



The English Martyrs Catholic
School and Sixth Form College

NEWSLETTER

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Merry Christmas!

In December we held a Christmas Jumper Day to support local charity Hartlepool Special Needs Support Group raising £225. We have supported their jumper day event for the last eight years raising in excess of £7100. On the same day, our catering staff served a delicious Christmas Dinner. A festive treat day for all.

Advent is a season of joy, hope, peace and love. As we approach Christmas and anticipate the birth of Jesus our school has been filled with laughter, friendship and generosity.

This academic year students, staff and parents have taken part in many activities and events that continue to celebrate our values and virtues. Thank you for supporting our school charity DS43 and for helping with Foodbank donations.

EMS Live, Sixth Form Awards Evening, Christmas Carol Service, the Christmas Tree Blessing to name a few of our celebrations have been wonderful opportunities to come together as a school community.

Our final Newsletter of 2022 is testament to all the hard work and enthusiasm of students and staff who embrace opportunities, new learning and the joy of working together.

From all the students and staff, I wish you and your families a very happy and holy Christmas.



August

We'll start this newsletter where we left off from the last academic year and start by celebrating the excellent achievements of the Year 11 and 13 students who collected results in the summer.

GCSE Results

We are extremely proud of last year's Year 11 students and the results they achieved. The number of students leaving with a grade 4 (old C grade) in English and Maths improved from 2019 (when students last sat an external exam). The attainment of our students also increased. Special mentions go to Rohan Kishore and Gracie Young who both achieved 8 GCSEs at grade 9, the highest grade possible.

There were so many students who achieved outstanding results and individual success and we are extremely proud of them all. We are also overjoyed that so many of our students are still with us studying A level and BTEC qualifications in the sixth form.

Read more on the website:
<https://ems.bhcef.org.uk/gcse-results-2022/>



A Level Results

As we reflect upon our Year 13 leavers' time with us, we are filled with immense pride. The strength, resilience and fortitude demonstrated by these young people is something to behold. It is qualities such as these which will take them far. Here's a highlight of some individual successes. Read more: <https://ems.bhcef.org.uk/a-level-results-2022/>



Jamie, who joined us from St Hild's school, is living his dream of studying Dentistry at Liverpool University after achieving three A grades.



Two A* grades in English Language and Psychology, secured Ella's place at Manchester University to study French and Russian.



After achieving a Distinction*, Distinction and A*, Jorja took up her place at her first-choice university, Teesside, to study Adult Nursing.



A fantastic set of results for Anna has opened the door for her to study English Literature at Newcastle University. She collected 3 A grades.



Grades of A*, A, B gave John the opportunity to join Liverpool University to study Business Management with a year in industry.



Molly achieved A*, A*, B in Art & Design, Photography and English Language. She's currently studying Fine Art at Liverpool St. John University.

September



In early September we had a visit from BBC Radio Tees who came to speak to some of our students ahead of Savannah Marshall's World Title Fight. Savannah, a former student, is an inspiration to many of our students.



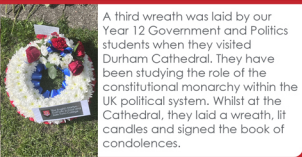
Our LRC celebrated Roald Dahl Day. We had a large selection of books, quizzes and games in the Library. "If you are going to get anywhere in life, you've got to read a lot of books" - Roald Dahl.



Our sixth form historians were in the capital shortly after the sudden passing of Queen Elizabeth II. They paid tribute to the queen at the Tower of London in The Queen's Garden where they laid a wreath on behalf of EMS. They also had a tour around Shakespeare's Globe, opened by Queen Elizabeth II in 1997.



We laid a wreath at the cenotaph in Hartlepool. Mr Dunn accompanied students to lay the tribute at the historic memorial in the centre of town.



A third wreath was laid by our Year 12 Government and Politics students when they visited Durham Cathedral. They have been studying the role of the constitutional monarchy within the UK political system. Whilst at the Cathedral, they laid a wreath, lit candles and signed the book of condolences.

September



Year 11 music students attended a Music Industry Careers Event at Our Lady and St Bede. This was a wonderful event and have a great insight in various roles and opportunities within the music industry.



We launched our new reward scheme Fortnightly Five! Each fortnight we will celebrate the top 5 students in each year group with the most achievement points. Each student receives a certificate, and if they wish, a picture.



We celebrated a fantastic start to Year 7 with students who were nominated as making a real contribution to the life of EMS. These students were then invited to have a free breakfast in the dining hall on us.



The under 15 girls had their first fixture in the English Schools Football Cup yesterday against Our Lady and St Bedes. The girls played fantastic, winning 4-1 with Imygen scoring a hatrick.



We had our first lunchtime Year 7 form Mass in September. Canon Paul celebrates mass with a Year 7 tutor group each week. The first one was extra special as we invited former headteachers and chairs of governors. At the end of mass, Mrs Crawshaw unveiled the official logo, designed by Mr Hope, which will be used to celebrate our Golden Jubilee next year.

September



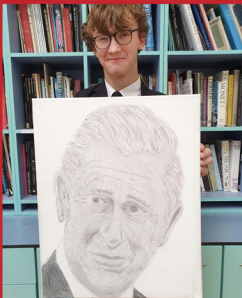
We caught up with our Year 13 scientists who were working hard proving that electrons are moving through chlorophyll during photosynthetic reactions.



Students celebrated the European Day of Languages with our MFL department with an MFL Breakfast and a 'Whodunnit' event where students had to solve a puzzle set by GCHQ, they learnt about different careers involving languages and they had a taster session in Modern Greek.



New for this year are Virtues awards. Here are the first two students to ever receive them. If student receives 10 achievement points for a virtue, they receive a bronze award, 25 for a Silver and 50 gets them a Gold award. Well done to Isheansu and Harlyn!



Following on from his portrait of Queen Elizabeth II that we showcased in a previous newsletter, Stan has been busy creating a portrait of King Charles III.



Students visited York university for the Shine Summit and had a wonderful and interesting day with tutorials on dealing with pressures and expectations, a session on metacognition and learning methods and help with identifying their own strengths and what energises them. At the end of the day the students all received a revision pack full of resources to help organise their study time.

September



This year we are proud to award the Vikas Agrawal mathematics bursary to outstanding mathematicians; Gracie, Fareed and Nina, pictured with Head of Maths, Mr Murray. They all achieved outstanding grades in GCSE maths and are now are studying Maths A level at EMS6.



Year 11 Art and Design art students visited the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art and Newcastle quayside today to gain first-hand observations and experiences. Students studied various artwork close up documenting their day through industrious drawing and photography.

October



The Music Department have a wide and varied enrichment offer for all students within our school community. We are fortunate to work with Tees Valley Music Service - TVMS. Here is a picture of some of our pupils participating in our newly established Rock Ensemble.



Our Year 8 boys footballers were in action winning 4-1 in the County Cup against St Leonards. A strong all round team performance and fantastic attitude from the lads. Two goals each for Noah and Zak.



Fantastic first game for our Year 7 boys who claimed a 2-1 victory against St. Michaels in the ESFA National Cup.



October saw National Poetry Day, and there was lots of fun to be had. With games and quizzes and activities, what fun our students had! Learning about poetry, and the age-old craft of rhyme, Our LRC made us proud, and students had a fab time.



Mr Hutchinson presented Granville Lodge with a fruit hamper on behalf of Mrs Crawshaw. This was donated to the wonderful staff who transform the lives of the young people in their care.

October



A fantastic group of students represented the school impeccably at the National School Swimming Qualifiers. Fantastic effort, team work and resilience shown.



Our Netball teams were in action in the National school competition. The girls played brilliantly with class, determination and talent on show. Some fantastic results and true team work displayed.



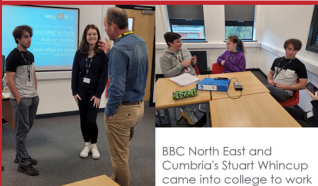
Year 13 started the 'Take 10 Minutes to read everyday' project in their PSHE sessions. It was lovely to spend 10 minutes together reading and hear from students why they enjoyed reading and how some of the stories they have read in their lives have inspired university courses and career choices that they are currently making.



Our Year 7 football team had a hard fought 4-3 victory against Outwood Academy, Normanby, in the second round of the ESFA national competition. Man of the match went to Connor.

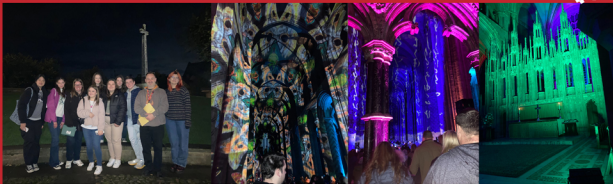


A group of Year 8 students attended Middlesbrough Cathedral for the visit of the relics of St Bernadette Soubirous, the young girl who experienced visions of the Virgin Mary in the small town of Lourdes in southwest France. The students took part in a Mass and were also able to respectfully venerate the relics.



BBC North East and Cumbria's Stuart Whincup came into college to work with Y12 students who are writing our very own EMS6 college podcast! His input was invaluable, and he was very impressed with students' ideas and contributions.

October



Sixth Form RE students went to the Life by Lux Muralis exhibition at Durham Cathedral. 'Life' was designed to enable people to explore and contemplate their own personal journeys and reflect upon life on today's planet. The viewer is taken from Sunrise to Sunset, journeying through the beauty of planet earth, witnessing the sun, the oceans and the clouds. The outside reflected inside the majestic sacred space giving the viewer moments of awe and wonder.



Year 7 students attended a workshop and visited the Lindisfarne Gospel exhibition at Laing Art Gallery. The Lindisfarne Gospel has been loaned to the Laing Art Gallery from the British Museum in London and is part of an exhibition exploring its meaning in the world today.



A group of 25 Year 9 Science students went to the Beacon of Light in Sunderland to visit the 'Bring It On' Exhibition. There, students had the opportunity to talk to engineering companies from the region and test their concepts and products.



Some of our Year 7 pupils met with author and illustrator Liz Millon to learn about what it's like to be an illustrator. The students also took part in a workshop of how to draw in a cartoon style. Some pupils were even lucky enough to take home some of her fabulous sketches!



October



EMS students prepared & led our Holy Family Parish Family retreat at The Emmaus Youth Village. The theme of the retreat was Identity. The students were fantastic ambassadors for EMS.



A level Science and Maths students had the pleasure of attending the annual STEM Lecture at Hartlepool Borough Hall. It was a fascinating insight into the world of nanotechnology.



The under 13 Girls football team won 12-2 against Our Lady & St Bedes. Tremendous team effort with lots of goal scorers! Well done on reaching the 3rd round of the ESFA competition.



Meet our new Year 8 Sports Leaders. Students attended a training session aimed to develop an understanding of different leadership styles and the qualities which make up successful leaders. Leaders will now become involved in our primary school sport program.



Students visited the Head of Steam Museum and went on site to see progress on a £6 million new Steam Locomotive. They learnt about the crucial role of the Darlington to Stockton Railway in the Industrial Revolution and had a fantastic time.



Well done to the Year 7 football team who represented the school with distinction in a town 6-a-side competition. The team finished runners-up in a tightly contested competition.

November



EMS6 student Tilly who has been awarded 'Young Volunteer of the Year Award' by NE Youth. Tilly won this award for the work she does with TEES, North Tees Hospital, Sanctuary Supported Living and Bright Minds, Big Futures. Tilly has her sights on becoming a young trustee for NE Youth, and we wish her every success!



A Level geography students visited both physical and urban environments to carry out their field work research. Students had a really successful week collecting quality data and analysed it before writing their individual NEA projects, which are worth 20% of their A Level.



Students had a fantastic time on our Year 7 and 8 retreat at the youth village. The students were an absolute credit to the school.



Sixth Form Open Evening was a huge success with many Year 11 students coming to see what EMS6 can offer them in September. Missed it? We have another one in March.



The Year 7 boys cup run came to an end as they suffered defeat against a very good St Joseph's (Hebburn) Improtech side. All players displayed an excellent attitude throughout the match.

November



Jack is the proud founder of Model Railway Club. With Mr Morrison on board everything is full steam ahead.



Designing your dream university

Your job is to design it!

- Will your University be big or small?
- Where in the UK/world will it be located?
- What will be taught there?
- Will it be in a city or will it be on a campus in the countryside?
- Which facilities will you have?
- How will people get around?
- Which unique features will your University have?



Year 8 students visited an Oxford Catalyst Event that took place at St Michael's in Billingham. The students had an opportunity to work with representatives from Oxford University, learn about the University and come up with ideas to design their own university.



Remembrance was special time at EMS. Our library had activities and we had a visit from the Royal British Legion, Mr Dunn took a wreath on behalf of EMS and laid it at the cenotaph and Canon Paul joined us to commemorate on Remembrance Day. A liturgy in the main hall for Sixth Form and staff while students had liturgys in lessons. At 11 am, students lined the decorated balconies in the dining hall and observed a two minute silence and listened to a haunting rendition of the last post played beautifully by Mr Travis.



November



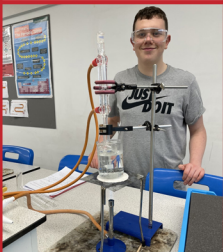
Students and staff took part in Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week. It was a great way to celebrate our differences and what makes us all unique to stand together against bullying.



We had a reward ceremony to recognise the top 100 students for achievement points in first half term and the Top 20 Good Readers in each year group Year 7-9. Well done to all of our winners



Students represented EMS at the Cross Country Town Competition held at High Tunstal. We had great success with EMS finishing 2nd out of the 5 schools that attended. We had many individual successes with Bobby, Oscar, Finley, Emily, Daisy, Jessica, Zak, Ava, Kidus and Jasper qualifying for the next round in January.



Our Year 13 Chemistry students have been synthesising ethyl ethanoate. Ethyl ethanoate is sweet smelling (similar to pear drops) and is often used in perfumes, nail polish removers, and in the decaffeination process of tea and coffee.

Year 7 girls took part in an engaging Lego Engineering workshop. Delivered by NERAP and Teesside University, working on key employability skills, learning about career opportunities in STEM along with having a Lego Engineering competition.

November



Students have become anti-bullying ambassadors, receiving the Diana Award for young people who work to improve the lives of others, offering peer-to-peer support to any child who may feel they have issues at school or with friends outside of school'

Head teacher Sara Crawshaw said: "Our school virtues include compassion and justice. We want all students to feel that they have someone to talk to when they have any difficulties. We have a strong PSHE programme and assemblies to share these values and to sign post help when a student may need extra support'

The school has joined the Anti-Bullying Association, to reinforce how important it is to 'Be Kind'. This partnership has seen staff and students undertake specialist training, including a recent session with former footballer Martin Gray on how to tackle racism. We are also part of the Anna Freud Programme to support Positive Mental Health.

Assistant Head Teacher Glenn McLintock has led on student well-being. He has coordinated the training of over 40 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and programme of activities to create a culture that challenges bullying. Mr McLintock said "It is wonderful to see so many students involved in supporting each other and working with professional organisations to gain accreditation for their great work. These young people are fantastic role models, and we are very proud of them'



Students in Year 7-12 have worked together to take part in a technology project for Anti-Bullying Week. Year 12 students, Tilly and Holly, explain "For Anti Bullying week we have taken handprints made by Key Stage 3 and 4 with anti-bullying messages and quotes to create an outfit. We worked as a team to create a look that was eye catching to create awareness for anti-bullying. Creating a bold outfit allows the garment to be noticed to demonstrate that bullying isn't something to hide. We used our Textiles skills to create this look and hope people stand up against bullying."



Taking the school motto 'Per Unitatem Virtus' as their inspiration, students at EMS have launched the Strength Through Unity Group.

The group will celebrate diversity and promote positive inclusion by talking about issues that are important to young people today.

Head teacher Sara Crawshaw said: "Students will meet regularly to talk about inclusion and all aspects of their lives that matter to them. Care for each other and human dignity is central to our mission as a school. This group is a proactive and joyful in their approach to celebrating diversity and bringing students of all ages together.

November



STUDENTS have found themselves on the same page as they strive to promote a love of books in a digital world.

Bookworms from EMS have become young librarians in a scheme designed to encourage reading among their peers.

Pupils from a variety of year groups are helping school librarian Christine Thoburn select the books to stock the shelves, as well as catalogue, recommend and issue titles and run reading clubs.

Head teacher Sara Crawshaw added: "Reading is an essential part of learning, but as well as this we want young people to appreciate the joys and benefits of picking up a good book and reading for pleasure.

Literacy lead Mrs Katy Phenix "Our young librarians are a real credit to the school. They not only help run the library but also spread the word that reading is fun. Reading for pleasure stimulates the imagination, helps children relax and improves literacy without them even realising. So the work of our young librarians is so important to the school. Well done to all involved"



On Friday, the BBC Education team visited EMS and held sessions with Year 7-9 students linking to their 100 years anniversary and their 'Share Your Story' campaign. Students were fantastic throughout. Well done to all involved.



The under 13 girls successful cup run continues with a 6-4 win over St Bede's RC School & Byron College. They look forward to a fourth round tie in the ESFA Cup against Northfield School.

November



We held our annual Advent Wreath Making competition. Every team did a fantastic job of their wreaths and left a tough job for our judges. The final decision was 1st - JB, 2nd - JI, 3rd - AL, 4th - MC, 5th - TM. The wreaths have been placed in key locations around school: St Anne's Hall, School Chapel, Mrs Crawshaw's Office, Main Reception and the Sixth Form Common Room. Well done to everyone who took part.



Year 12 Biologists created some serial dilutions of sucrose solutions which enabled them to plot calibration curves. From there, they identified the isotonic concentrations which were then used to find the water potential of plant tissue.



Our Year 11 Football Team won the 'Team of the Year' award at the Hartlepool Sports Awards which further recognises their outstanding achievements last season at national finalists.

In the 'Secondary Rising Star' category, Ava was named as runner up, with Sonny being crowned as winner.

November



Year 7 & 8 athletics teams represented EMS with distinction at the Hartlepool Schools Sportshall Athletics Competition. Our Year 7 girls and Year 8 boys teams have qualified for the Tees Valley Finals in January!



A 'Confirmation Breakfast' was held to celebrate with students who confirmed their faith in a ceremony at St Joseph's Church. Students had a lovely breakfast and were presented with gifts from the school.



15 bags of Christmas Hampers were delivered to the Riverside Stadium ready to be distributed to our 5 allocated families around Teesside and Hartlepool in time for Christmas as part of the Cause Foundation Christmas Hampers project.

A Sixth Form Leadership Group has been elected at EMS and it is already having an impact on student life.

The body meets regularly with the school's senior leadership team to discuss issues identified as important to their studies and it has been instrumental in highlighting a variety of new ideas.

English Martyrs has already signed up to be an official 'School of Sanctuary' as project that will offer hospitality and support to students who move into the UK seeking asylum. "The sixth formers feel strongly that we have a culture those who are seeking sanctuary," said head teacher Sara Crawshaw.

"We are now working with the charity to create support, challenge misconceptions and to further enhance our care for those in need."

Sixth Form students are also influencing improvements to their facilities and curriculum.

An increase in teaching time has given Key Stage 5 students more contact time with specialist staff. A level classes have increased in contact time from four to five hours a week. New subjects have been offered including Government & Politics, Sociology and Cambridge National Sport.

A student suggestion box has been effective in capturing student voice and improving the facilities. A newly refurbished common room and study area, along with improved catering has been driven by our fantastic students.

Mrs Crawshaw added: "Our Sixth Formers are brilliant ambassadors. They are all dedicated young people who work in partnership with the SLT to ensure we continually strive invest in our school and wider community. They are making a real difference to school life and are enhancing their communications and organisational skills along the way. We are very proud of them"

November



We held a short service to bless and switch on our Christmas Tree which takes pride of place in the foyer of the school building. Special thank you to Chair of Governors, Sue Harrison for coming in to celebrate with us and bigger thanks go Mr Wilson and his site team for their hard work putting up and dressing the tree. They have done a wonderful job!



Our Year 8 Football team overcame the weather, playing conditions and player absences to win 4-1 against Hebburn. The boys progress into the Quarter Finals of the Joicey Cup.

Year 9 Biologists used their practical skills to create a slide of a specimen. They then practised their microscopy skills and created some fantastic images at x100 magnification.



A group of our Year 8 and 9 students visited the Darlington Hippodrome to see a presentation by Tim Peake, a British Astronaut. The students were shown exclusive footage and privileged to hear some stories about Tim Peake's journey to becoming an Astronaut.

EMS Live 2022

Students gave us another stunning night of live music as EMS Live returned to the St Anne's stage with students performing songs from film and stage.

An incredible showcase of talent from students in years 7-13, with some performing for the very first time.



December

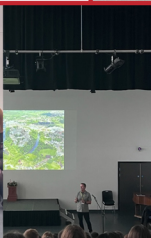


The Year 8 footballers beat High Tunstall 5-0 in the Cup. Another fantastic result with every single player putting in a great performance and another quarter final for the boys to look forward to in the new year.

Working with Hartlepool Borough Council and the Lead Inclusion Schools Program, Mrs Spears and Mrs Ranson took 22 students to the Billingham Forum Ice Skating Rink for an afternoon. The students, some who had never skated before, had a fun filled afternoon sledging, dancing and skating with snowmen and penguins.

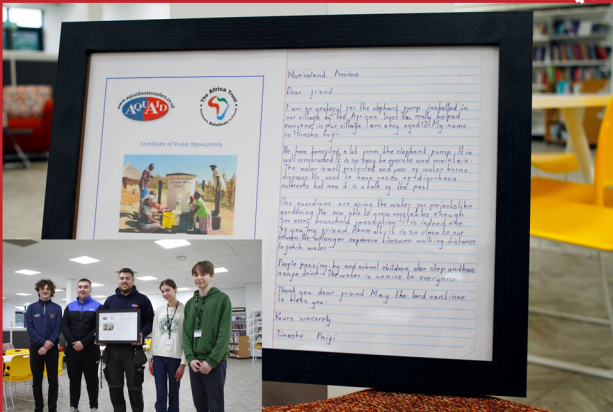


Year 11 Performing Arts students completed their practical element of component two. Great performances for their coursework and the hard work of the previous few months paying off.



Some of our students had an excellent opportunity to meet the star of the hit tv show 'River Hunters,' Gary Bankhead. Gary presented an amazing seminar where he described his career as a fire fighter and how his love for diving developed into a vocation as an underwater archaeologist, where he has searched for and found a culmination of amazing historical artefacts. Gary, along with several other guest speakers, will be visiting EMS in the new year.

December



December brought a lovely surprise! When purchased new water fountains for our school site from AquAid Water Coolers, we didn't realise just how much the EMS community was going to change the lives of others. For years, this wonderful company have donated millions of pounds to Christian Aid and The Africa Trust and our contract allowed them to sponsor an Elephant Water Pump in Zimbabwe in our name. What's more a company representative arrived to school with a lovely picture and letter from a 12 year old boy, Tinashe, who lives in the village that we are helping.



Over 70 students from EMS, have signed up to the Duke of Edinburgh Award, which aims to empower young people by developing new skills, overcoming obstacles and building their confidence and resilience.

Careers lead Rebecca Leighton said: "We are so excited about this and I can't wait to see how such a group of enthusiastic students rise to the many challenges that this brilliant award offers.

"We are thrilled by how many students, from all year groups, want to be involved in DofE which will see them take part in a range of activities to develop their skills, help the community and go on expedition."

Head teacher Sara Crawshaw added: "The beauty of DofE is that it challenges students in a fun and rewarding way, boosts their self-confidence, independence and leadership skills and improves their CV, while encouraging them to be active and outdoors.

If students at EMS are interested in the Duke of Edinburgh award, please speak to Miss Leighton.

December



Undefeated. Town Dodgeball Champions! Congratulations to all girls competing in today's Hartlepool school competition, fantastic performance and effort by all.



Our SEND department took students to the railway museum at Darlington followed by a tour of the Hippodrome and a spectacular afternoon watching the panto "Peter Pan". A fantastic Christmas trip.



Some of our Year 7 historians have handed in their Castle projects. Some amazing designs of Motte and Bailey Castles. I am sure you will all agree they have clearly put in an outstanding amount of effort!



The History Department hosted a successful 'Historical Toys' event as a reward for students with the top achievement points in history. A fun afternoon was had by all trying out bagatelle, shuffle board, cup and balls, spinning tops and lots more!

December



Sixth Form Award Winners

Towards the end of the term, we held an awards evening to celebrate the achievement of the Year 13 students who left EMS6 in the summer. Not all of the students could make it back to collect their awards, however, many of them didn't allow bad weather or train strikes stop them from attending. Other awards were collected by parents on their behalf.

We were privileged to have former student Sian Harrison join us for the evening. Sian Harrison is a journalist and author who lives in London, but will always call Hartlepool home. She has spent most of her career reporting on courts and is the Law Editor for the Press Association, the national news agency for the UK and Ireland. She is also co-author of McNae's Essential Law for Journalists, affectionately known in the industry as "the journalists' bible".

Sian addressed the students, speaking affectionately about her time at EMS and the community she has always felt a part of. She encouraged them to work hard and enforced that the virtues we encourage in school will stand them in good stead.

After the address, we moved into the presentation of the awards. Awards were given for a range of academic and cultural achievements including excelling within individual subjects, enhancing the school community, attendance and recognising the many individual successes.

The presence of many former colleagues and special guests presenting awards made the evening a special occasion to be remembered for time to come.





Dear Parents/ Carers

As we celebrate this Advent season and look forward to the Christmas holidays, I would like to reflect on this academic year so far and share some information for the New Year.

Students have taken part in a rich and varied learning in lessons and taken part in an exciting programme of enrichment activities and trips. Please congratulate your child on their hard work and willingness to get involved in new opportunities.

Our students have shown leadership and character by establishing committees where they lead on important issues. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, The Strength Through Unity Team, Prefects, House and Sports Captains have been active in supporting others and ensuring that our values of compassion and justice, respect and responsibility, honesty and self-belief, confidence and resilience are modelled and celebrated. They are a credit to the school and to their families. Students have achieved over **50,500** positive Class Chart points to date, and we are continuing to build our reward system to acknowledge and celebrate work ethic and ethos.

A huge thank you to parents/carers who have attended information evenings, Parents' Evenings, EMS Live and been part of Parents' Forum. Your generous involvement cannot be underestimated.

Some reminders and updates

Please make sure we have the most up-to-date contact details for you and that you have downloaded our school App. <https://ems.bhcef.org.uk/school-app/> Please ensure you have returned the data collection and consent forms that allow us to communicate with you efficiently.

Given the recent reports on Strep A and Scarlet Fever please find a link to Public Health advice <https://ems.bhcef.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Scarlet-Fever-H&C-Letter.pdf>

The single lunchtime has worked well and from **January 2023 we will move to a 50-minute lunch**. This allows for students to have their dinner and to do a club should they wish to.

We return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023. The school start and end times remain the same (8.45am-3.15pm) We return on Week A.

- Please ensure your child wears full school uniform and has a planner.
- Students must attend school every day. School will contact you if your child's attendance falls below 95%.

We appreciate that Christmas can be a time of joy, but also for some a time of worry or stress. If you need support in anyway, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Leader.

Wishing you and your family a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Kind wishes

Sara Crawshaw

Mrs Crawshaw



**Miss
School,
Miss
Out!**

**EMS students
who ATTEND more
achieve more!**



Pupils with greater than 96% attendance:

85%

achieved 9-4 in
English and
Maths

56%

achieved 9-5 in
English and
Maths

53.82

was the total
Attainment 8
Score

Pupils with less than 96% attendance:

64%

achieved 9-4 in
English and
Maths

38%

achieved 9-5 in
English and
Maths

44.80

was the total
Attainment 8
Score

Pupils with less than 90% attendance:

50%

achieved 9-4 in
English and
Maths

22%

achieved 9-5 in
English and
Maths

36.96

was the total
Attainment 8
Score

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Accessing our systems from home:

School Cloud (Parents Evenings):

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Student Email & Teams:

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

Parent Pay:

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School App

At EMS we have a school app
which is a fast and efficient
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Attendance, Behaviour &
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