



Emmanuel College

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Rower returns home with medal for her country



We bring exciting news from Kennedy Icton (Year 10), who competed as part of the England North Rowing Squad in the School Games National Finals in August. She just missed out on a medal in her individual event, losing her second position right at the last minute. However, in the relay event, England North won bronze, so Kennedy returned home with a medal for her country. Not only that, but Kennedy posted the second fastest time in England North. Keep up the brilliant work.

Outstanding LAMDA results

Congratulations to all of our LAMDA students on their outstanding results last year. Not only did *all* students entered for their LAMDA exam pass, but an impressive 98.4% of students achieved either a distinction or merit - an outstanding set of results. Students from Years 8 to Year 13 excelled in Acting, Public Speaking, Verse and Prose and Musical Theatre exams, demonstrating a record level of success for the College.

If you wish to take LAMDA this year, please look out for the letter this week to sign up.

Literature students in London



At the end of the summer term, 30 enthusiastic English students travelled to London for a few fun-filled days of Literature. Students were captivated by performances of Shakespeare's comedy *As You Like it* at Regent's Park Open Air Theatre and the tragedy of *Othello* at Shakespeare's Globe – where they embraced the traditional groundling experience. Students also participated in seminars at Romantic poet John Keats' former residence and at the British Library, where they encountered treasures including the Magna Carta, Beethoven's original scores, and a rare, pristine copy of Shakespeare's first folio.

Rebecca Charlton reaches new dramatic heights



Alumna Rebecca Charlton studied for her PCertLAM exam with Mrs Wells and Mrs Pilman during her gap year, working with our Drama department. To achieve this LAMDA Certificate in Speech and Drama: Performance Studies, Rebecca had to perform a 20-minute recital of four monologues for an examiner and submit a 6000-word essay. We are so pleased to announce that Rebecca achieved a distinction in both areas and is the first Emmanuel student to achieve a PCertLAM qualification. We wish Rebecca all the best as she travels to London to start her course at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama in late September.

Year 12 take the plunge at Whithaugh



Year 12 started their sixth form career in spectacular fashion this week at Whithaugh - mostly by being cold, wet and uncomfortable! They crawled through caves, plunged into lakes and grappled with new challenges. The midges were merciful, the weather less so, and many fears were faced, friendships formed and characters created. Year 12 are looking forward to the tackling their studies next week with the same gusto.

Roanoakes goes live!



The College Year 11 band 'Roanoakes' had a dream experience over the summer holidays. Having won the Battle of the Bands evening at RGS in June, they were offered a session at The Globe Theatre in Newcastle. The band had a professional production team at their disposal for the hour and, as well as receiving some constructive feedback, they were asked if they would do a gig for the theatre. Noah, the guitarist, commented on how amazing it was to perform live, with lighting, and to hear the band through professional sound equipment. Keep watching this space – Roanoakes is a music band to follow.

Music and drama co-curricular activities and instrumental lessons starting next week

Could all students who have signed up for instrumental lessons please check the notice boards on Monday for their lesson times.

The following groups are starting to rehearse next week. Please come along and get involved. Other groups including One Voice Choir, Wind Band and String Band will start on the week commencing Monday 17 September.

Monday	Senior Choir	Years 10 - 13	4:00 – 5:00pm	M2
Tuesday	Jazz Band	Grade 4 musicians and above	4:00 – 5:00pm	M2
Thursday	Orchestra	Grade 4 musicians and above	4:00 – 5:00pm	M2

Opportunities in sport and PE

Sport is not just good for health. Joining and being part of a team is key to a student's all-round development. Emmanuel runs a comprehensive programme of co-curricular sport, and there really is something for everyone. [Read more](#)

Coming up ...

Monday 10 September

Year 7 Induction Activities

Tuesday 11 September

Prayers for Emmanuel at 5:30pm

Wednesday 12 September

Year 7 Pathways meeting at 7pm

Friday 14 September

Year 8 girls' immunisation

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