

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August, the Academy recorded another outstanding set of GCSE results, maintaining its status as the most successful non-selective school in Southend and one of the highest performing schools in the country.

Headline figures include:

88% 9-4 in Mathematics.

86% 9-4 in English.

82% 9-4 in both English and Mathematics.

Attainment 8 of 51.58

Progress 8 of +0.48

[Click here for the GCSE Results Report](#)

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

The highest individual GCSE performances were:

Lauren C. - 9,9,9,9,8,8,8,7,6,6

Muadh A. - 9,9,9,8,8,8,8,7,6,6

Ewan L-S. - 9,9,8,8,8,8,8,7,6,4

Nathan P. - 9,9,8,8,8,8,8,7,6,4

Daisy S. - 9,9,9,8,8,7,7,7,5,5

Katya W. - 9,9,8,8,8,8,8,8,6,6

Mr. N. Houchen

Principal, The Eastwood Academy

CEO, Eastwood Park Academy Trust (EPAT)

#### ATTENDANCE

During the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> September, Mr. N. Houchen conducted year group assemblies to acknowledge and celebrate the success of those pupils who achieved a 100% attendance during the academic year 2018-19.

[Click here for the Attendance Update Letter](#)

#### HOUSE SHIELD



Congratulations to Richmond House who retained the House Shield for a second consecutive year.

Mrs. J. Schmid announced the winning House at Commendations Evening in July and Mr. S. Wheeler, Head of Richmond, was presented with the award.

#### MACMILLAN CAKE SALE

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, a range of homemade and shop bought cakes were available to staff to purchase in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. A fantastic £160 was raised – well done!



[Click here for Macmillan Cancer Support](#)

#### MUSIC MARK STATUS



In September, the Academy was awarded Music Mark status. Music Mark lobbies for, and champions, a government supported, high quality, music education

provision for all school aged children and young people which addresses diversity, equity and inclusion at its core.

The Music Department has been recognised for providing a wealth of musical opportunities for pupils, both within and outside of the classroom. There is a vast range of extra-curricular activities that pupils can become involved in and the Academy also hosts a Music School allowing pupils to access expert, private tuition on a musical instrument of their choice.

For more information, please contact Mrs. S. Stanley, Head of Music.

# Pupil Success

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

In September, the Student Leadership Team (StLT) attended year group assemblies to raise awareness of the role of Prefects in the Academy.

The StLT have also welcomed the new Form Captains who were democratically elected to represent their forms over the current academic year. The StLT, together with Form Captains, will determine the key issues which will be presented and discussed in a meeting with Mr. N. Houchen.

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

## PREFECT AWARD



The StLT nominated Leon P. (IIS) for the half-termly Prefect Award. In addition to his regular duties, Leon also completes additional duties supervising Year 7 pupils in the Hall extension. He also supports Year 7 pupils in Sherwood House to aid their transition into the Academy.

To acknowledge this achievement, Mr. N. Houchen presented Leon with a certificate and gift voucher on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

## FOOD PREPARATION AND NUTRITION



Year 7 pupils enjoyed completing their first Food Preparation and Nutrition practical. They demonstrated what they had learnt about food hygiene and safety to make a fresh fruit salad. Gagan-Deep K. (7K) took this a stage further and produced an 'apple swan'.



## STUDENT VOICE

During October, pupils were offered the opportunity to apply for the role of Form Captain. The process involved an application form, public speech and formal election.

The role of a Form Captain is to represent the 'voice' of their form in any aspect or issue relating to the Academy and to feed this back to the StLT.

### Year 7 Form Captains



### Year 8 Form Captains



### Year 9 Form Captains



### Year 10 Form Captains



# Pupil Success

## FUNDRAISING



Congratulations to Grace S. (8S) who successfully raised £262 for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to help tackle climate change and safeguard the world's most vulnerable species and habitats. Well done Grace!

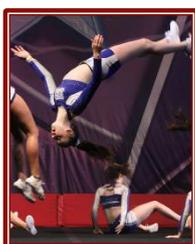
Click here for the [Certificate](#)

## KARATE SUCCESS

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Amy M. (7E) completed her karate grading with a credit pass - she is now a brown belt double stripe. She must train for a further year to get her black belt. Congratulations Amy!



## CHEERLEADING SUCCESS



Ella B. (10K) has been cheerleading since the age of 6 and participates nationally and internationally across all levels. She currently trains 5 times a week and is also a junior coach. Well done Ella!

## EASTWOOD WEEK OF LANGUAGES

During week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> September, the MFL department celebrated the Eastwood Week of Languages with pupils across KS3 and KS4. Pupils were invited to participate in a range of in-class activities, ranging from general knowledge of European countries to learning the basics of other languages. Pupils worked with several resources produced by the European Commission, which they thoroughly enjoyed, and we discussed the value of knowing another language and how it could be beneficial. We also ran a staff treasure hunt where pupils had to identify members of staff who had specific connections with other countries and languages. Eddie C. (7S) won the voucher prize and I I K won a runner up prize for effort. Well done to all those who took part.



## CHARITY PERFORMANCE



On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, Paris P. (9R) raised an astonishing £212.00 for a mental health charity - SECE Mind.

Paris liaised with staff to organise the event, produced his own tickets and posters and liaised with peers to produce lighting and visual effects.

His efforts culminated in a 20-minute rap performance called 'Dreaming with Our Eyes Open' which he performed to an audience of 163 pupils and many staff.



The event was a huge success with the audience giving him a standing ovation at the end of the performance.

Paris was immensely grateful for the support he received from staff and pupils and was overwhelmed by the amount he was able to raise.

## ARTS AWARD

In July, 67 pupils from the Academy passed their Bronze Arts Award.



The Year 9 pupils selected and developed a range of skills within the Arts (Art, Music and Performing Arts).

The pupils produced and performed in a show aimed at a young audience and based this on Morals and Fables. The audience included many of the current Year 7 pupils who were in attendance on their Induction Day.

Congratulations to all those who passed their Bronze Arts Award!

# Pupil Success

## DT JEWELLERY BOXES



In the Summer Term, Year 9 Design Technology pupils worked on their core practical knowledge, learning about manufactured boards and wood joints. Some superb jewellery boxes were made to showcase their design and production skills.



Sam S. (10R)



Araya O'F. (10A)  
*Upcycled leather jacket*



Grace L. (10A)  
*Upcycled book cover- creating a hidden jewellery box*



## PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

Mia C. (8A) attends Morgan Academy of Performing Arts (MAPA) and on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September was presented with an award for Senior Drama. Congratulations Mia!



Mia is a very busy pupil, both inside and outside of school, who has fully immersed herself in the life of the Music and Drama departments at the Academy.

## 'AROUND THE SCHOOL IN 4 DAYS'



Year 7 and Year 9 pupils took on the challenge of a school scavenger hunt, established by the Geography Club. The scavenger hunt encouraged pupils to search for 15 countries which were the answers to questions on their passports.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize went to Alex P. (8A), 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize to Nathan J. (8E) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize to Temperance DTDL. (8W).

## YEAR 8 HISTORY

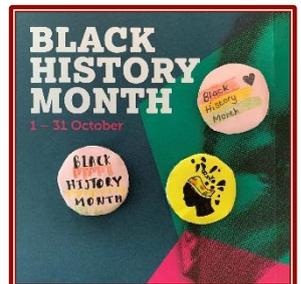
In History, Year 8 pupils have been looking at the weapons in WWI. 8Fhi3 planned their presentations around different weapons and pupils presented to the class in a Dragons' Den style. Precious M. (8W) went above and beyond her presentation on the tank by creating her own model! Great work Precious.



## HISTORY CLUB

History Club runs every Thursday at lunch. On 3<sup>rd</sup> October, pupils started making badges to both promote and celebrate Black History Month.

Calypso B. (9S) designed the badges opposite for some teachers and pupils to wear.



## MUSIC SUCCESS

The Music Department would like to congratulate Valerio V. G. (8E) who has passed his Grade 1 piano examination with a Distinction. Well done Valerio!



## CRICKET SUCCESS

On 24<sup>th</sup> June, Libby M. (9K) played in the East Region Academy Cricket match. The team won by 150 runs and Libby also took a wicket. Well done Libby!



# Events

## MUSIC PERFORMANCES



On 10<sup>th</sup> July, the Academy's annual Commendations Evening was held to celebrate the success of the pupils. During the evening, parents were captivated by the fantastic display of musical abilities as pupils took to the stage. There were a number of different performances including solo pieces with the piano, flute and drums. The Choir also performed, guided expertly by Mrs. S. Stanley, and Mr. S. Harrison conducted the percussion performers, all playing in sync.

It proved to be a fantastic evening, with both parents and teachers commenting on the high level of performance displayed by the pupils.



## SPORTS DAY



On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, the Academy held its annual Sports Day on the Mondo sports track. The winning House in each year group was announced by Mr. N. Houchen and each Sports Captain was presented with a shield.



**Year 7 Winners**  
Sherwood



**Year 8 Winners**  
Richmond



**Year 9 Winners**  
Bowland



**Year 10 Winners**  
Richmond



**Overall House Winners**  
Richmond



# Celebrating Success

Congratulations to all pupils who were presented with certificates in their House assemblies.

## ASHDOWN



## BOWLAND



## ELVEDON



## KIELDER



## RICHMOND



## SHERWOOD



## WHINFELL



## BOOK FAIR



The Pop-up Scholastic Book Fair was a great success at the Year 7 Transition Evening. Mr. N. Houchen generously gave every pupil in Year 7 a £4 Book Voucher to spend, but which book to choose? A varied selection with a genre to suit every pupil solved this quandary and every Year 7 left with a book that they looked forward to reading at home. Reading is essential to the development and expansion of a child's mind. This voucher is a token that will help foster and continue a love of reading and also support the process of learning over the next five years at the Academy.

