

# EPIC East Ayrshire Pipe Band Academy



It has been an exciting time here at EPIC as our new band club starts to take shape and our senior students step up to become Junior Leaders for the first time. Pictured above with our piping and drumming teachers, our senior students have been learning methods of instruction, leadership and presentation skills to enable them to take a 'hands on' approach in shaping the next generation of young pipers and drummers in East Ayrshire. It has been wonderful to see lots of new faces at our band club from our Primary 7 outreach classes, and this new band club will form our second band which we can't wait to see blossom and grow!



Our community band have been working on their own compositions this term, as well as performing at Burns Suppers, care homes, concerts and other events. Jai Blackhurst has become our first student to achieve SCQF Level 5 Bagpipes Certification, and we had two students perform very well in the World Solo Drumming Championship in October, with Chloe Donald securing a 5th place for the second year running.

Our annual awards were presented at the end of November and the results are displayed overleaf. All of our students deserve recognition of their development and achievements over the year, but these four students in particular stood out as going above and beyond to work hard, improve, and help others.



**Good People Make Good Pipers**

**Good People Make Good Drummers**

**Aim not only to be the best player you can be, but also the best person you can be.**





# EPIC End of Year Awards

"Special Recognition Award"



James McCaugherty  
and Jai Blackhurst



"The Shine Award"

In Memory of Our Beloved Chairman Jim Butler  
David Bunten

"The Alex Duncan Memorial Award"

For Character, Commitment and Performance

Angel Blackhurst



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