

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

August 2018



Special points of interest:

Important Dates.

21st & 24th Sept. - Holidays
12th Oct.- Inservice Day
15th - 19th Oct. Holidays
22nd Oct.- Pupils Return 8.45
25th Oct. - P7 Open Night
6th Nov. - S1 Parents Evening
22nd Nov. - S3 Parents Evening
26th Nov. - S4 Prelims Begin
11th Dec. - Christmas Concert
18th Dec. - Junior Dance
20th Dec. - Senior Dance
21st Dec. - School Closes
2.30pm for holidays

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Dear Parent

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Eastwood High School after the 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 at S4, S5 & S6. The graphs show how our results have been improving over the last 12 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 .

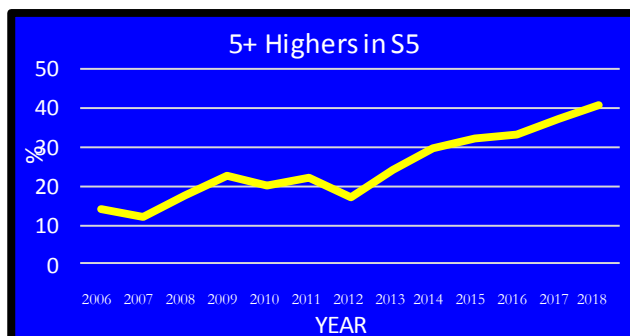
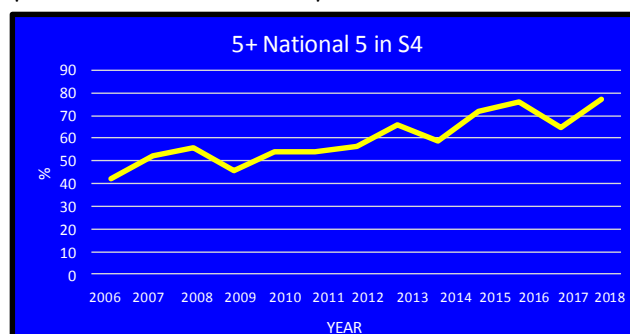
As I said to pupils at the recent assemblies, these improvements, the opportunities available and the extent of successes achieved by pupils and staff is not the same in other schools. **"Let's continue to build something great here"**

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents for your support in ensuring that all

pupils wear the proper **Eastwood HS uniform**. This is one way that we can all show 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 their pupils to emulate our uniform standards. Well done to all.

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. Many 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 **please apply or RE-APPLY** and help your child(ren) and all the others receive their fair share of resources.

S. Maxwell



Top Students

As mentioned on page 1 of this Newsletter 2018 has been Eastwood High's most successful year ever in SQA exams. The S5 pupils pictured below achieved 8, 9 or 10 As at National 5 and the S6 pupils pictured below all achieved at least 5 As at Higher. Very well done to all.

S5 - Luke Barber, Fatima Bari, Eve Bell, Donald Bolton, Robert Brownlee, David Campbell, Ben Chisholm, Jack Grant, Sara Hameed, Ibrahim Hassan, Leah Howie, Olivia Jackson, Esme Johnston, Nuvneet Kaur, Ayesha Khan, Karen King'ori, Ben McCann, Chloe McKinlay, Ibrahim Mohammed, Al-harreth Musbahi, Katie Raeside, Bethany Shum, Charlie Turner, Clare Wallace, Abigail Watson and Eve Wengel

S6 - Katie Glass, Holly Houston, Zoe Jamieson, Abdur-Rehman Karim, Anoosha Khan, Dua Khan, Lewis McLachlan, Martha McTear, Carys Mitchell and Rameesah Rashid.



Inter-Generational Entertainment

Pupils from the Advanced Higher Music class were invited to provide the entertainment at the annual Kirkton Summer Tea Dance held in Clarkston. The pupils provided a range of musical items to entertain the senior citizens in attendance.



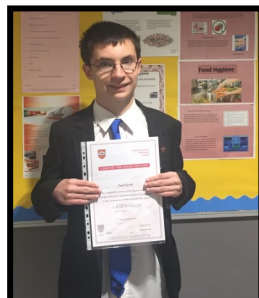
Art Attack

Congratulations to a number of Eastwood HS pupils who performed with great distinction in the prestigious Kelvingrove Art Competition for Young People 2018. Aryaman Tyagi (S4) achieved Gold, whilst Lauren Sanders (S3) achieved bronze in the competition. Lara Sturgeon (S4), Yati Su Myo (S3) and Talia Celino (S4) all received "Commended" certificates for their work.



Food Handling Certificates

Congratulations to members of the Personal Development class who achieved their Food Hygiene Certificates at the end of last term. The certificate is issued by the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland (REHIS) and is nationally recognised in all sectors of the food industry.



Plea from School Office

When pupils have appointments during the school day can parents please pre-arrange to meet their child at the school office at a given time. Although some emergency appointments can not be organised in this way the system above means that office staff do not have to leave the office and collect pupils from classrooms. In addition a reminder that notifying the school office of a pupil absence can be done in a number of ways

- a) By leaving a message on the answer machine or
- b) by e mail via
EWHattendance@eastwood.e-renfrew.sch.uk

Pupil Leadership Team 2018/19

Congratulations to Megan McBride (S6), Jamie Dougall (S6), Elise Tweedie (S6) and Hayaan Bashir(S6) who have been selected as Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy for 2018/19.

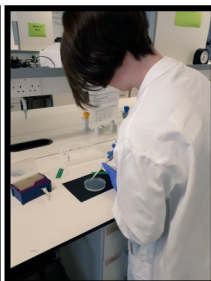
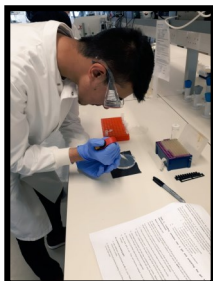
Congratulations also go to Nicole Andrews, Laura Beatt, Rebecca Carmichael, Lucy Hemmingsley, Anoosha Khan, Emma Kirby, Heather McKie, Carys Mitchell, Max Ellis, Lewis McLachlan, Callum Meneely, Jonathan Rae, Raaj Taank and Alan Yie who have been selected as vice-captains.



University Visit

On 20th August 17 S6 Advanced Higher Biology pupils visited the Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences at the University of Strathclyde. They participated in a PCR and gel electrophoresis lab where

they got to work with university lecturers and collaborate with a number of post graduate students about their work.



Musical Achievers

Well done to Ross Gatheral (S6) and Katie Glass (S6) who played in the West of Scotland Schools Concert Band at their recent summer concerts. Katie also plays in the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland and the West of Scotland Schools Orchestra along side Jennifer Hepburn (S5)

Congratulations also go to Lucy Young (S3) who has been invited to attend the West of Scotland Schools String Orchestra residential rehearsals in early September.



UK Maths Challenge finalists

Well done to Callum McMillan (S2) and Ben Hansen (S3) who scored 112 and 107 respectively in the national round of the UK Maths Challenge. These scores are the best that anyone from Eastwood has ever scored in this very challenging competition.



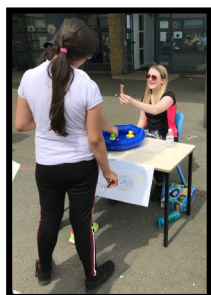
Licensed to Kill !!

Congratulations to Eve Wengel (S5) who has been successful in securing a role in the CITV Show "Spy School". Eve will be filming in London during September and the shows will be broadcast later in the year.



Mearns Primary Values Day

A number of Eastwood High senior pupils assisted at Mearns Primary School during the MPS Values Day held at the very end of last session. The pupils assisted in leading some of the activities and workshops.



The Write Stuff

Members of Miss Baillie's Creative Writing Club are to have their work "Stranger Sagas" published in a book released later this year. The young writers created a series of mini-stories that joined together to create a saga.

In addition a number of S3 pupils have had their work "Highly Commended" in a national war poetry competition



Kilt Walker

Well done to Katie Harvey (S2) who raised over £700 for the Calum's Cabin Charity by participating in the "Kilt Walk" over the summer holiday. Calum's Cabin is a holiday retreat on the Isle of Bute for children suffering from cancer to go to with their families and spend quality time together.



Hip Hop Dance Winner

Congratulations to Lamaya Ogunlesi (S4) on winning the U16 beginner category at the ODU World Street Dance Championships held at SECC Glasgow on 25th August.



Sports News

There has been a lot of successful sporting activity over the summer involving Eastwood High School pupils. Erica Winning (S4) has been competing in the J1000 Ecosse Challenge which is the Scottish element of the UK Junior Rally Championship. Erica competes in a 1.0L Nissan Micra and is currently sitting first in the "Pre 03" Trophy and 7th overall in the Challenge.



Kate Richardson has had a very successful summer in cycling. Kate retained her Scottish National 15 Mile Road Time Trial title by over 3 minutes in Aberdeenshire on 18th August. This follows on from her Scottish National 10 Mile Road Time Trial win earlier in the summer on home ground between Newton Mearns and Fenwick.



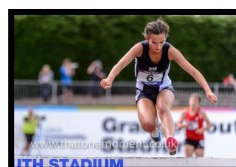
It has been a very successful summer for Eastwood Equestrian Team captain Kirsty Anderson (S5). Having qualified at the Hopetoun House one day event in June and the Pony Club Showjumping Areas Competition in July, Kirsty and Feargal (horse) competed in the Pony Club Regional Championships in both Eventing and Showjumping at the Ian Stark Equestrian Centre in Selkirk on 11th and 12th August. With 130 competitors from Scotland, Ireland and the north of England Kirsty and Feargal excelled. They came 4th overall in the Showjumping Regional Championships after a jump off against the clock, however with a strong dressage, clear cross country and clear showjumping came 1st equal in the Regional One Day Event Championship. Also in Equestrian sport Alexander Hunter (S2) and Nero (horse) were placed in numerous competitions qualifying them for the Summer League Finals in September whilst Shannon MacNair (S4) achieved numerous 1sts riding Magnum & Ria (horses) qualifying her for two September showjumping finals. Girls football has gotten off to a quick start this year with a number of Eastwood players involved in key club games this month. Maja Paszenda and Niamh Gorman both played in the Scottish U15 Cup final for Glasgow City unfortunately losing out to Celtic at Ravenscraig, Motherwell. Congratulations however to Chloe Colquhoun (S3) on being selected to attend the Scotland U15 squad training camp held at Inverclyde.



In cricket Rafay Khan produced a man of the match performance with the ball when helping Glasgow Warriors defeat Ulster schools by 34 runs at Shawholm in mid July. Scottish Internationalist Rafay finished with 5 for 25.



In athletics Alyson Bell (S4) represented Scotland at the U20 Celtic Games in 100m coming 3rd. Alyson also came 3rd in the English National Championships 100m held in Bedford on 18th August. Meanwhile Helen Chong (S4) has been selected to represent Scotland in the UK Schools Games at Loughborough in the 1500m Steeplechase on 31st August. Over and above that Helen has also been selected to represent Scotland in "hill-running" on 8th Sept. in Ireland. Finally well done to Rhea Campbell (S6) on winning a silver medal with Giffnock North AC in the 100m at the Scottish U20 Relay Championships.



Finally in Swimming congratulations go to Lauren Chalmers (S3) who has been called into the Scottish National Swimming Programme Youth Development Squad for 18/19 following 3 silver medals at the Scottish Summer meet in Aberdeen (1500m freestyle, 200m Butterfly and 400m Individual Medley - missing Gold by 0.04sec).

