

# Graduation & Prizegiving

We were very proud and excited when we heard that our guest of honour this year was to be Mr Pete Waterman of Stock, Aitken and Waterman fame. Those of us of more mature years will remember them as the most successful musical production team of the 1980's and our younger audience will remember Pete Waterman as one of the original judges on 'Pop Idol'. Not only this, his subsequent influence on the music business has been extensive, being responsible for over 100 top 40 hits and an amazing 22 UK number 1 chart successes, including artists such as Kylie Minogue, Jason Donovan, Bananarama, Rick Astley to name but a few.

Our speech day was made even more special by the entertaining account Mr Waterman gave of his own school days as he recounted just how difficult it was in the early 1950s to find a school that had enough places and then the classes were often 60 in number! His reminiscences (especially his joy at not being able to start school until he was 7 and finishing at 14) caused much amusement and cleverly drew attention to the value of a good education and how it should not be wasted.

Traditionally, we always include musical performances in the programme of events as well as awards for academic achievement, effort and sport. This year's Graduation and Prizegiving included six notable musical performances. The Primary Department have worked hard this year to form their first orchestra and their progress reflects this giving an excellent rendition of 'Summer Holiday'. A truly remarkable performance of the song 'So Yesterday' by Charlotte Floyer in Year 6 was another highlight. Not only does Charlotte have an excellent voice but she delivered the song with such assurance and maturity that we're sure she could have professional musical career. The talent does not stop here, however, as Henry Mills from Year 7, repeated his show stopping performance from the musical 'Bugsy' called



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'Tomorrow' - another star in the making. Lewis Gowans, Fares Saudi and Francesca Morris, all from Year 11, are accomplished guitarists and performed a piece from their GCSE coursework which reflected the high standard required to gain top grades. Fares then continued with a solo spot of 'rock' guitar which got everyone clapping and tapping their feet. The final performance was from Mark Harris in Year 13 who is a most accomplished pianist. Mark who had just completed the examination for the Performers Diploma from the Associated Examining Board of the Royal Schools of Music performed his examination piece. This performance

was exceptional, and the skill and sensitivity required for such a complex piece rendered the hall silent in admiration.

The true purpose of Prizegiving, however, is to reward those students who have proved themselves worthy of special commendation over the year. We give sincere congratulations to our many prize winners in the academic arena, for sporting excellence, for effort and team spirit. Without their hard work, we would

not be able to celebrate success with such pride. We want to encourage all our students to achieve their best and remember that next year it could be them who walk onto centre stage.

As always, our Year 13 students, the Class of 2008, were gathered together for the last time on stage as they graduate from EIC to begin their new lives at university. Reading their interviews on the earlier pages it is clear, as they look back, how much they have enjoyed their time at EIC

and valued the help given by staff and parents. We wish them every success for their future lives and would like to thank them for everything that they have contributed to the life and success of the school. Whilst we know that they are ready to begin their own lives and experience new freedoms, we are just as confident that when those long university holidays roll round - THEY WILL BE BACK.

Lesley Lawrence

Year 4 Certificate for Academic Achievement



Anna

Year 4 Certificate for Effort



Sam

Year 5 Certificate for Academic Achievement



Benjamin

Year 5 Certificate for Effort



Olivia

Year 6 Certificate for Academic Achievement - English



Amber/Alice

Year 6 Certificate for Academic Achievement - Mathematics



Tristan



Year 6 Certificate for Academic Achievement - Science



Daniel

Primary Certificate for Exceptional Effort Year 6R



Ana

Primary Certificate for Exceptional Effort Year 6B



Victoria

Key Stage Three Certificate English



Max

Key Stage Three Certificate Maths



Alex

Key Stage Three Certificate Science



Alexandra

Primary Team Trophy



Red Team

Primary Sportsboy of the Year



Jorge

Primary Sportsgirl of the Year



Annabelle

Key Stage Three Certificate Languages



Maria

Key Stage Three Certificate ICT



Jan

Key Stage Three Certificate Humanities



Sage



Primary Cup for Sportsmanship



Alice

Primary Student of the Year



Winner: Jac  
Nominees: Victoria, Jorge, Alice

Key Stage Three Certificate Expressive Arts



Douglas

Key Stage Three Sportsman of the Year



Philip

Key Stage Three Sportswoman of the Year



Alex



House Shield



Dalí

Key Stage Three Student of the Year



Winner: Douglas

Nominees for Key Stage Three student of the year:

Max, Alex, Thea, Christian, Lukas, Sage, Jobey, Alex

Key Stage Four Departmental Certificate - English



Daniella

Key Stage Four Departmental Certificate - Maths



Pejhmon

Key Stage Four Departmental Certificate - Science



Olivia

Key Stage Five Departmental Certificate - Languages



Dominic

Key Stage Five Departmental Certificate - ICT



Theodore

Key Stage Five Departmental Certificate - Humanities



Melanie

Key Stage Four Departmental Certificate - Languages



Bilal

Key Stage Four Departmental Certificate - ICT



Archie

Key Stage 4 Departmental Certificate - Humanities



Ginny

The David Sutcliffe Memorial Science Prize



Elin

Modern Languages Student of the Year



India

Musician of the Year



Rio

Key Stage Four Sportsman of the Year



Fares

Key Stage Four Sportswoman of the Year



Candice/Anna

Key Stage Four Student of the Year



Daniella\*

Drama Student of the Year



Mitzi

Maths Student of the Year



Koen

Artist of the Year



Sergio

Key Stage Five Departmental Certificate - English



Eloise

Key Stage Five Departmental Certificate - Maths



Mark

Key Stage Five Departmental Certificate - Science



Zachary

The Sixth Form Student of the Year



Winner: Eloise  
Nominees: Abigail, Mitzi, Tanya, Theodore, Mark, Melanie

Sports Personality of the Year



Andrew

EIC Award for International Understanding and Community Service



Winner: Rio  
Nominees: Karima, Tanya

\*Nominees for Key Stage Four Student of the Year: Bilal, Zoe, Ami, Fares, Clayton, Ginny, Ryan, Georgia