



Academy News



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of academic session 2024-25. What another quick year this has been!

The summer term in secondary school has its own feel and dynamic, with a big chunk of our pupils out on exam leave. However, the school has been no less busy. A massive number of events and activities have taken place since the Easter holiday, many of which you will read about in the pages ahead. Several of our S4 pupils participated in our Maximise May programme, and undertook a wide range of achievement activities, gaining good experiences and qualifications in the process. In addition, we had yet another successful Inter-Disciplinary Learning week for our S2 pupils, culminating in our Showcase last week. We've also had our BGE Awards Ceremony, which was a most uplifting occasion, as well as saying farewell to our leavers at both the Graduation and Prom. We were delighted to welcome Primary 7 pupils from our associated primary schools as they took part in their two-day transition experience, which passed off smoothly. From 9-14 June we had a group of pupils and 3 staff spend a week in Paris, developing their language skills and enjoying some cultural enrichment. Finally, last week we had coach loads of pupils and staff head for both M&D's and Blackpool Pleasure Beach for reward trips – fortunately in dry weather. All these events were thoroughly enjoyable and help to make Eastbank the wonderful school it is! My thanks to all the staff who worked hard to organise and run these events.

Looking ahead, we are already planning for the new session, which is only seven weeks away. In the interim, everyone deserves a break and to step away from thoughts of school. The exception, of course, is our senior pupils, who will receive their exam results on 5th August. We wish them all the very best of luck and I am sure everyone will get the results they deserve.

I hope you find this issue of Academy News interesting, informative and enjoyable. Well done to everyone – pupils, families, and staff – for making this session so positive. Thank you also, to all parents, carers and families for supporting us throughout the year. I wish everyone a safe and restful summer and look forward to seeing everyone back for another session in August.

Best wishes,
Jonathan Graham

School Term Dates

June 2025:

School Closes at 1.00pm
on Wednesday 25 June

August:

Tuesday 12 August
(In-Service Day)

Wednesday 13 August
(In-Service Day)

Thursday 14 August
(Return date for Pupils)

September:

Friday 26 September and
Monday 29 September
(September weekend
holiday)



iPads

Please remember to bring
your fully charged iPad to
school.



MOBILE PHONE FREE SCHOOL

at Eastbank Academy

OUR POLICY

The use of mobile phones has a negative impact on learning, teaching & wellbeing

FEATURES OF A MOBILE PHONE FREE SCHOOL

**In class and in the corridors,
mobile phones and
earphones:**

- Will stay in your bag.
- Will not be visible or otherwise available.
- Will not be used, held, looked at, or be 'out'.
- Will not be 'out' as you travel from class to class.
- Will be left in the tray if you leave class for any reason.



The **EASTBANK** Way

Tron Participation Programme

Congratulations to Sophie Jenkins (S6) and Oskar Waring (S5) who have successfully completed the Tron Participation programme with the Tron Theatre in Glasgow. They have participated in workshops, worked with industry professionals and been to theatre performances. Oskar and Sophie most recently performed in a jaw dropping piece of Drama at the Tron Theatre and were an absolute credit to Eastbank Academy. We wish them all the luck in the future with their acting careers. You have made Miss McKeating so proud!



Well done!

Glasgow Kelvin College Summer Awards 2025

Charlize Amoes (S5) proudly receiving her award at City Chambers for her SP college course, NPA Sound Production. It was a very grand affair, and we are very proud of Charlize and her wonderful achievement. Well done!



Senior Phase College

Some of our Clyde senior phase pupils receiving awards for Excellence from their senior phase college courses at Clyde College. Kirstie McCartney received an extra award from her faculty for outstanding achievement!

This is Eastbank Academy, and this is what we do!



Athletics Final

On Wednesday 4 June a selection of S1 & S2 pupils from Eastbank Academy took part in the NG athletics final. Competing against the top schools in the East of the city, our pupils demonstrated the school values in their conduct on the day. Eastbank qualified for the final through two heats that took place in May. With tremendous performances both individually and in the team relays the pupils secured second place overall. Do not let the high number of medals undermine how excellent each performance was.



Excellent Effort!

Miller Foundation

Huge thanks to the Miller Foundation for supporting Jensen's passion for playing piano. Special thanks to Graham Miller who visited the school to meet Jensen in person. We are so grateful for the Foundation's ongoing support.



Thank you!

Glasgow S1 Maths Challenge

Four S1 pupils represented Eastbank at the annual Glasgow S1 Maths Challenge. The pupils solved a range of puzzles and problems by applying their Mathematics and Numeracy skills. Well done to Ella Lin, Emily Moffatt, Chi Bui and Jamie Connor who were excellent ambassadors for the school.



Well done!

Drama Workshop

Thank you to PC Stewart who delivered role play workshops for our new S3 pupils who were creating a Drama where a granny gets arrested outside the Bingo. PC Stewart's advice ensured a successful Drama and ensured that Leah and Lewis who were acting as the police officers used the correct language that Police Scotland would use and restrained Summer (the granny) in a safe way. The Drama department are excited about future collaborations with PC Stewart. Thank you!



Woodwind Play & Strings Play Day

We were proud to see Ogo, Auley, and Demi take part in the Woodwind Play Day at City Halls in June. Their hard work really shone through their performances. Also, In May, some of our talented pupils also took part in the Strings Play Day, sharing beautiful music and representing our school with pride.



School Library

"As a fitting end to a brilliant term, many Eastbank staff and pupils have donated to the Refuweege charity appeal, run by our librarian Mrs Marshall. This is indeed a great way to sign off the term, as well as show our school value of "Kindness".

Refuweege are a Glasgow charity who welcome and equip refugees arriving in our city for the first time. They are just the most friendly people to offer a helping hand to newcomers, and this appeal was particularly focused on providing welcome packs containing stationery, toiletries, backpacks and a wee sweet treat. Our English Department also co-ordinated the new S2 pupils to write a welcoming letter to a refugee, telling them what an amazing city Glasgow is.

In addition, our S3 King's Trust Award pupils helped deliver donations to the library for the collection and were really helpful in organising the donations too. Have a look at the amazing amount of backpacks they helped with. Well done !

There is a display in the library (which will last until the end of term) showing books which tell of fictional refugee experiences. Please feel free to recommend these titles to anyone who may be interested.

Finally, on a personal note, as I now leave Eastbank I must say what a pleasure it has been to work here - you have the best staff and students ever. And an extra special English Department! Keep reading and enjoy your summer."



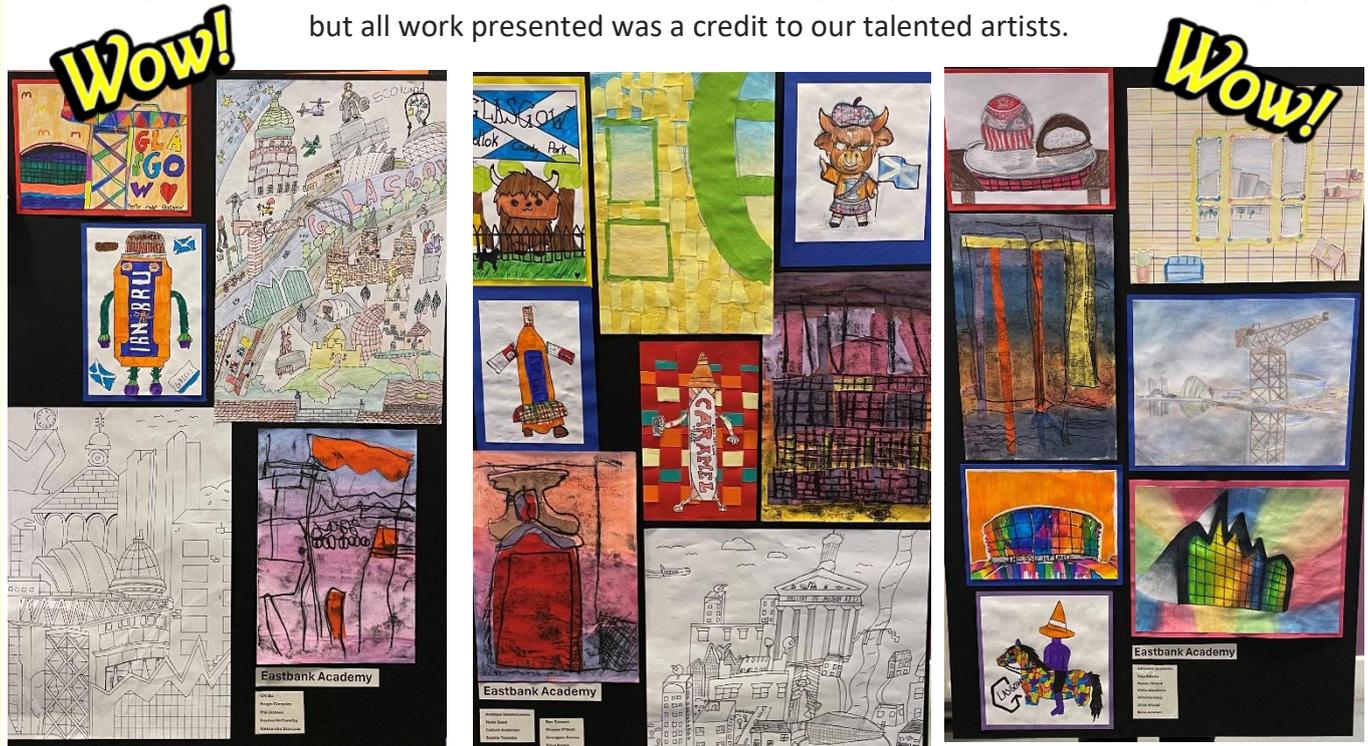
S3 King's Trust - Bridging the App

S3 Business were researching different Apps and looking at the features of these. They were then encouraged to create their own App using their iPad for a Business of their choice which they enjoyed. They were very creative with their ideas!



Glasgow Schools Art Exhibition

This year, Eastbank Academy are part of the Glasgow Schools' Art Exhibition in GOMA, the Gallery of Modern art. The work is on display now between the 30th May and 12th June and includes work from S1 -S3. The theme this year was 'Glasgow' and we are extremely proud of all pupils who worked hard in the hope that their work would be included. Unfortunately, only a selected few could be displayed but all work presented was a credit to our talented artists.



S3 Enterprise Challenge

A huge congratulations to Miss Kennedy's S3 Business class who won £1000 for the school by coming up with an excellent social enterprise idea and presenting this to a panel of experts. Thank you to Miss Robinson for accompanying and supporting the pupils on the day and to Nicola from King's Trust for being such a fabulous leader and mentor.

A massive well done to Ava Dobson, Taylor Le, Marissa Courtney and Mia Henderson who were a credit to themselves and to Eastbank Academy!



Social Subjects

In May, the Social Subjects department took 32 of our new S2s to the Sky Up Academy Studios in Livingston to take part in their Ignite Creativity: Our Society workshop. They developed their digital skills, confidence and team working abilities as they researched, recorded & edited a news report on a key social issue. They then attended their own premiere! Our young people were an absolute credit to the school and there are certainly some future TV stars in the making amongst this bunch! Well done to all involved and a thank you to parents and carers for ensuring young people arrived at school so promptly for the early departure.



CMS Law

On 29th May, 25 S3 Modern Studies pupils visited the offices of CMS Law in the City Centre. They participated in a workshop where they explored who in the UK has the power to make and change the law, the impact these changes can have on both them and wider society, and how they can make their voice heard by those who are in positions of power. As well as building on meta-skills such as critical thinking and team work, this also supplemented their learning from the Nationals Modern Studies Curriculum. This was followed by a tour of the CMS offices.

Each group worked with two legal professionals from a variety of businesses, such as Scottish Power and EDF Energy, with even the Managing Director and one of the partners of CMS giving up their time to work with a group!

All pupils conducted themselves impeccably and were a credit to both themselves and the school. The volunteers from the legal industry were effusive in their praise of the young people from Eastbank Academy.



Blairvadach Trip

In May, pupils from S1 and S2 participated in an outdoor learning experience with the instructors from Blairvadach Outdoor Education Centre. Pupils had a fantastic time abseiling, climbing and canoeing at Auchinstarry Quarry Park with Mr Doherty, Mr McDermott and our two instructors Stewart and Danny. Young people displayed our school values and worked on improving their teamwork, communication and resilience. Some video highlights from our trip can be found on the Eastbank Academy X page.



S1/2 Pinkston Water sports Trip

Several of our S1 and S2 pupils attended Pinkston Water sports, which is home to Scotland's only artificial whitewater course, which allowed our young people to participate in a range of water-based activities. As you can see below, our young people enjoyed paddleboarding and diving into the water!



Food School Scotland

Congratulations to Aaron and Miles, who successfully completed the 30-week Food School Scotland Course. The programme brings together pupils from Parkhill Secondary, Smithycroft Secondary, Whitehill Secondary, and Eastbank Academy.

The course aims to spark interest in the wide range of careers available in the hospitality sector, offering:

- Visits to diverse establishments involved in food production and service
- Hands-on workshops tailored to different aspects of the industry
- A supportive environment for pupils to explore their passion for food and hospitality

Both Aaron and Miles are moving on to college to study Hospitality following on from this course.

Well done boys!



Congratulations!

City of Dance

Well done to our senior dancers who made the City of Dance finals at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall. Over 50 schools competed over 8 heats and they made the top 12 within the open category.



Amazing!

Icon Dance Competition

Well done to our dancers who competed at Dance Icon in Castlemilk High School. So many of our dancers placed in the top 6 for each category, as you can see from the photo!



S2 IDL

Our second-year pupils took action on sustainability through a range of inspiring interdisciplinary projects that connected science, creativity, and practical life skills. Our learners explored what it really means to live more sustainably and how they can lead the charge on one of our most pressing global issues of our time, climate change.

In science, pupils have been shocked to learn that food waste isn't just a matter of scraps in the bin. When it ends up in landfill, it's broken down to release methane, a greenhouse gas even more potent than carbon dioxide. This realisation has sparked action! As part of their call to action, some pupils took on a practical challenge: to create a recipe using leftovers from a typical weekly shop. By doing this, pupils not only applied their scientific understanding of decomposition and greenhouse gases, but also learned valuable life skills like cooking, planning, and teamwork. Once their leftover-based meals were prepared, they hit the taste test trail! Pupils invited staff and fellow students to try their culinary creations and give feedback.

Our pupils also stepped into the lab to make their own bioplastics! By exploring eco-friendly alternatives to traditional plastics, they learned how science can be a powerful tool in the fight against climate change.

Other pupils took on the issue of fast fashion and looked into how discarded clothing contributes to landfill waste and pollution. With a creative twist, they gave old clothes a brand new lease of life through upcycling. These future fashion designers gave Gucci and Chanel a run for their money, turning tired garments into trendy wearable pieces, proving that fashion can be both fun and eco-friendly.

Another group is thinking big by thinking small. They designed and built model eco-shelters, carefully considering structure, sustainability, and the use of renewable energy. This is a perfect example of engineering meets environmental science, and the results are quite impressive!

And it didn't stop with science and design. Creativity is flowing through music and the performing arts too. One pupil wrote and performed an original climate change song, complete with acoustic guitar — using music to call for climate action. Meanwhile, a talented group of pupils used dance and movement to communicate the story of climate change and sustainability through expression and emotion. Their performances bring a powerful, human element to the scientific facts.

Together, these projects represent the best of interdisciplinary learning at Eastbank Academy — real-world issues explored through science, creativity, and teamwork. Pupils will soon present their work to the wider school community in an effort to persuade others to reduce waste, recycle more, and rethink the way we live.

Pupils' hard work was showcased in June for parents and carers. Pupils wowed the audience with creative and upcycled fashion, innovative sustainable shelters, thought provoking performances, and original projects on eco-friendly food and bioplastics. Highlights included a moving dance piece on our planet's fragility and an original song about sustainable electricity — both powerful reminders of the importance of climate action.

A huge well done to all our pupils for their hard work and inspiring ideas, and thank you to families and staff for your continued support in building a greener future together.

You can view pictures from the event on the next page.



S2 IDL Project



P7 Visits

We were delighted to welcome our incoming primary 7 pupils for their transition visit on 11 and 12 June. 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.



BGE Awards

It was a pleasure to welcome parents and carers to our Broad General Education Awards Ceremony on Tuesday 10 June. 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.



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Well done to all our fantastic award winners!

Paris

Our S4-S6 young people let their lights shine in the city of lights during our recent trip to Paris. Over the past week, learners explored the Eiffel Tower, Montmartre, Notre Dame, the Champs-Élysée, the Moulin Rouge and spent a day in Disneyland Paris. Pupils had a fantastique time and showed great responsibility throughout the trip. Lifelong memories made!



Blackpool

Some of our pupils visited Blackpool Pleasure Beach on Thursday 19 June. The sun was shining and a great time was had by all!



M&Ds

Our new S2 pupils had a great day at M&Ds and came back with bags full of souvenirs. By all accounts pupils were a credit to the school.



S1 Wellness and Relaxation Sessions

We were very lucky to have Angela from Rise Holistics visit and deliver a 3 week block of Wellness and relaxation sessions. Each session included a half hour practice focussed on deep breathing, mindfulness and being fully present. The S1s were left feeling relaxed and recharged. An ideal way to finish the school day.



RELAX

Glasgow Bus Tour

Pupils from S2 and S3/4 took part in a guided bus tour of Glasgow, giving them the chance to discover the city and explore key landmarks – including a visit to the iconic University of Glasgow.



P7 Athletics Transition Event

The academy hosted our annual P7 athletics transition event on Thursday 5 June. Sport & Recreation students led the event alongside S6 sports leaders. The pupils took part in a variety of different sporting activities including long jump, javelin, running, football and fun games. There were 180 P7s from our local primary schools in attendance. The senior pupils led all activities and supported the P7s throughout the morning.



Great work!

Graduation

On 11 June, the class of 2025 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 heartfelt thank you goes to the Art Department for crafting the mortarboards that added a creative touch to the event.



Class Of
2025

Prom

What a fantastic evening we had at the wonderful Westerwood Hotel in Cumbernauld to celebrate the class of 2025! After enjoying a delicious meal, we danced the night away and brought the evening to a close with a high-energy rendition of Loch Lomond. Congratulations to our Prom Queen (Chloe Morrison) and Prom King (Bradley Nelson). A huge thank you to the staff at the Westerwood Hotel for their warm hospitality, and to Mrs Gormley in the school office for organising. Also, a big thank you to Nieve Healy who baked a magnificent cake for us all to enjoy on the night.



Congratulations class of 2025!