



The English Martyrs Catholic
School and Sixth Form College



NEWSLETTER

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Class of 2022

In July we held two fantastic evenings to celebrate with our wonderful Year 11 and Year 13 students. Year 13 had a Leavers' Dinner at the Stadium of Light, while Year 11 had a Prom at Hardwick Hall.

More pictures inside!

Happy Summer

As we approach the summer holiday, I would like to thank you for your support for your children and for the school this year.



Students have shown enormous resilience and self-belief. They have embraced school life with enthusiasm and confidence. Many have taken part in enrichment opportunities, clubs, trips and competitions to further develop their skills and learning.

I would like to wish you a safe and happy summer.

Mrs S Crawshaw - Headteacher





May



Charlotte in Year 8 represented EMS in the Trust Jubilee Event at Our Lady and St Bede's. Each school in the Bishop Hogarth Education Trust contributed a jigsaw piece to create a tremendous piece of artwork to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Charlotte's amazing contribution included our school's motto 'Per Unitatem Virtus' and this event really did display 'Strength Through Unity'.



A group of our Year 9 students took part in an outdoor education visit to St. John-in-the-Vale, Lake District. A packed few days of activities which saw the students ghyll scrambling at Stoneycroft Ghyll in the Newlands Valley, an evening walk around Derwent Water, canoeing on Derwent water in Borrowdale and abseiling in glorious Lakeland sunshine.



May



Our Year 8 to 10 girls competed at the English Schools Athletics Track and Field Cup.

Both the junior and intermediate girls finished in 4th position.

It was great to be back competing at athletics competitions after a 2 year break!

Congratulations to all the girls who took part.



We celebrated a hat-trick of Town Champions as the Year 8 boys, Year 9 boys and Year 10 boys football teams all won their respective Town Final matches and brought home the silverware to EMS. This capped off a fantastic season.



May



The girls' football team were on the losing side of their town final. The score didn't reflect on their performance and they all represented EMS very well. The girls never gave up from start to finish and were unlucky on the day.



We took our Year 8 to 10 boys to the ESAA Track and Field Cup at Monkton Stadium. The boys were a credit to the school and their sportsmanship was outstanding. The Year 8 boys came 4th with the Year 9/10 boys finishing 3rd. Brilliant performance from all.



The Year 7 & 8 retreat was an amazing success. The students participated in a range of activities which they completed with enthusiasm and determination. The students were a credit to the school and themselves.



May



To celebrate a fantastic week of French, German and Spanish speaking exams, we celebrated with our Year 11 and Year 13 linguists at an MFL breakfast in the Sixth Form Bistro.



The Hartlepool Fire Safety Department of Cleveland Fire Brigade visited school to deliver talks to Year 7 students.




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I Am A Small Part of the World

Sally K. Albrecht & Jay Althouse, arr. Gareth Miller



Some of our students took part in the North East Festival of Languages. It is truly a wonderful diverse celebration of culture in the North East. Our students highlight the talents of our community. **Scan the QR Code to watch the video.**



A group of Year 8 students were joined by Jill Mortimer MP for a beach clean at Seaton Carew. The beach clean is part of our ongoing mission as a school to be more conscious of how we treat our planet and in response to Pope Francis' call to care for creation.



May



Students and staff welcomed esteemed guests Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham, Sue Snowdon, Dame Maura Regan CEO of the Bishop Hogarth Education Trust, Sue Harrison Chair of Governors, and Michael Lee former Head of English Martyrs (2010-15) to a morning of celebrations for the Queen's Plainum Jubilee.

Focusing on the dedication and service shown by Queen Elizabeth II throughout her reign students listened to an inspirational talk from Sue Snowdon, shared music, and prayer in praise of our monarch.

Afterwards, the guests and students enjoyed a traditional English Garden Party with ice-cream, sunshine, and party games.





May



The artwork we submitted for the jubilee exhibition, was displayed on a 6 metre screen in Middleton Grange Shopping Centre for a week.

The display featured the incredible portrait of Queen Elizabeth drawn by Year 9 student Stan.



The BBC asked the nation to sing SweetCaroline at street parties celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. We recorded our version. **Scan the QR Code to watch.**



To celebrate the 70th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II as our monarch, we celebrated by hosting a house competition to 'Create a pudding fit for the Queen' with the Jubilee Mess winning. (picture top right).



May



Our phenomenal Year 10 footballers made it to the National Final of the ESFA PlayStation Elite Schools Cup Final played at West Bromwich Albion's The Hawthorns Stadium. The result didn't go our way, however, a fantastic achievement and incredible memories for the players, school and travelling supporters.

National Finalists

Andrea Simbul, a talented Year 9 linguist, was selected as the winner for the North East region for her entry into the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators.

The competition, led by Queen's College, Oxford University, aims to promote language learning across the UK and is inspired by the life and work of the great translator, Anthea Bell.

Andrea's skilful translation caught the eye of the judging team of undergraduates and professional translators and moved forward into the national competition - which she won!

An incredible achievement to be crowned as a National Champion from over 14,000 entrants. Super proud!





June



Year 10 Performing Arts students attended The Northern School of Arts exciting new exhibition - From Page to Stage at Darlington's Hippodrome. The exhibition guided the students through the fascinating process of design for theatre, stage and screen, from script analysis and research, design concepts, white card modelling and finishing the final product, all the while showing the importance of sustainable working and research. The students then enjoyed a backstage tour of the historical theatre, understanding how the theatre has developed with technology.



Congratulations to Daisy who represented Hartlepool in the 1500m. Her stunning time of 6 mins 11 secs placed her fifth in the whole of the county for the Year 8/9 age group.



Our under 15 girls cricketers participated in the Chance to Compete Festival held at Hartlepool Cricket Club. Tilly, who became the first female player at Hartlepool Cricket Club to score a century earlier in the season, captained the team. The girls played some superb cricket throughout the day beating teams from Conyers and Our Lady and St. Bedes to be crowned champions.

Later in the term, they attended the county finals where they were crowned County Champions.



June



Across June we held two Art exhibitions. The first showcasing the work from our talented GCSE Art students and the latter the A Level students. The events celebrated the diversity and individuality of all art students working across art and design, photographic media, graphic design and three-dimensional media.



We had the pleasure of welcoming Harrie from the global charity Ocean-Hero into school to speak with Year 8.

He delivered the magic of ocean ecosystems in his wonderful presentation and interactive discussion with students. He talked to students about the plight of plastic in our oceans, what we could do to help and future careers in marine biology and conservation.

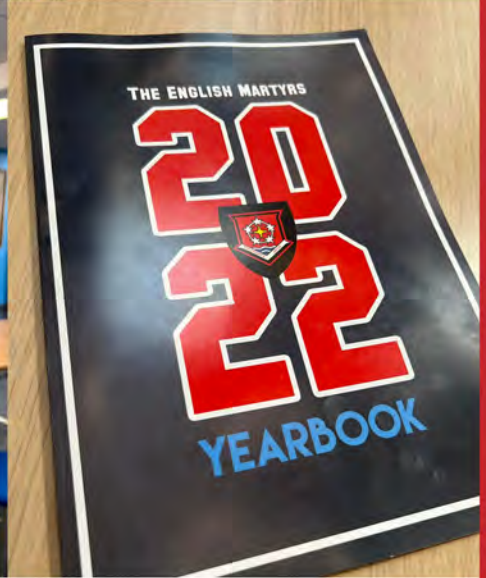
We had a lovely visit from The Catenian Association. We are overjoyed that they have donated 150 bibles to support our RE department in teaching high quality RE to EMS students.

They presented these to some of our Year 11s, who thanked them for the kind donation.





June



Once that final exam was complete, we gave our Year 11 students a celebration to remember complete with Hoodies, Yearbooks, Liturgy and an Ice-Cream van. A fantastic afternoon was spent together enjoying the sunshine and the company of each other as a year group for the final time.



The EMS trampoline squad today competed at the Hartlepool Schools Competition. There were outstanding performances with 2 team first positions & 5 individual wins from Max, Scarlett, Lily, Isabelle and Emily. Lovely to see Year 7 students competing for the first time.



June



Our Year 12 students were taken to Newcastle for the day by our sixth form team.

They attended Newcastle and Northumbria University Open Days.

Following on from the success of their town competition, the talented Year 8 football team were also crowned County Champions.

They beat High Tunstall 4-0 in the final. A great game where EMS controlled the game and played at a good tempo, passing the ball quickly.



Twenty three students took part in our annual Readathon. The students read for the whole school day to raise money for the excellent charity Read for Good.

Our LRC is open every day with a plethora of books available to borrow.

Ask our Library staff about becoming a student librarian.





June



Awards Evening



It has been a long time since our last Awards Evening, however, the wait was finally over on Thursday 23rd June 2022. We were finally able to gather together and celebrate our students' incredible achievements this academic year.

The annual awards evening is a long-running tradition of the school with many celebrity guests giving their time to present awards which have included Jeff Stelling (2014), Jonny Wilkinson (2006) and the late Ronnie Corbett (1995).

The 39th awards ceremony welcomed back former student, and local celebrity, Paul 'Goffy' Gough to speak to students about how he made it from cleaning gutters to a successful 30 year career in media and radio.

The talk covered everything from his rise to fame, rubbing shoulders with celebrities, and how he had overcome many challenges with resilience and determination.

Paul left the students with the lasting message that anyone can make it, you just have to work hard and commit to it.

After the presentation we moved onto the distribution of awards.

Awards were given for a range of academic, sporting and cultural achievements including excelling within individual subjects, enhancing the school community, public speaking, attendance and sporting brilliance.





July



Our Year 10 geographers have been out in the field collecting data. In the morning, students were investigating the key concept of longshore drift and how it operates along this Seaham stretch of coastline. They were able to see this in real time and learn about the stunning local cliff architecture, formed by erosional processes.

After lunch they carried out land-use surveys along the main strip to see the extent the local economy relies on tourism. The students worked very hard and were great ambassadors for the school. Staff couldn't be happier to see students learning outside of the classroom again.



Congratulations to EMS tennis teams who competed in the Hartlepool Schools Event at Eldon Grove.

The students played some fantastic tennis and were the winners of under 13 girls, under 15 girls and under 13 boys competition.



We invited the RNLI to present to all year groups about Water Safety.

Please encourage our young people to stay safe over summer. There are some very useful online learning resources on the RNLI website.





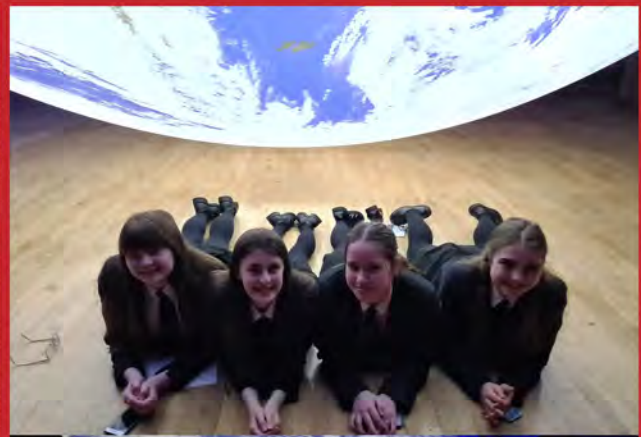
July



As part of EMS6 Transition, future Year 12 students worked in teams to erect their tents and then took part in a 'Fest Aid' workshop where they learnt about staying safe at festivals during the summer months. We look forward to welcoming them and enrolment is on Thursday 25th August.



After a tough fixture which resulted in a penalty shootout, our under 14 girls were crowned Cleveland County Cup football champions.



Well done to our Year 9 & 0 sports leaders who have been helping Mr Glynn with some of our trust primary school sports days.

Fifteen of our Year 9 Geography and Physics enthusiasts were selected to visit The Gaia exhibition in Hartlepool.

Gaia is a magnificent model of planet Earth by internationally renowned visual artist Luke Jerram. It gives visitors the chance to gaze upon the Earth as if from space.



July



Former students of St Teresa's celebrated Miss Frain's career. Miss Frain has been an amazing head teacher and we're very thankful for the time, effort and love she has put into her school and our students. We wish her the best for her retirement.



Miss Dunn and Mr Conway took 15 Year 9/10 students to the YMT Summer Festival at the Youth Village on 6th-8th July. Our students enjoyed the faith-filled experience immensely and got into the festival spirit with singing, dancing and worship.



Year 12 History students had a fantastic day in Durham visiting Durham University, including a tour of Durham Castle and time in the cathedral. They also explored some original Elizabethan archival material. Well done everyone, it was a hot day, and the historic city did not disappoint.



Four students represented the English Martyrs Eco Group at the Hartlepool Heroes awards where we were nominated for Green Community Champion.

Although we didn't win, as a runner up, we were awarded with £250 from The Teesside Charity which we could pay forward to a charity of our choice. We chose Alice House Hospice and they will use it towards their green space and garden area.



July



Year 12 Biology students visited the Teesmouth Field Centre to conduct various sampling techniques to look at the populations of organisms in the local environment. This included sampling along a Rocky Shore Transect line, Random Sampling for lug worms, Mark-Release-Recapture of snails, and setting up a Pitfall Trap for the capture of various minibeasts. The students also worked incredibly hard to investigate the correlations between various abiotic factors and plant distribution along the sand dunes as part of their assessed practical.



Our Year 7 students were given the opportunity to take part in a Shine Higher Education quiz. They completed this online and showed off their knowledge of Higher Education. The students pictured all did fantastically well and are proud of the University of York Hoodies they received as prizes for their efforts.



Year 10 students visited Newcastle University for their graduation event from the Scholar's Programme.

Each student had completed a series of tutorials run by a PHD tutor and then completed an essay discussing: "To what extent can the UK be seen as a climate change leader, in light of action taken to combat the adverse effects of climate change?"



July



THE ENGLISH MARYTRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE YEAR 7 2022-2023

Over the course of June and July, our Art department have been visiting primary schools and working with Year 6 students who will be joining EMS in September. Each student has created a Julian Opie style self portrait drawn on an iPad.

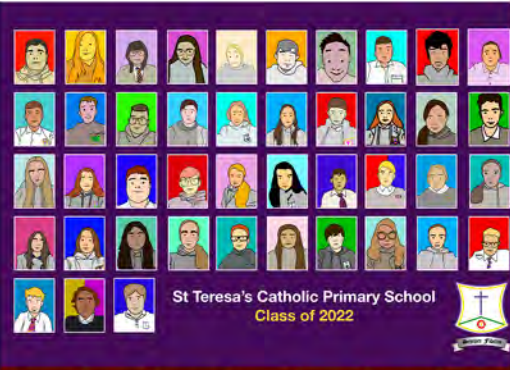
Here we have the completed project. These have been displayed during July's transition week. A wonderful first contribution to the EMS community from Year 6.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Class of 2022



Elton Green Academy, St Peter's CE Primary School, St Martin's CE Primary School, Gillingham CE Primary School, Lynton Primary School, Hart Primary School, Swanton Primary School, Golden Fields Primary School, Holy Trinity CE Primary School, West Park Primary School, Ferns Primary School, Home School



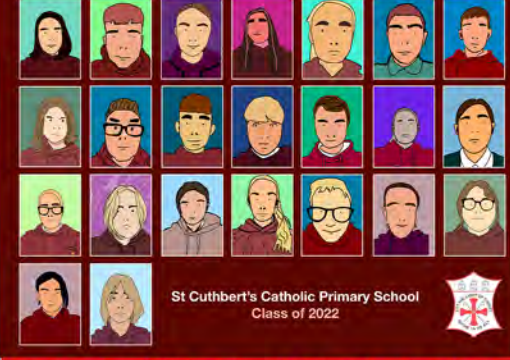
St Teresa's Catholic Primary School Class of 2022



St Bega's Catholic Primary School Class of 2022



St John Vanney Catholic Primary School Class of 2022



St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School Class of 2022



Kingsley Primary School Class of 2022



Rift House Primary School Class of 2022



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Class of 2022



July



EMS Live! returned for 2022 and had one of the biggest line ups we've ever had, creating a fantastic evening of music for a packed St. Anne's Hall.



It was wonderful to invite an audience to enjoy a running order of songs from students from most year groups which contained a plethora of styles and genres.

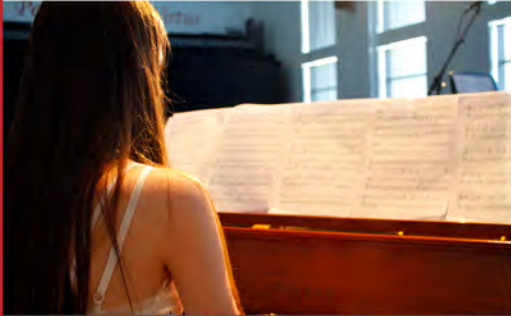
EMS LIVE 2022



Songs from Musicals, Folk, Pop, Country, Rock – everything was covered. The staff got involved too with Mr Hope, Mr McCartie, Mrs Snowball and Mrs Harrington all having a stint on the St. Anne's stage.



All in all, everyone had a great evening, watching and supporting our talented students.





July



Prom 2022





July



Leavers Dinner 2022





July



House & Sport Captains

Introducing our new Prefect, House Captains and Sport Captains for 2022-23. Students that have been selected for the roles, have signed their charter and received their new ties. They are ready to be role models for the rest of the school community.



Prefects





Dear Parent/ Carer

As we approach the summer holiday, I would like to thank you for your support for your children and for the school this year. Especially for the recent disruption due to the weather.

Students have shown enormous resilience and self-belief. They have embraced school life with enthusiasm and confidence. Many have taken part in enrichment opportunities, clubs, trips and competitions to further develop their skills and learning.

Thank you for encouraging their participation and for investing your time at parents' evenings, information evenings, performances, and celebrations. This is very much appreciated and brings many benefits for our children.

A few reminders for the new academic Year 2022-23:

Students return on Tuesday 6th September and a reminder that new times for the school day are 8.45am - 3.15pm.

Our new school year will begin with assemblies for every year group where we will share our high expectations in relation to attendance, behaviour and learning. We are ambitious for our students and want them to achieve their full potential.

We know that the purchasing of uniform and equipment in preparation for September happens now so please refer to this reminder around our standards in relation to uniform: <https://ems.bhcet.org.uk/uniform/>

We will continue to send updates via the app over the summer and communicate any information on our website. If you need help downloading the app please follow this link: <https://ems.bhcet.org.uk/school-app/>

If you change your phone number or address, please do let us know so that you can be kept up to date with any messages.

We are a cashless school, and any payments (lunches/ trips etc) need to be made on Parent Pay. To access this please follow this link <https://www.parentpay.com/>

You can find information on our website that outlines: the curriculum, behaviour expectations and school rules, uniform, Parent Pay etc. However, if you need more support, please do contact the school office which will be open regularly throughout the summer.

I would like to wish you a safe and happy summer.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Crawshaw
Headteacher



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Student Email & Teams:

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Parent Pay:

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