

# EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents Newsletter

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*Special points of interest:*

### Important

20th September - School photographs  
23rd & 26th Sept. - Holidays  
14th October - Inservice day  
17th - 23rd October - Holiday  
24th October - Pupils return @ 8.45  
1st November - S1 Parents Evening  
17th & 18th November - S5 Mock Interviews  
2nd December - S2 Challenge for the Future day  
6th December - S4 Prelims begin  
15th December - Junior Dance  
20th December - Senior Dance  
22nd December - School Closes for Christmas Holiday at 2.45  
9th January - School reopens @ 8.45

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Dear Parent

If you are the parent of a new S1 pupil let me first welcome you to Eastwood High. I know that your son/daughter will do well here and you should know that we will all do our best for them to ensure that they achieve their full potential. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in ensuring that all pupils wear the Eastwood HS uniform. This is one way that we can all show our pride in ourselves and the school. The standard of uniform has been excellent at the start of term and I would ask for your further support to ensure that these standards are maintained throughout the session.

I'm sure you will agree that it is important that the school receives its full allocation of resources. As I mentioned in the summer mail, many parents entitled to receive a free school meal for their children do not apply, **OR RE-APPLY**, for one. Some aspects of the school's funding is allocated in relation to free meal uptake. The cashless catering system in the school means that no one knows who is in receipt of a free meal. It is therefore important that everyone entitled, **applies or re-applies for this year**. Application forms with the qualification criteria are available from the school office or East Renfrewshire Council Customer First. If you feel that you might be entitled to a free meal for your child **please apply** and help your child(ren) receive their fair share of resources.

Finally can I draw the attention to the fact that construction work has now started on the new building. The scale of this work will grow over the coming months and I will keep you informed of developments. The first important piece of information is that all vehicle access to the school campus to pick up and drop off pupils will stop in mid September when the front gate becomes a construction traffic only entrance. Thank you for your understanding.

*S Maxwell*

### Juanita's Got Talent

Congratulations to Juanita Cabrera of S6 who was runner up in the "East Renfrewshire's Got Talent" competition held at the end of June in Williamwood High School. The show was held to raise money for the Betty Cunningham Foundation to help children in Malawi receive an education. Juanita sang beautifully and was a real star. Lisa Clark S2 also represented the school and despite her young age more than held her own against older participants from other schools receiving very positive comments from the judges.



### Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies

Congratulations to Oliver Reilly and Farah Hussain who have been selected as this year's Eastwood High School Head Boy and Head Girl. Kyle Young and Louise Clark also deserve congratulations for being selected as Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. The photograph below shows Oliver, Farah, Kyle, and Louise along with their vice captains Calum MacDonald, Neil Ross, Humza Din, Stephen Haggis, Alistair Craig, Amy Townsend, Gemma Sichi, Katie Braithwaite, Rebecca Fisher and Katherine Salt



### Super Students

Five Eastwood High School pupils, Sarah Falconer, Lauren Gray, Ross Porter, Callum Roy and Laura Smith achieved 10 A grades in their S4 Intermediate 2 examinations. Eastwood offers S4 pupils the chance to gain ten awards by sitting Intermediate 2 RMPS and PE on top of the normal eight subjects. I believe that we are the only school in Scotland to do so. Consequently Sarah, Lauren, Ross, Callum and Laura have achieved a Scottish class performance.

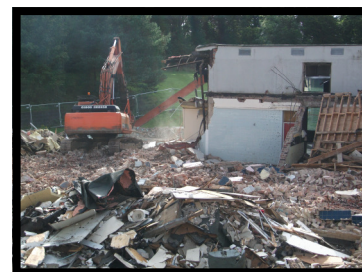


### Celebrating Outstanding Achievements

A number of Eastwood pupils received awards at the East Renfrewshire Celebrating Outstanding Achievements ceremony held over the summer. They were Briony Allan (Community Service), Neil Campbell (Creativity), James Carswell (Sport), Debbie Croll (Community Service), Preeti Jassal (Sports Leadership), Katie McKnight (Sport), Colin Monger (Independent Living Skills), Becky Rankin (Sport) and Diana Sheach (Creativity). Very well done to all.

### BAM Construction

It has finally begun. BAM Construction are on site and work has commenced on the new school building. BAM will produce a regular Newsletter that will be placed on the school website. The first one will appear there soon.



### The Producers

Emma Scott and Katie Greer of S5 spent a week of their summer holidays at Strathclyde University on a summer school product design course. The girls were sponsored by the "Women's Engineering Society". Katie and Emma were given the brief of designing a new product for the future and had access to all the state of the art graphics equipment in the digital design and manufacturing suite.

### Art Successes

In the results for this year's Kelvingrove Art Competition Firdous Mir, Richard Hughson Gill, Ramadeep Singh Gill, Murray Marrant and Alistair Stables all received "Highly Commended" whilst Holly Rogan and Maham Ibrar achieved "Commended". In addition Nicole Gavin has had her work selected to be part of the elite SQA Advanced Higher Art exhibition. Well done to all.

### Parent Council News

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be at 8pm on Wednesday 8th of September. Nominations will open for new Parent Council members in the near future.

The next PCTA meeting is scheduled for 7pm on the same night. Discussions will centre around the organization of the fundraising programme for next session. The PCTA make an invaluable contribution fundraising for the school and are always looking for new members to help them in their activities. I invite anyone who feels willing to contribute this year to contact PCTA Chairperson Susan Clark via the school office or come along on 8th September at 7pm.

### Sports News

For many years we have followed the rise of James Wallace S5 as he pursued an International Ice Hockey Career. Having represented Scotland and the UK in age groups way beyond his years James has been awarded a scholarship to the PEAC Academy for Elite Athletes in Toronto. Obviously James is now leaving Eastwood High to pursue his sport and studies in Canada and we all wish him well.

James and sister Ruth in their ice hockey kit

