

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we edge towards the end of the Summer Term, I have cause to reflect on what has been another challenging year. I am particularly proud of how staff, pupils and parents have navigated the difficulties and disruption associated with the restrictions and impositions. It is my sincere hope that the position in September is closer to normal. To this end, I have redrafted a [Covid-19 FAQ](#) and [Risk Assessment](#), although these may be subject to further updates and I will look to contact parents in late August to finalise the precise arrangements.

I wish you a restful and relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming the pupils back in September.

Mr. N. Houchen



Principal

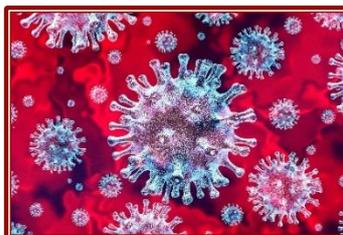
## ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Up to week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> July, overall attendance was 94.8% vs. a (normal) national average of 94.5% (+0.3%) and a (current) national average of 76.0% (+18.5%).

House	% Attendance
Ashdown	93.5
Bowland	95.7
Elveden	94.8
Kielder	94.1
Richmond	96.4
Sherwood	93.6
Whinfell	95.3
<b>Overall</b>	<b>94.8</b>

Whilst appreciating the disruption over the last couple of academic years, from September, the Academy will redouble its efforts in pursuit of its target for all pupils to achieve an attendance of 100%. This will involve, in part, restarting the Attendance Catch-up Programme as part of the wider strategy of Learning Recovery.

## COVID-19 UPDATE AUTUMN TERM 21



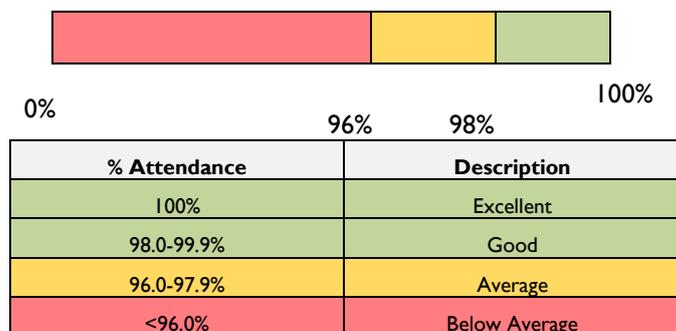
On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July, the Prime Minister released a [statement](#) setting out the details of Step 4 of the [Roadmap](#), confirming that, subject to a final review next week, legal restrictions associated

with Covid-19 will end on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. A summary of the main changes is provided below.

- Year group 'bubbles' will be discontinued i.e. year groups will no longer be segregated (can mix) and can arrive and leave school at the same time.
- Asymptomatic testing (two weekly LFD tests taken at home) will continue until the end of September.
- Identified 'contacts' will no longer be required to self-isolate for 10 days i.e. can continue to attend school but will be advised to take a PCR test.
- Face coverings will no longer be advised for staff, pupils or visitors in classrooms or communal areas.
- Educational visits (domestic and international) can resume.

Although there may be further updates in August, the [Covid-19 FAQ](#) and [Risk Assessment](#) have been updated to reflect the changes above.

## ATTENDANCE TARGET



# Pupil Success

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



BR: Daisy L. (SP), Lillie C. (SP), Olivia C. (SP), Ruben W. (SP), Matthew G. (SP), Taylor A.-Q. (SP)

FR: Erin V. (DHG), Calypso B. (HG), Joseph W. (HB), Frank S. (DHB)

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June the outgoing StLT met with Mr. N. Houchen for a Rewards Lunch. Pupils were praised for the huge impact they had had in a relatively short space of time, owing to the restrictions during this year. By way of an acknowledgement, pupils were presented with a certificate and gift voucher.

Prior to leaving, the team had also been involved in the recruitment of the new Student Leadership Team (StLT), from the initial application process to interviewing the short-listed candidates. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June, the new team were announced and presented with their ties and badges. The final selection of prefects was then announced during the following week. A full list is provided below.

Prefects		
Queensley A. (10E)	Dominic F. (10B)	Molly P. (10W)
Charlotte A. (10K)	Tianna G. (10W)	John P. (10B)
Brooke A. (10R)	Lewis H. (10R)	Esha R. (10B)
Chloe B. (10A)	Oliver H. (10E)	Gemma R. (10B)
Nicholas B. (10R)	Callum I. (10S)	Fenton S. (10W)
Michael C. (10R)	Lusinda K. (10B)	Brooke T. (10E)
William C. (10A)	Ben L. (10K)	Jess W. (10K)
Isabel C. (10A)	Larissa L. (10B)	Nadia W. (10K)
Ruby C. (10E)	Finn L. (10R)	Lucia W. (10R)
Flynn C. (10K)	Madi M. (10A)	Rachel W. (10R)
Maya D. (10W)	James M. (10S)	Ben W. (10K)
Annabella D. (10B)	Haleema M. (10W)	Dora Y. (10A)
Callum D. (10A)	Christian M. (10W)	
Harry E. (10K)	Lucy P. (10E)	

## CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH



On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July, a charity football match was held between Year 10 boys (10X and 10Y). It was a really successful event, largely due to the vision and organisation of Freddie S. (10R) and his team. The final score ended up 5-3, with 10X as the winning team. A total of £154.80 was raised for a charity which aims to eradicate racism in sport.



*'Recently, my friends and I organised an Active Citizenship Project linked to racism. I decided to base it on this issue due to my belief that not enough is done to combat racism in sport. The event consisted of two opposing teams playing an 80-minute football game on the astroturf (after school). The ticket prices were £3 to play and £1 to watch. We raised a total of £154.80 and donated it to the 'Show Racism the Red Card Foundation'. I feel that the event was a real success in terms of running smoothly and everyone involved enjoying the occasion. I'd like to thank everyone who took part in the event and to the people that kindly donated to the cause.'*

*Freddie S. (10R)*



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# Pupil Success

## ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, twelve Year 7 pupils from the Academy represented the Southend Borough in the Essex County Schools Athletics Championships.



The Southend Borough Team consists of 40 of the best athletes in Track and Field, 20 boys and 20 girls.

I am delighted to inform you that we now have two Essex Champions, two new school record holders and two Bronze Medal winners.

Pupil	Event	Result
Adam J. (7E)	75m Hurdles	Essex Champion and school record holder
Aydan H. (7A)	800m	Essex Champion
Jess W. (7W)	1500m	Bronze medal winner and school record holder
Phoebe B. (7W)	Shot Put	Bronze medal winner



Pupil	Event	Result
Evie N. (7A)	70m Hurdles	4 <sup>th</sup> place
Desire K. (7S)	70m Hurdles	5 <sup>th</sup> place
Jack M. (7B)	100m	6 <sup>th</sup> place
Alexis M. (7E)	200m	6 <sup>th</sup> place
Jensen J. (7B)	1500m	6 <sup>th</sup> place
Freya M. (7A)	Discus	7 <sup>th</sup> place
Lucas J. (7S)	200m	8 <sup>th</sup> place
Chloe F. (7S)	100m	Finalist

## ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Pupils in Year 10 have made a fantastic effort this term with their Active Citizenship projects. Funds and donations have been gratefully received by a wide range of charities such as Mind, Cancer Research, The Memusi Foundation, RSPCA, HARP, Keep Britain Tidy, Southend NHS Wellbeing Hub and foodbanks across the district. Across the whole year group, the pupils have been really positive and enthusiastic and have raised over £800 through events such as bake and sweet sales, a charity football match, and online funding.



We would like to thank all of the pupils and staff across the Academy for supporting the pupils. It has been such a successful element of their GCSE course in Citizenship Studies. Well done to everyone involved!

## GEOGRAPHY BADGE SUCCESS



On 7<sup>th</sup> July, 4 pupils were invited to attend an award ceremony with Mr. D. Piercy to accept their hard-earned Geography badges. Tony L. (8A) received his badge for inspiring Miss. Potts

with his vision of a greenhouse made from plastic bottles. Hope E. (8E) received her badge for writing a motivational speech on what she would do if she was Prime Minister. Tia R. (8W) and Erin F. (8E) both received their badges for designing an eco-friendly tote bag, which they also got the chance to take home too! These 4 pupils encapsulate the hardworking nature of pupils in Geography over the past year, despite the challenges faced. Well done to all, and a huge congratulations from Mrs. N. Lillywhite, Miss. E. Potts, Miss. B. Cooper and Mr. B. Foley.



## Pupil Success

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH



On the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June, 55 Year 11s bravely stepped into the world of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award as they completed their practice and final expedition. For the patient Year 11s, 'third time lucky' was particularly apposite as they were finally able to put all of their hard work and preparation (from Year 10) into practice.

Armed with just their wits, maps, route cards, tracings and copious amounts of sweets and drinks our intrepid explorers walked 20 km over the two days navigating themselves around the Hockley and Rochford area.

Undoubtedly, this was one of our hottest (27+ °C) ever expeditions, but nothing seemed to put off the determination and high spirits of this wonderful year group.

I cannot express enough how joyous it was to watch our Year 11s working together, supporting each other and eagerly greeting staff at their checkpoints. Their enthusiasm never faltered, and, despite a few initial wrong turns, the pupils met the assessment criteria time and time again.

The footpaths of Hockley were filled with smiling Year 11s, wearing brightly coloured t-shirts, bobbing along in the distance and when they finally made it to their end checkpoint, there were a lot of tears and smiles as 5 wonderful years came to an end with their last pupil/staff picture.



### DUKE OF EDINBURGH (CONT'D)

I am not sure what made this expedition so special, whether it was the fact that we had a superb selection of pupils representing the Academy or whether it was that they had worked so hard and for so long to get to this point.



It may have been because, as staff, we kept on getting stopped by members of the public who passed on their compliments regarding the pupils' conduct and maturity.

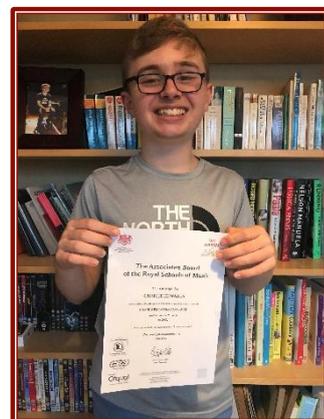
Maybe it was that many of us had taught this year group from Year 7, all the way through to Year 11, and were watching them 'fly the nest'.

It could even have been that we had so many parents in tears passing on their thanks for the support that their children had had in their time at Eastwood and for enabling them (come what may) to complete their Bronze Award.

Of course it goes without saying that the Duke of Edinburgh Award would not be able to take place if it were not for the dedication of the Academy's amazing team: Mr. D. Bracknell, Mr. J. De'Ath, Mr. S. Harrison, Ms. K. Jones, Mrs. N. Lillywhite, Ms E. Potts, Mrs. M. Pacey and Mrs. L. Webster.

### MUSIC SUCCESS

More musical success for Charlie E. (10W) who has passed his Grade 8 Piano Examination with a merit. What a phenomenal achievement. Well done Charlie!



# Pupil Success

## JACK PETCHY



On 27<sup>th</sup> May, Mr. N. Houchen met with the 2021 Jack Petchey winners to award them their certificates and

badges and commend them for their outstanding achievements. The winners this year were from Year 9 and 10 and, whilst all have been selected for entirely different reasons, the common factor is that all the pupils have gone out of their way to support or help someone else in the Academy and/or wider community.

Adya S. (9E) is a leading member of the Academy's Eco Committee and, as part of a Geography initiative, also received a personal reply to her letter, from David Attenborough! Adya has been awarded numerous 'Certificates of Excellence' across the curriculum and has thrown herself into Academy life wholeheartedly despite only having been with us for a few months!

Kayla K. (9A) came to the rescue of a younger child in the local community, escorting her home and carrying her things after an unfortunate scooter accident; the child's mother was so grateful for Kayla's assistance and kindness and tracked her down to our Academy!

Since joining the Academy, Stuart H. (9A) has thrown himself into the Music Department and is always more than happy to help out whenever asked. Whilst being an amazing drummer, he has also taken it upon himself to become a volunteer and is always on hand to support in tidying up and organising and taking control of the technical aspects of the music concerts and performances. Stuart goes above and beyond and shows an outstanding commitment to the department.

Daisy L. (10S) has been campaigning to reduce digital poverty in our local community. During the lockdown in the Spring Term, Daisy managed to raise over £1,500 which was used to purchase tablets for disadvantaged pupils.

Maisie E. (9R) has, over the last 4 years, packed rucksacks of essentials and personally delivered them to the homeless people of Southend. Maisie also set out to walk 60 miles with a target of raising £50 in February for the charity 'Mind'. In total, she walked 167 miles and raised £145.



## JACK PETCHY (CONT'D)

This year, with the current government restrictions, The Jack Petchey Foundation was unable to hold their live event at The Palace Theatre, Westcliff, where the winners would have had the opportunity to collect their 'winners medallions' in front of their friends and family. Instead, The Jack Petchey Foundation decided to try an alternative approach and create a digital event that could be viewed as a live broadcast on YouTube.

The pupils were able to watch the ceremony from home and hear a citation about all their hard work and achievements, with their friends and family all able to log on and watch from their own homes. The event was very successful, and it was wonderful to still be able to publicly celebrate the achievements of our incredible pupils.

Medallions Winners were:



Brooke A. (10R)



Lillie C. (10A)



Hope E. (8E)



Jessica L. (9E)



Sophie L. (9E)



Larissa L. (10B)



Cameron O'C. (9K)



Erin V. (10E)

Congratulations to our Year 11 winners; Ella B. (11K), Daisy B. (11A), Amelia B. (11K), Charlee C. (11R), Kira M. (11S), Natalie M. (11R), Paris P. (11R).

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# Pupil Success

## PRINCIPAL AND GOVERNORS' AWARD 2020



Daisy L. (10S) has been campaigning to reduce digital poverty in our local community by raising money to purchase tablets for pupils to use during lockdown.

During the Spring Term lockdown, Daisy set up a JustGiving page and periodically visited the Academy to deliver the tablets in person to Mr. N. Houchen.

The tablets made a huge difference to many pupils who were subsequently able to access online lessons.

To recognise this contribution, Mr. N. Houchen awarded Daisy with the Principal's Award for 2020.



Maisie E. (9R) has personally hand-delivered rucksacks of essentials and goodies to homeless people in Southend, as well as raising money for other charities e.g. MIND by taking part in various events and charity walks.

To recognise this community-based work, Maisie was awarded the David Booth and Clary Beecham Governors' Award for 2020.

## PRINCIPAL AND GOVERNORS' AWARD 2021



During 2019-20, Lillie C. (10A), a previous Jack Petchey winner, raised thousands of pounds for Lily W. through her One Pound Warrior' Campaign. To recognise this achievement, Lillie received the David Booth and Clary Beecham

Governors' Award 2021.



In terms of the Principal's Award for 2021, this was awarded to Esha. R. (10B). Esha was recently appointed as a Prefect; has high levels of attendance; demonstrates excellence across the curriculum particularly English; regularly asks for extra work and feedback, endeavouring to

improve upon her already impressive academic record; has palpable tenacity and drive in the pursuit of self-improvement; and is a wonderful role-model to younger pupils.

## EASTWOOD INVINCIBLES



Historically, cricket at the Academy has never been a strong point. However, in recent times, especially following the success of the national squad at the last Cricket World Cup in 2019,

there has been a resurgence in cricket fever.

Unbeknown to the PE Department, and the pupils, there was a 'cricket giant' in Year 8, rising from its slumber following the recent pandemic. Practices were full, teams were picked, and games were won.

The Year 8's first match was a Borough Cup fixture against WHSB, a local cricket powerhouse. All involved knew that this would be a mammoth challenge and to take victory in this fixture would be a feat never achieved before. The unthinkable was accomplished, much to the dismay of the opposition.

As more fixtures were played, more victories ensued. The last hurdle in the way was a double header fixture against SHSB, where both teams were looking to win both the Borough League and the Borough Cup. Eastwood were undefeated, as were Southend, setting up a tense showdown that did not disappoint. The team played outstandingly well, but a special mention must go to James C. (8R) who took a hat trick of wickets in his last over. It was a close game, and, at times, it could have gone either way, but the team prevailed and won by 8 wickets.

The Year 8 cricket team are the 2021 Borough Cup and Borough League champions. Throughout the season, all pupils, regardless of their cricketing background, joined and created a team embodying the academy ethos of 'Believe, Succeed, Together'.

The bonds that have been formed whilst training and competing have gone from strength to strength. They have achieved acts that have never been done before. Pupils have sacrificed their own practices and fixtures outside of school, whether they were cricket or another sport, just to be a part of this team. A terrific effort, Well done!



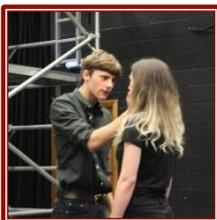
# Events

## FAREWELL FEST

Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June, saw the Academy say farewell to its wonderful Year 11s. It was an amazing week consisting of: The Big Eastwood Quiz, African Dancing, Movie and Popcorn, Eastwood Fest and our very own Staff Band! A super week celebrated by staff and pupils. From everyone at the Academy – good luck class of 2021!



## PRINCE CHARMING WORKSHOP



On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July, as part of the PSHE Programme, Year 9 pupils attended a professional theatre group workshop called 'Prince Charming' on the difficult topic of 'controlling and abusive relationships'. Pupils had the

opportunity to actively engage with the actors, as a forum theatre, to discuss the impact of 'unhealthy' relationships and how they can keep themselves safe. It was a great opportunity for the pupils to engage with professional artists and experts from the 'break the cycle' support group.



## VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE



Morgan Sindall construct buildings for the commercial, defence, education, emergency services, energy, healthcare, industrial, retail, leisure research, transport and water sectors. The value of these projects

can range from £200,000 to major projects above £100 million and everything in between.

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, the Academy hosted its first ever virtual work experience. Over twenty Year 10 pupils listened to a company background, had a virtual site tour, heard from an employee that took an apprenticeship route and one that took a university route. Pupils also took part in a research task and a creativity construction exercise. Following a survey, 100% enjoyed the experience; 100% felt they know more about the workplace; 100% felt they knew more about the different jobs; and 90% felt more confident in getting a job in the future. Pupils received a Certificate of Participation and a Skills Builder Certificate for the skills demonstrated during the event.



[Skills Builder Framework](#)

## YEAR 10 MOCK FOOD PREPARATION

During week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> July, Year 10 Food Preparation pupils completed a mock exam practical. They had to make two European dishes in three hours showing as much culinary skill as possible.



Flynn C. (10K)



Katie D. (10S)



Emma G. (10S)



Madison H. (10E)



Lusinda K. (10B)



Mia M.-B. (10B)

## Extra-Curricular

### THE ACADEMY ADOPTS AN ORANGUTAN



From the Geography herb and tomato plant fundraiser, half of the donations were decided to be awarded to Colchester Zoo through their adoption programme. As such, Miss. E. Potts asked form groups to choose what animal they wanted to adopt.

The orangutan won by a landslide, and we are very happy to be putting this money to good use, due to the endangered nature of this species, and with having two new orangutans recently at the zoo. A plaque with the Academy's name will be presented at the enclosure to show this adoption.

If you see it on your journeys, please let us know!

### GREENHOUSE IS A GO!

Since May half term, the Eco team have been tackling the jungle that once was the Academy garden.

The pupils have made a massive difference so that it is ready for a year of successful planting. To aid this garden refurbishment, Miss. E. Potts was given a fantastic idea by Tony L. (Year 8), to create a 'plastic bottle greenhouse'. Bottles and more bottles have been brought into school by staff, pupils and the community alike. With all of this support, the frame for the greenhouse has now been completed. Hours of hardwork has paid off and we are very excited to see the completed project upon our return in September. A big thank you also goes to our caretaker, Cliff, who has taken his time to help and support the Eco team in their 'big plastic bottle adventure'.



### ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The months of May and June had some resemblance of competitive sport where we successfully completed eight friendly athletics events against local schools. This was an extremely positive experience and allowed our Year 7 and 8 pupils to experience competitive athletics in preparation for future events.

This year, the Essex Schools Athletics Championships took place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June where we had a large number of pupils from the Academy representing the Borough of Southend. All pupils were a credit to the school and we had some wonderful performances for us to cheer on. Some of the highlights of the day were:

Pupil	Event
John P. (10B)	Essex Champion in the 3000m race and also a school record
Alana B. (11S)	Silver medal in Shot Put
Olivia C. (10R)	Silver medal in Triple Jump
Erin V. (10E)	Bronze medal in Javelin
Reece M. (11E)	Bronze medal in 1500m
Joshua S. (11B)	Bronze medal in 400m

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, we had four teams competing in the English Schools Athletics Competition in Chelmsford. A wet, cold and dreary day lay ahead, but all pupils worked extremely hard to showcase their talents. Although the competition only had the one round this year, all pupils worked tirelessly to get the best results that they could for their overall team scores.

The Junior Girls had a great day with a strong team performance scoring enough points that would normally place them in the Regional 'A' final.

The Inter Girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 10 schools on the day, with some fantastic individual performances.

The Junior Boys trained tirelessly to achieve a great score and in a normal time would have competed in the Regional A final, in an attempt to achieve a National Final.

The Inter Boys recorded the 4<sup>th</sup> highest score of any school in the country and, in a normal competition, would have progressed to challenge for a place on the podium at a National Final!

A big thank you to all staff and pupils for all your hard work and commitment over the last term and we look forward to more competitions next year!

# Celebrating Success

Congratulations to all the pupils who were presented with certificates and merit badges.

YEAR 7



YEAR 8



YEAR 9

