

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

August 2016



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

30th Aug - S1 & S4 Photographs
 15th Sept. Young Musician of the Year
 23rd & 26th Sept. - Holidays
 14th October—Inservice Day
 October 17th - 21st - Holiday
 24th Oct. Pupils return @ 8.45
 2nd Nov. - School Careers Eve.
 8th Nov. - S1 Parents Evening
 17th & 18th Nov. S5 Skills for Work (Mock Interviews)
 23rd Nov.—P7 Open Evening
 28th Nov. S4 Prelims begin
 6th Dec—Art Exhibition
 12th Dec. Christmas Concert
 15th Dec—Junior Dance
 17th Dec. Senior Dance
 21st Dec. - School Closes 2.30
 5th Jan - School reopens 8.45

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Dear Parent

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Eastwood High School after the long summer break. If you are the parent of a new S1 pupil let me especially welcome you to the school. I know that your son/daughter will do well here, and you should know that we will do our very best to ensure that they achieve their full potential.

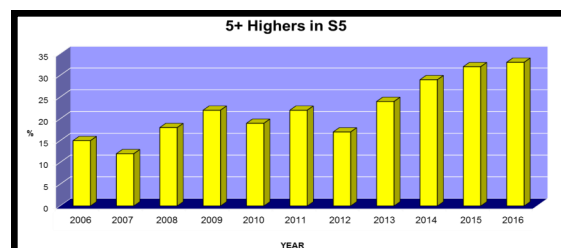
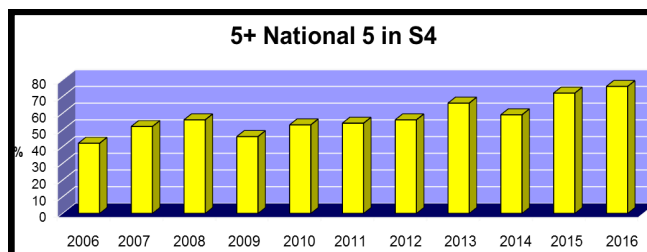
I am pleased to report that this year has been Eastwood High School's most successful ever in SQA exam results and the graphs show how our results have been improving over the last 10 years. This improvement is down to the hard work of pupils and teachers as well as the support of parents - well done to everyone. We are now one of the very best schools in Scotland something everyone should be proud of. To continue this

improvement "**Higher Standards, Higher Expectations - Greater Opportunity**" is the clear message to everyone associated with the school for the coming year. As I said to pupils at the recent assemblies, the improvements, the range of opportunities and the extent of successes achieved by pupils and staff is not the same in other schools.

"Let's continue to build something great here — Yes We Can!"

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents for your support in ensuring that all pupils wear the **Eastwood HS uniform**. This is one way that we can all show our pride in ourselves and the school. The standard of uniform has been excellent, a positive statement that Eastwood is a force to be reckoned with! Other local schools are using Eastwood as an example to spur their pupils on to emulate our uniform standards. Well done to everyone. I'm sure you will agree it is important that the school receives its full allocation of resources. As I mentioned in the summer mail, many parents entitled to receive a free school meal for their children do not apply, **OR RE- APPLY**, for one. Some aspects of the school's funding is allocated in relation to free meal uptake. The cashless catering system in the school means that no one knows who is in receipt of a free meal. It is therefore important that everyone entitled, **applies or re-applies for this year**. Application forms with the qualification criteria are available from the school office or East Renfrewshire Council Customer First. If you feel that you might be entitled to a free meal for your child **please apply** and help your child(ren) and all the others receive their fair share of resources.

S. Maxwell



CERN Visit

During the summer a group of seventeen S4 physics students travelled to Geneva in Switzerland to visit the Large Hadron Collider at CERN. The group spent three days in Geneva where they explored the city and found out about the experiments that were being performed by the particle physicists at CERN. The pupils visited the United Nations organisation where they saw global meetings taking place and heard about historical events which had taken place there.



Pupil Leadership Team 2016/17

Congratulations to Laura Shoveller (S6), Ewan Keir (S6), Abby McCann (S6) and Harris McLean (S6) who have been selected as Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy for 2016/17.

Congratulations also go to Abbey Miller, Murdo McTear, Abigail Catterson, Robbie Raeside, Eve Jafri, Lewis Shoveller, Ruairidh Gordon, Abtaha Maqsood, Jared Keir, Cerys McLuskie, Emily Green and Kerr Miller who have been selected as this session's Vice Captains.



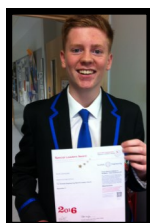
Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards

Congratulations go to Robbie Raeside and Craig Yates of S6 who both successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award expedition during the summer. The final element of their award was a trek through the Atlas Mountains in Morocco.



Special Engineer

Scott Dempster (S6) collected his Scottish Engineering "Special Leaders Award" at the end of June. Scott's work was awarded "With Distinction" and was on display in Strathclyde Univ.



Your Help Requested

Eastwood High School is looking for parents' assistance for an event now being planned for 2nd November (Please note the change of date). The school is looking to host a careers evening and we would like to have as many businesses and occupations as possible represented. If you own a business or could represent an occupation on the evening could you please contact Mrs Sinclair, Mr Keogh or Mrs MacGregor via the school office, thank you

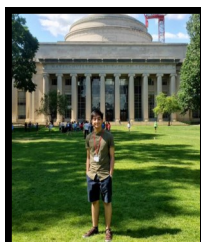
Dreams Come True Weekend

At the end of June Eastwood S6 pupils, Rachael Boyd, Abbey Miller, Murdo McTear, Scott Johnston and Ronan Cassidy attended the "Dreams Come True" weekend at the Lochgoilhead Outdoor Centre. The pupils were there to act as mentors for pupils from Eastwood HS and Isobel Mair School as they undertook various outdoor education challenges.



Saym Stateside

Saym Hussain has just returned from his summer scholarship with the Sutton Trust to various US universities including Harvard and MIT. After winning the scholarship this was Saym's opportunity to evaluate his options for studying in the US next year supported by the Sutton Trust.



Top Students

As mentioned on page 1 of this Newsletter 2016 has been Eastwood High's most successful year ever in SQA exams. The S5 pupils pictured below all achieved 8, 9, 10 or all National 5 As and the S6 pupils pictured all achieved at least 5 As at Higher. Very well done to all.

S5 - Ansa Ali, Hannah Carslaw, Ryan Catterson, Fraser Cowan, Emma Denty, Liam Dolling, Nichelle Gill, Hassan Ismahel, Emma Kelly, Hafsa Manzur, Rhona McFadden, Ben McGarry, Andrew McIntosh, Jake McKie, Lewis Morgan, Eve Murphy Marriott, Callum Neilson, Ryan Porter, Caitlin Roberts, Gillian Ross, Amarah Saeed, Ra-fee'a Siddique, Caitlyn Sinclair, Amardeep Singh, Zoe Sturgeon, David Veitch, Ewan Walker, Robbie Walker Erin Wallace and Victoria Xu.

S6 - Hugh Carslaw, Heo Mun Ho, Hamza Hussain, Abtaha Maqsood, Abby McCann, Kyle McKinlay, Kerr Miller, Alishah Nazir, Robbie Raeside, Laura Shoveller, Ayesha Siddique and Emma Wilkinson.

In addition new S4 pupil Sonja Jillich achieved the highest grade, A*, in A Level Punjabi which she studied outside school.



Arkwright Design Engineering Scholarship

Well done to Robbie Walker and Hafsa Manzur (both S5) who collected their Arkwright Design Engineering Scholarship during the summer. As well as receiving £600 to fund any equipment they will need, they will both now be mentored by a designer or engineer throughout their Design Education.



500 Miles Charity Fundraising

The school received a nice letter from the 500 Miles Charity over the summer. It was thanking all staff and pupils in the school who assisted Bhavna Mehta (S6) raise £375 for this worthwhile cause. The charity helps people in Malawi and Zambia to walk again through the provision of artificial limbs and leg braces.



Drama News

Abby McCann S6 has been very busy over the summer. Firstly she attended a 2 week summer school with the National Theatre in London and secondly she is part of PACE Theatre's performance at the Houses of Parliament on 6th September to launch Paisley's bid to become UK City of Culture 2021.



In addition Higher and Advanced Higher Drama pupils visited the Edinburgh Festival on the 19th of August to see two productions relevant to their final exam/dissertations.



COPE Visit to SOAR at Braehead

On Friday 17th of June the S3 COPE class organised a very successful visit to SOAR at Braehead as part of their course. The pupils, Mr Law, Mr Madden and CLD partner Suzie



Smith all took part in a number of exciting activities and thoroughly enjoyed their experience.

M&D's Visit

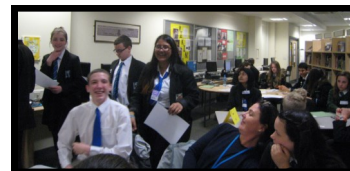
On the second last day of term the annual "Base" trip was held visiting M&Ds Theme Park in Motherwell. The outing was a great success and even the weather was good.

All the pupils who use the Support Base throughout the year had a great time.



Shadowing The Carnegie Medal

A number of pupils took part in the Carnegie Book Quiz at Williamwood HS on 16th June. The teams had to answer questions on the 8 shortlisted books. Well done to Calum McEwan (S5) and Emma Kirby (S4) who were on the winning team.



Hitting the Right Note

Well done to the Eastwood HS Ceilidh Band who were thrilled to play for the St Cadoc's Primary School Prom held just before the summer holidays. In addition congratulations to Thomas McCarthy (S5) who passed his Grade 4 Trinity Rock School Exam with Merit and to Olivia Taylor (S4) who passed her Grade 2 Piano Associated Board Exam over the summer.



Sports News

On the 22nd of June Eastwood HS athletes performed with distinction for East Renfrewshire in the S1—S3 Inter County Games against pupils from Inverclyde and Renfrewshire. The medal table for Eastwood was as follows

GOLD

Alyson Bell S1 (100m & 200m)
Fraser Lipp S1 (Shot)
Lara Sturgeon S1 (Long Jump)
Clare Wallace S2 (1500m)
Emily MacDonald S3 (High Jump)
Elise Tweedie S3 (Shot)

SILVER

Fraser Lipp S1 (400m)
Lara Sturgeon S1 (100m)
Emily MacDonald S3 (Shot)
Rhea Campbell S3 (100m & 200m)

BRONZE

Nicholas Duffy S1 (1500m)
Ben Wilson S1 (Long Jump)
Alyson Bell S1 (Long Jump)

In July Erin Wallace (S5) won a bronze medal (1500m) at the European Youth Games held in Tblisi, Georgia. In addition she came 4th in the UK U20!!! 4 Nations Championships in the 1500m in Manchester. Erin has also been competing for the UK U17 Triathlon squad in the European Championships in Hungary—unfortunately she had a bad bike accident whilst leading the pack forcing her to withdraw through injury.

Also in athletics well done to Cameron Mackerrow (S2) who won a 4x100m relay U13 silver medal in the Scottish Athletics Championships whilst running for Giffnock North AC. He also won bronze in the same event with his team in the Scottish Youth Development League. Finally in athletics congratulations to Ben McGarry and Lewis Morgan (both S5) on completing the Men's Glasgow 10k in 52 and 47 minutes respectively.

Eastwood cricket star Kess Sajjad (S5) has been playing for the Scotland U15 team against Ireland in a 4 match series. Kess helped the team to draw the series with 2 wins and 2 losses and he has also featured in games against English counties

Finally well done to Scott McCulloch (S4) who has become the Scottish Thai Boxing <50Kg Junior Champion.

