



# Academy News



As we reach the end of another successful and busy school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our pupils, staff, parents and partners for their continued support of Eastbank Academy.

The final term has been filled with opportunities to celebrate achievement, recognise success and create lasting memories. Our S1–S3 Awards Ceremony was a wonderful occasion, highlighting the hard work, commitment and accomplishments of so many young people across the school. We were also delighted to showcase the creativity and talent of our pupils through our annual Drama Showcase, which was enjoyed by families and the wider school community.

For our senior pupils, this has been a particularly significant period. We were proud to mark the end of their school journey of our senior pupils at the S6 Graduation and celebrate with them at the Prom. We wish all our leavers every success as they move on to further study, employment, apprenticeships and training opportunities.

Throughout the term, pupils have benefited from a wide range of experiences beyond the classroom. Reward trips to Blackpool and M&D's, along with our annual Activities Day, provided opportunities for young people to develop friendships, build confidence and create positive memories. I am grateful to the Eastbank staff team for giving up their time and providing these opportunities for young people. We were also delighted to welcome our new Primary 7 pupils for their two-day transition visit. It was fantastic to see them engaging so positively with staff and pupils as they prepare to join the Eastbank Academy community in August.

I would also like to recognise the ambition and determination shown by our young people throughout the examination diet. We are proud of the commitment they demonstrated and look forward to celebrating their achievements when results are issued in August.

This year has also brought wider recognition for the progress being made by our school. We were delighted to be recognised by The Sunday Times as one of the most improved secondary schools in Scotland. This achievement reflects the hard work of our pupils, the dedication of our staff and the strong partnerships we have with our families and community.

As we close session 2025-26, I must give a special mention to two members of staff who are retiring early, after 22 years' service to the school. Both Mrs Bradley (FH Creative Arts) and Mrs Wilson (Teacher of Art) joined Eastbank in August 2004 and in that time have taught, supported, and inspired an enormous number of pupils (some of whom are now Eastbank parents!). They will be sorely missed but we are delighted for them and wish them well in their new adventures!

Looking ahead to session 2026-27, we remain committed to providing the highest quality learning experiences and ensuring every young person feels included, supported and challenged to achieve their full potential. I wish all our pupils, families and staff a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in August.

Jonathan Graham  
Head Teacher

## School Term Dates

### **June 2026:**

School Closes at 1.00pm on  
Thursday 25 June

### **August:**

Monday 10 August

(In-Service Day)

Tuesday 11 August

(In-Service Day)

Wednesday 12 August

(Return date for Pupils)

### **September:**

Friday 25 September and

Monday 28 September

(September weekend

holiday)



## iPads

Please remember to bring  
your fully charged iPad to  
school.



## Glasgow Maths Challenge

Four of our talented new S2 pupils recently represented Eastbank Academy at the Glasgow Mathematics Challenge at Shawlands Academy, competing against teams from 26 other schools across the city.

Aynaz, Kai, Michael and Peyton showcased outstanding teamwork, determination and mathematical thinking as they took on two challenging rounds of questions and puzzles. Throughout the competition, they demonstrated impressive resilience, logical reasoning and problem-solving skills, rising to the challenge against some of Glasgow's strongest young mathematicians.

Their enthusiasm, effort and ambition were evident from start to finish, and they represented the school with confidence, maturity and pride.

We are incredibly proud of all four pupils, who were a real credit to both the school and the Maths Department. Congratulations on a fantastic achievement and well done to everyone involved!



## Hotel School Scotland

One of our S6 pupils, Jack Temple, graduated from Hotel School Scotland based at Parkhill Secondary School. Jack attended a whole programme of activities for all S6, including work experience at a hotel in Glasgow where he worked with their maintenance department. Jack's graduation took place in the Doubletree by Hilton Glasgow Central Hotel, and it was a fantastic event to showcase the work of all pupils involved. We are very proud of Jack and all that he has accomplished. Congratulations, and good luck in all your future endeavours!



### S1 Boys' Football

The S1 Boys' football team had success at 11 a side with a 5-1 win over Bannerman. The 7-a-side squad played in the Summer Cup, doing well to progress to the quarter finals and ultimately going out on penalties to Hillpark. All positive signs for next year's campaign and a big thank you to all the pupils for their commitment this year. With ambitions to join a league and go on a cup run in the coming year, if you would like to be involved going forward, please come and speak to Mr Drummond.



**Amazing!**

### Senior Phase College

Our very own Kai Logue was awarded the prize for his Senior Phase College course - NQ Construction – which he undertook this session at Kelvin College as part of his school timetable. The Awards Ceremony took place in the very grand Banqueting Hall of the City Chambers on Thursday 4 June. We are very proud of Kai and his achievement of coming top over all the other students from different schools. Splendat lux!



**Congratulations!**

### Sustainability Song

Jayden Linton, Andrew MacLean, Jaydon Jack and Lucas Thomson all performed at the Sustainability Conference at Celtic Park on Thursday 14th May. Jayden Linton wrote a song all about sustainability when he was in S2 as part of a school IDL project and the boys performed this on the day.



**Well done!**



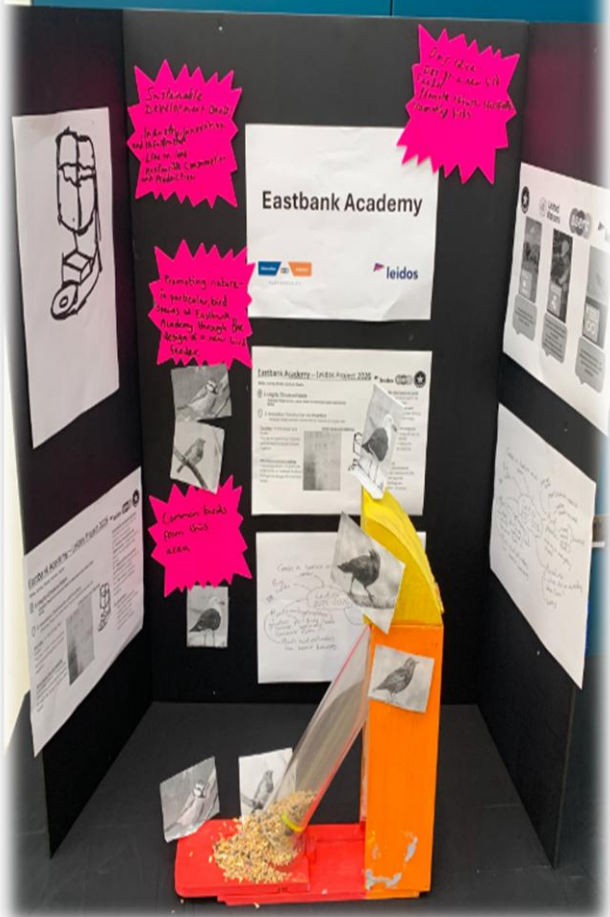
## S1 Leidos Project

A group of S1 pupils recently completed the Leidos SSERC Education Partnership STEM Challenge. The pupils committed to this year long project and recently celebrated their success at

The Pyramid in Anderston. The pupils represented themselves and Eastbank Academy extremely well, speaking with STEM specialists and pupils from other schools about their project, a new design bird feeder to help restore nature.



**Well done!**



## S2 Industrial Cadets

A group of S2 pupils have achieved the Bronze award for the Industrial Cadets Project after completing their project "My School is an Island". The pupils not only designed an entire self-sustaining school, they also created and delivered a presentation to industry specialists as well as wrote a report about their project and experience. The project culminated in a celebration event at Glasgow Caledonia University in which the pupils took part in STEM challenges and had the opportunity to view other schools' projects as well.

**Wow!**

## National 4 Biology

As part of their National 4 Biology, 3D1 were learning about different methods of growing plants and successfully grew some sunflowers from seed. They also grew some jade plants, thanksgiving cacti and geraniums from cuttings. This also tied in with learning about the variety of uses of plants within society and how they play such an important role in all our lives.

They have diligently cared for their cuttings and seedlings with fantastic results.



## Learning For Sustainability Pupil Conference

We are incredibly proud of our young people at Eastbank, who played a leading role in organising and delivering a city-wide, pupil led conference at Celtic Park focused on Target 2030 and Sustainability. The conference was expertly compered by Antonii Tkachenko and Amelia Smith, who introduced the key themes of the day: Campus, Curriculum, Community and Culture. They were supported throughout by our outstanding Eastbank pupil workshop leaders, who demonstrated exceptional leadership and confidence: -Lois Moir, Amber Galloway, Reem Aldafheeri, Olivia Uslu, Andrea Gostaviceanu, Orlaith Cunningham, Kelsey McLeod, Mustapha Bojang, Moid Mousa, Harris Mclean.

The event brought together pupils from 120 schools across Glasgow and was attended by Councillor Blair Anderson and Carolyn Davren, Head of Education Services. Our young people represented Eastbank with professionalism, enthusiasm and maturity, earning high praise and commendation from Jane Arthur, Senior Education Officer and Mairi Baker, Quality Improvement Officer for Learning for Sustainability.

“I just wanted to reach out and say a huge thanks and congratulations to the Eastbank pupils who organised, led and hosted the Pupil Conference last week during Climate Week. They were shining ambassadors for Eastbank. It was a joy to see their skills on display, and they were so conscientious and supportive of the primary pupils presenting too!” (Jane Arthur)

“Please pass on our thanks and congratulations to the pupils including those who performed the song. It has been a pleasure working with you all and I thank Eastbank Academy for their valuable role before and during the conference.” (Mairi Baker)



## Climate Charter

Eastbank pupils also played a pivotal role in designing the Young People Climate Charter, working closely with Gary Condie, Education Lead for Children's Rights and Participation. This is now being distributed to schools across Glasgow, ensuring that young people's voices help shape a more sustainable future for our city.

This was a shining example of youth leadership in action. Our pupils were confident, prepared and inspiring ambassadors for Eastbank, and we could not be prouder of all they have accomplished.

Well done, everyone – you have made a real difference and shown that young people can lead the way in creating a greener, more sustainable future.



## Glasgow's Young People Climate Charter

### Increase Recycling and Composting

Provide more bins in both urban and rural areas and incentives for recycling with deposit return schemes.



### Tackle Littering with enforcement

Fine littering of cigarettes, vapes and rubbish, and run awareness campaigns.

### Protect and expand green spaces

Plant more trees, create parks, ponds and gardens, and enforce replanting when trees are cut.



### Expand Renewable Energy

Install more solar panels, wind turbines, and biofuel systems across schools, homes, and public buildings.

### Transform Transport

Make electric cars and buses cheaper, more accessible, expand EV chargers, and improve public transport frequently.



### Build cycling and walking infrastructure

Create safe cycle lanes, pedestrian crossings, and bike-friendly zones to encourage active travel.

### Reduce Plastic and Single Use Waste

Limit single-use plastics in restaurants and shops, promote recycling, refill stations and erasable packaging.



### Engage and Educate Communities

Enhance climate awareness in schools, run community events and campaigns, and encourage mindfulness about consumption.

### Policy and infrastructure changes

Explain low-emission zones, pedestrianise more areas, reduce disruptive roadworks, and ensure institutions measure and cut carbon footprints.



Made by the young people at Eastbank Academy



### Make sustainability affordable

Lower costs of eco-friendly options (electric cars, public transport, renewable energy) so everyone can participate.

## Tech We Can Workshops

Our S3 pupils recently had the exciting opportunity to work alongside professionals from Morgan Stanley, who delivered an engaging session focused on innovation, technology and future careers. Pupils explored the world of SMART technology, learning how these technologies are designed to solve real-world problems. They also developed their coding skills by programming Microbits, gaining valuable hands-on experience in digital technology.

The session encouraged pupils to consider the wide range of opportunities available within the fields of IT, Science and Technology.



### **Powering Futures - Social Subjects**

30 Senior Phase pupils in Miss Renicks' class successfully achieved their Level 6 'Powering Futures' qualification at the end of March. The pupils had to work as part of a team to come up with a viable solution to a sustainability challenge set by sector leading businesses. Over the course of the Challenge Programme, they researched and collaborated on a solution, concluding with a presentation to a panel of industry judges. During the programme they developed 'meta-skills' such as teamwork, problem-solving, critical thinking and resilience - skills vital for their future. The judges all commended the pupils on their excellent presentations and were extremely impressed with the confidence, application, effort and teamwork that had clearly gone into their projects.



### **S4 Developing the Young Workforce**

In June, 150 new S4 pupils took part in a CV writing masterclass with Morgan Stanley. Pupils learned about the features of a good CV and how to articulate their strengths, interests and achievements in order to stand out to employers. Pupils also created their own personal statements for future CVs. The representatives from Morgan Stanley were impressed with the engagement and application shown by our pupils.

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Developing the  
Young Workforce

### **LGBTQ+**

The LGBTQ+ group made an excellent effort with their charity bake sale. They made plenty of delicious cakes and sweet treats and raised £46 for LGBT Youth Scotland. Well done!



### **Travel & Tourism Loch Lomond Trip**

In June, some of the new S3 and S4 Travel and Tourism classes visited the SEA LIFE Aquarium in Loch Lomond to complement their knowledge of Scottish tourist destinations and customer service. They represented the school swimmingly well and thoroughly enjoyed the day out despite getting soaked by the wind and rain on what was a typically Scottish summer's day out!



## S4 Travel & Tourism World Cup Event

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, Miss McGee's S4 Travel & Tourism class organised and hosted a World Cup Coffee Morning for staff. They created their own display stalls, decorating them with themed international flags, bunting & decor. They also provided information about the exotic snacks they had on offer! They also led some party games & organised visual and audio entertainment. Thank you to all staff who attended and gave the Travel & Tourism class great feedback. They put their customer service & events planning skills into action and achieved their end goal of celebrating international culture, cuisine and community.



**Excellent Effort!**

## Yes Sir, We Can Boogie

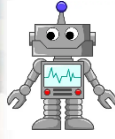
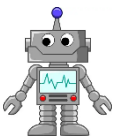
Eastbank Academy sending every dream of success to the boys! A huge thank you to all for the kind donations to our local foodbank at St Joseph's who were very appreciative. #Kindness  
No Scotland, No Party!



### RAF STEM Day

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May we welcomed Hyett Education to the school to run 2 AI, Robotics and Cyber workshops on behalf of the RAF for all the brilliant scientists who have achieved Scientist of the Month.

The pupils designed their own robots, and they coded them to travel through space and recognise colours and walls. All our scientists showed great creativity and problem-solving skills, leaving our visitor very impressed.



### Young STEM Leaders

2 of our Young STEM Leaders ran 2 stalls at Eastbank Primary School's Family Fair in May teaching pupils about chemical indicators and coding using micro: bits. They met lots of families and were great ambassadors to the school.



### S2 Girls' STEM Event

A group of S2 girls recently took part in an exciting STEM event, where they had the opportunity to explore a range of activities designed to develop their skills in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Pupils visited a variety of interactive stations, including Binary Bracelets, Bank Heist, mBots and a Laptop Tinker Station. The event provided a fun and engaging way for pupils to develop problem-solving, teamwork and digital skills while learning more about careers and opportunities within STEM. A big thank you to Ms McLaughlin for organising!



**Well done!**



## Robotics Challenge at Glasgow University

A group of our senior pupils recently had the opportunity to attend a Robotics Challenge at Glasgow University, where engineering students from Glasgow, Strathclyde and Glasgow Caledonian universities competed in a series of robotics tasks.

The event provided an excellent insight into university life and allowed our pupils to see first-hand how students design, build and programme robots as part of their engineering studies. It was a valuable opportunity to learn more about the wide range of courses and career pathways available in robotics, engineering and related STEM subjects.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Miss Khan for arranging this fantastic opportunity. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and came away inspired by the creativity, teamwork and technical skills demonstrated throughout the competition.

## Senior School Pathways Event

Our pupils recently had the opportunity to attend a Senior School Pathways event delivered by CTM Pathways. CTM Pathways is an organisation that helps young people explore their future options, with a particular focus on graduate-level and degree apprenticeships.

During the session, pupils gained valuable insight into the wide range of apprenticeship opportunities available after school. They learned how apprenticeships combine paid employment with further study, allowing young people to gain industry experience while working towards recognised qualifications.

The event provided helpful guidance on career pathways, application processes and the skills employers are looking for, helping pupils make informed decisions about their next steps. We are grateful to Ms McLaughlin for organising this informative and inspiring opportunity for our senior pupils.



## Wider Achievement

Our S2 Wider Achievement Assembly celebrated the fantastic achievements of S1 pupils working towards their John Muir Award. The pupils delivered an excellent presentation, showcasing their hard work, dedication and the skills they have developed throughout the year.

A special congratulations goes to all the pupils involved, and a big well done to Mr Seawright for organising.



### Visit from Lee and Lennon Miller

As part of Activities Day, a group of pupils enjoyed a fantastic football masterclass led by Lennon Miller, professional footballer and Lee Miller, ex professional footballer. The session provided a great opportunity for pupils to develop their skills and learn from experienced professionals. All pupils who participated represented the school exceptionally well, showing enthusiasm, excellent behaviour, and a real willingness to learn.



### P7 Visits

We were delighted to welcome our incoming primary 7 pupils for their transition visit across the two days. Pupils had the opportunity to meet some of their future teachers and classmates and experience a taste of life at Eastbank Academy.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming them back in August as they begin this exciting new chapter of their educational journey.

*Welcome!*

### BGE Award Ceremony

It was a pleasure to welcome parents and carers to our Broad General Education Awards Ceremony. The evening was a wonderful celebration of our pupils' achievements, and we're so grateful to everyone who attended and supported the event.

A special thank you goes to the Music department staff, as our talented BGE pupils showcased their musical abilities with outstanding performances that impressed the audience.

We also extend our thanks to senior pupils who provided a delightful selection of home baking – your contributions were much appreciated! It was a successful and uplifting evening, filled with pride and a strong sense of accomplishment shared by all who attended. Special thanks to Dr Scott and Mr McNamee for their organisation behind the scenes.

*Well Done*



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## Maximise May Success

Our Maximise May 2026 cohort was a tremendous success, providing 54 pupils who were not sitting exams with a wide range of opportunities in outdoor learning, personal achievement, wellbeing and employability throughout April and May.

Pupils embraced every aspect of the programme with enthusiasm, maturity and determination. Their participation and engagement were outstanding, whether climbing hills, achieving the John Muir Award, developing employability skills or creating professional CVs. They were excellent ambassadors for Eastbank Academy and should be incredibly proud of their achievements.

A special thank you to Miss McGrattan for leading and coordinating the programme, and to all staff who gave their time, energy and expertise to make it such a memorable experience for our young people. The success of Maximise May is a wonderful example of what can be achieved when staff and pupils work together to create meaningful learning opportunities beyond the classroom.



## Blackpool Pleasure Beach Reward Trip

As a fantastic end to the school year, pupils in S3–S6 enjoyed a reward trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach, which proved to be a resounding success. Pupils had a fantastic day, making the most of the rides and attractions while representing the school exceptionally well. Their behaviour throughout the day was exemplary, and we were delighted to receive positive comments from Blackpool Pleasure Beach staff regarding their conduct, manners, and attitude.

We would like to thank all pupils who attended for being such excellent ambassadors for the school and helping to make the trip such an enjoyable experience for everyone involved.



## M&Ds

Our S2 pupils recently enjoyed a fantastic day out at M&D's Theme Park. The trip provided an opportunity for pupils to have fun with friends and experience a range of exciting rides and attractions. Throughout the day, pupils demonstrated excellent behaviour and displayed the school values. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves and creating lasting memories together.



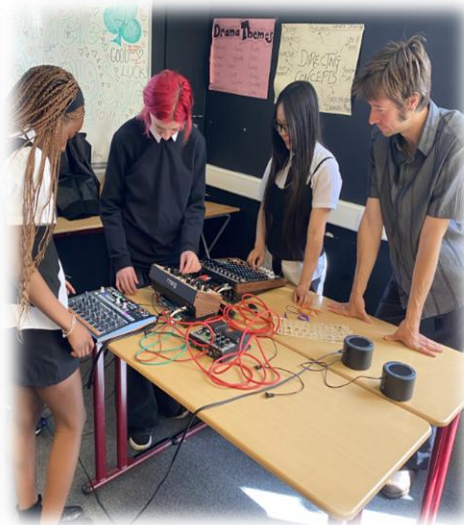
## Drama Showcase

The Drama department presented a Drama Showcase last week. This included exam acting pieces from National 4, National 5 and Higher Drama Qualifications Scotland exams as well as a Grease performance by the Drama Club and an improvisation by 4 of our S2 pupils. All our actors did an excellent job and there is exceptional acting talent at Eastbank Academy! We are so proud of our confident and ambitious pupils! Well done.



## The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland

The S5/6 Drama class had a workshop with the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland staff as part of the Fair Access and BA Arts and Community work with schools. Some of the pupils got to work with the different sound desks in creating music and SFX. The other groups had to create a character and a costume for the character. Aulay was the Sock Monster who lives under beds and steals one sock out of the pair and Logan was Fanta Man who has Superhero powers where he can spray Fanta, but they stop working if he drinks anything other than Fanta. I believe this is what they are wearing to Prom next year ...



## Retirements

This session, we bid a fond farewell to two much-valued members of our Creative Arts Department, Evelyn Bradley and Yvonne Wilson, who retire after an incredible 22 years of dedicated service at Eastbank.

Evelyn and Yvonne both began their Eastbank journey on the very same day and now retire together, bringing to a close a shared chapter that has spanned more than two decades. Throughout their time at the school, they have inspired countless young people, supported colleagues, and made a lasting contribution to the life of our school community.

We thank Evelyn and Yvonne for their commitment, friendship, and dedication over the years, and we wish them both a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement.



## Activities Day

Pupils at Eastbank Academy enjoyed a fantastic Activities Day, taking part in a wide range of exciting experiences, challenges and trips that helped create lasting memories with friends and staff.



### Graduation

The class of 2026 gathered for their final formal event. Mr Graham presented certificates of achievement to pupils in a ceremony filled with positivity and celebration. We were thrilled to welcome so many parents and carers who joined us for this special occasion. A massive thank you goes to the Art Department for crafting the mortarboards that added a creative touch to the event. Special thanks to Mr Millar for organising and to Head Pupil Reilli Young for compering the event.



### Prom

We had a fantastic evening celebrating the Class of 2026 at the Westerwood Hotel on Friday 12 June. After the meal, pupils danced the night away and made memories to last a lifetime. Congratulations to our Prom Queen (Jessica Emeje) and Prom King (Jack O'Donnell)!

A huge thank you to the staff at the Westerwood Hotel for their outstanding hospitality and to Miss Young and the office staff for all their hard work in organising such a memorable celebration for our leavers. A big thank you also to Mr Millar for giving his year group such a wonderful send-off.



### Senior Pupil Leadership Team

Following staff and pupil voting, and interviews with the shortlisted candidates, I am delighted to announce the appointments to our Pupil Senior Leadership Team for the coming session.

The interview panel were extremely impressed by all four candidates and, as a result, we have established a Senior Leadership Team to recognise the different strengths and qualities each pupil will bring to the role.

Head Pupil: Omima Benhach

Depute Head Pupil (Culture & Inclusion): Grace Whitten

Depute Head Pupil (Pupil Engagement & School Community): Maisie Bentley

Depute Head Pupil (Achievement & Improvement): Ethan Huang



# **Congratulations!**