



Emmanuel College

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Yearbook 2017-2018



A copy of our College yearbook 2017-18 will be sent home with students today. It is also available on our website [here](#). Enjoy reading this wonderful collection of highlights, experiences and achievements from last academic year - and do share it with family and friends as we celebrate the tremendous breadth of opportunities offered to our students.

Front Row with Kirsty Lang, broadcaster and journalist



Today we had the privilege of hosting a visit from broadcaster and journalist Kirsty Lang, whose informative talk inspired the sixth form audience. Kirsty spent many years as a foreign correspondent, reporting for the BBC and the Sunday Times. From 1989 to 1991 she was the Central European reporter for BBC World Service based in Budapest, covering the fall of the Berlin Wall and the beginnings of the conflict in former Yugoslavia. She spoke about her interaction with Margaret Thatcher at Lockerbie and her coverage in Paris of the death of Princess Diana. She is a passionate advocate of the arts, presents 'Front Row' on Radio 4 and was recently appointed the Chair of the Board of Trustees of Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art. We are grateful to the charity 'Speakers for Schools' for arranging the visit.

Aspiring Engineers visit Reece Group for 'Women in Engineering' day



Six Year 8 girls with an interest in engineering visited Reece Group on Tuesday. They enjoyed a tour of the factory, where they observed skills from CNC machine work to new state-of-the-art robotics, and they spoke to women from local companies about what it is like to be an engineer. It was a wonderful insight into the vast world of engineering and the girls learned how they could match their aspiring careers to this growing sector.

Business students develop skills for Metrocentre placement



Mrs Tracy Allison from INTU has been working with Year 12 BTEC Business students this week, helping them to develop their employability and customer service skills. The students will then apply to undertake an extended work placement at prestige retailers in the Metrocentre.

Henry V at Durham Cathedral



This week A level Theatre Studies students had the amazing opportunity to see Shakespeare's *Henry V* performed in the beautiful setting of Durham Cathedral by Antic Disposition Theatre Company. Performed to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, the actors created injured French and English soldiers, who slipped in and out of rehearsing *Henry V*. The director and cast took the audience on an emotional journey; a poignant moment was when Gower, an English soldier, experienced a shell-shock episode. The company of French and English actors were superb and moved effortlessly between Shakespeare, singing in harmony, comedic moments and tragic realism.

Auschwitz: moved by the horrors of the past



Last Wednesday, two Year 13 students visited the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland. Seeing the camp was a harrowing, yet eye-opening experience. Students also participated in a moving ceremony led by a Rabbi where they lit a candle in memory of those who suffered. Students returned to Emmanuel College inspired and deeply affected by the experience.

House Performing Arts auditions



Last week, students auditioned for the House Performing Arts competition, and the audience was treated to a range of acts including singers, gymnasts, dancers, rappers and solo instrumentalists. The winners from each House have been announced and are pictured here. They now proceed to the final, which will take place on Wednesday 7 November in the Main Hall, 4:00-5:30pm. It promises to be a fabulous extravaganza of student talent, and everyone is welcome to come along and support their House!

Focus on the North East economy



The Economics Society welcomed Mrs Victoria Sutherland, Senior Economist at the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). The LEP's remit is to promote economic development and job creation in the North East. Figures published this week by the ONS show that the number of unemployed people in the North East is down by over 18,000 in the last year, with the region accounting for almost ¼ of the reduction in unemployment in the UK during the same period.

Opportunities in Outdoor Education



Our annual Outdoor Education programme, provided by the experienced team at 'Canoes, Mountains, and Caves', is well established and we are pleased to be able to reveal this year's plans. Through activities such as canoeing, climbing and gorge-walking, it is hoped that many students will be able to develop the ability to work with others and grow into servant-hearted leaders. We very much value education outside of the classroom and the benefits this brings in terms of character development, and we hope that many of our students will take up the challenge presented by these activities. [Read more](#)

ESF Lions Tour to Lake District



The ESF Lions Tour to the Lake District is well underway. With top players from all four ESF schools, the Lions are taking on some of the best rugby sides in the North of England. On Tuesday evening, they played Egremont RFC, and Thursday saw them face Keswick School, played at Keswick Rugby Club. We wish them all the best for tomorrow's match against Penrith RFC, and look forward to hearing the scores when they return home.

Blythwood Shoebox Appeal 2018



This week we launched the annual Shoebox Appeal, where we ask students to bring in shoeboxes filled with basic toiletries and some special gifts for those less fortunate than ourselves. The shoeboxes will be collected by charity Blythwood Care and sent directly to towns in Eastern Europe and Asia. The Charities Committee will be selling shoebox starter kits in reception at breaks and lunchtimes, priced at £3. This is a wrapped shoebox with soap, face cloth, toothbrush and toothpaste; all you have to do

is add a few extras. Our shoeboxes will collected on Wednesday 14 November. Please encourage your son/daughter to consider buying a shoebox starter kit or making a shoebox up from scratch. This small act of kindness will go a long way towards helping those in need at Christmas time, and showing care and compassion. Please [read more](#) for the checklist of items to include.

PR with Integrity



Thursday was 'World Values Day' and therefore somewhat fitting that sixth form economists should travel to Newcastle Business School for an evening seminar with Sarah Hall, President of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations. Sarah outlined how PR has become integral to firms' promotion of their core values and need not be detrimental to the firms' long-term profitability. She referenced recent examples, such as Nike's Kaepernick ad: 'Believe in something. Even if it means sacrificing everything.'

Up, up and away!



Congratulations to Honey Thompson (Year 7), who recently took part in the Tyne and Wear Schools Trampolining Competition for Emmanuel. Competing in the Novice category against students from Key Stage 3, Honey finished third in a very closely-fought contest, and has qualified to represent Gateshead at the Finals in November. We wish her every success.

Staff vacancy: Learning Support Assistant

We currently have a vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant. The closing date for completed applications is 31 October. For full details and an application form [Read more](#)

This week's sports results

Football	<p>Sixth Form Friendly</p>  <p>Emmanuel 4 v 6 Dame Allans Goals: Bonner 2 Szpak 1 Hewitt 1</p>
Rugby	<p>U18 Friendly Emmanuel 17 v 22 RGS Newcastle 2nd XV</p> <p>Year 8 Friendly Emmanuel 20 v 40 Whickham</p> <p>Year 7 Friendly Emmanuel 40 v 0 St Thomas More</p>

	<p>Year 7 Yarm Tournament Emmanuel 10 v 10 Yarm Emmanuel 20 v 0 Egglecliffe</p> <p>Year 8 Boys Ryton Tournament Emmanuel 0 v 10 Whickham Emmanuel 20 v 0 St Thomas More Emmanuel 15 v 0 Thorpe Academy</p> <p>Emmanuel Finished 2nd overall</p>
<p>Netball</p>	<p>U19 TWSSA Netball Tournament Emmanuel 1 v 1 Whitburn Emmanuel 5 v 7 Dame Allans Emmanuel 2 v 3 Durham School Emmanuel 4 v 7 Newcastle Girls Emmanuel 1 v 11 RGS</p>
<p>Hockey</p>	<p>Year 7 TWSSA Hockey Tournament</p>  <p>Emmanuel 0 v Dame Allan's B 2 Emmanuel 3 v Whickham B 0 Emmanuel 1 v RGS B 0 Emmanuel 1 v Whickham A 1</p> <p>Emmanuel came 2nd overall in Pool B and received silver medals!!</p>

Coming up ...

Monday 22 – Friday 26 October

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