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Weekly Round Up – 23rd October 2026

Dear Eastbrook Community,

As we reach the end of another successful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of your children and our school community. The positive start to the academic year has been a collective achievement, and it has been wonderful to see so many students embracing the opportunities available to them at Eastbrook.

Throughout this half term, we have seen many reasons to celebrate. Academic engagement within lessons has continued to improve, with students demonstrating increased focus, resilience and determination in their learning. Staff have commented positively on the way students are responding to our conventions of teaching, applying these consistently in lessons and developing strong learning habits that are helping them to make excellent progress.

Beyond the classroom, participation in enrichment activities and extracurricular clubs has grown significantly. Whether through sport, performing arts, academic societies or special interest clubs, students are embracing opportunities to develop new skills, build friendships and broaden their experiences. These activities play an important role in helping students feel connected to our community and embody the values that make Eastbrook such a special place to learn.

We have also been particularly encouraged by the increasing number of students engaging in independent learning. Developing effective study habits beyond the classroom is essential for long-term success, and we thank families for supporting students with homework, revision and wider reading at home. This partnership between school and home is invaluable in helping our young people achieve their full potential.

Another positive development has been the continued improvement in attendance. Regular school attendance remains one of the most significant factors in academic success, and we appreciate the efforts of students and families in ensuring that every day counts. Together, our students are increasingly demonstrating our Eastbrook ethos to **Excel, Belong and Succeed**.

Congratulations to Years 11 and 13

I would also like to congratulate our Year 11 and Year 13 students on an excellent first week of mock examinations. The focus, maturity and positive attitude shown by students has been impressive and reflects the hard work they have invested in their studies so far.

A special thank you must go to **Ms Malherbe, Mr Ahmad, Mr Abebrese, Ms Wadud** and all of our Year 11 form tutors for their dedication and support in preparing students for this important examination period. Their commitment to ensuring that students are well prepared and confident has made a real difference.

Year 12 Open Evening

We are delighted to invite all Year 11 students and their families to our **Year 12 Open Evening on Thursday 12th November, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm**.

This will be an exciting opportunity to learn more about our Sixth Form offer, speak with staff and students, and explore both our existing courses and the new courses we hope to introduce in the future. We encourage all Year 11 families to attend and discover the many opportunities available to students who choose to continue their education at Eastbrook Sixth Form.

The Importance of Punctuality

Whilst there is much to celebrate, we have identified a concern regarding student punctuality that we must address together.

Being punctual is not only important for learning; it is also an essential life skill. Arriving on time demonstrates responsibility, respect for others and strong personal organisation. Students who arrive punctually are able to begin lessons positively, avoid missing important learning and develop habits that will support them throughout education, employment and adult life.

In response, we have updated our detention procedures for late arrivals to school:

- Any student arriving late to school will receive a late slip and will be required to attend a lunchtime detention.
- Students who fail to attend their lunchtime detention will receive an after-school detention.
- Students attending a late detention must report directly to **S139 (Detention Room)** at the end of Period 4.
- Students should ensure that they purchase and eat their lunch during first break before attending detention.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing the importance of punctuality and helping students establish positive routines each morning.

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Half Term Achievement Heroes

Finally, congratulations to our **Half Term Achievement Heroes**. These students have been recognised for earning the highest number of Achievement Points during this half term and have consistently demonstrated our values of commitment, effort and excellent conduct.

Lower School	Middle School	Upper School	Sixth Form
Delia Cebotarica (117)	Aliza Ahmad (116))	Anayah Paul (67)	Tara Ibeawuchi (28)
Elliott Tyler (109)	Elishva Elliott (89)	Alima Shikdar (62)	Samirah Oluwa (23)
Excel Babalola (108)	Nikolas Cernat (81)	Ollie Birch (61)	Shokira Yama (21)

Certificates will be awarded to all recognised students, and we are immensely proud of their achievements. They serve as fantastic role models for our school community.

Wishing You a Restful Half Term

As we break for half term, I would like to thank all families once again for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are creating a culture where students can excel academically, feel a strong sense of belonging and achieve their ambitions.

We wish all of our students and families a safe, restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Monday 2nd November**, ready for another successful and exciting half term.

With best wishes,

I have read the Weekly Round Up and want a place in the Raffle! **(Click on the link)**

Yours faithfully,

J Gibson

Mr Jamie Gibson

Headteacher – Secondary Phase
Eastbrook School



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Key Dates for the Diary

Monday 2nd November. Students return to school.
Thursday 12th November. Sixth Form Open Evening.
Thursday 3rd December. Year 13 Mock Results Day and Year 13 Parents Evening.
Monday 7th December. Year 11 Mock Results Day.
Thursday 10th December. Year 11 Parents Evening.
Monday 14th December. Pastoral Reward Trips.
Thursday 17th December. Christmas Spectacular.
Friday 18th December. Last Day of Term, students dismissed at 11:25am.

The School within a School Model

Head of Lower School Ms Lötter	**Head of Middle School** Ms Abbas	**Head of Upper School** Mr Ahmad	**Head of Sixth Form** Ms Downer
HOY 7 - Ms Arnill **HOY 8 -** Ms Pillai	**HOY 9 –** Mr Cartney Chand **HOY 10** – Ms Harper	**HOY 11 –** Ms Malherbe	**HOY 12 –** Mr Bamigbola **HOY 13 –** Ms McKee
Pastoral Lead – Ms Camlibelli	**Pastoral Lead –** Ms Peake	**Pastoral Lead –** Mr Abebrese	**Pastoral Lead –** Ms Timms
DDSL - Ms Fuller	**DDSL -** Ms Jennings	**DDSL -** Ms Wadud	
Vulnerable Pupil Co-Ordinator – Ms Proctor			

School Proud Points – Last Week

Lower School	Middle School	Upper School	Sixth Form
▲2126▲	▲1806▲	▼352▼	▲424▲

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School Proud Points – Year to Date

Lower School	Middle School	Upper School	Sixth Form
13982	11597	9676 *	2282*

PROUD Shout Outs – Last Week

Congratulations to the following students who received the most Achievement Points this Week

Lower School	Middle School	Upper School	Sixth Form
Olivia Frimpong (24) Afifa Aqsa (23) Asifa Begum (22) Olivia O'Brien (22)	Aliza Ahmad (18) Isabella Pasquini (17) Raya Konad (16)	Ioana Paul (7) Naeem Abid (5) Kian Davey (5)	Genevieve Umahi Ndiwe (7) Tara Ibaewuchi (6) Shokira Yama (6)

PROUD Shout Outs – Half Term Heroes!

Congratulations to the following students who received the most Achievement Points this Year, so far…

Lower School	Middle School	Upper School	Sixth Form
Delia Cebotarica (117) Elliott Tyler (109) Excel Babalola (108)	Aliza Ahmad (116)) Elishva Elliott (89) Nikolas Cernat (81)	Anayah Paul (67) Alima Shikdar (62) Ollie Birch (61)	Tara Ibeawuchi (28) Samirah Oluwa (23) Shokira Yama (21)

Attendance Matters

The Last Week						
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
94.4% ▲	95.4% ▲	93.2% ▼	88.9% ▼	95.4% ▲	95.4% ▲	89.3% ▲
Year to Date						
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
95.2% =	93.8% ▲	92.3% ▼	90.4% =	91.0% ▲	94.6% ▲	90.8% ▼

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Safeguarding Notices

At Eastbrook we recognise the importance of supporting children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing. There are many trusted organisations offering advice, guidance and support to young people, parents, carers and schools.

Some useful resources include:

- **YoungMinds** (youngminds.org.uk) – Advice and guidance for young people and parents on emotional wellbeing and mental health.
- **Childline** (childline.org.uk) – Free, confidential support for children and young people who need someone to talk to.
- **Kooth** (kooth.com) – Free online mental health support for young people, including access to counsellors via online chat.
- **The Mix** (themix.org.uk) – Support for young people on mental health, relationships, money, education, and other life challenges.
- **MindEd** (minded.org.uk) – Reliable information to help parents and carers understand children's mental health and identify ways to offer support.
- **Anna Freud Centre** (annafreud.org) – Resources and guidance to support the mental health and wellbeing of children, young people, and families.
- **Place2Be** (place2be.org.uk) – Mental health support and counselling services for children and young people in schools.
- **Samaritans** (samaritans.org) – Free, confidential emotional support, available 24 hours a day on **116 123**.
- **Mental Health Foundation** (mentalhealth.org.uk) – Information, research, and practical advice on maintaining good mental health.
- **Hub of Hope** (hubofhope.co.uk) – A directory to help families find local mental health support services and organisations.

We encourage parents and carers to explore these resources and seek support whenever needed. Talking openly about mental health, listening without judgement, and seeking help early can make a real difference to a young person's wellbeing.

For further information and advice on supporting young people's mental health, visit **mhfaengland.org** or speak to one of the **safeguarding team at school** for further advice and support. All our DDSL's are **Mental Health First Aiders**.

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Vacancies

Please see the link below for job opportunities at Eastbrook School

SEND Administrator

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