

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



On 8<sup>th</sup> March, the Academy was subject to a section 8 Ofsted inspection. There were four possible outcomes from this particular type of inspection and the Academy achieved the highest possible outcome i.e. 'The school remains good and there is sufficient evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school may be judged outstanding if it received a section 5 inspection now'.

Click here for the [2018 Ofsted Report](#)



On 23<sup>rd</sup> March, I had the pleasure of attending the launch of the Trio Partnership at The James Hornsby School. The Academy was approached to become a Lead School in the scheme which aims to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in the East of England. The Academy has been partnered with Notley High School and The Basildon Academies and will work with both schools over the course of the Summer Term.

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

Mr. N. Houchen  
Principal, The Eastwood Academy  
CEO, Eastwood Park Academy Trust (EPAT)

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

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  | 96.0         |
| Kielder  | 96.1         |
| Richmond | 97.6         |
| Sherwood | 96.6         |
| Whinfell | 96.6         |
| Overall  | 96.4         |

Click here for the [Attendance Policy](#)

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

Punctuality, as measured by the % of sessions recorded as 'late', is currently 1.8%. There is no national figure/benchmark for punctuality but the Academy has set an ambitious target of <1% (the equivalent of each pupil being late for school twice in an academic year) and will continue to work towards this target.

| House    | % Sessions Late |
|----------|-----------------|
| Ashdown  | 1.9             |
| Bowland  | 1.9             |
| Elvedon  | 2.3             |
| Kielder  | 1.9             |
| Richmond | 1.7             |
| Sherwood | 1.7             |
| Whinfell | 1.7             |
| Overall  | 1.8             |

# Pupil Success

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



This half term, the current Student Leadership Team (StLT) has delivered presentations to each year group, focused on two key discussion points they wanted the pupil body to consider. Form Captains followed up the discussion with their form groups and collated views that were then fed back to the StLT. Form Captains then met with the StLT to discuss the responses and the StLT are scheduled to meet with Mr. N. Houchen to discuss the main points.

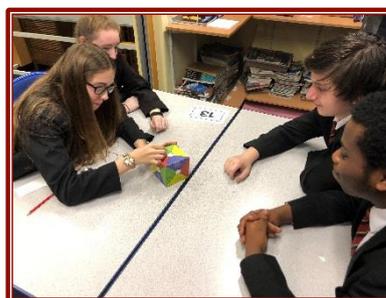
Click here for a [StLT Presentation](#)

Following a rigorous selection process, the new StLT and Prefects (derived from Year 10) have been announced and are currently being mentored by the Year 11 StLT during this transitional phase.

| Student Leadership Team | Pupil           |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Head Boy                | Oswald W. (10B) |
| Head Girl               | Ellie L. (10E)  |
| Deputy Head Boy         | Ewan L.S. (10K) |
| Deputy Head Girl        | Megan S. (10B)  |
| Senior Prefect          | Freya B. (10R)  |
| Senior Prefect          | Oscar M. (10K)  |
| Senior Prefect          | Ben S. (10A)    |
| Senior Prefect          | Joshua S. (10R) |
| Senior Prefect          | Millie W. (10K) |

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

## MATHS CHALLENGE



On 7<sup>th</sup> March, a group of Year 10 pupils participated in a maths competition at King Edward VI Grammar School in Chelmsford.

Representing the Academy were Kamal A. (10W), Chloe C. (10K), Millie W. (10K) and Harry W. (10W). A special mention must go to Daisy S. (10A) who was the Academy's team reserve and came to every single team practice, but sadly was not needed to travel on the day.

Competition was fierce with representation from SHSB, WHSB, WHSG, KEGS, CCHS, with most fielding two teams, and a total of 15 teams from across the county.

The team did extremely well and finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall, beating both teams from WHSG, one of the teams from WHSB and one of the teams from CCHS.

## FOOTBALL SUCCESS



Congratulations to:

Year 7 Boys who are South East Essex and Borough champions.

Year 8 Boys who are South East Essex runners-up.

Year 9 Boys who are South East Essex runners-up and Borough champions.

# Pupil Success

## UKMT TEAM CHALLENGE



On 6<sup>th</sup> March, a group of pupils from Year 8 and 9 visited Brancrofts School in Woodford Green to participate in the Regional Finals of the UKMT Team Challenge. Roshoun B. (9W) and Cassidy D. (9S) were returning participants, and were joined by Madison F.-H. (8R) and Chelsea M. (8R).

The competition consisted of 4 rounds, the first of which was a group round where the pupils had 45 minutes to complete 10 questions, ranging from difficult to monstrously difficult. The team managed to achieve their best ever score, which put them 5<sup>th</sup> after the 1<sup>st</sup> round.

The second round was a Crossnumber where the group were split into two pairs and had to solve the number equivalent of a crossword.

The third round threw a 'spanner in the works' and was the hardest by far. The team worked in pairs to calculate answers that the other pair needed in order to solve their own mathematical problems.

The fourth and final round was hard fought and the team managed to make up some ground to finish 10<sup>th</sup> out of the 30 schools that participated. Considering the stiff competition, particularly from the 19 selective schools, the pupils did extremely well and the Academy secured the highest placed finish for a non-selective school.

## SNOW QUEEN PERFORMANCE



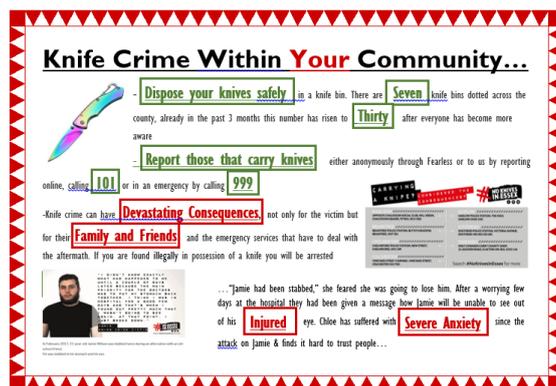
Anna G. (9W) took part in the ballet production of Snow Queen at the Civic Theatre in Chelmsford. She played both a gypsy and a villager and had a wonderful time. Virtually the entire cast were children and they put on a fantastic show for their audiences. Congratulations!

## CITIZENSHIP

In Citizenship, Year 9 and 10 pupils have been working on a campaign of their choice that will enable them to demonstrate action change in the community. Some of the most impressive work to come out of the campaigns included: cyber bullying, equality in sport and knife crime.



Vinnie S. (9E), Josh S. (9K), Jack T. (9W)



George C. (9R), Cassidy D. (9S), James D. (9S)

## CYBERBULLYING

Cyber bullying is out of control,  
I can tell you now it don't make you feel whole,  
It damages you deep down in the soul.

Cyber bullying isn't a laughing matter,  
Insulting someone because they're fatter,  
You think you're big and you think you're strong,  
But actually you are completely wrong.

Bullying someone behind a screen,  
That doesn't show anything except that you're mean,  
If you're a bully you need to think to yourself,  
You might be damaging someone else's health.

If you're the victim there are things you can do,  
Go find a teacher and they'll help you get through,  
I'm telling you and I promise its true,  
There are special people that are there for you.

No one should go through it alone,  
So if you need some help then pick up your phone,  
0800 1111 (child lines number),  
They'll talk to you about how it begun,  
And all your problems will be undone.

Joe M. (9S)

# Events

## ESAA ESSEX X-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

On 21<sup>st</sup> February, a group of pupils competed in the ESAA Essex Cross Country Championships in Upminster, Essex. All pupils applied themselves impeccably and were a credit to the Academy throughout the day. Each race included nearly 200 runners from a large number of schools from across the county.

Congratulations go to the Year 8 Boys' Team who finished 1<sup>st</sup> on the podium and retained the ESAA trophy. Credit also to the Year 7 Boys' Team who achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> position. Incredibly, 9 runners also qualified to represent Essex.



Year 7 Boys Team



Year 7 Girls Team



Year 8 Boys Team



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## SOUTHEND MAKES MUSIC



On 12<sup>th</sup> March, eleven pupils from across all year groups performed as The Eastwood Academy Percussion Ensemble at the Palace Theatre, as part of Music-on-Sea's annual 'Southend Makes Music' event. To an enthusiastic crowd, the ensemble performed arrangements of Metallica's 'Call of the Ktulu' and Klaus Badelt's 'He's A Pirate' from the Pirates of the Caribbean movies. The pupils had never sounded better, playing with focus and musicality despite the imposing venue and large audience, and received an energetic round of applause.

## SKI TRIP



On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, The Eastwood Academy embarked on the annual ski trip to a small resort known as Tonale, situated in the snowy hills of Italy.

On arrival, the weather conditions were flawless, with perfect blue skies five out of the six days, allowing for optimum skiing conditions. The pupils were placed into groups after a quick test of their skiing ability and were immediately able to hit the slopes.

Over the six days, all those on the trip made amazing progress, eventually taking on some of the more difficult runs the resort had to offer. There were a few comical tumbles but, all in all, it was, as always, another amazing experience for both pupils and staff.

The Academy will be returning to the same resort in February 2019. For further information please see Mr. D. Bracknell.



## SIR DAVID AMESS (MP) VISIT



On 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Sir David Amess MP visited the Academy, accompanied by a member of the Local Governing Body, Mr. K. Buck.

Sir David undertook a tour of the site, visited lessons and met with the Student Leadership Team and Student Voice Form Captains for a Q&A session.

## Events

### PRESENTATION AT BOURNEMOUTH PARK



As part of National Careers Week, 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March, the Academy's StLT visited the primary phase partner school, Bournemouth Park

Academy.

Time was spent looking at different careers the pupils might like to pursue when they grow up, and Adanna A. (IIR), Sam B. (IIK), Georgia G. (IIR), Momin S. (IIA) were on hand able to provide a guided insight into life at a secondary school and the many and varied opportunities available.

### NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK



The Academy arranged three main activities as part of National Careers Week.

The first activity was a Careers Treasure Hunt. Thirty teachers posted their careers histories on signs in their classrooms and pupils had to find the signs and match the teacher to their career. Did you know, one of the teachers formally worked as a bouncer, a nurse and a tomato picker!!

The second activity was all about apprenticeships in which pupils answered ten key questions. Did you know, that you can take a Level 7 apprenticeship, equivalent to a Master's Degree in many different careers, including Aerospace Engineer and Crime Scene Photographer?

The final activity asked pupils to match a celebrity to the apprenticeship scheme they took. Did you know that Gordon Ramsey completed a Hotel Management apprenticeship; Stella McCartney undertook a fine tailoring apprenticeship; and Sir Alex Ferguson was, in a former life, a toolmaking apprentice!

Click here for a [Guide to Apprenticeships](#)

### TRIP TO PARLIAMENT



On 23rd February, a group of pupils from Year 9 and 10 met Sir David Amess MP. The pupils had all written to Sir David as part of their Citizenship controlled assessment and were lobbying their MP to ask him for support with their issues.

The topics up for discussion were: raising awareness and support for mental health; promoting recycling; the increasing rate of acid attacks; domestic violence; and the impact of immigration to the UK.

The pupils' letters were so well written that Sir David had asked them to join him personally for an in-depth discussion. It's fair to say that some of the pupils really 'grilled' Sir David whilst others were more subtle in their approach.

Pupils also had the chance to meet several councillors from other political parties and were keen to learn more about the work that they were doing.

In terms of progress to date, Sir David has already spoken in the House of Commons, representing Jude Morgan's concerns on acid attacks, and was able to provide the pupils with the transcript of the points raised. Sir David has also contacted two senior government ministers on a range of other issues and pupils intend to follow this up in the Summer Term.

### E-SAFETY



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Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> March, Year 9 pupils partook in a series of e-safety workshops delivered by Mr. G. Collard, formally the Academy's Police Liaison Officer.

Mr. G. Collard delivered current, high end, interactive presentations and workshops which were well received by the pupils.

# Extra-Curricular

## FUNDRAISING FOR ATTWOOD'S MANOR



A group of Year 9 pupils have recently undertaken fund raising events as part of their Citizenship studies. Natalie B. (9S) and Megan R. (9W) chose to conduct a cake sale and a

sponsored silence. They managed to raise about £300 and, thanks to a generous anonymous donation, this has been rounded up to £400. They chose to donate the money to the residents of Attwood's Manor, which is a care home in North Essex.

Since last October the care home has been under new management and is improving greatly. Natalie followed up the donation by visiting the care home and meeting staff and residents.



Congratulations to both girls on their efforts – well done.

## BAKE SALE – CITIZENSHIP COURSEWORK

This half term as part of their Citizenship studies, pupils baked and sold cakes for a number of different charities.

| Pupils  | Charity          |
|---|------------------|
| Beth D. (10R), Amy C. (10A) and Jodie W. (10W)                    | Red Cross        |
| Ayaah B. (9B), Mia B (9A), and Anna G. (9A)                       | Cancer Research  |
| Lydia D. (9K) and Heidi R. (9A)                                   | Danny Green Fund |
| Erin H. (9E), Eda M. (9E), Amy S. (9E), Tia T. (9K), Izzy T. (9K) | HARP             |
| Harrison F. (9W)  | Fathers4Justice  |
| Leo S-J. (9R)   | Oxfam            |
| Ella Hamm (10R), Keeley M. (10K) and Abigail P. (10B)             | RSPCA            |



## NETBALL



On 13<sup>th</sup> March, the Year 7 Netball Team represented the Academy at the Borough Netball Tournament. The team got off to a winning start

against The Chase High School but unfortunately they were in a tough draw and struggled to get the ball to the shooters; however, Lorey E. (7K), Goalkeeper, achieved player of the tournament for making some fantastic interceptions.

The team were also entered into the Southend Borough Netball League, running for the first time this year. The whole squad have been fully committed to training every week (even in the freezing conditions that we had to endure this winter). A special mention must go to Libby M. (7K) for her continued commitment to practices, especially the extra shooting sessions which resulted in a consistent run of scoring and some spectacular shots.

The Year 8 Netball Team also participated in the Southend Borough Netball Tournament. They were also in the toughest side of the draw and fought hard to get through to the semi-finals. The team won convincingly against St. Bernard's and Cecil Jones but lost by two goals to an extremely well drilled Shoeburyness team and a very talented SHSG.



The most improved player of the season goes to Ella B. (8K), who has greatly developed both her attacking and defending skills.

This KS3 team of girls has a lot of potential and has made a lot of progress throughout the season. They have won eight out of nine games convincingly and Alana B. (8S) and Georgia M. (8R) have scored some fabulous goals, with their shooting partnership achieving a tremendous average of 19 goals per match.

With only one defeat in the league, we are waiting nervously to find out the team's final position; will it be champions or runners-up? Whatever the final outcome, well done girls on an excellent season.

# Celebrating Success

Congratulations to all pupils who were presented with certificates in the end of term House assemblies.

ASHDOWN



BOWLAND



ELVEDON



KIELDER



RICHMOND



SHERWOOD



WHINFELL



# Pupil Showcase

## YEAR 7 SPRING ARTWORK

7F2 – Jawlensky inspired self-portraits.



## YEAR 8 SPRING ARTWORK

8M3 - Grid technique to make a playing card inspired artwork.



8F1 - Opted to complete the playing card task from a photo they took themselves, incorporating playing cards and a hand.



## YEAR 11 SPRING ARTWORK

Project in progress from Nicole T. (11A). Inspiration from the exam title 'Light and Dark.'



## YEAR 10 SPRING ARTWORK

Music in Art

