



Emmanuel College

30 November 2018

Christmas Concert: Wednesday 5 December



The Emmanuel College Christmas Concert is the best way to get into the festive spirit. So on Wednesday 5 December, why not join us at 7:00pm in the main hall for magical Christmas melodies from our Senior and One Voice Choirs, Jazz Band, Orchestra and ensembles and our College production *Les Misérables*. There will be mince pies and festive refreshments at this popular event, so don't miss it!

Earlier start for Carol Service at City Hall, Newcastle



A reminder that on **Tuesday 18 December**, we will hold our annual Carol Service at City Hall, Newcastle. The Year 7 Choir is preparing a fantastic range of festive songs, and joining them on stage will be the Senior Choir, the College orchestra and the readers who will deliver celebratory news of Jesus' birth. All students are required to be present without exception, and we invite parents to join us at the Carol Service which will start at the earlier time of **7:00pm** and is expected to finish at 8:30pm. Tickets are available from City Hall at a cost of £3 per person. Please [click here](#) to order your tickets online, or contact the Theatre Royal and City Hall box office on 08448 11 21 21. Do book your tickets early for this event, as it is anticipated that they will sell out quickly.

National Citizen Service 'Gold Award'



Last year we were delighted to welcome Chris Byrne from National Citizen Service, who awarded us with 'Champion School' status. Chris returned this week to present us with a 'Gold Award'; this is the highest accolade presented to schools which go above and beyond in promoting NCS and recruiting students for the NCS programme.

Anthology and Bookmarks for National Poetry Day



National Poetry Day winners have not yet been announced, but we have received some wonderful feedback from the Forward Arts Foundation who ran the competition. They were “thrilled with [our] students’ enthusiasm” and have sent us a complimentary copy of the anthology, which has been placed in the library for everyone to enjoy. They also sent us a number of complimentary bookmarks, so if students would like one as a little memento, they are more than welcome to go and request one from the library – first come, first served.

Books on Tyne: ‘Battle of the Brontës’



Wednesday afternoon saw some enthusiastic Year 12 English students travel to Newcastle’s City Library for a ‘Battle of the Brontës’ lecture as part of the ‘Books on Tyne: The Newcastle Book Festival.’ Whilst no actual battle took place, students enjoyed learning more about the contextual influences of Literature’s most influential trio of sisters, or ‘three weird sisters’, as famously described by former Poet Laureate Ted Hughes. Students particularly benefited from exploring themes of violence and madness in Charlotte’s *Jane Eyre* and Emily’s *Wuthering Heights*. Brontëan academics, Claire O’Callaghan (Brunel University) and Sophie Franklin (Durham University) led us through the proceedings, allowing time for an insightful Q&A session.

Sixth Form Open Evening



If you know anyone currently in Year 11 at another school who might like to consider joining the Emmanuel College sixth form next year, please tell them about our Open Evening on 31 January at 6.00pm. Prospective students will have the opportunity to meet teachers and current students, and to find out more about the wide range of courses on offer. [Read more](#)

Christmas Fair – thank you!



We would like to express our gratitude to all who came to support the Christmas Fair last Saturday as well as everyone who helped to organise the event, including the team of sixth form volunteers. It was a great success and has certainly got the festive season off to a flying start.

Work placement at Virgin Money

Robert Peston, Founder of Speakers for Schools (S4S), outlines the organisation’s ambition to help young people become the most creative, adaptable and confident they can be, so that this rapidly changing and unpredictable world is a place of exciting opportunity. To this end, Virgin Money has been a tremendous supporter of S4S, and this week, Economics students Ethan Wilson (Year 11) and Dean Fowler (Year 12) have been on placement, finding out about life in industry.

Scotland v Argentina rugby visit



44 students from Years 7-9 experienced an international rugby match last Saturday when they headed to Edinburgh's Murrayfield Stadium to watch Scotland take on Argentina. The atmosphere was fantastic and the boys were thrilled to see Scotland victorious 14-9.

Withdrawal of 837 scholars bus service

We have been informed by Nexus that the 837 scholars bus service will be withdrawn, with effect from Monday 7 January, 2019. The 941 commercial bus service will return from this date, and students who have been using the 837 scholars service can use the 941 instead. [Click here](#) to see the revised timetable.

Improving contact with College

In seeking to further improve communications between home and school, the '[contact details](#)' page of our website offers you the option of selecting the subject of your message. This means the message is sent directly to the person(s) best able to provide an answer. Our aim is to get back to you within three working days and even non-urgent welfare and pastoral messages can be left this way. May we remind you that notes in study files (student planners) are still by far the best way for a parent to get a message to a teacher promptly, and should be used for the majority of everyday communication with either a teacher or tutor.

Footballers battle elements to secure a draw



The sixth form football team drew 2-2 with Heaton Manor school on Wednesday amidst atrocious weather conditions. The boys showed great determination, and special congratulations go to Man of the Match, Calum Szpak, and goal-scorers, Chris Hewitt and George Bonner.

This week's sports results

Badminton	Gateshead Badminton Tournament KS4 boys: winners KS4 girls: winners KS3 girls: winners KS3 boys: third place
Rugby	Year 7 County Tournament Emmanuel 5 v 0 Durham Johnston Emmanuel 20 v 5 Whickham Well done! Our Year 7 team are now through to the County Final

Coming up ...

Week commencing 3 December 2018

Monday 3 December

Economists visit to Virgin Money workshop
Paper Birds Theatre Company workshop in College

Tuesday 4 December

Economists participating in NIBE debate

Wednesday 5 December

Christmas Concert: 7:00-9:00pm

Thursday 6 December

English theatre visit to Northern Stage for *A Christmas Carol*

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