

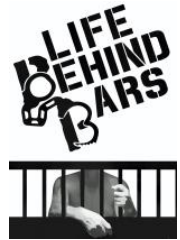


# The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College

## EMS6 CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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# Welcome



We've had a busy start to this half term. We've welcomed PC Coggin into college to talk to sixth form students about knife crime Hartlepool. He gave an insightful presentation to the dangers and consequences of carrying a knife. Mrs Rackstraw also arranged for a 'Life Behind Bars' conference for our students. They were able to listen to people who had served term in prison, sharing their experiences to support our social sciences subjects.



## National Citizen Service



Last half term our year 12 students attended a presentation from the National Citizen Service (NCS) regarding their autumn residential programme. From 30<sup>th</sup> October until 3<sup>rd</sup> November, ten of our students attended the residential in Doncaster. Our students had a fantastic experience taking part in a wealth of activities. They would definitely recommend the experience and said it had been eventful, even the bad weather did not dampen their spirits!

## Student Finance

On Monday 6 November we welcomed Lucy from Durham University into college to speak to our year 13 students. She delivered a very informative presentation on student finance covering tuition fee loans, maintenance loans and scholarships and bursaries. Finance plays a huge factor in the decision-making process for students and parents. A wealth of information can be found online using [Unifrog](#), [UCAS](#), [MoneySavingExpert](#), [Student Finance England](#) and looking on individual university websites.



# Opportunities

## THE NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SHOW

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November a group of year 13 students will travel to the National Apprenticeship Show to find out more about the apprenticeship route. Taking place at the Utilita Arena in Newcastle, this event welcomes visitors and Exhibitors from across Newcastle, Gateshead, North & South Tyneside, Sunderland, Northumberland, Durham, Cleveland and Middlesbrough. Places are limited and students have been invited to attend. The event will take place during the college day and is free to our students.



## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We are continually encouraging students to become involved in extracurricular activities alongside their studies. These activities help students to compile excellent application forms, be it for employment, university or apprenticeships. It provides students with excellent examples of the things that they are interested in, in addition to their studies. There are many activities that they can undertake such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award, virtual and in person work experience, debating society, TED Talks, online short course, to name but a few!

You can find out further details about what is on offer by using the links below:

- [It's time to take control of your future | Springpod](#)
- [Empowering Parents for Children's Success | Speakers for Schools](#)
- [TED: Ideas Worth Spreading](#)
- [FutureLearn: Online Courses and Degrees from Top Universities](#)
- [HE+ \(myheplus.com\)](#)



## THANK YOU

Thank you to parents for your continued support. If you have any questions about careers and future choices, please do contact the college.