

EASTBANK ACADEMY



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THE EDDIE MILLER EASTBANK FOUNDATION

Eastbank Academy is grateful to the Eddie Miller Foundation for their ongoing and generous support for our young people engaged in the study of Music and the Performing Arts.

Eddie Miller

A local boy, Eddie Miller was Born (1930) and raised in the East End of Glasgow. He was a pupil at Eastbank Academy and became Captain of the School in 1947. On leaving Eastbank he attended Glasgow University, graduating with Degrees in English and Education, before entering the teaching profession. He taught at a number of schools, including Whitehill Secondary, before moving into Education Directorates. He was the first Director of Education for Strathclyde Region from 1974 until his retirement in 1988, and was awarded a CBE for his services to education. In his career he achieved a great deal: he was instrumental in the founding of Glasgow College of Technology (now Glasgow Caledonian University) in 1971, and also secured funding for the rebuilding of Eastbank Academy in 1986.



Eddie believed in the power of music and the creative arts to transform the lives of young people and, following his passing in 2005, his family established the foundation to help, support and inspire young people at his former school.

Aims and Objectives

The foundation has been established to:

- Help Eastbank Academy become a centre of excellence for music and the creative arts
- Provide life-enriching opportunities for Eastbank Academy pupils
- Develop partnerships to benefit children across the East End of Glasgow

Funding

To date the Foundation has secured and deployed several thousand pounds of funding to support performing and creative arts at Eastbank. The foundation, under the leadership of Eddie's sons, have received support from the Miller family, The Inverclyde Trust, Celtic FC Foundation and public sector match funding, the Souter Charitable Trust, and the Dr Rhona Reid Charitable Trust.

Deployment and support

The funding provided to Eastbank Academy is gratefully received and is used to enhance young people's learning and experiences. To date, funding has been used for:

- Musical instruments, amplifiers, software and recording equipment
- Stage equipment, lighting rig, radio microphones
- iMacs, laptops and cameras
- Acting, music, and design workshops, shows and excursions
- Residential music and arts courses for talented pupils
- Primary to Secondary musical transition activities.

