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## Parent Newsletter Sept 2022

### Head Teacher Introduction

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you and your family enjoyed the summer break and that your young people have enjoyed their first five weeks at school. If your child has just joined the school, either in S1, or in other year groups, I hope that they have had a positive start to Eastwood. At the start of my second year, and with the end of COVID mitigations, I am really looking forward to getting parents into the school building. We have already had our Prizegiving and the S1 Information Evening takes place this week.

A parental calendar was sent out last week with all the important dates. Following on from parent/carer feedback at the end of the last term, you asked for monthly, but shorter, parental newsletters rather than termly. I hope that this helps. I look forward to working together this session.

Kind regards

Mrs K Sinclair



### School Vision & Values

**EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**  
**OUR VALUES**

<b>RESPECT</b> 	<b>KINDNESS</b> 	<b>HONESTY</b> 	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> 
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The whole school community works together to create an inclusive environment where everyone is treated equally, all young people thrive, and they develop the knowledge, skills and resilience required to achieve their full potential.

Thank you to all parents/carers for your contribution to our newly launched vision & values. Our posters, which were designed by Mrs Cumming are up in all classrooms. Our launch video was sent out at the start of term but you can click on this link to view <https://youtu.be/0clAR98BnUI>

DHTs speak to pupils at weekly assemblies about the importance of modelling these values.

### Extra - Curricular Recruitment Day

This event took place for all S1/S2/S3 pupils on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 and- was a resounding success. A special thank you goes to our senior pupils who assisted with this. There are a wide variety of clubs which either take place at lunchtime or after school. It has been really good to see so many pupils, across all year groups signing up and attending.



### Ready Steady Cook

Chefs from The Royal Navy were in school last week to deliver a Ready Steady Cook event to our S5/6 Health & Food and Practical Cookery pupils. This was a resounding success. All of the pupils demonstrated excellent skills in teamwork. Needless to say there was no sticky toffee pudding left for me to taste!

## SQA Exam Success 2022



I would like to congratulate all of our pupils who sat SQA exams this session. Their results are outstanding. After two very challenging years, they have demonstrated great resilience and determination to achieve their full potential.

We are the top performing school in East Renfrewshire with 85% of S4 pupils achieving at least 5 Nat 5's, in S5 we broke the 50% barrier for the first time in an exam year for pupils achieving 5 or more at Higher level, and our S6 results were the second highest that they have ever been. I know a number of pupils met or exceeded their own personal targets. Subject award winners were recognised at Prizegiving last week. Well done all. Special mention to Amina as Junior Dux and Callum & Ibrahim as joint Senior Dux. Thank you to you all for supporting your young people through this.

## School Show – It's back!

This year's school show has been announced as 'All Shook Up', a musical which brings to life the music of Elvis. Inspired by Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night', 'All Shook Up' is a rocking, heart-warming tale about following dreams, opening up to love, and the power of music. Auditions will commence in the following weeks with rehearsals taking place on Friday's after school until 4:30pm. Final performances will take place in the middle of June.

## Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Following on from a presentation at assembly, pupils are being encouraged to sign up to become anti-bullying ambassadors. This is part of the Diana Award programme, encouraging and supporting young people to change the attitudes, behaviour and culture of bullying by building skills and confidence to address different situations, both online and offline. Applications are available on the relevant year group Google Classroom page or pupils can speak to Ms Williams in Pupil Support.



## Charities Committee

Our pupil Charities Committee are led by Mrs Taylor McKenzie and Miss Carrigan. There are a number of events planned for this session. We will keep you posted over the course of the year. The first event is the Trussell Trust Race Against Hunger which take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September for all S6. All S6 pupils can wear fancy dress and prizes will be given to best single costume and best group. Donations can be made to the just giving page: <https://trusselltrust.enthuse.com/pf/eastwoodhighschool>

## School Award

Before summer we successfully achieved level 1 of the Vision School Award for Holocaust Education. Mrs Bell and I met with the organisation to receive feedback and discuss our next steps for level 2. A very proud moment. Mrs Bell's strong leadership skills were rightfully recognised and praised.



## Young Ambassadors (YA) – Sports Scotland

Our S6 YA, Beth and Keira already carry out an important role in Eastwood, however they were both also selected as members of the Conference Delivery Team, inspiring new Young Ambassadors. Between the two of them they have travelled to Hampden, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Inverness, and all this while maintaining their studies. They are a real credit to themselves, their families and our school.

## Important dates coming up...

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Sept – S1 Information Evening & flu vaccinations S4-S6 (S1- S3 at a later date), Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Sept – PTA/Parent Council, school closed Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> & Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct - UCAS early applicant deadline, Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Oct - S4 Tracking Report, Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Oct S5/S6 Tracking Report and Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – S4 Parents' Evening.**