



The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College



NEWSLETTER

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History Makers

In May, our Year 10 footballers were victorious in the Elite Schools National finals - the first ever team from our history to be crowned National Champions. Read more: Page 11.

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.



We could not be more proud of the hard work, determination and resilience of our students. They have worked together, and in doing so, learnt to know and do more.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you a safe and happy summer.

Mrs C Hogarth - Head of School



Year 11 Prom Pictures
Pages 20 & 21



April



Ski Trip 2024



We start this newsletter from where we left off at the Easter Holidays. Over the break, students and staff hit the slopes on our annual Ski Trip. There was lots of fun in the snow enjoyed by everyone. Letters for Ski Trip 2025 are now available from Mr East or Mr Cooksey.



April



Town Champions

A fantastic start to the term with our KS3 Girls, Year 10 Boys, Year 11 Boys and KS4 Girls football teams all being crowned champions. The finals were all played at Hartlepool United's football ground. A brilliant achievement for all the teams. Well done.



Year 13 Biologists completed their final assessed practical for their AQA Lab Competency award. They analysed urine samples to identify the patient with diabetes. Well done, your practical skills are amazing and you have developed into brilliant young scientists!





April



To celebrate World Earth Day and to recognise the strides we have to take to protect the planet, Year 7 are working alongside WWF to help and support our animals. Year 7 have decided to adopt an African Elephant.



Year 12 biologists prepared slides of the cross sections of herbaceous stems, showing the different cell sizes and structure, locating the xylem vessels and approximating their size. Great work everyone!



A selection of our fantastic girl footballer leaders took part in Barclays Game On - Go Lead training. The programme promotes girls to become football activators to design, create and inspire other girls to play football.

The girls love their new Game On - Go Lead kit and are excited to put their training into practice delivering a girls only house competition.



We were lucky enough to have author and illustrator Liz Million visit EMS to deliver a 'Mythical Beasts Masterclass' to some of our Year 7 students. A fantastic event which is always enjoyed by the students. We thank Liz for a wonderful session.



April



Over 100 girls had a fantastic time taking part in a glow in the dark cricket festival. Lots of smiles, glow sticks and a few dance moves too. The girls showed great self-belief, creativity and resilience when playing cricket.



Earth Day recognition continued with our GirlsGetSET renewable energy Masterclass with the GE Vernova team. As climate challenges intensify, the energy sector's responsibility to lead the necessary progress on decarbonisation is greater today than ever. We shared a live link-up to the Able UK yard along with many other schools across the country, to investigate a range of local STEM careers, the problems and solutions of wind energy and the clear benefits for a sustainable future here on Teesside. Well done girls!



🏆 Cleveland County Cup Runners Up 🏆

Huge well done to our girls as they finish runners up in the Cleveland County Cup. They show incredible dedication, hard work and team spirit in every game. A fantastic team and we are all very proud of your achievements.



April



⚽ Cleveland County Cup Champions ⚽

Congratulations to our Year 10 squad who picked up their third trophy of the season, the Cleveland County Cup after coming back from 2-0 to beat Northfield 4-2. Fantastic!



🏉 Town Champions 🏉

Congratulations to the Year 9 Boys Rugby team who were crowned Town Champions. Signing off the season in style winning all 3 games. Well done on a fantastic season boys!



April



⚽ Cleveland County Cup Champions ⚽

Another superb victory for our Year 11 boys and another trophy to celebrate their final game. The lads battled hard and beat High Tunstall 2-0 to claim the Cleveland County Cup. Well done on all your achievements boys. Fantastic!



Well done to Thomas, Lucca and Oliver who represented EMS in the England Schools Golf Association event at Beamish Park Golf Course. Well done boys.



Well done to the Year 8 rugby team who finished third place in a town tournament. The boys made an excellent start winning their first two games, but unfortunately couldn't continue this form throughout their final games. Great work everyone!



We have students who are severely allergic to nuts.

Please don't bring nuts or nut based products on site.



May



Well done to the Year 7 rugby team who competed in a town rugby 10s tournament. The boys came 2nd, only missing out top spot narrowly due to goal difference. A fantastic team display throughout and great to see so many students playing competitive rugby for the first time.



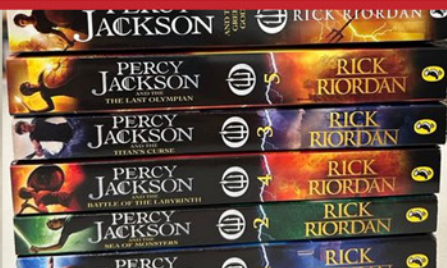
Young people in Hartlepool have set up a new web page to help the town's 13-19 year-olds find their way to advice and activities when they need a bit of extra support to help them thrive. Fantastic to see three current and one former EMS student involved in this initiative.



Durham County Cup runners up! Huge congratulations to our Under 14 girls football team who have had a phenomenal season. Lots of superb performances and finals made picking up trophies along the way. Well done girls, you are an inspiration to all.



We are very lucky to have received an official portrait of His Majesty, King Charles. This portrait was captured at the start of his reign back in May 2023, and was sent to us by His Majesty's Government.



Our library has lots of new books! Grab your next great read from there. Check out our Literacy Newsletter for more information



May



Congratulations to our Duke of Edinburgh students on their final expedition. 44 bronze award and 24 silver award students completed part their qualifying expedition showing true resilience, self-belief and compassion. Excellent camp crafting, map reading and s'mores skills on display. Keep up the hard work with your volunteering, skill and physical sections. Huge well done to all you are true ambassadors for the school and we are very proud of you!



Joanna from Oxbridge Admissions visited college to speak to EMS6 students about applying. Students found the session engaging and informative.



Students had a great morning at the Hartlepool Schools Trampoline Festival. Some excellent progression of skills and enjoyment had by all.



Our feeder primary schools attended a mini tennis event. It was great to see so many students having fun and playing tennis! Thanks to our primary sport leaders who supported.



The Headspace
at The English Marykn Catholic School and Sixth Form College

The Headspace is a successful Mental Health Drop-In and Well-being space for students which is available at lunchtime every day. Students can discuss any thoughts and feelings and receive advice, tips and coping strategies from our mental health first aiders.



To kick off Mental Health Awareness Week, four of our student ambassadors baked and sold sweet treats to raise money and awareness. Fantastic!



May



Congratulations to our athletes who attended the Hartlepool Schools Town Trials. Some outstanding performances with many students qualifying to represent Hartlepool at the Inter-Counties. Daisy, Zak, Jack O, Estelle, Oli, Jack C, Emily S all placing first in their events.



Staff and students made an excellent effort for the Mental Health Foundation's 'Wear It Green Day', raising awareness, increasing understanding about the benefits of moving more for mental wellbeing, and encouraging important conversations amongst our students.



To conclude Mental Health Awareness Week, a fabulous group of students were taken on a 'Walk to Talk' wellness walk to Summerhill where students 'moved more for mental health'. We enjoyed the benefits of nature and wellbeing tips from Claire, Summerhill's Conservation Lead.



Year 7 Reading Leaders celebrated their graduation!

A big thank you to our EMS6 students who were involved in supporting their reading journeys.



Our literacy team held a Scholastic Book Fair which lasted a week and was visited by nearly all students. Awesome!

Jack was selected to compete with the North East Athletics Squad at the English Schools Combined event. He was the only male to represent Hartlepool at the National Finals. Fantastic achievement, well done!



A group of year 9 students spent the day at the University of York as part of the Shine project. They met current students, had a campus tour and learned about the opportunities they might have at university.





May



Quadruple Champions

Our Year 10 footballers completed a season quadruple after sealing a win in the National Finals held in West Brom. The boys became the first ever football team from EMS to achieve National honours. The Elite Schools Cup completed a perfect season of wins to accompany the Town Cup and two County Cups won earlier in the season. The lads returned to a champions breakfast and a guard of honour from other students. We are beyond proud.





May



We held a Year 13 Liturgy to say farewell and good luck to our students. We are so very proud of you as you take your next steps onto university, apprenticeships and beyond. We would like to say a special thanks for all of your hard work and dedication during your time at EMS6!



Our Year 10 Darts competition reached a dramatic conclusion with a close final that could have swung either way.

Congratulations to our Year 10 Darts Champion Jacob who took the trophy.



We celebrated all our reading successes with rewards from our book vending machine. The top ten readers from each year group and representatives from the top reading forms came down to make their choices.



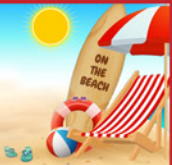
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We celebrated our Year 11 Liturgy to say a huge well done to our students. They have been excellent throughout and are left with special memories of the day. Miss Taylor said how proud she is of each and every one of you.



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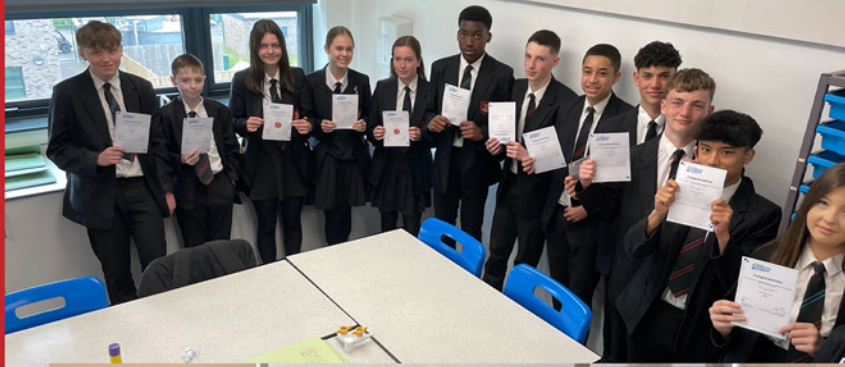
Huge congratulations to our 15 students who represented Hartlepool at the Cleveland Athletics Championships, some outstanding performances. A number of our students have now qualified for the Northern Counties Championships in Gateshead. Well done!



6th June marked the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings on the beaches of Normandy. Students engaged with two stories of men from Hartlepool who served in D-Day in their Period 4 reading slots.



June



A group of our Year 10 students recently entered the National Scientific Thinking Challenge 2024 in which they competed against thousands of students from across the country. A particular well done to Bethany, Violet, and Christy who achieved a Bronze award.



The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form

has achieved the Gold School Games Mark award for their commitment, engagement in the School Games for 2023/24.



We are delighted to announce we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 23/24 academic year.

The Schools Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are extremely proud of our students for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who make the competitions possible.

We held two fantastic Art Exhibitions which showcased the work of this years Year 11 and Year 13 students.

Two wonderful evening celebrating incredible talent.

Read more in our Art Newsletter.



June



It was an absolute privilege today to host the first BHCET Netball Event. Many Year 7 and 8 students from across our five trust secondary schools playing with enthusiasm, team spirit and respect. The Year 8 competition was won by St. Johns with EMS finishing a close second, however, the EMS year 7 team brought home the silverware. More photos on the website.



Our Key Stage 3 Awards evening was a huge success. A fantastic evening celebrating the achievement of students in Year 7, 8 and 9. Story and all the pictures from the evening are on the website.



June



Brilliant day at the Inter-counties Athletics Championships at Gateshead Stadium. Three of our students represented Cleveland. Emily in the 300m, Oliver in the 200m and Jack in the Javelin and 800m where he placed 2nd! Outstanding ambassadors for our school. Well done

Well done to Year 8 History classes for their creative homework projects on the battle of the Somme. Students worked independently or in small groups to investigate what happened during this disastrous battle in 1916. Keep up the good work Year 8!



Fifteen of our amazing primary sport leaders showcased their leadership skills at Sacred Heart's Sports Day. They did an outstanding job measuring jumps, throws, timing runs, and helping to organise the entire day. Their hard work and dedication didn't go unnoticed, with many teachers and helpers praising their efforts. We're incredibly proud of their commitment and representation of English Martyrs! They will be helping at more sports days in the coming weeks.



Year 9 students have been involved in a "NetZero experiences of the workplace" project, provided by Tees Valley Combined Authority. This project aims to give students a valuable insight into career opportunities within local green industries and those striving to be carbon neutral.



June



PRIMARY ARTS PROJECT 2023 - 2024

As part of our extensive transition to Secondary School, Art staff have led an ambitious project across the town. Staff are currently visiting 8 Primary schools across Hartlepool working with all year 6 students, 270 students in total.

Primary Arts 2024, allows EMS art staff to visit Primary Schools, work alongside Primary staff and for every student to produce an illustrated digital portrait.

The project is influenced by the work of Pop Artist Roy Lichtenstein encouraging students to explore and experiment with iPads and digital media.



Our Art department have started their annual Primary Project with Year 6 students joining EMS in September. This year, the project sees them creating artwork influenced by the work of Pop Artist Roy Lichtenstein.



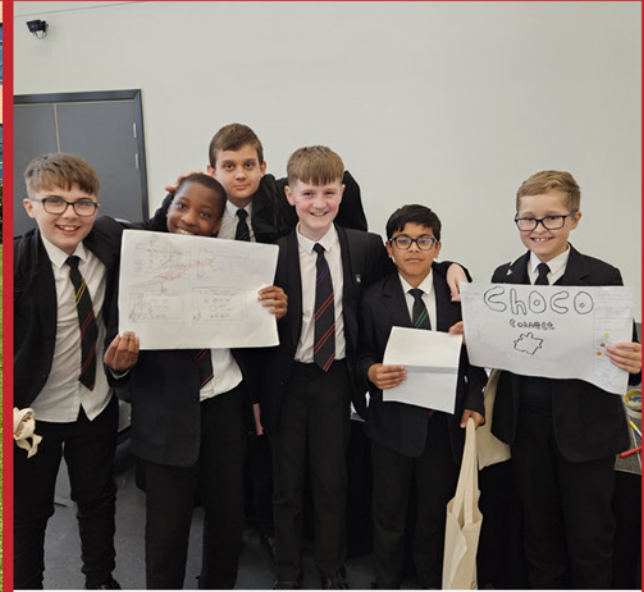
14 year 8 girls have been participating in the GirlsGetSet STEM programme over the year. This forms part of the geography and Eco-club enrichment offer at EMS. Last week they took part in a workshop where they both analysed and posed solutions to reducing the school's carbon footprint, supported in-person by their mentors from some of the top Green Industries in the world. Their flair and creativity were outstanding and rewarded by Mr Dixon from Able UK, Pioneers in Offshore Wind Projects. Upon completion of the programme, the girls will be invited to attend a graduation celebration at their Newcastle Site and will also be awarded with an accredited Bronze Industrial Cadets Award. Well done girls! We are very proud of you.



June



Well done to our Year 7 & 8 girls who attended a rounders event. They one lost one game which is a fantastic achievement. Great spirits and excellent attitude showed throughout. Well done girls!



This week our Year 7 students have been challenged to create their own chocolate brand. Some amazing ideas presents were presented, including our winners of the challenge "Choco-connect" the puzzle-based chocolate with a loyalty scheme



July



Year 5 had their first visit to EMS as they attended a two day festival. They took part in designing their own T Shirts, lots of activities ran by the science department, samba drumming dance and drama and a festival with Pek and Wanley. All students were a credit to their schools. We look forward to seeing more of them in Year 6!



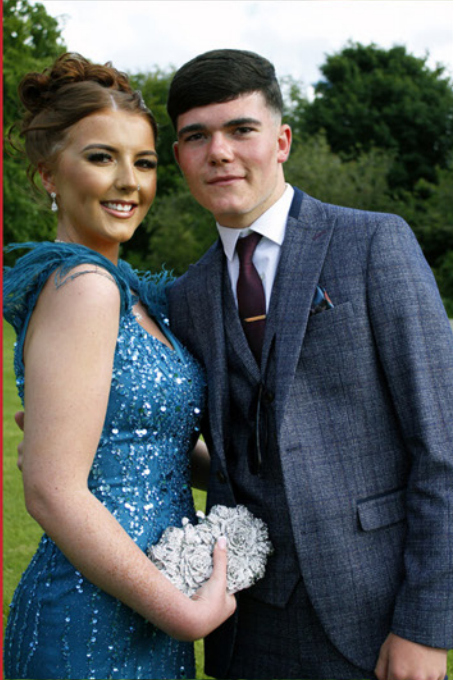
July



Year 13 Leavers Dinner



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Class of 2024



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Year 11 Prom



July



Year 9 girls took part in a STEM Careers workshop, getting to meet Women in STEM and test their engineering skills. Fab!

We love this fantastic work from a Year 9 RE class project on 'Modern Day Disciples'. Brilliant work everyone. Looks fab!



Year 12 Biologists got the chance to put into practice their sampling techniques. We counted lug worm casts, set pitfall traps and completed a transect line from the mobile to fixed sand dunes. Everyone had a great time, well, maybe except Sammy who's hayfever caused some issues!



Brilliant day at the Trust Athletics Competition. Some outstanding performances and true team work demonstrated. EMS placed 2nd overall and were crowned champions in the Under 15 boys section. Great work everyone!



July



Some Year 10 students were able to spend two days at St Catherine's College, Oxford. Highlights included a tour of Exeter college, a lecture on Superconductors from professor of material science and a visit to natural history museum with live hissing cockroaches. Everyone had a fantastic time, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with St Catherine's college.

A huge congratulations to Lewis who emerged victorious in Year 9 Darts Competition. We cannot wait for the 2024-25 tournaments to begin! Thank you to all the competitors, get practicing over the summer! See you next year!



Earlier in the year, the University of York visited to speak to the students about higher education pathways and gave them a challenge to complete. Great News! Belle was selected as the Year 7 Shine What is Higher Education? Postcard competition and Cole as the winner of Year 8 Shine Passport to Higher Education competition. Both have been sent a Lenovo Tablet as a prize. Well done to you both! Excellent work.



Congratulations to our Year 10 student Ebony who received an award at the Schools' Physicist of the Year 2024 which was held on Tuesday 18th June at Durham University. The award was presented by Professor Paula Chadwick FRAS, Head of Department for Physics, and Dr Sarah McLeod Associate Professor in the Institute for Computational Cosmology for the Department of Physics.



July



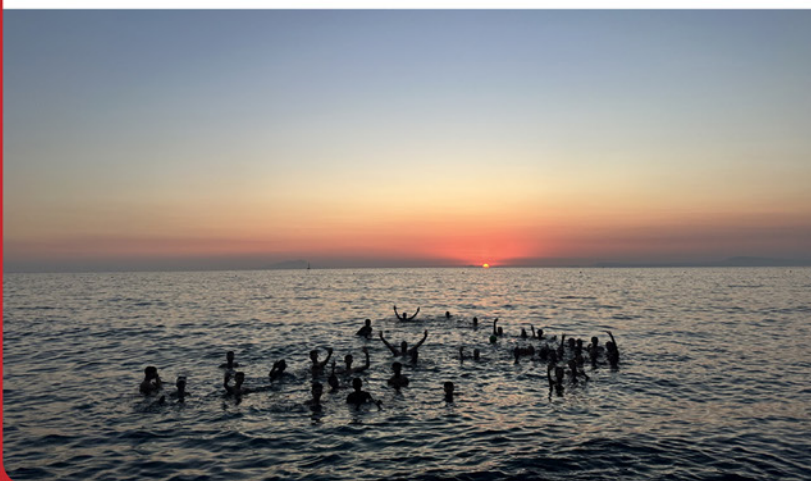
Year 8 and 9 Spanish students took part in a Bishop Hogarth Trust celebration of Spanish culture hosted at St John's. Well done to Ella, Jorja, James and Emily as finalists in a project they completed about the marriage of King Felipe and Queen Mary of England and congratulations to Hashir and Finlay for winning first prize!



Brilliant day at our final athletics event of 2024, the Hartlepool Schools Championships. Amazing results from our students who showed their talent, grit and determination. A special mention and thank you to our Year 10s at their final athletics event of their time at EMS.



Students had a wonderful trip to Sorrento where they visited Capri, climbed the world's most famous active volcanoes - Mt Vesuvius, explored the ancient city of Pompeii, did a spot of evening sunset swimming, ate Italian gelato plus much more. An amazing trip!





July



Year 10 students spent time exploring potential future careers pathways. Most students have been out of school on Work Experience placements in the community, those who remained in school were involved in sessions designed to develop their employability and life skills covering various topics including enterprise, team building, cookery, budgeting and even crypto currencies to name but a few. Workshops on first impressions and interview skills prepared students for a fantastic carousel of mock interviews face to face with local employers.



Educake Science
Online Homework and Revision



Tuesday 5th September – Sunday 14th July

566,055 questions in total have been answered this year!
Well done EMS!

Hardest working science classes

Check outside lab 2.18 to see if you are in the top 3 students

Year 7 – 7U2 – 21,598
Year 8 – 8X2 – 20,147
Year 9 – 9X1 – 27,977
Year 10 – 10U2 – 25,103
Year 11 – 11X1 – 20,623



Some Year 10 Geographers had a fantastic opportunity to embark on a journey of self-discovery with world-renowned explorer, writer and photographer, Levison Wood. Known for his epic expeditions across the globe, Levison shared his incredible stories and insights into the transformative power of challenge and adventure.

Educake Science has become a hugely popular tool for engaging students in our Science department. The interactive quizzes and learning shape a lot of their homework tasks. Each week, we push updates of the top performing form groups and our year-to-date totals of questions answered. We are overjoyed that students answered well over half a million questions this year! Well done to our top performing tutor groups for 2023-24.



Some fantastic work from our Year 9 Design & Technology Architecture Project including Robyn & Bella's Barbie inspired weekend retreat. Fantastic work.



July



If you ever feel unsafe this Summer...

RUN

to a place of safety. This is a far better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go, then...

HIDE

It's better to hide than to confront. Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can. Then finally and only when it is safe to do so...

TELL

the police by calling 999.



STAY WATER SAFE THIS SUMMER

DO NOT DIVE INTO UNKNOWN WATERS

KNOW YOUR PHYSICAL LIMIT

NEVER SWIM ALONE

CALL OR WAVE IF YOU NEED HELP

ALWAYS SWIM NEAR LIFEGUARDS



Summer Holiday Safety Advice



Spend time in the shade during the hottest hours of the day.

Wear sensible clothing and sunglasses to protect yourself.

Use a high factor sunscreen to ensure you don't burn.

BE SUN SENSIBLE



STAY RAIL SAFE

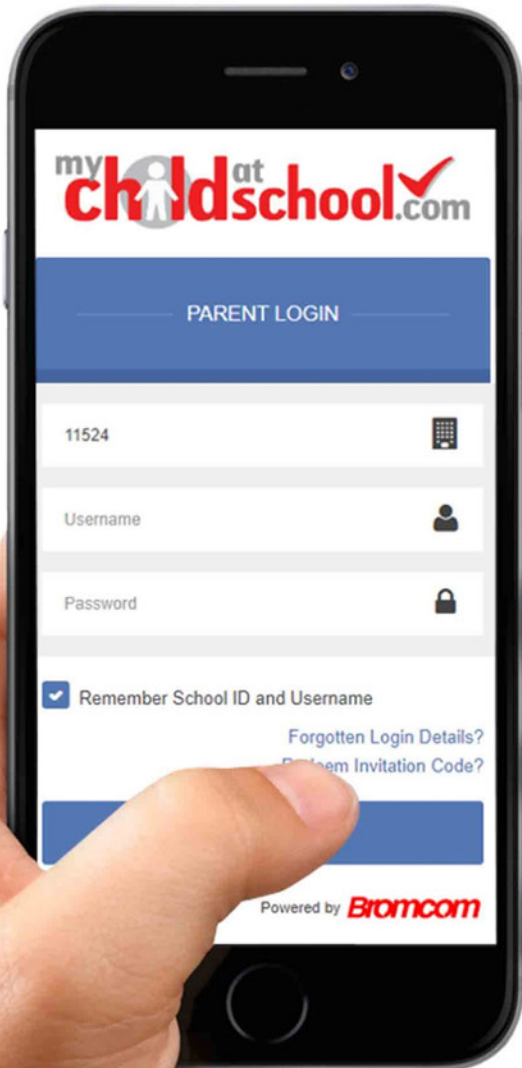
Never play near railway tracks. Every year, people get hurt or die from playing near railway lines.

Be careful of electricity or cables around railway lines. Electricity can be very dangerous and can jump up to three meters.

330 people died in the UK by walking on or near railways in 2022. Keep yourself safe at all times.

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

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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Holidays 2024-25

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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

A Level Results – Thursday 15th August 2024 (From 8.00am in the Sixth Form Building)

GCSE Results – Thursday 22nd August 2023 (From 8.30am in the Sixth Form Building)

Sixth Form Enrolment – Open drop in Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd August 2024.
If you would like an appointment on a different date, please email ems6@ems.bhcet.org.uk

Students Return to School – Tuesday 3rd September arrive for 8.40 for Form Time

Reporting Absence

Maximising your child's attendance is paramount to their education.
If your child will be absent, please contact the Attendance team on 01429 273790 (option 1) **as early as possible** or message us using the app.

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