



The English Martyrs
Catholic School and
Sixth Form College

Parent and Carer Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been another busy week at EMS. Students across all year groups continue to work hard in their lessons and we have seen record numbers of positive points earned by our students across this half term. We have also seen a significant reduction in negative behaviours compared to this point in the last 3 academic years. Many students are buying in to the school vision, and accessing the extra support offered, which is great to see.

On Friday, we celebrated 'Hello Yellow' for World Mental Health Day to raise awareness and money for Young Minds which is the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health. As a school community we took the opportunity to come together and show our students that they are never alone with their mental health. Students and staff took part in activities during the school day including our Hello Yellow Photo Booth, a School Scavenger Hunt and Kindness Pledges. Staff had also been asked to wear something yellow to support the event. For students, yellow accessories were available from our Wellbeing Ambassadors during form time, so that they could also show their support for the cause.

Student wellbeing is very important to us as a school and is central to our school vision. We invest heavily into pastoral care so that students have a network of adults who care for and support them. We have a wonderful team of Pastoral Leaders to support student welfare. We also have a student services offer, school counsellor, careers support, dedicated safeguarding team and well-funded SEND department to ensure that our students have an excellent pastoral offer. Support for our students is adapted as they progress through the school, for example students in Key Stage 3 may require more support around friendships, while our Key Stage 4 students may require more support around wellbeing and managing stress during examination periods.

If you have any concerns around a student's mental health or wellbeing, please speak with your child's Tutor or Pastoral Manager as soon as possible. If additional specialised support is needed and we cannot provide the support in school, we will be able to sign post to external services.

A student who feels safe, supported and heard is one who can truly thrive – academically, socially and emotionally. Our priority at EMS to support students' mental health and wellbeing is not an individual strand of the school or an add on, it is a foundation of our Catholic faith. 'Christ has no body now on earth but yours'.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Glenn Thompson
Head of School



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Enrichment of the Week

Enrichment is important at EMS. Each week we present extra-curricular clubs with an Enrichment of the week certificate for pupil engagement.

This week's winners were Table Tennis Club which takes place in the activity studio every Thursday with Mr Corcoran. Also, our Netball club which takes place every Monday in the Sports hall for Years 7-10 with Miss Parker.

All students are welcome.

Mr Barnes



EMS6 Harvest Festival

This Harvest season, our Year 12 and Year 13 students at EMS6 have once again demonstrated their commitment to our mission that *"Christ has no body on earth but yours."* In a beautiful act of service and solidarity, students generously donated baskets of food items which were delivered to St Joseph's Church, Hartlepool.

Their contributions not only support those in need within our local community but also strengthen the vital link between our sixth form and our parish family. We are incredibly proud of our students for living out the values of compassion, generosity, and faith in action.

Thank you to all families who supported this initiative. Your kindness helps us continue to build a community rooted in Gospel values.

Mr McCartie



KS3 Virtues

We are absolutely delighted that the morning of Wednesday 22nd October is our first Virtues Curriculum 'drop down' event for Key Stage 3. Please send your child to school as usual for a morning which builds on our daily offer around justice, equality and fairness, mutual respect, how to combat prejudice and active citizenship- world values which are embedded within the core of our Catholic mission. All Key Stage 3 are involved in this; and some parents may be contacted about further opportunities for specific students.

Mr Lindsay



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Year 13 Geography

We're delighted to share that our recent Year 13 Geography fieldwork day was a great success. Students were engaged in their NEA (Non-Examined Assessment) research, exploring a range of investigative methods out in the field. Despite some challenging weather conditions, which required a few adjustments to our plans, both staff and students showed great resilience and adaptability.

It was a valuable and enjoyable experience for all involved, and we were impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment shown throughout the day. A huge well done to our Year 13 Geographers!

Ms Martindale



UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

On Thursday 9th October, our Year 12 and Year 13 Maths students took part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge - a national competition that encourages mathematical reasoning, precision, and problem-solving.

It's a fantastic opportunity for students to stretch their thinking beyond the classroom and tackle challenging problems in a fun and competitive environment. Well done to everyone who took part!

Ms Jackson



Year 11 P6 Intervention Timetable

Y11 P6 Intervention 2:45pm- 3:45pm Half Term 1		
Monday	Science	History
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Maths Business Studies	Art Photography
Thursday	English Child Development Hospitality and Catering Health and Social Care	Geography Product Design Textiles
Friday	RE Imedia Performing Arts PE	French Spanish Computer Science Sports Studies



Dates for your Diary

Dates	Event
21 st October	Year 7 Settling in Evening with tutors 3pm-6pm
23 rd October - 3 rd November	Half Term
10 th – 14 th November	Year 11 Prep Exams
28 th November	School Closed for Students
4 th December	Sixth Form Open Evening 3pm-6pm
9 th December	Year 9 Parents' Evening

