



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
Friday 28th November, 2025

Our Socials...



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Week 9 Principal's Update

We're delighted to share that our EGScellence Centre is now open for Year 11 children, providing a calm and well-supported space for independent study and revision. Year 10 children will also be able to use the space from Monday 8th December. The space includes access to a wide variety of revision resources including Chromebooks for children to complete homework.

I am pleased to announce that from Monday 1st December, we will be launching our Attendance Reward Programme for December; [Countdown to Christmas](#). This year, I'd like to recognise the outstanding effort of our parents/carers and families who support our children to attend every day, and therefore, all prizes have a very special family theme! Prizes include Christmas Dinner for the whole family! On the same note of Christmas, we are also looking forward to our BIG Christmas Light Switch On here in school on Monday. Today, children have been personalising their own baubles for our first Ellis Guilford School Community Christmas Tree!



Top Guilford Gold

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



Year 7	Eduard B (7H)
Year 8	Farwa I (8D)
Year 9	Takunda B (9H)
Year 10	Bella L (10B)
Year 11	Ayomide S (11H)

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!

"It is great that the music rooms are open after school!"

"I love my science and english lessons, the teachers are good!"

"Could we think about more non-uniform days please?"

"Would it be possible to consider offering a boxing club?"

"Could the format of our assemblies be more consistent?"

Opening of our new EGScellence Centre

We're thrilled to open a dedicated space where Key Stage 4 children can focus, revise, and prepare for exams in a calm and supportive environment.

The Centre is open every day after school from 3:10pm to 4:10pm starting for Year 11 this week and then Year 10 next week. No booking needed - just turn up! Spaces are first-come, first-served.

Encourage your child to make the most of this opportunity and ensure they have travel arrangements if they choose to stay.



[For more info click here.](#)

SPORTS

AMBITION



City Basketball Tournament - EGS Year 9 Girls.

Girls Basketball - What a Performance!

Our team secured 2nd place after a nail-biting win over Bluecoat Aspley, with Keisha sinking the winning basket right on the whistle!

Despite a tough loss to Emmanuel - the dominant force in girls' basketball - a silver medal is a fantastic achievement! Standout players: Jasmyn - incredible defensive work, Erina, Keisha & Grace - unstoppable determination and Faith - brilliant defensive blocks. Huge congratulations to the whole team for their effort and teamwork!

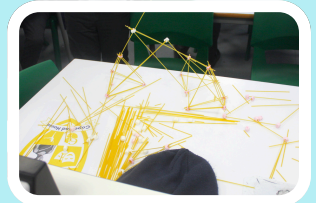
Team: Lale K, Jasmyn S, Emma C, Faith N, Treasure B, Erina A, Aida L-R, Keisha S-G, Ruth C and Grace W.



Spaghetti Towers House Competition results...

What an EGScellent challenge for our House teams! Our children had a blast building, designing, and constructing EGSciting towers out of spaghetti - and the results are in: 1st - Turing (over 30cm tall!), 2nd - Bocelli, 3rd - Copeland, 4th - Chawla and 5th - Elion

A fantastic event with amazing creativity and teamwork. Well done to everyone who took part!



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 - Eduard B (7H), Ayushi S (7G) and Mya C (7H)

Year 8 - Farwa I (8D) and Ethan T (8B)

Year 9 - Takunda B (9H), Lewis C-W (9G), Aaron S (9C), Dharam R (9D), Corey W (9J), Hollie G (9J) and Holly P (9J)

Year 10 - Bella L (10B) and Soraya R-W (10J)

Year 11 - Ayomide S (11H)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Starting Thursday 20th November:** 12-week indoor multi-sports and team games programme with Play and Youth ([click here](#))
- **Out now:** Our Strengthening Careers Education at Ellis Guilford School letter – Your Voice Matters ([Please click here](#)).
- **Wednesday 3rd December:** Parent Partnership meeting 5pm–6pm
- **W/C Monday 15th December:** Link below **EGScellence EGStravaganza Week!!**
- **Wednesday 17th December:** Year 11 Parent's evening ([Booking here](#)), and [Careers Fair](#)
- **Friday 19th December:** Last day of Term

Attendance

Principal's Prize Box

We are celebrating children who have been at school **every day** since we returned from the half term break, and therefore have not broken their streak! Those children were put into a raffle, and we selected 25 winners!

This weeks 1st prize winners were:

- Year 7 – Logan M (7G)
- Year 8 – Nyree S (8E)
- Year 9 – Grace S (9A)
- Year 10 – Johah S (10B)
- Year 11 – Blake W (11G)



SAFEGUARDING – The Danger of Vaping

This week in safeguarding training, our focus has been on the risks and dangers associated with vaping. Children have explored the potential negative health impacts, including the harmful effects on lungs and overall wellbeing, as well as the reasons why young people should avoid starting to vape – and why those who already vape should consider quitting.

We have made it clear to all children that vaping is a serious breach of school rules. Vapes are classified as prohibited items and must not be brought into school under any circumstances.

The school works closely with CGL (Change, Grow, Live) who are a substance misuse charity that works directly with children who are addicted to vaping. If you have concerns about your child vaping, you can contact CGL on 0115 896 0798 or notts@cgl.org.uk.

By educating our children on the facts and reinforcing expectations, we aim to keep our school community safe and healthy. Thank you for supporting us in sharing this important message at home.

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



Use your Voice

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.



HELPFUL LINKS...



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Our Attendance Team: 0115 9131338

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