



## Letter from the Chief Executive of EdAct

**Dr S M Tranter**

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope that you are enjoying the Spring sunshine and that for our Muslim friends and colleagues that Ramadan is a time for peaceful reflection and spending time with the family. Unusually the feast of Eid-al Fitr will take place during the school holidays enabling the children to enjoy the feast without missing a day from school.

Term ends at the usual time on Thursday 28 March 2024 and the Summer Term begins on Monday 15 April 2024.

During the school holiday it is important that students in Years 11 and 13 spend the time preparing for the examinations that will start soon after the term begins.

We are inviting specific students to revision sessions in History, Geography, Computer Science, Art, Photography, Drama, Product Design and Turkish.

There will be two sessions, a morning session that will run from 9am - 11am and a second from 11:30 - 1:30. You will be contacted by your child's Progress Lead if your child is expected to attend.

Each session will involve intensive learning and revision which will require your child to be on time and fully equipped with writing equipment and a bottle of water.

If your child is staying for both sessions, they should bring a healthy snack and they will be given a break at 11:30.

Students are not required to wear school uniform, but they must bring their ID card and lanyard and they must wear sensible and appropriate clothing.



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This is a crucial time in your child's run up to the GCSE exams and we are confident that if your child attends, this experience will enhance their current knowledge and provide them with the skills to be successful in their summer exams.

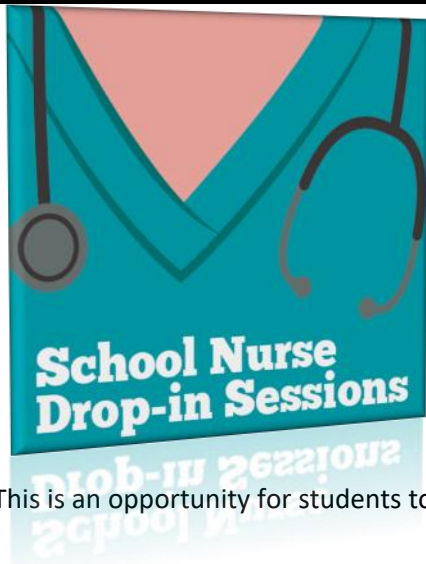
When term begins, we will be scheduling our Study Zone for Saturday revision, and also the Library will have extended opening hours for Year 11 and 13 students.

With my best wishes,



**Dr S M Tranter**

**Chief Executive of EdAct**



### **School Nurse Drop-in Sessions**

The NHS school nurse will run a drop-in clinic for Bury students on Tuesday 26th March from 9:30am – 11am in room B001.

Students do not need to book an appointment as these sessions are informal and drop-in only.

**Students will only be seen during break times.**

This is an opportunity for students to discuss any health concerns confidentially with the nurses.

Please contact the Welfare Office should you have any questions.

**Ms S Hamza**

**Welfare Officer - Bury Campus**

### **OFFICE NEWS**

#### **Lost Property**

Several items of lost property have been handed into the School Offices of both campuses:

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|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| * Outdoor coats | * School blazers | * Bags with shoes/trainers |
| * Umbrellas     | * Glasses        |                            |

If your son/daughter has lost anything since the start of the year/recently, please ask them to check their classrooms or ask at the school office to identify and reclaim their lost item.

It would assist the School Office in returning items handed in if they were appropriately labelled.

**Ms S Patel**

**Administration Manager**



**Lost  
property**

IMPORTANT EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Dear Candidates/Parents

Year 11 GCSE + Year 10 Pre Public Exams

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

- Make sure you check the seating plans posted in the playground in case there is a change of room for your exam (line up in the playground at least 15 minutes before the start time)
- Bring all the equipment you will need for the exam [black pens, pencils, ruler, calculator (where allowed), protractor, compasses]
- Full school uniform/smart business wear needs to be worn, with IDs placed on the exam desk
- Make sure you understand the rules
- Mobile phones/smart watches, or any other product with potential technological/web enabled sources of information must be switched off and put in bags. **Any student found with such a device on them in an exam room will face disqualification from that exam**
- Any pencil cases taken into the exam room must be see-through
- Only small water bottles will be allowed into the exam room and must have all labels removed

You must not take into the exam room:

- Notes
- a calculator case/instruction leaflet

Listen to the invigilators and follow their instructions during the exam.

Good luck with your revision and the exams!

Ms G Boniface  
Examinations Manager  
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Next week:

Date	Start	Length	Component Title
Tues 26 March	08:30	All Day	Y11 Art and Photography Exam Day 1
Weds 27 March	08:30	All Day	Y11 Art and Photography Exam Day 2



The following week:

Date	Start	Len	Component Title	Level	Cands
Mon 15 Apr	12:40	01:45	Y10 English Language.	GCSE/FC	260
Tue 16 Apr	10:05	01:00	Y10 French Reading Mixed Tier	GCSE/9FC	79
Tue 16 Apr	12:40	01:45	Y10 Religion & Life	GCSE/9FC	259
Wed 17 Apr	10:05	01:20	Y10 Hospitality & Catering	WJQ/L2	41
Wed 17 Apr	12:40	01:00	Y10 Maths Paper 1 [Non Calc] F	GCSE/FC	96
Wed 17 Apr	12:40	01:00	Y10 Maths Paper 1 [Non Calc] F support	GCSE/9FC	48
Wed 17 Apr	12:40	01:00	Y10 Maths Paper 1 [Non Calc] H	GCSE/FC	116
Thu 18 Apr	10:00	01:30	Y10 Geography Paper 1	GCSE/FC	122
Thu 18 Apr	10:00	01:00	Y10 History - Migration	GCSE/B	131
Thu 18 Apr	12:25	01:30	Y10 Computer Science Paper 1	GCSE/FC	56
Thu 18 Apr	12:25	01:00	Y10 History - Migration	GCSE/B	49
Thu 18 Apr	12:25	01:05	Y10 Turkish Reading H	GCSE/9FC	56
Fri 19 Apr	10:05	01:00	Y10 Design Technology Pt1	GCSE/B	45
Fri 19 Apr	10:05	01:05	Y10 Drama	GCSE/B	16
Fri 19 Apr	12:40	01:45	Y10 Biology Paper H	GCSE/FC	114
Fri 19 Apr	12:40	01:15	Y10 Comb Sci Biology F	GCSE/9FC	92
Fri 19 Apr	12:40	01:15	Y10 Comb Sci Biology H	GCSE/9FC	54

# Celebrating SUCCESS at Edmonton County School

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN THE MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES FACULTY

**Year 7** students and **Year 8** students are benefiting from the variety of online learning platforms the MFL offers.

All students have access to following websites where homework is set weekly:



# Quizlet

## ActiveLearn



## duolingo

Please take advantage of these excellent tools to play your way to better language skills.

Bonnes vacances de Pâques !

### KS4 and KS5- French

**Victoria Pietrzak 9C1** and **Destiny Okeye 10B5** have been nominated by the MFL Faculty for their noticeable effort and achievement.

Our GCSE and A Level classes are working studiously to prepare for the PPE and final examinations. Please encourage them in their efforts.





# Celebrating **SUCCESS** at Edmonton County School

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN THE MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES FACULTY

### KS3 - French

Bonjour printemps!

Spring is finally here, almost to conclude a very busy Spring term.

Many students showed such great enthusiasm before Christmas and entered the French Christmas card competition. Our winners were rewarded with a few treats.



We shared quite a few cultural events so far this year with a few transpiring through different traditional dishes.



La galette  
des rois  
(Epiphany,  
6th January)



Les crêpes de  
la Chandeleur  
(2<sup>nd</sup> February)



Le Carnaval,  
les beignets  
Mardi-Gras  
(Shrove  
Tuesday)



La  
Francophonie  
(20th March)

**Ms C Ramos**  
**Head of MFL Faculty**

**A Level Turkish - Trip to Istanbul - 19-23 October 2023**

Edmonton County School Turkish students and staff embarked on our third trip to Istanbul on October 19, 2023. We stayed in the old town in the centre of Istanbul which was within walking distance to most of the places of interest, although it is also convenient to get around the city by tram, metro, bus, or ferry. However, we were lucky enough to have our own coach.



We went to the Blue Mosque, which is famous for the blue tiles that surround its interior walls. The mosque's design is also beautiful. It was an excellent way for us to learn more about Islam and to gain a better understanding of the Muslim faith. We also went to Hagia Sophia, a building that was built in 537 and reminded us of the city's rich history. Over the years Hagia Sophia has been a church, mosque, and now it's a museum. The Grand Bazaar was one of our favourite places in Istanbul, not only for the variety of products on sale, but also the people watching which is second to none. We loved just manoeuvring through the crowded streets and bought presents for our loved ones.



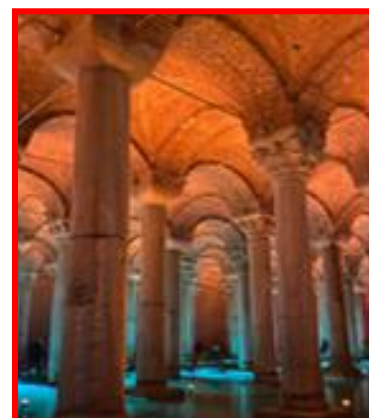
We attended a Primary and Secondary school in Beyoglu, Istanbul. The school's Principal and teachers greeted us warmly. ECS students were permitted to observe the lessons of the children in Primary school. Meanwhile, they conversed with them and learned about the Turkish educational system. The English story books collected from ECS students and teachers were also donated to the Libraries of this school. Later that day, we went to the High School. Our students were able to converse with their classmates and compare and contrast the Turkish and British education systems. Most importantly, they gained a thorough

understanding of the Turkish educational system, which was one of the A Level Turkish exam research topics. The Head and Deputy of the International Student's Department at Istanbul's Bahcesehir University welcomed us warmly. We went to a University education seminar that had been specially organised for us. After visiting the University's departments, we went on a campus tour. A wonderful surprise was our students receiving a gift!

Turkiye is located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia and has a diverse and multi-ethnic cuisine. Restaurants in Istanbul serve a wide range of cuisines, including kebabs, pide, various cheeses, breads, olives, eggplant dishes, and dried fruits. We also ate a fish sandwich cooked on a boat moored along the Bosphorus near Eminonu. The majority of Istanbul's major historical sites are on the European side of the city however, across the Bosphorus, in Asia, is the more modern and progressive part of Istanbul. On this 90-minute fantastic boat tour, we were able to see several of Istanbul's most notable sights from the Bosphorus. Once we set sail, we saw palaces, castles, and notable landmarks along the European and Asian coasts. During the cruise, the boat passed by famous landmarks such as the Golden Horn, Dolmabahçe Palace, Bosphorus Bridge, Ortaköy Mosque, and Hagia Sophia.

The trip was very successful, thanks to the assistance provided by Mr Deniz during the trip and Mr Hosier for taking us to the airport.

**Ms G Osman - MFL Faculty**





## Istanbul (19th -23rd October) by Seray Suruk - Year 13 Turkish Student



*Istanbul's beauty was something I'll never forget. In fact, this trip and these five days will stay with me for the rest of my life. I had a fantastic time there. Istanbul is a stunning city, and I consider myself fortunate to have witnessed it person. I am Turkish, but I had never been there before so thanks to Mr Deniz and Miss Osman for organising this trip. I am extremely grateful to Miss Osman especially for all of her efforts on this trip before, during, and after. We had a fantastic time that words cannot describe.*

*It was an honour to be a part of such a trip. I have absolutely no regrets.*

*We went to many different places, one of which was the famous Marmara Sea, where we could see the Bosphorus bridge that connected the two continents. We could also see other famous places such as the Topkapi Palace. We went there as well. I couldn't believe I was in TOPKAPI PALACE! It didn't feel real. We saw the swords used in battle, the throne, the clothes they wore, and so on. It was worthwhile to see everything.*

*The next day, we went to Dolmabahçe Palace, which was very impressive. I learned that this palace was the kingdom's second home after Topkap Palace. The architecture there was the first thing that drew my attention; it was stunning. It was great to see actual objects and furniture from the Ottoman Empire. Unfortunately, due to construction, we couldn't see many rooms, but that didn't stop us from enjoying ourselves. The journey was not only enjoyable but also educational.*



*We went to the Panorama History Museum, which was a really cool place. It displayed 3D visuals of Fatih Sultan Mehmet of the Ottoman Empire conquering Istanbul in 1453. It was very educational to learn about the history of the place we were staying at the time.*



*We learned about Istanbul's history by visiting places like the Basilica Cistern, where the city's first drinking water source was discovered, and the Hagia Sofia mosque, both of which were fascinating. I discovered that the Hagia Sofia mosque was originally a church before being converted into a mosque. There were jiberal images but arabic writing. It was fascinating to see two religions coexisting in one place.*

*We went to so many places that it's difficult to list them all. The Egyptian and the Grand Bazaar was also a lovely place, but it was CROWDED!*

*We were able to see several of Istanbul's most notable sights from the Bosphorus on this 90-minute fantastic boat tour. We saw palaces, castles, and notable landmarks on the European and Asian coasts once we set sail. The boat sailed past famous landmarks such as the Golden Horn, Dolmabahçe Palace, Bosphorus Bridge, Ortaköy Mosque, and Hagia Sophia during the cruise.*

*Overall, I had a fantastic time visiting all the historical mosques, palaces, museums, and the Grand Pazar.*

*Thank you to everyone who helped make this trip possible.*



## Visit by Ataturk Anadolu High School from Istanbul

On Tuesday, 30th January, fifteen students from Istanbul Anadolu High School came to visit Edmonton County School.

Our Year 12 and Y13 Turkish language students assisted us in extending a ECS welcome to our guests. Some of the visiting students preferred to visit the Maths or French lessons, while others attended lessons in Business and Computer Science. After these lessons each student enthusiastically discussed their experiences in these classrooms. Thank you to Mr Deniz, Ms Pivert, Ms Bozkurt, Mr Lewis and Mr Stone for allowing the students to visit their classes.

The principal, a teacher from Istanbul Atatürk Anadolu High School, and our A-level students discussed the educational system at our school and in the UK, the individual courses each student is taking and the stages of university preparation. Students had the chance to interact socially and exchange knowledge and experiences with one another.

For both ECS and the visiting students from Istanbul it was a constructive and enjoyable day. Before their visit was over Mr Ferdi Altundas, the principal of Istanbul Atatürk Anadolu High School, offered our Executive Headteacher, Dr Susan Tranter, gifts from Istanbul.

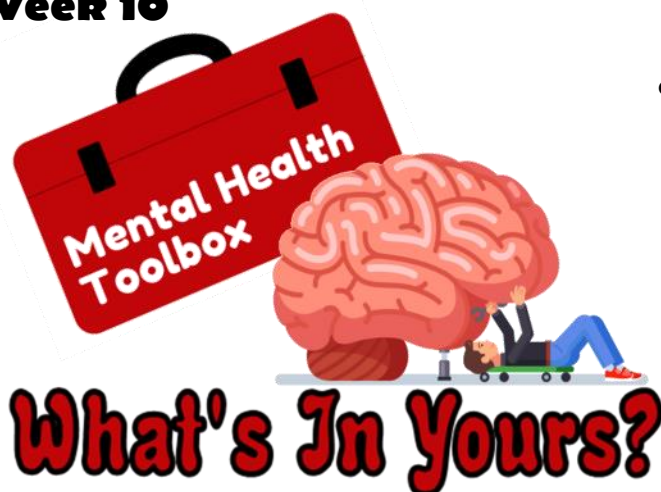
Mr Altundas was impressed with our school and its educational system.

I would also like to thank all my A Level Turkish students for their contributions.

**Mrs G Osman**  
Turkish Coordinator





**Week 10**

The end of term is coming up and with it a break in the normal routine. Many of us will be looking forward to some time off and an opportunity to re-charge our batteries. Maintaining a positive work life balance can be challenging but it's vital to our wellbeing and in reducing our stress levels. When we make rest time a priority, we are more likely to return to work feeling positive and energised.

Each week we are going to offer you some thoughts and ideas for you to add to yours.

You may already use them, however it's always good to remind ourselves.

These are things that we can do for ourselves to maintain our wellbeing and reduce the impact of external factors, such as stress, and illness. This time of year, can bring about additional pressures that require extra effort to keep our minds and bodies well.

Wellbeing tips and strategies can sometimes ease these pressures. An example of this is a healthy diet, exercise, breathing exercises and relaxation.

Each week we will share a wellbeing tip and a positive affirmation that can be used as an aid to put in your 'toolbox'.

**Wellbeing Tip****This week's tip is...**

Take some time to reconnect with your hobbies or discover a new one. This will afford you a space to maintain your wellbeing and destress.

Stress awareness Month Starts April 1<sup>st</sup>

<https://www.stress.org.uk/SAM2024/>

**Inspirational Quote****This week's inspirational quote...**

*"Remember that stress doesn't come from what's going on in your life. It comes from your thoughts about what is going on in your life"*

**Andrew Bernstein**

*To access support please contact your progress lead*

**USEFUL RESOURCES access to 24/7 mental health support**

**KOOTH** - [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

**CHILDLINE** - 0800 1111

**CRISIS LINE** --0800 151 0023.... 24/7 access to support when dealing with a mental health crisis



Mrs Sciascia, - Lead Counsellor  
Miss Knox-Hooke and Mrs Phillips - School Counsellors

## Secondary Assemblies – w/c: 25th March 2024

	Bury Campus	Cambridge Campus
Monday 25th March	Year 10	Year 10
Tuesday 26th March	Year 11	Year 11
Wednesday 27th March		Year 12
Thursday 28th March		
Friday 26th March	GOOD FRIDAY - School Closed	

## Top Tutor Groups For Attendance W/C 11th March 2024

**7C3 – 96.9%****8C1 – 96.7%****Overall Bury Attendance - 91.2%****Overall Cambridge Attendance - 91.1%**

Mrs M Corfe - Attendance Officer



## Sixth Form Best Attendance W/C 11th March 2024

**Cambridge – 12F – 93.1%****Bury – Year 13B – 89.4%****Overall Year 12 Attendance - 87.4%****Overall Year 13 Attendance - 85.7%***Well done and keep up the good work!!*

Mrs N Uddin - Student Manager - Cambridge Campus

