

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As another academic year draws to close, I am able to reflect on what has been an incredibly successful and rewarding year for the Academy.

On 25th August, the Academy recorded its best ever GCSE results,

On 23rd September, Mr. D. Piercy and I had the great pleasure of attending a gala evening at The Terrace Pavilion, House of Commons, in celebration of *The Parliamentary Review 2016*.

Click here for [The Parliamentary Review](#)

On 6th October, the Academy received a letter of commendation from Dr T. Coulson, Regional Schools Commissioner, East England and North East London.

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

On 13th October, the DfE published the School and College Performance Tables. The Academy was ranked in the top **5%** of schools nationally; **second** in a ranked list of similar schools nationally; and **second** in a list of over 30 schools in Southend and Essex, all of which resulted in formal recognition from the Rt Hon N. Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards.

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

Click here for the [Ranked Schools Nationally](#)

Click here for the [Progress 8 Scores of Local Schools](#).

Click here for the [Letter from N. Gibb MP](#)

On 1st February 2017, The Eastwood Academy formed a multi-academy trust with Bournemouth Park Primary School - (EPAT). I am immensely pleased with how the partnership is progressing and look forward to the developments in 2017/18.

Finally, throughout the course of the year, I have had the great pleasure of reading the huge array of achievements of the pupils, which continues to make me immensely proud and privileged to be the Principal.

YEAR 11 GCSE ART MODERATION

On Thursday 29th June, the Year 11 GCSE Art Moderation took place. Pupils showcased their hard work.



Pupil Success

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The new Prefect Team began their duties in April releasing the Year 11 Prefects to focus on their revision. The Student Leadership Team (StLT) created rotas and have been organising the duty teams.

To date, Prefects have supported the StLT and the Academy in a number of events including: Year 7 and 8 Parent Consultation evenings; Curriculum Pathway Evening; Open Evening; Year 6 Induction Day; and Commendations Evening.

All Prefects have made an excellent start to their duties/roles.

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

PREFECT AWARD



The StLT nominated Ellie M. (10A) for the StLT Prefect Award. Ellie has assisted the StLT with numerous events after school and also stepped in for a Senior Prefect involved to assist the StLT.

To acknowledge this achievement, Mrs. N. Niner presented Ellie with a certificate and gift voucher.

E-SAFETY

If used appropriately, the internet is a safe, fun and informative place, however there are also risks and at some point you may need support.

Click here for the [Risks and Support](#)



In Year 9, pupils have recently had the opportunity to complete the BCS E-safety Level 1 qualification which examines the potential

risks associated with being online, how to protect yourself and your personal information online, as well as how to behave responsibly and within the law whilst using the internet.

ATHLETICS ESSEX CHAMPIONSHIPS



On Saturday 10th June, a number of Academy pupils represented the Southend borough in the Athletics Essex Championships at The Melbourne Park

Stadium, Chelmsford.

A special mention must go to two pupils:

Firstly, Nathan S-H. (10A), who participated in the Intermediate Boys' Shot-Put. In order for him to progress he had to finish in the top eight. Nathan progressed into the final phase in 5th position, but managed to pull out a huge throw of 11.19 metres which exceeded the national standard.

Secondly, Will B. (9S) who enjoyed a rollercoaster ride in the Junior Boys' High Jump competition. Prior to Saturday, Will's personal best was 1.77m, 1cm short of the national standard. With the bar on a ridiculous 1.8m, Will and another pupil cleared it.



The bar was raised to 1.84m and Will's opponent cleared it first time to equal the Essex Championship record. Will failed his first two attempts and it was down to his third and final attempt to stay in the fight for a gold medal. He cleared it! The bar was now raised to 1.87m, it was a step too far for Will's opponent but Will somehow managed to clear it.

The competition ended with Will winning after clearing 1.89m, setting a new Essex Championship record by 5cm and a new Academy Year 9 record by 9cm. Will is now currently ranked number 1 in the country and represented Essex in the National Athletics Finals on Saturday 8th July in Birmingham.

Other notable contributions include:

Pupil	Position
Amy F. (11E)	4 th in the IG 300m
Charlie-George P. (9K)	4 th in the JB 800m
Evie A. (10K)	5 th in the IG Hurdles
Grace C. (9S)	5 th in the JG High Jump
Ben S. (9A)	6 th in the JB Javelin
Brandon N. (9W)	6 th in the JB 300m
Lauren W. (9S)	7 th in the JG Long Jump

Pupil Success

BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT



Mya G. (7E) has fulfilled one of her dreams by dancing with her idols Diversity. She not only danced with them but did this at the Britain's Got Talent live final show on Saturday 3rd June.

Mya spent every afternoon of the holiday at the dance studio rehearsing, some days running late into the evenings and had to be at the TV studio at 6am on Saturday morning.

It was a fantastic opportunity for Mya and she's so thrilled to be selected to do this.



JACK PETCHY



On Tuesday 20th June, Mr. N. Houchen presented the Jack Petchy winners with their certificate at a special celebrating success event with the Principal.

Oswald W. (9B) was nominated for his commitment to his studies, the wider Academy community and the PE department. He is also a Literacy Ambassador and has given up his time to support the Academy with literacy evenings and other related events. He is also a keen sportsman, representing the Academy in basketball, football and athletics.

Sam B. (10K) and Lachlan D. (10R) were nominated for reporting an accident to the police during a DofE expedition in Hockley. The police then took over and complimented the boys for their response and actions to an emergency situation. They were also a huge help to all the staff on the DofE weekend and role models within the Academy.

Alexander B. (8S) was nominated for his role in establishing a 'Warhammer club' in school. Alex was keen to start a club that was unique and offered something 'alternative'. Attendance is improving by the week and Alex hopes to attract members from the incoming Year 7.

Rebecca E. (10A) was nominated for her outstanding achievement in Art. Rebecca is a fantastic artist and has given up a considerable amount of her time to act as a volunteer with the Art Department. She single handedly put together a careers display along the Art corridor, which she researched, designed and compiled independently.

Lucia B. (7S) was nominated for raising money for the Little Princess Trust charity. The charity provides real hair wigs free of charge to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland that have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses. In addition to providing her own hair, Lucia has so far raised over £400.

SPEAKER'S AWARD



On Thursday 8th June, Mr. N. Houchen presented Alex G. (11E) with an ESU certificate for 'Best Questioner' in the ESU Public Speaking Competition. Following the presentation, Alex and Mr. N. Houchen debated politics, in particular the General Election and Brexit.

CANCER CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Lucia B. (7S) recently had her hair cut off for the Little Princess Trust charity. She has so far raised over £400!



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Pupil Success

NATIONAL FINALS



On Saturday 1st July, the Junior Girls' Athletics Team competed in the National Athletics Final in Oxford. Historically, this is the first time that a girls' team has reached the Final and, after a night in a hotel, the girls represented the Academy with distinction.

Conditions for the competition were close to being perfect and, as the day progressed, the sun made an appearance to help us all out. During the morning track session, the team repeatedly hit school records and personal bests and ended up 8 points over our estimated target for the morning.

We couldn't have made a better start. Nerves were now starting to 'kick in' for the individual field events, but the girls held strong and hit target on most of their events.

We calculated our score and achieved an amazing 406 points that placed us 7th in the country! Our target for the day was 400 points, which we thought would be a stretch but the girls were amazing, and are an incredible group that showed grit, determination, passion and pride in the vest that they were wearing.

As a group, the girls epitomised the Academy ethos of *Believe, Succeed, Together* and a number of parents commented on the cohesiveness of the group, creating such a lovely atmosphere for the girls to compete in, making us all immensely proud.



DOFE ASSESSMENT WEEKEND

On Friday 30th June, 5 pupils embarked on adventures through the New Forest for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice expedition. Henry B. (11K), Harry D. (11E) and Jake S. (11B), along with Jack R. (10R) and Josh W. (10A).



Once arriving in the New Forest the boys set off on their first walk. They took a route from Ashurst train station to Foxlease Scout Campsite. The journey took 8 hours in total and the boys arrived on site at 8.10pm,

laughing about the walk and looking forward to the days ahead. The boys were exhausted after an evening of mingling with the rest of the pupils from Southend High.

Their second day began yet again nice and early, and unfortunately faced with a rather wet morning. The boys were up and out of their tents by 5.30am and cooking a hearty breakfast by 6.00am with no concerns of the rain trying to dampen their moods! The Eastwood boys were the second of 4 groups to set out and left around 8.00am.

Moods had slightly changed on camp Monday morning as the realisation hit them that it was home time. They were an amazing help when it came to loading up the minibuses and even refused teachers carry their own kit. Both staff members from SHSB were highly complementary of our pupils and expressed how much of a credit they are to the Academy. When we arrived back at the school Harry and Josh stayed once again to help unload the minibus.



We are extremely proud of all 5 pupils for their incredible efforts over the 4 days but a special mention must go to Josh and Jack who had only completed their Bronze Award the week before!

Events

DOFE ASSESSMENT WEEKEND



On Saturday 10th June, Year 10 pupils embarked on their Duke of Edinburgh final expedition to Danbury. Pupils walked 25km in very hot temperatures and camped overnight at Riffhams. This is a very traditional Scout campsite set in beautiful woodland which enables the pupils to really test their map reading and navigation skills.

Once again the pupils did the Academy proud, not only with their walking and map reading but more importantly in terms of their conduct. There were 7 other schools/groups walking in the area and, as such, we had the chance to talk to a lot of other staff who commented upon the positivity and attitude of our pupils.

All the pupils managed to get back to camp on time on Saturday. They cooked a variety of dishes ranging from a lovely risotto, chicken curry and a bolognaise. One group ended with hot custard and melting chocolate sponges!

Pupils set off at 8.30am and, despite quite a few getting lost, they all managed to get back with the last group having walked an extra 2 km.



MFL DEPARTMENT TRIPS



The Modern Foreign Languages Department undertook a French and Spanish trip to [The Europa Centre](#) in Hornchurch.

The half-day trip in July included an 'Arrival Lounge' session during which the French and Spanish native speaking staff prepared pupils for the visit. The main part of the visit included popular activities like role-plays in shops, theft or missing person scenarios! There was also a plenary 'Departure Lounge' session in which pupils were able to reflect on their experience.

The 'Speaking' component of the GCSE examination, is worth 25%, therefore this opportunity to practise spontaneous speaking is essential.

The French Department is very pleased to be offering a day trip to [Boulogne-sur-Mer](#) in France on Friday 15th September 2017. This trip is open to current Year 7, 8 and Year 9 pupils. We will spend the day visiting the old town, a chocolate factory, souvenir shopping and, of course, practising our French!



ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance is currently 96.3%. This is 0.3% above the Academy's self-imposed target of 96.0% and 1.3% above the national average of 95.0%. Congratulations to Elvedon, who have just 'pipped it'.

House	% Attendance
Ashdown	96.3
Bowland	96.2
Elvedon	96.4
Kielder	96.0
Richmond	96.3
Sherwood	96.3
Whinfell	96.3
Overall	96.3

Extra-Curricular

THE 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. Twelve pupils from Year 9 were chosen based on their potential to become outstanding thinkers of the future.

The programme is delivered by university

lecturers and aims to challenge the participants and give them a taste of learning at a higher level.

On the 6th June, the pupils attended a launch trip to St John's College, Cambridge, one of the partner universities involved in the programme. The visit involved a tour of the college, a study skills session and the chance to meet, and ask questions of, current pupils and admissions staff. Additionally, the pupils had their first tutorial with their tutor in the academic setting of the university.



Participants: Muadh A. (9S), Zain A. (9B), Harrison B. (9S), Chloe C. (9K), Isabella G. (9W), Sadia K. (9S), Ella L. (9R), Nathan P. (9K), Carmen R. (9B), Daisy S. (9A), Elenya T. (9A) and Millie W. (9K)

DP WORLD



On Friday 23rd June, six Year 9 girls visited DP World in Stanford-Le-Hope, the UK's most integrated logistics hub, state of the art, globally connected deep sea port and rail terminal.

The trip was undertaken to celebrate International Women in Engineering Day. Pupils were given a tour of the facilities, spoke with the Head of Technical and IT about the different aspects of Engineering, took part in engineering workshops and spoke with inspirational female engineers working at the port.

The trip gave an amazing insight into the world of engineering, logistics and freight. The experience allowed pupils to think about their possible future employment and to consider Engineering as a possible career choice.



YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP



On Wednesday 14th June, Year 9 GCSE Geography pupils set off for Walton-on-the-Naze to conduct their GCSE fieldwork.

The weather could not have been better with highs of 26°C!

Equipped with plenty of sun cream and water the pupils combed up and down the delightful beaches of Walton-on-Naze. The purpose was to investigate coastal management at this historic and unique stretch of coastline in north Essex. Activities for the day included: conducting beach profiles; taking field sketches; photographic evidence; and pebble analysis. An enjoyable day was had by all.



Sports Presentation Evening

On Wednesday 6th July, the Academy celebrated pupils' achievements in Sports. Winners receive an invitation to attend this special event with their parents and were presented with trophies for being the sports person of the year for their respective year groups.

Congratulations to the winners below:

Girls	Boys
Year 7 – Kea P. (7E) 	Year 7 – Reece M. (7E) 
Year 8 – Sophie A. (8A) 	Year 8 – Kristians K. (8E) 
Year 9 – Ellice C. (9E) 	Year 9 – Will B. (9S) 
Year 10 – Evie A. (10K) 	Year 10 – Sam B. (10K) 
PTA – Amelia M. (10B) 	PTA – Josh W. (10A) 

Commendations Evening

On Wednesday 12th July, the Academy celebrated pupils' achievements at the annual Commendations Evening. Winners receive an invitation to attend this special event with their parents, which includes refreshments and entertainment from the Music Department.

Heads of Departments welcome the winners of their subject for KS3 and KS4 on the stage and present pupils with trophies.

The evening culminates with two 'special' commendations - Principal's Award and Governors' Award for outstanding contribution and community work respectively.

Congratulations to the winners below:



KS3 Art - Bobbie O. (7A)

Bobbie has been an exceptional Year 7 pupil and has produced many beautiful outcomes throughout the year. She has a natural ability to observe objects from real life and has an exemplary sketchbook bursting with skill and creative art.

KS4 Art - Emmylou S. (10S)

Emmylou has been working on compiling a project themed around the word 'reflection.' She has been producing personal artwork linking her love of music and art together. Emmylou is extremely proactive and conscientious, her positive 'can do' attitude has led to her producing an exciting body of artwork that shows off her many creative skills.



KS3 Business – Jasmine S. (8K)

Jasmine has flourished in Business this year, producing exceptional classwork and homework. She has demonstrated excellent understanding and evaluation skills.



KS4 Business - Giovanna C. (10R)

Giovanna is an exceptionally hardworking pupil, who always strives to achieve her best within herself and her education. She displays such a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards Business as well as outstanding effort and dedication to the subject.





KS3 Citizenship – Joe M. (8S)

Joe has demonstrated a high level of maturity in his written work and during class discussions. He confidently achieves high levels in written work, assessments and homework by showing empathy, both sides of the argument as well as using topical issues to illustrate his points – his knowledge and work are far above his years

KS4 Citizenship – Freya B. (9R)

Freya has shown a superb understanding of the key issues being studied and has achieved consistently high grades in assessments, controlled assessment and in homework. She is a key member of the class who takes the leads in discussions and encourages other pupils to participate.



KS3 Computer Science – Phineas W.-M. (7B)

Phineas was an easy choice for the award. He has not only excelled in the tasks set in class but has also dedicated many hours of his own time to create a growing collection of computer games. The most impressive part is that he is only in Year 7.

KS3 Drama – Matthew M. (7K)

Matthew has been given the commendations award for KS3 because he has proved himself to be a highly focused, enthusiastic and consistently diligent pupil.



KS4 Drama – Lauren H. (9A)

While there were many worthy candidates for this award, we have nominated Lauren because she has forged a path of excellence in lesson. Her relentlessly passionate approach has been infectious!

KS3 English – Emma W. (7W)

Emma is a joy to teach in English. She is always prepared and arrives at every lesson ready to learn and further her knowledge. Her conduct in class is impeccable; she is mature and intelligent beyond her years. She interacts with her peers with an easy grace but never strays far in her thoughts from the task at hand.



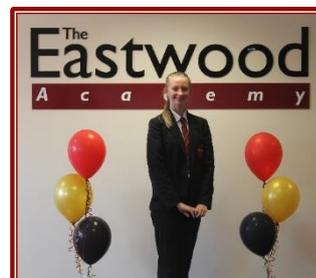


KS4 English – Beth D. (9R)

Beth is a fantastic pupil whose commitment to learning is second to none. She always approaches every task with enthusiasm and is conscientious about striving to improve. She is never without a smile on her face and is an absolute pleasure to teach.

KS3 Food Technology – Beth D. (9R)

Beth is an asset to the class, her calm and mild mannered approach has enabled her to achieve outstanding practical results this year. She is always willing to support her peers and the level of her written work has been exemplary.

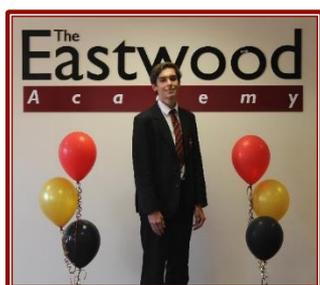


KS4 Food Technology – Rebecca E. (10A)

Rebecca has been nominated due to her amazing work ethic. The quality of her revision notes and her dedication to the subject have seen her consistently achieving grade 8. She has also given up time afterschool to work on her practical skills and time management.

KS3 French – Kristians K. (8E)

Kristians is a hardworking pupil who has a natural gift for languages. He has achieved consistently high marks this year but also participates excellently in lessons and produces outstanding homework. He has a superb understanding of the French language and we wish him the best as he enters his GCSE course.



KS4 French – Louis C. (10K)

Louis is a conscientious, hardworking pupil of French. He has performed consistently well in assessments this year and tries hard in class. He recently participated in the French trip to the Europa centre, where he engaged well in order to practise his French. Louis is a thoughtful and responsible pupil who has a promising future ahead.

KS3 Geography – Mia B. (8A)

Mia has been nominated as she has shown a real talent over the year in Geography. Not only does she work hard but her contribution at all levels in class, coupled with her enthusiasm, has shown us great potential for the future.





KS4 Geography – Momin S. (I0A)

Momin was nominated as he excels in every aspect in GCSE Geography. He is a role model to his peers in class and to the whole school at large. His work rate and contribution to all tasks is second to none and this feeds through to outstanding results. Momin is a genuine pleasure to teach.

KS3 Graphics – Lauren C. (9S)

Lauren has shown exceptional creative ideas in Graphics this year. Her work shows high quality sketching skills and she explains her ideas well.



KS4 Graphics – Daniel M. (I0S)

Daniel is a hard working pupil who completes all the objectives to an extremely high standard and shows independence in improving his controlled assessment.



KS3 History – Jochebel N. (7E)

Jochebel has produced nothing but the most outstanding work from day one. She regularly supports others with their learning and never fails to amaze with her thoughtful and intelligent insights.

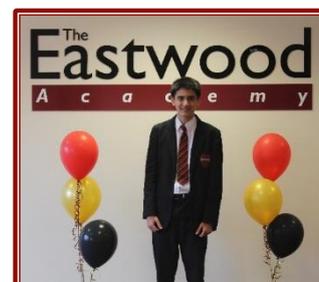


KS4 History – Cerys H. (I0E)

This year Cerys has improved massively. She has consistently surpassed her targets and homework always shows a great deal of thought and effort. Her civil rights poem was incredibly powerful, and I expect her to go and achieve big things.

KS4 ICT – James T. (I0R)

James has been very consistent throughout his time in ICT. In theory exams he often receives A grades and the coursework he has produced is very professional.



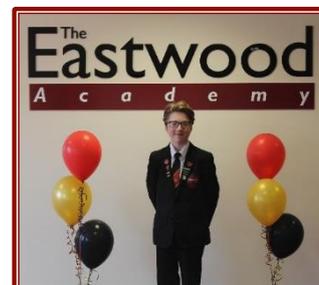


KS3 Maths – Cassidy D. (8S)

Cassidy is an outstanding mathematician who applies himself fully to all the demands and challenges of the curriculum. He is a wonderful pupil, always smiling and always striving to succeed. His extremely high test scores of late are testament to his hard work and dedication.

KS4 Maths – Alex G. (10E)

Alex is a remarkable mathematician who always strives to improve his already considerable ability in mathematics. He works hard on his skills both inside and outside of school, encouraging others in addition to working with dedication in everything he does. Alex is an absolute credit to the Academy, and he will do extremely well in his GCSEs next year.



KS3 Music – Anna G. (8W)

Anna has shown an impressive commitment to her musical studies since she arrived at the academy in Year 7, both within the classroom, where she consistently attains the highest grades in both the theoretical and practical elements of music, and in extra-curricular activities. She is a member of every ensemble the music department runs and shows absolute commitment to each activity, despite maintaining other interests elsewhere! Anna's dedication to developing her musical abilities is exemplary.

KS4 Music – Maia L. (10R)

In four years at the Academy, Maia has always been fully committed to the music department and her studies, consistently achieving high grades and progressing to grade 7 on the piano. This year it was possible to put Maia forward for the prestigious Birn Prize for Music, which she has recently been accepted for. Maia is a perfect role model for our younger pupils and is always willing to support others to make progress with their musical endeavours.



KS3 PE – Oliver G. (8E)

Oliver is a true ambassador for sport, his tireless dedication to training and The Academy allows him to always perform to the very best of his ability. Oliver is a perfect team member supporting his colleagues and always thinking the very best of everyone. Oliver is the true definition of The Academy ethos 'Believe, Succeed, Together'.

KS4 PE – Evie A. (10K)

Evie is a true professional in everything that she does. Her abilities on the football field are unprecedented and she is a supportive and strong leader on the pitch. Evie's true passion is sport but she does not let this detract from the importance of her studies. Her work ethic is flawless and she wholeheartedly embraces the outstanding qualities expected of a professional sportswoman.





KS3 RE – Mariam K. (8E)

Throughout the year Mariam has proved time and time again that she is an excellent pupil, consistently achieving high grades in all her classwork, homework and assessment tasks. Her contributions to class discussions on difficult questions has been outstanding.

KS3 Science – Roshawn B. (8W)

Roshawn has consistently achieved exceptional grades throughout the year. Additionally, his commitment to learning is outstanding, which is displayed by his immaculate book and DRAFT work. Roshawn is forever curious, frequently asking for more information and expressing a continual eagerness to learn.

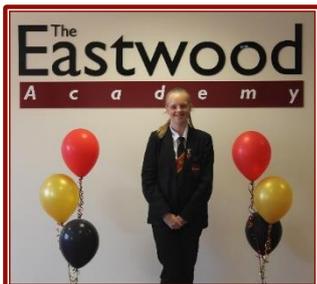


KS4 Science – Sophie K. (9A)

Sophie consistently displays a thirst for knowledge and her motivation to achieve and progress is laudable. Her love of science is always evident and she makes every effort to ensure that she utilises her naturally enquiring mind to the best of her ability.

KS4 Spanish – Adanna A. (10R)

Adanna is a fabulous pupil. She is full of enthusiasm for the subject and always the first to put up her hand to answer a question or participate in an activity. She is becoming an excellent linguist as she is developing her skill at manipulating the language and accumulating a terrific bank of vocabulary. She is an excellent role model for her classmates and someone they can literally look up to! Simply brilliant.



KS4 Statistics – Amber M. (10S)

Amber has been nominated for her dedication and maturity throughout the year in lessons and enthusiastic assistance on options evening.

Pastoral Leader's Award – Tequila W. (10K)

Tequila is an excellent choice of prefect for her devotion to being a mentor to younger pupils at the academy. She has a bubbly and friendly personality always going above and beyond. Her selfless and tireless work within the academy is thoroughly appreciated by all members of staff.



Pastoral Leader's Award – Ewan L.-S. (9K)

Ewan has been nominated for being thoroughly mature, conscientious and dedicated member of the Academy. He has an exemplary attitude to his studies, dedicated to being a role model to those in lower years and achieves excellence in sporting competitions.



Principal's Award – Maia L. (10R)

The Principal's Award is given to a pupil who consistently espouses the Academy ethos and values, contributes to the life of the Academy and achieves outstanding results across the curriculum. Teachers from across the Academy recognise Maia for her impressive work ethic and academic results, but also for her cheerful personality, willingness to help others and for her talents in music (for which she is also receiving an award this year), gymnastics and her commitment to athletics, where she has represented us in the borough, every one of the last four years. Maia is a kind, hard-working and enthusiastic pupil whose talents and abilities are matched by her positive attitude and disarming modesty. It speaks volumes that Maia has not had a single day off since she joined in Year 7.



The Clary Beecham and David Booth Governing Body Award – Lucia B. (7S)

Lucia is raising money for the Little Princess Trust. She has been collecting sponsors and thus far has raised over £400 pounds. In order to raise money for the charity, Lucia shaved off her hair to be made into a wig for young girls having treatment who have lost their hair. Lucia has demonstrated a strong sense of initiative and a sense of care for the wider community. In addition, she is showing selflessness at a very young age in order to help others and sacrifice something that is very valuable to herself (her hair!).

