

BBC Scotland News (Scotland 2015)

On Wednesday 10th of June a number of Eastwood High School's senior pupils appeared on the BBC 2 late night politics show "Scotland 2015". The pupils, and Mr Brannan from the English Department, were interviewed by political correspondent Suzanne Allan about the enfranchisement of 16 and 17 year olds for British elections. This followed a poll that showed 67% of 16 & 17 year olds in Scotland would have voted in the recent General Election whilst only 39% elsewhere in the UK said they would have.



Scottish Education Awards

Wednesday the 10th of June was a very busy day for the school as a group of staff and pupils attended the Scottish Education Awards Ceremony at the Thistle Hotel in Glasgow. The school had been selected as one of three finalists in the STEM category (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Unfortunately we were pipped at the post by Larbert HS but to even reach the final was a notable achievement and secured a monetary prize for the school, which will be used to further STEM Activities.



Dramatic Stuff

Following on from Ewan Campbell's performance in BBC Scotland's "Stonemouth" this month, Eve Wengel (S1) has been successful in gaining a part in a West End gala performance in aid of the "Make a Wish Foundation" in London during the summer. Congratulations also go to Ben and Abby McCann as they prepare to perform in PACE Theatre's summer production "Endeavour Showcase"



Gourmet Delights

The S4 HFT pupils put their taste buds to the test this month by taking part in a Food Science workshop at Glasgow Caledonian University. They enjoyed an afternoon of sensory tasting, making ultra fizzy sherbet, making ice cream and trying a variety of chocolate covered insects! The event allowed pupils to find out more about the Food Bioscience course at GCU & about a range of careers in the food industry.



Green Credentials

Well done to Dr Lowe and the pupils involved in the school ECO committee as they have successfully retained the school's "Green Flag" for another two years. The visiting assessor was very impressed by the work of the group and how it impacted across the whole school.

Y Dance

A group of S3—S5 girls recently participated in the Y Dance workshop. The day involved street dance and contemporary dance programmes and culminated in a dance performance. Some of the girls have been given the opportunity to apply for an SCQF Level 4 Dance leadership award based on their performance on the day



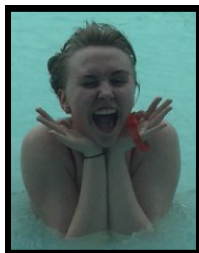
Sports Awards Dinner

The 4th of June saw the first of the School's Awards Ceremonies, the Sports Dinner. Over 180 pupils from all years attended to receive awards relating to the sporting performance of teams and individuals. The team of the year for 2015 was the girls athletics squad and TJ Henderson won the Hood Award for individual Sporting Excellence.



Iceland Trip

A group of twenty four intrepid S3, S4 and S5 pupils have just returned from a 4 day visit to Iceland organised by Miss McGeough to study volcanic landscapes and Icelandic culture. The pictures below give a flavour of the trip's activities including bathing in the volcanically heated "Blue Lagoon".



Speedy Science

The Science Department recently organised a Speed Networking Careers Event for S2 pupils. All 160 S2 pupils had face to face discussions with STEM ambassadors who work in industry and universities in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths based jobs. Each group met a STEM ambassador for 10 minutes and had to quiz them about their job and career route. The event was a great success with very positive feedback from both the pupils and the STEM ambassadors.



Reaching New Heights

On 1st of June the Personal Effectiveness class visited Loch Lomond to complete the "Tree Top Challenge". The tree top high rope course was made doubly exciting because of the slippery conditions. Everyone managed to complete the course including Mrs Jenkins and Suzie Smith of Young Persons Services, both of whom organised the trip.



Support Base Trip

34 Eastwood pupils enjoyed a great day out at M&Ds Theme Park on Tuesday 16th of June. The trip was a reward for all the excellent work that these pupils have put in whilst working in the Support Base this year.



On-line Payment

From the start of next session all payments for school trips **costing over £10 will have to be made online via Payments4Schools.** Payment4Schools can also be used to top up school meals payments and other payments to the school. You can access this by clicking the "Pay" logo on the school website. You will need your child's Scottish Candidate No. which is available from the Office.

Geneva Visit

A group of 19 S4 Physics students recently travelled to Geneva in Switzerland to visit CERN, the home of the large Hadron Particle Accelerator and Collider where the Higgs Boson was discovered. Whilst in Geneva the group also visited the United Nations Building.



Published Authors

Well done to 6 members of the Creative Writing Club who are to have their work published in a national collection of prose entitled "Grim Tales". Their stories are loosely based on traditional fairytales but with an exciting twist. The book will be out in September and features the work of Abigail Watson, Rachel White, Iqra Arshad, Stephen McGowan, Ibrahim Hassan (all S2) & Craig Stewart of S3.

