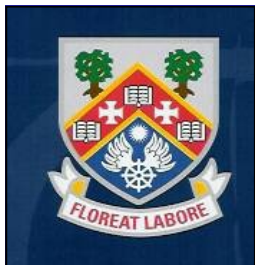


# EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents Newsletter

August 2020



Special points of interest:

### Important Dates.

24th, 25th & 28th Sept. - Holidays  
12th - 16th Oct. Holidays  
19th Oct.- Inservice Day  
20th Oct.- Pupils Return 8.45  
23rd Nov. - S4 Prelims Begin  
15th Dec. - Junior Dance  
17th Dec. - Senior Dance  
18th Dec. - School Closes 2.30pm for holidays  
5th Jan - Pupils Return 8.45  
7th Jan - S5/6 Parents Evening  
13th Jan. - S2 Parents Evening  
18th Jan - S5/6 Prelims Begin  
27th Jan - S4 Parents Evening  
5th Feb - Inservice Day  
8th & 9th Feb - 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—especially in these different and challenging times. Please rest assured that everyone in Eastwood High is doing their utmost to ensure that everyone in the school community remains safe and well. 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.

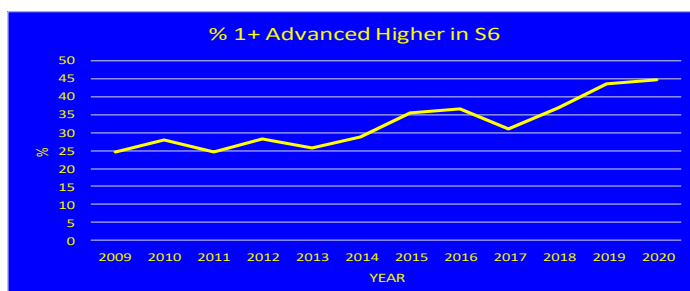
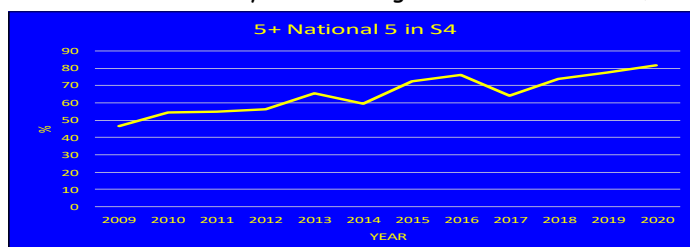
I am pleased to report that this year has been Eastwood High School's most successful ever in SQA exam results at S4, S5 & S6. The graphs show how our results have been improving over the last 12 years. This improvement is down to the hard work of pupils and teachers as well as the support of parents - 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. I also want to stress that these results continue a trend and are not a consequence of the Covid 19 SQA arrangements. As a school our teacher estimates were very accurate and from our tracking of attainment pre-Covid we knew this record performance was coming. 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! 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 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. Applying helps the school receive its fair share of resources. Thank you *S Maxwell*



### Digital Schools Award

On the very last day of term in June Eastwood High School was successful in gaining a "Digital Schools Scotland" award. This is something we have been aiming to achieve for a couple of sessions and is a remarkable achievement completed during lockdown. Well done to Mrs Kincaid's hard working group of staff.



### East Renfrewshire NQT of the Year

Well done to Miss Brown in Modern Languages. She was nominated as East Renfrewshire's NQT of the Year to be honoured by the GTC Scotland. Her name appeared in the roll of honour in "Teaching Scotland" the General Teaching Council's magazine issued in August 2020.



### Pupil Leadership Team

Congratulations to Rebecca Paton (S6), Steven Collingham (S6), Helen Chong (S6) and Scott Campbell (S6) who have been selected as Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy for 2020/21.

Congratulations also go to Disha Yadav, Kirsty Dougall, Flora Robertson, Lara Sturgeon, Erica Winning, Olivia Brady, Mia Hepburn, Mohamad Abdelkader, Cameron Constable, Charlie Evans, Innes Garmany and Murray Brown who have been selected as vice-captains



### Top Students

As mentioned on page 1 of this Newsletter 2020 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.

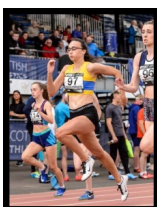
S5 - Mariam Abdelkader, Junaid Aftab, Subhaan Ahmed, Huzaifa Amanat, Euan Anderson, Jessica Anderson, Simra Azhar, Charlie Barber, Amy Black, Liam Bothwell, Maja Cameron, Lauren Chalmers, Eva Chong, Chloe Colquhoun, Aimee Dailly, Ellie Delahunt, Aaron Duff, Josh Edwards, Basant El Wasseif, Robbie Glass, Katie Grant, Mycah Hamilton, Ben Hansen, Megan Hastie, Tajalla Iqbal, Esther Jamieson, Eva Jenks, Maaria Khan, Maryam Khan, Samantha Kilburn, Ellie Leiper, Annabelle Leitch, Moiz Maqsood, Ruairidh McInnes, Abbie McQuat, Toby Provan, Nathan Pugh, Eilidh Robertson, Sean Scott-Kiddie, Nimrah Shah, Amna Shazhad, Jack Sinclair, Nicole Strachan, Daniella Takon, Laura Thompson, Jamie Townsend, Aliyyah Waheed, Mia Walker, Fraser Watson, Kai Weightman, Karys Wood, Lucy Young and Ricky Zhang.

S6 - Safwan Aamir, Mohamad Abdelkader, Hana Afzal, Alyson Bell, Ross Cathcart, Helen Chong, Steven Collingham, Kirsty Dougall, Abigail Ewen, Innes Garmany, Alyssa Haig, Gautam Kakar, Rafay Khan, Roni Lyons, Cameron Mackerrow, Zainab Mahmood, Clark Marshall, Hannah McGeogh, Rebecca Paton, Niamh Presslie, Louise Rafiq, Abbie Shaw, Sebastien Smith, Faye Spiers, Lara Sturgeon, Aryaman Tyagi and Disha Yadav.



### Sports News

Due to Covid 19 there has not been much sport taking place over the summer however congratulations go to Alyson Bell (S6) who has been invited to compete in the Müller Senior British Athletics Championships in Manchester on 7th and 8th September. This follows on from Alyson's very successful start to the 2020 season picking up three National & School titles indoors and breaking the Scottish record for the 60m indoors in a time of 7.57 seconds.



### Thank You

Everyone in Eastwood High School is very grateful for a kind donation from Newton Mearns Baptist Church. During lockdown the church provided a sizeable donation to help the school buy 11 Chromebooks to assist pupils struggling to access digital learning. These devices are now available to pupils if (hopefully not) we have to return to a lockdown/self isolation scenario.

