



Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy summer term at Emerson Park Academy. I am glad to say our pupils have excelled in their studies and continue to make rapid progress.

The summer term is always busy and the GCSE examinations are very much the focus of our attention at this time of year.

We now wait, with great anticipation, for the results in August. Examination success is only made possible through the fantastic support that family, friends and teachers can offer during this challenging period.

The Year 11 Prom was a resounding success and a fitting way to mark the end of our pupils' time at Emerson Park Academy. We wish them all every success in whatever the future holds for them and we hope they keep us updated on their new ventures.

There have been numerous trips, visits and events over the past term. The *Beauty and the Beast* production was a fantastic way to showcase our talent in performing arts and one of the highlights of the year. Sports Awards Evening also attracted a good audience to celebrate their achievements in a multitude of individual and team events.

It has been a pleasure to witness the success stories of our pupils and it is a privilege to lead such a great school.

The professionalism of our staff and the magnificent support of parents and carers ensure we continue to move in such a positive direction.

I hope you all have a great summer holiday and look forward to results day in August and the new academic year in September.

Best wishes,

Scott McGuinness
Headteacher

Beauty and the Beast

A massive congratulations to the cast and crew of *Beauty and the Beast*. It was fantastic to have our first whole school production in eight years and it was an amazing performance. The pupils involved were buzzing and happy throughout the night, and they should be proud of themselves. There were some outstanding performances but it was a team effort and the dance choreography was exceptional, often ending to huge rounds of applause. Everyone from the stagehands to the lead characters acted with professionalism and dedication; it is fantastic to see what our pupils can achieve.

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 2024 ... exam results soon and we wish them every success in their future endeavours.



Golden Tickets

Our pupils have been working hard, and both teachers and support staff are eager to reward their positive contributions to our school community. Many Golden Tickets have been issued in recognition of pupil's exemplary demonstration of our Academy's values. These tickets enter pupils into a prize draw and, this term, they have claimed £300 in prizes! We are proud of their achievements and look forward to more amazing examples of dedication and excellence next term.



Geography Trip

94 GCSE pupils visited Walton-on-the-Naze and Lower Lea Valley to collect a range of primary data to support their GCSE examinations next summer. Pupils had to use a range of skills, from field sketches to questionnaires and work both independently and as part of a team to ensure the data is as accurate as possible. All pupils represented the school in a very positive way and they should all be proud. An extra thank you to all staff who gave up their free time to ensure the trip ran smoothly.



After much deliberation, our senior team has been announced. Congratulations to George T. (Head Boy), Kayla B. (Head Girl), David HR. (Deputy Head Boy), and Sophie G. (Deputy Head Girl). Additionally, congratulations to our Senior Prefects: Harry L., Aidan B., Eva G., Alice R., Matachi A., and Charlotte C. We look forward to seeing the great things you will accomplish!



Jack Petchey

The Jack Petchey Foundation was established in 1999 to support young people aged 11–25 through programmes in schools and youth organisations. The aim of the charity is to support projects to enable young people to achieve their potential and contribute to society.

Pupils can win a Jack Petchey Award for many reasons. Winners receive £300 to spend in school on something that will benefit the pupils. This year the pupils have purchased revision materials, musical instruments, camera lenses and much more.

We would like to congratulate those who have been awarded so far this year – Eunice T., Abdul R., Connie B., Ewan B., Kaeden B. & Jess C. Additionally, congratulations to Miss Maunder who has received the Jack Petchey Leader's Award after receiving several nominations from pupils who wished to recognise her hard work and dedication to the Academy.

These pupils will be invited to a special awards ceremony at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch, early 2025. Our last year's winners enjoyed a fantastic evening on 9th May where they were celebrated for their remarkable achievements. Congratulations to all involved!



Senior Prefects

This term, our Year 10 pupils were given the opportunity to apply for the role of Prefect. Following this, some went on to apply for the position of Senior Prefect. Each candidate was interviewed by three members of staff, and the standard of interviews was outstanding, showcasing the maturity and commitment of our pupils to our school community. Each applicant presented innovative ideas to improve our school, with some already starting to implement their plans.



Duke of Edinburgh

On 22nd–23rd June we took 37 pupils away to Danbury to complete their expedition section of their Bronze Award. Mr Wheeler and Mr Drinan are pleased to say they all passed the section with flying colours. All groups showed fantastic teamwork, communication, perseverance, map-reading skills and pushed themselves outside their comfort zone.



Future Frontiers Programme

Fifteen Year 10 pupils have had the opportunity to speak with a multi-National cooperation in Central London. They have undertaken four visits where they will receive guidance in types and availability of careers that are of interest to them. In the final session they get the opportunity to interview someone actively working in their field of interest and learn what it takes to make it in that industry. Pupils have conducted themselves admirably and made a fantastic first impression. We take this opportunity to thank all of the staff volunteering their time at D. C. Advisory, King William St, London and giving us this fantastic opportunity.

It's been a busy summer term for Year 10 with their recent mock exams, putting them on a steady path for Year 11.



Wellbeing

This half term Mental Health Awareness Week was celebrated from Monday 13th May until Sunday 19th May. The main aims of this week are to increase understanding of mental health and also how mental health problems can be prevented.

This year the theme was 'Moving more for our Mental Health' and to be able to create moments for movement. Movement is one of the most important things we can do for our Mental Health. Looking after ourselves physically helps us prevent problems with our Mental Health. However, many of us struggle to get enough exercise for different reasons, so the idea was to help people find moments for movement in their daily routines.

During this week, pupils gained knowledge about a Sedentary lifestyle and how this impacts our health, the importance of movement and sleep and how to get more movement into our day-to-day lives. To celebrate this week, pupils and staff participated in a Step Challenge. This challenge involved documenting their daily step count and also movement throughout the week. There was a winner in every year group of the pupil who could complete the most steps throughout the week. The prize being a Nike water bottle and Amazon Gift Card.

Well done to the following pupils who topped the leaderboard for their year group.

- Year 7 - Oliver P. (106,656)
- Year 8 - Evan H. (196,280) - An average of 28,040 steps a day for a week.
- Year 9 - Jamie LK. (119,216)
- Year 10 - Seshu K. (34,240)

Well done also to Mr Wheeler who won the staff step challenge competition with 112,000 steps for the week.

To continue having moments for movement over the summer holidays, Havering Active have many activities for pupils to get involved with during the summer break. Please see the below link for more information.

<https://haveringactive.co.uk/index.php/holidayactivities>

Preparing for the Summer Holidays

For lots of us, the summer holidays provide relaxing days, a chance to catch up with friends and fun activities ... but some pupils may be nervous about school breaking up for summer and the lack of routine this provides.

Have a look below at the following ideas to help with planning for the school holidays:

1. *Explore the local community* – Explore the local leisure centres, youth clubs and recreation grounds. Are there any activities going on? What about 'free swim' days or other fun days put on by the local council?
2. *Find a library* – Research which libraries are open and when. Is there free access to computers? Are there any clubs running over the summer?

3. *Volunteer* – Find out about local youth groups where you can volunteer; this is a good way of making new friends. www.iwill.org.uk/get-involved/young-people
4. *Become an author* – Write and illustrate a book or zine using just some paper and pens/pencils. Research some themes and inspiration.
5. *Take on a challenge* – Here are some ideas for activities that will take time and practice to accomplish: Learning to ride a bike / Learning to swim / Learning to roller skate or skateboard.
6. *Learning a new language* – There's no need to join a class or buy any books, local libraries may have books, CDs or apps.
7. *Keep in touch* – Explore how to keep in touch with friends and classmates over the holiday – arrange meeting up once a week at the local park or shopping centre.
8. *Watch a film* – Find out about local cinemas which may show some films for free or reduced prices for children and young adults.
9. *Learn something new* – Visit local museums and/or galleries. Research which ones are nearby and free to visit.

Finally, an online Magazine called 'Family First' are supporting the NHS to help improve the physical and mental wellbeing of families living in England. If you are interested in reading, the latest issue has just been released.

<https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue3-24>

Form Time

Form Time is an integral part of the day and forms part of the PSHE provision for our pupils. During the summer term we have covered the following topics either in an assembly or by Zoom; study skills, issues around vaping, smoking and drugs, EPA standards, gaming safety, etymology, resilience, democracy and the General Election, mental health, body image, Gypsy, Roma Traveller History Month, the benefits of exercise and summer safety.

iClass

iClass was thrilled to host an interactive wildlife experience for our pupils. Living Things brought their unique workshop to the Academy, giving pupils an opportunity to engage with a diverse array of exotic creatures in an up close and personal way. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience, learning lots of interesting facts about the animals and their habitats. They were able to step out of their comfort zone to handle a variety of creatures including a meerkat, frog, sugar glider, ferret, tree frog, leopard gecko, guinea pig, tenrec, corn snake and a tortoise!





Students of the half term

Art



Annabelle A
Year 7



William M
Year 8



Maisie H
Year 9



Katie M
Year 10



Zara A
Year 11

Business Studies



David C
Year 10



Max H
Year 11



Katie M
Year 10



Danielle D
Year 11



Citizenship

Computer Science



David H
Year 10



Nicolae S
Year 11



Lily P
Year 7



Evan H
Year 8



Anna B
Year 9

Cultural Studies

Design Technology (Construction)



Harry M
Year 10



James M
Year 11



Ronit R
Year 7



Adele K
Year 8



Maisie H
Year 9

Design Technology (Food)

Design Technology (Food)



Brooke A
Year 10



Finlay K
Year 11

Design Technology



Kaeden B
Year 7



Advika S
Year 8



Archie G
Year 9

Design Technology (Textiles)



Brooke R
Year 10



Emily B
Year 11

Design Technology (Timbers)



Ryan S
Year 10



Luke B
Year 11



Drama



Jake B
Year 7



Anna B
Year 9



Georgina P
Year 10



Callum S
Year 7



Abdul R
Year 8

English

English



Mya C
Year 9



Ioana T
Year 10



Emily H
Year 11

Geography



Grace T
Year 7



Veer G
Year 8

Geography



Max C
Year 9



Brooke V
Year 10



Clarke F
Year 11

Health & Social Care



Holly R
Year 10



Caitlyn J
Year 11

History



Luke W
Year 7



Joaquim L
Year 8



Callum K
Year 9



Holly R
Year 10



Jessica H
Year 11

Information Technology



Sophie G
Year 7



Archie T
Year 8



Joseph M
Year 9



Cherechi A
Year 10



Maths



Dimitris A
Year 7



Alfie P
Year 8



Amy K
Year 9



Mia M
Year 10



Media Studies



George B
Year 10



Emily D
Year 11



Jake B
Year 7



Aaron T
Year 8



Chloe W
Year 9

Modern Foreign Languages



Samara B
Year 10



Erikas Z
Year 11



Kaeden B
Year 7



Livvy M
Year 8



Joseph M
Year 9

Music

Music



Charlotte C
Year 10



TJ X
Year 11

Photography



Daisy L
Year 10



Aki B
Year 11



Physical Education



Jack R
Year 7



Esme M
Year 8



Madumai K
Year 9



Calen S
Year 10



Joel A
Year 11

Sports Science



Phoebe I
Year 10



Teddy H
Year 11

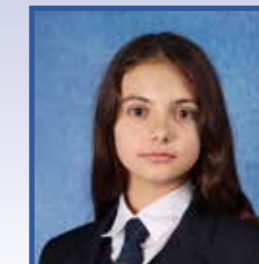
Science



Albert G
Year 7



Evan H
Year 8



Elena M
Year 9

Science



Seshu K
Year 10



Rewards Breakfast

This term, pupils who achieved the highest number of Pride Points in their form groups were rewarded with an exclusive breakfast event. These top-performing pupils gathered to enjoy a delightful breakfast and had a fantastic time playing games in the gym. Congratulations to all those invited for their hard work and dedication! Keep up the great effort!



Ice Lolly Sales

With the arrival of the warmer weather, the selling of ice lollies was welcomed. There was a selection of different lollies, all priced at £1, organised by Mrs Freeman and the prefects, the pupils helped to raise money for the leavers prom.



Essex Schools

In June, 4 of our pupils represented Havering at the Essex Schools Athletics Championships at Melbourne Park in Chelmsford.

Abi R., 800m, Charlie G. and Sam K. 300m, and Joel A., 100m.

Charlie and Sam made it through to the Junior Boys 300m final after coming 1st and 2nd in their heats.

Then, in the final, Sam K. ended up finishing 2nd and took home a silver medal, with Charlie finishing 5th.

Joel A. breezed through his 100m heat and, in the final, ran an outstanding 10.49s to claim 1st place and is Essex Champion. Joel also ran a national standard time, so will be representing Essex at the English Schools National Athletics Championships in July.



Eco Art Competition

Emerson Park Academy emerged as the overall winner of the Earth Day Eco Art Competition hosted by The Liberty Shopping Centre in Romford in a Havering wide competition.

Our pupils were the top five winners of the competition. The pinnacle prize of a landscaped eco garden comes to Emerson Park Academy.

Huge congratulations to all the pupils that took part. The energy, passion, commitment and creativity each and every piece of art that was delivered was inspiring.

