



The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College

NEWSLETTER

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Wherefore art thou Romeo?

We had the privilege of welcoming the Royal Shakespeare Company to school for a special 90 minute production of Romeo and Juliet. Some of our students have also had workshops with RSC and took part in the performance. A real treat for our budding thespians.

Happy Easter

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

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



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The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College

Absences Add up!

A student with **80% attendance** misses nearly **two months** of education every year. A total of **37 days**.

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January



It was straight into practical lessons for our Year 10 Biologists who were investigating the effect of light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis. Great practical skills on show. Well done all!



We celebrated the Epiphany with the chalking of the door above the chapel.



Great effort from all our students who represented Hartlepool at the Cleveland Cross Country. All students showing determination and resilience in challenging and muddy conditions. Huge congratulations to Jack and Bobby who qualified for the inter-county competition in February.



Our Year 7 and 8 students performed exceptionally well in the town badminton competition. Fantastic sportsmanship shown throughout the afternoon by all. Well done everyone!



Sixth Form Health and Social students embarked on a three week work experience placement as part of their course. The placement gives the students a unique experience of the world of work within a health and social care environment.



January



The Under 14 and Under 16 Basketball teams started their National Basketball league campaign. Lots of tough competition and talent on display.



Our Year 11 squad who progressed to round 6 of the ESFA Under 16 National Cup with a deserved 2-0 home win over St John's (Bishop Auckland). The win set up an exciting local derby against High Tunstall in round 7.



Some of our girl footballers went to support Miss Kelly, a former PE Teacher of EMS, who is now a professional footballer for Newcastle United Women. An inspiration to the next generation.



Congratulations to Jacob in Year 7 who has been elected as our school's Member of Parliament for the new Bishop Hogarth Pupil Parliament. Jacob attended his first parliament meeting, where he met other representatives from Year 5 and Year 7 who represent the schools across the Trust. A special mention to Oliver and Finley in Year 12 who have volunteered as student mentors to help the younger students with their Parliament duties.



Year 11 students with superb attendance in the first term were given the opportunity to buy and wear their Class of 2024 Hoodies early. A lovely treat for their dedication.



A group of our Sixth Form and Year 10 BTECH Performing Arts students had a trip to see 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' at Newcastle Theatre Royal. All the students had a fantastic time.



January



Congratulations to our KS4 badminton players who participated in the town tournament at St Hild's. Their hard work and dedication in PE shone through with a brilliant all-round performance at the competition. KS4 girls finished 1st and 2nd, and KS4 boys finished 2nd. Well done everyone!



Superb team performances throughout at the Lady Taverners Cricket competition. Unbeaten and victorious against a classy Barnard Castle side in the final. Expert coaching from Emily and player of the tournament Bella!



Well done to Year 10 who continued their investigations about the effect of light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis. Great work!



Our Year 11 squad who extended their winning streak with a superb victory against High Tunstall in the ESFA U16 Arnold Clark Schools' Cup. A fantastic showcase for Hartlepool football and a big local derby featuring two top sides with over 200 spectators. EMS 2 v 2 High Tunstall - EMS win 5-4 on penalties.



A group of Year 9 students took part in the G4C Careers Industry Day at HCFE. Students took part in a carousel of activities lead by industry professionals and gained an invaluable insight into the world of work and future careers. Congratulations to Sam and Jamie who were recognised by their business professionals for their individual contribution to their sessions.



Our Year 7 students had the opportunity to take part in a multi sport festival organised by Tees Valley Sports. They tried: Archery, Boccia, Skittles, Yoga, Dance and Darts. All students thoroughly enjoyed the day. The theme of the day was 'PASSION' and to 'TRY YOUR BEST'. They certainly achieved both.



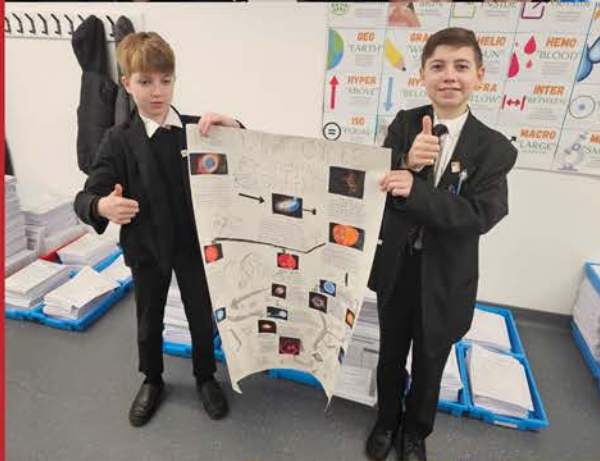
January



Former student and author, Rebecca Ryan visited EMS to deliver sessions to Year 10 students who learnt about the building blocks of a good novel. Year 12 English Language and Literature students also attended a session on creative writing.



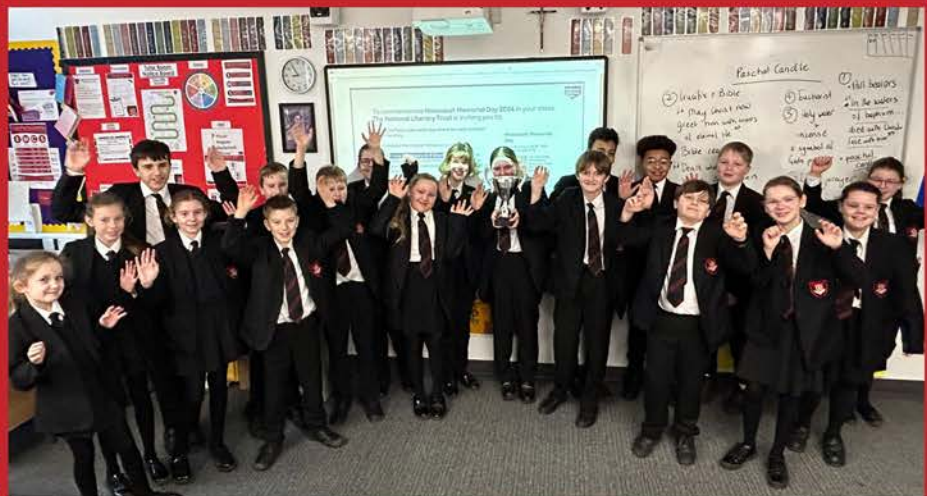
Great display of resilience and team spirit from our Y7 boys football team who came back from 3-1 down to win 5-3 against Dyke House. Well done to H. Smedley who was awarded man of the match for a solid performance. Next up town finals!



SciMon says "Show us your work", the latest initiative from the Science department that encourages students to show the work they are proud of on a Monday, has gone from strength to strength since it launched. Fantastic!



Our Year 10 squad reached the semi final of the U15 Cleveland County Cup following a tight 2 v 1 victory over Nunthorpe. Great display from the lads with goals from A. Swift & F. Elsdon. Player of the match: M. Ellis.



Top Attendance

Huge congratulations to 7AL1 who have been the highest attending tutor group across the school every week in January. A superb record and fantastic achievement. Keep it up!



February



Year 10 separate chemists have continued their brilliant lab work and have been investigating neutralisation reactions and carrying out titrations to investigate unknown concentrations of acids. Great work and practical skills.



A Level Art and Design students worked with course leaders at Northern School of Art to help diversify their portfolios through printmaking and screen printing. A fantastic trip.



The KS4 girls badminton team put in a sensational effort at the County finals in Thornaby. After a tough start, the girls reacted well to get results in their final two games. It was a real team effort. Well done girls!



Zara reached the end of an amazing experience as her run in the well known musical, Oliver, in Leeds finished. A professional role in Year 7. We are sure her career in the arts is just beginning. Well done!



Excellent effort from our Y7 Jr NBA team in their first co-ed basketball competition. Fantastic solidarity, superb shooting and great competitive spirit. Well done all.



Superb lab work by Year 9 biologists who used a range of concentrations of salt to find the isotonic point of potato tissue. Well done all!



February



To kick off Children's Mental Health Week 2024, we introduced some of our Youth Mental Health First Aiders. 18 students and 8 staff members have completed the Youth Mental Health First Aid Course and are equipped to support our young people even further.

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
5-11 FEB 2024

PROUD TO SUPPORT

#CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK



Year 12 Biologists carried out heart dissection to identify key structures and produce a biological drawing. Great work all.



Our Year 11 squad progressed to the next round of the ESFA National Cup with an away victory over Horsforth (Leeds). Goal: J. Richardson | MOM: N. Gilbraith & J. Richardson. It was great team performance again from this group of players. Well done boys!



A group of Year 10 students went to St Michael's School for the first part of the Oxford University Catalyst Project. They looked at higher education options and what it might be like to study at one of the most prestigious universities in the world. In July they will embark on a very exciting two day residential visit to Oxford where they have the opportunity to tour the city and colleges and learn even more about studying at Oxford.



We hosted a huge STEM workshop entitled 'Logistics Factory' as part of Engineering UK NeonFutures delivered courtesy of EDF Hartlepool Power Station. EMS was chosen from all the secondary schools in the Tees Valley Combined Authority to receive the workshops across the 2 days involving all of year 7 and 9. A big well done to all of the students involved.



February



We awarded our Half Termly Reading Awards. The top readers in each year group and a representative from the highest achieving form groups all received a token for our book vending machine. Well done all!



Year 11 House Captains organised a Valentines Card making competition. Students were asked to create a card from their house. Some wonderful creations. Congratulations to Thomas More who won, with MC, JB and AL coming 2nd - 4th respectively. Great work everyone!



To end Children's Mental Health Week 2024, our Eco Club students took part in a 'Walk to Talk' wellbeing trip to Summerhill. They braved the weather to experience the benefits of nature. Students spent the hour talking, discussing and observing nature, learning more about conservation, listening to wildlife, and trying not to fall in the mud! The benefits of nature for physical and mental wellbeing are vast, and we're already looking forward to the next walk in our precious local open space.



Year 12 Biologists competed in the British Biology Olympiad 2024 and achieved several highly commended awards and multiple commended awards. Well done everyone, we are super proud!



February



Year 8 students Sofia, Kelci and Honor produced some fantastic RE homework. They redesigned the classic Monopoly board game into a Life after Death version making links to key concepts and beliefs they have studied in their RE lessons. Amazing work!



Students had a visit to Newcastle City Hall to watch the fantastic 'Rend Collective' for a night of fun and worship.



We are very proud of our Reading Leaders group, where Sixth Form and Year 7 students get together to enjoy and support reading.

Amazing work!



The Year 9 football squad booked their place in the town cup final at Victoria Park after an incredible 6-0 victory over local rival High Tunstall. A Fantastic team performance.



Congratulations to Year 13 French students Elliot and Gracie who were proud semi-finalists at the MFL debating competition at St Peter's School, York. They won both of their debates in French in the group stage, on the issues of vegetarianism and celebrities as role models.



Year 7 students have been investigating combustion. We timed how long it took for a candle to go out with different volumes of oxygen. Everyone worked safely together.

Great lab work!



February



We held our brilliant Options Evening for Year 9 students as they make the big decision of what to study in their GCSEs. On the evening we raised £120 for the prom with a raffle for a hamper, proudly claimed by Ruby and her Nan.



As February came to a close, so did the career of our longest ever serving member of staff. Surrounded by colleagues past and present, we said a fond farewell to John Glancey who has been a part of the EMS community for over 49 years. We thank him for his dedication and wish him all the best for the future. We also commemorated the event, by naming an shield after him that will be presented at awards evenings for many years to come.



March



Year 7 students competed in a Netball tournament. Our students played some brilliant netball to come out as winners of the town competition. Lovely atmosphere and some excellent sportsmanship. Well done girls.



A great start to the month with four of our Year 11 students signing scholarships with Hartlepool United. Good luck to Noah, Kian, Josh and Ewan.





March



SUPER 7 SEVENS



The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College



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Catholic Education Trust



We launched our new Super Sevens initiative. Ten year 7 students who are recognised for their achievement and hard work over the week which is celebrated each week on our social media channels.



Scarlett, Ava and Oliver represented our school at the annual Catenian Public Speaking Contest which was hosted at EMS. The students worked extremely hard on their very creative speeches, delivering them to a large audience. It was a wonderful afternoon.



A busy day at the Metrocentre where Sociology and Business A-Level students attended Tutor2u grade booster sessions. Fantastic session and well done to all students involved.



Our Year 11 squad progressed to the semi finals of the ESFA U16 Arnold Clark Schools' Cup following a 5-1 victory over Ormiston Sheffield Community Academy



Year 12 and 13 RE students attended 'The Puzzle of Christianity: Live' Peter Vardy Conference. The day focused on key modules studied at A Level as well as tips for the exams themselves.



March



Staff turned out in fancy dress to celebrate and promote the joy of reading as we immersed ourselves in World Book Day. Lots of activities took place in school across the week with lessons themed around the event.



Year 12 Biologists completed their required practical 5 by dissecting a sheep's heart. They demonstrated their dissection skills and next lesson we will be completing biological drawings of our findings. Well done Year 12!



A fun and interactive visit for our Year 9 and 10 girls at the HCFE Women into Construction event. The students were set a challenge to build and design a structure using Lego by delegating roles, designing a build, calculating costs and presenting their finished construction. A wonderful opportunity to meet girls from other schools and speak with professionals from a variety of companies. Well done girls for your creative ideas and teamwork.



Ben and James both submitted designs for our Easter card and were successfully selected to be created. These have been made and sent out to the EMS community.



Some of our students had the unique opportunity to participate in a wheelchair basketball session lead by one of the coaches at Teesside Mohawks. The students learnt the basics of movement in the chair, dribbling and how to play an adapted game of basketball.



March



EMS6 student Oliver was elected by the young people of Hartlepool as the town's new Member of the Youth Parliament (MYP). Over 2,600 young people aged 11-18 voted in the election. A fantastic result and we wish him well in the post. Councillor Lindridge and outgoing MYP Georgia are pictured congratulating Oliver.



Across the term, there has been a Year 11 & Science Staff Darts tournament running on a lunchtime. Well done to Mr East who took the staff competition and to 'Bullseye Booth' who ended as the victor of the Year 11 competition after a tough final against 'Treble Tate'. Year 10 competition starts after Easter.



The Nest and Ark discovered a crime had occurred in the Nest's room while the pupils were elsewhere. Miss Shale had been kidnapped but could the students use chromatography to investigate the crime and discover which suspect wrote the ransom note?

A group of KS3 students participated in a Panathlon Xtend event at Mill House Leisure Centre. The students were able to showcase a range of skills in sporting activities such as athletics, basketball, bowling, cricket and curling. They all shown incredible technical ability, resilience and teamwork throughout the afternoon, and they all received amazing feedback from teachers and organisers. We had great fun and managed to finish in 3rd place among the Hartlepool secondary schools.





March



Congratulations to our Under 13 Girls footballers who won a very close County Cup match with the final score 4-3. Goals from Tilly (2) Elly and Bobbi who scored the last minute winner which I'm told was taken 'like a prime Steven Gerrard'. Great work girls!



A Scotland International netballer! Congratulations Ava on your first cap and silver medal for Scotland at the Netball Europe Under 17 competition held in Gibraltar. Ava has a brilliant attitude and work ethic, we are so proud of her achievements!



Well done to our Year 10 squad who are through the final of the DCSFA County Cup following a superb 5-1 semi final victory over Harton School. Bring it home! This talented squad are also through to the Elite Schools National Final.



Well done to Team EMS who took part in the National Reading Champions 2024 today. It was a great effort and they finished just seven points below the top three.



The cup run for the under 16 girls football team came to an unfortunate end. A dramatic end-to-end game played in amazing spirits against a strong Egglecliffe side which lost 5-6. A superb advert for girls' football with some fantastic goals, superb individual brilliance and great teamwork on show throughout. Well done everyone!



Well done to the Year 9 Rugby team who reached the semi final of the Cleveland Schools Rugby 7's Tournament. Excellent!



March



County Cup Champions

Huge congratulations to our Year 10 squad who clinched the DCSFA County Cup with a superb 3-0 victory over Kepier School (Houghton). This is the first trophy of the season for our brilliant 10s as they chase a quadruple.



County Cup finalists! Well done girls on a phenomenal team performance!! Fantastic skill and determination on show. Another clean sheet for Olivia, EMS winning 4-0 to continue the winning streak. Congratulations to POTM Emily.



Department
for Education

We are committed to the development of early career staff (ECT) and ensure they are supported by mentors with expertise in their subject area. Each mentor has undertaken training in their own time to maximise the impact they can have. These efforts have been recognised by University College London who leads our ECT training provision. We are now certified as 'Trained Early Career Mentors'.



Year 12 & Year 13 enjoyed a meaningful and thoughtful Easter Liturgy. Thank you to each tutor group for their creative contributions. Some fantastic crosses made by our students.



March



KS3 students engaged in National Science Week. The theme was 'Time'. Students discussed ways in which time has been measured throughout history and made their own time pieces which were able to measure a period of 5 minutes. Great work!



Town finalists! Our under 13 girls qualify for their second final of the season with a superb performance against Dyke House. Fantastic goals scored by Elly, Freya and Tilly. Huge congratulations girls keep up the excellent work.



An 'Eggcellent' fundraiser for our school charity took place as we held our popular Easter Egg Tombola. Over 175 fantastic prizes were won across the two days. Thank you to everyone who made the event a success.



SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED EGGS FOR THIS YEARS' EVENT

ALL MONIES RAISED GOES TO OUR SCHOOL CHARITY



March

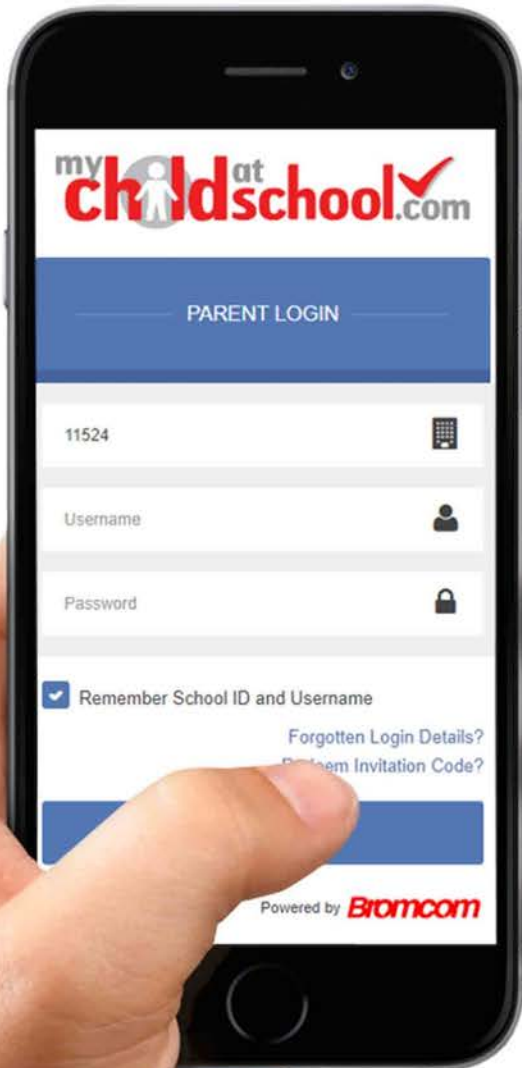


Artists of the Week

Each week we share our #ArtistoftheWeek on our social media channels. There will be more about these in our Art Department newsletter. Here are a highlight of some of the fantastic pieces that have been shared across this last term.



How to access all information and keep in touch.



As a parent, **everything** you need will now be in a single app called My Child at School (MCAS).

As well as being accessible on your mobile devices, MCAS is also accessible via a web browser meaning it can be viewed on a laptop or computer.

Unlike the apps we have used in the past, MCAS is live. The information updates in realtime. As soon as you sign in, you have all the information at your fingertips.

Dinner money, trips and other purchases is also incorporated within the single platform.

If your child is from one of our feeder primaries, the app will continue to work as normal.

If you have never had MCAS before, we will send you any information you need.

If you have any queries or questions, please contact us and we will be able to get you up and running in no time.

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Parking Pledge

at The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College

Made in partnership with BHCET, HBC Highways Traffic & Transport, our parents forum, staff and students.

Objectives

- To **prioritise the safety** of students
- To **improve the parking** situation.
- To **reduce the volume** of traffic in St Annes' Car Park (Main car park)

Do you need to drive?

Walking and cycling to the school can often be quicker and easier. We have a bike shed behind the secure line of school for students to use. There are cycle paths along the majority of Catcote Road. School is easily accessible on foot.



Where possible, drop your child in a safe place a short walk away from school to help control congestion around the school site.

If you need to use St Anne's Car Park:

- Maintain a **5mph speed limit**.
- **Reverse park** into parking bays. If you are waiting to collect your child and there are no bays available, **do not double park and do not block in parked cars**.



If you park on public roads:

- Please do so **legally and safely**.
- Show consideration to our neighbours.

Holidays 2023-24

Term 1

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Key	
	School Holidays
	PD Days
	Public Bank Holidays

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

Key Dates

Good Friday (March 29th) school closes for Easter and reopens on Monday 15th April.
 Thursday 25th April – Year 10 Meet the Teacher Evening
 Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday
 Tuesday 7th May – Year 11 Exams begin
 Thursday 9th May – Year 8 Meet the Teacher Evening
 w/c 24th June-Friday 5th July – Year 10 and Year 12 Prep Exams
 Thursday 17th June – Year 13 Leavers Evening
 Thursday 4th July – Year 11 Prom
 w/c 8th July – Year 12 Work Experience
 Thursday 11th July – Year 6 Parents Induction Evening

Reporting Absence

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