



# NEWSLETTER

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## Well done all!



Dear Parents and Carers,

So as the end of term approaches, this is a chance to thank everyone who has, in whatever way, contributed to another incredibly busy and successful year.

Education has continued to have a high profile nationally and it's difficult to overstate the scale of the numerous changes that we are working through. I recently saw a statement that commented 'the only constant is change', something we have to embrace in education.

This school year has been one of building upon the school's strong foundations and developing areas to improve. None of this happens by accident and huge credit must go to students, staff, parents, carers and governors for your positivity and drive over the past twelve months.



Last week we held our annual Sports Days for each year group and it was a real pleasure to see the students compete and enjoy themselves. We have also just completed our end of term Celebration Afternoons. Each Year group had its own assembly where students received certificates and special prizes for a great range of achievements. Well done to all who received an award – you should be very proud of yourselves. As you read through this newsletter you will see there are many other achievements, activities and events occurring each and every day at the school which confirm what a great place Erith School is to study and work in. A big thanks to all staff and students for making this happen.

I wish you all a wonderful summer break and I look forward to working with you all for another action-packed year in September.

Mrs S Allen, Headteacher

### Help us raise funds with RETURN and EARN



We're collecting eligible drink containers to redeem for a 10c refund each under NSW's Return and Earn scheme. It's a great way for students to get involved in recycling, help reduce litter and raise money for school programs.

You can do your bit to help by bringing eligible containers to the school on **<date>**. NSW Department of Education advises that glass or containers used for milk products or alcohol are not accepted on school grounds. Find out more about the scheme at [returnandearn.org.au](http://returnandearn.org.au)

Please be aware that the school Reception will not be staffed during the summer holiday. If you have an urgent enquiry please contact the switchboard on 01332 348 231 during the hours of 8:00am–4:00pm.



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### Year 7 Transition classes trip to Gerald Moore Gallery



On 28 June, both Year 7 Transition classes went to the Gerald Moore Art Gallery in Nottingham to start work on their Arts Award Explore. Students saw a small art exhibition and then worked with the Education Officer Leena to complete some collages as a response. It was not just the students who enjoyed the art activity, but also the teachers Mr James, Miss Alsop, Mr Jackson and the TAs, Mr Ayton and Mrs Thomas who made a collage too! Students enjoyed looking at the art work that had been created by A Level students at Epsom College, they discussed the work and used ideas from it to inspire them.

Back in school, students have continued to complete their Arts Award Explore books in order that they can have their certificate next academic year.

Mr L Williams, Head of Creative Arts

### Rivers of the WORLD



Artworks that students made with the artist Shona West are currently being prepared to design a banner that will be displayed in an exhibition as part of the Thames Festival. Erith students' The work will be displayed alongside the work from other schools in London as well as their partner schools. The School that Erith School was connected with is Leeds. Shona told them worked with an artist to create a final using patterns and designs the students came up with.

The work will be displayed in the London exhibition on the South Bank from 28 August to 30 September. The artworks on display will be displayed in Green galleries outside the National Theatre, nearby Tate Modern and outside City Hall. Your artwork will be on one of the columns outside Tate Modern. A selection of work will also be displayed inside City Hall during the whole month of September (1-30). The exhibition is a public exhibition and our students would love it if people go to see it.

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### Year 10 Travel & Tourism Trip to Rochester

On 12 July we went to Rochester and looked at all the different attractions, including two castles, the cathedral, the Guildhall museum and Diggerland! We asked members of the public various questions about UK tourism and how they thought the area could be improved.

We saw lots of history and facilities for tourists, as well as places for people to relax. It was nice to be learning outside of the classroom.

Ellie Black, Year 10



### Totally Thames

During September, there will be a number of activities going on across London along the Thames. There will be a range of activities on and around Erith Pier. Selected students from Erith School will be involved in some of these activities. It is worth checking out their website for details of other events as they are posted <http://totallythames.org>

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