



# Parent and Carer Bulletin

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope this message finds you and your families well. As we move further into this important half term, there continues to be a strong sense of focus and purpose across the school, particularly for those students approaching key milestones in their education.

I would like to share some important information regarding our Year 11 students as they reach the final stages of their secondary school journey. **Monday 15th June will mark the final day in school for the full Year 11 cohort.** This will be a significant and memorable day for our students, bringing together both the culmination of their examination period and an opportunity to celebrate their time with us.

The day will include the final whole-cohort examination of the academic year, after which students will have the opportunity to spend time together marking this important milestone. There will be time set aside for the traditional shirt signing, allowing students to share messages and memories with their peers. We will also hold a Leavers' Assembly, where we will come together as a school community to recognise their achievements, reflect on their journey and celebrate their contribution to school life.

In addition, students will be issued with their Prom invitation letters, providing further details about this important celebratory event. We look forward to marking this occasion appropriately and ensuring that Year 11 leave us with a strong sense of pride in all they have achieved.

Alongside this, I am pleased to see the positive start made by our Year 10 students, as they begin to prepare for their upcoming mock examinations, which are due to begin on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Period 6 intervention sessions have already commenced, providing additional time and targeted support to help students consolidate their knowledge and develop key examination skills. These sessions are an important part of our preparation programme, and it has been encouraging to see strong attendance and engagement from students.

We would encourage all Year 10 students to continue making full use of these opportunities, maintaining good study habits and developing consistent routines in the lead-up to their mocks. As always, we are committed to supporting them both academically and pastorally as they begin this important phase of their preparation.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership with the school. It is greatly appreciated as we work together to ensure the very best outcomes for all students.

I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Glenn Thompson  
Head of School



## Year 10 Mock Examinations

We are delighted to share the EMS Year 10 Summer Mock Examination timetable, which will run from **Tuesday 16th June to Friday 26th June 2026**.

These examinations mark an important and exciting milestone. They are the first opportunity to experience formal exam conditions and a valuable step on the journey towards GCSEs next summer.

**Mr Doyle**

	Monday 15th June	Tuesday 16th June	Wednesday 17th June	Thursday 18th June	Friday 19th June
Lesson 1		English Language 1hr45	Biology (combined) 1hr15	Maths Paper 2 Calculator 1hr30	English Literature 2hr15
Lesson 2					
Lesson 3					
Lesson 4		Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator 1hr30	Geography 1hr15	Religious Education 1hr30	History 1hr50
Lesson 5					
	Monday 22nd June	Tuesday 23rd June	Wednesday 24th June	Thursday 25th June	Friday 26th June
Lesson 1	Chemistry (combined) 1hr15	Maths Paper 3 Calculator 1hr30	Physics (combined) 1hr15	History Crime & Punishment 1hr20	Biology (Separate) 1hr45
Lesson 2					
Lesson 3					
Lesson 4	Business 1hr30	French Listening 35min(F) 45min(H) + Reading 45min(F)	French Writing 1hr15(F) 1hr30(H)	Engineering Design 1hr15	Chemistry (Separate) 1hr45
Lesson 5	Hospitality & Catering 1hr20 Computer Science 1hr30		GCSE PE 1hr15		

## School Transport 2026/2027

A reminder to all parents and carers that from September 2026 all pupils who live further than a 2-mile radius from school could qualify for free transport.

To apply please follow the link below:

Home to School Travel Application Form -  
<https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/schooltravelassistance>

If you have any issues accessing the link please contact the Passenger Transport Services Team on 01429 401969.

**Ms Tait**

## Year 10 Period 6 Timetable

To support Year 10 students during their first set of mock examinations, we have introduced a dedicated Period 6 timetable aligned with the sequence of their exams. These sessions are designed to reinforce the key knowledge and exam skills required, helping students to feel confident and well-prepared for their upcoming assessments.

Mr Doyle

<b>Summer Mock Exam Period 6 Timetable</b>			
	<b>Week 1</b>		<b>Week 2</b>
	<b>16th June - 19th June</b>		<b>22nd June - 26th Jun</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>English</b>		<b>Maths</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Biology</b>		<b>Physics</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Maths</b>		<b>History</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>English</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Chemistry</b>		

## Sixth Form Updates

### Year 12 PPD and Work Experience

During this week's PPD session, IntoUniversity delivered a workshop to our Year 12 students in preparation for their week's work experience. Students discussed professionalism in the workplace, including the importance of punctuality, email etiquette and how to make positive first impressions! Students engaged well in the session and learned valuable skills, not only for their placement, but also for future workplace situations.

If your child has not yet secured a work placement for week commencing 6th July it is not too late, students can still engage in meaningful virtual work experience opportunities. These will be posted on the Year 12 Careers Team, please encourage your child to check notifications and engage in these opportunities.

## Year 12 Prep Exams

Prep exams begin on Monday 15th June for our Year 12 students. Students received the exam timetable prior to May half term and have been preparing for these exams in lessons and dedicated study periods at college. An email with more information about these exams has been sent to parents. If you have any questions, please get in touch with college.

## Year 12 enrolment information

As the end of the exam season is nearly upon us, please find below important information about enrolling into sixth form.

Sixth Form enrolment takes place on GCSE results day - Thursday 20th August in the Sixth Form study area.

Please note that even if your child has applied and been interviewed for sixth form, they must still complete an enrolment form with a member of the sixth form team. This is to confirm their A level courses for September and to ensure they meet entry requirements.

If your child is not able to enrol on 20th August, please contact me: lhenderson@ems.bhcef.org.uk so alternative arrangements can be made.

If your child is still undecided about their next steps, please contact our sixth form careers adviser Mrs Scaife: bscaife@ems.bhcef.org.uk. She will be more than happy to discuss your child's post 16 options.

## Year 12 post 18 choices

At this stage, students should be actively exploring their post-18 options. These may include employment, apprenticeships, or university. Many universities will be hosting open days over the coming months, and we strongly encourage students to attend those that interest them. Open days are an excellent opportunity to explore courses, facilities and student life.

To ensure that every student has the opportunity to attend at least one open day, we have organised a visit to Newcastle on Friday 26th June. Both Newcastle University and Northumbria University will be holding open events on this day. Further details have been shared with students via Teams, so please encourage them to check these and discuss the visit with you.

### UCAS applications

Before half term, students were also provided with a presentation outlining the university application process and attended the UCAS Discovery event at Teesside University.

While we recognise that not all students will choose to apply to university, and we will provide tailored support for alternative pathways from September, we do encourage all students to register with UCAS and begin completing an application. This provides valuable experience in completing professional applications and writing personal statements—skills that are beneficial for all future pathways.

UCAS has produced a comprehensive Parent Guide, which includes information on personal statements, student finance, apprenticeships, accommodation and results day. You can access this here:

<https://www.ucas.com/discover/advice-for-parents-guardians-and-carers/parent-guardian-and-carer-guide>

## Year 12 contact details

The sixth form team are increasingly using email to contact parents about their child's attendance and to communicate other key information. If you are not receiving emails from us, please contact college to let us know and any issues can be resolved.

### Ms Henderson

## Chaplaincy Updates

### June 13th Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Immaculate Heart of Mary refers to Mary's interior heart, which remained sinless and devoted to God despite the challenges and sorrows she encountered on earth. St. John Paul II said, "From Mary, we learn to love Christ, her Son and the Son of God.... Learn from her to be always faithful, to trust that God's Word to you will be fulfilled and that nothing is impossible with God."

When we honour the Immaculate Heart, we give ultimate honour to Jesus.

#### Prayer

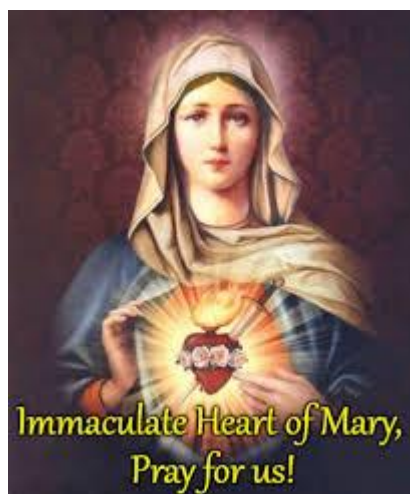
O Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
full of goodness,  
show your love towards us.  
Let the flame of your heart,  
O Mary, descend on all people.

We love you immensely.  
Impress true love in our hearts  
so that we have a continuous desire for you.  
O Mary, gentle and humble of heart, remember us when we are in sin.  
You know that all men sin.

Give us, by means of your Immaculate Heart, spiritual health.  
Let us always see the goodness of your motherly heart  
and may we be converted by means of the flame of your heart.

**Amen.**

Consecration prayer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cw-cArQUpXQ>



## HOLY FAMILY PARISH EVENT, HARTLEPOOL 29th June 2026

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA - Canon Paul writes: *to mark the 300th anniversary of the birth of St Gerard, the relics will be at St Joseph's on Monday 29th June for 6.30pm Mass. They will be available for private prayer from 5.30pm, and blessings with the relics will be offered after the Mass. St Gerard Majella is known as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. Come along and bring your petitions to this well-known saint.*



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On Earth But Yours**