



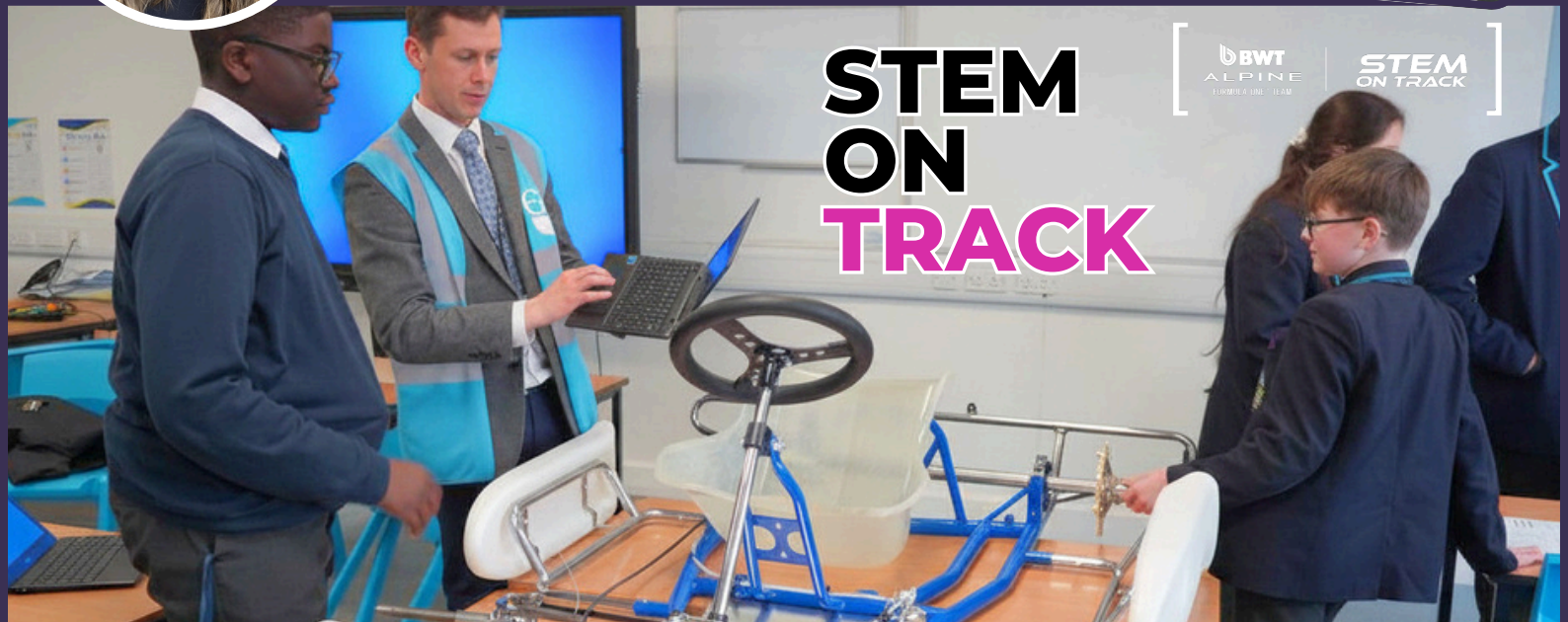
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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
Friday 1st May 2026



Our EGScellent Attendance Winners



STEM ON TRACK



Week 28 Principal's Update

The final week before Year 11 exams commence has been superbly busy! We have had a number of sporting successes, including our girls netball team who won their fixture 5-1.

We have also been busy preparing for our 'STEM on Track' event which takes place this Thursday. Good luck to your teams who are representing EGS!

We welcomed families for our Year 6 tours again this week, and we're looking forward to visiting Year 6 children in their primary schools this week ahead of their SATs.

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	Ksenia T (7G)
Year 8	Ahmad Q (8E)
Year 9	David O (9J)
Year 10	Ahad H (10C)
Year 11	Teodor E (11A)

Children's Voice in Action

This week, our Year 10's shared their thoughts, opinions and ideas with Miss Johnson at **Hot Chocolate and Chat**. The children talked about a wide range of topics from interventions, to food choices, clubs on offer and equipment in zones.



"Would it be possible to vote on food options?"

"We feel like the morning interventions are good and are helping."

"We LOVE the Basketball Academy - good quality coaching!"

"Could we get more 'hobby' clubs, not just sports clubs?"

"Could the fitness equipment in the Year 7 Zone be available for other year groups?"





STEM on Track is gearing up!



Our children are taking maths off the page and into the real world through STEM On Track, a national programme for KS3-KS4 that challenges students to apply mathematical thinking to an exciting engineering project.

As part of the programme, children use key curriculum concepts – including ratio, proportion, algebra, geometry, data handling and measurement – while designing, building and racing a go-kart. This hands-on approach helps bring maths to life and shows children how these skills are used in real engineering contexts.

STEM On Track follows a “Build, Learn, Race” model. Children build their kart, explore the STEM theory behind it through structured learning modules, and then put their skills to the test by racing against other schools.

The most EGSciting part? Race Day is NEXT WEEK! Good luck everyone!



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 - Ksenia T (7G), Ayushi S (7G), Skyla C (7H) and Kayla D (7H)

Year 8 - Ahmed Q (8E), Sha M (8C), James T (8E) and Olivia S (8F)

Year 9 - David O (9J), Bailey F (9A), Mary M (9F) and Samuel B (9C)

Year 10 - Ahad H (10C), and Layla D (10I)

Year 11 - Teodor E (11A)



BOCCIA EVENT HARVEY HADDEN



Last Thursday, two teams of our Year 7-10 students travelled to Harvey Hadden to take part in a boccia festival – and they did us proud!

Throughout the event, our children showed EGScellent determination, teamwork and sportsmanship, working incredibly hard in every match. Both teams performed superbly, winning the majority of their games and representing the school with pride.

Their positive attitudes, encouragement and support for one another were a real pleasure to see and truly reflected our school values. A huge well done to everyone involved



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **May:** Year 11 Exams and CET Assessments within school.
- **7 May (Thu): STEM on Track Day (Invited teams)**
- **w/c 18 May:** EGScellence EGStravaganza Week

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EGSTRAVAGANZA**

- **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



We have
EGScellent news!



Young Creative Awards
Nottingham



20	21
Event Day!	
Nottingham Playhouse Winners will be announced	
27	28

We are EGStremely proud to announce that we have 3 Children who have been made finalists in the Young Creative Awards.

What an achievement!!

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SAFEGUARDING – The Student Voice App

This week in safeguarding, children have received training on how to use The Student Voice app as a safe and accessible way to share concerns and seek support. This has included guidance on reporting areas within the school and local community where they feel safe or unsafe, helping the school to better understand and respond to children's experiences.

Children have also been shown how the app can be used to reach out for pastoral or safeguarding support if they are worried about themselves or others. Children have been encouraged to use the app responsibly to submit information anonymously should they need to share any safeguarding information or concern.

If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please email:
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The Student
Voice



HELPFUL LINKS...

NHS

[NHS Advice on Sickness](#)



[Free School Meals](#)



[check Letters home](#)

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