

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On 20th August, the Academy recorded another outstanding set of GCSE results, reaffirming its status as the most successful non-selective school in Southend and one of the highest performing schools in the country.

Headline figures include:

93% 9-4 in Mathematics.

92% 9-4 in English.

92% 9-4 in English and Mathematics.

EBacc APS of 5.09.

Attainment 8 (A8) of 55.48.

Progress 8 (P8) of +0.70.

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

On 2nd September, the Academy welcomed Year 7 pupils to complete their transition arrangements. Pupils in Year 8-11 returned the following day, and, to date, no pupils have been sent home to self-isolate.

I am keen that pupils receive as 'normal' an educational experience as possible and I am pleased that their education has, at the time of writing, not been disrupted.

I cannot express adequately in words my sense of relief that the pupils are back in school and an immense sense of pride at how well they have adjusted upon their return.

Mr. N. Houchen

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT

From September, the Academy launched its Personal Development and Enrichment (PDE) programme designed to develop pupils' character, confidence, resilience, independence, health, mental wellbeing, leadership skills, preparation for life, and provide access to a wide and rich set of experiences.

[Click here for the PDE Policy](#)

ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance is currently 95.5% vs. a (normal) national average of 94.6% (+1.1%) and vs. a (current) national average of 87% (+8.5%).

House	% Attendance
Ashdown	95.0
Bowland	96.3
Elveden	95.8
Kielder	94.8
Richmond	96.7
Sherwood	94.6
Whinfall	95.2
Overall	95.5

REMOTE LEARNING

In the event of partial or complete closure, the Academy will revert to its online timetable and Zoom webinar lessons.

[Click here for the Remote Learning Letter](#)

NEW WEBSITE



The Academy is currently updating its website to a more contemporary format and style.

The existing content will largely remain but will be reorganised into fewer categories and include improved navigational features.

The website will be officially launched after the half-term break.

<http://www.eastwoodacademy.co.uk/>

Pupil Success

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

In the Spring Term of 2020, over 90 applications for the 50 Prefect positions were received. Shortlisting criteria was used to help select the new cohort. Similar to a job interview, pupils were judged rigorously against the criteria to help identify the strongest candidates for the role.

Initially, 20 pupils who exhibited the requisite attributes and skills were shortlisted to be considered for the new Student Leadership Team (Head Boy/Girl, Deputy Head Boy/Girl and Senior Prefects).

These pupils were assessed against feedback from their Head of House; conduct record; attendance; and application form responses to a range of questions and scenarios.

All staff were invited to vote on the final team, again being asked to consider those pupils with the skills and attributes to undertake the role effectively.

With only 10 positions available, and 70 applications, it was a difficult process; however, on Monday 29th June, the final team was announced and they were presented with their badge and tie by Mr. N. Houchen.

The remaining 10 pupils who had been shortlisted, were automatically awarded the status of Prefect, and they, too, were presented with their ties. The final 30 Prefects were then selected, referring back to the criteria, staff feedback and application forms.

Congratulations to all those who were successful.



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Student Leadership Team

STUDENT VOICE

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

HOME LEARNING COOKING

Below are photos of some of the fantastic dishes that pupils prepared during their home learning in the Summer Term.



Oliver B. (9B)



Callum G. (9R)



Bruno T. (8R)



Ryan F.-H. (9R)



Sophie L. (9E)



Ted T. (8W)



Isabelle M. (11K0)



Hettie S. (8R)



Alfie J. (9A)

'NAME THE FROG SPECIES' COMPETITION

As part of a competition run by the Rainforest Trust charity, the discovery of a new frog species in Ecuador, prompted people aged 26 and under to come up with a name for said frog.

The Geography Department extended this competition across the Academy and many imaginative names were proposed.

First place was taken by 9 Whinfell with the ingenious, 'Donald Jump'. Second place was awarded to 7 Whinfell for their 'Ecuadorian Leaf Frog'.

The Rainforest Trust eventually announced that the new frog species was officially to be called 'Chical Cloud Forest Frog', which is not a patch on our names!

Unfortunately, we did not win the competition, but special recognition has to be given to Neve. H. (9S) and Ms E. Potts for suggesting a name with 'Cloud' in it!

Thank you to all who took part.

EASTWOOD LITERACY COMPETITION



Over the summer holidays, the English Department launched a whole school literary competition called 'Wordfest 300'. We asked for a literary response to the effects of Lockdown on our pupils and the results were emotional and inspiring.

We are thrilled to announce our three finalists at KS3 were: Finley A. (8B), Laura R. (8R) and Megan V. (8E); and our two finalists at KS4 were: Erin V. (10E) and Larissa L. (10B). The writing at both Key Stages was outstanding.

We would like to give you a glimpse of the work we received:

Megan V. (8E) wrote an extraordinary piece of writing, as if she were the virus itself.

"When my over-whelming presence is near, my defenceless prey scabbles helplessly away – petrified: I was once abandoned in a decaying world, which was desolate and unknown to man. Powerful, undefeated, now I am infectious and spread like wildfire, trampling over nations – pitiless and merciless."

Congratulations to our winners, who have all received Amazon vouchers. Their writing was breath-taking and will be included in the 2021 Eastwood Literary Anthology.



The following entrants included the words Chical, Cloud, or Cloud Forest, and are contributors to this English and Spanish name:

Christina W. (14, USA), Tabitha W. (15, UK), Dylan H. (12, Canada), Samantha A. (14, Ecuador), Yolanda M. (14, Ecuador), Conor B. (12, "North America"), J. A. (14, USA), Tejveer B. (10, Kenya), Jonah M. (9, USA), Felipe Q. (19, Ecuador), Neve H. (14, England), Adam T. (14, USA), José A. (15, Dominican Republic), Ruby T. (15, Canada/England), Sophie W. (16, England), Victoria DS. (14, "Latin America"), Ashley O. (14, USA), Marta C. (16, Latvia/UK), Annalise I. (14, Kenya), Alex N. (16, England), Bradley P. (22, UK), Ellie D. (11, US), Sorrell C. (21, UK), Stella R., (10, USA), Eden H. (11, Canada), Daniel I. (15, Dominican Republic), Isadora G. (7, USA), Oakley S. (Canada), Tanya S. (16, South Africa), Nicole C. (17, UK), Buffy B. (25, UK), William M. (10, Canada), Emily P. (25, UK), Seth G. (11, Canada), Brenden G. (15, Dominican

Pupil Success

SPORTS LEADERS



A huge congratulations to our 2019/20 Level 1 Sports Leaders, all of whom, managed to achieve this qualification. They were lucky enough to have completed all the necessary criteria before the Academy had to close due to Covid-19.

During the year they developed a variety of personal skills including communication, organisation and teamwork. They coached a range of activities throughout the course including basketball skills to Year 5 pupils and 'fun fitness' sessions to Year 7 pupils.



Similarly, a huge congratulations to our 2019/20 Level 2 Sports Leaders on passing their qualification. They had to show resilience and independence to get all the required criteria completed during the Academy's closure.

Throughout the course they had to demonstrate great leadership skills and confidence when delivering their sessions. This was shown by the enjoyment and engagement of the participants and the positive feedback received. Good luck in any of your future coaching careers.



NORWICH FOOTBALL ACADEMY



Taylor A.-Q's (10B) consistent hard work in his football training last year has paid dividends. We are pleased to announce that he has been accepted into the Norwich City Football Club Academy for trials.

Congratulations Taylor!

NETBALL 2019/2020

Our netball teams had a fantastic season during 2019/20. We had many girls attending our training sessions and it was great to see so many developing their fitness and skills. We managed to fit in all our league fixtures before the Academy closed due to Covid-19. Unfortunately, the annual Southend Borough Tournament had to be cancelled.

Our U16 squad played several friendly fixtures during the year and demonstrated great teamwork and individual skill to win all their games.

The Year 9 squad were the most improved team of the year. They got their season off to a winning start, which boosted their confidence and went from strength to strength. They scored 91 goals over the whole season. Many more than last year! Well done girls on becoming Southend Borough Netball League Runners Up.

The Year 8 squad had another brilliant season. They continued their unbeaten league record, even with the coach chopping and changing the team! They scored an outstanding 175 goals throughout the season and only conceded 3 goals (on average) per game. Congratulations on retaining your Southend Borough Netball League Champions title.

The Year 7 squad showed great progress throughout the year and battled hard in all their league matches. It was a tough league with some unexpected results from around the Borough. The girls won 5 matches which resulted in them being crowned Southend Borough Netball League Champions. Well done girls!



Year 7 squad (2019-20)

Katie S. (8E), Daisy S. (8S), Erin F. (8E) Amy M. (8E), Tiana W.-J. (8R), Keira C. (8E), Gabrielle H. (8K), Megan V. (8E)



Year 8 squad (2019-20)

Hannah E. (9K), Jessica L. (9E), Kayleen H.-P. (9K), Irene N. (9K), Isabella S. (9R), Evie M. (9R), Olivia F. (9A), Ciara B. (9S)



Year 9 squad (2019-20)

Brooke T. (10E) Rachel W. (10R), Olivia C. (10R), Lorey E. (10K), Flynn C. (10K), Madi M. (10A), Libby M. (10K) Lucy P. (10E)

Events

EASTWOOD WEEK OF LANGUAGES

During the week commencing 21st September, the MFL Department celebrated 'Eastwood Week of Languages'.

Throughout Europe, 800 million Europeans represented in the Council of Europe's member states are encouraged to learn more languages, at any age, in and out of school. The Council of Europe believes that linguistic diversity is a tool for achieving greater intercultural understanding and a key element in the rich cultural heritage of our continent.

Pupils were invited to participate in a number of class activities, ranging from general knowledge of European countries, to 'tasters' 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 both useful and beneficial.

Throughout the week, we ran several competitions. The Inter-Tutor Competition was very close - this year we had 7 tutor groups sharing the top spot. Well done to: 7 Ashdown; 7 Elveden; 7 Whinfield; 8 Whinfield; 10 Richmond; 11 Sherwood; and 11 Whinfield.

The European poster competition was equally close with the following pupils winning in Year 7 and 8.



Year 7 Winners:

- 1st place = Ruby G. (7S)
- 2nd place = Roxy O. (7K)
- 3rd place = Elsie N. (7E)

Year 8 Winners:

- 1st place = Gabrielle H. (8K)
- 2nd place = Sophie K. (8S)
- 3rd place = Calum B. (10S)

KING JOHN 6TH FORM

On the 19th October, 15 Year 11 pupils took part in a Q&A virtual meeting with the Head of KJS 6th Form. They discussed academic, blended and professional pathways, dress codes, extra-curricular activities and the very important topic of food!

MENTAL WELLBEING DROPDOWN

On Friday 9th October, Year 7 and 8 pupils completed a drop-down session on Mental Wellbeing, delivered by Mr. Harrison and Miss. Walden, to coincide with World Mental Health Day.



Pupils were encouraged to discuss what 'health' means to them and then explore how to remain both physically and mentally healthy. Pupils were given a range of techniques and tools to help support and improve their mental wellbeing which included - mindfulness activities, listening to music and breathing.

Pupils were also treated to a video of a motivational speech by Denzel Washington in which the 'fear of failure' was discussed. Various famous people (past and present) were explored, demonstrating that all people can overcome failures and disappointments and be successful.

We shared how these events can often lead to success and should not be seen as an intractable obstacle. We encourage all our pupils to 'fall forward,' build resilience and continue to grow and strive as individuals.



Art Showcase

YEAR 7

Year 7 pupils have been taking inspiration from everyday objects. They have focused on drawing objects with ellipses as well as developing their shading control/ability.



YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11

Year 10 and 11 pupils have been working hard on creating an array of still life artwork. Some incredible pieces have been created this half term!



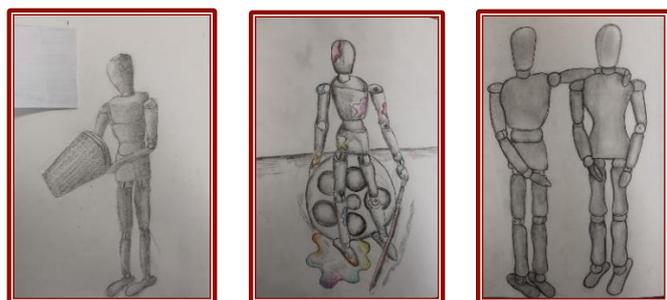
Hope F.
(10R)



Joshua G.
(10E)

YEAR 8

Year 8 pupils have been focusing on proportion. They have used wooden figures as inspiration for their drawings.



Alfie P.
(10A)



Brooke A.
(10R)

YEAR 9

Year 9 pupils have made a great start to their footwear project. They have been focusing on capturing shapes, tones and details.



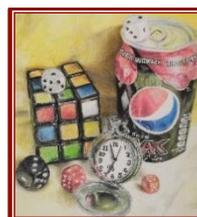
Natalie M.
(11R)



Ivan C.
(11E)



Isabella W.
(11B)



Grace L.
(11A)



Riley P.
(11R)



Chelsea M.
(11R)

Celebrating Success

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

YEAR 7



YEAR 9



YEAR 8



YEAR 10



YEAR 11



Post-16 Open Events 2020-2021

Please remember to check websites to confirm the event is going ahead virtually or in person.

6 th Form	Website	Date
Appleton	https://www.theappletonschool.org/sixth-form/key-dates	22 nd October
Basildon	https://www.basildonacademies.org.uk/open-evening-2019	Awaiting update
Beauchamps	https://www.beauchamps.essex.sch.uk/#upcoming-events	Awaiting update
Belfairs	http://www.belfairsacademy.org.uk/school-information	5 th October
Billericay	https://www.billericayschool.com/term-dates-and-calendar/calendar/	Awaiting update
Bromfords	https://www.bromfords.essex.sch.uk/calendar/?month=oct&yr=2020	15 th October
Cecil Jones	https://www.ceciljonesacademy.net/school/about-cecil-jones/calendar/	Awaiting update
Chase	https://www.chasehigh.org/sixth-form/open-evening	Awaiting update
Chelmsford High	http://www.cchs.co.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-open-evening/	Awaiting update
Colchester	https://www.colchsf.ac.uk/applications/	Awaiting update
Felsted	https://www.felsted.org/admissions/open-mornings	Awaiting update
FitzWimarc	https://www.fitzwimarc.com/events-calendar/41.html	3 rd November
Greensward	https://sites.google.com/aetinet.org/greenswardwebsite/home	Awaiting update
KEGS	https://www.kegs.org.uk/calendar--daily-events/2695.html	18 th November
King Edmund	http://www.kes.essex.sch.uk/382/calendar	Awaiting update
King John	https://www.thekjs.essex.sch.uk/events/category/sixth-form/	Awaiting update
Mayflower	https://www.mayflowerhigh.essex.sch.uk/	Awaiting update
SHSB	https://www.shsb.org.uk/calendar/?calid=3,4,5,6,2,8,9,10,11&pid=3&viewid=1	12 th November
SHSG	https://www.shsg.org/page/?title=Open%26%23160%3BEvents&pid=84	Awaiting update
Shoeburyness	https://www.shoeburynesshigh.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1	Awaiting update
St Bernard's	http://www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk/calendar/?calid=6,7,3,4,5,8,9,10,11&pid=17&viewid=12	11 th November
St Thomas More	https://www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk/	26 th November
Sweyne Park	http://sweynepark.com/html/sixthform/calendar.html	19 th November
WHSB	https://www.whsb.essex.sch.uk/sixth-form	12 th November
WHSG	https://www.whsg.info/383/how-to-apply	10 th November
Witham	https://sites.google.com/aetinet.org/witham-sixth-forms/parents	Awaiting update
FE College	Website	Date
South Essex	https://www.southessex.ac.uk/events/?tag=Events-FE+Open+Event	
Southend Campus		10 th November
Basildon Campus		20 th October
Stephenson Road		9 th November
Thurrock Campus		13 th October
USP	https://www.uspcollege.ac.uk/courses-apprenticeships/open-evenings-events/virtual-open-evening-6-october-2020/	6 th October
Writtle	https://writtle.ac.uk/virtual-hub	Ongoing
Chelmsford	https://www.chelmsford.ac.uk/courses/showcase-information-events.asp	23 rd November
Colchester Institute	https://www.colchester.ac.uk/events/	Awaiting update