

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we draw closer to the end of what is always an elongated Autumn Term, I can reflect on another rewarding period for the Academy.

The term began with the Academy recording another impressive set of GCSEs, reaffirming its status as the most successful non-selective school in Southend and South East Essex.

On 11<sup>th</sup> October, the DfE published provisional school performance data, specifically Progress 8, placing the Academy in the top quintile of schools nationally.

Click here for the [DfE Performance Tables](#)

Further, from a progress perspective, the 2019 combined GCSE English and Mathematics results (grade 4 and above) were in the top 3% nationally.

#### % English & Maths (Grade 4+)



Source: FFT Aspire

As ever, the achievements within the wider curriculum were equally impressive, from pupils both past and present. It always gives me great pleasure to read about the pupils' achievements and to share these with you.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break and look forward to your return in the New Year.

Best wishes,

Mr. N. Houchen

Principal

### PARKING

The police have requested that parents do not park on the yellow lines or zigzags at the front of the Academy and will undertake routine checks to enforce this.

### SCHOOL SPORT ACHIEVEMENT



Congratulations to the P.E Department for making the top 10 sporting state schools in 2019 as reported in the *School Sport* magazine. The list includes the top 30 state schools which means that the Academy is in the top 1% of sporting schools in the country - a fantastic achievement.

Click here for the [Top 30 State Schools](#)

### PAST PUPIL SUCCESS



Congratulations to former pupil and member of StLT, Evie Anderson. Evie has made the National Colleges Football Team and will play for England in an international tournament in 2020. Evie is the first female player from the Academy to achieve this honour – well done Evie!



### ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance is currently 96.2%. This is 0.2% above the Academy's self-imposed target of 96.0% and 1.7% above the national average of 94.5%.

House	% Attendance
Ashdown	95.5
Bowland	97.4
Elvedon	95.6
Kielder	95.8
Richmond	97.7
Sherwood	97.4
Whinfell	93.8
Overall	96.2

Click here for the [Attendance Policy](#)

# Pupil Success

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

In November, the Student Leadership Team (StLT) conducted assemblies to Years 7-10 covering the role of a Prefect and the key discussion points for consideration by the pupil body.



Each Form Captain collated feedback on the key discussion points, specifically how the Academy could support pupils' mental wellbeing and preparation for adult life. They then fed this back to the StLT, who will then meet with Mr. N. Houchen in January to discuss action points.



Form Captains have also met with Mr. N. Dunn to discuss how the Academy can support pupils with Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG).

## PREFECT AWARD

The StLT nominated Ayaah B. (11B) for the Monthly Prefect Award.

Ayaah has been fantastic in her role as a Prefect. Of particular note is Ayaah's work with 7B. She provides valuable support for the form group, in addition to supporting Year 7 pupils in the Hall extension at breaktimes. Further, she is always available to support the school at key events and is the embodiment of the Academy's ethos and standards.

To acknowledge this achievement, Mr. N. Houchen presented Ayaah with a certificate and gift voucher on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On the evening of Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, a capacity audience attended the annual Christmas Music Concert in the Concert Hall. The audience were captivated by performances from the Choir, Chamber Choir, Orchestra, Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble, together with solo and ensemble items from KS3 and KS4 pupils. Following the concert, the audience enjoyed refreshments, whilst liaising with parents, pupils and staff.

The music concerts throughout the year are designed to showcase the musical talent within the Academy, together with providing an opportunity to reward the commitment that pupils have shown by attending the extra-curricular music clubs that operate within the department.

## CHARITY SWIMMING

On 21<sup>st</sup> December, James C. (10A), will be completing a 5-mile swim to raise money for his cousin, a pupil at the Academy, who is battling cancer. James has already raised £1,395 of his £1,500 target.

Click here for [www.gofundme.com/f/swim-for-lily](http://www.gofundme.com/f/swim-for-lily)

## CHARITY BAKE SALE

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, a bake sale was held to raise funds for cancer treatment for Lily W. (9W). Pupils and staff brought in cakes and a fantastic total of £420.50 was raised.



## FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

Hope E. (7E), along with a friend from another school, raised a fantastic £200 for Gold Geese. Gold Geese is a not-for-profit charity looking after families affected with childhood cancer in Southend-on-Sea.



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### BASKETBALL SUCCESS



Charlie M. (10B) was nominated for two ActiveSouthend sports awards - Paralympic Hopeful and Young Sports Personality of the Year.

On 11<sup>th</sup> December, Charlie attended an

awards ceremony hosted by ActiveSouthend and supported by the Mayor. He won the Paralympic Hopeful award and was runner-up for the Young Sports Personality of the Year.

Charlie works and trains immensely hard and is keen to inspire others. In the Spring Term he will be visiting his former primary school, Earls Hall, at the request of the Headteacher, Mr. M. Badcock.

In terms of Charlie's level of participation, he represents the South East region as well as playing in the National Wheelchair Basketball League. His ActiveSouthend awards truly reflect his commitment to the sport and we look forward to seeing how this develops further in the future. A fantastic achievement Charlie, well done.



### ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION (ESU)

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, the Academy's two ESU (English Speaking Union) teams met with Mr. J. Scruby, one of the judges of next year's



ESU Speaking Competition. The teams include: Uzo A. (10R), Daisy A. (10W), Jochebel N. (10E), Caitlin V(10E), Maddie F.-H. (10R) and Grace L. (10A).

Mr. J. Scruby imparted a raft of helpful hints and tips to inform the teams' approach. Each team comprises of a Chairperson, Questioner and Speaker. At the first event in Romford (due to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> January), each team's speaker will present a speech on a pre-selected topic. Another school's Chairperson will introduce the team and manage audience questions. A Questioner will then put the Speaker through their paces with regard to the breadth of knowledge on their chosen topic.

Mr. S. Howard is very pleased to be fielding, for the first time, two teams from the Academy and can attest to their enthusiasm. They also have the potential to make a huge impact at the event. Chelsea M. (10R) has very kindly agreed to be our substitute in the event of one of the team members not being able to attend— we are very grateful to her as she has to be prepared to stand in for any of three roles!

We wish the teams every success in January.

### FOOD PREPARATION - CHOCOLATE LOGS

At this festive time of year, the Year 9 Food Preparation and Nutrition class enjoyed demonstrating their practical skills by making and decorating a chocolate swiss roll.



### DIVING SUCCESS



On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Brooke C. (9R) was successful in the Swim England East Region Club Championships held at Southend. She was awarded a Gold, Silver and Bronze medal on the Girls' 3m Springboard, 1m Springboard and Platform.

Brooke then achieved a further Gold medal in the Junior Synchronised 1m Springboard with her team mate and a Silver medal in the Junior Synchronised Platform.

Well done Brooke.

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## DANCE AND GYMNASTICS



Congratulations to Drew W. (9A) who has won two awards for extracurricular activities outside of the Academy.

The first award was presented for 'Exceptional Ability in Dance and Gymnastics' and the second for 'Excellent Achievement, Attendance and Commitment'.

Drew offers great support to his peers and thoroughly deserves these two certificates and an accompanying trophy. Great work Drew!

## LITERACY AMBASSADORS



Each year English teachers nominate new Literacy Ambassadors to write for the Department, to help out at the Academy's literacy events and to assist those pupils in class who may require extra support.

This year we have selected: Year 7 - Harry C. (7E) and Megan V. (7E); Year 8 - Cameron O'C. (8K) and Evie M. (8R); Year 9 - William C. (9A) and Molly I. (9S); and Year 10 - Brandon W. (10A) and Grace L. (10A). We also have the pleasure of introducing our Eastwood Laureate, Alex P. (8A). We welcome these pupils to our Literacy Ambassadors 'family' and look forward to reading their thoughts, opinions and creative ruminations.

## SOUTHEND BOROUGH YOUTH COUNCIL



On 4<sup>th</sup> December, Madison F.-H. (10R) was elected as

Deputy Youth Mayor for Southend-on-Sea.

As part of the appointment process, Madison had to prepare a speech, respond to questioning from a panel, whilst being pitched against other potential candidates. Her role means that she will take an active part in the Southend Youth Council. One of her first functions will be to attend and deliver a speech at the upcoming Civic Carol Service.



Grace L. (10A) has also taken up an elected position following her appointment as Environmental Officer for the Southend Youth Council.

Grace is keen to follow in her uncle's footsteps and become a professor of Environmental Science. She is very passionate about the cause and keen to reduce the amount of plastic that

is currently used in schools. She will be the first ever Environmental Officer for Southend Borough Youth Council.

A massive well done to you both!



## FUSBALL



On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, the U13 Girls' Futsal Team travelled to the University of East London to compete in Group 3 of the County Futsal Qualifiers. After winning 10-0, 5-1 and 13-0 against Cecil Jones, Gable Hall and Chase

High respectively, the girls secured their place in the County Futsal Finals.

The girls' successes continued in Colchester on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December as they competed in the County Futsal Finals. After drawing 1-1 with Brentwood Ursuline and winning 6-1 and 3-2 against St Angela's Ursuline and Hedingham School respectively, the girls finished level on points with Brentwood. With the final standings coming down to goal difference, the girls narrowly missed out on 1<sup>st</sup> place by 2 goals. Displaying great character, skill and determination across the tournament, the girls achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Essex - congratulations!

Rose D. (7E), Chloe G. (8S), Tilly H. (8W), Kayleigh I. (7S), Maya L. (8A), Taylor-Jane M. (8E), Lois M. (8V), Bessie S. (c) (8A) and Holly T (7E).



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## ESAA CROSS COUNTRY CUP NATIONAL FINAL

The weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> December, 16 pupils travelled up to Sheffield to compete in the ESAA Cross Country Cup National Final. The Junior Boys' team achieved great success by gaining 3<sup>rd</sup> position and only missing out on winning the national title by 6 points.

The Intermediate Boys, despite suffering injuries to key members of the team mid race, battled through to gain a respectable 17<sup>th</sup> position.

Considering that more than 1500 schools from across the country enter this prestigious event, we are delighted and proud of this outstanding achievement. A special mention must go to Beau M. (8A) who won the Junior Boys' race and is now the National Champion.

Click here for the [Full Results](#)



Beau M. (8A)  
National Champion



Junior Boys' Team  
3<sup>rd</sup> Position



Junior Boys' Squad



Inter Boys' Squad

## SOUTHEND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Charlie E. (9W) has been busy again, this time performing at the Southend Music Festival where he performed in two classes - 'Piano Own Choice – 15 years and under' and 'Piano/Etude Study – Junior'. Charlie performed superbly, achieving Honours and Bronze commendations. Well done Charlie!



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH SUCCESS

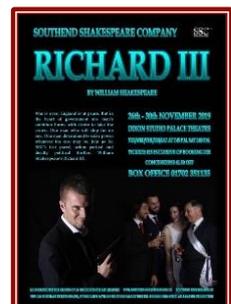
Congratulations to 43 of our Year 11 pupils who have successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The pupils have worked immensely hard over the last year, undertaking up to six months of voluntary work, learning a new skill, partaking in a physical activity and planning two expeditions which involved walking over 40 km. They really have excelled themselves and we hope that many go on to complete their Silver Award.



## ACTING SUCCESS

Zach R. (9R) was selected to appear in Southend Shakespeare Society's version of *Richard III* at the Dixon Studio, playing the young Prince Edward (Prince of Wales).



## Events

### PSHE PRINCE CHARMING



On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, as part of the PSHE Programme, Year 8 and 9 pupils attended a professional theatre group workshop on the difficult topic of 'controlling and abusive relationships'. Pupils had the opportunity to actively engage with the actors, discuss the impact of 'unhealthy' relationships and how they can keep themselves safe. It was a great opportunity for the pupils to engage with professional artists and experts from the 'break the cycle' support group.



### SHAKESPEARE TRIP

The Shakespeare Trip has been relaunched and sold out in just a few days. Heading to Stratford-upon-Avon for a three-day residential trip in the Summer Term (12-14<sup>th</sup> July) pupils will tour Shakespeare's birthplace, including a trip to wife Anne Hathaway's cottage, an evening performance of a Shakespeare play at the Swan Theatre, and workshops organised by members of The Royal Shakespeare Company, with wigs, costumes – the lot. The trip, open to pupils in Years 8 and 9, is a fantastic introduction to Shakespeare, his life and works, helping prepare pupils for their GCSE Literature course. We look forward to our pupils receiving a unique literary experience, combined with creativity and laughter and hope to build on its success next year.

### GEOGRAPHY CLUB IS 'TOTES' SUSTAINABLE

With ongoing issues of plastic pollution, Geography Club pupils designed their own shopping bags to act as an alternative to plastic bags. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed coming up with catchy slogans to engage their friends and family and to further promote the 'alterative to plastic' cause.



### DEFIBRILLATOR FUNDING

The Carli Lansley Foundation has provided funding for a defibrillator and training unit which have recently been installed at the Academy.

Click here for [www.carlilansleyfoundation.org.uk](http://www.carlilansleyfoundation.org.uk),

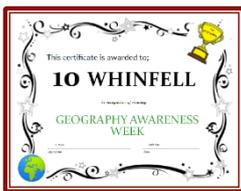
Carli sadly passed away in June 2017 from Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome (SADS) - this is where a seemingly healthy adult has an undiagnosed heart condition. Carli was just 36 years old and had two young children – Jessica (who is a pupil at the Academy) and Ethan.

In February 2018, the family started the Foundation in her memory to try and achieve something positive from a tragic event. The Foundation has two fundamental aims: to fund the installation of defibrillators in prime locations in, and around, the Southend area; and to hold free ECG 'screening days' so people aged between 14-35 can have their hearts checked.

In 2019, the Foundation held two screening days (a simple and painless 10-minute check which could be life-changing or even life-saving). In total, 199 individuals were screened. Out of these, 8 people required a referral back to their GP. Between February 2020 - February 2021, the Foundation have 7 more screening days booked. If you (or anyone you know) is aged between 14-35, the Foundation cannot stress enough how important it is for you to get your heart checked.

E-mail <mailto:info@carlilansleyfoundation.org.uk>

### GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK QUIZ



Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> November, tutor groups across all years took part in a quiz to encourage pupils to think more 'globally'.

Congratulations to Ms. V. Lang's form (10W) who won the event.

### HISTORY CLUB REMEMBRANCE DAY

In History Club, pupils designed mugs for Remembrance Day and donations were sent to the Royal British Legion.

Well done to (L-R) Niamh B. (8E), Maise E. (8R), Ellie T. (8R), Sophie L. (8E), Matthew B. (7W) and Kyla T. (8B).



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# Celebrating Success

Congratulations to all the pupils who were presented with their certificates by Mrs. J. Schmid.

ASHDOWN



BOWLAND



ELVEDON



KIELDER



RICHMOND



SHERWOOD



WHINFELL

