

# EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents Newsletter



*Special points of interest:*

### Important Dates

9th Feb - Inservice day  
 12th & 13th Feb - Holidays  
 23rd Feb - Yearbook Photos  
 13th March - EHS Dance Display  
 15th Mar. - ERC Dance Championships  
 28th March - ASN Parents Eve.  
 29th Mar. - School Closes  
 2.45pm for Holidays  
 16th Apr - School reopens 8.45  
 26th April - S3 parents Evening  
 1st May - SQA Exams begin  
 7th May - Holiday  
 8th May - School Athletics Championships  
 25th & 28th May - Holidays  
 29th May - Inservice Day  
 30th, 31st May & 1st June - P7 Induction Days

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### Dear Parent

This is a crucial time for pupils in S5/6 as we face the Prelim exams that started on 29th January. Along with Mrs McCartney I have already spoken to senior pupils at assemblies about the importance of these exams. By now everyone should be well into a home revision timetable in preparation. I would also like to remind pupils and parents of the supported study programme that is running in most subject areas and the positive impact that participation in this programme can have on results. The Prelim exam timetable and supported study timetable are both on the school website. I know that I can count on parental support to ensure that all pupils in S5/6 achieve their full potential in these exams.

In a similar way our S4 pupils are about to enter the most crucial phase of their education so far. During February and March many subjects at National 5 and National 4 will be working on the completion of value added units and projects that form a key part of courses. On one hand pupils will fail their courses if they do not complete these pieces of work to a high standard and secondly there is the potential for underachievement if pupils do not put in the required work to achieve their best. These projects and value added units should be seen as an opportunity to produce high quality work that adds value to the overall grade when combined with exam performance in May - It is effort and hard work that will make the positive difference. To this end all S4 pupils will be issued with targets to aim for in their National 4 and 5 courses based on their prelim performance and teachers' best judgement based on internal assessments. These targets are what the S4 pupils could achieve but they will require hard work and study; they will not be achieved for simply turning up. For 4th year the final run in to their May exams, a mere 47 school days away, starts now.

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### Junior Duxes

Congratulations to David Campbell (S4) and Esme Johnson (S4) who have become Junior Duxes of the school 2018. The Junior Dux is awarded for overall academic excellence and is based on performance in the S4 Prelims held in December. Esme and David will be presented with their award at Prizegiving in June and their names will be added to the Junior Dux Board, located in the Atrium, between now and the summer.



### S1 Prefects

Congratulations to our new team of S1 Prefects for session 2017/18 (Beth Allan, Zainab Hussain, Arshvar Jillich, Melody Nehme, Malaikah Rashid, Sophia Revika, Greg Allan, Max Bannerman, Ethan Brennan, Sajed Chowdhury, Adam Habib and Callum McFadden). The team were selected after receiving the most nominations by teachers.



### Young Writer of the Year Finalist

Congratulations to Emma Kirby (S5) on being long listed for the Scottish Schools' Young Writer of the Year. Emma was one of 20 writers from schools all over Scotland who made the long list - There were thousands of entries overall. Unfortunately Emma was not selected as the winner but still a fantastic achievement. The winners and runners up will be announced on the 29th of January.



### Going Private

Every July, Gordonstoun School in Moray runs a residential summer School for international students. For a number of years Mr Murray has offered Eastwood High School senior pupils the opportunity to apply to become student leaders at this summer school. It is a wonderful experience and helps our pupils develop interpersonal and leadership skills. Selection is by competitive application from across the UK and I am glad to congratulate Bradley Scott, Lewis McLachlan and Hannah Shields (All S5) on being selected.



### Prima Ballerina

Huge congratulations to Zoe Jamieson (S5) who has just been awarded Grade 8 with merit in Ballet by the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD). This is the equivalent of University level achievement.



### "MP Visits Modern Studies Students"

On 19th January Paul Masterton, MP for East Renfrewshire, paid a visit to the Social Subjects Department where he spoke to S5/6 pupils studying Higher Modern Studies and Geography. Paul covered many topics including "A day in the life of an MP", "Working with the Prime Minister" and answered some tough questions about Brexit, NHS funding and the nuclear weapons debate. The pupils gained a lot from Paul's visit and a special thank you to Miss Kelly who planned and organised the event.



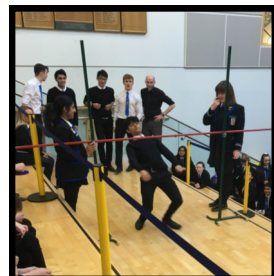
### "All Made Up"

In a special competition to mark the official opening of the new Glasgow Clyde College beauty salon Caitlin McBride (S6) and Diane Summers (S5) both won first places in their respective categories. The girls attend the college as part of their vocational course in "Make Up Artistry & Beauty Therapy". Caitlin came first in the "Fantasy Make Up" category with Diane winning the "Glamour Make Up" award.



### Charity Fundraising

Senior pupils and staff were heavily involved in raising money for a number of charities in the immediate run up to the holidays. Miss Watt and a number of pupils from various school charity groups were able to raise £911.72 for "Mary's Meals". They held a bake sale, a staff coffee morning and raffled a Christmas Hamper. This money will feed 65 children in Malawi for a year. The senior pupil School Charities Committee was also able to raise £539.52 for the School's chosen charity this year, GAMH. They achieved this by hosting a Christmas fayre, organising a Limbo competition, selling candy canes as well as holding the ever popular Christmas jumper day.





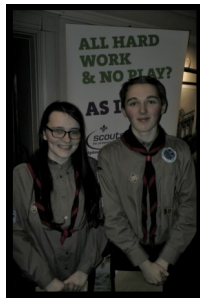
### Music Visits

As part of their S5/6 Music Technology courses 13 senior pupils attended a series of music technology workshops at the University of the West of Scotland. They completed an animation sound design tutorial, mixed and mastered an analogue recording and learned to balance a 64 track digital mix. S3 music pupils have also been out and about attending the 25th Anniversary Celtic Connections Concert featuring bands including "Saldfishforty" and "Elephant Sessions". Thank you to Mr Fairlie & Mrs Anderson for organising these activities to enhance learning.



### Scouting Success

Congratulations to both Callum Meneely and Jade Thompson (Both S5) on achieving their Chief Scout's Platinum Award. Jade and Callum received their awards at an evening Awards Ceremony held at the Doubletree Hotel in Central Glasgow.



### Newsletter Consultation

The pupil ECO Committee would like to canvass the opinions of parents to see if the School Newsletter should become an online only publication. The Newsletter already appears on the school website and the ECO Committee feel that this duplication is an unnecessary waste of resources. An online consultation, accessed via a link on the school website, will be open until 23rd February for you to make your views known. Please participate.

### Singing for Scotland

Congratulations to Liam Bothwell and Jack Kelly (both S2) on being selected to sing with the National Youth Choir of Scotland. The boys secured their places after coming through a strict audition process..



### Interdisciplinary Learning Winners

The S1 interdisciplinary Maths/PE learning event held on the last day before the Christmas holidays was won by Balgray 1 (Nawal Aamir, Erin Bewick, Adam Habib, Justin Hoey, Simran Kaur, Ethan Ralston, Matthew Tait and Sophie Thomson). The runners-up were Auldhouse 1 (Rachael Berry, Lucy Borland, Charley Houston, Amisha Klair, Ayaan Qureshi, Bilal Shabbir and Danish Siddique). Well done to all involved.



### Example for the Nation

In the 2017 SQA examinations Michelle Musyoka's (S5) English folio piece entitled "Nyumbani Means Home" was identified as a truly exceptional piece of work by the SQA. Following this the SQA contacted Eastwood High School to see further examples of Michelle's work as their intention was to include it in a new SQA publication called "Write Times". However such was the power of her work that "Myumbani Means Home" was then turned into a play to be performed by professional actors at the launch of the "Write Times" on 8th February in the Glasgow Centre for Contemporary Arts. Michelle has been given a small part in the play and will have the pleasure of watching close up a professional actress play her on stage!



### "Musical Man"

Congratulations to Cameron Constable (S3) who, following competitive audition, has been successful in gaining a part in the kids cast for the Glasgow Philharmonia production of "Movies to Musicals". Cameron will be performing alongside West End stars at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on February 23rd.



## Sports News

Outdoor school sports in January were greatly disrupted by the snowy weather in the middle of the month, however that has not prevented some extraordinary sporting achievements. Not many schools can boast that two members of the school community will compete in the Commonwealth Games 2018 in Gold Coast, Australia. Massive congratulations go to Erin Wallace (S6) who has been selected to represent Scotland in the Triathlon mixed team relay and also to Miss Sarah McCloskey (Maths Department) who will represent Northern Ireland in wrestling. Erin's event takes place on Thursday 5th April and Miss McCloskey's on Saturday 14th April. We wish both of them the very best of luck.



Following on from last year's very successful year for Eastwood High School football the school has become one of 4 secondary schools in the whole of Scotland to be awarded the Scottish Schools Football Association Quality Award Gold Level. It is very pleasing to receive this award as it is acknowledgement from the national governing body of the time and effort put in by staff in the school to develop football at all levels. Talking of football



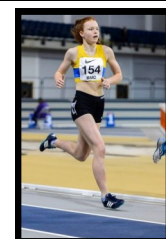
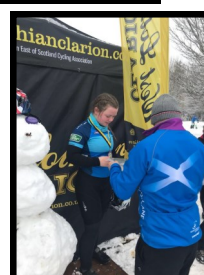
Maja Paszenda (S3) and Chloe Colquhoun (S2) represented West District in the Scottish Inter-Regional Girls football championships at Toryglen. West District made it to the final but were unfortunately beaten on penalties by the North Region. The girls U15 team were able to play a game in horrible driving sleet on 15th January losing 2-5 against Williamwood HS despite it being 2-2 at half time (Chloe Colquhoun and Maja Paszenda the scorers). Finally in football congratulations to former pupil Scott Johnston (Goalkeeper from last year's Scottish Schools Shield final) on being selected for Pollok FC 1st team. Scott played in goal in Pollok's 0-3 win in the last 32 of the Scottish Junior Cup away at Rossvale.

In Netball the S1 girls had a thrilling 18-17 win in the 1st Round of the Scottish Cup Bronze Division against Earlston HS from Scottish Borders. The girls now travel to Brechin HS for the next round.



Congratulations to Mary Bruce (S1) on winning the bronze medal at the recent Scottish Series Cyclo Cross event held at Linlithgow. Mary represents the Glasgow Riderz Club and despite the obvious difficult conditions produced her best performance to date.

Despite the wintry weather Eastwood athletes continue to work hard competing over the winter. The Wallace sisters (Erin and Claire) both had good finishes in the Great Edinburgh Cross Country U17 Race held on 13th January as had Helen Chong (S3) in the U15 race. Claire racing for Giffnock North AC came 30th despite competing against much older girls in the U17 event whilst Erin came 14th. Helen Chong (S3) also performed well coming 23rd in the U15 Girls race. On 6th January Kate Richardson (S4) raced in the British/Athletics IAAF International Cross Country Event in Antrim, Northern Ireland coming a very impressive 4th. However the very next day! she took the silver medal in the Scottish National Indoor Championships U16 3000m at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow.



Finally congratulations to Lauren Chalmers (S2) on winning Silver in the 200m Butterfly and Bronze in the 100m Butterfly at the Scottish Schools Swimming Championships held at East Kilbride on 27th January. In the same Championships Clare Wallace (S4) came 7th in the 100m Freestyle and 8th in the 200m Freestyle.

