



Spring Term Newsletter 2023

29.03.23

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to our Spring Term 2023 newsletter. Once again we have lots of news to share to celebrate.

Year 11

Firstly another huge 'well done' to all of our Year 11 students for completing 2 sets of mock exams this term, firstly in Functional Skills and just recently, in their GCSEs. We have been very impressed by the level of sheer hard work put into these exams. Already, teachers are reporting some good results.

We are also pleased to share with you the following comment from the English Functional Skills Principal verifier who took the time to write to us saying:

'I have just spent some time verifying your centre's submission and I wanted to say how much I enjoyed the work of your students.

Under normal circumstances centres do not receive any feedback, but in this instance I wanted to congratulate your staff and students on the ways in which they approached the spoken presentations. They were excellent.

So thanks again and all best wishes to those involved.'

Back to mainstream

I would also like to congratulate all students who have made a successful transition to mainstream this term. Special congratulations to Eeshal and Taulant. We also welcome all new referrals and will continue to support all students to stay on track and achieve their targets.

Important Dates

17th April: **Staff training.** No school for students

18th April: **Parent/Carer/ Student morning** – Progress Reviews

19th April: **First full day of school**

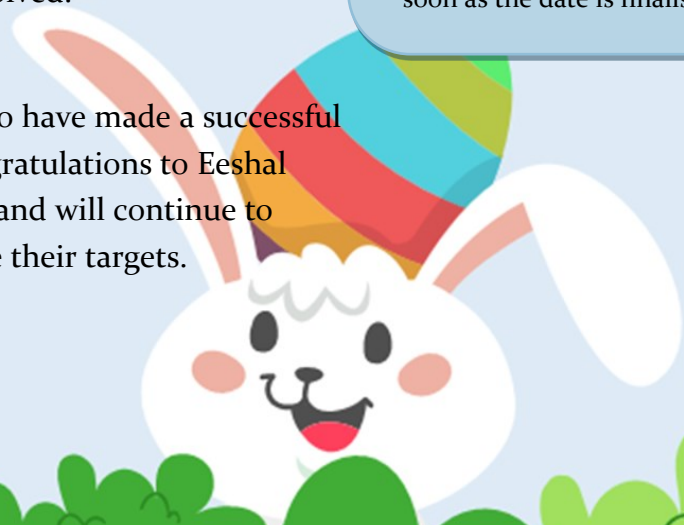
1st May: **Bank Holiday-** School closed

8th May: **School Closed** – King's Coronation

29th May – 2nd June: **Half Term holiday**

21st July: **Last day of term**

Please note there will be one additional training day for teachers in the second half of the Summer Term, when school will be closed to students. We will notify you as soon as the date is finalised.





Rewards, Recognition & Visits

We had a successful reward and recognition trip at the end of Spring 1 half term to the Hollywood Bowl where students enjoyed themselves bowling and playing games. There is also a planned reward trip this week to a Trampoline Park. These trips are in recognition of good attendance, behaviour and learning.



Students had the exciting opportunity for a free studio session at industry music studio Vix-Mix, which included a guest celebrity UK rapper Ms Banks. This was a rare opportunity where our students had a Q&A session with a celebrity, gaining advice for careers as an artist or working within the music industry. The cherry on top was that students were able to exhibit their own artist-ry talent, collaborating with the award winning Ms Banks! The Students had an amazing experience.





Workshops

We have been excited to welcome a group called Diverse Voices into Burnside over the course of Spring Term 2. They have delivered a series of very engaging and thought provoking sessions to all year groups on the topic of Violence Against Women and Girls.

Student Voice

We are holding regular student Voice meetings in order for students to have a say in how the school is run. Some excellent suggestions have been made, including ideas for an end of year event for year 11 students and better lunch time activities.

Work Experience & Mock Interviews

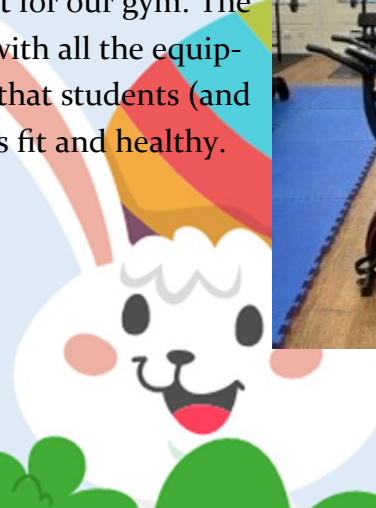
A big thank you to Shayden for organising work experience for our Year 10 students, starting after the Easter holiday, for 2 weeks. We hope that all students make the most of this valuable time and that they add it to their CVs. Also, we were very proud of our KS4 students for successfully taking part in mock job interviews with an external panel. The feedback was excellent.

Staff

This term have said goodbye to Jason King, who had worked with us since November as a Learning Support Coach. We have welcomed Danielle Smith as a new Learning Support Coach, Gill Howard- Smith as a part time SENDCo and Niamh Drennan as a part time admin assistant. We have also wished Shannonann O'Neill a very happy maternity leave.

The Gym

We are also delighted to announce that we have managed to secure funding for a range of brand new equipment for our gym. The gym is now kitted out with all the equipment needed to ensure that students (and staff!) keep themselves fit and healthy.



Safeguarding

Online safety:

Use all technology including mobile phones, games consoles, tablets & computers safely and respectfully when sharing information with others.

Online content removal

“If you want your picture removed from the internet, NSPCC and Childline can help.

[Remove nude images shared online | NSPCC](#)

Childline will let the young person know the outcome of their report and provide further support where needed. Young people are always welcome to speak to a counsellor about how they feel, whether online via 1-2-1 chat & Childline email, or via the free confidential phone helpline on 0800 1111

For all new parents and old, I am the DSL at Burnside my name is Wendy Kelly , I am available to talk for any concerns or worries you may have around your child.

Holiday times can feel a bit stressful as children get bored but Waltham Forest website has tips and activities on there that may interest you and the family. www.walthamforest.gov.uk

I am available in an emergency by email or phone:
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We hope you all have a restful Easter break and come back feeling refreshed and ready to start a new term.

- Love from all the Staff at Burnside!



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BREAK THA CYCLE
3RD, 4TH & 6TH APRIL
3:30-6:30PM



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

GAMES
FOOD
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YOUTH HUB
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