



25 October 2023/ 8 Rabbi al Thani 1445

Assalaamu Alaikum – ‘Peace be upon you’

RE: Half-Term holiday

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you are in the best of health.

The end of a busy, successful half-term has arrived, and I would like to thank you for all your continued support. School will close for the half-term holidays on **Friday 27 October at 12.30pm (year 11 parents, please check any other information sent out via text message). School will reopen on Monday 6 November at 8am.**

Student Attendance & Punctuality

We have noted previously how attendance plays an important part in social development and success and I hope that you will continue to support us. Recently some of our students have been arriving late for school. Please ensure your son leaves home early enough to arrive at school on time, as registration starts at **8am prompt**. This will have a positive impact on his school life and benefit him in his adult life. Any students that come after 8am, will be regarded as late and will receive a detention on the same day. This year, we are working with parents to improve attendance around school. I have already met with a handful of parents regarding low attendance. Please be aware, any requests for leave during term time will be declined and may result in a fine. (Please see attached letter on term dates and attendance).

Items

Please note, reception will not be accepting any items to pass onto students, during the school day as this disrupts teaching and learning. Please ensure your son leaves home with all his books and equipment. The only items reception will be accepting is medication and glasses,

Detentions

If your son has an after-school detention, he will need to sit the whole detention; whether it is half an hour or an hour. We have been receiving several requests for students to be released earlier from detentions due to other parental commitments. Unfortunately, we will no longer be allowing early releases.

School Uniform



Please ensure your son is dressed as per school uniform policy, students are only permitted to wear black or blue overcoats. May I also remind you that extreme hairstyles are not allowed and should be appropriate for school.

School Letters & Communication

I would also like to remind you to please check your son's school bag on daily basis for any news/letters that have been sent from school. We also upload the letters onto our website and in most cases, we also email the letters to parents. Please check the website for letters and updates.

Turkey Trip

We will be holding a meeting very soon, with parents of students that will be going to the Turkey trip in November. In this meeting, we will be going through the itinerary, list if items required for the trip and answering any parent queries that you may have. Date for the meeting TBC.

Twitter

Please follow us on twitter for the latest news and updates that we have here at Eden Boys. The link is @EBLAEast. Please retweet and share!

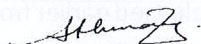
Important dates for your diary:

- Friday 27th October – School closes for the October half-term break
- Monday 6th November – School reopens for students at 8am
- Friday 10th November to Saturday 18th November – School Trip to Turkey
- Monday 13th November – Anti-bullying week begins
- Thursday 16 November – Year 11 Parents Evening 1
- Thursday 30th November – Year 10 Parents Evening
- Monday 4th December to Friday 15th December – Year 11 Mock exams
- Friday 22nd December – School closes for the Christmas holiday
- Monday 8th January – School reopens for all pupils at 8am

Thank you again for all your support and devotion to Eden Boys' Leadership Academy, Birmingham East. I hope you have a good break and I look forward to welcoming students back to school on

Monday 6th November at 8am

Yours faithfully,



Mr A Hussain
Principal

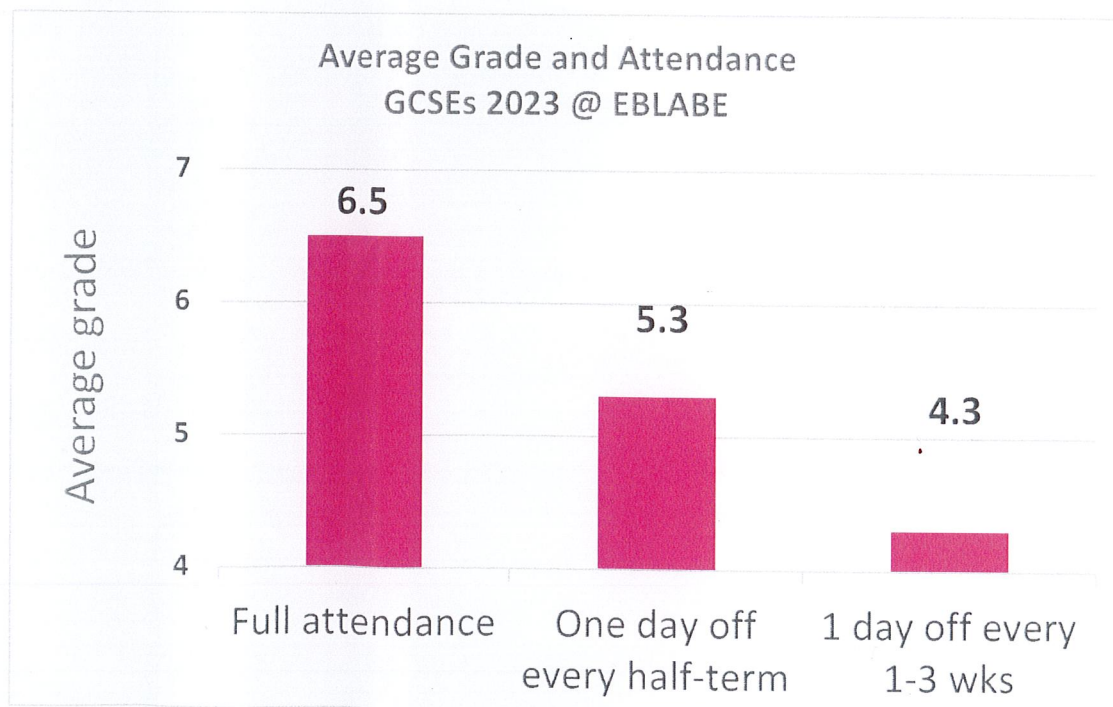


Term Dates & Attendance

In Summer 2022, GCSE pupils who attended EBLABE every day achieved one grade higher on average than pupils who missed the equivalent of one day of schooling every three weeks (e.g. took a trip during term time). This is why we know that **full attendance will help your son achieve his full potential in his exams.**

During the past academic year, pupils were absent from school for minor reasons. Some people missed learning because of appointments during school hours. Others took trips abroad during term time. I appreciate that arranging appointments during school hours can be more convenient. In addition, missing the last few days of term for a holiday abroad will be cheaper and may seem like it will not do much harm.

However, as you can see from the chart below, **any absence from school will harm your son's learning** and the grades he achieves in his studies. The school is not allowed to authorise trips abroad during term time unless it is an emergency for the student. A trip abroad during term time may result in a penalty notice.





Term Dates 2023-24 and holidays during term time

Autumn Term 2023

- Staff Inset Day 1: Friday 1st September 2023
- School re-opens for students: Monday 4th September 2023
- Mid Term Closure: Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd October 2023
- Closure after school: Friday 22nd December 2023
- Christmas Holiday: Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January 2023

Spring Term 2024

- Re-open (for students): Monday 8th January 2024
- Mid Term Closure: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024
- Closure after school: Friday 22nd March 2024
- Easter Holiday: Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April 2024

Summer Term 2024

- Re-open (for students): Monday 8th April 2024
- Eid ul fitr 1445 holiday: Wednesday 10th April to Thursday 11th April 2024 *
- May Day Closure: Monday 6th May 2024
- Mid Term Closure: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024
- Eid ul Adha 1445 holiday: Monday 17th June to Tuesday 18th June 2024 *
- Closure after school: Friday 19th July 2024

*Please note that Eid holidays may be revised slightly depending upon sighting of the new moon.

Please note that all dates are inclusive.



Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

HAPPY, SAFE HALLOWEEN/BONFIRE NIGHT – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

With the darker nights fast approaching, it is important that students are reminded what we, as a school community, expect of them in terms of behaviour.

Parents/carers and students should already be aware that as part of our safeguarding arrangements, the school has a two-way information sharing agreement in place with West Midlands Police, and we are active members of the local Police & Schools Panel. This joint approach helps us to intervene early to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour involving our students and provide support and up-to-date safety messages.

In partnership with the police, we would also like to remind our students about the following: -

- **Anti-social behaviour:** Halloween can be a scary time for people who don't like surprises or callers at their door. Think about how your actions and behaviour affect others; elderly and vulnerable people may be frightened by 'trick or treat' so look out for signs in windows that people do not want callers at their door.
- **Personal Safety:**
 - Be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members and keep valuables such as phones out of public view whenever possible.
 - Don't drink alcohol, take illegal drugs or unknown substances; they can have a big impact on your health and safety, behaviour, and your ability to do well at school and enjoy other interests and activities. They can also be addictive and have unpredictable side effects, including sudden death! Information is available at www.talktofrank.com
- **Social Media:** Don't allow your use of social media to put you at risk of grooming, exploitation, or regret in future. Use social media positively and avoid being negative about anyone online as comments/actions may be traced back to you and you will be held accountable.
- **Weapons in public places:** Carrying a knife or other weapon will get you a criminal record which can have life-long effects on travel and job prospects. Those who carry knives are also much more likely to be injured by them. Don't take BB Guns, Gel Blasters/Guns, or any other real looking toy guns into public spaces as these can cause alarm to the public - which could receive a Police Firearms response.
- **Off-road bikes:** These can only be ridden on private land with the landowner's permission. Don't risk your life and future prospects by illegally riding these on the road.
- **E-Scooters:** In the UK, you must be at least 18 years old and hold a provisional or full driving licence to ride a hire e-scooter. A privately owned e-scooter can only be used in a private place with the landowner's permission; they are illegal to use on a road or in a public place.
- **Remember the company you keep:** If your friend breaks the law, you may also be held responsible for that crime – even if you weren't the one directly responsible.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Hussain'.

Mr A Hussain
Principal
Eden Boys' Leadership Academy,
Birmingham East

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R North'.

Richard North
Chief Superintendent - Birmingham LPA
West Midlands Police