



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
Friday 15th May, 2025

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GUILFORD GOLD HOW MANY HAVE YOU EARNT?



“ Not long now! Tickets to go to Alton Towers in July are 7500 GG ”

KEEP EARNING YOUR GUILFORD GOLD!



“ Not long now! Tickets to go to Drayton Manor in July are 6000 GG ”

Week 30 Principal's Update

As we head towards our final week of the half-term, and a well-deserved week off for our children, we have some EGStremely EGSciting plans to share...

Next week is our third EGScellence EGStravaganza, and I am looking forward to celebrating our children in all of their EGScellence.

As part of those celebrations, we will also host our very first Ambition Awards evening on Wednesday 11th February. Parents/carers of those nominated will soon be invited to attend. We also look forward to our Respect and Integrity Awards Evenings which are coming very soon.

Well done to our Under 13 Girls cricket team who entered a city-wide tournament and finished 3rd! This is a great achievement for a group of children who have only just started to represent our school in this sport.

You will see details on page 2 of our newly launched WOW Wall, which is a place for our children to share work and achievements that they are proud of. I have been very lucky to receive so many submissions this week, and it is great to see our children being celebrated in this way.

Top Guilford Gold

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



Year 7	Mofetoluwa I (7F)
Year 8	Ahsam H (8C)
Year 9	Samuel B (9C)
Year 10	Enakshi L (10F)
Year 11	Beverlie A (11E)

Children's Voice in Action

This week, our Year 8's shared their thoughts, opinions and ideas with Mr Neville at Hot Chocolate and Chat. The children had some brilliant comments about our School Reward cards, our Ellis Elective clubs and their lessons.

"Its great getting our EGScellence cards stamped in lessons and on our lanyards for rewards."

"I enjoy my lessons, but food tech practicals are the best!"



"We have an Ellis Elective club for cricket, and WE LOVE IT!"

"Could we start a baseball Ellis Elective please?"

"Are we able to re-open the middle doors on Ellis Building's one way system?"

Athletics Success at Nottingham City Competition!

Last Thursday, we were proud to take our Year 10 children to Harvey Hadden for the Nottingham City Athletics Competition – and what a fantastic day it was!

Competing against strong competition, our team secured 9th place out of 15 schools, showing determination, teamwork and incredible effort throughout. Every child gave their all and truly represented the school with pride. Special shoutouts to our standout performers:

- Leia A - 🥉 3rd in High Jump
- Krishan N - 4th in 100m Sprint
- Justin O - 🥈 2nd in Discus
- Jordan O - 5th in Shot Put



A huge well done to everyone involved – we're so proud of your hard work, resilience and positive attitude. You were brilliant ambassadors!



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 - Mofetoluwa I (7F), Filip M (7B), Max C (7H) and Wahab O (7C)

Year 8 - Ahsan H (8C) and Abdoulie B (8H)

Year 9 - Samuel B (9C), Rafey A (9F), Ella A (9G) and Evangeline A (9J)

Year 10 - Enakshi L (10F), Ifemayowa A (10I), Kaydee D (10J), Evie T (10J) and Larissa N (10I)

Year 11 - Beverlie A (11E)

GO!

STEM ON TRACK TEST DAY



The STEM on Track Test Day was a highly successful event that provided a valuable and memorable learning experience.

It effectively combined education with engagement, helping children to see the relevance of STEM subjects beyond the classroom.

The day successfully introduced children to key engineering concepts while developing teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills in a highly motivating environment. They also had the opportunity to see real race cars up close and take part in online driver competitions.

The children participated in a range of structured activities, including:

- Go-kart driving sessions under professional supervision
- Safety briefings and instruction on driving techniques. This included a walk around the track with a technician.
- Data collection and analysis, including lap times and performance improvements

The children's engagement throughout the day was exceptionally high. Many children who can find classroom-based learning challenging were particularly motivated by the active and practical nature of the experience.

Staff noted that:

- The practical environment supported inclusive participation, particularly for children who benefit from experiential learning
- Children showed noticeable growth in confidence and independence
- The competitive element encouraged motivation while remaining positive and supportive

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **May:** Year 11 GCSE Exams ([Timetable here](#))
- **14th & 15th May:** [English KS3 CET Assessments](#) within school
- **w/c 18 May:** EGScellence EGStravaganza Week
- **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
- **July:** Mark your diary and keep saving your Guilford Gold. Trips to Alton Towers and Drayton Manor are coming!



EGSCELLE EGSTRAVAGANZA

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd May

We're going to celebrate the **EGScellent** effort our children show every day! We'll be rewarding **EGScellent** behaviour and attendance, as well as the demonstration of our school values. From special assemblies and certificates to celebratory ice creams and a VIP party with the Principal, there will be plenty of EGSciting things happening throughout the week.

Whether it's in the classroom, around school, or in how we support one another, we want to shine a spotlight on everything that makes **EGS** so special! Lots of treats and rewards!



A week of recognising EGScellence in learning, character and community!

SAFEGUARDING - Artificial Intelligence (AI)

This week, children have taken part in safeguarding sessions focused on the safe use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). They have learned what AI is, how it is used in everyday apps, and how to recognise AI-generated content. The sessions emphasised the importance of not sharing personal information, understanding that not everything online is real, and checking that information is reliable. This work supports our ongoing commitment to helping children keep safe online.

Find information on how you can support your child's safe use of AI at the NSPCC website: [Click Here](#)

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Learn how to talk to children about AI and support them while they discover this growing technology.

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



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