

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



The beginning of the Spring Term coincided with the publication of the Academy's section 5 Ofsted report. I am immensely proud to inform you that the Academy achieved an 'outstanding' judgement in all categories. This is an unprecedented achievement for the school and for a non-selective secondary school in Southend.

Click here for the [Ofsted Report 2018-2019](#)

Click here for the articles - [The Echo /Yellow Advertiser](#)

Click here for the letter of commendation from the [DfE](#)

The Spring Term also saw the publication of the School and College Performance Tables. The Academy recorded a Progress 8 score of 0.60, placing it in the top quintile of schools nationally and in the top 5 for similar schools.

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

Mr. N. Houchen  
Principal

## OVERALL ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance is currently 96.3%. This is 0.3% above the Academy's target of 96.0% and 1.8% above the national average of 94.6%.

House	% Attendance
Ashdown	95.1
Bowland	97.5
Elvedon	96.6
Kielder	95.9
Richmond	96.9
Sherwood	97.4
Whinfell	95.0
Overall	96.3

## CHARITY



Following an audit of the Academy's uniform stock, a large number of PE skirts (that were no longer required as part of the uniform) were donated to a charity that provides clothes to children affected by the nuclear disaster in Chernobyl.

Chernobyl Children in Need (CCIN) raises money to fund projects to improve the welfare of children still affected by the nuclear disaster. CCIN helps children to realise their potential through education, training, therapy and respite holidays. Donated items, clothes, books and building materials are transported to Belarus in a 40 ft. container and distributed to where they are most needed.

The skirts have been donated to a secondary school in the village of Ozarichi, Gormel, in Belarus which has 162 pupils currently on roll.



The Academy sent 170 skirts which, as you can see from the photo, are now being worn as part of the pupils' school uniform - <https://www.ccin.org.uk/projects>

## ATTENDANCE BREAKDOWN 2018-19

% Attendance	Number of Pupils	% of the Number of Pupils on Roll
100%	289	29%
99%	48	5%
98%	184	19%
97%	115	12%
96%	91	9%
<96%	271	27%

Click here for the [Attendance Policy](#)

# Pupil Success

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



At the start of the new term, the Student Leadership Team (StLT) undertook a Year 10 assembly to inform pupils of the Prefect recruitment process.

Over 90 Year 10 pupils have completed and submitted a Prefect application and are currently undertaking trial duties.

All application forms will be considered rigorously against the Prefect Expectations criteria. Views from staff will also be sought before the final selection of Prefects is announced at the end of the Spring Term.

## PREFECT AWARD



The StLT nominated Ellice C. (11E) for the Monthly Prefect Award. Ellice has stepped in to support a number of prefects undertaking duties.

To acknowledge this achievement, Mr. N. Houchen presented Ellice with a certificate and gift voucher on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

## HARRISON'S 'HOT SHOT'

In January, Harrison C. (7A) represented the Academy at the Essex Schools Individual Table Tennis Tournament.

Harrison won all four of his first-round matches, before succumbing to defeat in the second round to the competition's eventual winner. This is a fantastic achievement for Harrison, who will look to build upon this success in next year's event.



## EASTWOOD SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

The Eastwood Scholars Programme is an academic programme run jointly by the Eastwood Academy and The Brilliant Club, an organisation which aims to widen access to university. Pupils from Year 10 were chosen because they have all demonstrated the potential to become outstanding thinkers of the future. In order to get the programme started, we set off to the University of East Anglia so that pupils could experience what life at university would be like, and also to meet their PHD tutor and have their first tutorial.



BR: Anna G. (10W), Amber T. (10A), Mariam K. (10E), Megan R. (10W) and Sophie A. (10A)

FR: Finlay D. (10R), Roshoun B. (10W), Cassidy D. (10S), Kris K. (10E), Oliver G. (10E), Tony A. (10B)

The pupils were split into two groups for most of the day, with a tutorial and a tour. During the latter, Roshoun B. was particularly enamoured with the brutalist, grade two-listed architecture on campus.

In the following weeks, their PhD tutor will be visiting the Academy to deliver three more tutorials to the pupils, so that they can eventually write a 2,000 word dissertation of A-Level quality.

The pupils' PhD tutor was particularly effusive regarding their attitude and approach. I'd also like to give a special mention to Oliver G. and Anna G. Throughout the 30 minute tour, both pupils acknowledged intently and encouragingly as the 3<sup>rd</sup> year tour guide was talking. It's seemingly small, incredibly polite gestures like this, which make our pupils stand out.

A final mention must also go to Mrs. M. Pacey, who not only spent about six hours driving, but was also an immense help throughout the day.

# Pupil Success

## MUSIC SUCCESS



The Music Department would like to congratulate Charlie E. (8W) who has passed his Grade 6 piano examination with a Merit.

In early February, Charlie also took part in the EPTA (UK) Piano Competition 1<sup>st</sup> Round - Intermediate II Grades 6 – 7 - at Brentwood School. He played Valse Lente, Op 33 by Merikanto, and Cruella de Vil by Leven. Charlie received a Distinction for a convincing performance, both technically and artistically.

Charlie was one of two pupils chosen to go forward to the Regional Final in March. Well done!

## DISNEY AUDITION SUCCESS



During January, Lemar-Shea S. (9W) auditioned to be part of the Dance Team for the Disney Channel. He was successful in his audition and has starred in his first dance video for Disney. Well done Lemar!

## FOOD PREPARATION AND NUTRITION



During their Food Preparation and Nutrition lesson, Year 10 pupils were provided with a whole chicken and taught how to break it down into ten pieces and use these to make three dishes (chicken kiev, Mediterranean chicken and roasted chicken wings). Quite a task...



Bethany B. (10K)



Lewis R. (10R)



## FUTSAL TOURNAMENT



Team: Tilly B. (9S), Morgan F. (10E), Emily G. (10E), Brooke H. (10K), Millie L. (9S), Kayleigh L. (9S), Sienna S. (10K), Martha S. (9E) and Grace V. (10R)

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January, the U15 Girls' Football Team competed in the Southend Futsal Tournament at Garon Park. After winning 2-1, 7-0 and 5-0 against King John, Cecil Jones and Shoeburyness, the team achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place and have progressed through to the Essex County Cup Futsal Finals. Demonstrating great confidence and skill throughout the tournament, the overall result was a well deserved achievement for the girls.

# Pupil Success

## CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, the Year 7 and 8 cross country teams travelled to Stubbers Activity Centre to take part in the annual Essex Schools Cross Country Championships. The event is a team competition which decides the individual runners that will represent Essex in March.

Once again our runners were amazing and, remarkably, our Year 7 and 8 boys were crowned Essex Champions! All represented the Academy with pride and we achieved the highest number of Essex representatives in the history of the competition.

A special mention must go to Beau M. (7A), for being crowned Essex champion, and those pupils listed below who will all go on to represent Essex.

Beau M. (7A), Sebastian W. (7K), Zachary W. (7R), Kayleen H. -P. (7K), Erin V. (8E), Michael C. (8R), John P. (8B). Reserves - Oliver M.-B. (8R)



Year 7 boys



Year 7 girls



Year 8 boys



Year 8 girls

## CAKE SALE

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, three Year 7 pupils organised and ran a cake sale to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Lilly-May L. (7S), Evie M. (7R), Isabella S. (7R).

They raised a total of £165, well done!



## NETBALL



It has been a fantastic netball season so far. We have many pupils attending training on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school despite the

freezing cold weather. Due to the huge number of Year 7 and 8 pupils participating we have been lucky enough to have the assistance of four Year 10 pupils.

The Year 7 and 8 teams have been competing in the Southend Schools Netball League this year. Both teams have competed with a number of schools in the local area and have demonstrated some brilliant performances.

The Year 7s have given Mrs. J. Pearce and Ms H. Pegg some very tough decisions regarding team selection due to the number of pupils displaying a high skill level. The girls who have eventually represented the Academy have performed extremely well and are currently unbeaten in the league. On average, the team have scored 15 goals and only conceded 2 per game.

The Year 8s started the season a little 'rusty' and took a few games to 'hit their straps'. However, they have won their last 3 league games against Westcliff B, Shoeburyness and gave a fantastic performance against Southchurch to win 21 – 1. They have adapted well to Mrs. J. Pearce frequently changing their positions!

The Year 9s have been training hard, unfortunately there is no league for them this year and, as a result, it has been more difficult to arrange fixtures for them. The games they have competed in they have played well and won.

The Year 11s have all been working hard to develop their skills and match play in preparation for their GCSE practical exam. They have also won all their competitive matches this year.

We are looking forward to competing in the annual Southend Netball Tournament in March and will hopefully have more success stories for the next newsletter!



## Events

### GEOGRAPHY CLUB SCAVENGER HUNT



During January, eighteen pupils in Geography Club have been painting rocks as part of the Scavenger Hunt to encourage more pupils to 'think like geographers'.

The Club

Lead, Ms. E. Potts, was pleased to announce that the following pupils won a prize for the most correct answers: Spencer I. (9R), Lilly-May L. (7S), Amal U. (7S) and Aila IR (7B).

Thank you to all staff and pupils who took part, making this event a great success.



### UNBE-LAVA-ABLE VOLCANOS!



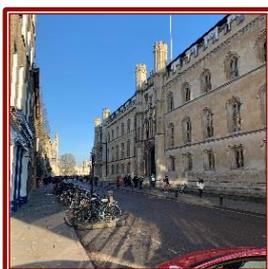
Year 8 Geography pupils have taken up the challenge to construct 'exploding' volcanos as part of their work on the Rock Cycle. Pupils who won the top prizes included: Calypso B (8S), Nadia W. (8K), Charlotte A. (8K), Erin V. (8E) Leah H.-M. (10R), Olivia S. (8B), Charlotte N. (8K), Brooke T. (8E), Tianna G. (8W), Latoyah P. (8A), Mia M.-B. (8B) and Amber R. (8S).



### YEAR 11 POETRY LIVE



On Thursday 31st January, Year 11 pupils attended this year's "Poetry Live!" event at the Cambridge Corn Exchange. During this visit they were able to hear famous poets such as Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy and Simon Armitage, not only read poems taken straight from the GCSE anthology, but also hear them speak about their inspiration for these poems, offering an alternative perspective to write about in their GCSE exams. Pupils also had the opportunity to listen to an external examiner explain exactly what he looks for when marking responses and how to score higher marks in their examinations. Additionally, four pupils were selected to hand out programmes to other schools as they arrived and were paid for their efforts!



Ms. E. Potts, Mrs. N. Lillywhite and Ms. B. Cooper thank you all for your amazing efforts.

### LITERACY EVENING – THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

National  
Literacy  
Trust

The English Department are holding a 'Literacy Evening' on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 6.00-7.15 p.m. in the Main Hall. The evening is principally designed to enable parents of Year 7 pupils to meet some of our English staff and learn more about what we do to aid your child's literacy and the various ways in which we approach and facilitate this.

You will hear from members of our English staff about interesting initiatives and programmes we run for pupils and their opportunities for reading and writing. We are also offering an exciting opportunity to work with your child to write a creative opening to a story. Don't worry, you will have members of the English Department and some excellent GCSE pupils on hand to help you!

The main aim of the evening is to receive information, share creative ideas and learn techniques that can help your child to enhance their literacy skills.

# Careers

Southend-on-Sea is an area of rapid economic growth. The owners of Southend Airport have invested £130 million over the last three years, resulting in links to 15 destinations across Europe.

Southend is home to Olympus Key Med and Southend University Hospital, reflecting the region's growing medical technology sector. Further, Southend offers excellent transport links to London.

## ENGINEERING IN ESSEX

**careers and opportunities in MANUFACTURING & ENGINEERING**

Did you know that the UK is actually the 11<sup>th</sup> strongest manufacturing nation in the world! The advanced manufacturing and engineering sector is massive, but we have broken it down into the different industries below that you could pursue an exciting career in. Have a look at some of the unique opportunities that this sector has to offer and learn loads of impressive facts in this section!

**IMPORTANT ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES IN ESSEX**

**SEEING GREEN FROM SPACE!**  
Chelmsford-based engineering company, Teledyne e2v, are manufacturing image sensors for the European Space Agency so they can study plant health and stress from space!

Both Basildon and Braintree have over 7,000 people working in the advanced manufacturing and engineering sector. That's 2.6 million more than any other district in Essex!

In 2015, engineering directly provided around 5.7 million jobs and supported **10+ million** in employment in the UK!

82% of all advanced manufacturing and engineering companies in Essex have between 0-9 employees. Only 1% have more than 250 employees in their business - but all of these companies are looking for someone with the right skills to join their team!

See the gauge below? This chart tells you all about which advanced manufacturing and engineering positions in Essex have the most availabilities and which are advertised less, making them more competitive.

**WHAT'S HOT & WHAT'S NOT**

**15,500+ ESSEX JOB VACANCIES IN 2016**

Legend: Maintenance Engineer, Production Worker, Electrical Engineer, Electronics Engineer, Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical Design Engineering, Welder, Quality Engineer

**WHAT'S OUT THERE FOR ME?**

There are hundreds of opportunities available in this sector. We will only show you seven for now, but take a look at some of the different roles in advanced engineering and manufacturing and search online for **Tomorrow's Engineers** if you're looking for something else within this sector!

**Aerospace Engineer £28k - £45k+**  
Sounds cool right? Well, it is. Participate in flight test programmes, apply science and technology to create aircraft equipment and even design aircraft mechanics on computer systems. Aerospace Engineers help create the safest and most efficient aircraft.

**Automotive Engineer £22k - £30k+**  
Design, develop and produce! The world of vehicles is waiting for its next Automotive Engineer to build prototypes and test performance and safety features. They also get to inspect and test drive vehicles and need to create the latest designs to suit their customers, their company and government requirements.

**Mechanical Engineer £20k - £28k+**  
Most industries rely on a form of mechanical systems and mechanical engineering to produce and repair a whole host of products. We're not just talking about engines either - we mean from the most intricate, to the most powerful creations: mechanical hearts, production processors and medical robots.

**Chemical Engineer £25k - £35k+**  
Like a real magician, these people use science and chemicals to change the build of things to make products... like changing oils into plastic! Chemical engineers have to make sure their lab is completely clean and regulated in order to make the best parts ready to be manufactured.

**Product Manager £30k - £40k+**  
With every project someone needs to oversee its production and execution. Product Managers ensure that things are in order from health and safety and regulation requirements to ensuring team targets are met. They oversee the product from assisting the plan to the big launch!

**Electronics Engineer £21k - £29k+**  
Phones, nanotechnology, robotics or sound - the choice is yours! All of these areas have Electronics Engineers to develop solutions to problems using technology and monitor the day to day operations of its construction. Your laptop didn't build itself, you know!

**Engineering Geologist £21k - £29k+**  
Any idea how to build a 25 mile rail tunnel underneath? This was one of the big challenges when creating the Eurostar tunnel between England and France. Engineering Geologists solve engineering problems involving geological hazards and ground conditions, making sure the whole project will be successful.

**49,500+** employed in the sector in Essex.

**4,300+** enterprises in the sector in Essex.

Production and Process Engineering is in particular demand in Essex. This occupation has been identified as a national shortage occupation for three years since 2013.

**WHERE IN ESSEX?**  
Gear up for a look at some of the amazing advanced manufacturing and engineering companies in your area, and see how many vacancies were posted across Essex in 2016.

**VACANCIES BY DISTRICT**

**LOCAL BUSINESSES**

Basildon: Basildon Ltd, Basildon Metals, Concorde  
Braintree: Cumbria Group, F2 Family, Precision Arms, Wagon Eng  
Brentwood: Flight Precision Engineering, USA Car Eng, Reaction Eng  
Castle Point: ePVC Ltd, eSolutions Ltd, eSolutions Ltd, eSolutions Ltd  
Chelmsford: eECON, eECON, eECON, eECON  
Colchester: eECON, eECON, eECON, eECON  
Epping Forest: eECON, eECON, eECON, eECON  
Harlow: eECON, eECON, eECON, eECON  
Maldon: eECON, eECON, eECON, eECON  
Rochford: eECON, eECON, eECON, eECON  
Southend: eECON, eECON, eECON, eECON  
Thurrock: eECON, eECON, eECON, eECON  
Tilbury: eECON, eECON, eECON, eECON

**ADVERTISED IN ESSEX**

Design Engineer | Electrical Engineer | Welder | Metal Worker  
Chemical Operative | Routine Inspector | Engineering Technician  
Production Manager | Process Engineer | Planning Technician

**SALARIES**

£15,000+ 1,400  
£20,000+ 2,800  
£30,000+ 3,600  
£60,000+ 500  
£90,000+ 100

**45** percent of jobs advertised salaries at £30,000+

**TOP SKILLS ESSEX EMPLOYERS ARE LOOKING FOR**

Validation | Welding | Wiring | Analogue Design | Hand-Tools  
Technical Support Packaging | Mathematics | Machining | CAD  
Electrical Design | Business Management | Software Testing | C++

**WHAT NOW?**

Sounds good, right? So what can you do to kick start your awesome career in advanced manufacturing and engineering? There are lots of places for you to find out more:

Imagineering - [imagineering.org.uk](http://imagineering.org.uk)  
e2 - [youngengineers.co.uk](http://youngengineers.co.uk)  
Tomorrow's Engineers - [tomorrowsengineers.org.uk](http://tomorrowsengineers.org.uk)  
Womens Engineering Society - [wes.org.uk](http://wes.org.uk)

Also, remember that gaining skills through experience is really important. Whether you are on a college course, an apprenticeship, or undertaking voluntary work, employers will always want to hear about your knowledge and skills!

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Employment and Skills Board

# Celebrating Success

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

## ASHDOWN



## BOWLAND



## ELVEDON



## KIELDER



## RICHMOND



## SHERWOOD



celebrate  
**SUCCESS**

## WHINFELL

