



# Academy News



Dear Parent/Carer,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Autumn newsletter, the first of session 2025/26.

This session has been a busy one. Our timetable is now settled, and all young people are making good progress with their courses and academic studies. Teachers are working hard to ensure pupils enjoy effective and challenging learning experiences and are prepared for the exams ahead. We've already reached the point where the first tracking report for all our pupils has been issued. I'm delighted to see so many of them on track and progressing so well. The prelim exams, which begin on 1st December, are only 6 weeks away!

I'm delighted to see the standard of uniform remains high, and I appreciate your continued support with this.

In addition to learning and teaching, there has been an array of enrichment activities in school. This newsletter contains a range of articles to give a flavour of life school around over the past couple of months, and I hope you enjoy the insight into the life and work of our school. You can, of course, keep up to date with these via our Twitter feed (@EastbankAcademy).

It is hard to believe that we are at the October holiday, and the end of term 1 already. I wish everyone a pleasant break and look forward to seeing everyone back for term 2 on 20 October.

Best wishes,

Jonathan Graham

## School Term Dates

### **October**

Friday 10 October  
(In-service day)

Monday 13 October-Friday  
17 October  
(October week)

### **December**

Schools close at 2.30pm on  
Friday 19 December 2025

Monday 22 December-  
Friday 2 January 2026  
(Christmas holidays)

Schools return on Monday  
5 January 2026



## iPads

Please remember to bring  
your fully charged iPad to  
school.



### Senior Pupil Leadership Team

We are delighted to announce that our Senior Pupil Leadership Team this session will consist of ***Abbi Bennett, Eowin Aglipay, Mylie Turbull, Shahzaman Hassan*** and ***Adil Rashid***.

Interviews were conducted and we are delighted to announce that ***Reilli Young*** is our Head Pupil for session 2025-2026!



# ***Congratulations***

### P7 Masterclass

We were thrilled to welcome over 150 Primary 7 pupils to our masterclass. This event gave young people a fun and engaging experience within the academy, helping them to feel more confident about making the transition to secondary school in August 2026.

The Masterclass programme also supports health and well-being by encouraging pupils from different schools within our learning community to connect and build positive relationships. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and energy throughout the day, and we're delighted with the positive feedback we've received.



## Senior Awards Ceremony

We had the pleasure of hosting our Senior Awards Ceremony, welcoming parents, carers, staff, and members of the wider community to join us in celebrating the achievements of our senior pupils.

We are extremely proud of our award winners, who have demonstrated resilience, determination, and a strong commitment to our school values. Their success in the recent SQA exams reflects their hard work and dedication, and they should be commended for all they have accomplished.

The evening also highlighted the impressive musical talent within our school, with three exceptional performances from our senior pupils. A special thank you goes to everyone who helped make the evening such a success—particularly the staff and pupils behind the scenes, and the senior pupils who treated guests to a wonderful selection of home baking.

It was a memorable evening filled with pride, celebration, and a strong sense of community.

Our joint- School Dux winners for 2025 are pictured below - **Jack** and **Catherine**, and the winner of the Skye Duncan Memorial Trophy, **Alan**. Well done!



# ***Excellent effort!***

## Scottish Maths Week

Eastbank joined schools across the country in celebrating Maths Week Scotland, with the theme "Maths in the Wild."

A highlight of the week was a visit from Dr Jon Devlin of the University of Strathclyde, who delivered a workshop on Network Theory to 100 of our S2 pupils. They discovered how networks underpin everything from social media connections to bridge systems, and how these ideas are used in real-life problem-solving.

Across the school, classes have taken part in daily Countdown Conundrums - this has sparked plenty of competitive spirit amongst pupils and staff!



*See if you can solve the last puzzle of the week:*



Friday



Target:

830



### Fire Station Trip

PC Stewart took a group of our senior pupils to Easterhouse fire station where they were given a grand tour and received an input in relation to fire safety from the community action team. They also spent time chatting to the operational fire fighters and asking them some fantastic well-prepared questions.



### Anti Racism Workshops

On Friday 3rd October, all S2 pupils were involved in an anti-racism workshop lead by Eilidh Lean from the Anne Frank Trust. Hosted by Social Subjects as part of Black History Month, each S2 class was guided through various challenging and thought-provoking activities. They learned about key terms used to identify prejudicial behaviour and what impact this has on the people affected. They also used case studies to explore current statistics on racism within the UK and discussed ways to actively and safely challenge discrimination. Almost 200 of our young people received this input and they all represented the school exceptionally well. Well done and thank you to S2 and supporting staff for making this important work possible!



**Great work!**

### Charlotte Tilbury Make-up Trip

Pupils in our S3 and S4 makeup class enjoyed a glamorous masterclass in Charlotte Tilbury, where they were shown insider tips and tricks on how to apply makeup 'the Charlotte way'. Some of the girls' feedback was that they enjoyed learning about specific products and why we use them. Others enjoyed learning from the pro artists and a few liked being able to see and try some of the products. Pupils were a credit to the school.



**FANTASTIC!**



### Creative Careers

S4 pupils from Music and Drama were lucky enough to attend a Creative Careers afternoon at City Halls where our young people had the opportunity to meet with colleges, universities and employers in the creative industries such as RCS, Kelvin College and Arnold Clark. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and returned to Eastbank bursting with enthusiasm!

"It was really great, and we got to have different conversations with different organisations."

"It was really interesting, and we met with really interesting people."

Well done to all the pupils who represented our school so well.



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## Drama News

**Oskar Waring** in S6 was lucky enough to be cast as an extra in an ITV Drama coming to our screens in 2026! He spent the day at Inverclyde Academy showing the cast and crew what Eastbank actors can do. Oskar said of his experience:

"A day full of eye opening sights, an experience that I could've only dreamed of.

Being on a professional set and under the influence of a director and filming crew was surreal. Being able to participate in different scenes was unbeatable. Finally feels like my aspirations are becoming a reality.

"Can't wait for another opportunity like this to swing by again."

Good luck to **Oskar** in his future studies in performance and his acting career.



## Arts & Crafts Club

Our new Arts & Crafts Club has started, and pupils have been busy folding, shaping, and creating origami pumpkins to celebrate the autumn season! What a great mix of laughs, creativity, focus and fun.



## International Girls' Day

On Wednesday, our S1 pupils had the incredible opportunity to visit the City Chambers for International Girls' Day! They actively engaged in lively group discussions, sharing thoughtful and impactful suggestions on how to challenge gender stereotypes and tackle unconscious bias. We were absolutely blown away by their insight, enthusiasm, and the way they represented our school with such confidence and passion. Truly inspiring!



## Modern Studies

Senior Phase Modern Studies pupils participated in an engagement session with Clare Cowan, Head of Parliamentary Affairs at the Bank of England, and the local constituency MP, John Grady. This centred around the role of the Bank of England in terms of areas such as setting interest rates and the effects their decisions can have, as well as information on careers in this sector. Pupils also participated in a question and answer session with Clare and John on their respective roles with the Bank of England and as a Member of Parliament. Our visitors were extremely impressed with the pupil's level of engagement, knowledge and respect shown during the session.



**Bank of England**

## Costume Props

Extremely impressive costume props designed by our **Logan Q** S4. I am blown away by the detail and effort in these NYPD badges worn by himself and **Leigha** during their genre workshop performance. An excellent performance of the mystery genre.

