



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
Creative Education Trust



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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
Friday 26th June, 2026

Our Socials...



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Week 35 Principal's Update

A huge congratulations to our STEM on Track teams who raced in the National Race Day last weekend. Our children and staff built 4 karts that were then raced, and one of our teams came 5th overall out of 70 teams! Given that this is our first year of taking part, I am so proud of them and their achievements.

Thank you to our whole community for the support shown this week in very tricky weather conditions. We have tried our best to keep children cool and comfortable, including a speedy delivery of a chest freezer and many ice poles and ice cubes!

Our children and staff have handled it EGSceptionally well.

When we return to school on Monday, we will revert to usual uniform with adjustments made during the day when needed. This will mean that children will require their blazers with them. If there is any change to the forecast over the weekend, I will make contact with parents/carers.

Top Guilford Gold

Congratulations to the children listed below, who are this week's top Guilford Gold earners in their year group. We look forward to celebrating their achievement together next week!



Year 7	Alexia B (7A)
Year 8	Alex S (8E)
Year 9	Samuel B (9C)
Year 10	Dorothy A (10F)

Children's Voice in Action

This week, our **Year 9's** shared their thoughts, opinions and ideas with Miss Johnson at Hot Chocolate and Chat. The children were full of praise for the upcoming Alton Towers and Daryton Manor Trip!

"We cannot wait for the reward trip to Alton Towers and Drayton Manor!"



"Is there a way that Tutor Time can feel more important?"

"Can we please make some improvements to the hydration station at lunch?"

"The food is good - we like how there are different cultures represented in food every day - there are always options."

STEM ON TRACK...

STEM on Track is a year-long programme that gives children the opportunity to build their own go-kart as a team, learn about the science, mathematics and engineering involved, and race against other teams from around the country.



On Saturday 20th June we attended the National Race Day with 3 karts all built by children from the Ellis Guilford School.

The children were amazing - checking and tweaking the cars throughout the morning and supporting each other during our tag-team endurance race.

Even though most of our children have very little karting experience, our teams finished 4th, 8th and 12th out of 21 other teams. Our 4th place team then came 5th out of 70 teams overall!



We may not have won the race, but with did have the loudest cheering section!



NEW BOOKS

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Maya C in Year 8 recently shared a thoughtful and important suggestion about our curriculum reading. She highlighted that many books do not accurately represent girls with Autism, often focusing on more stereotypical or extreme traits rather than the characteristics more commonly seen in females with ASD.



As a result, Maya recommended exploring the work of author Elle McNicoll, whose writing offers more authentic and relatable representation. She suggested the following titles as excellent starting points: A Kind of Spark, Keedie, and Like a Charm.

We are incredibly proud of Maya for using her voice to promote inclusion and look forward to exploring these recommendations further.

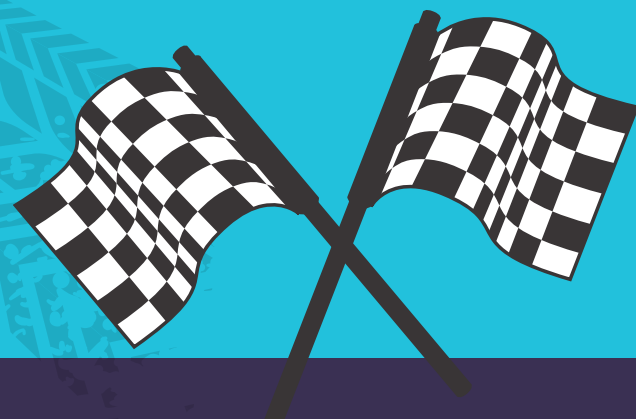
AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESPECT



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Term Dates for 26/27 are LIVE.** [Click here](#)
- **Friday 26th June:** Sports Day, reserved day will be 20th July
- **Friday 26th June:** Year 11 Prom
- Keep an eye out for our upcoming EGScellence Awards Evening (to be announced)
- **Friday 17th July:** EGSperience Day - Alton Towers and Drayton Manor visits
- **End of Term:** EGScellence EGStravaganza week will be returning, so keep doing your best!



SAFEGUARDING - Dangers of Cannabis

This week in safeguarding training our children This week in safeguarding training, our children we have been exploring the risks of sharing nude images online.

We encourage all parents to explore the Internet Watch Foundation's Think Before You Share resources <https://www.iwf.org.uk/about-us/our-campaigns/think-before-you-share/>, which provide clear, practical guidance on talking to children about the risks of sending or sharing nude images.

These materials help young people understand consent, peer pressure and the long-term impact of digital choices, while ensuring they know where to go for help if something goes wrong.

ATHLETICS

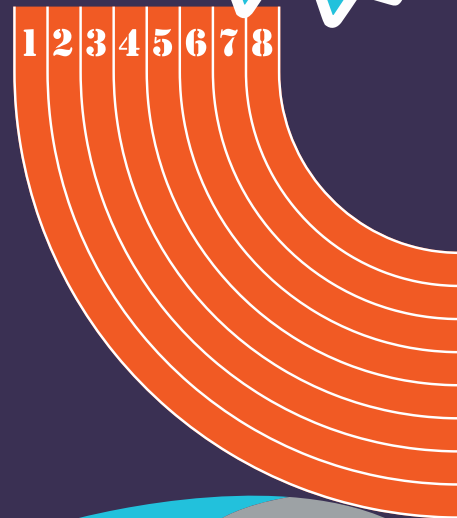
Y7 children took part in the City Athletics competition at Harvey Hadden. It was a successful afternoon with the boys finishing 3rd in the boys team competition and overall we finished 5th in the City.

Some notable performances from Casen R (2nd in high jump and 6th in 100m final), David E 2nd in shot put, Mofet 3rd in Long Jump, Nataniel 4th in 800m, Zoe P 3rd in long jump and Tatiana 3rd in shot put.



Our Team;

Shaun S, Casen R,
Nataniel C, Yusuf N,
Jude S, Zoe P,
Rachel H, Millie F,
Skyla C, Georgia S
Tatiana L, Ka'miyah J,
Mofet I, David E



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