



### Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another incredibly busy year, it gives us the opportunity to look back over the period with a great sense of achievement and pride.

The Summer term is always busy and this year has proved to be no exception.

The GCSE examinations went incredibly well and now Year 11 have to wait until Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 to reap the rewards of their fantastic efforts. I am sure it will be another great day.

Other Year groups have also had a large number of activities to get involved in. This term has seen the Duke of Edinburgh trip, the school production of *Matilda*, Sports Day and The Prom to name just a few. This newsletter gives you a snippet of some of the other events that have taken place recently.

The academic year has also ended with some great news for Emerson Park Academy and our school community. After several attempts, without success, to win funding for a new Sports Hall, we have finally managed to secure the funding from the Government.

I am delighted to tell you that Emerson Park Academy has been awarded £3.4m in the latest round of CIF funding and the design work for our new Sports Complex has already begun. The actual building work should begin in the Autumn term.

This is great news for us all and takes the total amount spent on refurbishing the school to around £14m over the past ten years.

I will update you all on the plans in the very near future.

On a separate note, I need to say a massive thank you to staff leaving us for new ventures.

At this point I need to give a special mention to Dr Christine Crawley (Assistant Head Teacher). After 22 years of service at Emerson Park Academy, Dr Crawley has decided to take her well-deserved retirement. I am truly grateful for her work at the school and I know how popular she has been with our pupils here and the wider community. She will be sorely missed but we all wish her well in her next endeavours.

I hope you all get the opportunity to relax over the summer and I am sure next year will provide us with another successful chapter in our history.

I wish you all the best over the holiday period and look forward to seeing Year 11 on results day.

Kind Regards,

Scott McGuinness  
Headteacher

### Leavers Day

In June, we bid an emotional farewell to our Year 11 pupils as they embarked on their GCSE exams. Throughout the exam season, they conducted themselves with maturity, focus, and integrity. We are incredibly proud of them and wish the Class of 2025 the very best as they await their results and take the next steps in their journey. Good luck – your future is bright!



## Farewell, Dr Crawley

After 22 incredible years at Emerson Park Academy, we say a fond farewell to Assistant Head Teacher Dr Crawley. Her hard work, empathy and dedication have left a lasting mark on both pupils and staff. Christine, thank you for your unwavering commitment to education – you will be deeply missed. We wish you a joyful and fulfilling retirement.



## Drama Department Update

- **Year 7** pupils are wrapping up their year with a focus on the National Theatre's Peter Pan, exploring the technical side of theatre through set and costume design. We wish them a creative summer and look forward to seeing them again in Year 9!
- **Year 9** pupils are concluding their Key Stage 3 drama journey with a deep dive into scriptwriting, set design and stage effects – even learning to create realistic bruises through makeup! Good luck to those starting their GCSEs – and we're excited to continue the journey with our KS4 Drama students.



## LAMDA Success

Our first-ever **LAMDA Showcase** was a fantastic success! A big thank you to the parents for supporting their children and to Ms. Zoe Pilgrim for preparing our pupils for their upcoming exams. Best of luck to all LAMDA participants – we are proud of you!



## Speak Out Challenge

A huge congratulations to **Katie R**, who placed 3rd in the regional final of the Speak Out Challenge. Her powerful speech and confident delivery impressed the judges – we are so proud of her achievement!



## Cake Sale for Charity

Year 8 pupil Ray N led a successful cake sale, raising £185 for Macmillan Cancer Support – surpassing his target of £181, which funds eight weeks of emotional support for someone living with cancer. Ray showed outstanding initiative and compassion. Thank you to Miss Bailey, to all staff who contributed, and to Abena B for her delicious cupcakes!



## iClass Hosts Living Things

iClass welcomed *Living Things* for another exciting, interactive experience. Pupils had the opportunity to meet and handle creatures like a ferret, chinchilla, leopard gecko, meerkat, corn snake, tarantula and more. The day was filled with awe, learning, and bravery – we can't wait for their return!



## Eco Garden Transformation

This year, Emerson Park Academy proudly took part in an Eco Art Competition and was rewarded with a full eco garden makeover by The Liberty Shopping Centre and Essex Landscaping. The result is a vibrant space filled with bee-friendly plants, paths, and seating. It's a beautiful daily reminder of our pupils' creativity and commitment to the planet.



## Senior Prefects Announced

Following a competitive selection process, we are proud to announce our Senior Prefect Team:

- **Head Boy:** Charlie A-W
- **Head Girl:** Ivy J
- **Deputy Head Boy:** Harry B
- **Deputy Head Girls:** Lyla B & Katie R
- **Senior Prefects:** Dilan A, James B, Frankie B & Stella O

Out of 75 applicants, 60 pupils were chosen as prefects. From these, nine were interviewed for senior positions – all candidates impressed with their maturity and leadership potential. Congratulations to all!



## Havering Football Finals

Three Emerson Park teams reached the Havering Schools Football Finals at Barking FC!

- **U16 Girls:** Seven Year 11s aimed for their 5th title. Despite dominating the match and scoring through Sophie G and Olivia W, they narrowly lost in extra time to Redden Court.
- **Year 7 Boys:** A thrilling 3-2 win over Hall Mead, with two goals from Roni A and one from Deny I secured the cup at their first attempt!
- **Year 8 Boys:** Back-to-back champions after a dominant 6-1 win! Riley R scored a hat-trick, with additional goals from Nathan W (2) and Kylene C.

An amazing end to the football season – well done to all players!





Students of the half term

Art



Rosie G  
Year 7



Elsie B  
Year 8



Graciela R  
Year 9



Eva N  
Year 10

Business Studies



Elena M  
Year 10

Citizenship



Jaya D  
Year 10

Computer Science



Joseph M  
Year 10

Cultural Studies



Sofia C  
Year 7

Cultural Studies



Faith W  
Year 8

Design Technology (Construction)



Abdul R  
Year 9

Design Technology (Construction)



Sowami, F  
Year 10

Design Technology



Jess C  
Year 9

Design Technology (Food)



Frank C  
Year 10

Design Technology (Timbers)



George B  
Year 10

Drama



Lilly-Rose P  
Year 7



Louie J  
Year 9

English



Erin L  
Year 7



Jimmy K  
Year 8



Jess C  
Year 9



Tommy S  
Year 10

Geography



Angel S  
Year 7



Lucretia M  
Year 8

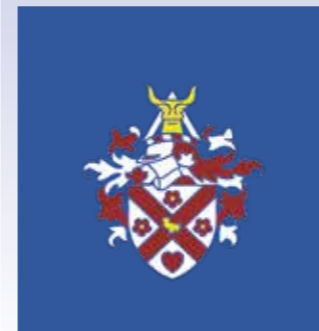


Jimi T  
Year 9



Vrunda S  
Year 10

Health & Social Care



Fawziyah S  
Year 10



History



Harveen D  
Year 7



Sofia O  
Year 8



William M  
Year 9



Amira S  
Year 10

Modern Foreign Languages



Albion C  
Year 10

Music



Emily P  
Year 7



Faith W  
Year 8



Lexi P  
Year 9

Information Technology



William B  
Year 7



William I  
Year 8



Harry E  
Year 9



Chloe H  
Year 10

Psychology

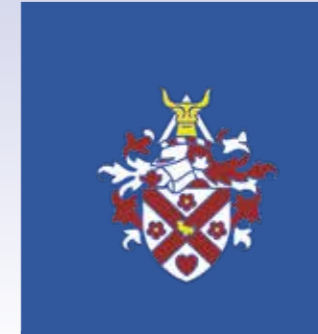


Eva N  
Year 10

Physical Education



Deny I  
Year 7



Tristian W  
Year 8



Josias M  
Year 9

Maths



Patsy Smith  
Year 7



Imogen R  
Year 8



Tenny I  
Year 9



Charlie G  
Year 10

Physical Education



Samuel S  
Year 10

Sports Science



Frankie M  
Year 10

Science



Nathaniel C  
Year 7



Callum W  
Year 8

Media Studies



Katie M  
Year 10

Modern Foreign Languages



Lilly-Rose P  
Year 7



Kiera B  
Year 8



Joaquim L  
Year 9

Science



Medina S  
Year 9

Curriculum Support



Dilan A  
Year 10

Curriculum Support



Erika P  
Year 10



## Future Frontiers Programme

Fifteen Year 10 pupils participated in the Future Frontiers programme, working with professionals from AXA Insurance in London. They explored career pathways and developed key workplace skills. Thank you to Mr Thurley, Ms Jones, and all EPA staff who supported this invaluable opportunity, and to our volunteer coaches for inspiring our students.



## A Show to Remember

A massive congratulations to the incredible cast and crew of *Matilda!* The energy and enthusiasm from the pupils were infectious throughout the evening, and they should all be incredibly proud of what they achieved. The production featured some truly outstanding individual performances, but it was the team spirit and collaboration that made the show so special. The choreography was particularly exceptional, often earning well-deserved rounds of applause from the audience. A magical night of talent, hard work, and joy – well done to everyone involved!



## Sports Day 2025

Blessed with warm weather and high spirits, Sports Day 2025 was a huge success! Led brilliantly by staff and the PE department, the day celebrated athleticism, teamwork and school spirit. Congratulations to all pupils for taking part. We would also like to thank our Year 11 Sport Science pupils who came back to help out with the event.

## Holocaust Talk with Testimony 360

Using innovative AI and VR technology, pupils heard the powerful story of a Holocaust survivor during a visit from Testimony 360. Pupils explored significant locations like Auschwitz and the survivor's hometown, Felsőgöd, gaining a deeper understanding of this vital history through immersive, first-hand testimony.

