



Eden Boys

Principal's Newsletter  
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Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu 'alaikum and peace be upon you

Welcome to our spring edition of the Principal's Newsletter and thank you to all parents for your continued kind comments about how informative you find our school newsletter. I have no doubt that you will find this edition as interesting as I have.

It is always a pleasure putting the newsletter together as it gives us all, pupils and staff an opportunity to look back on what has been achieved over the term. The boys have had many successes from sporting achievements to taking part in a range of other competitions. The vast majority have been on visits and had experiences beyond those they do in the classroom. All of us who work at the school are incredibly proud of what they do and the way in which they represent us.

The spring term brought forth a whole range of new initiatives. Our pupils continued to take up opportunities to help lead the school with many boys now accredited as library leaders, sports captains, inclusion leaders and literacy leaders. Most recently, a group of pupils were trained as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. It is fantastic to see so many pupils volunteering and willing to take on a leadership role in the school. I would like to thank all our staff and parents who continually give of their time to support our pupils in enabling our pupils to enjoy these experiences.

Our Year 10 pupils are in the midst of building up to sit their GCSE Religious Studies examination. This is an incredibly important period of time for them. Being fully prepared for examinations is essential. Whilst we do everything we can to support them in school, it is vital that they put aside time at home to revise. It was humbling to see the support from our parents at the 'Religious Studies Curriculum Evening' in March and so reassuring to know that you, as parents, are fully behind the endeavours of your sons and the teachers in school. I have no doubt that with this level of care and dedication, the boys will do incredibly well.

The summer term will no doubt be as full as any term we have yet had. We look forward to our Year 7 and 8 trip to Paris, our impending Ofsted Inspection, meeting our prospective year 6 pupils and their parents, supporting all our pupils through forthcoming assessments, visits and sport amongst many other activities.

Finally, can I thank you all once again for your continued support and we all look forward to seeing each of you again very soon at Eden Boys School.

**Miss A. Middlemass**  
Principal



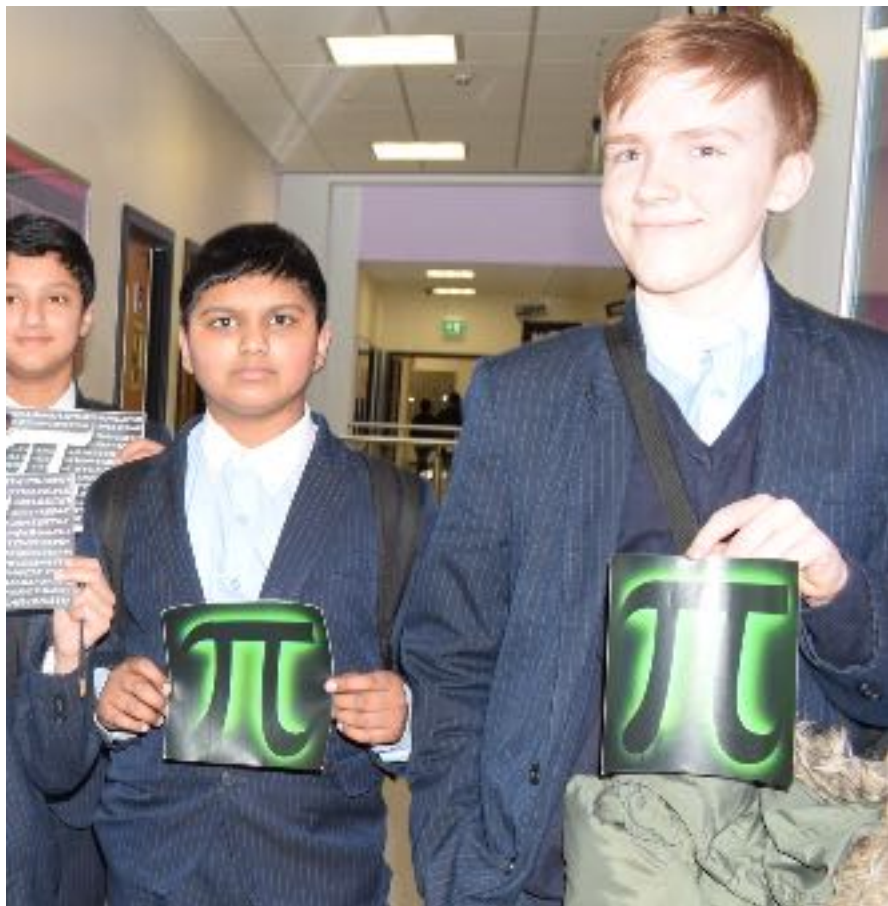
The Commonwealth offers unique opportunities for young people within the Commonwealth. It recognises the positive and active role and contributions of young people in promoting development, peace, democracy and in protecting and promoting other Commonwealth values, such as tolerance and understanding, including respect for other cultures. Further to this, it also inspires young people to look and work towards a fairer future for all.

With that said, Eden Boys' School Preston entered the 'Commonwealth Voices' spoken word poetry competition. Once all entries from Lancashire were in, six finalists were chosen. The shortlisting panel convened a couple of weeks ago and decided that the group entry for the 'Interview of Life' was to be a part of the finalists were they will now perform live at the Mercure Blackburn Dunkenhall Hotel and Spa for a Commonwealth Celebration Event on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018. They spoke very highly of the entry, were very impressed with the quality of the pupils' entry and the thoughtful and insightful way they tackled their chosen priority.

A massive congratulations to Abdullah Desai, Mohammed Ilyas Patel and Uthman Shaikh who will represent Eden Boys at the event where they will perform their spoken word poetry once more for the pleasure of all in attendance.



# A Very Happy Pi( $\pi$ ) Day



On 14th March Eden Boys, Preston celebrated Pi Day. The Day is one of the world's largest global educational events aimed at lifting numeracy awareness in a fun and meaningful way.

March 14th also happens to be the birth date of Albert Einstein - which made the day an extra special one for planning maths challenges and maths fun! Pi (Greek letter " $\pi$ ") is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — here is  $\pi$  to 200 decimal places:

3.1415926535 8979323846 2643383279  
5028841971 6939937510 5820974944  
5923078164 0628620899 8628034825  
3421170679 8214808651 3282306647  
0938446095 5058223172 5359408128  
4811174502 8410270193 8521105559  
6446229489 5493038196.....

To celebrate  $\pi$  day, the Mathematics Faculty ran a  $\pi$  Bee (similar to a spelling bee) in Room 125. Pupils had to memorise  $\pi$  to the most decimal places, and recall this on the day to take part in the competition.

The winner was:

1st - Mahmood Desai (Year 7) with an impressive recitation of 143 digits!!!!

and the runners up were:

2nd - Hamzah Nakhuda (Year 9) - 102 digits

3rd - Ahmad Patel (Year 7) - 76 digits

Also, well done to the pupils for correctly identifying and decoding the sentence on Mr Patel's t-shirt, (I ate some Pie).

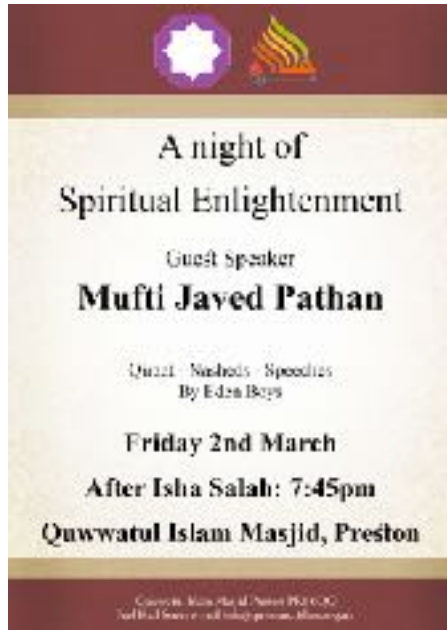




# Qiyamul Layl

## A night of Spiritual Enlightenment

On Friday 2nd March, Eden Boys' Preston held our first Qiyamul Layl programme at one of Preston's oldest Masjid, Quwwatul Islam.



It all began after the Isha prayers, where we – the students, with the help of the teachers, presented an hour long programme which consisted of a heart rendering recitation of the Qur'an, melodious nasheeds and an inspiring speech. Mufti Javid, a local scholar ended the programme with a short, heart touching speech and Du'a.

After the programme, we were spoilt with a spice infused Biryani along with our hungry teachers and guests. Thereafter, 3 local scholars delivered study circles on Zikr (meditation), Revelation of Qur'an and the Life of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him).

We even had time for a famous household Indian dessert called 'Rasmalai'!

The night concluded with the boys engaging in individual prayer. At this point there was a somewhat serene and tranquil mood in the place.

May the Almighty accept.

# Safeguarding

The SHARP and CEOP systems (safeguarding information and reporting systems at Eden Boys' Preston) are now up and running. They can be located on the school website via the School Gateway. There are two links; one for CEOP and the other for SHARP System.

CEOP stands for Child Exploitation and Online Protection. It is the UK's national child protection agency (visit [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk) for more information). Through the Click CEOP advice and help centre, members of the public can access guidance on a broad range of topics to help protect their children, or alternatively report a concern directly to CEOP.

SHARP stands for School Help Advice Reporting System. There are many reasons why young people decide not to talk about incidents, whether that is due to not wanting to talk face to face, lack of confidence, scared, peer pressure or scared in case someone sees them talking to or seen in the school's office but to name just a few. The SHARP System allows young people to report any incidents which occur within the school and local community anonymously and without fear. Aside from the reporting tool SHARP delivers educational content to raise awareness on a wide range of subjects including: Bullying, Health, Community Issues, Weapons and Hate Crime.

The SHARP System and CEOP both promote inclusion, safeguarding, e-safety and provide additional opportunities for pupils to report their concerns.

# Catch-up Reading

Over the past few months a small group of our year 7 boys have been having extra reading sessions three times a week to help improve their literacy skills. This is all thanks to a dedicated group of our very own Year 9 and 10 pupils who have volunteered to be Reading Champions and tutor the younger boys. After 12 weeks of tuition many of the boys saw a marked improvement in their reading ages and they have become much more confident in their reading. One hard working pupil started out with a reading age of 7.11 and finished with a reading age of 10.07!

At the beginning of this term a new group of year 7 boys have been receiving extra reading sessions and we are confident that they will also benefit greatly from these sessions.

Top Tips for improving literacy skills and reading at home:

- Listen to your child read out loud
- Ask your child about what the author is intending to show about a character or theme
- Ask questions about different parts of the book during different sessions to make connections and links, e.g. oh this is why in the first chapter the author hinted at...and now the author shows...
- Ask your child to make predictions at certain points and ask why they may think that
- When your child comes across a word that they may not understand, try to get them to read around the word to work out what it might mean in context



# Theatre Visit

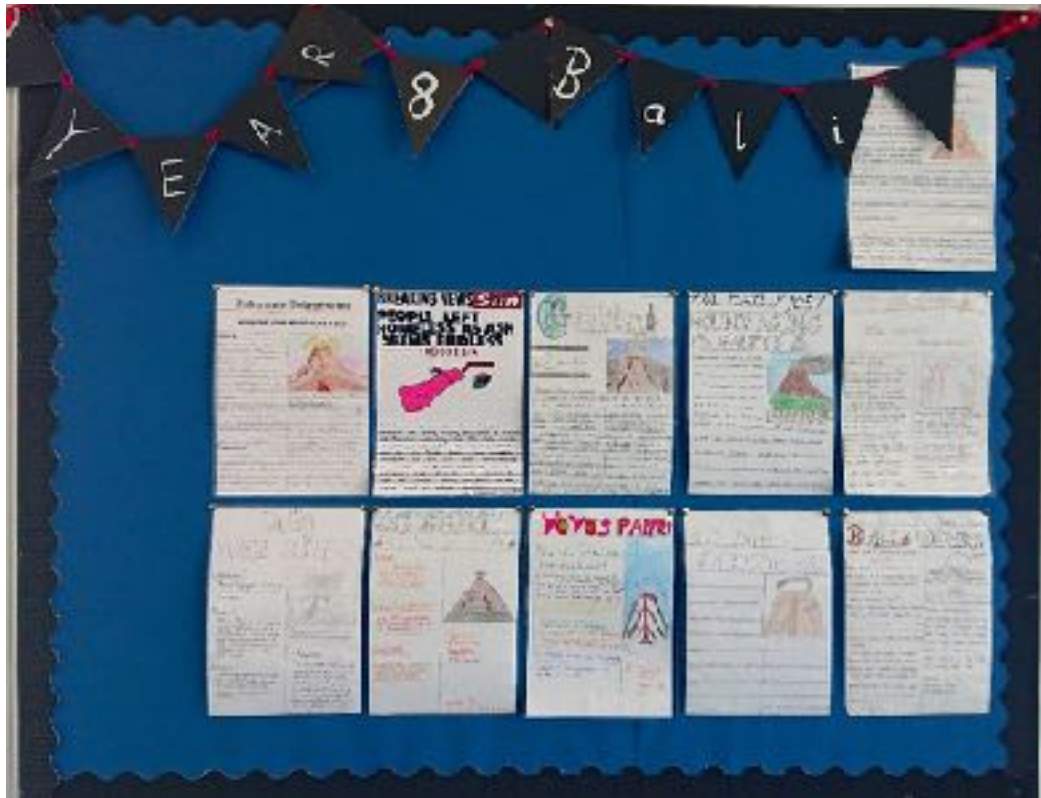
On Wednesday 10th January, the Year 10 pupils took a trip to the Bolton Octagon theatre to see one of Charles Dickens' classic novels transformed from page to stage: A Christmas Carol.

The theatre is designed in-the-round so the audience get to see the tale unfold from every angle. This allows the audience to become fully immersed in Scrooge's journey from humbug to happiness!

As a set GCSE English text, it was important for the Year 10 pupils to see the text come alive. The diversity of the performance prompted numerous questions from the boys and clearly fuelled their imaginations. The experience of the theatre invigorated and strengthened their grasp on the key concepts of the early 19th century and allowed them to be swept away into a time period that is a complete contrast to life they live in now in the 21st century.



# Geography News



Year 8 students were asked to create a news article on the recent volcanic activity on the Island of Bali in Indonesia. They were selected based on: their ability to write as if they were the journalist reporting, the presentation of their article, and the accuracy of their story. The winners were selected from all sets in the year group. Due to the high quality of work it was difficult to narrow it down to such a small group, but the winners are:

Muhammed Umair Patel, Abdur-Rehman Bhula, Qasim Kazi, Ismaeel Kantharia, Muhammed Yusuf Sheth, Mohammad Hamza Ali, Ibrahim Bhana, Adam Palejwala, Yameen Umer, Muhammed Yaameen Patel and Mohmad Saad Ullah.

The boys have all been rewarded with merits and their work is currently on display in the Geography room.



## Earth Day

April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day.

Earth day is an annual event where various events are held to demonstrate support for environment protection. Earth Day was first celebrated in 1970 and now there are events in more than 193 countries.

The theme for this year is to end plastic pollution on our planet. The Geography department will be running activities through the week in lesson time and there will be a competition open to all year groups.



# National



## Rainbow challenge

The National Science week began for Year 7 on the Monday 12th March. The first challenge was for the pupils to produce a rainbow making use of different solutions as well as using their practical skills in addition to their scientific knowledge.

The second challenge was for the pupils to investigate the use of natural indicators such as red cabbage, beetroot, rose petals and many more. Again pupils worked independently to find the best



# Science Week



## 'Build a vehicle challenge'

Students in yr 9 participated in the 'Build a vehicle challenge'. This challenge involved the pupils building a vehicle which had to travel a minimum distance of 1 metre with the use of only rubber bands. Obviously, pupils had to utilise their scientific knowledge of Physics especially forces, friction, momentum, Newton's law of motion as well as other skills such as problem solving, ability to work in a team, research and communication skills.

## Emergency survival challenge

All Yr 8 pupils participated in the emergency survival challenge. Here the pupils were asked to imagine that were part of an emergency aid team delivering aid to the less fortunate. Unfortunately, half of the convoy had become separated from the rest of the team. The only means of communicating was with the use of the lorry's headlight and horn.

Pupils had to organise themselves into small groups and then use their communication skills as well as their imagination, and ability to work as part of a team to devise a language which consisted of a series of beeps and flashes. They were then given a message which had to be sent to the other members of the team. All the pupils had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the activity.



# News from our

## Year 7

A huge congratulations to all the students who achieved Silver and Bronze awards during Awards assembly. Students receive a Bronze award for collecting up to 100 net conduct points and the silver award is given to students for collecting up to 250 net conduct points since the start of the year. 96 students out of 120 students received a award to showcase their exceptional behaviour.

Bronze Award		Silver Award	
7I	10	7I	10
7M	10	7M	8
7A	8	7A	13
7N	11	7N	8
7E	8	7E	10
Total	47	Total	49

We would also like to say a huge congratulations to the following students for having the highest Net Conduct points in Year 7 and are on their journey to achieving the Gold Award. Well done and Keep it up.

Hanif Yusuf 7E	472
Desai Mahmood 7N	465
Saleh Muhammad-Ameen 7E	465
Patel Muhammad 7A	455
Patel Ahmad 7I	444
Badat Zayd 7M	422
Kazee Abdurrah 7N	414
Amanat Hanash 7I	412
Khan Hassan 7E	408
Adnan Mohammed 7N	407
Mamsa Hariss 7M	407
Haji Muhammad 7A	405
Bhayat Faisal 7M	404
Motala Zackariyah 7A	401
Wadee Junaid 7A	401
Wadi Umar 7A	401





# Heads of Year

## Year 8

### Gold Award- Muhammad Adil Mallam

Eden likes to recognise pupil's positive behaviour around school. These are categorised as achievement points. For pupils that amass 100 net conduct points they receive a Bronze award. For those that amass 250 net conduct points they receive a Silver award. Pupils who are able to amass 500 net conduct points receive a Gold Award; this feat has never been reached until now....

Muhammad Adil Mallam is the first pupil to ever achieve this award in Eden Boys Preston history! What an accomplishment!

Muhammad was asked how he felt about being the first pupil to achieve gold award status:

"I felt pleased with myself. My parents were proud of me and congratulated me when I got gold. My family also congratulated me and felt happy for me. I also felt like I had accomplished something special, and that it was a good achievement for myself"

Congratulations to Muhammad Adil Mallam! We hope you continue to make history at Eden Boys School!



### Subject Awards

Eden likes to recognise pupils who show great effort during lessons. As it is with great effort that great things can be achieved. The following pupils received a certificate for exhibiting excellent effort in certain subjects. Special recognition goes to Mohammed Degmaster who managed to achieve an award across two subjects!

Amir Laher 8M	Art	The Seyyid Kasim Bugari Award
Mohammed Degmaster 8I	English	The Jalal Ud Deen Rumi Award
Mohammed Degmaster 8I	Geography	The Ibn Batuta Award
Muhammed Saad Ullah 8M	History	The Ibn Khadoon Award
Abdullah Patel 8M	Computer Science	The Al-Jazari Award
Ra'ees Adam 8I	Mathematics	The Abubakr Al-Hassaar Award
Owais Degmaster 8N	Religious Studies	The Tauheedul Award
Omar Mady 8M	Science	The Ahmad Al-Farghaani Award
Mohammed Ahmed Onsy 8I	PE & Sport	The Muhammad Ali Award
Muhammad Saad Valli 8M	Arabic	The Imam Sibwayh Award
Mohammed Tailor 8I	French	The Maurice Bucaille Award

## Year 9

Current School Attendance: **97.7%**

Focus Group: Year 9 – **97.6%**

The School would like to remind parents and pupils that there is a direct link between high academic achievement and excellent attendance. We humbly request that all parents should avoid their sons taking needless days off school as this will heavily impact upon his learning.

The school rewards pupils for 100% attendance on a termly and yearly basis. Congratulations to the following pupils' who have attended school every day since the beginning of the year, that's a whopping 123 days:

Adam, Abdur Rahmaan	9I
Ahmed, Zayd	9A
Bagia, Zaid	9I
Bapu, Khalid	9M
Bapu, Yusuf	9M
Desai, Ismaeel	9I
Ehsan, Aasam	9N
Elhakim, Sohieb	9A
Gangat, Ebrahim	9M
Hussain, Asad	9I
Iqbal, Mohammed Uzair	9A
Isap, Muhammad	9A
Khan, Mohammed Usman	9N
Khan, Saad	9I
Malik, Rehan	9A
Mohammed, Jameel	9A
Moosa, Faizan	9I
Munshi, Muhammad Zakariyya	9N
Nakhuda, Hamzah	9M
Neki, Yusuf	9I
Omer, Ismaeel	9A
Patel, Hamza Harun	9N
Patel, Khubaib	9N
Patel, Sakil	9M
Shah, Husnain	9A
Sultan, Mustafa	9I
Timol, Harith	9A
Umar, Talhah	9N
Wadee, Taahir	9A



## Stars of the Week – 12/01/2017

Pupil Name	Form Group
Kalwan Manna	13B
Muhammed Ahmed	12M
Muhammed Syed Patel	11A
Saad Khan	9
Enshin Gengot	5M
Haseeb Durrani	3B
Haseeb Khan	3M
Muhammed Aidi Mallam	8
Muhammed Isam Ullah	8M
Umar Patel	8A
Muhammed Jaseer Patel	8M
Hameed M R Patel	8B
Ayaz Patel	7
Ayman Patel	7M
Muhammed Patel	7B
Akshay Kumar	7A
Yasir Ismail	7

## Stars of the Week – 26/01/2017

Pupil Name	Form Group
Muaz Khatib	13B
Adnan Shah	12M
Muhammed Syed Patel	11A
Muhammed Shams	9
Haseeb Muneer	5M
Muhammed Hussain	3B
Sulaiman Khan	3M
Umar Khan	8
Aamir Isam	8M
Muhammed Yusuf Shah	8A
Adnan Muneer	8M
Aamir Patel	8B
Amir Isam	7
Muhammed Shah	7M
Aamir Patel	7B
Hameed Ismail	7A
Yasir Shah	7

## Stars of the Week – 19/01/2017

Pupil Name	Form Group
Ayman Haseeb	13B
Akshay Desai	12M
Aamir Waseem	11A
Hameed Aamir	9
Yasir Bapu	5M
Muhammed Jaseer Ismail	3B
Aamir Elahi	3M
Muhammed Aidi Mallam	8
Muhammed Isam Yell	8M
Muhammed Patel	8A
Fero Hameed	8M
Hameed M R Patel	8B
Hameed Aamir	7
Hameed Muneer	7M
Muhammed Aamir Ismail	7B
Zahar Patel	7A
Muhammed Aamir Ismail	7

## Stars of the Week – 02/02/2017

Pupil Name	Form Group
Muaz Khatib	13B
Akshay Desai	12M
Yasir Ismail	11A
Hameed Aamir	9
Haseeb Muneer	5M
Muhammed Jaseer Ismail	3B
Sulaiman Khan	3M
Ram Isam	8
Aamir Ismail	8M
Hameed Isam	8A
Muhammed Isam	8M
Muhammed Aamir Maje	8B
Devid Patel	7
Yasir Ismail	7M
Fero Khan	7B
Hameed Ismail	7A
Yasir Ismail	7

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## Stars of the Week – 09/02/2017

Pupil Name	Form Group
Muhammed Anisha	13B
Muhammed Ahmed	12M
Aamir Waseem	11A
Aamir Isam	9
Aamir Ismail	5M
Muhammed Jaseer Ismail	3B
Haseeb Khan	3M
Aamir Ahmed	8
Muhammed Isam Yell	8M
Hameed Ismail	8A
Fero Hameed	8M
Haseeb M R Patel	8B
Muaz Ismail	7
Adnan Ismail	7M
Zahar Ismail	7B
Zahar Ismail	7A
Yasir Ismail	7

## Stars of the Week – 23/02/2017

Pupil Name	Form Group
Ayman Haseeb	13B
Aamir Isam	12M
Hameed Ismail	11A
Muhammed Shams	9
Haseeb Muneer	5M
Yasir Ismail	3B
Zahar Ismail	3M
Muhammed Aidi Mallam	8
Muhammed Isam Yell	8M
Muhammed Isam	8A
Yasir Ismail	8M
Adnan Isam	8B
Muaz Ismail	7
Ayman Ismail	7M
Muhammed Ismail	7B
Zahar Ismail	7A
Muhammed Ismail	7

## Stars of the Week – 02/03/2017

Pupil Name	Form Group
Muaz Khatib	13B
Aamir Ismail	12M
Muhammed Syed Patel	11A
Hameed Aamir	9
Yasir Bapu	5M
Muhammed Jaseer Ismail	3B
Yasir Ismail	3M
Aamir Ismail	8
Muhammed Isam Yell	8M
Hameed Ismail	8A
Fero Hameed	8M
Hameed M R Patel	8B
Ayaz Patel	7
Yasir Ismail	7M
Aamir Ismail	7B
Akshay Kumar	7A
Yasir Ismail	7

## Stars of the Week – 09/03/2017

Pupil Name	Form Group
Muaz Khatib	13B
Akshay Desai	12M
Muhammed Syed Patel	11A
Isam Ismail	9
Haseeb Muneer	5M
Muhammed Jaseer Ismail	3B
Muhammed Ismail	3M
Muhammed Ismail	8
Muhammed Isam Yell	8M
Yasir Ismail	8A
Fero Hameed	8M
Muhammed Aamir Maje	8B
Hameed Aamir	7
Adnan Ismail	7M
Aamir Ismail	7B
Yasir Ismail	7A
Yasir Ismail	7

## Stars of the Week – 16/03/2017

Pupil Name	Form Group
Fero Isam	13B
Muhammed Isam Ismail	12M
Zahar Ismail	11A
Isam Ismail	9
Aamir Ismail	5M
Muhammed Jaseer Ismail	3B
Muhammed Ismail	3M
Muhammed Ismail	8
Yasir Ismail	8M
Hameed Ismail	8A
Fero Hameed	8M
Haseeb M R Patel	8B
Ayaz Patel	7
Adnan Ismail	7M
Zahar Ismail	7B
Aamir Ismail	7A
Muhammed Ismail	7

## Stars of the Week – 22/02/2017

Pupil Name	Form Group
Ayman Ismail Haseeb	13B
Akshay Desai	12M
Zahar Ismail	11A
Zahar Ismail	9
Yasir Bapu	5M
Muhammed Jaseer Ismail	3B
Shakeel Ismail	3M
Muhammed Aidi Mallam	8
Muhammed Isam Yell	8M
Muhammed Ismail	8A
Fero Hameed	8M
Hameed M R Patel	8B
Ayaz Patel	7
Hameed Muneer	7M
Muhammed Ismail	7B
Muhammed Ismail	7A
Muhammed Ismail	7

At the end of a fantastic year it is important to recognise those boys who have shown exemplary conduct in and around school. Many of these boys consistently demonstrate excellence week after week, while others have made a great effort to improve upon their conduct in school and show what they are capable of when they put their minds to it.

Each week we recognise those boys who have achieved the most net conduct points in each form group by awarding them with a certificate in Friday's assembly. Well done to all of our Star Eden Boys' this term – keep it up for next year!



# Library Leaders' Reward Visit



The Escape Rooms appear to be growing in popularity whilst also growing in difficulty. Fifteen pupils at Eden Boys' School Preston embarked on a journey to see if they could do the unthinkable: escape the unescapable. In a thrilling and well-deserved rewards trip, fifteen Library Leaders visited The Escape Rooms in Preston and, in groups of four, had to use their finest skills in order to defeat the undefeatable. Using their organisational, communicative and team-working skills, two out of the three groups escaped unscathed with the third group coming remarkably close to completing the most difficult of Escape Rooms. Using all of the core STAR values embedded in the ethos of the school, the boys did themselves proud as they worked as a team, with the upmost respect for one another, as they conquered a challenge at which most others may fail. Well done to all the pupils who participated in the adventure to The Escape Rooms; we look forward to returning again in the near future to take on the remaining Escape Rooms.



# Careers Event



Year 10 pupils at Eden Boys' School, Preston found their potential future career match through an innovative careers event in the style of speed dating.

25 local employers and businesspeople took part in our event late last week, gathering in the main hall, at individual tables, ready to spend time with each pupil.

Pupils spent five minutes quizzing each visitor about their job, the qualifications they'd gained and the pathway that led them to their career, before moving on to speak with the visitor at the next table.

Careers represented at the event included retail, finance, healthcare and medicine, architecture, law and the armed forces.

Year 10 pupil Adam Patel commented, "This was a very useful event which helped me to start thinking about a possible career when I have finished my studies. I enjoyed speaking to the representative from the NHS who told me all about the many different careers that the NHS provides. Thanks to the school and to all the employers for coming to speak to us."

Neil Conlon, a Director at Conlon Construction, added, "As a responsible employer we recognise that to recruit the best talent we need to harness the energy within pupils in Years 10 and 11 and instil a love of a certain career. When I was at school, I didn't have such opportunities to quiz lots of employers so events such as these are integral to begin the process of potential future careers."

The careers speed dating event is the latest in our school's activities to help pupils relate their studies to the world of work.

Muhammed Matadar, our Assistant Principal, said, "We're so grateful to all 25 employers who agreed to take part in our careers speed dating event, something a little different from the norm. We found it a lively way to keep pupils engaged during a careers guidance activity. There certainly was a buzz in the room as our pupils moved from table to table, speaking to all our visitors, finding out as much as they could and exploring new opportunities for future careers."

## Information

Keeping your Information up to Date

We would like to encourage parents to inform the school if any of your personal details such as address or telephone number change. This will ensure that when we send out information via post or text message that it reaches you securely.

To update your details you can inform us:

- Over the phone by calling us on 01772 926000
- Via email by sending a message to [info@edenboyspreston.tetrust.org](mailto:info@edenboyspreston.tetrust.org)
- By writing a letter and handing it into the office or posting it to us at Eden Boys' School Preston, Adelaide Street, Preston, PR1 4BD.



# Centenary of the Women's Vote

The photograph, taken surreptitiously, was used by the government to identify some suffragettes because the women refused to have their photographs taken and turned their heads away or screwed up their faces so they wouldn't be recognised.

As early as the mid - 1800s, women were petitioning for enfranchisement but unfortunately their efforts were 'rewarded' with empty promises from government officials. This struggle was to continue with the suffragette movement which caused much unrest in the country and predictably, there was little support from men.

Emmeline, Christabel and Sylvia Pankhurst were great protagonists of the suffragette movement in the early twentieth century. Realising that peaceful campaigning to gain votes for women was having no impact, the women became more aggressive; for example, Emily Davison died after throwing herself under the king's horse at the

Epsom Derby on the 4th of June 1913. Olive was fully involved with women's suffrage and she undertook, with others, extreme efforts to obtain the vote. Women imprisoned for their beliefs went on hunger strike and were force fed whilst Olive and others attacked male establishments such as golf clubs where they instigated arson attacks.

Olive came from a well-educated family where she learned self-reliance, independence and determination. The suffragettes needed these qualities if they were to succeed in their mission and they wouldn't be the submissive 'little woman' and rejected the notion of being the chattels of men. The women had a colour code which they used for their banners and the wealthier women wore jewellery and clothes in those colours. The colour purple denotes freedom and dignity, white for purity and green represents hope.



*Olive Hockin on the right with three other suffragettes.*



A very talented artist, Olive joined the Women's Land Army in WW1 when the young men went to fight in the trenches. She, like many other women, successfully undertook male roles during the four years when millions lost their lives and Olive thoroughly enjoyed her job. Thinking they would have recognition for their ability to thrive in what was always seen as a male dominated world, they were to be disappointed although women over 30, with certain conditions attached, were given the vote through the 'Representation of the People Act 1918'. This event's centenary was celebrated on February 6th 2018. In 1928, through the 'Representation of the People Act - Equal Franchise', all women over 21 were given the vote.

There was still much to do and even today, women aren't always recognised equally but have come to be valued in many professions and the role of the woman caring for a family should be highly regarded and respected. In our society, it is essential that ALL people are valued irrespective of gender, race, culture, age and disability and with that in mind we should appreciate the tenet that everyone has something to contribute to our world. We should be grateful to many groups of people such as the suffragettes for our quality of life and freedom.

## Label It or Lose It!

We appreciate that replacing lost uniform and equipment is expensive and hopefully these guidelines will assist your son in retrieving any items they may misplace. Staff members are unable to search for student's lost property and the onus is on pupils to take responsibility for their own property. When pupils lose property they should visit and look in the classroom or area where they believe the property was left. If they do not find their property they should then go to Student Services at 11:10pm Break time or 1:20pm Lunch time.

All lost property with a name tag that is handed into Student Services will be returned to its rightful owner by Heads of Year. Lost property that is handed into Student Services and is not labelled will be held for four weeks. At the end of this period any unnamed items not claimed will be recycled as second hand uniform or donated to Charity each term.

Please remember there are approximately 400 students at Eden Boys' School wearing the same uniform. We cannot recognise items as belonging to a particular person if it is not labelled. If property is labelled, it can be promptly returned to its owner via our Student Services, thus avoiding distress and a costly replacement.

Labelling uniform is very easy to do, name tapes are best, even iron-on tapes, however, if you do not have these, just write on the label or inside trainers or shoes with a good quality laundry marker pen or permanent marker pen. Please use full name and surname, rather than just a first name. Washing does erase marker pens, so please check that your son's name has not faded on their belongings.



## Homework Club

The Homework club was launched at the beginning of this half-term. It is available from **Monday to Thursday, 3.05pm-4.05pm**. We believe that this is an excellent opportunity for pupils to get homework completed before leaving school as well as to receive support or clarification with any aspect of homework in which they may be having difficulty.

The staff members running the Homework Club are knowledgeable about the content being taught in the classes as well as the teacher's expectations of particular homework and assignments. We strongly encourage your support in having our pupils attend on a regular basis if they are having a difficult time getting homework completed or are confused about a particular subject or assignment.

## Section 48

As you are aware, the school was inspected on Tuesday 20th March by the Association of Muslim Schools. The inspection was led by Yusuf Seedat. As part of the inspection, you as parents completed a questionnaire, inspectors visited lessons, talked to pupils and staff and looked closely at your son's books. School Leaders would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in completing the questionnaire and for the contribution your sons made to the inspection process. Once the school receives the Section 48 report and associated outcomes, we will ensure that you as parents receive a copy.

## Exams



Pupils in Year 10 will be sitting their first GCSE Examinations in the summer term. They will be completing their Religious Studies and for some Year 10 pupils Creative iMedia examinations.

The key dates are as follows:

**Religious Studies: Paper 1-** Monday 21st May 13.00-14.45

**Religious Studies: Paper 2-** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 13.00-14.45

**Creative iMedia: Paper 1** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 09.00-10.15

Religious Studies revision sessions will be taking place on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Years 7-10 End of Year Exams will take place w/c 21st May.

We hope that all pupils will make the most of their time and revise diligently for their assessments.



# Staffing

## Staff new to the school

As we enter the summer term, I am pleased to inform you that school leaders are working continuously on recruiting teaching staff for the new academic year. As we have reported in previous editions of our newsletter, and you will have seen across the media, all schools in the country are finding teacher recruitment a challenge. However, I am encouraged that we are on track to recruit staff to the school. We are delighted to report the following staff appointments:

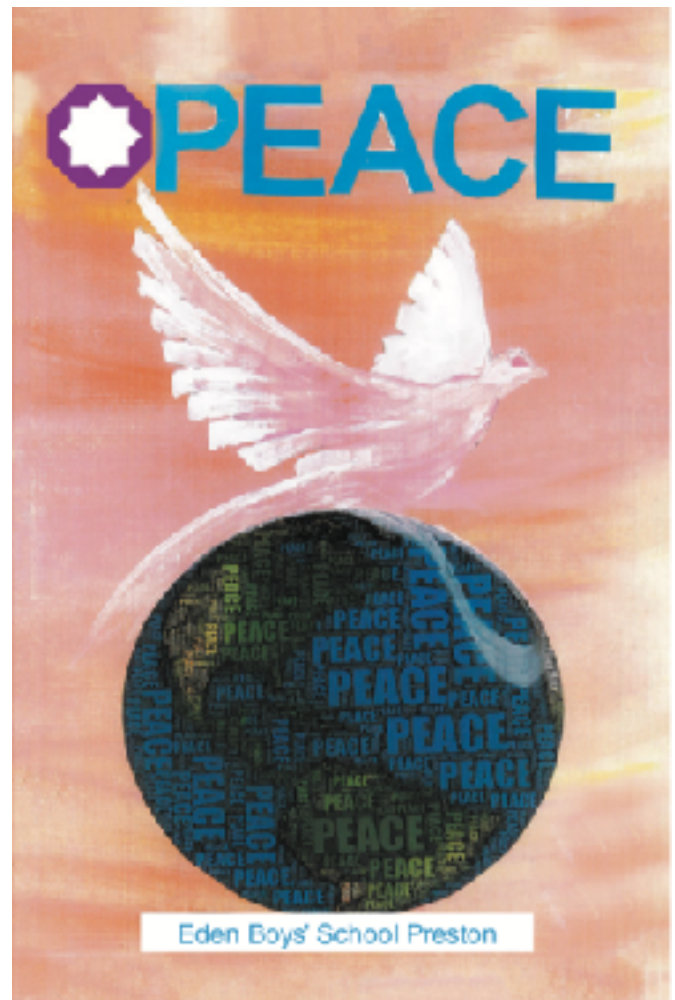
Mrs Georgina Clark – Lead Practitioner for English  
 Mrs Sarah Calwell – Teacher of English  
 Mr Nicholas Markopoulitis – Deputy Director of Learning Maths  
 Mr Shaun Gill – Teacher of Maths  
 Mrs Halima Ismail – Deputy Director of Learning Science  
 Miss Mariam Naeem – Teacher of Science  
 Mr Fariduddin Kidiwala – Teacher of Science  
 Miss Jenny Greenwood – Director of Learning Languages  
 Miss Amy Pilling – Subject Leader of Art

Over the course of the coming few weeks we will continue recruiting for our remaining vacancies. As a growing school, it will always be necessary to recruit staff for the new academic year. The Senior Leadership Team are delighted with the new appointments. We have also been really pleased with the contribution the boys have made to the recruitment process. This has included taking prospective candidates on tours of the school building, taking part in 'interview' lesson observations and conducting a 'pupil interview panel' ably supported by Mrs Bhayat. We are delighted that Mr Markopoulitis – Deputy Director of Learning Maths will start with us part time from 1st May 2018 and full time from 14th May 2018. Mrs Ismail, the new Deputy Director of Learning for Science will also start her role with us prior to September. She will commence on 11th June 2018. We look forward to welcoming and working with all our new staff.

## Staff Leaving the School

We are very sorry to see Mr Asif Sidat, Director of Learning for Science leave us on Monday 30th April. As you are aware, Mr Sidat joined us when we opened the school in September 2015 and we were extremely fortunate to secure somebody of his experience to help set up and lead science at the school. Mr Sidat is moving to a new school in a similar role, working closely with children who have special educational needs and or disabilities. As a school community, we wish Mr Sidat every success and happiness in his new role and thank him for the very significant contribution he has made to Eden Boys.

We also said goodbye to Mr Omari Thomas Head of Year 8 on Friday 13th April. Mr Thomas has moved to a new job significantly closer to his home and whilst we are very disappointed to lose him, we understand how difficult his long commute to Preston has been. Mr Thomas has done a fantastic job working with your sons, helping nurture and develop them and again, we wish him every success in his future.



# Project Peace

Eden Boys' School Preston is extremely proud to present our book 'Peace'. The book is very special to us as it is a collective effort by both staff and pupils, who have contributed to the book by letting our creativity flow on to the page whilst sending messages from the heart.

We extend our hand of friendship whilst spreading love, peace and happiness. We hope our readers enjoy every moment and continue to help spread peace around the world. Here is a sample from the book:

## Respect

The war is over,  
 the city lies in ruins.  
 Lives have been lost,  
 Dreams have been shattered.  
 But from the wreckage and rubble,  
 Hope rises.  
 For peace to spread,  
 And love to grow,  
 We must stand together, and respect each other.  
 For war has no victor, only despair.  
 While peace unifies us, and makes us whole.

**Uzair Mall**

Details of how to purchase the book will be sent in a letter to parents.

# Unseen Poetry



## Time is of the Essence.

As with every aspect of life, the most precious commodity we have is time. People often spend time worrying about this abstract illusion: whether there is enough time, too much time, how time can be saved or what we do with our time. During our unseen poetry lessons, year ten have been designing their own poems, about time, and what time means to them personally. Detailed and thoughtful discussions about time became the topic of conversation when looking at the poems 'About His Person' and 'The Mower' in which both poems explore the value of time and the lack of time we have on this Earth. As a direct impact of this, each pupil in Year ten set one and two came up with their own poem to express, in words, what time meant to them and how they feel about this abstract phenomenon.



# Entrepreneurs

Working with "Explore Learning" the school hosted 4 "Dragon's Den" activities aimed at promoting business and enterprise skills to pupils. With limited resources, pupils were tasked to develop a resource to sell at as big a profit as possible. The activity allowed pupils to play different roles such as marketing, advertising, finance, product development, which gave pupils an insight into the main roles that are available in business.

# Fostering Event

After a very successful event to promote fostering locally the school will once again be hosting an information event for anyone interested in fostering children. Details will be shared with parents and the wider community once finalised.

# Anti-Bullying

The school is investing significant time and resources to ensure the school remains a bully-free environment for all children. To support children, the school has trained six children as anti-bully mentors as part of the Anti-Bullying Ambassador programme which is part of the Princess Diana charity, The Diana Award. The Diana Award was founded as a legacy to Diana, Princess of Wales' belief that young people have the power to change the world for the better. Since 1999, the Diana Award has recognised over 45,000 ordinary young people who have made an extraordinary difference to their community.



The boys spent the day at Highfield Academy, Blackpool learning all about what bullying actually is, the types of bullying, creating a bullying campaign and how to tackle bullying in school and the wider community. A huge well done to, Dawood Patel (Yr 7), Ayman Bodi (Year 7), Mohammed Asmal (Yr 8), Qasim Kazi (Year 8), Hassan Khan (Yr 9) and Hamzah Patel (Year 10).



# BNFL Visit



A group of our Year 9 students visited Springfields as part of their GCSE science studies in which they learnt about renewable and non-renewable resources. They were given the opportunity to discuss and present their findings regarding the nuclear industry and the future of energy. In addition to this, they were given the opportunity to have a tour around the Oxide Fuel Complex to see how uranium pellets were formed.



# Science Club

## Science Club - Imagine, Investigate, Inspire

Science Club is an enrichment activity run weekly after school for Year 7 pupils. This program brings pupils together to carry out fun and engaging scientific investigations.

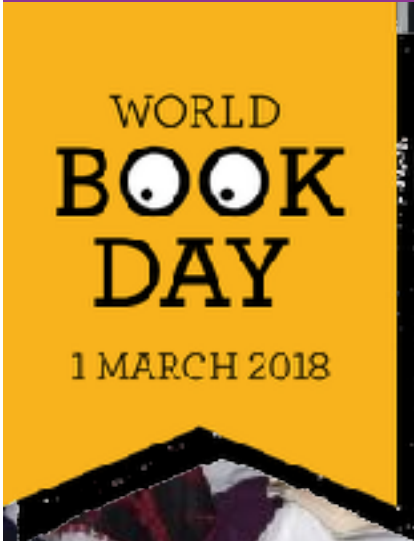
During Science Club, pupils used household items and everyday materials to make slushy slime, cause exuberant explosions, create a bright sweet-filled colour wheel and much more!

Zayd Badat, Year 7, commented: "Science Club is so much fun! We carried out practical activities every week and learnt so much! I loved it!"

So, let your scientific imagination flourish, investigate scientific concepts and inspire the next generation of scientists!



## World Book Day



A snowy day in Preston and the boys tucked into a book. They were lost in their own little worlds, engrossed and comforted by the pleasure that only a great reading could bring.



## Student Interview Panel

A huge well done to our student Shura Members who took part in interviewing potential teachers at our school. They interviewed with clarity, professionalism and intellect.





# SEN/D Update

The SEN/D Faculty is pleased to announce the launch of its nurture rooms. These rooms have been specifically designed to create a calming, nurturing and empowering atmosphere for our pupils. These rooms provide a great balance between support, enjoyment and work which the boys have fully embraced.



Pupils continue to benefit from the morning and lunchtime interventions/booster sessions which include numeracy and literacy catch up sessions, as well as nurture, art and handwriting clubs. These have proved to be a great success with our pupils who have been attending with great regularity and enthusiasm. During our most recent SEN/D Quality Assurance visit, when asked regarding the morning intervention/catch up sessions, a pupil stated that "They set us up for the day making us feel really happy"

We will continue to work hard and further enhance the provision provided to all pupils at our school.



## PE news

### UCLAN Visit



On the 13<sup>th</sup> March, 28 boys from year 7 attended a specialist coaching day at UCLAN sports arena. The day was run by UCLAN students and Paris University students. Our boys' learned a lot of new skills and also got the opportunity to speak French to the Parisian students, which was fantastic to see.

This term our boys have been working hard in preparation for various basketball fixtures. So far our boys in years 7, 8,9 have played Christ the King school, winning convincingly. With the success from this game, our boys are keen to keep playing and are looking forward to future fixtures to come.

### Basketball



## Football



In the Christmas holidays our year 7 boys played Eden Boys' Bolton and Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School in a football tournament held in Blackburn. Our boys put in a valiant effort, but it wasn't enough to stop Bolton winning the tournament.

With the recent success of similar trips, our boys were very keen to see Man City's fixture against Basel in the Champions League. The night unfortunately saw Man City lose 2-1 to Basel, but that didn't dampen our boys spirits with Ma'aaz Kahn stating "The trip was an excellent experience. It allowed me to see some of my heroes close up".













