

**SUMMER 2026**

# **NEWS BULLETIN**

**ERCALL WOOD ACADEMY**

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## **Principal's Address**

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our students, staff and families for their continued hard work, positivity and support. It has been a half term filled with achievement, resilience and opportunities, and I am incredibly proud of all that our school community continues to accomplish together.

A particular mention must go to our Year 11 cohort, who have approached the GCSE examination period with maturity, determination and dedication. We have been extremely pleased with the way students have applied themselves throughout the examination season and the positive attitude they have demonstrated each day. Their commitment to revision, attendance at intervention sessions and focus in lessons has been commendable. Our teachers will continue to relentlessly support students throughout the remainder of the examination period to ensure every young person has the opportunity to thrive and achieve their very best. It is essential that students maintain this level of dedication, continue working hard and remain focused as they move through the final examinations.

This half term also saw our school come together to recognise and celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week. At our school, we place enormous value on positive mental health and wellbeing. We know that when students are happy, healthy and feel safe within their school environment, they are able to achieve above and beyond expectations. It remains our mission to ensure this is the reality for every pupil in our care.

The theme for this year's Mental Health Awareness Week was 'Take Action', and our students embraced this brilliantly. One of the highlights of the week was our morning "Walk and Talk" events, where students combined the benefits of exercise, time outdoors and human connection to begin their days in a positive and purposeful way. It was fantastic to see so many students engaging so enthusiastically and supporting one another. We want all members of our community to know that if anyone needs support with their mental health, today, tomorrow or in the future, we are here to help and support them.

We have also enjoyed significant sporting success across the half term, with excellent performances and participation in football, handball and rounders, to name just a few. These opportunities provide so much more than competition alone; they help students develop teamwork, resilience, confidence, leadership and pride in representing their school. We are incredibly proud of all students who have participated in sport this term and grateful to the staff who continue to provide such valuable enrichment opportunities.

Finally, I would like to recognise those students who have recently received the Principal's Commendation. This prestigious recognition is awarded to students who have already achieved their Empower Character Badge but have subsequently gone above and beyond in consistently demonstrating our school values and making a positive contribution to our community. We are deeply committed to developing student character and ensuring our young people model our values both inside and outside of school. Through this, we continue to nurture the future leaders of tomorrow, and I could not be prouder of the exceptional young people within our school community.

I hope all students, staff and families enjoy a restful and well-deserved half term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another successful final half term of the academic year.

Mr N Murphy,  
Principal.

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## Auditions

Following an overwhelming response to our sign up sheets, auditions for our annual competition 'Ercall Wood's Got Talent' will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Please see Miss Davies and Miss Bradburn for details.

## Enrichment

Year 7 students had an unforgettable experience on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May when the Exotic Zoo visited school for an exciting hands-on science workshop. Students discovered fascinating facts about animal skeletal structures and learned how different animals are specially adapted for survival. The highlight of the day was meeting, and even holding, some incredible animals, including a snake, millipede, armadillo and tortoise! Students showed great enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the session, asking thoughtful questions and bravely getting involved with the interactive activities. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring science to life and create lasting memories through a truly unique learning experience.

## Upcoming Events:

- 10<sup>th</sup> June - Ercall Wood's Got Talent
- 18<sup>th</sup> June - Ercall in the Park
- 25<sup>th</sup> June - Year 11 Prom
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Ercall Sparkle Evening
- 8<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Award Evening
- 13<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day



## Sporting Success

What an incredible half term it has been for PE at Ercall Wood Academy! 🏆🏀 Our students have achieved fantastic success across a range of sports, including our Year 11 boys becoming District Cup Champions for the second year in a row, our Year 9 girls winning the District Cup, and our U13 Girls Handball Team qualifying for the National Finals in Nottingham after finishing as regional runners-up. A huge well done also to our U15 Girls Handball Team for securing regional bronze medals while competing a year above their age group. Alongside these achievements, students have proudly supported our primary partner schools during their sports days, showing excellent leadership, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout.

## SUPPORT AND ADVICE

### Safeguarding Concerns

If you have any concerns over the safety and welfare of a young person during the half term break you can contact Family Connect on 01952 385385 or send an alert to our school Safeguarding Team (please note we will be working remotely and will not be on site during the holidays).



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