

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On 25th January, the DfE's School and College Performance Tables were published with validated data. The Academy recorded a Progress 8 score of 0.70, placing it in the top 6% of schools nationally.

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

Of the 31 schools in Essex and Southend, the Academy is the highest ranked non-selective school. It is also ranked 3rd in a list of 55 similar schools nationally.

Click here for the [Progress 8 Scores and Ranked List](#)

In respect to the above, the Academy featured in an article in The Evening Echo.

Click here for the article in [The Evening Echo](#).

In the Autumn Term, the Academy received a letter from Mrs. S. Baldwin, Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC), acknowledging the Academy's outstanding outcomes with disadvantaged pupils, and an invitation to be a Lead School in a pilot scheme to improve outcomes in other schools in the East of England. The event will be launched on 28th February.

Click here for the [Trio Partnership Letter](#)

Mr. N. Houchen

Principal, The Eastwood Academy

CEO, Eastwood Park Academy Trust (EPAT)

SAFER INTERNET DAY

To coincide with Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th February, pupils in Year 7 and 8 have been completing extended work to enhance their awareness about keeping safe online; Year 9 pupils continue to work through their BCS E-Safety Level 1 accredited qualification; and pupils in Year 10 and 11 have received E-Safety themed assemblies.

Click here for [E-Safety for Parents](#) / [E-Safety for Pupils](#)

SUBJECT COMMENDATIONS



Congratulations to all the pupils who received Celebrating Success Subject Commendations this half term.

ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance is currently 96.4%. This is 0.4% above the Academy's self-imposed target of 96.0% and 1.4% above the national average of 95.0%.

House	% Attendance
Ashdown	96.2
Bowland	97.4
Elvedon	96.1
Kielder	95.9
Richmond	96.5
Sherwood	96.5
Whinfell	96.5
Overall	96.4

Click here for the [Academic Year 2018-19 Letter](#)

KS3 LITERACY CLUB

Mrs. L. Child is starting a KS3 Literacy Lunch Club on Thursdays, in EN2, from 1:55 - 2:25 p.m. The club offers literacy support through games and fun, for anyone in Year 7 or 8, or who is nominated by their English teacher.

HAVENS HOSPICES

A total of £736.00 was raised. Well done!

Click here for the [Letter from Havens Hospices](#)

Pupil Success

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



The Student Leadership Team (StLT) started the term by delivering an assembly to Year 10 pupils about the role of a Prefect and how they can apply to become a Prefect. A total of 84 applications have been received for the 44 positions available. As part of the selection process, all applicants have completed a trial duty this half term, supported by current Prefects and the StLT.

After the February half term, Prefects will be shortlisted for the new StLT. These pupils will be invited to attend an interview with the current StLT and Academy staff will also have an input into decisions on the composition of the new StLT. Once the new StLT team is in place, the remaining Prefects will be chosen against a rigorous criteria, including their completed application form, trial duty and feedback from staff. The new cohort of Prefects will then release the current Year 11 to enable them to attend GCSE intervention sessions.

Click here for more about the [Student Leadership Team](#).

PREFECT AWARD



The StLT nominated Ellie S. (IIE) for the Monthly Prefect Award. Ellie is a very supportive Prefect, always willing to step in and help her peers and younger pupils. She is always punctual for her duty and is diligent in her post.

To acknowledge this achievement, Mr. N. Houchen presented Ellie with a certificate and gift voucher on Wednesday 7th February.

PUBLIC SPEAKING



On Thursday 11th January, Adanna A. (IIR), Lia C. (IIA) and Momin S. (IIA) entered the battlefield of public speaking at Thorpe Hall School.

Adanna and Lia were determined to enter the competition again

this year following their success last year when they made it to the second heat in Chelmsford.

Adanna presented her speech in what can only be described as an almost zen-like calm – she commanded the audience from the very first word that she spoke – taking centre position on the stage, scanning the crowd, daring anyone not to pay full attention to our team's subject: *If we could live forever, would life be meaningless?* She was superb.

More was to follow. Lia took the Chair for St. Thomas More and delivered an absolutely impeccable introduction – once again she displayed an utterly natural ability to take control of the stage.

Momin stepped up to question the Speaker. What he did was devastating for the poor Speaker. Momin had listened carefully to the speech and he then proceeded to deliver a salvo of intelligent, thoughtful questions that obviously caused the Speaker to have to think very carefully about his responses. In short, Momin was awesome.

Adanna won 'Best Speaker'; the judges had obviously recognised that this competition was about delivering a speech, not a dramatic performance!

Adanna, Lia and Momin were awarded 1st place overall! Thorpe Hall took 2nd place – we'll be up against them in February in Chelmsford – our team are fired up and ready to go for the next heat!



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Pupil Success

GIRLS' FOOTBALL SUCCESS



This year the girls' football teams have continued their dominance both locally and nationally:

- UI3 have reached the semi-finals of the Essex Cup;
- UI4 have reached the final of the Essex Cup;
- UI4 won the local Futsal Competition and will now compete at the Copper Box Arena – Olympic Park; and
- UI5 have reached the quarter final of the National Cup.

Over the last 8 years, the Academy has competed in 6 county finals and been crowned county champions in 5. This year, the Academy entered the National Cup for the first time and is now officially recognised as one of the top 8 teams in the country. A great achievement by all those involved – well done girls!

CELEBRATION BREAK



On Tuesday 18th January, the girls' football teams were invited to a special break with Mr. N. Houchen to celebrate their football success.

STREET DANCE QUALIFYING



Lemar-Shea S. (8W) recently took part in the UDO Street Dance World Championship. He finished 2nd in the solo round and 1st with in the team round.

He will now go forward and take part in the World Championship Final in Glasgow.

FOOD PREPARATION AND NUTRITION



Year 8 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed making fruit muffins this half term. The challenge was to come up with the best flavour combinations and they didn't fail to impress, with original ideas such as banana, pecan and honey, and raspberry, sultana and lemon zest.

DUKE OF EDNIBURGH'S AWARD SUCCESS



During January and February, Year 11 pupils were presented with their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award certificates and badges by Mr. N. Houchen.

The pupils have spent the last year undertaking voluntary work within charities; learning new skills e.g. photography, painting and cooking; and participating in a physical activity. In addition, they have undertaken a variety of training, including first aid, to enable them to attend two weekend expeditions.

The Bronze Award clearly didn't put them off because 19 Year 11 pupils are currently training for their Silver Award with expeditions scheduled to take place in the New Forest



Events

YEAR 10 'DROP DOWN' DAYS



Year 10 pupils were given the opportunity to showcase their business minds and create a smartphone app that helps solve a problem in the community. Working in groups, pupils worked on their exciting app idea while developing some key employability skills e.g. effective communication, team work, creative thinking, time management, problem solving, leadership and management.

App ideas included an employment app for young people; an app for children with disability; and an app for fitness.

Each team had one minute to pitch their ideas to the rest of the groups. The winning teams were 'Recycling for Cash' and 'Happy App' for people with autism.



FUNDRAISING

Aimee K. (10S) and Sadia K. (10S) are raising money for the Samuel Folorunsho Care Foundation, which is a charity that helps find, rehome and rehabilitate Nigerian orphans so they can be safe and have a brighter future. They held a bake sale raising £164 and will have a donation box at Reception from 19th February - 30th March for donations such as books, clean blankets and new or used educational toys etc. All donations will be shipped to the Samuel Folorunsho Orphanage in Nigeria. The pupils also have a gofundme page for any donations:

[Gofundme.com/fund-money-for-nigerian-orphanage](https://www.gofundme.com/fund-money-for-nigerian-orphanage)



YEAR 9 ROAD SAFETY



During the Autumn Term, Student Voice feedback raised concerns about pupils' safety when using bikes to and from the Academy. As a result, the StLT arranged a series of workshops which

highlighted the importance of wearing helmets and riding a bike safely.

On Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th January, Year 9 pupils participated in these workshops led by Road Safety Officers from Southend Council. Pupils watched videos with a variety of scenarios and discussed the central issues.

YEAR 11 OLYMPIC PARK TRIP



On Friday 2nd February, 37 intrepid Year 11 geographers headed to Stratford, London, to investigate the impact of the Olympic Park regeneration on the environment.

First stop was John Lewis for the private viewing gallery. This enabled the pupils to listen to a commentary on the regeneration and then take a unique tour to the restricted roof top gardens where the first environmental surveys were completed. For some, the heights were too much, but most enjoyed the panoramic views of the capital.

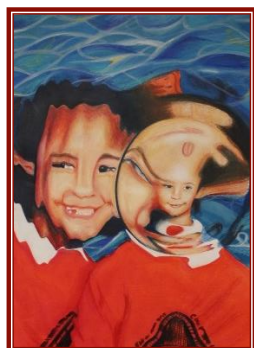
We were then lucky enough to have the opportunity to meet one of the historians from the Central Library who provided us with an insight into the area, the history of the industrial development and its impact on the environment. The highlight for many was to see the original 1700s and 1800s maps, brought especially from the archives to illustrate how much Stratford has changed.

Next stop was Carpenter's Lock and then onto White Lane, which holds the title of 'the most graffitied road in Europe'. It certainly didn't disappoint, but did strike a stark contrast to the Olympic Park.

Pupil Showcase

YEAR 11 SPRING ARTWORK

Outcomes in response to the word 'reflection'.



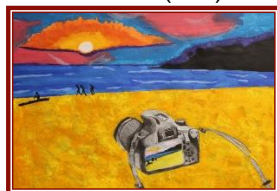
Alycha B. (11S)



Alex G. (11E)



Charli L.-S. (11E)



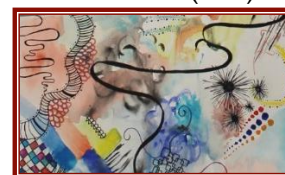
Anthony J. (11S)

YEAR 10 SPRING ARTWORK

Abstract responses to music, inspired by Wassily Kandinsky.



Rachel W. (10K)



Catalina V. (10B)

YEAR 8 SPRING ARTWORK

Chocolate bar homework, focusing on close up.



Chelsea M. (8R)



Lewis K. (8A)

YEAR 9 SPRING ARTWORK

Responses to footwear, corridor display.

