

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As the Autumn Term draws to a close, I am able to reflect on what has been a wonderfully rewarding period in the Academy's history and the prospect of an exciting partnership ahead.

# EPAT

Believe Succeed Together

On 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017, The Eastwood Academy will form a multi-academy trust (MAT) with Bournemouth Park Primary School. The MAT, Eastwood Park Academy Trust (EPAT), will initially be a cross-phase 'Starter Trust' (< 5 schools) with aspirations to become an 'Established Trust' (~> 5 schools).

Click here for the [FAQ Document](#)

On the issue of partnerships, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the Student Leadership Team (StLT) for the work they have undertaken this term and the comprehensive feedback they provided in their report. I look forward to working with the StLT to improve those aspects that were highlighted.

Finally, I would like to wish all staff, parents and pupils an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and look forward to your return in January.

Mr. N. Houchen BSc (Hons), PGCE, NPQH

#### ACADEMY SUCCESS



Department  
for Education

Commissioner, East England and North East London.

On 6<sup>th</sup> October, the Academy received a letter of commendation - in recognition of the 2016 GCSE results - from Dr T. Coulson, Regional Schools

Click here for the [Letter from RSC](#)

#### ACADEMY NEWS



The Academy has been awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award for a second consecutive year.

The School Games Award is a Government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the

development of competition across their school and into the community.

The Academy is the only secondary school in Southend to receive the award.

#### ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance for the Autumn Term was 96.5%. This was 0.5% above the Academy's self-imposed target of 96.0% and 1.5% above the national average of 95.0%.

Congratulations to Elvedon House for recording the highest attendance. High praise indeed to the pupils, Head of House, Mrs. L. Hodgson Clark, and SLT Link, Mr. M. Cartlidge.

House	% Attendance
Ashdown	96.0
Bowland	96.1
Elvedon	97.0
Kielder	96.3
Richmond	96.6
Sherwood	96.6
Whinfell	96.6
<b>Overall</b>	<b>96.5</b>

Congratulations to the 356 pupils who recorded an attendance of 100%!

Click here for a list of pupils with [100% Attendance](#)

# Pupil Success

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> November, the StLT undertook year group assemblies. Their presentation covered leadership, the role of Student Voice and the

specific 'focus areas' for the term.

The following week, the StLT met with Form Captains to collate views and responses, and then compiled a report which they presented to Mr. N. Houchen. A number of action points were agreed and the StLT will be following up the progress in the Spring Term.



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

## PREFECT AWARD



The StLT nominated Keeleigh G. (11B) for the StLT Prefect Award. Keeleigh has volunteered her services with a number of StLT events this half term and also stepped in to cover Prefects' duties when required. To acknowledge this achievement, Mr. N. Houchen presented Keeleigh with a certificate and gift voucher on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

## ELVEDON PUPIL SUCCESS



Congratulations to Mya G. (7E) who was the winner of the UDO Southcoast Street Dance Under 14s Intermediate Championships.



## ESU PUBLIC SPEAKING



On 1<sup>st</sup> December, the Academy's ESU Public Speaking Team, comprising of Alex G. (10E), Adanna A. (10R) and Lia C. (10A), won their first round against a group of schools which included St. Thomas More, Thorpe Hall and James Hornsby. The Team will now move on to round two which will take place in February.

## THE EASTWOOD ACADEMY ALUMNI



James Hartnell left the Academy in 2008 and was accepted into Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts - one of London's leading Drama Schools - where he studied Acting and graduated with a BA (Hons).

Whilst training, James also discovered his passion for writing and directing. He was accepted onto the Lyric Hammersmith's Young Writers group and then spent 12 months on the Writers Lab at London's Soho Theatre. James started a Young Performers Company at Mountview, leading a group of 15-21 year olds and directing them in plays he had written. James still teaches at Mountview and has had various plays produced. His current play is on at London's Hope Theatre and his next play opens at the Gatehouse Theatre at the end of July 2017.

Please contact Mr. N. Dunn with details of former pupils.

## PUPIL SUCCESS



Congratulations to all pupils who have received celebrating success subject commendations this half term, a selection of which are shown above.

## Events

### ANTI-BULLING 'DROP DOWN'

Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> November, Year 7 and Year 8 pupils took part in 'drop down' interactive sessions covering bullying. The sessions were principally designed to promote tolerance, increase awareness and reinforce reporting procedures.



### ROAD SAFETY

From 21<sup>st</sup> November, the footbridge at Kent Elms corner was removed as part of the Council's road widening scheme.

The Academy would like to thank Mr. K. Buck who has campaigned tirelessly to ensure that the works did not compromise public safety.

The Academy will continue to raise awareness through assemblies, roadshows and guest speakers.

Click here for the [Road Safety Notice](#)

### CHARITY BAKE SALES



On 25<sup>th</sup> November, Bethany L. (9S) and Ellie L. (9E) organised a cake sale, raising £116 for Children In Need.

Bethany made 84 cakes (including 24 pudsey bear shaped cookies) and Ellie made 26 allergy free cupcakes. It took 8 hours to make the 84 cakes - 3 hours for the cookies and 4 hours for the allergy free cupcakes (including icing).



On 1<sup>st</sup> December, Mackenzie K. (10R), Josie H. (10R), Ellie O. (10E) and Megan W. (10E) organised a cake sale and raised £110 for the Special Baby Care Unit at Southend Hospital.

A fantastic effort from all concerned – well done girls!

### TATE BRITAIN TRIP



On 26<sup>th</sup> November, Year 11 Art pupils visited the Turner Prize at Tate Britain. The Turner Prize is a prestigious commendation awarded to a British artist under the age of 50. The pupils had the opportunity to view exhibits and respond to the work of current artists, fostering challenge, intrigue and amusement.



## Extra-Curricular

### LILLE TRIP



On 3<sup>rd</sup> December, MFL pupils visited Lille, France, principally to enhance their conversational French and explore aspects of French culture. Following a cold and early start to catch the Eurotunnel, the pupils arrived at le Petit Musée de la Gaufre - in the town of Houplines - to see how French waffles are made. They

took part in a cookery demonstration, then sampled these local delicacies whilst learning cooking-related vocabulary.

Arriving in Lille, everyone got into the Christmas spirit at the market: jewellery, decorations, fondue, tartiflette (melted cheese, ham and potato) and saucisse were just some of the many items available at the colourful market stalls. The day was topped off with a wander around Euralille (a bit like Bluewater) to purchase some Christmas presents for family and friends.



Many thanks to Mrs. Haslett, Ms. Carter, Mr. Alcorn, Mrs. Cassidy and Mrs. Hogan for their help on the trip.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACCREDITATION



The Student Leadership Accreditation is an innovative way of formally recognising the leadership skills of pupils in the classroom, across the Academy, or in the wider community. 102 Year 11 pupils have been entirely responsible for the planning, preparation of resources and execution, for a series of 5 lessons for KS3 pupils. Activities included: team-building; games designed to raise confidence and self-esteem; a variety of sporting and fitness activities; cooking and healthy eating; the formation of a new science club; and the composition of music. Feedback from the pupils was immensely positive, with many stating that they did not want the sessions to finish! Congratulations to the Year 11 pupils for the successful delivery of these sessions.



### YEAR 7 HISTORY CASTLE PROJECT

During November, Year 7 History pupils worked on an extended project. The theme was 'medieval castles' which pupils built and presented to their class. Some pupils even produced edible 'cake castles' with an astounding level of historical accuracy!

Daisy B. (7A)

Harvey W. (7A)

Martha S. (7E)



Tia A. (7K)

Poppy C. (7K)

Spencer I. (7R)



Kai L. (7W)

Macie L. (7W)

Emma W. (7W)



### CHRISTMAS CONCERT



On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, pupils demonstrated their musical talents for the annual Christmas Concert. Featuring the

Choir and Orchestra, both ensembles, with members drawn from all year groups, as well as our jazz and percussion ensembles, duets and soloists, entertained the audience with an eclectic mix of festive and not-so-festive items. The Choir continue to impress with their beautiful harmony singing and the Orchestra are tackling increasingly challenging material with apparent ease. Truly a pupil-centred event, this year's concert also featured an all pupil technical team, whose organised and calm approach contributed greatly to the smooth running of this event.

Congratulations to all the pupils involved.

# Extra-Curricular

## FASHION DESIGN COMPETITION



Pupils from Years 7-9 participated in a 6 week course in fashion design. They learned how to sketch the figure in fashion, create patterns and texture through mixed media, and design a couture garment inspired by shells.

Jasmine S. (8K)

Megan R. (8W)

Mia P. (9W)



The course provided the platform for pupils to enter the Basildon Fashion Awards. The pupils involved produced a design under the theme 'Constructing Culture', and a mood board showing the inspiration behind their design. Judging took place in December and two pupils won! Mia P. (9W) and Macie L. (7W) were selected among the many entrants to attend the awards ceremony in March where they will collect their prizes. Whinfall certainly have some talented artists!



## ANNIE PERFORMANCE



On the evenings of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, and after weeks of intensive rehearsals, pupils from across the Academy came together to perform in 'Annie: The Musical'. With lead and supporting roles and chorus drawn from across year groups (and, in a first for the Academy, a canine guest star!), the show's success is a testament to the hard work and commitment of all involved both on stage and behind the scenes.

Congratulations to all the pupils involved.



## CROSS COUNTRY

On 9<sup>th</sup> November, a number of pupils participated in the Borough Cross Country Championships.

	Boys	Girls
<b>Year 7</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Year 8</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Year 9</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Seniors</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>

Congratulation to all those who took part, with a special mention to Kristians K. (8E) who won Gold and Kea P. (7E) and Brooke W. (8K) who both won Bronze.



Congratulations to the Junior Boys' Cross Country Team who won the English Schools Regional Cross Country Final on 12<sup>th</sup> November. The team then competed in the National Final in Liverpool on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, finishing 11<sup>th</sup> in a field of the country's top 24 schools.



## YEAR 11 STUDY SKILLS



Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> November, Year 11 pupils took part in a series of seminars aimed at assisting them with study and revisions skills for their forthcoming mock examinations in January.

Click here for more on [Exams and Revisions/Study Skills](#)

# Celebrating Success

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

ASHDOWN



SHERWOOD



BOWLAND



WHINFELL



KIELDER



LUNCH WITH THE PRINCIPAL



ELEVTON



RICHMOND



On 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December, the Junior Boys' Cross Country Team, Jack Petchey winners, and outstanding pupil ambassadors, met for a Rewards Lunch with Mr. N. Houchen

The pupils recounted their achievements over the term, interspersed with anecdotes from Mr. N. Houchen, whilst enjoying the fine fayre.

Congratulations – you're a credit to the Academy.

## Extra-Curricular

### YEAR 10 ART CERAMIC WORKSHOP

During November and December, Year 10 Art pupils took part in a series of ceramic workshops. Activities ranged from: responding to seashore sources; testing ideas in clay; developing and improving ceramic outcomes; and creating a unique, sculptural, sea inspired form.



### ACTIVITIES

The Academy welcomes the local community to use its high quality facilities for a wide variety of activities after the school day or at weekends. Current activities for children and adults are listed below. Please contact them for availability and costs. As with any activity, please make your own judgements regarding the suitability of the sport/classes.

ACTIVITY	CONTACT DETAILS
<b>Swimming</b>	<b>Nemo's Swim School</b> —Tue/Wed/Thurs/Sat—call Lyn Gahagan 07935 341444 <b>Sue Shaw Swim School</b> —Fridays—call Sue Shaw 01245 466 087
<b>Scuba Diving</b>	<b>Dive Odyssey</b> , Rochford – call Debbie Woods 01702 542759
<b>Zumba</b>	<b>Marek</b> – Saturdays 10-11am – call Marek 07923 536 101
<b>Personal Training</b> <b>Circuit Training</b>	<b>ClubOneHundred</b> - Personal Fitness Studio in Leigh – Tuesday/Thursday 8.15-9.15pm in the gym. Call Mark Newton 0844 879 5100
<b>Netball</b>	Age 16+ - Wednesdays 8.15-9.15pm in the Sports Hall Age 6-11 – Thursdays 6-7pm in the Sports Hall Adults – Thursday 7-8pm in the Sports Hall Contact Hayley Pegg <a href="mailto:hpegg@eastwood.southend.sch.uk">hpegg@eastwood.southend.sch.uk</a>
<b>Dance Schools</b>	<b>NT Dance House</b> – classes for all ages Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Saturdays – contact Natasha <a href="mailto:ntdancehouse@outlook.com">ntdancehouse@outlook.com</a> <b>Rythmotyze</b> – classes for all ages Tuesdays – call Hannah Knight 07473 539 353
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Southend Swifts</b> – Contact Paul May <a href="mailto:paul.may@swiftsbasketball.co.uk">paul.may@swiftsbasketball.co.uk</a> <b>Essex Rockets</b> – Contact Josh Prentice <a href="mailto:josh.essexrockets@gmail.com">josh.essexrockets@gmail.com</a>

### RASPBERRY PI FOUNDATION

Following a successful visit in July by Mr. O. Quinlan from the Raspberry Pi Foundation, the Academy hosted a return visit. Mr. O. Quinlan is undertaking a study focusing on the most effective ways to teach Computing to pupils at primary and secondary schools.

The visit allowed Mr. O. Quinlan to spend the day with pupils who are learning to use Raspberry Pi computers for the first time. He witnessed a Year 7 class undertaking their first programming topic and was impressed by the pupils' ability to learn new skills and solve problems independently.

Further visits are planned over the year to observe pupils' progress with their final projects, which include wearable technology and a games console.

### PSHEE AND CAREERS

#### Student Finance Tour

On 10<sup>th</sup> October, Year 11 pupils attended a presentation from The Student Finance Tour which focused on 'financial wellbeing'.

#### Southend United Community Educational Trust

On 31<sup>st</sup> October, Year 11 pupils attended a presentation from Southend United Community and Educational Trust. Representatives spoke about the different opportunities within football clubs.

#### 'Make it Happen'

On 28<sup>th</sup> November, pupils attended a workshop run in association with Essex Outreach Collaboration, aimed at increasing their knowledge of Higher Education.