

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Week commencing 16th May, marks an important period as schools return to running a normal external GCSE examination programme. I would like to personally thank the Year 11 pupils for their commitment and application in preparing for these examinations and wish them well during this period.

The Year 11 teaching timetable has been reorganised to optimise preparation and align with the examination schedule. Pupils are expected to attend school for the duration of the examination period i.e. up to Friday 24th June.

Click here for information on [Year 11 Timetable](#)

Click here for information on [Examinations Timetable](#)

Click here for information on [JCO Student Guide](#)

With the start of the GCSE examinations, this time of year also sees a change in the Student Leadership Team (StLT). I would like to personally thank the 2021/22 StLT for their work throughout the year and look forward to meeting with them for a special Rewards Lunch in June. I would also like to formally welcome the 2022/23 StLT and thoroughly enjoyed meeting with them on Friday 6th May and issuing them with their Prefect ties and badges.



Mr. N. Houchen
Principal

OPEN EVENING



The Academy will be holding an in-person Open Evening on **Monday 27th June** from **18.00 – 21.00 p.m.** for prospective Year 7 pupils.

ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance is 92.5 % vs. a (current) national average of 89.7% (+2.8 %). Further, Covid-related absence (self-isolation) is 3.0 %. When added to the current total, overall attendance stands at 95.5 % and broadly in line with the Academy's target of 96.0%.

House	% Attendance
Ashdown	91.2
Bowland	93.4
Elveden	92.6
Kielder	92.1
Richmond	92.9
Sherwood	92.4
Whinfell	92.9
Overall	92.5

SCHOOL DAY SEPTEMBER 2022

The Government's recently published [White Paper](#) includes a requirement for schools to be open for a minimum of 32.5 hours a week from September 2022.

The Academy is currently open for 33.3 hours a week and therefore exceeds the minimum requirement. However, from September, the school day will be reorganised to include a 30-minute period immediately following registration (refer to the table below) to support the comprehensive delivery of the Academy's Personal Development and Enrichment (PDE) Programme.

Period	September 2022
Registration	8.35-8.45
PDE	8.45-9.15
P1	9.15-10.15
P2	10.15-11.15
Break	11.15-11.40
P3	11.40-12.40
P4	12.40-13.40
Lunch	13.40-14.15
P5	14.15-15.15

Click here for [School Day Letter](#)

Pupil Success

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

During this half-term, Year 10 pupils have been participating in the recruitment process for the appointment of Prefects. To date, pupils have completed an application form, carried out mock duties and staff have provided feedback on those pupils who have submitted applications.

The pupils who expressed an interest in the Student Leadership Team (StLT) were also required to attend an interview with the current StLT. On completion of the interviews, staff were able to read a mini biography completed by the shortlisted pupils before voting for the pupils they felt best matched the criteria for the role.



The successful pupils were then informed in a meeting with Mr. N. Houchen on Friday 6th May and presented with their Prefect ties and badges.

Congratulations to the StLT 2022-2023:



FOOTBALL SUCCESS

On Sunday 3rd April, Concord U15 team including Riley S. (10E), Louis C. (10A) and Joy N. (10W) won the County Cup Final 4-1. They are undefeated this season, have won the league and still have a semi-final to play in the League Cup.



KARATE SUCCESS

Over the last couple of years, Rio P. (8W) has achieved many feats in his chosen martial art of Karate. Rio's black belt grading was cancelled due to lockdown, but he finally achieved a Black Belt 1st Dan (age 11) on 27th Sept 2020 and was awarded 1st place in his club competition.

In November 2021, Rio achieved Gold in Kata and in January 2022 he was awarded 2nd place in his club competition, Silver in Kata and Bronze in Kumite.

In March 2022, Rio achieved the National Open Legends Champion in Kumite for 12-13-year olds, Gold in the Individual Kumite and Silver with Team Kata. A fantastic set of achievements Rio. Well done!



Pupil Success

MUSIC SUCCESS

A dedicated group of pupils from Year 7-10, recently sat an online Music Theory examination with great success.



The group revised hard for two months and gave up a Saturday morning in March to sit the exam. Unfortunately, technology was not on our side that day, however, with determination and resilience the group pushed forward and, after attempt two, completed the exam just before the Easter holiday.

After a painstaking month-long wait, the results were in. Five pupils achieved a Pass, four gained a Merit and six reached the dizzy heights of a Distinction. An incredible achievement for every pupil. A special mention to Lucy M. (10S) for receiving the superb mark of 72/75!

Tatiana-Vee B.-M. (9A) – Distinction, Gabrielle H. (9A) – Distinction, Emmie H. (9A) – Distinction, Lucy M. (10S) – Distinction, Adam S. (7A) – Distinction, Oliver R. (9R) – Distinction, Joe P. (9S) – Merit, Lois M. (10W) – Merit, Aaron B. (10K) – Merit, Evie M. (10R) – Merit, Alife C. (10R) – Pass, Olivia B. (10K) – Pass, Alexander B. (9V) – Pass, Stuart H. (10A) – Pass, Oliver B. (10S) – Pass

SPORTS LEADERS

Year 9 Sports Leaders have continued developing their leadership skills and confidence this half term. They have planned and delivered athletic sessions for Year 5 pupils from Eastwood Primary School, including sprinting, long jump, mini hurdles and throwing activities, showing good organisation and confidence. The Year 5 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and their teachers have given some really positive feedback.



BRILLIANT CLUB - CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

This year's cohort of the Brilliant Club exceeded all expectations, with every pupil achieving a 2:1 or above. As a reward for all their hard work, pupils attended a graduation ceremony at Cambridge University on 3rd May. Aside from the graduation, the aim of the trip was to give pupils an insight into life at one of Britain's top universities. During the visit, pupils met with current pupils and staff and went on a tour of the university. The ceremony then followed, with Adya S. (10E), Aila C.-R. (10B) and Maame A. (10B) delivering a speech. Based on their involvement in Mr. S. Howard's ESU, I was expecting great things, but they really went above and beyond. All 12 pupils then received their certificates, officially marking the completion of the Brilliant Club programme.



L-R: Aaron B. (10K), Adya S. (10E), Aila C.-R. (10B), Alex P. (10A), Ciara B. (10S), Hannah E. (10K)

Learnt M. (10E), Louis C. (10R), Maame A. (10B), Nathan P. (10E), Taylor S.-W. (10B), Zac W. (10R)

BOAT DESIGN PROJECT

Pupils in Year 9 recently took part in a boat design project. Using a range of tools and processes such as cutting, chiselling, drilling, line bending and applying finishing techniques, pupils created a 3D boat to suit a target user of their choice. Pupils worked hard to make their 2D drawings become a reality and some fantastic sail boats, warships and speedboats were created during the practical project. Well done!



Pupil Success

COMPETITION WINNER

Last half term, Year 7 Life Skills classes took part in a competition run by Essex Police and the Ben Kinsella Trust. The Ben Kinsella Trust was set up in 2008 following the fatal stabbing of teenager Ben Kinsella. The Trust has since done a lot of work to prevent knife crime and continues to promote initiatives to tackle the problem.

One such initiative was 'Knife Amnesty Bins'. The competition in question was to design something that could be put on bins across Essex. After submitting a number of entries to the competition, along with competing with lots of other schools who were taking part, Miss. A. Bacon received a phone call from DCI Clayton Ford from Essex Police to give the excellent news that one of our entries had been chosen as the winner - Dexter M. (7A).

Dexter created a design which included a poem. The judges said that they really liked the use of the poem, in particular Ben Kinsella's sister, who personally chose Dexter's design. Dexter, his mum, auntie and Miss. A. Bacon were invited to see his design on the bin outside Southend Police Station. Dexter was congratulated by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex, Roger Hirst, and PC Paul Hogben. He had lots of pictures taken for Essex Police's social media and press and the article was also included in the *Southend Echo*.

As well as having his design on the knife bins, Dexter has also been given places for him and his classmates to visit the Ben Kinsella Trust where there is an exhibition taking place. The class will be able to see all the work being done to prevent knife crime in addition to gaining a broader insight into crime prevention in general. This trip will take place in the final half term for Dexter's Life Skills class, 7Y1.



PUPIL SUCCESS

If pupils have any achievements outside of school, please send a short explanation of the achievement with photos to be shared in the half-termly Newsletter.

E-mail: achievements@eastwood.southend.sch.uk

MFL SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following pupils who have received their 10-merit award in French.

Angel L-K (7A), Kiran P. (7A), Finlay R. (7A), Poppy D P. (7A), Alyssa A. (7A), Danny R. (7A), Alana S. (7B), Zaha C-R. (7B), Rhiannon B. (7B), Henry B. (7B), Sarah S. (7B), Ethan L. (7E), Caleb V. (7E), Talia M. (7K), Ethan C. (7K), Emily L. (7R), Jack B. (7R), Harley W. (7S), Macy R. (7W), Edward B. (7W), George W. (8A), Kieran C. (8E), Amelia B. (8K), Matilda V. (8K), Cassandra B. (8S), Rebecca J. (9A), Jack D. (9B), Megan V. (9E), Gabrielle H. (9K), Hettie S. (9R), Lacey G. (9R), Maliyah W. (9S), Samuel W. (9W), Ellie T. (10R)

French Badge Award



Congratulations to the following pupils who have received their 20-merit award in French.

Darcey B. (7A), Rhiannon B. (7B), Zaha C-R (7B), Candice C. (7K), Edward B. (7W), George W. (8A) and Kieran C. (8E) who have been awarded their French Reward Badge. To receive this award, the pupils have collected 20 merits in French. This is a fabulous achievement, well done!

Language Ambassador Award

A huge congratulations to Elsie N. (8E) who has received this term's Language Ambassador Award. Elsie has demonstrated great dedication to French over the school year. She goes above and beyond, is always keen to further her knowledge and shows a genuine love of languages. She is a pleasure to teach and fully deserves this award. Well done!



Sporting Success

NETBALL LEAGUE 2021/22

This year saw the return of the Southend Borough Netball Leagues for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. There are 9 teams entered in every league and everyone was eager to get back out and play competitive matches again.

Year 7 Squad

Year 7 had a great year with many wins, ending the season on a high with success against SHSG 11-2. They achieved a brilliant 2nd place in their first season.



Alice B. (7A), Amy P. (7B), Violet B. (7B), Patience S. (7B), Emilia S. (7R), Isla F. (7E), Ruby E. (7W), Freya W. (7R), Nell T. (7K)

Year 8 Squad

Year 8 had a mixed year, having to cope with many injuries and changes to the team. One of their most exciting (or nerve-racking) matches was against St. Bernard's High School. The score was level with a minute left on the clock, but they fought hard to score and won 10 – 9. They finished a very respectable 4th place, in a very tough league.



Sienna C. (8B), Matilda V. (8K), Sophie Mc. (8A), Nancy M. (8K), Zarah F. (8B), Desire K. (8S), Jessica W. (8W), Chloe F. (8S), Freya M. (8A), Poppy B. (8V)

Year 9 Squad

Year 9 had a great season and really grew as a team throughout the year. The shooters were particularly 'on fire' during the Southchurch match, which saw them score 29 goals (the highest number of goals scored by one team this year). They achieved a commendable 3rd place.



Sophia L. (9S), Megan V. (9E), Hettie S. (9R), Tiana W. (9R), Eloise W. (9B), Erin F. (9E), Katie S. (9E), Gabrielle H. (9K), Amy M. (9E)

Year 10 squad

Year 10 had another superb year. The shooters rarely missed, the defence barely let any shots in, and the mid court play was fast and effective. They ended the season with a goal difference of 71 (the next best goal difference was 19!). This is a fantastic group of pupils who have been a pleasure to coach over the past 4 years. They are not only champions, but undefeated champions in the league for their whole 4 years! Well done girls, your outstanding achievement might never be matched again.



Hannah E. (10K), Olivia F. (10A), Irene N. (10K), Gracie A. (10A), Ciara B. (10S), Jessica L. (10E), Kayleen H. (10K), Edie G. (10B)

Events

UKMT JUNIOR MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE

The UKMT Maths Challenge 'encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.'

On Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th April, selected pupils from Year 7 and 8 sat the challenge to see how well they would fare against their peers from across the world. Given the complex nature of the questions, the pupils needed to think creatively within strict time constraints. The urgency was palpable in the room.

Impressively, 43 pupils from Year 7 and 8 managed to achieve certificates, with 31 Bronze, 11 Silver and 1 Gold award. The solitary Gold award went to Joe D. (7A) with a mark of 96 - the best in the Academy. This was followed by Milo B. (8S), who was best in his year with a mark of 75, and Roger W. (7E), Ellie W. (8K), Teddie G. (8R), Max M. (8A), Caidon A. (7S), Sienna C. (8B), Rio P. (8W), Amy S. (8E), Kimberly O. (7W) and Desire K. (8S) who also achieved Silver awards. Well done to those who participated. Bring on the next round!

VIRTUAL SPEAKERS

This half term, KS4 Life Skills pupils have participated in various virtual workshops delivered in partnership with Essex County Fire and Rescue Service.

The sessions were delivered by the Education Officer for Essex Police and real-life examples discussed throughout. Pupils listened about the impact of gangs, county lines and watched videos from real life victims and past offenders.



The second session was on knife crime. Pupils were made aware of the implications of both carrying a knife and being part of a criminal enterprise.



The final virtual session was on healthy relationships and how to spot the signs of abuse.

Throughout the sessions, pupils listened attentively and engaged fully with the discussion and activities.



Click here for information on [Knife Crime](#)

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

During Mental Health Awareness Week (9th May – 13th May) pupils engaged in a range of activities around the theme of 'loneliness'. Over the course of the week, pupils explored general techniques to support their own wellbeing, but were also encouraged to think about what causes loneliness, how loneliness affects mental health and what they can do if they feel lonely or if they know someone who is experiencing loneliness.



In terms of specific events, as part of their Active Citizenship coursework Georgia C. (10S) and Lily T (10K) decided to plan, organise and deliver a dropdown session to Year 7.

Both Georgia and Lily worked incredibly hard to put this together and it took a huge amount of confidence to deliver it to such a large group of pupils. They discussed mental health in general, encouraging pupils to reflect on their 'journey' in Year 7, and also focused on the theme of loneliness. The session was delivered with passion, enthusiasm, and professionalism – well done!

The session ended with Year 7 considering and writing down a piece of advice that they would pass onto our new cohort in September.



The Academy is looking to appoint an LSA to undertake general learning support work with pupils with SEND

This will involve 1:1 support in the classroom; targeted support outside of the classroom e.g. during Homework Club; liaising with the SENCO to deliver SEND provision; and working with teachers to facilitate the progress of the pupils. The successful candidate must have a A*-C (grade 9-4) in GCSE English and Mathematics.

Hours: 39 weeks a year, 35 hours a week,
08:15 - 16:15 Monday to Friday

For more information please email: SLynn@eastwood.southend.sch.uk
or visit the website: [Current Vacancies](#)

Events

GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Week commencing 16th May, the Geography Department descended on Walton-on-the-Naze for a four-day physical geography extravaganza. Pupils from Year 9 and 10 enjoyed the sunshine whilst completing beach profiles, depth to sand surveys, field sketches and interviews. Accompanied by Mrs. N. Lillywhite, Ms E. Potts, Mr. B. Foley and Mrs. M. Philp the pupils analysed the effectiveness of the groyne, sea wall, revetments and rip rap on the protected coastline against the management of the Crag Walk and the unprotected beaches. Pupils had the opportunity to search for sharks' teeth and fossilised wood whilst observing three very excited members of staff who were



in raptures about a recent landslide and rotational slumping. Quite a few ice creams were consumed by pupils on the first three days, but unfortunately on the last day of fieldwork the Year 10s experienced the joys of fieldwork in the rain. Mrs. N. Lillywhite and Mr. B. Foley were undeterred, seizing the opportunity to show the pupils the impact of gully on the red crag and London clay. We even had a glimpse of a seal and the chance for pupils to climb the listed Naze Tower!



DR LIVINGSTONE I PRESUME.....



For two weekends in May, 150 intrepid Year 10 explorers embarked on their Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition. The local expedition is an integral part of the pupils' training, enabling staff to sign off on all of their class-based

work, confirming that they are ready to embark on the final expedition. The residents of Eastwood, Hockley and Rochford didn't know what had hit them as Year 10 pupils wearing a multitude of brightly coloured



Eastwood t-shirts descended along every footpath in the vicinity. Armed with maps, rucksacks jammed pack full of rations, copious amounts of sweets and their good spirits,



the pupils had to walk 20 km over the weekend, checking in at staff checkpoints to show that they could follow a detailed route card. Some pupils got a little lost, and some managed to pat every single dog that crossed their path, whilst others danced and sang along the entire route. Once on camp, and after cooking their evening meals, the pupils enjoyed a campfire with songs from Alfie C. (10R) and Mia C. (10A), followed by an array of songs courtesy of Mr. S. Harrison. Many a marshmallow was toasted whilst Mrs. N. Lillywhite was treated to a round of Uno Flip.



Eventually, the air was filled with the sound of pupils snoring and staff enjoyed the last embers of the fire. On weekend one, we were treated to a 4 a.m. start (thankyou to the boys playing football) but by weekend two we had a lay in until 6.30 a.m. which was greatly appreciated. Once again, the pupils' perseverance, positive attitudes and kindness shone through, in particular, when groups crossed paths with other schools undertaking the award. It is always a pleasure to be stopped by members of the public who want to pass on their positive comments and for one lady her thanks to two groups who helped her find her lost car keys! This year, we had a lot of new staff join us, which was really appreciated by the pupils.



Without the dedication of these staff members (behind the scenes and on the weekends), and our volunteers, the event would not be able to be run.

Have you changed your contact details recently?

If so please make sure you come in and tell us or email enquiries@eastwood.southend.sch.uk

Extra-Curricular

LITERACY DESIGN COMPETITION

We are very excited to tell you about the launch of our brand-new Literacy competition for the Summer Term. We have asked pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 to create posters for our English classrooms to explain an area of literacy to help improve knowledge and application of transferable literacy skills.

All pupils will be encouraged to enter, and the winners will find themselves awash with merits, Celebrating Success certificates and Amazon vouchers. The final date for the submission of all entries to Mrs. L. Child, is Wednesday 25th May and the winners will be informed shortly after that date.

The winning entries will adorn the English classrooms for all to see at the start of the new academic year. Good luck everyone!

ART EXHIBITION



Over 50 Year 8 pupils had their work exhibited at the Two Tree Art Gallery, Leigh-On-Sea from April 29th-May 27th. The work involved representing tropical fish in an abstract approach. Using view finders,

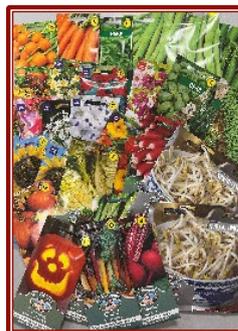
pupils zoomed into areas of interest and recorded their views using acrylic paint.

The exhibition was open to the public and was visited by many pupils and their families. A wonderful vibrant and attention-grabbing show. Well done to all involved.



'HERE TODAY, GONE TOMATO!'

Earlier in the year, Geography Club members sowed herbs and tomato plants in the School Garden. Once grown, staff members, as well as Hockley community residents, purchased the produce. A local estate agent in Hockley also offered us a stall at the front of their premises.



A huge thanks to everyone - we have successfully donated £337.50 to the Essex Wildlife Trust and £95 will also be donated to adopt penguins at Colchester Zoo.

This endeavour has also allowed us to progress our RHS School Gardening Award status to Level 4 which came with £100 worth of seeds!

EASTWOOD PODCAST



This half term, the Eastwood Podcast team, Rosie W. (7A), Lewis C. (9S) and Ellie T. (10R) focused their interviews on the school community and the various activities, awards

and clubs that promote helping each other, kindness and teamwork.

Episode four of the podcast includes interviews with pupils who are completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, who discuss in detail how teamwork is a vital part of the award and indeed life in general.

The team also took a visit to the School Garden and spoke to the pupils who have been tirelessly working to create a beautiful array of flowers, plants and vegetable patches.

Finally, the team also conducted an interview with the Brilliant Club to find out about their recent successes and trip to Cambridge University.

Click here for the [Eastwood Podcast](#)