

Celebrating pupils' success



Commendation Evening 2023

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On Wednesday 12th July, the Academy celebrated pupils' achievements at the annual Commendations Evening. Winners received an invitation to attend this special event with their family members and friends, which included refreshments and entertainment from the Music Department.

Heads of Departments welcomed the winners of their subject for KS3 and KS4 and presented pupils with their commendations. The evening culminated with two 'special' commendations - The Principal's Award and The Governors' Award for Outstanding Contribution and Community Work.

Congratulations to the winners below:

KS3 Art - Caitlin McA. (7A)

Caitlin is a very talented young artist who has shown a huge amount of dedication and passion for art. Her work demonstrates an incredible amount of maturity, even though she is only in Year 7 she is creating work that is securely at GCSE level. Every piece of homework that Caitlin has produced has gone above and beyond expectation and she's taken great pride in producing the work to the best of her ability. Caitlin is an inspiration to teach and it will be exciting to see where her art journey takes her.



KS4 Art - Simira T. (10S)

Simira has blossomed into a sensational artist, whose portfolio continues to transcend into something quite magnificent. Not only does Simira understand how to generate own original ideas in her portfolio, these ideas encapsulate artistic influences from both historical and contemporary references. Exceptional skill, flair and control is demonstrated throughout to realise original intentions. As Simira continues to nurture her remarkable talent, her work will only continue to flourish.



KS3 Business - Tia P. (8R)

Tia has shown a great passion in Business over the years. She demonstrates enthusiasm in contributing and sharing her views in lesson. She works diligently on both her homework and classwork. She drives herself to complete higher level tasks, producing some well throughout and detailed work. Tia is a friendly and approachable pupil who enjoys learning independently. It has been a pleasure teaching her.



KS4 Business - Eddie Richard C. (10S)

From lesson one Eddie has shown an innate passion and enthusiasm for Business. His inquisitive nature and drive to succeed has seen him make outstanding progress in the subject. Eddie's recent appointment of Prefect is testament to his hardworking approach and dedication. What an absolute pleasure it has been to teach you Eddie - you are a star.



KS4 Citizenship - Mia P. (10R)

Mia has at least three qualities which are always key indicators of likely success. First, she is engaging and is always willing to engage, second, she always takes great pride in her work and lastly, she always exudes positivity. A deserved winner of this award; really well done.



KS3 Computing - Vedanth A. (8S)

Vedanth works well in lessons, especially when the tasks set are challenging. He is a pleasure to teach and an asset to his year group, however it is his work in the computing club that has impressed most this year. He is keen to learn about extracurricular computing and has demonstrated a level of curiosity and enthusiasm for the subject which is infectious. Vedanth is not dismayed by failure, if a project appears to be going wrong or stalls, Vedanth has demonstrated patience and understanding. The computing club that Vedanth is developing is in the early stages and it is clear that his input and enthusiasm are starting to form into a welcoming and accessible club with exciting plans for the upcoming year.



KS4 Computing - Emily S. (10S)

Emily is an outstanding pupil who has made excellent progress in the GCSE Computer Science course. She has consistently demonstrated a keen interest and commitment to learning, often undertaking background reading before we have covered topics in class. Emily is becoming a proficient and conscientious programmer, enjoying the challenge of creating her own code, always listening to feedback and looking for ways to improve her programs and make them more efficient. Emily is a pleasure to teach and I am sure all her hard work will help her achieve the grade she deserves next year.



KS3 Design & Technology - Sophie C. (8K)

Sophie has displayed continuous effort, quality and development of design strategies throughout this year. She has pushed her creative ideas throughout all of her projects this year to excel. Sophie has thrived in her use of CAD/CAM along with her continued improvement of drawing techniques and has developed in confidence supporting other in her Design Technology lessons. Well done Sophie!



KS4 Design & Technology - Mia B. (9R)

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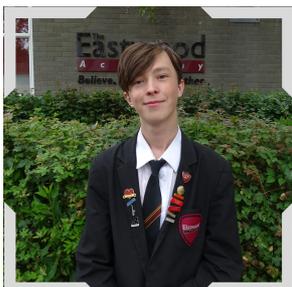
KS3 Drama - Rosie W. (8A)

Rosie has made a big impact within the department. She has been a bubbly, sunny and exceptionally polite member of the class and this energy carries through into her rehearsal and performances in shows. Rosie carries an enthusiasm and passion for the Arts and this has created a thirst for knowledge. She is highly responsive to direction, culminating in the work she creates being elevated and considered. Rosie has a kind helpful demeanor; consistently offers support to others and collaborates well.



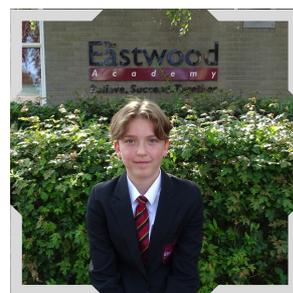
KS4 Drama - Tony L. (10A)

It has been a joy to watch Tony grow both in performance and within himself. He has shown resilience and a committed approach in all aspects of Drama. Tony has embodied a quiet determination together with a strong creative passion and this has ensured that throughout his time at Eastwood, Tony has been an integral part of the Performing Arts community. He produces exemplar work consistently and is an excellent role model for the up-and-coming students. He has offered outstanding support to his peers both within the lessons and also throughout the rehearsal process. He has put others at ease; confidently liaising with peers in all year groups and also staff.



KS3 English - Cameo H. (7E)

Cameo has displayed a great attitude in class, always willing to push herself further academically, striving to make progress and achieve great things. In addition to this, she has supported her peers both inside and outside of the classroom. She shows outstanding commitment to learning and is a pleasure to teach and have in the class.



KS4 English - Mason S. (10S)

Mason was determined from the beginning of Year 10 to achieve the highest grade he could. He has been engaged and committed every lesson and has continually worked above his forecast grade. He is motivated and enthusiastic and leads discussions in the class, always contributing with learned quotes and skills. He visibly works hard and makes working hard, desirable. Mason is a pleasure to teach.



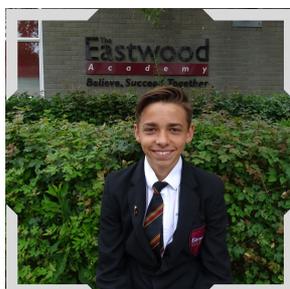
KS3 Food Preparation - Amy P. (8B)

Amy has been nominated this evening for not only the hard work that she completes in the lesson but also the time she gives up outside of school to develop her practical skills. She achieves high assessment grades for both her written and practical work and everything that she does is done with care and attention to detail.



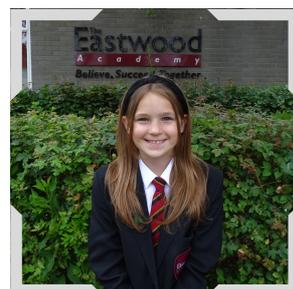
KS4 Food Preparation - Finlay E. (10K)

Finlay has been nominated for this award due to his positive attitude to learning, he will constantly ask for feedback and wants to improve. He takes pride in all areas of the subject whether that is simply taking notes, or completing a complex practical dish in the lesson. Everything is done to the highest standard.



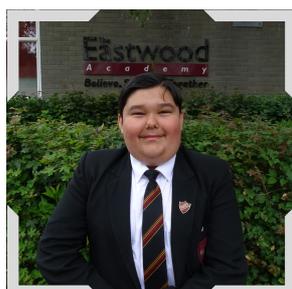
KS3 Geography - Grace M. (7K)

Grace is a very mature Year 7 student who has moulded herself into Eastwood's high expectations quickly. Putting her mark on her first ever lessons in the school, allowed for her positive reputation to build and grow stronger, alongside her knowledge. Grace portrays a calm nature but inside, her brain is constantly whirring with the wonders of the world!



KS4 Geography - James S. (10S)

James is a wonderful young man who never falters in showing his commitment and interest in his subjects. He shows compassion and support to other pupils and has an exceptional knowledge that he has worked hard to develop. He perseveres and never gives up even when he finds a task challenging and this has seen his assessment results and grades continually increase. He is a pleasure to teach!



KS3 History - Sharad P. (7B)

Sharad is an outstanding pupil within history. Sharad excels both in his written work, and verbal answers and communication. He is a natural historian; confident in his answers, inquisitive by nature and keen to learn and understand the world and past around him. I am confident Sharad will continue to work hard and excel in History throughout KS3 and hopefully KS4.



KS4 History - Isabelle V. (9R)

Isabelle's enthusiasm every single lesson, consistent participation, knowledge of the subject and natural ability is why she has been given this award. When Isabelle is absent from the lesson (which is thankfully, rare!) it is noticed by us all and it isn't every student that has this impact on a class. She is supportive of others, encouraging, kind and her love of the subject is infectious.



KS3 Maths - Joshua H. (8E)

Josh has an excellent attitude to learning and always works to the best of his ability. He is keen to make contributions to whole class lessons where he has often been asked to demonstrate full working on the board which can then be critiqued by his peers. This year as the level of the work has moved up a grade from year 7, Josh has stood out in a strong top set and has especially shown a high level of understanding in Algebraic topics which appear to be his forte. He has averaged over 95% on individual unit tests and has achieved maximum grades on all five half term tests so far. Not only is his work accurate but his work rate is also the highest in the set and he is often set extension questions which he happily tackles with enthusiasm. When asked for a nomination for a student from KS3 for this award it was an easy choice. I am sure Josh will go on to develop his skills and understanding in mathematics and achieve the highest grades achievable in his year 11 exams.



KS4 Maths - Jonnie S. (10B)

Jonnie has been an exemplary display of the right attitude and commitment in Mathematics. He has a natural disposition towards numbers and their processes that have been manifested in him scoring the highest grades over the last two years across the year group. This year he has developed his fluency to an already accomplished GCSE level. His contributions in the classroom are immeasurable. When the class have been pushed to extensions and extensions to these extensions, you'll see his brain firing on all cylinders giving little bites of Mathematical intuition. As one of our Maths Ambassadors, he is one of the finest model students to have representing Mathematics and the school. He has been a pleasure to teach. Well done to Jonnie!



KS3 Modern Foreign Languages - Emma D. (8W)

Emma is commended for the 100% effort she always gives in lessons. She is focused and challenges herself in all tasks and assessments. Her work is detailed and exemplary, always achieving one of the highest marks. It has been lovely to see her confidence grow since year 7, especially in French speaking. Emma regularly volunteers answers in class and is keen to participate, always with a smile. She is certainly a role model to her peers.



KS3 Modern Foreign Languages - Esme S. (10K)

Esme is a hardworking and conscientious student in French. Her writing is to be particularly commended and she is able to frequently write well above the necessary word count for a task, whilst maintaining an excellent standard. Her homework is always completed to a high level as she strives to work towards the highest possible grades. Esme's delightful personality and commitment to her studies show what a role model she is to her peers.



KS3 Music - Harry D. (8E)

Harry is hard working, dedicated and enthusiastic in every music lesson. He has a clear passion for music and this is evident in every aspect of his work in the classroom.

Work is always completed to the highest of standards, but this does not stop Harry striving to improve even further. Harry takes onboard every piece of feedback he is offered and uses this to push himself to understand increasingly difficult music theory concepts, to learn increasingly difficult pieces of music and to achieve higher grades.

After noticing Harry's natural musical ability, he was challenged at the start of Year 8 to join one of the music enrichment activities. He joined the percussion ensemble and his confidence has grown week after week as he has embraced his musicality with a drive to constantly improve. After each practice Harry takes his music home and independently works on his performance. As every week passes Harry returns to the music classroom and the percussion ensemble as a more confident and fluent musician.



KS4 Music - Finley C. (10A)

Finley embarked upon the GCSE Music course with a desire to improve his musical skill and knowledge. He was not fluent in instrumental performance, but had committed to learning an instrument, to studying music theory and learning how to compose. He began to learn the guitar and found a natural flair and ability on this instrument. He now has not just one, but two guitar teachers, and practices regularly. The progress he has made has been remarkable. He has also discovered a real flair for composition, resulting in him being one of the first in the class to complete his composition coursework.

He also shows incredible maturity in the classroom - listening intently in music theory and analysis lessons, asking relevant questions and achieving excellent grades for music theory classwork. Although Finley is modest and would not openly admit this, he has made remarkable progress since the start of Year 9. He is commended this evening for his excellent work ethic and determination which has made this possible.



KS4 PDE - Kulsuma S. (10S)

Enrichment in the school is something that is just as important within PDE as any of the lessons that take place. Kulsuma is a person who embraces all Enrichment opportunities, as well contributing positively to her PDE lessons. More enrichment opportunities have been given this year including the new Cultural Day which celebrated a variety of cultures and backgrounds, and Kulsuma particularly stood out during this day. She took a leading role in the organisation and planning of the day, attending all the meetings and usually turning up early! Most importantly, Kulsuma fully embraced the day and everything it stood for.



KS3 PE - Alice B. (8A)

Alice is an outstanding performer in a variety of sporting disciplines. Her work rate in lessons is outstanding and her dedication to extra-curricular activities ensures that she is an integral part of the netball, basketball, football, cross country and athletics teams. Alice is the Borough Champion for both Pole Vault and 75m Hurdles, securing these titles in this year's Borough Championships. Alice is extremely resilient and enjoys the challenge of competition and training allowing her to strive for success in everything that she does. A remarkable asset to the Academy.



KS4 PE - Harry W. (10B)

Harry Represents the Academy in a variety of sports and always demonstrates an enthusiastic and positive attitude. His team ethic in Football and Basket ball is outstanding, however, it's in cross country running where Harry excels. He led the Intermediate Boys Team to an incredible 4th place at the ESAA Cross Country Cup National Final where personally he finished 12th in a field of over 150 of the country's best runners. He also won a silver medal in the Year 10/11 Borough cross country finals to help ensure that the Academy were the overall winners of the competition.



KS3 Religious Studies - Joshua P. (7S)

Joshua has been an outstanding student in RE this year. He approaches every topic with respect and maturity. He tries hard to understand different religions and how people may have different views of the world. Josh's classwork and homework has been exemplary and always completed to the highest standard. He is a pleasure to teach and his commitment to learning is exemplary. Well done!



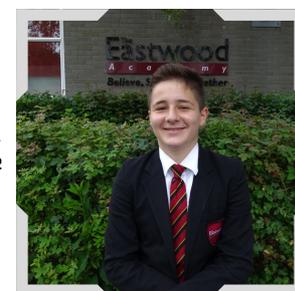
KS3 Science - Nii L. (7B)

Nii is a conscientious and enthusiastic pupil. He has displayed this through a wealth of positive contributions to each lesson. His motivation to achieve has shone through since beginning his journey into Science at the academy. Nii is a young man who exemplifies the attitude of hard work, producing excellent results and is a truly outstanding pupil.



KS4 Science - Triumph S. (9S)

Triumph has made an excellent transition from KS3 to GCSE Science. With a determined, kind nature, Triumph epitomises what it means to be a 'well rounded' pupil, a pupil which others look up to. Through practical elements of the course, triumph is developing excellent leadership skills and qualities. Triumph has an innate drive to succeed and reflect. I have no doubt that Triumph will be a headline pupil in Year 10 and 11.



KS4 Sociology - Evangeline R. (10R)

Evie is an excellent student of Sociology. She has an outstanding knowledge and understanding of challenging concepts and will give 100% effort every lesson. She continues to set herself high expectations and is always a role model to others in the class. This award is very well deserved.



KS4 Statistics - Leo W. (10K)

Leo has a natural mathematical ability, so probably doesn't actually need to try in Statistics, but he does so, constantly. He approaches every lesson with a great attitude and gives maximum effort. He is consistently top of the class in term tests, being one of very few students to have scored a grade 9. He is always happy to help students around him that are struggling, regardless of who it is, and is great at explaining topics using his personal understanding of it. Leo has a genuine thirst for knowledge and strives to achieve his best during every lesson.



Pastoral Award

Sophia L. (10S)



Sophia has been fully engaged and committed to the Academy since she arrived at the beginning of Year 7 - particularly within PE. She is consistently hard-working and diligent, whilst at the same time being empathetic and approachable. Nothing is too much trouble and Sophia goes above and beyond what is required on a daily basis. When asked who would be a deserving recipient of this award, it was an easy and unanimous answer from all Heads of Houses. She is a shining example of what it means to do the right thing, even when you think no-one is looking.

The Clary Beecham & David Booth Governors' Award

Caitlin D. (10B) & Maryse F. (10K)



Maryse and Caitlin hosted a charity event to raise money and awareness for the Essex Deaf Children Society. This event was organised by them both within just 4 weeks! The girls began this endeavour as part of their 'active citizenship project'. They formulated the concept, organised the performers, raffle, refreshments and ticket sales. The evening involved several pupils performing dance and music acts as well as Maryse herself signing throughout some performances. This event was a brilliant success raising £608 for the Essex Deaf Children Society. The Governors' Award is one that aims to recognise the brilliant work that many of our pupils do in their own community and Maryse and Caitlin could not be more deserving of it.

Principal's Award

Esme S. (10K)



Esme is an all-around outstanding pupil who has significantly contributed to the academy in many different ways throughout her time here. Esme has been involved in the school productions, she helps with gardening club, eco club, and maths club, supporting younger pupils with their learning. She does all of this whilst maintaining the highest academic standards and impeccable behaviour and commitment to learning. She is an absolute credit to her family and to the academy.