



Mr Dickson
Executive
Headteacher

WELCOME TO THE SUMMER TERM

I hope you all a wonderful holiday. I would like to thank all the staff who provided additional revision sessions for our year 11 and 13 students who start their public exams next week. Our year 11 and 13 students need praising for working hard in the final run up to exams. I would also like to thank parents and families for supporting them in their revision and well-being. If any student is experiencing difficulties or high anxiety and needs support please do not hesitate to contact Mr Owen, Mr Conway or Mrs Lastiotis. I wish all pupils the very best for their upcoming exams, and I am looking forward to seeing a lot of happy faces on the results days.

the changing role of women. This documentary impressed the judges and academics in the Warwick University Film and Television Studies faculty who awarded them top prize in this prestigious competition. I would like to congratulate all of these the students and thank Justin Booth for all the training and support he gives to our 'Brilliant Club'. The full story can be found on page 3.

WORK EXPERIENCE

I am extremely proud to hear about so many of the success stories from our year 10 pupils on work experience at present. The vast majority of pupils are enjoying their placements and are extremely good ambassadors for ECS. There will be a full report in a future newsletter.

Thought of the Week

Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.
- Abigail Adams

CONGRATULATIONS MALIHA BAIG – TABLE TENNIS CHAMPION

I am delighted to report that Maliha has won a Gold medal in the national championships for Table Tennis in Blackpool. I would like to congratulate Maliha thank Jason Clarke and Greenhouse Sports for all the training and support they have given to Maliha and other students in the school on a daily basis. The full story can be found on page 4

RAMADAN MUBARAK

May I wish all our Muslim pupils, families and staff a happy, healthy and peaceful Ramadan. Some pupils will be choosing to

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 10 DOCUMENTARY MAKERS

It gives me great pleasure to report that five pupils in Year 10 have won the *Shooting The Past* history film competition at Warwick University. The pupils have made an original documentary about the history of Barking and chose to focus on

May Bank Holiday
6 May 2019

Summer Exams
13 May - 24 June 2019

Sports Day
23-24 May 2019

Half Term
27-31 May 2019

Y11 into Y12 Induction Day
3 July 2019

Last Day of School Year
19 July 2019



We are working towards our



fast. I have already sent out a letter to the families of those taking public exams to provide practical advice. I am including some links which may help families as they prepare for Ramadan.

<https://www.nhs.uk/video/Pages/healthy-ramadan.aspx>

<https://www.nutrition.org.uk/healthyliving/seasons/ramadan.html>

BANK HOLIDAY (MONDAY 6TH MAY)

May I take this opportunity in wishing all staff, families and students a very happy and restful bank holiday.

David Dickson - Executive Headteacher



BARKING ABBEY SCHOOL'S INCLUSION CONFERENCE

Saturday 11th May 10am-2pm

THIS CONFERENCE IS COMPLETELY FREE

Come along and listen to workshops, collect information and share concerns with some of the most influential special education needs practitioners

Book your place on: www.bit.ly/2Xlado1

Booking closes 3rd May 2019

Barking Abbey School, Sixth Form Block
Woodbridge Road, Barking IG11 9ET

Light refreshments and nibbles will be provided on the day

EVERYONE MATTERS

For more information
email: caseyl@barkingabbey.school.co.uk

GANGS AND NEGATIVE YOUTH CULTURE AWARENESS

Our young people are exposed to lots of different influences, not all of them positive. As parents, it can sometimes be difficult to find the right support or advice to help when dealing with negative attitudes or the impact of negative influences others may have on our children.

If you have any concerns about your son or daughter, particularly if they are showing any of the following behaviours:

- Withdrawing from school/loss of interest.
- Being excluded from school.
- No longer attending extra-curricular clubs/playing sport.
- A breakdown of friendships, new negative friendships formed.
- Aggression.
- Secretive behaviour
- Unexplained injuries. Breaking rules/pushing boundaries/lack of respect.

- Truancy or going missing.
- Staying out late and returning home with no explanation for their whereabouts. Having expensive items of clothing, footwear, jewellery, watches and extra phones. Suddenly using mobile phones excessively, becoming angry if it is confiscated.
- Using sexual, violent or drug related slang terms.
- Being picked up or dropped off in unknown cars or taxis

There are agencies that can offer support and guidance.

If you have any concerns, please email me at Scl@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk, and our team will work with you to identify the best possible ways in which the school and the local authority can help.

Sharon Collins - Senior Deputy Headteacher



SHOOTING THE PAST - YEAR 10 WINNERS!

On Tuesday 30th April 2019, five budding documentary makers in Year 10: Afnan Hyder, Maleeha Abdullah, Marina Enache, Shahrin Ahmed and Talha Khan won the national *Shooting the Past* film-makers competition organised by *UniTracks* and hosted by Warwick University.

Their victory came at an end of three long hard months of research, planning and much editing of their documentary film – *Women of Barking*. This film was totally made from scratch, with a brief of making a documentary film about their local area. After much research they settled on how women's lives have changed in Barking, covering issues such as Barking's links to the Suffragette movement to the strike of women machinists at the Ford Motor Company fifty years ago. They also explored current issues affecting women in Barking, such as equal pay, affordable child care and employment opportunities. The professionalism of their documentary was greatly enhanced by including an interview with the Mayor of Barking, Councillor Sanchia Alasia, who was extremely knowledgeable about both the history of women in the borough but also about the position of women today.

Using a range of contemporary and interpretative sources, Afnan, Maleeha, Marina, Shahrin and Talha, worked tirelessly to create an inspiring, informative and entertaining film documentary. The greatest challenge came in editing their film, the finished product of which was screened at Warwick University on 30th April. Our team faced stiff competition from several schools nationwide, each having their unique take on their local area. Furthermore, Afnan, Maleeha, Marina, Shahrin and Talha had to answer challenging questions from the esteemed panel of judges who are senior academics from both the History Faculty and Film and Television Studies faculty.

After much deliberation, the judges awarded first place to Eastbury Community School. The lead judge pointed out the particular strengths of the film, stating that it had excelled in every category. Apart from receiving a certificate and book token as an initial prize, Afnan, Maleeha, Marina, Shahrin and Talha have been told that they will be spending a day at the British Film Institute, so they can further develop their film-making skills.



EASTBURY COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUPIL BAIG WINS NATIONAL TITLE

Eastbury Community School student Maliha Baig justified her top seeding by winning every match to take gold at the Under-12 National Cup in Blackpool.

The Table Tennis England competition sees the top 10 players in the national rankings play each other in a round-robin format over two days and is one of the toughest events on the national calendar.

Baig was in imperious form throughout and only dropped two sets in the whole tournament, one each to silver medallist Rachael Iles and bronze medallist Bethany Ellis, as she won all nine matches.

The 11-year-old, who hails from Chadwell Heath, said: "I wasn't totally confident because I knew there were a few girls I could lose to.

"It was a hard tournament but I'm happy that I played well and won."

It certainly was a fine success for Baig as she showed again that she is among the brightest young table tennis talents in the country.

[Story courtesy of Barking & Dagenham Post](#)

TABLE TENNIS NEWS

MALIHA BAIG TABLE TENNIS SUCCESS



Recently Maliha was invited to play in the U12 National Cup in Blackpool. This is a prestigious and invitation only tournament which pits England's top 10 boys against each other and England's top 10 girls against each other in a round robin format to determine the overall winner. The tournament is regarded as one of the toughest events on the national calendar.

Maliha was in excellent form and lived up to her billing as top seed, dropping only two sets in the whole tournament, one to the silver medallist and the other to the bronze medallist, as she won all nine matches.

It was a fantastic achievement for Maliha as she showed again that she is among the brightest young table tennis talents in the country.



Eleven year old Maliha Baig of 7R, competed in the London 4* tournament, U13 girls category in September 2018. Maliha breezed into the finals, dropping only a handful of points en-route and narrowly missed out on winning overall, eventually losing 9-11 in the fifth! It could not have been closer.



In January this year, Maliha travelled to Horsham, where she competed in the 2* U12 mixed tournament. A total of 34 players were competing in this age group, so this was always going to be challenging. However, Maliha reached the semi-finals without dropping a set, where she encountered the top seed and eventual winner. However, Maliha then had to battle it out for third place which she did, winning 3-1 and securing a bronze medal in the process.

In November 2018, Maliha was once again in competition, this time travelling to Cambridge to take part in the U15 and U18 girls 2* tournament. Maliha finished runner-up in the U15 girls, once more losing a very close final in the fifth set. However the U18s was still to be played.



In the U18 girls, a round-robin format was played. This time Maliha was not to be denied, she avenged her earlier loss to win the U18 girls crown.





One tournament in a day was clearly not enough for Maliha. After winning the Jack Petchey regional qualifiers in the morning, Maliha travelled to the Greenhouse Centre in Marylebone in the afternoon. There she took part in the London Ranking tournament. This was a mixed tournament open to people of all ages. Maliha was competing in the Band 3 event and was up against seasoned adults as well as younger opponents. Despite the challenge and a tough a semi-final match, Maliha reached the finals where she was again involved in a five set thriller. This could have gone either way but in the end Maliha was triumphant and claimed a second victory of the day.



In March, Maliha competed in the Inter-Regional qualifiers, U15 girls' category. She was seeded fourth with the top two qualifying players progressing to the Inter-Regional finals. The finals consist of ten regions across England with both a team and singles events, all hoping to be crowned overall champion.

Despite the odds, Maliha finished second overall, beating two higher seeded players along the way to qualify for the Inter-Regional finals to be held in June.



In February, Maliha was in Derby competing in Junior British League. The first round had been played in November and this was the final round. Maliha was playing in Division Three and was up against U18 girls. Despite being the youngest female competitor at the event, Maliha led her team to gold, claiming 14 victories from 16 matches.



In early April, Maliha was again in action competing in the Jack Petchey Schools Table Tennis Finals, U13 girl's category. Maliha was a winner for the third year running, having won the U11s in the previous two years.



Maliha competed at Raines School in the U13 category of The Jack Petchey Schools' Championships. The Championships begin with regional qualifiers held across London, where those who finish first, second, third and fourth, qualify for the finals. Maliha was once again in fine form where she brushed aside her opponents with ease to claim gold.