

Boclair News

EDC Awards Ceremony 2016 Boclair Academy Winners

DECEMBER 2016

This year Boclair Academy hosted the East Dunbartonshire Council Awards Ceremony where twenty of your young people received awards for a variety of activities. This ceremony celebrates significant achievements of young people across the whole of the local Authority and this year the Education Convener, Mrs Maureen Henry was the Special Guest. Mrs Henry opened the evening with a motivating speech outlining the successes of the young people in East Dunbartonshire Council and went on to congratulate all winners individually. We were also joined on the evening by the Chief Executive, Mr Gerry Cornes, who provided closing remarks. The evening was a huge success and we are grateful to all Boclair staff and pupils who worked hard to make the evening such a special event.

For your information we have provided the details of all the Boclair winners below.



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Karis Bhattacharyya**Taekwondo**

Karis competes at an elite level in the competitive arena of Taekwondo. A long time member of Bearsden's XS Club, having started at the age of 4, Karis regularly trains three times per week and was awarded her second degree black belt last session at the age of 16. Karis's recent successes include winning the Scottish Championship at 13/14 level and the Scottish Championship at 15/16 level. Karis also won the British Championship at 13/14 level and the British Championship at 15/16 level.

Abi Boyle - Group Award**Wider Achievement – S2 Foodbank**

S2 pupils at Boclair Academy worked tirelessly between December 2015 and June 2016 to 'give back' to our wider community through the development of a foodbank collection point within our school. Working in partnership with East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action, and the Glasgow North Foodbank, our students donated over 5000 items and directly contributed to the feeding of over 1000 families across the Greater Glasgow area. Pupils used social media, the local supermarket and the generosity of their own families to ensure that some of our more vulnerable neighbours felt supported and the development of a Foodbank recipe book is currently underway.

Keira Campbell**Dancing**

Keira is an elite level dancer and has been a member of JC Dance and Cheer Academy for many years. Keira has attended the World Dance Championships in Florida for the past three years, and last year competed for the first time. Keira's team achieved a place in the top ten in the world, and this year she intends to compete again in Cheerleading as part on the Scottish National Team!

Lisa Chestnutt – Group Award**Land Rover Challenge**

The Boclair Academy team 'Team Supernova' worked together to design and build a radio controlled four-wheel drive (4x4) vehicle, to set specifications. At the Scottish final the team had to make a presentation on how they overcame design and build challenges as well as how they raised funds. They were grilled by a team of engineers and their vehicle had to successfully negotiate a specially designed test track emulating real life as a full scale 4x4 vehicle would do in an off-road situation. Having come first in their class at the Scottish heat they travelled to Silverstone race course for the National finals where they faced tough rounds of questioning and presenting as well as a fiendish 4X4 course. They represented the school with distinction throughout.

Evan Deas**Tumbling Gymnastics**

Evan competes at an elite level in the Tumbling discipline in Gymnastics. He currently trains with Dynamite Gymnastics Club in Clydebank where he has been a club member for six years. Evan trains three days per week with an average of ten hours per week. Last session Evan qualified from the Scottish Championships and progressed to the British Qualifying Championships at 14-15 level where he achieved 8th place in Britain. Evan is looking forward to the British Championships again this session where he is targeting a medal place.

Emma Donnelly**Football**

Emma is a Scottish International Woman's Football player and represented Scotland at the Rosebowl Under 16 International Tournament in Bangor over the last two years. This year she was vice captain as Scotland won the tournament beating Wales 6-0, England 2-1 and Northern Ireland 10-1. Emma has recently signed for Rangers Football Club having spent much of her young football career with Celtic Football Club.

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Emma Gilmour
Athletics

Emma is a successful middle distance runner both on track and in cross country. She is a member of Victoria Park City of Glasgow running club where she trains twice a week alongside her three times per week personal training regime. Her recent successes on the track include winning silver in the 1500 metres event at the National Track Championship in Aberdeen. Emma also won the East Dunbartonshire Athletics Gold Medal 1500 metres Under 15s. In cross country Emma won the Dunbartonshire Cross Country Championships and won a Team Bronze medal at the National Cross Country Championships.

Abby Langdon – Group Award
Science & Engineering Challenge

Go4SET is a science and engineering challenge for S2 to design an Eco-classroom. The project involved links with industry and the team were linked with Sciencsoft. The challenge developed not only excellent team work but also communication. At both the West of Scotland heat and the National final the team were required to present their project and answer questions posed by both the judges and their peers from other schools. The team won the West of Scotland heat and were invited to take part the National Final in Glasgow City Chambers where they won the Pupil Choice Award.

Ben Lawton – Group Award
Music

Nathan Findlay, Sam Law, Ben Lawton, John Macleod, Helen Byrne, Mhairi Kirsty Fischer and Jennifer McEwan successfully auditioned last session for the prestigious West of Scotland Schools Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band, and went on to perform extraordinary repertoire the Glasgow City Halls showcase concert in August 2016.

Michael Lyons
Basketball

Michael is an International Basketball player at Under 16 Level. He currently trains with his local club Glasgow Wrens four times per week and was selected to represent Scotland Under 16s at the recent FIBA European Basketball Championships in Bulgaria, making his debut in the opening match against Israel. Michael has also travelled to Copenhagen, Barcelona and Dublin with the Scotland squad during the summer.

Zoe MacDonald
Swimming

Zoe is an elite swimmer having been a member of her swimming club for 8 years. She is extremely committed to the sport, training 7-8 times per week. She has gone from strength to strength and has been swimming at National level since she was 11 years old. Her recent achievements include competing in the Scottish National Short Course (December 2015), winning Gold at the Scottish Schools Championships (January 2017 where she achieved an Olympic trial consideration time of 1 13.58 in 100m breaststroke; competing in the Scottish National Age Groups (March 2017); and competing in the British National Swimming Championships (July 2017) – biggest event in the swimming calendar. Only the top 24 swimmers in the UK (within each age group) are invited to compete in each event and Zoe qualified for 3 events.

Skye MacIntyre
Roller Derby

Skye has been pioneering the growth of a new sport in Scotland as part of the only Young People's Roller Derby Team in Scotland - Fierce Valley Roller Cubs - over the last two years. Skye trains for this event twice per week for over six hours and also helps coach younger players learning the sport for the first time and taking a leading role in coaching more senior players. Skye is also part of the demonstration team preparing the audience for the adult team – Fierce Valley Roller Girls. This is a full contact sport and Skye is now ready to join one of the adult teams in Glasgow or London in the near future.

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Lucy McKee**Charity Work**

Over the last year Lucy has continued to develop her national role within the Scottish Charity Enable Scotland. Lucy is now the Chair of the Young Person's Committee within the organisation and she is a full member of the Scottish Council which directs the work of Enable Scotland. In this group Lucy represents the views of all young people who are involved with Enable and who benefit from the work of the charity. Lucy also leads the Enable campaign in her own school where she has raised awareness of Enable's work through an assembly programme and fundraising events. Recently Lucy has been nominated to represent East Dunbartonshire Council as a Young Ambassador for Inclusion on the National Education Scotland Group.

Jacob Miller – Group Award**Bar Mock Trial**

Bronze medal winners, Boclair Academy's Bar Mock Trial Team were invited to enter an extra team invited to perform in the national Bar Mock Trial Competition last session following success in the previous years. Winner of the outstanding individual performance awards, and the highest performing team ever recorded in the league stage of the national competition, the team are now busy preparing for this year's event at the High Court in Glasgow in November.

Emily O'Neill**Robot Challenge Team**

The team entered the "Design Your Own Robot Challenge" with Harper Adams University in Newport, England. The Young Innovator of the Year Awards is aimed at 11 to 19 year olds with an interest in design and innovation. Their robot "The Bowel Cancer Basher" was designed to fight bowel cancer. It is a small robot which when swallowed is controlled by surgeons. It reaches the cancer cells then performs a procedure where it eliminates the cancer cell using laser technology to remove the cell. The team won the "Most Creative Robot Award" at the United Kingdom Finals.

Yaser Razouk**Table Tennis**

Yaser is an international Table Tennis player and has represented Scotland at Under 16 and Under 18 level. His recent successes include the Senior UK School's International under 18s bronze medallist and the winner of the Under 18 South of Scotland Open in September 2015. He competed in the European Youth Championships in Zagreb as part of the Scottish Under 18 squad reaching the last 32 in the doubles competition. Yaser reached the quarter finals of the Perth Grand Prix Men's event and won the Glasgow Grand Prix doubles event for Under 18. Yaser is currently ranked number 3 in Scotland at Under 18 level and 11 in Scotland overall. He is currently training with the Scottish Men's Team at their training base in Edinburgh.

Grant Stewart**Clay Pigeon Shooting**

Grant is the current Under 16 Scottish Champion in Clay Pigeon Shooting. He has shown commitment to this sport for a number of years and is a member of Stratheyre Gun Club. Grant practices regularly in his spare time and enjoys his participation hugely.

Emma Williams**Skiing / Swimming**

Emma is an elite athlete in two very different disciplines. Last session she represented Scotland at the World Schools Skiing Championship in L'Aquila, Italy at Under 18 level. Emma also competes at a high level in swimming, taking part in three national championships in swimming, reaching the final of the British Grand Prix event where she was defeated by a worthy opponent, 2014 Commonwealth gold medallist Hannah Wylie.

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Scott Williams**Skiing**

Scott has achieved great success over the last two years in Skiing. He is a member of the Glasgow Ski Club and the Scottish Ski Club, taking part in the national Alpine Races as well as training at centres throughout Europe. Over the last year he achieved second place in the Scottish Indoor Event in Glasgow in June, first place in the Glencoe Scottish Open at Under 18 level and came second overall in the Scottish Alpine League for under 18s.

Ellis Wright**Music**

Ellis is a talented musician who has already received national recognition for her contribution to music. At the end of last session she was presented with a Music Industry Made Accessible (MIMA) Award for outstanding contribution to the music industry at a black tie event in the City Halls in Glasgow. She was invited to play at the opening event for the Homeless World Cup in Glasgow this summer and also performed at St Luke's Cathedral for an Alzheimer's Scotland fundraising event. Ellis also performed at Mugstock this year and volunteers at Innerzone in Easterhouse every week to help young people develop their music skills.

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