



Parent and Carer Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping well. As we continue through this busy stage of the term, it has been encouraging to see students engaging positively with both their studies and the wider life of the school.

It has been particularly encouraging to see how well our Year 10 students have approached their mock examinations, which are now underway. This period is not only important in assessing current progress, but also in helping students develop the routines and habits that are essential for success in formal examinations. Through this process, students are learning how to manage their time effectively, respond to exam conditions, and reduce cognitive overload by embedding structured approaches to revision and recall. These experiences will prove invaluable as they move towards their final GCSE examinations next year, and we are proud of the maturity and focus many have already demonstrated.

At the same time, we continue to look ahead to the future of our school community. Mr Gray and Ms Williamson are working closely to ensure that our incoming Year 6 students are supported through a positive and well-structured transition process. We very much look forward to welcoming the full cohort for four days in the last week of term, as they begin their journey into secondary school life with us.

As we approach the end of term, we also take time to reflect on and celebrate our Year 11 cohort, whose journey with us is drawing to a close. The leavers' events provide an important opportunity not only to recognise students' achievements, but also to acknowledge the dedication of the staff who have supported them throughout their time in school. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Year Leadership Team, Ms Taylor and Ms Sweeting, along with the form tutors and classroom teachers. Their commitment, alongside the ongoing support of parents and carers, has made a lasting difference to this cohort.

We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students back on Thursday 20 August to collect their examination results, and we are delighted that many plan to continue their education with us in the sixth form. In the meantime, they begin what is likely to be the longest break they have experienced. We encourage them to make good use of this time — to embrace new experiences, deepen interests, and spend quality time with family and friends.

For students in other year groups, this can be a period of transition, as the school community evolves and they begin to look ahead to their own next steps. As Head of School, I remain committed to maintaining high expectations while continuing to strengthen the quality of education and support we offer to every student.

At the heart of everything we do is a shared commitment to ensuring that all students feel supported to grow academically and in character. At times of change, this partnership between school and home becomes even more important, and I thank you for the role you play in supporting your child and the wider school community.

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

Yours faithfully,

Mr Glenn Thompson
Head of School

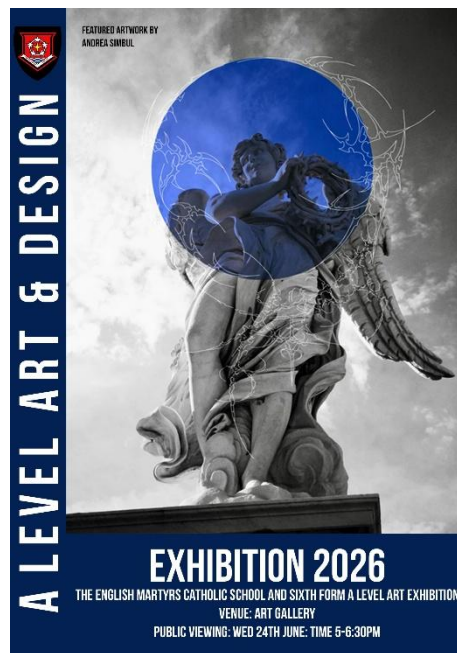
A Level Art & Design Exhibition – Public Viewing

Join us on **Wednesday 24th June 5pm - 6:30pm** for a celebration of creativity and achievement at our A Level Art & Design Exhibition. This special event showcases an inspiring collection of work produced by our talented students, reflecting their individual journeys, ideas, and artistic voices.

Visitors can expect a diverse range of media, including painting, sculpture, photography, mixed media, and digital work. Each piece demonstrates the skill, imagination, and dedication developed throughout the course.

We warmly invite parents, carers, and members of the public to explore the exhibition, meet the artists, and share in this exciting culmination of their hard work.

Mr Meynell



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

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

Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable

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

Year 7 and 8 Educational Visit - Beamish

On Tuesday 16th June, 200 students from Year 7 and Year 8 participated in an educational visit to Beamish Museum as part of our ongoing commitment to enriching the curriculum through real-world learning experiences. We are pleased to report that the trip was highly successful, with students engaging positively throughout the day.

Staff at Beamish commended our students for their excellent behaviour, maturity, and enthusiasm, all of which reflected the high standards we expect and uphold within our school community.

We extend our sincere thanks to the History Department, Mr Hutchinson, Mrs Wilson, Mr Gray, Mrs Tait, and Mr Corcoran for their organisation, supervision, and dedication in making this visit both possible and enjoyable for all involved.

Ms Stanwick



Sixth Form Updates

A level Results.

A level results will be available in the sixth form study area from 8am on **Thursday 13th August**. If a student is unable to attend in person to collect their results, they may send someone on their behalf. This person must bring a letter, signed by the student, giving permission for their results to be collected by the nominated person.

If a student is on holiday and wishes to receive their results via email, the student needs to email: hcrowe@ems.bhcet.org.uk from their school email address to request their exam results via email.

Year 13 End of Year Information

Congratulations to Year 13 whose final examinations finished on Friday 19th June. We very much look forward to seeing you on results day, **Thursday 13th August**. If anyone is still unsure about their choices or has questions about results day, please contact Bev in sixth form: bscaife@ems.bhcet.org.uk

Please note that students still have access to Teams and relevant updates and information will be posted on the Year 13 Teams page until 31st August.

Any Year 13 student who used a locker while at college will have their £10 deposit refunded when they return their locker key to college. Please bring it to the sixth form office.

Year 12 Prep Exams

Year 12 students have conducted themselves impeccably during the exam week, arriving promptly and fully equipped for each examination. Results will be shared with students in the coming days and final grades sent home week commencing 6th July. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please contact me via email:

lhenderson@ems.bhcet.org.uk

Ms Henderson

Year 7 Mass Reading

Thank you to our wonderful Year 7 students who had taken a leading role at St Joseph's Church on Sunday 14th June.

Once again, the feedback from Canon Paul and the parishioners was fantastic. They were a real credit to EMS and read beautifully.

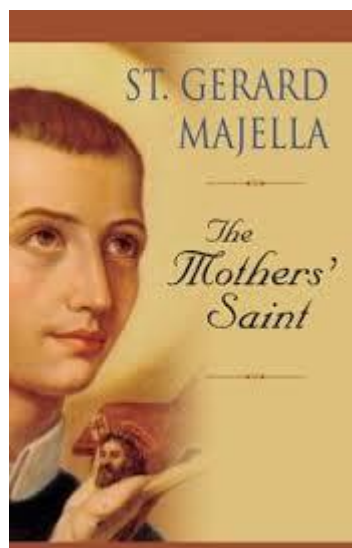
Mr Hutchinson



Holy Family Parish Event - 29th June 2026

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA - 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.

Mr Tucker



Year 11 Leavers Speak with the BBC

We are delighted to share some exciting news with you about a recent opportunity for our Year 11 students here at The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College.

Earlier this week, we were proud to welcome the BBC into school, where they worked with a group of our Year 11 pupils to discuss their experiences of the GCSE process. Our students spoke with maturity, honesty, and confidence about their journey through exams, revision, and the pressures and rewards that come with this important stage of their education.

These interviews have now been featured on the BBC's national Instagram and TikTok platforms, where the videos have reached an incredible audience of over 2.4 million views across both platforms. This is a remarkable achievement and a real celebration of our school community being recognised on a national stage.

We are exceptionally proud of the students who took part. They represented English Martyrs with integrity, humility, and authenticity, truly embodying our mission: "Christ has no body now on earth but yours." Their words and reflections have resonated with young people across the country, offering encouragement, reassurance, and a reminder that they are not alone in their experiences.

Our students were outstanding ambassadors for the school. They spoke not only about the challenges of GCSEs but also about the support they receive, the importance of perseverance, and the strength of our school community. Their contribution reflects the culture we continue to build together, one rooted in dignity, aspiration, and care for one another.

We would like to thank the BBC for providing this opportunity and, most importantly, our students for stepping forward with such confidence and grace. It is moments like these that remind us of the power of young people's voices and the impact they can have when given the platform to share them.

Mr McCartie





Catholic Life at EMS

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Mon 15th - Adoration Chapel 8:15am	Tues 16th - Rosary Chapel 8:15am	Wed 17th - Mass St Anne's 14:00	Coming up: 22nd June SVP 0.25 14:45
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Date	Up and coming events
22 nd -26 th June	Y10 & Y12 Mocks
30 th June	Yr 7 Parent evening
30 th -3 rd July	Yr10 Careers week
13 th July	YR 8HPV Vaccinations (Catch Up Session)
1 st -3 rd July	YR 10 Work experience
6 th & 7 th July	Yr 5 visit
13 th July-16 th July	Transition days
14 th July	Yr 6 Parents Evening
16 th July	Rewards Day



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