



# Academy News



Dear Parents and Carers,

Looks like we made it! A full school year without any lockdowns. It's the first we've had this since session 2018/2019, and I'm absolutely delighted. More of the same next year, I hope.

With the summer holiday now imminent, it's important that we reflect on a very busy and, to my mind, very successful year at Eastbank Academy. In fact, in the 12 weeks since the last edition of Academy News, a great deal has happened.

In May, in another first since 2019, we held a formal diet of SQA exams. Our young people handled these incredibly well and conducted themselves impeccably, and for all of them, this was the first time they had ever sat exams in this way. We look forward to results day with optimistic anticipation, and wish all our pupils well.

At the end of May we had a team of school inspectors from the Scottish Government visit us to conduct an evaluation. This was an incredibly useful exercise. As well as highlighting and recognising how well we are doing on our improvement 'journey', it was helpful to receive validation that we are on the right path with our improvements. I am very glad that we agreed to take part, and this this will be helpful going forward. My thanks to all the parents and carers who took part in this.

On 8 June we had our Broad General Education Awards Ceremony, where we recognised and rewarded the achievements, both academically and more widely, of our pupils in S1-S3. In addition, on 15 June we hosted the S6 Graduation ceremony for our senior leavers. As you might expect, both of these occasions were tremendously uplifting. For both events we were able to bring large groups of parents into the building again, which has been great. At the time of writing I am recovering from the S6 Prom – another wonderful event for the Eastbank community. We wish our leavers every success for the future!

Last week we hosted P7 pupils from our associated primary schools for a two-day visit, and this week has seen the reintroduction of Activities Week. We have had trips to M&D's, Blackpool, and Blair Drummond Safari Park, as well as Activities Day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Once again, more examples of getting school back to normal and making the experience what it should be for young people.

So, action packed indeed, and you'll be able to read about these events, and more, in the following pages. I have no doubt you will enjoy. Well done to everyone – pupils, families, and staff – for getting us through the difficult times, and making this session so positive. I wish everyone a safe and restful summer, and look forward to seeing everyone back for another session in August.

Yours aye,

Jonathan Graham

## School Term Dates

### *June 2022:*

Schools close at 1.00pm on  
Friday 24 June

### *August 2022:*

Monday 15 August

(In-service Day)

Tuesday 16 August

(In-Service Day)

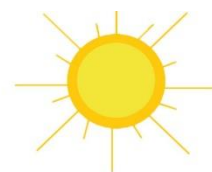
Wednesday 17 August

(Return Date for Pupils)

### *September Weekend 2022:*

Friday 23 September

Monday 26 September



HAPPY  
SUMMER

## BGE Awards Ceremony

We recently hosted our BGE Awards Ceremony where we recognised and rewarded the achievements of our S1-3 pupils. It was fantastic to welcome families into the school to celebrate the achievements of our young people. Congratulations to all pupils who won awards and a big thank you to our choir and orchestra. We are very proud of our young people for continuing to display our school values.

RESPECT

AMBITION

RESPONSIBILITY

KINDNESS



*Well done!*

## S1 & 2 Athletics Champions

Congratulations to all those who participated in the S1/2 athletics championships! Well done to the S1 champions - Sienna and Harvey and the S2 champions - Maddison and David.





### Barclay's Lifeskills

S2 pupils took part in a DYW/Numeracy workshop run by Barclay's Lifeskills. They learned about wageslips and sources of income. They contributed to discussions and learned valuable skills for life and work.



### COP26 Legacy Event

Sophie and Freya attended the COP 26 legacy event in Shawlands to represent Eastbank Academy. They were inspired by their discussions about gender inequality and excited to change this for the better. Leadership is so important for driving change and girls like these are just the ones to do it!



### International Workers Day

To celebrate International Workers Day on 2 May, our S2 pupils wrote thank you letters to the staff of two of our local care homes for all their hard work throughout the pandemic. The staff were delighted with the cards and certainly deserved the thanks! Our card was designed by Mrs Owens using some of the photographs of our Higher Photography pupils. Thank you to Mrs Owens and our English teachers for facilitating the letter writing with their S2 classes.



To all the staff at the carehome thank you so much for your continued hard work during the awful pandemic. Me and the school community are very grateful for everything that you all did. AS well as being grateful to all of you in the care home, i am also grateful for my mum and dad because without them i wouldn't have what i have and i wouldn't get as good an education. Another thing i am grateful for is my friend because if i can't say he cheers me up and if i'm stuck he helps me.



### Reading Schools

Eastbank Academy have achieved the Reading Schools core level accreditation! The purpose of working towards it this session was to build a reading culture at the school, especially as the literacy audit across the curriculum indicated that 'reading for pleasure' was not being met widely across subjects. Next session we will be building on this success and working towards silver level.



### Family Learning Team

The Family Learning team held their first in person event for the first time since February 2020 where they delivered study skills to S3 pupils and their parents. At this session they were taught different methods of learning to prepare them for their S3 exams. The team will be holding similar events next session to equip families with the skills to support their child in their learning and studying so as they can achieve their best at Eastbank Academy! Thank you to all pupils, parents and staff involved!



### Developing the Young Workforce (DYW)

As part of Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) in Eastbank Academy our S4/S5 Pupils visited the EY Foundation on George Square in Glasgow to participate in an Employability session in mid-May. Some of these pupils were lucky enough to have been offered a paid Work Experience opportunity over the school holidays following this visit. Thanks to Mr Kelly for coming along on the day.



### Staff v Pupil Football Match

The Duke of Edinburgh S3 pupils recently held a staff v pupils football match which raised £505 towards the Taylor and Jodie Muir Foundation Charity. The game finished with a 0-0 draw.





## Maximise May

Some pupils were invited to join in the Maximise May programme during the SQA exam diet. The programme was a mixture of skills for learning life and work, outdoor learning and supporting the local community. Pupils enjoyed developing skills of resilience and teamwork and were a credit to themselves and the school. Some of the activities were: hillwalking, first aid training, cv writing workshops etc.



*Great job!*

## Drama Workshop

Some S2 pupils attended Come Play at the City Halls last Wednesday for an all-day Drama workshop, working with pupils from other schools around the city. The pupils took part in games and devised and performed pieces around the stimulus 'rules are there to be broken'. They did very well, producing original pieces of Drama and had a good time.



## The Lion King Workshop

Some of our pupils attended an amazing workshop from the Lion King Tour at City Halls. We are very proud of all our performers.



## Sweeney Todd Trip

A group of S1 to 5 choir went to see the BA musical theatre showcase production of Sweeney Todd by Stephen Sondheim at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. This was a treat for their excellent attendance at choir all year.





## Trades House Award

The Trades House Award is an annual competition between secondary schools in Glasgow. Pupil work from S1 - S6 is assessed and shortlisted by a panel of judges. The pupils attended the awards ceremony in the city centre. They were presented the awards by the current Deacon of the Trades House. Each pupil received a certificate and a medal.



## Chemical Ambassador Competition

Congratulations to Brian Dowds, Octavian Oltean, Yousef Al-Bazoni, Darin Krapman and Greg McCue for achieving first place in the Strathclyde University Chemical Ambassador Sustainability Challenge. The pupils attended Strathclyde University Chemical Engineering department and worked with a PhD mentor Robert Sait -Stewart on a project called "Anaerobic Digestion and Sustainable Biofuels". Their experiments using waste fruit to make methane gas and burning plant oils (and Pringles) to release energy along with a very professional presentation won them Amazon Firefox tablets. Well done!



## Dance Finals

The Eastbank dance group, 'The Glam Girls' successfully made it through qualification stages to reach the City of Dance Finals on the 9 June. The finals were held at the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow in front of a full house. The group performed fantastically well and were a credit to Eastbank Academy! The group included Darcey Carroll, Hayley Foy, Kacey Glass, Taylor Graham, Eva Lovett, Masha McKenzie, Amy McTurk, Freya Paxton and Emma Pinder. Well done to Ms Inglis who worked throughout the year to ensure the 'The Glam Girls' were well prepared!



## Author Visit

Eastbank Academy S1 and S2 pupils had a wonderful afternoon talking to author Tamsin Winter about her books, social media, body image and mental health. The library event was part of Wee Write festival organised by Glasgow Life.



## Reader of the Year Award

Omima, Anete, Mason, Nerea, Elise and Rabia from S1 and Mohammed, Emmanuel, Gina, Ciaran and Wilbur from S2 were nominated by their English teachers and the school librarian for the Reader of the Year award. All pupils received a free book and stickers wrapped and decorated by S6 Literacy Prefects Abby and Carragh.



## Eco-Committee

As part of our journey towards becoming a Green Flag school, S1 and S2 pupil council members attended the Climate Ready Classrooms workshop in May 2022 delivered by Keep Scotland Beautiful.

Our young people learned a vast amount of key information regarding their own carbon footprints and the steps they can take to reduce these. They also made pledges and will begin putting these into practice next term. Pupils were a credit to themselves and represented the school very well.

They have now been accredited and awarded as being 'Carbon Literate', receiving certificates and electronic badges to recognise their achievement.

Well done to all involved!



**Carbon Literacy Project**



This is to certify that via

**Keep Scotland Beautiful**

**Eastbank Academy Eco-Committee**

has met all the requirements of the Carbon Literacy Standard and thus for the purposes of workplace, education and community should be regarded as Carbon Literate.

signed

Dr. Ali Abbas, Chair, on behalf of The Carbon Literacy Trust.  
Registered Charity Number 1156722

date

1<sup>st</sup> June 2022

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## SWECO

Emer Owens, principal Civil Engineer at SWECO came into school at the end of May to deliver a career insight talk to over 80 of our S2 pupils in the Technical Department. It was very interesting to find out the different projects she had worked on during her career.



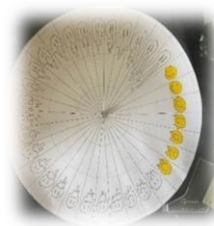
## Art Department

Some beautiful 3D butterfly drawings from class 3E2 class. Our pupils are very talented.



## Photography Courses

Two National Progression Awards (NPA) in Art and Design: Digital Media (Animation) and NPA Photography courses started in June. They are offering opportunity of developing key skills for candidates wishing to succeed in the growing digital design sector and creative industries. So far, pupils experienced projects explaining principles of animation by creating flipbooks and Phonotrophes. Phonotrophes allows creating animation in a 'live' environment using live action camera and the rotating disc of a record player. They also started working on buildable armatures using a professional Armature Kit by 'Anibald Three' in preparation for creating their own stop motion projects.



## Six the Musical Trip

A group of senior pupils went to see Six the Musical on Wednesday 15 June at The Theatre Royal. It was an enjoyable evening.



## Fashion Show

Well done to our new S4 girls who performed a fashion show for S2 pupils. It was great fun!



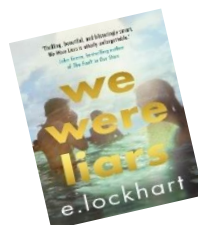
## Work Experience Opportunity

We will have some Administration/Office based Work Experience opportunities for S4-S6 pupils available in the new term in August with RJ McLeod on London Road. If any parents/carers would like to put a pupil's name down for this, please email [gw19jinaduleeanne@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw19jinaduleeanne@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)



## My Favourite Books

I would recommend *We Were Liars*. It's a thrilling summer love story that ends in tragedy and it left me in tears for days. I've also started reading *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*. It has been very good so far! Mylie Turnbull, S2





## Graduation

On Wednesday 15 June, the class of 2022 met formally for the final time to graduate from the Academy. Mr Graham awarded certificates of achievement to all pupils. It was a very positive and uplifting occasion and we were delighted to see so many parents/carers in attendance. A big thank you to the Art department for making the mortarboards.



**2022**  
*class of*  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## Prom

S5/6 Prom was held at the Bothwell Bridge Hotel on Friday 17 June. It went incredibly well and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. Congratulations to Safa Saddiq and Lyle Anderson who were voted Prom Queen and Prom King. We wish all of our class of 2022 the best of luck in their future ventures.

**Congratulations!**



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## BGE Reward Trips

We have had a number of trips throughout the last week of term, including an S1 trip to M&Ds, an S2 trip to Blackpool and an S3 trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park.



## Activities Day

On Thursday 23 June, we had an activities day for all pupils in the school. Pupils could choose from a long list of activities such as football, chess, smoothie & milkshake making, karaoke etc



# SCHOOL'S OUT FOR

# SUMMER