



The English Martyrs Catholic  
School and Sixth Form College

# NEWSLETTER

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## A Royal Visit

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham, Sue Snowden, visited English Martyrs Sixth Form College to open our newly re-furnished sixth form study area. The Lord Lieutenant spoke about how vibrant the space was, and as a former teacher herself, spoke passionately about the opportunities it would give them.

### Happy Easter

We are delighted to share and celebrate some of the many outstanding achievements our students have had this year.

This Easter Newsletter captures some incredible individual achievements, stand-out team success and reflects our ambition for each young person to be able to flourish.

As we break for Easter on behalf of all at The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College, I would like to wish you a 'Happy Easter'.

Mrs S Crawshaw - Headteacher



### Lateness Adds up!

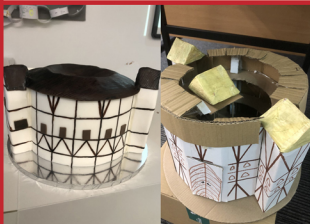
Being **10 minutes late** to school or lessons each day means a student loses **6.5 school days** across the year.

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# January



Over the Christmas break, Year 7 students were given the task by the English department to recreate The Globe Theatre as a model or drawing. We were blown away with the effort. Highlights included an incredible cake by Ethan McConnell and model by Emily Sims. Well done guys!



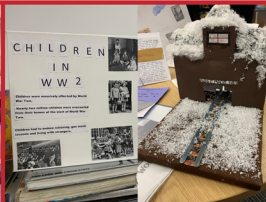
Congratulations to our Year 10 boys team who won their elite ESFA Nationals cup quarter final. The score was 2-2 at full time, before the boys ran riot in extra time scoring 3 early goals and winning 5-3. They progress into the Semi Finals against the tournament favourites. More on them a little later.



Twelve EMS students, along with students from four other secondary schools, made up the Hartlepool team at the Tees Valley Cross Country Competition. Excellent performances by all, with Finlay and Zak selected to represent Cleveland at the inter counties event in February. We'll catch up on the boys' progress later in the newsletter.



Students attended the BSGA Trampoline Competition where they faced schools from all over the North East. Students performed exceptionally well with 8 individual top 3 placings and 4 team placings. A special mention to Joseph Stokle, Isabelle Atkinson and Neve O'Donovan who placed 1st in their sections. 18 students progress in the competition to represent the North East in the Zonal Finals. Congratulations to everyone.



To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, students took part in various activities across subjects producing fabulous work. "It was very sad to learn about all the families who were ripped apart in different genocides but it is important for us to learn about it so that it does not happen again." A touching sentiment from Josh in Year 7



# Champion of Champions

Emily Barnard, Year 13 student and one of our Head Students at EMS6, had a month to remember in January as she was crowned Theatre Dance Council International (TDCI) Senior Song & Dance Champion of Champions Grand at the grand finals in Blackpool.

Emily, who has danced since the age of 10 with Amy Richardson Studios and has singing lessons with Kate Sirs School of Music, is no stranger to big dance competitions and has won scores of awards, including a double world championship win at the Dance World Cup last August.

If Champion of Champion wasn't enough, the win allowed her to complete in the Senior Bursary Award for a handsome prize, which of course, she won, before being invited to perform at the Carl Alan Awards, a UK annual awards ceremony to honour people who have made a significant contribution to the dance industry, such as teachers, performers and choreographers.

In school, Emily has always been an integral part of our school musicals and music performances. She is always a key part of any cast and happy to take on any role given and help younger students. In 2017, she thrived as the leading lady when she took on the role of Annie.

Now she is coming to the end of her adolescent dance career, Emily has started working as a part of the teaching faculty at AR Studios and hopes to go to a London Stage School in the future.

We are sure she will be on a West End stage in the future and look forward to seeing her exciting future unfold.



# February



Following on from January's cross country story - Finlay competed at the Cleveland County Cross Country championship and qualified for English National Schools Cross Country Championships. A fabulous achievement.



One of our Year 11 photography students produced this outstanding piece of work. Light writing creatively exploring shutter speeds. Well executed and appropriate for Valentines Day. Well done Chloe.



Many activities were on offer to raise awareness of Children's Mental Health Week. Highlights include creating 'Positivity Trees' filled with positive and inspiring quotes, creating cards and music videos to be sent into the community and an end of the week wind down in the PE Department.

If you have any concerns about your child's mental health please get in touch and we can help put you in touch with specialist help.



To celebrate the official Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth's coronation, our Art Department spent a week working on projects to celebrate by making creative stamps and emblem designs. Some students chose to explore collage techniques with some staying with felt tip or pencil drawings. Some of the older students also got involved. A stunning logo created by one of our A Level Graphic Design students and an incredible portrait from super talented Stan. We are looking forward to more Jubilee celebrations next term.



February saw the return of the popular House Table Tennis Tournament. This year, St. Margaret Clitherow and St. John Boste couldn't be split on points and tied for the overall win.



Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams took part in the Hartlepool Schools Tournament. Both teams finished a fantastic 2nd place in their respective competitions.



A-level students had an opportunity to meet with Smajo Beso a Bosnian Genocide Survivor and hear his first-hand experience of the Bosnian War and the genocide which accompanied it.





# March



Our Year 12 Geographers enjoyed a visit to NEVRlabs. With the use of the latest technology, NEVRlabs were able to offer our students visits to all of our A Level case study locations and further afield. VR was able to transform the way our curriculum was delivered; it allowed students not only see places but also interact with them. An excellent experience.



We opened our appeal for donations to aid the suffering people of Ukraine. We were inundated with supplies and thank everyone who brought items in for the appeal. Everything was delivered and by now, should be with the people who need it. Thank you all.



Mia



Holly



Sophie N.



Lucas

Our Year 11 Hospitality & Catering students sat their final prep exam before their GCSE begin. 18 wonderful plates of food that looked and smelt incredible! There must be a budding MasterChef amongst them.



Students represented Hartlepool at the Tees Valley Sports Hall Athletics Competition in Eston. Our Year 7 Boys finished 7th, Year 8 girls were 4th and the Year 8 Boys finished 3rd. Tough competition, they all did splendidly.



**FINALISTS!!** Congratulations to this extremely talented group of young men who have reached the ESFA Boys Elite Schools Cup Final. The boys fought a tough match against Sandwell, a team full of West Brom Academy players, an England international and team that have never been beaten in this competition after winning previous years tournaments. A phenomenal achievement.

Well done and good luck for the final in May.

Year 11 student Neve competed at the BSGA trampoline finals. Neve qualified for the prestigious event after incredible performances at the North East and Zonal rounds and placed 10th nationally in her category.



She is only the second student to have qualified for the national finals from EMS in recent history, a tremendous achievement made even more impressive that Neve does not regularly train with a club and has simply worked hard in enrichment sessions to reach this standard.

To celebrate **World Poetry Day** we have recorded a rendition of Rudyard Kipling's poem 'If'. For something different, and to showcase some of our talented student linguists, we have recorded the four verses in different languages. Watch the video on our school Youtube channel or find the link on our school Facebook page.



# March



Our Art & RE departments have been collaborating on a project around modern day saints and mixed media design. The results, well, see for yourself. Stunning work.



We had a lovely visit from Jill Mortimer - MP for Hartlepool. She met with students and staff and had great discussions about local issues, in particular what opportunities the green industrial revolution will bring to Hartlepool. Very informative for students and an excellent experience.



Staff took part in various well-being activities including Monoprinting, Badminton and 'Blind Date with a Book', Retro Gaming and more.



It's not just the boys having all the success on the football field, our Under 14 girls football team beat High Tunstall in the Cleveland County Cup Semi Final 3-2 and progress to the final.



We celebrated St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's feast days with the students and staff at their primary schools. Both primary schools received a special gift designed and created by the very talented Mr Carless delivered by Year 7 students previously from each school.



Great day at the Beacon of Light for the U15 Girls Lady Taversham Cricket Competition. Students won 2 of 3 matches, losing a game by just one run preventing us from progressing further. Superb performances from all the girls. Looking forward to the summer cricket season!



Students completed special lessons for Science Week. In Chemistry, students investigated the characteristic colours of metal compounds through flame tests and precipitation.

Maryna Tkachuk



Philosophy Club has been giving students the opportunity present about Philosophers. Charlotte chose Ukrainian female philosopher Maryna Tkachuk.

## Did you know?

Enrichment activities are available every evening after school for all year groups Y7 to Y13.

Have a look at the timetables on the website and encourage students to get involved.



# March



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST 2022



Students represented EMS at the Catenian Public Speaking Competition. All three students spoke with great conviction and passion about their chosen subjects; Christy in Y7, whose title was 'Florence Nightingale - saint or sinner', Lewis, Y11 who raised the question 'Do we take things for granted?' and Ruby, Y13 who asked 'Why have we not reached gender equality?'. Congratulations to Lewis who came first in the Key Stage 4 category, winning the Thomas Clifford Trophy and a cash prize!



## North East Festival of Languages 1-31 MARCH 2022

We are very proud of our students who submitted entries into the North East Festival of Languages 2022. Ben in Y13 sang in French, Emma Y10 submitted an entry in German and Daniel, Y10 sang in Spanish. It is fantastic to have such talented musicians and linguists!

## AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK



Sophie, one of our Year 13 students, delivered a presentation to almost 200 of her peers during autism awareness week during their a weekly Personal and Professional Development Session.



EMS6 hosted a successful open event in March attended by many year 11 students. It was fantastic to welcome them and discuss their post 16 plans and ambitions. If you haven't applied yet, there is still time. Keep your eye open for updates on social media for taster days in July, we are looking forward to welcoming you for some sixth form fun once your exams are over!



# Careers



Year 9 and Year 12 students took part in a careers workshop called 'The Buzz'. This aids students to discover their own personality in an interactive and fun session. They can apply newly found self-awareness to boost their confidence and learning, understand their strengths and relationships, which they can then apply to make informed decisions relating to their next career steps.



Five students entered 'The BIG BIG Project', a knock-out competition where schools from across the Tees Valley compete by presenting their ideas on how to solve or improve a social action; this year "Levelling up". £20 million pounds for improvements where and what would you spend it on? The students performed excellently and receive an EDT Industrial Cadets Bronze Accreditation at an awards ceremony in May.

## Did you know?

Our careers team are always on hand for help and advice.

They cater for every student on any chosen pathway and have a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Email them at this address: [emscareers@ems.bhcel.org.uk](mailto:emscareers@ems.bhcel.org.uk)

Many of our Year 13 students who have applied to university are holding offers for a range of universities from across the UK to study courses such as dentistry, nursing, engineering and sciences to name but a few. For those not planning on studying for a degree we have had support from Amazing Apprenticeships, HM Treasury and the Department for Work and Pensions. Keep up the good work Year 13.

To mark National Careers Week, all year groups were invited into the hall during lunchtime where they could speak to different technical, vocational and sixth form colleges, and take part in our careers competition. There were fabulous interactive resources such as a fabrication machine and a flight simulator for students to try.



National  
Careers Week  
2022

07-12  
MARCH 2022





# World Book Day



World Book day is one of our favourite events of the year at EMS. We love nothing more than the opportunity to promote literacy and reading on a huge scale. Here's a snapshot into what went on.

## Door Decorating

Every tutor group in school decorated their from group doors based around the theme of a book. This sparks conversations about favourite genres of books and what students have been reading recently. It also allows them to get creative which they did in abundance!



## Fancy Dress

The staff at EMS always go the extra mile and many of them chose to don costumes of their favourite literacy characters. Being the great sports they are, the PE Department dressed their workroom door as the Guinness Book of World Records and then came dressed as record holders. Brilliant effort from everyone!



Similar to the popular TV show, we had nine staff share a few pages of their favourite books read to the camera behind a mask. Students had the week to work out who they all were and submit their answers. The winner taking home an Amazon voucher.

## Creative Photography

The Art department spent the day working with students in lessons to create fabulous pictures using clever photography techniques. The use of perspective shots allows 'life and book cover' to become one and build the completed picture.



Check out our Recommended Reading Lists on the school website. Many suggestions from departments about books to help with their studies and recreational reading linked to their interests. <https://ems.bhcet.org.uk>

# Communication & Useful Information

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Hartlepool, TS25 4HA

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Monday to Friday - 8am - 4:30pm

## Accessing our systems from home:

**School Cloud (Parents Evenings):**

<https://englishmartyrs.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

**Student Email & Teams:**

<https://ems.bhcet.org.uk/microsoft-teams-school-email/>

**Parent Pay:**

<https://www.parentpay.com/>

## School App

At EMS we have a school app  
which is a fast and efficient  
two-way communication tool.

It also gives you daily  
Attendance, Behaviour &  
Achievement data, direct links  
to Holidays, Parents' Evenings,  
Parent Pay, Events, Timetable,  
Reports & more

Everything you need at your  
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If you have any questions or queries please contact Mr. Hope  
([shope@ems.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:shope@ems.bhcet.org.uk)) & he will be able to get you up and running in no time.

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# Absences

## Add up!

**100%**

= Excellent

**99%-96%**

= Good

**95%-90%**

= Improvement  
Needed

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# Holidays 2022-23

## Term 1

September 2022						
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## Term 3

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Key	
	School Holidays
	FD Days
	Public Bank Holidays

The other two statutory FD days will be deployed throughout the year as twilight sessions for staff

# Next Term Key Dates

- 3rd May - New term starts (week A)
- w/c 3rd May - GCSE & ALevel Exams Begin
- 5th May - Year 8 Parents' Evening
- w/c 30th May - Half Term
- w/c 13th June - Y10 & Y12 Prep Exams
- 23rd June - Year 11 Celebration
- 23rd June - Awards Evening
- 1st July - Year 13 Leaves Dinner
- 14th July - Year 11 Prom
- 21st July - Last Day of Term.

# Reporting Absence

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We wish you a very happy and holy Easter. As we celebrate the Risen Christ, may He bring you deep peace and a spirit of everlasting joy.

This years' card was designed by Molly McNeany in Year 13.