

The Year 7

Eastwood Academy

School Newspaper

For Year 7s, By Year 7s



Thank you to all the pupils who contributed, whether through taking part in tasks, the survey or even creating the wordsearch (Kiera Morton). The first person to complete the news & Christmas quizzes will receive a mystery prize. So come and find me as soon as possible! To start us off, below Faye Phillips has written a really thoughtful foreword about how she has found the Academy so far.

Thanks, Mr Keyes



This school is great. At first you feel like a small fish who left its pond and joined a sea. It's really scary especially when you don't know anyone, but it gets better. You should join clubs and get to know people because everyone is in the same boat as you. In secondary school you are treated like young adults, nothing is spoon-fed to you anymore. You will have to be organised and responsible because you are no longer a little child. There's a space for everyone. The teachers are amazing, they're nice and if you need to talk to anyone they are always there. When you do need to talk to someone you can talk to prefects or any other teacher. The best advice you can get, is just to be yourself. You will fit in.

Faye – 7W

Views From The Academy



Julian Dinaku	Every time I walk to school I always trip over the same curb every day.
Bradley Everett	Secondary school is much much much much much much much x100 less scary than I thought it would be.
Maisey Riches	Without Mr Lewis I would still hate Maths.
Alice Bird	The funniest thing was when I had a yogurt at lunch. I squeezed it too hard and it went all over me.
Liam Binnington	*Liam has too many funny quotes to do them all justice.
Henry Bridges	I love the Academy & I'm sure everyone else can say the same.
Jack Wren	The funniest thing...when Mr Abbott said he was afraid of unicorns.
Samuel Maskell	My favourite subject is P.E. because you don't have to write anything.
Violet-Rose Burrell	Coming to a new school feels like stepping onto a stage & performing to someone; at first you're extremely nervous but once you start it feels good. I've enjoyed drama because most of the new friends I have now I met in drama.
Freya Thurogood	I really like the Academy & I'm excited to see the rest of my 5 years!
Cameron & Bryce	He's my brother from another mother.
Macy Reeve	I know my way round (the school) like my favourite shop Lidl.



Emma Dennis	What I like the most is the staff don't decide everything, they let pupils explain how the school can get better.	
Stella Morton	Teachers don't care if you don't get a good test mark, they just want you to try your hardest.	
Harry Buttifant	The funniest thing...I had a voice crack during the register in form.	
Joseph Bond	A highlight was meeting the Headteacher, but don't worry, it was for a good reason!	
Caleb Vernon	They call me the Verminator.	
Ella-Rose Barker	I've never really enjoyed writing or learning new things as such, but now I have changed my opinion a lot.	
Cali Gall	My favourite subject is Drama because it's a different way of learning & expressing yourself easily.	
Chay Jones	I've made some new friends & met some old friends again.	
Adam Lesler	The Academy has shown me that I can go beyond my expectations.	
Tobenna Udenze	There have been so many opportunities to take!	
Ben Pacey	The funniest thing so far was in basketball when Mr Bracknell thought he was going to score & he missed completely.	
Oliver Dewberry	I've been surprised about the older students – they've been really helpful when people couldn't find their class.	
Rhiannon Buckley	I found that if you listen you will know more.	
Alyssa Jones	My History & other people not being able to pronounce my name properly	
Daisy McGreadie-Cole	I like football...I want to represent the school with everything I've got!	
Dexter Mizen	I've enjoyed basketball because it's very fun & breath-taking.	
Andrew Baker	I thought teachers would be constantly yelling & giving out detentions, when actually they're just giving out merits (& homework).	
Mitchell Knock	I disagree – For context: This was while watching a video in PD, where a trained member of SWAT was explaining the best way to defend yourself against an attacker.	

The Academy Survey

Pupils were asked to rank the tips below, from most important (1) to least important (10). I haven't told a single year 7 off for not coming into the lesson sensibly – so it's low position must be due to it being an obvious thing to already do.

Pack your bag the night before	1
Ask for help if you need it	5
Try and join a club	8
Don't panic if something goes wrong	4
Try your hardest	2
Try and get a spare of everything i.e. pen or pencil	5
Try and do homework as soon as you can	3
Make a copy of your timetable	9
Try and make new friends	7
Come into the classroom calmly	10

Below are the results of the pupil survey. For the most part, it's been a positive start!

Year 7 Survey Statement	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
Eastwood Academy has been less scary than I thought it would be	93.1%	6.5%	0.4%
I have enjoyed joining clubs and taking part in extracurricular activities	85%	10.2%	4.8%
I have found most people to be friendly	87.2%	9.6%	3.2%
I have enjoyed most of my lessons	82.4%	10.3%	7.3%
I am glad I am at Eastwood Academy	92.3%	7.3%	0.4%
I have a favourite subject	83.6%	14.2%	2.2%
I have made at least one new friend	92.2%	7%	0.8%
I feel I have made progress this year	87%	12.2%	0.8%

Advice from Year 8s & 9s



I wish someone had told me...

Cruz Mountford

Teachers aren't unfairly strict unless you make them

William Edwards

Try everything

Aidan Hay

If someone is your "friend" & is making fun of you, don't be their friend

Madison Costello

You make friends through talking

Florence Skinner

Always talk to new people...they might be your new best friend

Jessica Tindall

School can be fun and that it's okay to ask for help if you need it

Ron Carroll

Put yourself out there

Finley Hyslop

Don't get the school sausage & mash

Samo Sansone

Have a list of what you need in the morning & tick it off

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Listen to minor details, later on they will be important
(Like including your name)

Hannah Moss

Don't be nervous to answer questions incorrectly...you learn from your mistakes

Alexis Mensah

Sit next to a stranger

Jamie Vincent

Don't panic or overthink when being called on

Evie Hendon-Radley

You don't need to be friends with everyone to be happy

Aidan Campbell

To tell your HOH if you have 3 crossing offs

The Good(ish) News Quiz of the Year



There hasn't actually been that much good news this year. So, this has turned into more of a news roundup, with the odd bit of positive news. Use the word bank to fill in the gaps. The first person to return a complete (& correct) review of the year, as well as the Christmas quizzes will win a mystery prize.

Ever a man to be cool, calm & collected, Donald _____ was banned from _____ at the start of the year. He went on to lose the election and called on his supporters to protest. This resulted in the chaos at the US capitol. Around this time there were more wildfires in _____ which made the sky look like it turned red. That same month, the colour red was in the news again, when the Mars _____ landed. 2021 also saw the first chance for normal people to go into space, although only if your name is _____ Bezos & you've got a spare \$28 million. The Royal Family probably wanted a bit of space when the explosive Megan Markle _____ with Oprah aired in March. The Queen was understandably shocked, probably as shocked as she was when she was told she would be Queen whilst visiting Kenya in 1959.

Kenya you say? 2021 was the first year this millennium that no rhinos were killed! Well done Kenya. Another person that has cared about the planet this year is Marcus _____. He embarrassed the Government into action & 150 million _____ have been given out since the first lockdown. It wasn't all good news for footballers though. Despite playing at home and scoring first. England managed to lose on _____. Again. It's never coming home. They did beat San Marino 10-0, but they've never actually won a professional game of football.

_____ superstar Michael Jordan similarly donated \$10 million to his hometown in North Carolina. Saving lives is also what Alan Turing did during WW2 by deciphering the enigma _____. His reward in 2021? Being on the _____ note. Elsewhere in the news, Artist _____ raised more than £16 million for an NHS charity by selling a painting of a little boy playing with a _____ doll wearing a superhero cape.

An honorary mention for Piers Morgan for having a _____, the Evergreen _____ ship for getting stuck & for _____ & _____ for helping to find some good news this year.

Tantrum	meals	Banksy	Mr Foley	Rashford	Rover
Miss Lang	Penalties	Australia	Social media	interview	£50
codes	Trump	Jeff	Basketball	nurse	cargo

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North Pole



Pinecone

Presents

Christmas

Xmas

Sleigh

Reindeer

Santa

Holly

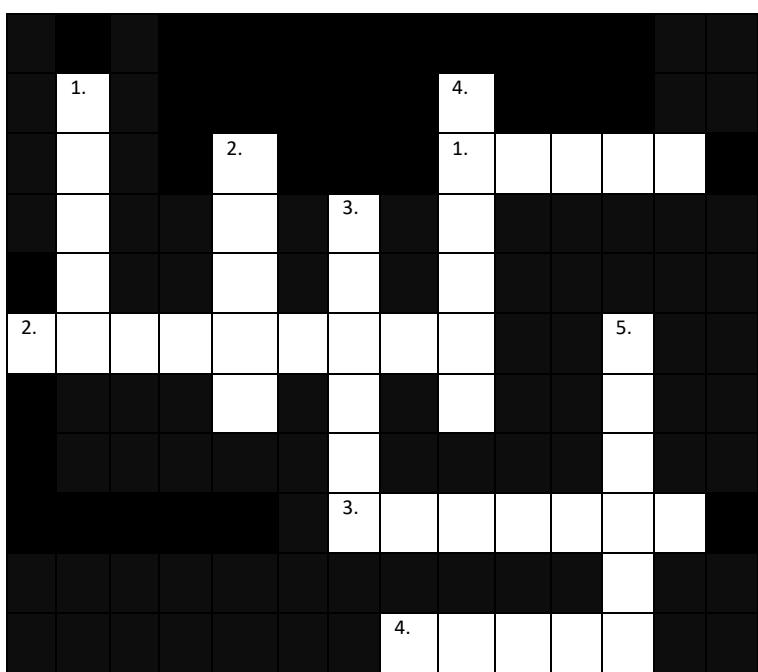
Jack Frost

Snow

Scrooge

Tidings

Christmas is a special time of year, but for many people it can be sad or stressful. Complete the crossword to find out about the different types of charities and organisations that try to help people, especially over Christmas.



Across

- My date of birth tells you my ____ & we live in the ____ (5)
- An army that doesn't fight (9)
- A human right - to be safe & have a roof over your head (7)
- Trussell ____ . To have faith in something (5).

Down

- Famous animal charity (5)
- British charity ending in 'M' (5)
- Homeless charity – another word for being in difficulty or danger (6)
- A Hospice for adults & children (6)
- Great Ormond _____ (6)