



Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been an incredibly busy term at Emerson Park Academy.

All of our pupils have been working extremely hard and their commitment to their studies has been admirable.

The GCSE examinations have now finished and we look forward to Thursday 24th August 2023 (Results Day) with a great deal of positivity.

Examination success is a great individual achievement, yet is only made possible through the fantastic support that family, friends and teachers can offer during this challenging period.

Examinations aside, we have had so many stories of personal and team successes throughout the year. The achievements range from incredible attainment in the classroom to outstanding success on the sporting fields. Our Awards Evenings and assemblies have given us an opportunity to celebrate such notable performances.

Each year brings both challenges and opportunities and I am sure the next academic year at Emerson Park Academy will be no exception.

Once again, I should point out just how proud I am of the pupils at this school, the professionalism of our staff and the incredible support of parents and carers.

I hope you all enjoy the summer break.

Best wishes,

Scott McGuinness
Headteacher



School Trips

During the half-term break, the MFL Faculty took thirty pupils on a residential visit to Normandy, France. Pupils undertook a unique French language immersion programme, with an emphasis on learning the language through engaging, hands-on experiences. Typical activities included a visit to a goat farm at Mont St. Michel; a traditional French street market and even the Bayeux Tapestry. Pupils participated in a variety of sports, such as archery and aéroballe (basketball on trampolines). Over the course of the week, they received daily lessons from staff at the residence and made noticeable progress in their speaking skills.

We are so grateful to the ‘animateurs’ who looked after us for the duration of our stay. Their enthusiasm and limitless energy will leave our Year 9’s with so many fond memories of their time in France.



Please follow us on Twitter @mffacultyepa for details of future MFL trips abroad.



The GCSE Geography cohort have completed the first half of their geography fieldwork. Pupils have been collecting data in and around the Olympic Park where they have been studying the legacy of the Olympic games in achieving its regeneration goals. Pupils represented the school magnificently, especially evident when conducting questionnaires on members of the public. This data was used to write up a report on how sustainable the area is for residents. A big thank you to Geography and supporting staff who ran the trips.



Future Frontiers

Twenty pupils in Year 10 have had the opportunity to work with a multinational corporation in London, where they have been coached to consider their future career prospects. Pupils have conducted themselves admirably and have gained invaluable workplace skills which will serve them well as they continue their journey. We would like to thank the wonderful volunteer coaches at Marex International within the City of London for their help guiding our young people. An additional thank you to all EPA staff that have supervised pupils during this fantastic opportunity.



Wellbeing

Please find on our school website a range of websites which provide young people, parents and guardians advice on mental health and how to look after their own wellbeing.

Young Minds – Provide young people with tools to look after their mental health, empower parents and adults who work with young people to be the best support they can be to the young people in their lives (www.youngminds.org.uk)

Lionesses hero

Over 240 girls aged 12-14 descended on Gunnersbury Park from 29 London boroughs to take part in a tournament and fun-filled day that aimed to keep girls inspired and motivated to take part in sport and fan the flames of a love of football. Attention soon turned to Lionesses icon Kelly, who spoke with the girls about her World Cup dream this summer, returning after setbacks and inspired the youngsters to keep playing a sport still dominated by boys at youth level. Well done to our under-14 girls who represented Havering at the London Youth games football competition. The girls worked hard in the heat and were only a couple of points away from qualifying for the quarter finals. The girls did manage to meet England Lioness and European Championship hero Chloe Kelly.



Duke of Edinburgh

We had another successful year in DofE. The pupils showed true determination whilst also showing a great sense of humour throughout. Our thanks go to the members of staff who gave up their weekend to assist with the expedition in Danbury.

Food Glorious Food

Once again, our Year 11 GCSE food practical outcomes were fantastic.

This year's theme was American food. We got a delicious mix of classic North American burgers and brownies along with South and Central American homemade fajitas and nacho dishes, yum!



iClass

It has been a fantastic year in iClass with an array of successful projects, interventions and pupil achievements.

Our silk worms completed their lifecycle, spinning their silk cocoons and emerging as beautiful silk moths.



We adopted a grey seal through the Kent Wildlife trust which our pupils have named 'Conner'. We look forward to extending our relationship with the Wildlife Trust in the future.

Finally, a very well done to pupils who have completed their ASDAN courses and will be receiving their certificates very soon – these courses are demanding and require a committed effort to achieve success.



Charity Collection

Mr Vickers, one of our PE teachers, has left to go to Somalia to set up a charity for SEN children to play sport. He has previously done four tours in other African countries.

A huge thank you to everyone that helped to donate goalie gloves, football boots, Astro boots and footballs shirts to take out there.



Science Club

Some Year 7 & 8 pupils were very excited to participate in different practical experiments, such as making slime, dissections, building up rockets, etc. It can be messy, but it is definitely worth it. Don't try this at home!



Leavers Day

We said an emotional farewell to Year 11 as they embarked upon their GCSE exams when they had their leavers day in May. Throughout their exam season, the Year 11's conducted themselves impeccably. Good luck class of 2023, exam results soon and we wish them every success in their future endeavours.



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 Twitter @EmersonParkAC. The social media accounts will highlight behind the scenes, news and information. Our website is www.emersonparkacademy.org



Singing competition

Congratulations to all the talented singers who participated in the recent competition. Seeing the unique talents that each of you brought to the stage was truly inspiring. Although the judges had to choose a winner, every participant should be proud of themselves for putting in the effort and having the courage to perform in front of their peers.

We are pleased to announce the winners of the competition. Jaz L showed exceptional talent and won the first prize. Catherine M came in second place, with Charlotte C and Amelie R in third. We would also like to congratulate Dylan H for winning the audience award.

Moreover, we are glad to inform you that the Year 7's who watched the show enjoyed it, and we were proud of how they interacted with the audience. Once again, we appreciate all the participants' dedication and hard work, and we can't wait to see your future performances!



Patricia Walsh

Patricia is a blind American triathlete; she also held the world record for disabled athletes for Iron Man. She was in the USA National Team for six years.

Patricia spoke about being blind and how she navigates her life and how other people can help her. She also spoke about her journey from not being allowed to participate in sport at school, to becoming a world record holder. Patricia was engaging and motivational; we were honoured to host her.



Summer Concert

We recently hosted a Summer concert and it was a huge success. The talented musicians showcased their skills in an eclectic mix of music, which included singing, piano, guitar, and even a DJ set to wrap up the night. We had set up an area for people to dance to the music but, unfortunately, no one took the opportunity. Nonetheless, all participants delivered star performances, and Aidan H's electric guitar playing left the audience in awe of his professional standard. Overall, it was an enjoyable evening with great music and talented performers.

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting more concerts. We are currently looking for sponsors for our program so, if you or someone you know is interested, please get in touch with us. Our next concerts will be our Year 7 before October half-term, followed by a Christmas carol concert and a contemporary concert at school. We can't wait to showcase even more talented performers and provide an enjoyable musical experience.

