing use of technology to groom and exploit young people.

We aim to equip children with the knowledge and confidence to recognise unsafe situations and seek help. For more information and guidance on how to support your child, please visit [nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/child-sexual-exploitation](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/child-sexual-exploitation)

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

## HELPFUL LINKS...



[Class Charts Login](#)



[Arbor Parent Portal & App](#)



[Free School Meals](#)



[School Lunch Menu](#)



[School uniform Shop](#)



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