

Eggar's School

Eggar's School is a happy school where every child can thrive, be their best and achieve their best



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Dear Parent

A warm welcome back to students and families returning to us after the holidays, and an extra special Eggar's welcome to our new students and parents joining us in Year 7 and in other year groups. I hope you enjoyed a restful summer and are looking forward to the year ahead as much as I am.

GCSE Results

Firstly, I wanted to share with you the excellent news that our Year 11 students achieved fantastic results in their GCSE examinations. Having had such a disrupted start to their secondary school journey due to Covid, our students demonstrated determination and resilience throughout their time with us, and we are delighted that their hard work and commitment paid off. As a school, we are immensely proud of every single student for what they have achieved.

Please see our [website](#) and coverage in the [Alton Herald](#) for more about **Results Day 2024** including some of the individual success stories we were able to celebrate on that morning. More information can also be found on our [facebook](#) page.

At the end of my first year as Head Teacher, I am thrilled that our GCSE results have improved on last year for both progress and attainment, and that **our students performed higher than in the pre-Covid year of 2019**. Students made more progress (calculated as a Progress 8 score) than in the school's history, and there were outstanding examples of achievement across the curriculum. I would like to thank the teachers for their exceptional support and guidance, and to congratulate the students on this remarkable success.

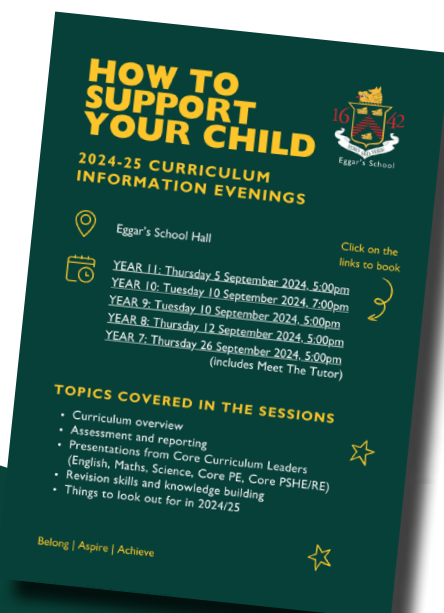
We are now poised and ready to give our next group of Year 11s the best preparation possible in their final year and we cannot wait to get started.

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How To Support Your Child Events

Please see this [flyer](#) inviting you all to our “**How to Support Your Child**” events for every year group. Working closely with parents is very important to us, so please sign up (via the links on the flyer) and come to find out more about the year ahead for your child.

Furthermore, we have made changes to reporting and assessment this year to provide you with the information you need about how your child is getting on. We hope this will help you feel even more engaged in your child's learning. Don't forget that all our [Curriculum Journeys](#) can be found on the website, so you can see what your child is learning throughout the year and discuss it with them at home. All students will be learning how to build their knowledge and skills, including strategies for revision and responding to teacher feedback. We will help all students develop effective study habits and routines, as well as teaching them how to keep healthy, happy and well.



Staff Update

We often say we are a “**small school with a big heart**” and as Head Teacher I know that our teachers are the most valuable resource we have. In February, Ofsted praised us for our teachers who “enthuse students to want to learn more.” Thank you to those of you who completed the Ofsted survey and responded so positively, including one parent who shared that their child is “flourishing, feels part of the school community and has inspiring and great teachers.” The inspectors recognised that “the school is highly aspirational for all students” and that students “are happy and know that they will be welcomed every day.”

At a time of financial challenge in the state sector, we will always endeavour to put the needs of students and their learning first in the decisions we make. As school leaders, we will not compromise the provision of high-quality teaching at our school. We have a valued Support Staff team at Eggar’s who work together with us to create a very special learning community for our students. We care deeply about every child and understand that we all have a part to play in helping them reach their potential.



We continue to attract excellent teachers to Eggar’s and I am pleased to confirm that we are fully staffed for September across all curriculum areas. Please see below the new staff who will be joining our team in a student-facing role:

- Curriculum Leader Maths - Sam Mather
- Assistant Curriculum Leader Maths - Mari-Anne Annetts
- Teacher of Maths/Science - Gillian Eacott
- Teacher of Science - Rachel Hapgood
- Teacher of Health & Social Care / PSHE / RS - Hannah North
- Teacher of STEM - Will Redfearn
- Teacher of PE and Computer Science - Patrick Garlick
- Teacher of Science and Science Intervention - Jackie Childs
- Maths Intervention Tutor - Caroline Rixon
- Learner Engagement Team member - Stacey Kunesch
- Design and Technology Technician - Abigail Marsh
- Art Technician - Chloe Dix Beer
- Receptionist - Alix Fry
- Eggar’s Therapy Dog - Jasper



I would also like to introduce our 3 Heads of School in new roles for September:

- Head of Lower School (Years 7&8) - Matthew Hardman
- Head of Upper School (Years 9&10) - Richard Mann
- Head of Year 11 and Progress - Neil Brand

We have increased our capacity for pastoral support through our new Learner Engagement Team (LET Team) based in Student Services. Our SEN department is expanding its provision with a Sensory Room, outdoor learning and a new additional room in The Hive to enable us to meet the needs of all our learners.



For all SEN enquiries, please use the new email address: SEND@eggars.hants.sch.uk



Eggar's Experience

We hope your children will take advantage of the full range of opportunities on offer at Eggar's this year. New for 2024/25 is our specialist **LAMDA** teaching for students with a particular interest in Drama and the Performing Arts. [Click here](#) for more information and to book your child as there are still some spaces available. We are also developing our strong links with the local company **Soccer Schools** through an enhanced programme of lunchtime and after-school activities. PE and Music use **SOCS** to share information about clubs, fixtures and private lessons.

We are committed to developing our **students as leaders** and look forward to seeing our **Student Leaders, Ambassadors, Librarians and Mentors** in action this year. Huge congratulations to our Eco-Committee who have just been awarded the prestigious international **Green Flag accreditation with Merit** for their exceptional work in promoting sustainability and raising environmental awareness amongst their peers.

Communications

We communicate weekly with parents via our newsletter, **Eggar's News**. This is sent to all parents via email at the end of every Friday. Please read this for all the key information relating to school. To keep up to date with exciting events, achievements and news, we encourage you to follow us on **Facebook**.

If you would like to contact the school, please use **Enquiries@eggars.hants.sch.uk**. We ask you to allow 48 working hours for a reply. Staff will always seek to respond as soon as possible to address concerns or answer questions.

We request that you come in and speak to us rather than turn to other platforms such as social media to express your views. Please be reassured that we will do our very best to listen and take action. Staff at Eggar's are here to help, and having the opportunity to meet and have a conversation in person nearly always leads to a positive resolution in our experience.

And Finally...

Thank you for the part you have played as parents in making my first year at Eggar's such an enjoyable one. I feel very much at home and as positive as ever about the school's future. We continue to collaborate closely with WMAT (Weydon Multi-Academy Trust) and hope to join this family of schools at some point this year. Our Chair of Trustees, Linda Campbell, will keep you updated on developments. In the meantime, we focus with energy and drive on the start of term and I wish your children every happiness and success this year.

Mrs Sarah Holman
HEAD TEACHER, EGGAR'S SCHOOL

