



# Ernest Bevin Academy

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## Parent Information booklet 2025-2026



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# Welcome from the Principal

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## *Fostering Excellence in Young Men*

Dear Year 7 Families,

I am delighted to welcome you and your son to Ernest Bevin Academy.

Starting secondary school is a defining moment in a young person's life—and here at Ernest Bevin Academy, we are committed to making that journey one of high expectations, strong support and lasting success.

My vision is for Ernest Bevin Academy to become one of the top boys' schools in the country. To achieve this, we are building a school culture where excellent teaching, clear routines, and character development go hand in hand. Every boy will be challenged to achieve his personal best—and supported to grow into a confident, respectful and ambitious young man.

As your son begins his journey with us, we will ensure he is known, valued and inspired to thrive. We look forward to working closely with you, in true partnership, to bring out the very best in him.

Warm regards,

Damola Ademolake  
Principal





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## Key Academy Staff

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| Mr Ademolake    | Principal                                  |
| Mr Blakemore    | Deputy Principal                           |
| Ms Dorcely      | Director of Learning, Main School          |
| Miss Brown      | Head of Year 7, 8 and 9                    |
| Mr Walker       | Year 7 Transition Lead                     |
| Miss I Williams | Pastoral Support Officer, Years 7, 8 and 9 |
| Miss T Williams | SENCo                                      |
| Mr Kay          | Safeguarding and Wellbeing Lead            |
| Miss Sweeney    | Attendance and Welfare Officer             |
| Miss Ngombo     | Healthcare Coordinator                     |
| Misss Cochrane  | Admissions Officer                         |



# The School Day

## Times of the school day

*Students must be in school by 8.35*

|   |              |          |                       |
|---|--------------|----------|-----------------------|
| <b><i>Breakfast Club (Free)</i></b>     | <b>08.15</b> |          | <b>08.30</b>          |
| <b><i>Registration and Assembly</i></b> | <b>08.40</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>09.10</b>          |
| <b>Lesson 1</b>                         | <b>09.10</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>10.10</b>          |
| <b>Lesson 2</b>                         | <b>10.10</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>11.10</b>          |
| <b><i>Break</i></b>                     | <b>11.10</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>11.30</b>          |
| <b>Lesson 3</b>                         | <b>11.30</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>12.30</b>          |
| <b>Lesson 4</b>                         | <b>12.30</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>13.30</b>          |
| <b><i>Lunch</i></b>                     | <b>13.30</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>14.10</b>          |
| <b>Lesson 5</b>                         | <b>14.10</b> |          | <b>15.10</b>          |
| <b>Extra Curricular Clubs</b>           | <b>15.10</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>16.00 (approx)</b> |

### Parent Tip:

- Please familiarise yourself with your son's timetable
- Every evening ask you son to check that he has done the home work and has everything he needs for the next day



# Uniform

## Uniform

**Every student is expected to wear school uniform throughout the day and to and from school**

- Grey blazer with EBA logo pre-embroidered on pocket
- Green phoenix branded tie
- Navy school trousers
- White shirt with collar
- Black leather shoes (See below)
- Grey V-neck jumper (optional)

**School Uniform Direct** is the supplier of Ernest Bevin Academy approved uniform and sportswear.

You can purchase uniform online at:





[School Uniform Direct](#)

**or by visiting their store at Unit 5,  
Mitcham Industrial Estate,  
Streatham Road, Mitcham, CR4 2AP.**

Scan QR to go to  
School Uniform  
Direct



- The EBA rules in the Electronic Devices Policy state that such devices are not seen, used or heard.
- The school does NOT accept liability for any damage and/or loss of such articles.
- The acceptable shoes to be worn at EBA are ticked below.

| Examples of types of footwear <u>not</u> allowed within uniform policy   | Examples of types of footwear allowed within uniform policy                           |
|--|---|
|  <p>Please note - outlets such as <b>Clarks</b> and <b>Sports Direct</b> will often try to market footwear such as the examples below as 'School Shoes'</p> |  |
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## Being EBA Ready

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### ***Sports Kit***

**Sports kit must be brought in to school in an appropriate bag on the days it is needed.**

- EBA Navy/Red shorts
- EBA Technical T-Shirt
- Football socks
- Trainers/football boots depending on activity
- Swimming trunks, towel & goggles when swimming is timetabled



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### ***Equipment List***

**All students should have the following equipment with them each day:**

- Black pens, green pen and pencil
- Basic scientific calculator
- Geometrical instrument set
- Eraser (note Tipex or its equivalent is not permitted)
- Reading book (to be carried at all times)

#### **Parent Tip:**



- Please check your son is wearing the correct uniform each morning before leaving for school
- Encourage your son to pack his school bag the night before
- Please write your son's name on clothes, his school bag and PE kit
- Please check school requirements before buying new school shoes
- Encourage your son to bring in a reusable water bottle each day



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## Being EBA Ready

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### ***Lost Property***

Please name all items of school uniform and equipment to ensure they can be returned to your son if they are found. Any unnamed items will be kept in the school office and parents are encouraged to enquire after any items that have gone missing. At the end of each term, any remaining unclaimed items of clothing that cannot be returned to their owners will be donated to a local charity shop.

#### **Parent Tip:**

- Label everything!





## Clubs and Activities



All students are encouraged to take advantage of the many extra-curricular activities on offer. There is a wide range of social, academic and sporting activities before school, at lunchtimes and after school.

Clubs range from Sculpture Club, Cricket, Football, Debate, DT Club, Drama Club, to STEM activities, Swimming and Table Tennis, with many more.

We are proud of our Royal Marines - Combined Cadet Force (CCF), this offers life changing experiences that no other extra-curricular activity can match. It is open to students in Years 9-13. Students in Years 8 and 9 can apply to join in the summer term each year.

Attending extra curricular clubs helps to develop emotional, social and interpersonal skills and improves resilience and confidence. They are also a great way to make friends and have fun. We strongly encourage students to try as many activities on offer as possible and expect Year 7 to attend something every day.

The extracurricular clubs' timetable is available on the school website

We expect every Year 7 to take part in Extra-curricular Activities



### Parent Tip:

- Talk to your son about the clubs and encourage the to try something new



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## Refreshments and Meals

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School meals are provided by Harrison's caterers. The on-site catering team prepare fresh food on site that fulfils all current government requirements for healthy living.

A choice of hot meals, including a vegetarian option, is served daily plus baguettes, pasta, soup and baked potatoes. Healthy eating is important for the students so that they can have a nutritious tasty meal. All meat is Halal and we promote Meat-Free Mondays.

Food is available to purchase at morning break time where students can buy healthy snacks and drinks.

We operate a cashless biometric system to pay for meals to make the dinner service as speedy as possible.

Students are welcome to bring a packed lunch; this should be eaten in the lunch hall. We encourage families to provide healthy packed lunches. **Students must not bring in sweets, chewing gum, fizzy drinks or energy drinks.**

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### **Cashless School**

We do not accept cash, parents must put credit onto their son's Arbor account

Parents will be given information about how to set up a personal account when their son joins the school.

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### **Breakfast Club**

EBA offers a free Breakfast Club for **all** students from 8.15-8.30am by the student entrance. Research has shown eating a healthy breakfast improves student concentration in morning

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### **Free School Meals**

Free school meals are available to eligible students.

If you think your child may be eligible please ask the school office for an application form or visit the local authority (where you are resident) website and complete the application.

Please note, free school meals entitlement does not roll over automatically from primary school, **you will need to reapply.**

#### **Parent Tips:**

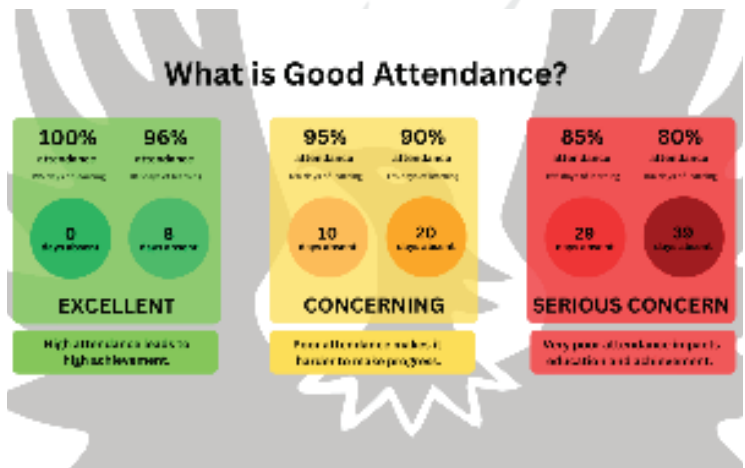


- Please ensure there is enough money on his Arbor account to pay for lunch
- Please apply for free school meal entitlement as it enables the school to claim for additional resources and helps to support your son to attend trips etc

# Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance and punctuality is crucial to learning.

The school has an electronic system to register both daily school and individual lesson attendance. Parents are alerted to non-attendance by an Arbor message in the morning after the registers have closed.



## Illness

Should a student be unwell, parents should telephone the school on **0208 672 8582** and **press 1 for the absence hotline**.

You can send a message via the **Arbor app**. This message should include your son's name, tutor group and reason for absence. You can also email **absence@ernestbevinacademy.org.uk**

## Latecomers

Latecomers should sign in at the student entrance or reception. An appointment card must be shown if lateness is due to an appointment.

An hour detention will be set for the same day if there is no acceptable reason for lateness or proof of appointment.

## Term Time Absence

Holidays should not be taken in term time. Any requests for term time absence that is not due to illness must go to the Principal. Please try and book medical and dental appointments outside of school hours and non-emergency appointments during the school holidays.

### Parent Tips:

- Please ensure your son has excellent attendance – aim for 100%
- Please help your son to arrive on time for school each day. We recommend all students are on site by 8.35am but the school is open to students from 8:15am for breakfast club. Students must be in their tutor room by 8.40am
- If you have to report an absence please telephone the school or report it using the Arbor app
- Please do not book holidays during the school term



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## Keeping in Contact

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At EBA we recognise the importance of working in partnership with parents. Your son's tutor is the first point of contact for students.

We use the Arbor app to keep in contact with parents and families. This enables you to feel as much a part of your son's education as possible by providing daily updates on achievement and behaviour.

Arbor is a free parent app that you should download to your smartphone as soon as your son starts at the school to enable us to send messages straight to your phone. The app will automatically sync with your son's records by using your phone number so please ensure you keep the school up to date with any changes.

We will send messages directly to the app telling you important information about your son's education and to remind you about events such as parents' evening.

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### ***How to contact us***

#### **By Arbor app:**

The [Arbor](#) app can be downloaded free of charge on to your smartphone via Google Play or Apple store. Once you have installed the app search for Ernest Bevin Academy and follow the instructions. It will take 24-48 hours for the system to synchronise with your son's records at school.



#### **By Phone**

Contact the school office directly on 020 8672 8582 and ask to be put through to the relevant member of staff. If they are unavailable please leave a message and it will be passed on to the member of staff. The majority of our staff are with students during the school day so they may need to call back at the end of teaching time.

#### **By email**

Contact [mail@ernestbevinacademy.org.uk](mailto:mail@ernestbevinacademy.org.uk) Emails will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.

#### **Via the student planner**

Parents should sign the planner every week to indicate they have checked homework has been completed. You can also write messages to the tutor or subject teacher in the planner.

#### **In person:**

If you would prefer to speak to a member of staff please make contact in advance and arrange for a convenient time. It is unlikely that you will be able to meet with a member of staff if you come in to school without a pre-arranged meeting booked and we would strongly discourage parents from doing so except in an emergency.



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## Rewards, Behaviour and Wellbeing

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The school has a clear code of conduct and discipline procedure which is explained to students and families before joining the school. Students will sign a Home School Agreement, outlining their commitment to upholding our high standards.

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### **Rewards**

Making sure students are acknowledged, praised and students are commended for doing the right thing is as important as the behaviour policy. There are many ways which we reward good behaviour at our school, including the use of positive points. When a teacher awards positive points to a student, parents are notified via Arbor. Additionally, we host formal awards evenings where students are recognised for their achievements and presented with certificates and prizes.

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### **Behaviour**

Students who fail to meet the expectations of the code of conduct (The EBA Way) can expect to have sanctions applied. By staff, departments or year teams. Sanctions includes community service and detentions, or placed in the reflection room, out of general circulation for a period of time.

School staff use restorative justice techniques to resolve issues and to improve behaviour; this is a successful technique for resolving arguments and encouraging students to take responsibility for their actions.



#### **Parent Tips:**

- Please support the school's behaviour policy and encourage your son to comply with The EBA Way



## **Wellbeing**

At Ernest Bevin Academy we strive to improve the mental health and wellbeing of the whole school community.

We have achieved the Wellbeing Award for schools twice.

If you are concerned about your son, please contact your son's tutor in the first instance. Each key stage has a pastoral support officer dedicated to offering support and guidance to students.

Should students need more emotional and mental health support there is a qualified counsellor, who offers weekly one to one counselling sessions on referral.

We train a team of year 10 students as 'Wellbeing Ambassadors' who are easily recognisable by the wellbeing ambassador badges they proudly wear. The Wellbeing Ambassadors run a lunch time club for year 7 and 8 students where they offer a space for peer support, mentoring, wellbeing advice, colouring and board games. We are also able to signpost or refer students to services such as Kooth, Catch 22 and CAMHs where necessary.

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## **Medical Needs**

Students with medical needs may keep prescription medications (asthma inhalers, epipens etc) in the medical room. Complex medical needs will require a meeting and a plan. Please fill in a medical form with as much detail as possible and if you have any concerns talk to your son's tutor.



### **Parent Tips:**

- Please seek help if you have concerns about your son's wellbeing or changes in their behaviour
- Please keep the school informed about any medical conditions



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# Homework and Teams

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## **Homework**

Students at Ernest Bevin Academy are encouraged to get into good habits early in Year 7. Homework helps to extend learning, consolidate what they have learnt in class and encourage independent study.

Homework is set according to a timetable and is closely monitored by tutors and teachers. If students are having trouble completing homework, they should talk to the teacher who has set it ahead of the deadline.

Computers are available in the library at lunch time and after school for students to do their homework. Incomplete or missing homework will be completed during a detention at lunchtime or after school.

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## **Microsoft Teams**

At Ernest Bevin Academy, teachers use an online platform called Microsoft Teams to set the majority of homework. Students are given a login with their usernames and passwords for Microsoft Teams. Students are asked to make a brief note in their planner reminding them of the homework set in each lesson and parents are asked to check the planner and remind students to do their homework on time.

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## **New Group Reading Test (NGRT)**

We conduct a NGRT reading test at the start of year 7 & 8. Students who have a reading age below their actual age will get specific literacy intervention. Intervention is either phonics or reciprocal reading, with specialist trained staff. We test students mid-year and adjust support as required. The library is open at lunch times, and it is recommended that students take out books weekly. Tutor groups read books together, on average it is 4 books a year.



### **Parent Tips:**

- Help your child to develop a good homework routine
- Switch off or remove phones and other distractions whilst they are working
- Check your son's planner to make sure homework is completed
- Encourage your son to check his homework before submitting it
- Keep a note of your son's logins for Microsoft Teams, Sparx Maths, Kerboodle etc
- Contact your son's tutor or subject teacher if you have any concerns or your son is struggling with their homework
- Check your son is reading for at least 20 minutes every day





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# Assessment

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## **Reporting**

Parents receive student information three times a year:

Autumn Term - Attitude to learning

Spring Term - Mid-Term assessment

Summer Term- End of Year assessments and tutor comments

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## **Parents Evening**

Parent's Evening is an important opportunity to discuss your son's progress with subject teachers. We expect all parents to attend Parents' Evenings.

## **Learning Showcase**

Our **Year 7 Learning Showcase** in the autumn term offers parents the chance to come in to school and see work that students have completed in their first few weeks. It also gives parents the opportunity to meet with members of staff informally.

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## **Assessment**

The school holds a baseline test at the start of the year, mid-year assessments in January, and an assessment week in June for all year groups to assess the progress and learning that has taken place during the academic year. In Year 7 assessments normally take place in the classroom, during lesson time, but as students get older more formal examination-style assessments take place to familiarise the student with public exam conditions.



### **Parent Tip:**

- Please ensure you are receiving regular communications from school via Arbor and look out for your son's report
- Help your son to prepare for assessments and examinations by encouraging him to review or revise the work he has done
- Look out for revision tips that the school will send home and help your son to get into good habits early on



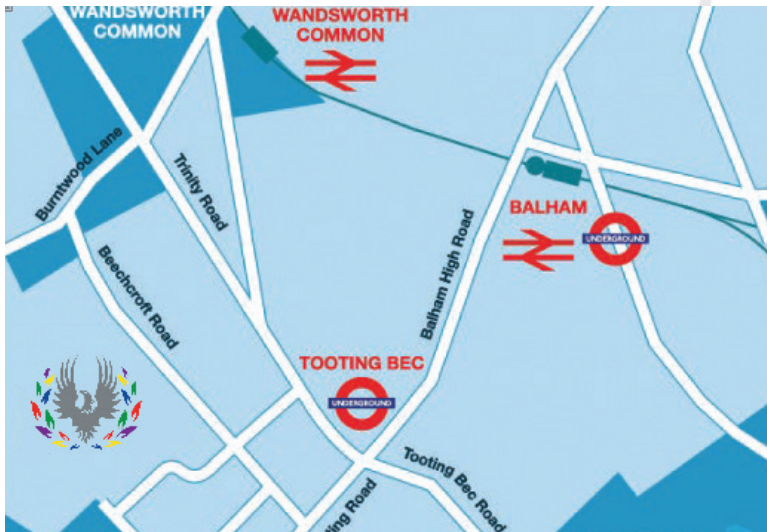


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# Travel to School

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We encourage students to travel to school either by foot, by bike or by public transport in order to minimise congestion and the impact on the local community.



EBA is located in Wandsworth, South London within easy walking distance of Tooting Bec underground station on the Northern Line and close to several bus routes.

## By Tube:

We are a short walk from Tooting Bec tube station.

## By Bus:

Routes 155, 219, 249, 319, 315, 355, 690 all pass by close to the school.

## By Bike students should:

- Use the bike racks by the student entrance to lock their bikes.
- **Please note: Electronic Scooters/Bikes are NOT allowed.**
- Always wear a helmet and be vigilant when cycling on local roads
- Wear high-visibility clothing and have lights if cycling in the dark
- Use a good quality D bike lock to secure their bike in the designated areas
- Students should not share a lock with friends

For more information click on the link to the TFL website (and enter EBA's postcode SW17 7DF) [Transport for London](https://tfl.gov.uk)

## Parent Tip:

- Please practice routes with your son to ensure he knows his way to school and home again
- Encourage your son to travel to school with a friend or someone who lives nearby
- Please ensure your son leaves in good time so that he is not running late
- Encourage your son to cross the road at pedestrian and zebra crossings particularly at busy junctions such as at Tooting Bec



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## Key Dates

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| <b>Autumn Term 2025</b> |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| First day               | Wednesday 3rd September 2025            |
| Half term               | Monday 27th to Friday 31st October 2025 |
| End of term             | Thursday 19th December 2025             |

| <b>Spring Term 2026</b> |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| First day               | Monday 5 January 2026                              |
| Half term               | Monday 16 February 2025 to Friday 20 February 2025 |
| End of term             | Friday 27 March 2026                               |

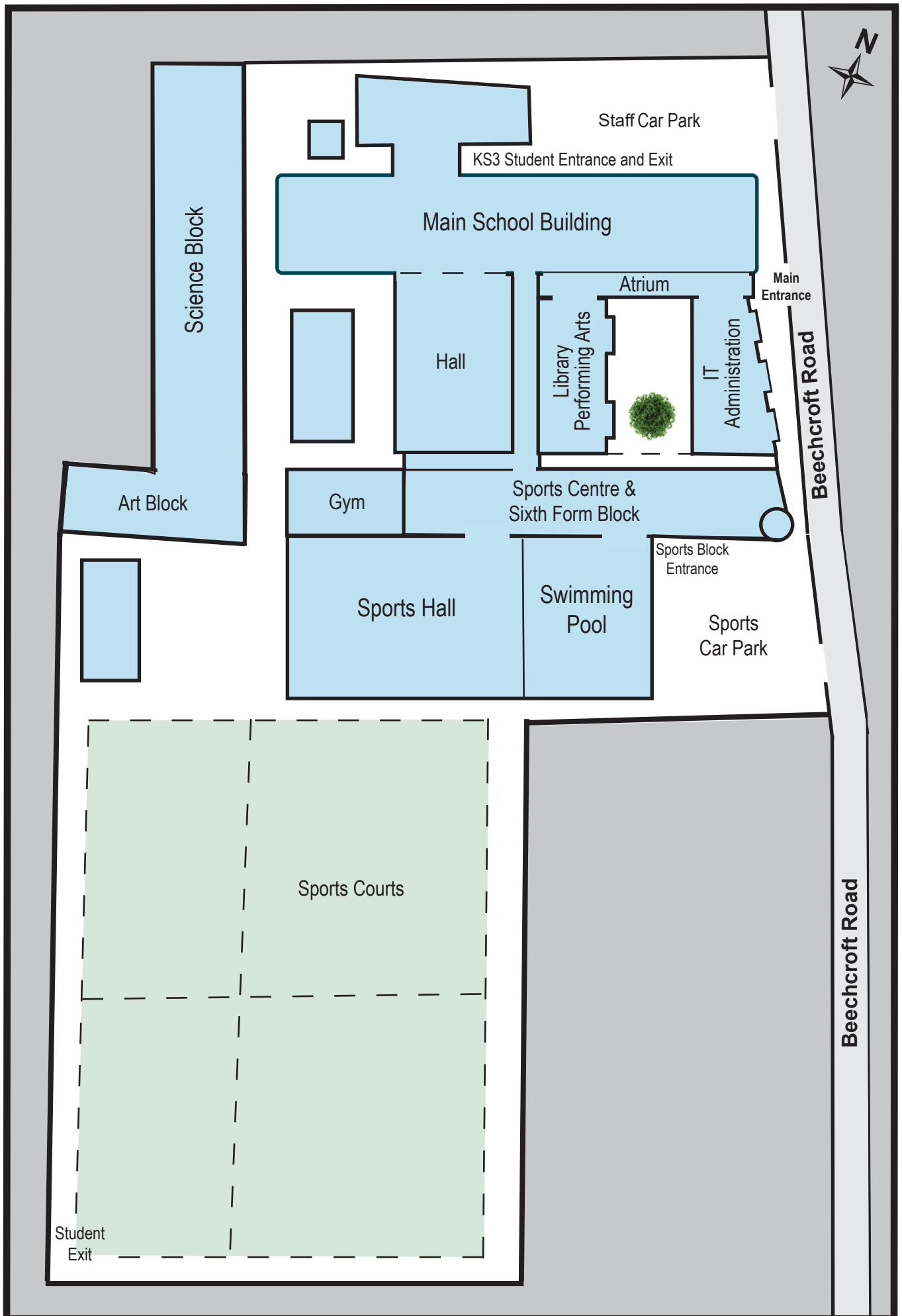
| <b>Summer Term 2027</b> |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| First day               | Monday 13 April 2026                     |
| Half term               | Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026 |
| End of term             | Friday 17 July 2026                      |

### **Inset Days (staff training) - School closed to students**

Please see the website for Inset Days



## Ernest Bevin Academy - Ariel view of site





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