



# Emmanuel College

9 November 2018

## Act of Remembrance

Today at 11:00 am, we held our annual Act of Remembrance. Staff and students united in silence to remember those who have lost their lives in wars. Our thoughts have been particularly on the soldiers who fell during World War I in this centenary year, but we also think of those who have fallen in all armed conflict, as well as those who, even today, are risking their lives to fight for the freedom of others. Many thanks to all who have supported the Poppy Appeal in aid of the Royal British Legion.

## National Citizen Service Star School 2018



This week saw Emmanuel awarded the Star School Award for Gateshead for the third year in a row. The Star School Awards are given to the school in each local authority area in the North East where there has been the highest proportion of students involved in the NCS scheme. Each year, just over half of our Year 11 students take part in NCS over the summer, engaged in social action and personal development. Current Year 11 students will be informed over the next few weeks about opportunities for Summer 2019.

## Apprenticeship advice gives insight into industry



On Monday, Karen Routledge from Sunderland Engineering Training Association (SETA) gave insightful and informative careers input to Year 11 students who are considering pursuing an apprenticeship. She gave advice on writing CVs and application letters, and spoke about the opportunities offered at SETA. A number of our students attended an open event at their training centre in Washington on Thursday evening to find out more and meet potential employers.

## House of Fraser



This week, eight Year 12 BTEC Business students started their extended work placement at House of Fraser in the Metrocentre. They will attend one afternoon a week until Christmas to learn first-hand about the retail industry, as well as to collect information to support their BTEC course. In their first week, the students worked in a range of different departments, and even helped to create displays in the Christmas department!

## **Do we have a conscience? Does free will exist?**



One hundred and fifty sixth form students from 11 schools across the region gathered at Emmanuel yesterday for a day of stimulating lectures on a wide range of philosophical and ethical issues with Academy Conferences. Lecture topics ranged from 'Do we really have a conscience?' to 'How should we treat animals?', and there was a student debate on the motion: 'This house believes that there is no such thing as free will'. Our thanks to guest speakers Julie Arliss (Farmington Fellow at Harris Manchester College, Oxford) and Hugh Campbell (former Chief Examiner for OCR) for such a thought-provoking time.

## **Economists join the debate at Loretto School**



Forty-five budding economists joined students from a number of independent schools in Scotland to delve deeper into some of the most challenging aspects of GCSE and A level economics. Guest lecturers from The Institute of Economic Affairs shared their thoughts on finance, behavioural economics, and the UK productivity problem, before involving students in the debate. Outstanding initial contributions from Harry Parkin and Connor Charlton immediately set the tone for the day. There was so much to take away from a day like this and apply to lessons, homework, and examinations. Read more here: [www.gconomics.co.uk/events](http://www.gconomics.co.uk/events)

## **Last few days for Shoebox Appeal**

A big thank you to everyone who has brought in a shoebox for the Blythswood Appeal 2018. We have just a handful of shoebox kits left in reception, as well as a few empty shoeboxes. Let's get them filled, and see a last-minute flurry of boxes to give our collection a late boost. Shoeboxes will be collected this Wednesday, 14 November, so please make sure your boxes are in College by then.

## Performing Arts – Corinthians steal the show!



The Performing Arts competition was an outstanding event; parents and students were treated to some amazing performances in a very close competition. The junior winner was Corinthian James Gray with his mesmerising *Meatloaf* rendition. The senior winner was genius guitarist Nathan Lawson, also a Corinthian. He blew the audience away with his fabulous performance of George Gershwin's *I Got Rhythm*. Both Romans and Galatians House did themselves proud and drew in second place. For more photos, [click here](#).

## Are you up to the Maths Challenge?

On Tuesday, our Year 12 and 13 mathematicians joined A level students from across the UK and beyond in the Senior Maths Challenge. This competition tests problem solving and mathematical thinking. Why not see if your advanced maths skills are up to scratch by trying the question paper yourself?

<https://www.ukmt.org.uk/individual-competitions/senior-challenge/archive/>

## Christmas is coming ...

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

The Year 7 Choir and the Music and Drama department are already preparing for this eagerly anticipated event to be held on Tuesday 18 December. We would like to advise parents of a slight change to the time. This year, the Carol Service will start at the earlier time of **7:00pm**. Information on the event and details of how to obtain your tickets will be coming soon.

## Christmas Fair: Saturday 24 November



The Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 24 November, from 10:00am until 3:00pm. With over 100 stalls, this is your one-stop Christmas shop, with everything from jewellery and candles to wood crafts and teddies. There will be a Santa's Grotto and hot and cold refreshments served throughout the day, so bring the whole family and friends for a fun day out.

## Girls walk in Jonny Wilkinson's footsteps

Newcastle Falcons' home stadium at Kingston Park, where World Cup winner Jonny Wilkinson used to play, was the venue for a group of our Year 9 and 10 rugby girls on Monday evening. The girls were put through their paces in training sessions and matches, in the hope of being selected to represent a Falcons' team that will play against Sale Sharks and Leeds in a tournament in December.

## Superb performance for Under 16 Rugby team



The U16 Rugby team played a superb match against NSB on Wednesday night. Emmanuel was winning 22-21, but a last-second try by NSB knocked us back to 22-26. Well done to Evan Lawther, who scored a hat-trick of tries for Emmanuel. It was an incredible team performance, and all players should be proud to have come so close to victory against a very strong team.

## This week's sports results

<b>Rugby</b>	<p><b>Year 8 Results, County Cup - Round 1</b></p> <p>Emmanuel College 15 v 5 Whickham            Emmanuel College 20 v 5 Lord Lawson            Emmanuel College 25 v 5 Thorpe Academy</p> <p>Congratulations to our Year 8, who now progress through to the county finals at the end of January</p>
<b>Netball</b>	<p><b><u>U15 Tri-area Tournament</u></b>            Emmanuel College 4 v 8 RGS            Emmanuel College 4 v 7 St Mary's</p> <p>Overall Emmanuel College came third in the tournament</p> <p><b><u>U15 CVL - 2<sup>nd</sup> Round</u></b>            Emmanuel College 6 v 0 St Thomas More            Emmanuel College 3 v 5 Cardinal Hume</p>
<b>Basketball</b>	<p><b>Year 11 Gateshead Basketball League</b></p> <p>Emmanuel College 12 v 11 Kingsmeadow            Emmanuel College 4 v 16 Cardinal Hume</p> <p>Emmanuel College came second in the Gateshead League</p>

## **Coming up ...**

**Week commencing 12 November 2018**

**Monday 12 to Friday 23 November**

Year 11 rehearsal exams

**Monday 12 to Friday 16 November**

Year 9 Business Game

**Saturday 17 November**

Year 6 admissions tests, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

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