

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On 25th August, the Academy recorded its best ever GCSE results, reaffirming its status as the most successful non-selective school in the borough of Southend and one of the highest performing schools in the country.

Headline figures include:

91% A*-C in Mathematics (+sig).

84% A*-C in English (+sig)

83% A*-C in English and Mathematics - Basics (+sig).

94% 2+ A*-C in Science (+sig).

29% achieved the EBacc.

Attainment 8 of 56.2 (+sig)

Progress 8 of +0.59 (+sig).

[Click here for the GCSE Results Report](#)

On 13th October, the DfE published the School and College Performance Tables. The Academy was ranked in the top 10% of schools nationally – quite some feat given that there are 3117 secondary schools in England!

[Click here for the DfE Performance Tables](#)

In terms of Progress 8, the government's new school accountability measure, the Academy was ranked 2nd in a list of over 30 local schools.

[Click here for the Progress 8 Scores of Local Schools](#)

Mr. N. Houchen BSc (Hon s), PGCE, NPQH
Principal

PUPIL SUCCESS

The highest individual GCSE performances were:

Rachael Steeles – 6 A*, 3 A and 1 B

Zac Littlejohn – 4 A*, 5 A and 1 B

Kyle Coulson – 4 A*, 5 A, 1 C

Phoebe Jeffery – 3 A*, 6 A and 1 B

ACADEMY NEWS



On 23rd September, Principal, Mr. N. Houchen, and Vice Principal, Mr. D. Piercy, attended a gala evening at The Terrace Pavilion, House of Commons, in celebration of *The Parliamentary Review 2016*. This is a publication in which a small number of outstanding or considerably improving schools are selected to appear alongside senior Cabinet ministers, in a report highlighting best practice and raising standards in secondary education.

[Click here for The Parliamentary Review](#)

ACADEMY NEWS

The Governing Body would like to extend a special thankyou to The Eastwood Choir who, at the request of the family, performed at the funeral of the late Chair of Governors, Rev. D. Booth, who sadly passed away on 14th September.

PUPIL SUCCESS



Congratulations to all pupils who have received celebrating success subject commendations this half term, a selection of which are shown above.

Pupil Success

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



Welcome – we are the 2016/17 Student Leadership Team (StLT) and are privileged to have this opportunity to represent the pupils at the Academy.

We are currently working on a range of projects, the most significant being our constitution and terms of reference. We intend to restructure Student Voice to develop a more representative and sustainable pupil body and are currently working closely with Mrs. N. Niner to achieve this. It is very important to us that we develop a structure which is both inclusive and promotes and develops leadership and responsibility at all levels.

Closer to home, so to speak, we are working on a new Prefect tie, following changes to the Academy's badge and main school tie, and organising a 'Class of 2017' leavers' jumper, yearbook and promenade (prom) for Year 11 pupils.

PREFECT AWARD



The StLT nominated Nathan M. (IIS) for the StLT Prefect Award. Nathan has undertaken his duties with exceptional diligence, despite being on crutches! To acknowledge this achievement, Mr. Houchen presented Nathan with a certificate and gift voucher.

PUPIL SUCCESS

Congratulations to the 518 pupils who recorded an attendance of 100%!

Click here for a list of [Pupils with 100% Attendance](#)

EASTWOOD SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

The Eastwood Scholars Programme is an academic programme run jointly by The Eastwood Academy and The Brilliant Club, an organisation

which aims to widen access to university. Twelve of the most able pupils across Year 9 and 10 were selected to participate in the programme which is delivered by university lecturers. All twelve passed their final dissertation! Well done!



THE EASTWOOD ACADEMY ALUMNI



Charlotte Law left the Academy in 2010. She has since trained at Rose Bruford Theatre School and with the National Youth Theatre. She recently toured the UK playing Olive in Olive and the Dream Train (Lyric Hammersmith, Warwick Arts Centre, Exeter Phoenix) and has also toured with Made Up Stories From My Unmade Bed Page One Theatre (Lyric Hammersmith, Latitude, Greenwich and Docklands International Festival and Watford Palace).

Please contact Mr. Dunn with details of the Academy's past pupil successes.

FOOD PREPARATION AND NUTRITION



Lenny D. (8W)



Natasha L. (8S)

Well done to Year 8 for their wonderful healthy pizzas. A special mention to the following pupils who achieved a score of 10/10 - Nyah W. (8E), Cassidy D. (8S), Lenny D. (8W), Natasha L. (8S), Mariam K. (8E) and Elle S. (8W)

Events

PGL



In August, 41 pupils and 7 staff embarked on the PGL activity holiday to the South of France. During the week, they participated in a range of water sports including windsurfing, sailing, banana-boating and kayaking. The pupils and staff then canoed a gruelling 19 mile stretch of the Ardeche river, stopping off for cliff jumps and a night under the stars (and rain).

GOOGLE



On 23rd September, 11 of our most promising GCSE Computing pupils spent a very exciting day at the London Headquarters of Google. Whilst there, they took full advantage of the opportunity to meet and question current Google employees. They also completed an introductory course to learn how to code apps for Android phones and even managed to get a quick tour of the famous Google offices. Pupils were complimented by key members of Staff for their enthusiasm, curiosity and knowledge of the company.

PUPIL SUCCESS

Congratulations to the pupils in Whinfall House who helped record the highest attendance of all houses at 98.2%! Whinfall was established from September and has pupils in Year 7-9.

EUROPEAN LANGUAGE DAY



During the week commencing 26th September, the MFL Department celebrated the European Day of Languages.

Throughout Europe, 800 million Europeans represented in the Council of Europe's member states are encouraged to learn more languages, at any age,

in and out of school. The Council of Europe believes that linguistic diversity is a tool for achieving greater intercultural understanding and a key element in the rich cultural heritage of our continent.

Pupils were invited to participate in a range of in-class activities, ranging from general knowledge of European countries to learning idioms in French and Spanish. Pupils worked with a number of resources produced by the European Commission, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Tutor groups participated in an inter-tutor group general knowledge competition, which was won jointly by 10B and 10E.

The Department also ran a design competition for a new MFL praise postcard. This was won by Ella L. (9A), and we look forward to seeing her design adorn the new cards.

YEAR 7 ROAD SAFETY ROADSHOW

On 29th September, Year 7 pupils had the opportunity to take part in Essex County Council's Road Safety Workshop



Actors from the Riot Act portrayed how pupils can be vulnerable to road accidents, often without even realising the dangers. Pupils were then able to interact with the actors to alter the sequence of events and provide practical advice to their peers. The workshop gave pupils invaluable advice and guidance to help them make informed decisions about road safety.

Extra-Curricular

ART WORKSHOP



A talented group of Art pupils, ranging from Years 8-11, took part in an extra-curricular figure drawing workshop. The focus of the sessions was to develop skills when drawing the Human Figure from Life.

The Figure is a notoriously challenging subject matter to observe, and those involved had to learn the basics of proportion, showcasing this knowledge within their drawings.

All the pieces of work were created in short time frames, ranging from 5-15 minute sketches. The pupils were able to increase the challenge within their drawings by including tone when sketching the figure in a variety of poses and drawing the figure alongside props.



A huge thank you to Megan W. (10E) and Georgia G. (10R) who patiently modelled and posed for the pupils; we couldn't have run the sessions without you.

Congratulations to the following for their achievements:

Marija B. (11E), Alycha B. (10S), Chloe C. (9K), Lauren C. (9S), Rebecca E. (10A), Morgan F. (8E) Georgia G. (10R), Beth G. (11S), Alex G. (10E), Daniel M. (10S), Megan R. (10B), Milly T. (10K), and Nicole T. (10A).

Please look out for an exhibition along the Art corridor.

MATHS BUDDIES



This half term saw the beginning of a new Maths initiative aimed at helping and encouraging our Key Stage 3 pupils to progress in Maths.

The first month of 'Maths Buddies' has seen an average of 58 pupils a week attend workshops led by Year 9 and 10 pupils. It has been a huge success so far, with lots of praise for the scheme from pupils and parents.

STUDENT FINANCE SEMINAR

On the 10th October, the Academy hosted a Student Finance Presentation. Year 11 pupils considering university were informed of the different financial options available. The presentation also commented on the repayment of loans, dependents grants, bursaries and scholarships.

The feedback from the presentation was positive with pupils commenting that they now had a better understanding of the costs associated with going to university.

BOOK FAIR



On 18th October, as part of the Year 7 Transition Evening, the Academy hosted its annual Book Fair. All Year 7 pupils were issued with a £4 book voucher which enabled them to purchase up to three books.