



Introduction

We have had an incredibly busy start to the Autumn term at Emerson Park Academy.

Our pupils have continued working hard and their enthusiasm to make progress is evident.

This term is always busy and the start of Secondary education for our Year 7 pupils is always an exciting time.

It was great to see our Year 11 pupils on results day and the GCSE results reflected the hard work they had put into their studies. Once again, the GCSE results of Emerson Park Academy were above Havering and National averages.

Our ex -Year 11 pupils have now embarked upon the next chapter in their lives and we look forward to hearing how they progress. The success they enjoyed should provide extra motivation for our current Year 11 pupils who are heading towards their GCSE mock examinations later this term.

Open Evening provided prospective parents and carers with the opportunity to visit our school. Some 1500 visitors have had the chance to see first-hand what makes Emerson Park Academy special. We are delighted with the popularity of both the Open Evening and the subsequent school tours that have taken place over the past five weeks.

It is a privilege to lead such a wonderful school. I am proud of the pupils we have, the professionalism of our staff and the incredible support of parents and carers.

I hope you all have a great half term break and look forward to the second half of the Autumn term.

Best wishes,

Scott McGuinness
Headteacher
Emerson Park Academy

Sports Awards

On Thursday 28th September the PE department held its yearly sports awards where they recognise the sporting success that has happened at Emerson Park this past year.

73 different award winners picked up a variety of awards that ranged from players and performers of the year in various sports, a number of curriculum achievement awards, teams of the year, athlete of the year and recognition of sporting excellence outside of school.

The PE department would yet again like to congratulate all award winners on what was a great evening for all involved.



Form Time and Assemblies

It has been a busy time in form this half term, here are some of the activities that pupils have been doing, it is really important that they are punctual to school so that they do not miss out on the learning that takes place at this time.

Pupils have had assemblies on the following topics: resilience and the new school year ahead - Ms Blaize; a welcome back from their Head of Year; Sports Colours Awards; Senior Prefects and their roles: Ms Hampton and the Senior Prefects - Black History Month; Mr Giles Business and Finance to Years 9, 10 and 11 and Mr Parry - Action Castles to Years 7 and 8.

Additionally, forms have had the following Zoom sessions: Pupil Well-Being from Ms Edwards; No Outsiders from Dr Crawley (this is about being kind to people and embracing diversity); our annual Foodbank appeal - Dr Crawley; Malicious Communications (social media use) from PC McCarthy; World Mental Health Day - Miss Edwards; Black History Month Quiz from Dr Crawley and Business and Finance from Miss Bolger.

Year 11 forms have had a focus on College Transfer, Year 10 Forms have been invited to do their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and lower school forms have begun reading a form book of their choice.



Uniform Drive

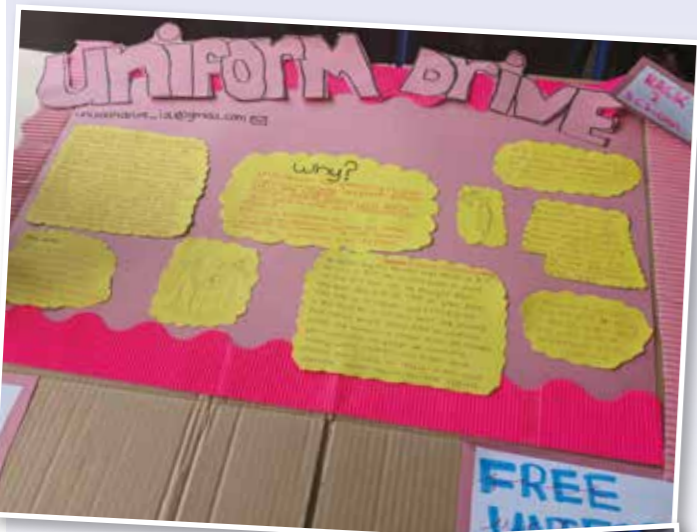
A group of Year 11 pupils who are studying GCSE Citizenship Studies, as part of their studies are campaigning about the cost of school uniform. Their aim is for children to eventually be issued with a free school uniform or school blazer. The pupils feel that due to the cost of living crisis and the pandemic many people spend their money on necessities such as housing costs, food and energy bills, and therefore struggle to afford the considerable cost of a school uniform. The Children's Society says that, on average, parents spend around £300 on a secondary uniform.

The group have decided to launch a uniform drive from Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 1st December 2023 and would be grateful if you could donate any spare /unwanted uniform items, (from either primary or secondary school), that you may have lying around your house.

Could you please send into school any items of unwanted uniform which they can hand into their form class. The group will then arrange to collect the items and take them to the second-hand uniform shop.

The group also explored the dangerous effects of vaping and the cost of living.

Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.



i Class

iClass has started the new academic year with a focus on positivity and good mental health and wellbeing. We have been focusing on our 'glimmers' which can be anything that spark feelings of joy and peace and can help us to feel safe and calm. Pupils and staff have enjoyed sharing their glimmers and inspiring each other to find creative ways to spark happiness. What is your glimmer?



Welcome Year 7

It's just over a month since the start of the new school year and hopefully, your child has settled in well to the new term. The behaviour of the new Year 7 pupils has been highly commendable. For some this can be very daunting as they move from a small primary school to a multi- building, multi-corridor environment where they're on the move between lessons all the time. If by half term your new Year 7 hasn't made this shift in their attitude towards the new environment, then it's probably a good time to discuss this with their form tutor or head of year to find out what's going on and to agree a way forward to help your child settle in. We endeavour to support your child in everyway possible. For further information and support visit the pupil wellbeing section on our website.



Student of the Half Term

This half term we have introduced the first of many new initiatives to ensure our pupils are rewarded for their hard work. Departments have awarded pupils this prestigious award for their consistent approach to learning and contribution to school life. Our 'Students of the Half Term' will receive a certificate and pen and will have their picture displayed in the school canteen. Congratulations to this Half Term's winners!

Art



Qiqi Z
Year 7



Emily L
Year 8



Elouise F
Year 9



Aidan R
Year 10



Zara A
Year 11

Business Studies



Lucy B
Year 10



Poppy H
Year 11



Computer Science



Steen E
Year 10



Anjali J
Year 11

Construction



Freddie C
Year 10



Harvey M
Year 11

Cultural Studies



Tito O
Year 7



Henry M
Year 8



Ethan W
Year 9

Drama



Dimitris A
Year 7



Leyla W
Year 9



Kayla B
Year 10



English



Martha T
Year 7



Luisa G
Year 8



Yuvraj S
Year 9



Jack A
Year 10



Finlay K
Year 11

History



Rion A
Year 7



Adele K
Year 8



Lois S
Year 9



Ruby S
Year 10



Anjali J
Year 11

Food



Callum S
Year 7



Esme M
Year 8



Kaelan G
Year 9



Harrison P S
Year 10



Layla T T
Year 11

Information Technology



Triston W
Year 7



Kavisian K
Year 8



Elouise F
Year 9



Cheriche A
Year 10

Geography



Charlie R
Year 7



Mitchell T
Year 8



James B
Year 9



Madalina T
Year 10



Eleanor H
Year 11

Maths



Karishma K
Year 7



Claudette P
Year 8



Ali D
Year 9



Lucy M
Year 10



Anastasia S S
Year 11

Health & Social Care



Ruby S
Year 10



Millie P
Year 11

Media Studies



Andrew O
Year 10



Zahrah K
Year 11



Modern Foreign Languages



Anton M
Year 7



Maisie P
Year 8



Hope D
Year 9



Ewan B
Year 10



Bethany B
Year 11

Music



Amy S
Year 7



Henry M
Year 8



Rocco S
Year 9



Ennis T
Year 10



Sunny S
Year 11

Photography



Amber-Louise K
Year 10



Luke B
Year 11

Physical Education



Evie D
Year 7



Naomi A
Year 8



Elliot M
Year 9



Dexter C
Year 10



Nancy H
Year 11

Sports Science



Madalina T
Year 10



Lexie O
Year 11

Science



Lily P
Year 7



Abdul R
Year 8



Jacob S
Year 9



Ennis T
Year 10



Sophia B
Year 11

Separate Sciences



Madalina T
Year 10



Hadi U
Year 11



Textiles



Alice R
Year 10



Bethany B
Year 11

Timbers



Ryan Shoesmith
Year 10



Harry L
Year 11



iClass



Ray N
Year 7



Dexter C
Year 10



Senior Prefects

Every single student at EPA should have high expectations of themselves and of others. Senior prefects act as aspirational role-models to their peers across the school to inspire younger pupils to strive for and achieve the same goal. A huge well done and congratulations to all our senior prefects.



Well-being

This year, we have introduced a Well-being committee whose aim is to help improve the pupil voice of well-being in the school by raising awareness of different dates in the Well-being calendar.

For Gratitude day this year in September, all pupils wrote a thank you or gratitude note to a person of their choice. The aim of this was to improve pupil and staff morale. We all like to feel appreciated, it makes us feel good!

This year on World Mental Health day on Tuesday 10th October, the Well-being committee had 3 activities during the day. All pupils had an opportunity to reflect on their on well-being during form time. There was also a Kick it out activity at lunch time, whereby pupils wrote a worry of theirs on a football and had a chance to then kick it out. In addition, there was also a fundraising activity, raising money for a local Mental Health Charity Havering Mind. Pupils sold Krispy Kreme doughnuts for this event, which proved to be a great hit.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular activities boost young people's confidence to interact socially with others; extend their social networks; and provide them with new skills and abilities. Above all, they offer an important space to have fun and relax away from the pressures of school work. Please find our timetable of activities for autumn and winter on our website listed under the 'Extra-Curricular section'.



School social media

Are you following the official school social media accounts? To follow us on Facebook search @emersonparkacademy Facebook Page and 'Like' the page with the official school logo for the correct page to follow. For Instagram follow @emersonparkacademy and X @EmersonParkAC. The social media accounts will highlight behind the scenes at school, news, and information. Our website is www.emersonparkacademy.org

We strongly advise that all communication to the school should be sent to the info@emersonparkacademy.org email address. Please note that this email account (info@emersonparkacademy.org) is monitored during the school day.



Term Dates

Please familiarise yourself with the updated term dates for 2023/2024. The LA have now amended the 2023/24 term dates to align with our neighboring boroughs. This means the February 2024 half-term holiday will now be between the 19th and 23rd February 2024.

