

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As the Summer Term draws to end, I am able to reflect on what has been a hugely successful year in terms of pushing through key strategic priorities.

The single biggest change for 2023/24, will be the Academy's new curriculum model. Although perhaps not obvious to the casual observer, the work behind the scenes to prepare for this change has been all encompassing and involved a huge collective effort. I am confident what has been created is a significant upgrade on its predecessor and look forward to seeing it embedded next year.

In terms of significant site works over the summer, as documented in an earlier newsletter, the Academy is installing an extensive network of solar panels as part of an energy efficient infrastructure project, partly financed by the Government. In addition to the environmental benefits associated with renewable energy, the project will go a long way to safeguarding the Academy against volatile price changes in the energy market.

Throughout the course of the year, I have had the great pleasure of celebrating the success of the pupils' achievements and thoroughly enjoyed the recent Sports Presentation and Commendations evenings.

Finally, I wish you all an enjoyable summer break and look forward to your return in the Autumn Term.

Mr. N. Houchen

Principal

HOUSE SHIELD WINNER

Congratulations to Elveden who won the House Shield. Head of Elveden, Miss. B. Cooper, collected the shield on the annual Commendation Evening on Wednesday 12th July.

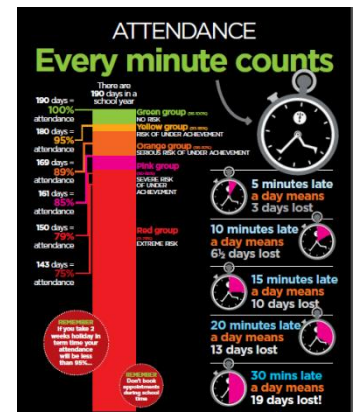


ATTENDANCE

Attendance is 93.3% vs. a national average of 90.8% (+2.5%) and persistent absence is 17.8% vs. a national average of 27.0% (-9.2%).

House	% Attendance
Ashdown	93.7
Bowland	93.0
Elveden	92.8
Kielder	93.1
Richmond	93.0
Sherwood	93.8
Whinfall	93.0
Overall	93.3

Although the Academy has made significant strides this year, certainly when measured against the national average, we have set ambitious attendance and persistent absence targets of 96.0% and 10.0% respectively. Together we can achieve it!



100% ATTENDANCE AND REWARDS CELEBRATION

The final Tuesday of term saw over 100 pupils enjoy the 100% attendance and rewards celebration event. Pupils enjoyed unlimited pizza, drinks, ice cream and sweets whilst enjoying a movie. Congratulations go to all the pupils invited and we hope to see them all again next year.



Pupil Success

PREFECTS TEAM BUILDING



On Thursday 6th July, 65 pupils arrived at Adventure Island for their Prefect Team Building Event. Pupils met at 9 a.m. on the beach and at 10 a.m., The Sands restaurant was opened for the teams to be prepped on the day ahead.

First, the Prefects got into their teams and worked on their team names. This was preceded by a 'getting to know you' ice breaker where they had to ask a series of questions to find out some interesting facts about their other team members.



The Prefects then developed a new ride concept for Adventure Island. Some were very creative and one that caught the eye of the judges was 'Cassidy Cove'!



Finally, the Prefects were introduced to the Scavenger Hunt Task which took place across the park. They had to use their initiative, communication and team building skills to meet the deadline to achieve the tasks. A really enjoyable day was had by all.

BLUE PETER VISIT



Hope E. (10E) was invited to be a guest at Blue Peter studios in Media City. Hope was treated like a VIP, meeting the presenters and seeing how an episode of Blue Peter comes together and she then

participated in the audience for the live show. Hope also got to meet Henry, the current Blue Peter dog, and meeting him was one of the many highlights from her visit.



TENNIS SUCCESS

Well done to Brooke M. (7W) for recently winning the Under 14s Kent Elms Tennis Tournament. A fantastic achievement Brooke!



BRITAINS GOT TALENT



Congratulations to Charlie K. (7E) who reached the live semi-finals of Britain's Got Talent. Charlie is a member of Boycanto - an extremely talented group of boys who aim to promote singing, dancing and acting. In an earlier round, the group wowed

the judges, the audience, and the public watching from home when they delivered a fantastic rendition of 'Revolting Children' from Matilda.

Following their energetic audition, Boycanto were awarded a place in the live semi-finals where they performed 'Baggy Trousers' by Madness. The public and judges absolutely loved their performance - it was full of passion, fun, and skill.



FRENCH MERIT REWARD BADGE

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved a phenomenal **20 merits in French** this year. They have been presented with their reward badge and certificate and should feel very proud of themselves:

Amy W. (7A), Sharad P. (7B), Daisy L. (7R), Darcey B. (8A), Sofia McC. (8A), Zaha C R (8B), Amy P. (8B), Olivia B. (8E), Harry D. (8E), Angelina B. (8K), Rosie W. (8R), Joshua P. (7S,)Edward B. (8W), Emma D. (8W), Brooke M. (7W)

Well done to the following pupils who have achieved a fantastic **10 merits in French** this term:

Charlotte B. (7A), Eadie L. (7A), Irissa A. (7B), George C. (7B), Alexander G. (7B), Alex I. (7B), Max M. (7B), Omar M. (7B), Alex S. (7B), Maithri U. (7B), Daniel R. (7E), Ash E. (7K), Grace G. (7K), Elliott L. (7K), Samuel P. (7K), Jake S. (7K), Jack D. (7S), Macey F. (7S), Theo C. (7W), Olly K. (7W), Marshall H. (7W), Adrian S. (8B), Ethan C. (8K), Lily P. (8K)



Pupil Success

TRAMPOLINING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Hannah L. (10B) who brought home a Gold Medal on Saturday 17th June in the over 15s category of the Eastern Region Trampolining Championships in Cambridge.



JACK PETCHEY WINNERS



Joseph B. (8W) completed the 'Keepie Uppie' challenge to raise funds for Bone Cancer patients in March 2023. He raised £225 and completed 4436 'Keepie Uppies.' This is the third

year in a row Joe has taken part in a charity event and has now raised over £2000 for three different charities. Joe is also an outstanding pupil across the board and we are very proud of him.

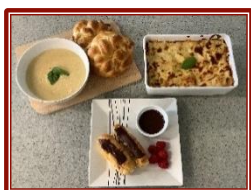
Finley B. (7A) took part in a challenge with his dad to cycle 1,000 miles between May and September. They are raising funds for Little Havens and have already raised over £1,000 online, in cash donations and pledges from local businesses. Finley trained hard for the challenge which officially started on 1st May. He has already completed a number of rides and completed an event on 21st May in which he cycled 30 miles around Norwich! Finley spoke passionately to his form group about this challenge, the practicalities and training required and the reasons why he has decided to attempt such a feat! We are impressed by his commitment and his desire to help such an amazing cause.

Esme S. (10K) is an all-around amazing pupil who has significantly contributed to the Academy throughout her time here. Esme has been involved in most of the school productions, mentors younger pupils and helps with Gardening Club, Eco Club and Maths Club. She was recently made a Lead Prefect and also received the Principal's Award during Commendations Evening. She does all of this whilst maintaining the highest academic standards and commitment to learning. Well done Esme!

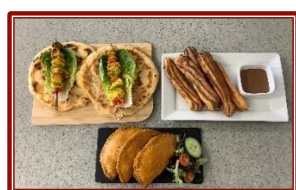
Macy R. (8W) was nominated by pupils in the Academy because of commitment to the 'whole school cause'. She works tremendously hard in lessons and is ever present helping in school events (sport activities, Cultural Day and the Football World Cup competition) going above and beyond to help staff and pupils alike. Macy looks after others in the class, helping pupils with day-to-day organisation and checking in with them to make sure they are ok and have a friend to talk to. She is a positive role model to her peers and a very worthy winner.

FOOD PREPARATION EXAM

Week commencing 10th July, Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition pupils completed their mock practical. Pupils had to produce three dishes in three hours demonstrating as many skills as possible. Everything had to be made from scratch and they had to produce a detailed time plan that they could follow throughout the exam.



Summer C. (10R)



Felicia D. (10K)



Harry R. (10W)



Tia R. (10W)



Esme S. (10K)



Hettie S. (10R)

Pupil Success

THEATRE PRODUCTION



Charlotte A. (8R) and Thomas N. (8A) performed in Compound Creative Drama Group's production of *Wizard of Oz* at The Dixon Studio at the Palace Theatre on Sunday 25th June. They were both narrators and despite their nerves and the heat, performed outstandingly well.



ENGLISH SCHOOLS' NATIONAL ATHLETICS FINAL

On Saturday 8th July our Junior Girls' Athletics Team competed in the English Schools' National Athletics Final at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Stadium.



The competition is a points scoring system through the earlier rounds to try and achieve a score that is high enough to reach the final. In a tense regional final, the team scored 432 points meaning that we qualified with the 5th highest score in the country.

After a hearty meal at the Harvester the evening before, the girls were ready for the challenge ahead. Following an early morning meet at 7.30 a.m., the day began with the track events. Throughout the day we had many personal best performances and Alice B. (8A) was awarded a Championship best result of 2.4m in the Pole Vault competition, placing her in the Championship record books.

Results and performances were up and down during the day, but we knew we were doing well and holding our own. After a long and tiring day, the presentation was held and we were awarded with the overall place of 4th with a points core of 444. A fabulous 4th in the country finished off the athletics season nicely and we were only 9 points behind 3rd place. Well done to everyone that competed.

DANCE WORLD CUP



Congratulations to Emma D. (8W) who represented England at the Dance World Cup in Portugal. In total, 63 countries took part and Emma performed four group routines gaining 8th place for a small lyrical group; 8th place for a large lyrical group; 15th place for a large street group; and 16th place for an acro group.



NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS



On the evening of Friday 23rd June 24 pupils from Years 7 – 10 performed to a capacity audience in the first ever 'Night at the Musicals'. The event was planned in order to showcase the plethora of amazingly talented singers that we are fortunate enough to have at the Academy.

From *Les Miserables* to *Mean Girls*, *Moana* to *Matilda*, there was something to suit every musical taste. The audience were in for a real treat as the lights dimmed, the headsets were turned on and the show began!

The Acts were accompanied by a live house band – many thanks to Mr. W. Piercy (guitar), Mr. R. Casey (guitar) and Adam S. (8A) – (drum kit and percussion) who agreed to perform and assist Mrs. S. Stanley with providing the musical accompaniment for the evening.

A special mention must also go to Safia W. (10R) who programmed and operated the lights in a truly professional manner.

We are very much looking forward to running the event again in 2024.



NATIONAL FOOTBALL CUP

Congratulations to the U13 Girls' Football Team who reached the quarter-final of the National Football Cup. This is the second time in the Academy's history that a team has made it to this stage of the tournament.

The girls travelled to Meopham School to face a competitive, well-drilled, and tactical side. The action-packed game saw seven goals scored between the two teams, but unfortunately the final score of 4-3 went in Meopham's favour. After the final whistle, Meopham praised the team, saying the girls were the best side they had come up against in the tournament. To get to the final eight in the country is an amazing achievement and we couldn't be prouder.

Pupil Success

CRICKET ESSEX CUP

In June, the U15s Boys' Cricket Team made history by reaching the semi-final of the Cricket Essex Cup; a feat that no other team has accomplished before. After winning the Essex Plate Competition from the previous year, the Cricket Essex Cup was this year's goal.

Throughout the season, the boys had to compete against several schools where cricket is their main sport. One of the most memorable performances was against Chigwell Independent School. As expected, the facilities were amazing, but the weather did not match up, with rain and thunderstorms affecting play. Eventually, an hour passed until some cricket could be played. It was agreed that only five overs would be bowled per team as opposed to the normal 20 overs. Captain Harry C. (10R) won the toss and decided to bowl first. Chigwell managed to achieve 36 off 5 overs after some excellent bowling from Noah H. (9S) where only three runs were scored during his over. The boys went into bat and managed to score 38 with 2 balls to spare.

The quarter-final against Shenfield was another superb game. Shenfield batted first and set Eastwood a commanding target of 113 to win. Harry C. (10R) and his brother Luke C. (10R) guided the team to a win with a superb partnership of 88 runs with 5 overs to spare.

On the semi-final and final day, other than Eastwood, all the teams were from private and independent schools. Our opposition in the semi-final was Gosfield School. They set Eastwood a mammoth target of 221 runs. Eastwood did fall short of this run chase but, the boys had had an outstanding season to even get to this point in the competition.

In the local league and cup fixtures, the team have once again gone undefeated throughout the season. They have created a legacy at the Academy and they have spearheaded a cricket movement, inspiring many younger pupils to take up the sport and represent not only the school, but local cricket clubs too.



Back row: Fin H. (10A), Luke C. (10R), Ellis R. (10A), James C. (10R), Noah H. (9S), Ted T. (10P)

Front row: Fin E. (10K), Fin A. (10P), Harry C. (10R), Charlie W. (10R), Oliver C. (9R)

SPORTS LEADERS



On Friday 30th June, 14 of our Sports Leaders were given the opportunity to assist in the running of the KSI Borough Sports

Competition.

Each leader was assigned to a primary school and were tasked with making sure the pupils got to their races, understood the race, sorted out any equipment and provided motivation and encouragement.



We got many glowing reports about how enthusiastic and helpful our leaders were. A

special mention to Ben B. (9A) and Lucas J. (9S) who had multiple teachers complimenting them on their engagement, organisation and motivation and stating that they were a credit to the



Academy.

On Thursday 7th June the Annual Primary School Mini Games was held on our track, one of the favourite events on the Primary School calendar.

The morning saw KSI participating, and the afternoon KS2, with 60 of our Sports Leaders assisting throughout the day. They all did fantastically well, having to think on their feet and adapt their sessions for larger numbers than expected and for wheelchair users.

They should all be very proud of themselves, delivering their sessions with confidence, giving younger pupils experiences of new activities and making it enjoyable for them. In terms of praise, Evie N. (9A) and Elsie T. (9E) were complimented on their brilliant enthusiasm and energy during their parachute activities; Archie S. (9R) and Charlie P. (9A) got great feedback for their organisation and instructions in their long jump session; Ethan S. (9E) gave excellent demonstrations and explanations for archery; and Rio P. (9) and Jensen J. (9B) were praised for being really patient, encouraging and positive with the pupils.



Pupil Success

CHAMBER CHOIR PERFORMANCE



On the evening of Tuesday 23rd May the Academy Chamber Choir had the privilege of performing during The Jack Petchey Achievement Awards at The Palace Theatre. The Achievement Award

Scheme is a reward and recognition initiative which enables schools and youth organisations to celebrate the achievements of their young people and receive additional funding. After rushing to the Palace Theatre to rehearse after school, the 21 members of the Choir had a three hour wait in two very small and very hot dressing rooms before we finally made it to the stage!



The Choir performed 'The Prayer' to a capacity audience and represented the Academy to the highest of standards, both musically and professionally. Congratulations to every member of the Chamber Choir and special mention to Tony L. (10A) who took a soloist role and Maryse F. (10K) who represented our performance through sign language.



'BIG EAT OUT' PICNIC



On Friday 30th June, the Eastwood community came out in full spirits to enjoy the outdoors by hosting the first picnic on the field. As part of the Essex Wildlife Trust's '30 Days Wild' event to

explore the outdoors, an extended hour lunch, a picnic playlist and the sun shining made for a memorable event. Pupils and staff were asked to grab a blanket and set up their areas to socialise in the great outdoors with a £20 voucher awarded to the most creative set up.

From a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' to a 'Southend Beach Scene', the Eastwood community all dressed to impress. Miss. E. Potts judged the tough competition and awarded the 'Southend Beach Scene' the £20 voucher for their commitment and inflatables – Holly C. (10P), Simira T. (10S), Aiman Z. (10P) and Danika K. (10B). Thank you to all pupils and staff for making the event a true success.



HERD IN THE CITY



'Herd in the City' is a spectacular art show which runs from 14th July through to 4th September.

The Academy will be taking part this summer and our magnificent elephant 'Ellie,' will be on exhibition at the Beecroft Art Gallery. It's free to attend and various other elephants will be displayed at venues in Southend, Leigh and Shoeburyness.

All money raised via the downloadable trail app will go to the Havens Hospice. A huge thank you again to Ellie T. (11R) for her kind Jack Petchey donation, which helped the Art Department purchase the elephant.

A special thanks and recognition to a small creative team of Year 10 pupils who have shown tremendous creativity and teamwork. In a short timeframe, they worked out an Academy appropriate theme for the sculpture design and applied their 2D design onto the 3D sculpture. A lot of hours of painting later and the sculpture is ready to become part of the herd. Well done to Aiman Z. (10A), Holly C. (10B), Tilly D.'O.N. (10E), Lexie J. (10B) and Simira T. (10S). Ellie the Elephant is woodland themed, representing the seven named forests and houses of the Academy. The sculpture is full of detail and symbolism in connection to a school setting about diversity, nurture and growth.

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ENGLISH SHORT STORY COMPETITION



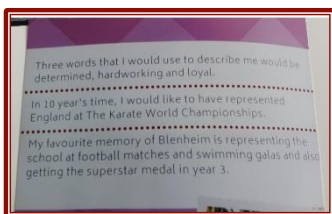
We are thrilled to announce the six winners of our KS3 Short Story Competition. From over 200 entries we have selected the very best writing; the range of narratives was stunning and

the writing was exemplary. Each of our successful pupils below has won a £10 Amazon voucher to spend on whatever they choose and we hope to see their written words displayed around the English Department for all our pupils to enjoy. Winners include: Ryan N. (7E), Eva L.-M. (7W), Lilly-Rose D. (7R), Bray B. (8K), Rose P. (8R) and Joseph B. (8W). We look forward to seeing them develop as writers and storytellers.

Pupil Success

WORLD CHAMPION KUMITE

Huge congratulations to Rio P. (9W) who became a Kumite World Champion Gold Medallist at the WUKF World Karate Championships in Dundee, Scotland. What makes this achievement even more special, is that in Year 6 Rio was asked where he saw himself in 10 years. Rio stated that he would like to represent England at the Karate World Championships. Not only has he fulfilled this dream, but he has also done it at age 14! A fantastic achievement Rio.



'30 DAYS WILD'

Over the 30 days of June, pupils took part in activities to encourage engagement with the outdoors. From hugging a tree, reading in the outdoors and discovering insects, pupils became avid adventurers! Three pupils in particular were awarded for their commitment to the event. Rosie W. (8A) received our prestigious 'Top Explorer' award by sending in 10 photos of herself in the outdoors. As a result, Rosie wins a badge and a free ticket to Colchester Zoo. Two special mentions also go to Emma D. (8W) and Oluwademilade I.-A. (10A) for their participation, winning themselves an embroidered badge.



BOROUGH ATHLETICS



On Friday 19th June, 120 pupils represented the Academy at the annual Borough Athletics Competition at Garons Park.

In the 29 °C heat, both staff and pupils were finding things a little tough and were starting to get a bit frazzled; but once again the pupils took the conditions in their stride and performed incredibly.

The afternoon session saw us receive medals galore and it was plain to see how much the medals meant to the pupils and staff, epitomising all the hard work over the last few months. The relay competition was very tight and, after a long wait in the sun, both the Boys' and Girls' Relay Teams were crowned champions for the overall Relay Shield. Once all the points had been totted up both teams came an incredible 2nd behind SHSG and SHSB.

SEA CADETS

Well done to Layla M. (8W) who represented Southend Sea Cadets on Sunday 18th June at the London Royal Docks. Layla and her rowing team won the event – well done!



Events

SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday 19th July, the Academy held its annual Sports Day on the Mondo Sports Track.



The winning House in each year group was announced and each Sports Captain was presented with a shield. Photos were taken by Creative iMedia pupils Caitlin D. (10B) and Lucia T. (10W)



Year 7 Winners
Richmond



Year 8 Winners
Richmond



Year 9 Winners
Ashdown



Year 10 Winners
Ashdown



Overall House Winners
Richmond

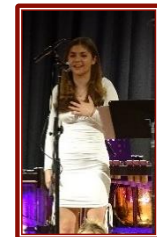


COMMENDATION EVENING

On Wednesday 12th July, the Academy held its annual Commendation Evening.



All Heads of Department presented an award to a KS3 and KS4 pupil and the evening ended with three major awards – Pastoral Award; Principal's Award; and Governing Body Award. Throughout the evening, staff, pupils, parents and Governors also experienced a range of performances from solo instrumental and singing acts, the Percussion Ensemble, Orchestra and Choir.



The Food Preparation GCSE pupils also prepared a range of pastisseries which were served by the Prefect Team who assisted throughout the evening.



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Extra-Curricular

MUSICAL SIX



On Thursday 29th June, Miss. V. Lang, Mr. S. Harrison and Miss. E. Potts took 45 Year 9 and 10 pupils to London to see the musical 'Six'.

It did not disappoint! A fantastic show giving a voice to Henry VIII's

Six wives, taking back control and telling us their real story.

Each individual had their own traumatic story of life with Henry to share with us. We heard about Catherine of Aragon, a paragon sent to a nunnery after years of devotion to Henry, in spite of infidelity, so he could marry Anne Boleyn; the one who chased the King but paid the price with the swordsman's swing. Following Anne was Jane Seymour, the only one he truly loved; then Anne of Cleves, accused of tricking Henry because she didn't look like her profile picture. Next came Katherine Howard, who was swiftly beheaded and finally, Catherine Parr, who had to abandon her true love to marry Henry and see him to the end of his life.

Their final song 'Six' was about what their life could have been like, rewriting 'His Story'. A brilliant production we would recommend everyone sees.

'30 DAYS WILD'

As part of the Essex Wildlife Trust's '30 Days Wild', pupils from Year 7 to 10 took part in a treasure hunt in the School Garden. Looking for clues and spelling out food-related words, pupils got to grips with the riddles and rhymes.



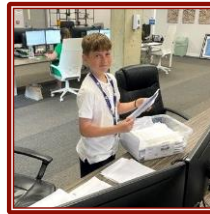
A big thank you to all 65 pupils who took part.

Winners: Year 7 - Oliver F. (7B), Year 8 - Adam L. (8B), Ezra S. (8B), Harry D. (8E) and Noah C. (8W). Year 9 - Aidan E. (9A), Reuben L.

(9A), Kiyon B. (9B), Mason T. (9S), Callum L. (9S) and Rocco C. (9W). Year 10 - Tony L. (10P) and Maliyah W. (10S).



TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK



We believe that work experience can help motivate pupils and give them a better understanding of the world of work along with the many skills required by employers. During the year, we introduced a programme where pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 had the opportunity to experience a day in the workplace.

The response was incredible with over 280 pupils across Year 7, 8 and 9 taking part in the 'Take Your Child to Work' scheme.

We are planning on organising this opportunity every year, with the ultimate goal that every pupil that leaves Eastwood in Year 11 has had access to four work experience opportunities.



LANGUAGES CLUB

This Summer Term the Languages Club revisited Eurovision 2023 and reviewed the top European songs, with Italy and England being the new favourites!



We looked at strange and unique languages, discovering worldwide regions where locals communicate by whistling and even drumming!

Esperanto was discussed and we debated if such a universal language could ever be possible?

The Big Quiz of Languages followed, with much team rivalry and we ended the year watching clips from French films.



The Language Club this year has welcomed pupils and teachers who have shared their culture and knowledge or interest in languages, including Arabic, Portuguese and Brazilian Portuguese, Russian, Irish, Spanish, Welsh, Japanese, French, German, Malayalam, Hindi, Bengali, Korean and Sign Language.

A big thank you to our Language Ambassadors Elsie N. (8E) and Gracie-Rose B. (8K) for running the club.

Extra-Curricular

BRONZE DOFE



During the weekends 10th to 11th June and 24th to 25th June, 175 Year 10s completed their bronze Duke of Edinburgh final assessment in Danbury.

Our adventurous pupils walked 20 km over their weekend, exploring the local area and enjoying the sights of the beautiful canals and the muntjac deer. Pupils on both weekends were lucky enough to have alterations to the conditions which fortunately meant that they did not have to carry the full kit.

Day one on both weekends saw the pupils set out early and a good pace was kept by all. Our wonderful staff waited patiently at Papermill Lock forcing themselves to eat cakes, scones and drink lots of coffee before moving to their next checkpoints.



Weekend one was too hot for a bonfire but not for cake and sparklers. Weekend two, however, saw a huge bonfire and giant American marshmallows being toasted by the pupils, whilst Leo W. (10K) and Mr. S. Harrison serenaded us with guitar playing and loud singing.

Our second weekend saw one of our Silver groups join us as a practice for their upcoming expedition in the New Forest. They were very competitive against the Bronze groups, but Aila C.-R. (11B), Adya S. (11E), Amal (11S) and Natasha (11B) were also wonderfully kind to our Bronze pupils, helping the groups who got a little off track.



Over the two weekends there were six other schools in the area but we were definitely the dominant school in terms of numbers, helped by our conspicuous brightly coloured t-shirts!

Well done, in particular, to Jack P. (10R) for the best compliments from the local walkers – too many to list.

Every single one of our pupils passed the expedition phase and we now look forward to them submitting their evidence so that they can achieve the full award.



SILVER DOFE

From 4th July to 7th July, 20 Year 11 pupils arrived at the New Forest on their final Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition. The first campsite was Foxlease - a 65 acre Georgian manor estate given by Princess Mary to Lady Baden Powell as a centre for Girl Guides. Pupils arrived on site to be greeted by a down pour that continued relentlessly, stopping only at 8 a.m. for a short 30-minute break.

In the morning, pupils were keen to start off on their hardest day of walking as they trekked to a campsite called Ferny Croft - a Scout Activity Centre. Our groups arrived at checkpoints,



waving and shrieking and made a lot of friends on the way as four other schools were on their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver expeditions.

Once on site, we put up all the tents again and enjoyed the privilege of flushable toilets and warm showers. Making the most of the dry weather, we had a wonderful campfire, toasted marshmallows, listened to ghost stories and exchanged recounts of the groups' walks.

The following day started very early as pupils were keen to get out quickly so that they could come back earlier. By this point, the pupils were very confident with their compass readings and map skills and got to their checkpoints bang on time. The funniest moment came when Adya S. (11E) rang to say that Aila C.-R. (11B) had fallen into a bog and was up past her knees in smelly mud. Despite requests to pick her up and let her get changed, we reminded the group that they have to be selfsufficient and her trousers would dry as she walked.

Once all of the groups were in we took them to the very beautiful village of Lyndhurst where they invaded the local fish and chip shop for tea. As we made our way, we had a very sad group of pupils who realised that their Eastwood journey was now at an end. It took us over six hours to get home in 30 °C heat, and then, one by one, our amazing pupils disappeared amongst hugs, tears and waves goodbye.



Sports Presentation Evening

On Wednesday 6th July, the Academy celebrated pupils' achievements in Sport. Winners received an invitation to attend this special event with family members and friends and were presented with various sporting commendations. Below are the 'Sports People of the Year' for their respective year groups.

Congratulations to the winners below:



PTA
Tia R. (10W)



PTA
Finley A. (10B)



Girls' Team of the Year



Boys' Team of the Year

GIRLS

BOYS

1st

2nd

3rd

1st

2nd

3rd



Heidi W. (7E)



Camille C. (7R)



Nancy A. (7R)



Albie L. (7K)



Charlie S. (7R)



Connor P. (7B)



Amy P. (8B)



Chloe B. (8R)



Violet B. (8B)



Noah T. (8K)



Josh H. (8E)



Ben P. (8R)



Jessica W. (9W)



Dulcie G. (9A)



Freya M. (9A)



Rocci W. (9B)



Zach N. (9B)



Jerome W. (9E)



Megan V. (10E)



Erin F. (10E)



Jodie M. (10A)



James C. (10R)



Luke C. (10R)



Harry C. (10R)

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

Year 7



Felicity W. (7B)



Tom B. (7S)

Year 8



Freya W. (8R)



Cameron N.B. (8B)

Year 9



Evie N. (9A)



Aydan H. (9A)

Year 10



Sophia L. (10S)



Ted T. (10W)

SCHOOL RECORD HOLDERS



Year 7 Girls 1500m:
Camille C. (8R)



Year 7 Girls 200m:
Heidi W. (7E)



Year 8 Girls High Jump:
Amy P. (8B)



Year 8 Girls 300m:
Violet B. (8B)



Year 8 Girls 100m:
Ava M. (8E)



Year 9 Girls 1500m:
Jessica W. (9W)



Year 9 Girls 75m Hurdles:
Desiree K. (9S)



Year 10 Girls Shot Putt:
Tia R. (10W)



Year 9 Girls 80m Hurdles:
Freya M. (9A)



Year 8 Girls Pole Vault & 75m Hurdles:
Alice B. (8A)



Year 7 Boys 100m, 200m, Shot Putt & Discus:
Albie L. (8K)



Year 8 Boys Long Jump:
Cameron N.B. (8B)



Year 9 Boys Long Jump:
Aydan H. (9A)



Year 9 Boys 300m:
Oscar C. (9E)



Year 7 Boys Relay: Remi M. (7A), JJ. N. (7R), Sam M. (7R), Albie L. (7K)



Year 9 Boys Relay: Oscar C. (9E), Rocci Williams (9B), Jerome W. (9E), Aydan H. (9A)

BOROUGH RECORD HOLDERS



Year 7 Boys 100m & Discus:
Albie L. (7K)



Year 8 Girls Pole Vault & 75m Hurdles:
Alice B. (8A)



Year 8 Boys Long Jump:
Cameron N.B. (8B)



Year 9 Boys 300m:
Oscar C. (9E)



Year 9 Boys Relay: Oscar C. (9E), Rocci Williams (9B), Jerome W. (9E), Aydan H. (9A)

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to all the pupils who were presented with certificates in the end of term House assemblies.

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ELVEDEN



KIELDER



RICHMOND



SHERWOOD



WHINFELL



PERIOD EQUALITY

The Academy is taking part in the Period Equality Scheme.

We can supply a variety of sanitary products including packs of Towels and Period Knickers. These can be collected from the Medical Room at Break and Lunch.

