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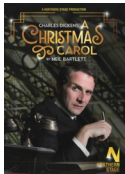
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## Christmas Concert - a festive delight!



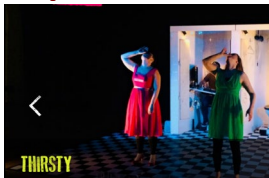
What an absolutely fantastic evening we enjoyed on Wednesday! The Christmas Concert definitely got us all in the festive spirit with a fantastic Bubl -style rendition of 'White Christmas'. Flute soloist Stella Blackman, guitar genius Nathan Lawson and stunning vocal trio Beth Calvert, Rebecca Icton and Ellen Weaver were outstanding. Our choirs, ensembles, orchestra and jazz band displayed such talent and all of the students were clearly enjoying themselves on stage. A teaser from *Les Mis rables* was also well received by our packed audience.

## Spectacular theatre performance of *A Christmas Carol*



On Thursday night, 60 students from Year 10 and 11 and a handful of staff attended the Northern Stage to see an adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic novel, *A Christmas Carol*, in the hope of bringing this GCSE set text to life. In the intimate setting of a theatre in the round, this innovative, exciting and heart-warming performance exceeded all expectations. With atmospheric music provided by seemingly every musical instrument imaginable, from cellos and tubular bells to trombones and electric guitars, scenes were at times spooky and chilling, and at others, exhilarating and joyous. Add dancing, circus tricks and ingenious scenery into this mix and it's safe to say that everyone left with the spirit of Christmas well and truly alive.

## Paper Birds are 'Thirsty'



GCSE and A-Level students from Emmanuel and Dame Allan's were treated to touring theatre company Paper Birds' performance of *Thirsty* in College this week. The piece highlighted our nation's "obsession with alcohol", and searched for the reason why. After the performance, A-Level students from both schools worked together with the actors from Paper Birds Theatre Company to develop their 'devising' theatre skills. It was an excellent, educational day for our young actors and actresses, who will go on to review it as part of their written exam.

## 'Theology for the real world' webinar



On Wednesday, the RE department hosted a webinar between Professor Brian Brock, an Ethics professor at the University of Aberdeen, and Emmanuel's A-Level Religious Studies students. The purpose of this extended discussion was to introduce students to university-level theology and ethics, with topics such as just war versus pacifism, disability, and technology – all areas of expertise for Professor Brock. Students and staff enjoyed a challenging conversation and Mr Oughton hopes to arrange further interactions with scholars in future.

## 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.

## Reporting student absence

May I emphasise the importance to parents of phoning reception **before 8:30am** on days when their child will be absent due to illness or for any other reason of which we are unaware. We must be able to confirm that all students are in College or accounted for at all times.

## 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](#)

## You've already started your own business?!



The Economics Society closed for the autumn term with a visit from Mr Steven Bates, Principal at Giraffe Financial. Having recently published his first series of podcasts entitled 'A View from the Top', Steven set about outlining some of the potential financial pitfalls awaiting school leavers. Things really got interesting when a Year 13 student revealed that he had recently set up his own business. Stunned

silence and admiration swept across the faces in the room. An inspiring climax to the Society's events for this term!

## Treasury Markets and Careers at Virgin Money



50 economists travelled to Virgin Money's Gosforth HQ where they were given a brief insight into some of the job roles that fit well with a strong background in economics. Once again, alumnus Mr Karl Morgan organised and hosted the event, drafting in members of his teams to work with the students. It was great to hear at first-hand from a number of young graduates who were keen to share their advice regarding A-Levels, university choices, and pathways to industry.

## Medicine applicants brush up for interviews

On Monday, our five aspiring medics in Year 13 visited Durham School to participate in an afternoon of practice interviews. In a 'speed dating' format, students engaged in sessions on ethics, interpreting data, situational judgements, role-playing scenarios and more – exactly the type of interview tasks they will encounter for university entrance. The day was a great success and we wish our medics all the best for their real interviews in the coming weeks.

## Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) Examinations



The Music and Drama department transformed into an **ABRSM practical** exam centre overnight last week for the first ABRSM session of this academic year. Over the course of the day, 20 students performed to the examiner, Mrs Joy Crick, in a range of instruments including piano, violin, cello and voice. Students had to face their fears and rise to the challenge of performing their best in a range of pieces.

We have just received the results of the recent **ABRSM Music Theory** examinations and were delighted with the results (including Distinctions in Grade 5) from students who attended lessons in the department on Friday afternoons. Students who would be interested in preparing for music theory exams next year should contact the department for further information.

## Silver medal for sparring at first-ever international competition



There is no holding back Abigail Scott, Year 8's Taekwondo expert, who is now tasting success not only in national, but also in international competitions. In the British Open Taekwon-Do Championship on 24 November (her first ever international competition), Abigail won a silver medal in sparring. There were over 700 competitors and teams came from far and wide – everywhere from Ireland and Holland, to India and Uzbekistan.

## Christmas Cross Country



Dozens of runners from Years 7 to 9 braved the winter cold to take part in the traditional end-of-term Christmas Run at the cross-country club. All dressed in festive attire, they completed a two-mile training session around the Watergate Park, sharing Christmas jokes as they went.

## Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the bag!



James Ferry is the first of the present Year 13 cohort to finish his Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. He has gained so much from the Award, developing life skills by volunteering at a Physic Garden, making a weekly commitment to a swimming club and learning guitar to Grade 8. He has also made many new friends and learned to work with others by participating in an NCS residential and completing a four-day group expedition in the Yorkshire Dales. Today, James was speaking to Year 11, encouraging them to follow in his footsteps. Further details on how Year 11 students can join the Award are given [here](#).

## This week's sports results

<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Year 9 Tyneside Senior Schools Cup</b> Emmanuel 11 v 4 St Cuthbert's Emmanuel 8 v 17 Gosforth Emmanuel 8 v 10 Whickham
<b>Rugby</b>	<b>Year 8 Rugby Friendly</b> Emmanuel 10 v 10 Newcastle RGS B
<b>Netball</b>	<b>Friendlies v Durham School</b> <b>Under 16</b> Emmanuel 19 v 10 Durham School <b>Under 18</b> Emmanuel 10 v 17 Durham School  <b>Year 7 Friendly v Whickham</b> Emmanuel A 4 v 0 Whickham B Emmanuel A 2 v 1 Whickham A Emmanuel B 0 v 1 Whickham A Emmanuel B 0 v 0 Whickham B <b>Year 9 Netball Friendly v Whickham</b> Emmanuel A 3 v 4 Whickham A Emmanuel B 1 v 5 Whickham B Emmanuel A 5 v 3 Whickham B Emmanuel B 0 v 12 Whickham A

## Coming up ...

Week commencing 3 December 2018

**Friday 14 December**

Christmas Cracker Activities

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