



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL  
Creative Education Trust

# EllisEcho

**PRINCIPAL'S VLOG**  
Friday 30th January, 2026



# AMBITION

*Awards*  
**CEREMONY**  
Wednesday 11th February

*Coming Soon*



## Week 18 Principal's Update

Well done to all children in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 who have conducted themselves with EGScellence this week in their English and Maths Assessments.

I wrote a letter to all parents/carers this week, asking for registrations of interest to our Parent Partnership Group. Please do sign up using the following link if you'd like to join us.

I am pleased to be able to share the launch of our upcoming Ambitions Awards ceremony which will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> February. This awards event will celebrate children who have demonstrated real Ambition. Nominations will be invited to attend, along with up to two guests.

Ambition at Ellis Guilford School includes academic achievement, showing determination in striving for the very best, putting your best foot forward and going the extra mile to achieve well. We have so many children who display this school value on a daily basis. I can't wait to celebrate them then.

It was great to meet with Year 10 children this week for Hot Chocolate and Chat. They shared some really powerful views on school life, particularly regarding revision and intervention.

## Top Guilford Gold

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



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| Year 7  | Alexia B (7A)   |
| Year 8  | Lucas M (8C)    |
| Year 9  | Febin V (9C)    |
| Year 10 | Kinga A (10D)   |
| 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!

*"We like the interventions during tutor time for Year 10"*

*"We'd love there to be more revision-based clubs after school."*



*"We really like the new EGScellence centre for KS4!"*

*"It would be really good to have more information on notice boards around the school."*

*"Our school has got so much better over time - our staff are friendly, kind and helpful"*

# YOUR NAME OUR TEAM

Your name is EGStremely important. It's a big part of your identity, your pride, and your story.

That's why we're proud to introduce our new initiative:

🌟 Your Name, Our Team 🌟

Our team is made up of 1,300 incredible children and 170 dedicated staff, and every single one of us has a name that is unique and meaningful.

**A name is more than just a word.**

It carries culture, history, and personal identity.

It's a badge of honour.

It's your crown – and it should always be worn with pride

Because of this, it is EGStremely important to us that every child's name is known, respected, and pronounced correctly. Over the next term, we'll be popping into tutor groups and asking each child to say their name into the microphone – twice. That's it!

**YOUR NAME  
OUR TEAM**

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Your name isn't "just a name."  
**It's you!**  
Your pride, your story, your voice.

**Why are we doing it?**  
You are on **our team**,  
and **your name** matters!

**YOUR NAME  
OUR TEAM**  
How it works...

Miss Johnson's Audio

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Together, we are committed to celebrating names, valuing identities, and ensuring every child feels seen, heard, and respected – because at Ellis Guilford School, Your Name is Our Team!

# BASKETBALL

## Year 7 Boys Basketball Tournament.

On Thursday a group of our Year 7 children travelled to The Nottingham Emmanuel School to take part in the Year 7 Boys Basketball Tournament. Despite this being their first competitive basketball event, the team performed EGStceptionally well and secured a well-deserved third-place finish!

Throughout the tournament, the boys demonstrated exemplary attitude, determination, and teamwork. Their positive conduct both on and off the court was commendable, and they should be extremely proud of their achievements. We look forward to seeing how they continue to develop as a team in the years ahead.

A huge well done to everyone involved. The squad was as follows: Jaylon G, Glory O, David O, Alfie LH, Jazib A, Theo K and Carter C.



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** - Alexia B (7A), Ayushi S (7G) and Ksenia T (7G)



**Year 8** - Lucas M (8C) and Ahsan H (8C)

**Year 9** - Febin V (9C) and Sebastian W (9I)

**Year 10** - Kinga A (10D)

**Year 11** - Ayomide S (11H), Tofunmi A (11I), Lacey F (11A) and Christofer M (11E)

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Nominations are OPEN:** Celebrating Teachers Awards! Full details can be found [here](#)
  - **Year 9 Key Dates:** A letter has been sent home this week regarding key dates for Year 9 children, please [click here](#) for a copy.
  - **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February:** EGScellence EGStravaganza Week!! 
  - **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February:** EGS Ambition Awards Ceremony, look out for upcoming info!
  - **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Last day of term.
  - **18<sup>th</sup> February:** Community Basketball Tournament. from 4.30–6.30pm for young people aged 10–13. 
- For further details please [click here](#).

## SAFEGUARDING – Racist Language.

This week in safeguarding, our children have been learning about why it is important to avoid using racist language. We have delivered this to our children using the Creative Education Trust “It’s Not Okay” promotional posters and characters.

We have explained that the use of racist words between friends, peers, in online group chat or as so-called “jokes” or so-called “banter” is not okay. We have discussed that racist language and slurs used by celebrities and some recording artists, in some styles of music are not okay. Normalising racist language is dangerous and harmful as it forms the foundation for further hate-type behaviours and discrimination.

Please support us by discussing this with your children and stand with our school community when we say racist language is not okay!  
Find further information by [clicking here](#).

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



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# Introducing...



We are thrilled to be hosting our first ‘Ambition’ Awards Ceremony, where we will celebrate our truly EGScellent children who have shown what it means to aim high every single day.

Our value of Ambition is all about striving for EGScellence with effort, kindness and no delay, and this special event is our chance to recognise those of who have gone above and beyond this term.

This is a special, invite-only event, so keep an eye out –your child’s ambition could earn them a personal invite to the event.