



# EMMANUEL COLLEGE

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## Carol Service 2018



This week we travelled to City Hall, Newcastle, for our annual Carol Service. Year 7s were excellent singing 'Emmanuel' and 'Born on Christmas Day', with three brave Year 7s taking solos. The music was of the highest quality, from the beautiful Senior Choir number 'Glow' to 'When Hope Came Down' arranged and sung by Beth Calvert, Rebecca Icton and Ellen Weaver. The orchestra delighted us with an arrangement of Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons', and the speakers were outstanding: Aidan Szpak and Kirk Boyd's delivery of John 1 was a particular highlight. We extend our sincere thanks to Maurice McCracken from Christ Church Liverpool for his rousing address. The retiring collection raised over £600 for College charities. Thank you to all of those who performed or who attended this sold-out event; it was a wonderful night for our Emmanuel community.

## The ET – enjoy a Christmas read



The latest edition of the ET goes home with students today. Do take some time over the Christmas holidays to dip into it, enjoy the articles, and encourage your child to do the same. Written by students, there are some fabulous features on last summer's trip to Indonesia, some prize-winning poetry, the ESF Lions Tour and much, much more. [Here](#)

## 'The Poetry is in the Pity' – national competition winner



Congratulations to Head Boy Patrick Foley who has been judged National Winner (in his age category) of Oxford University's #OwenLastDays competition. This project, designed to commemorate the centenary of First World War Poet Wilfred Owen's last days, asked students nationwide to present a piece inspired by the 'Legacy of Wilfred Owen'. Enthused by his studies and his independent reading, Patrick chose to narrate his personal response to Owen's poetry over a series of images that he had selected. This moving video happily secured him first place! To read the transcript, please see page 9 of the ET. To watch Patrick's video in full, see: <https://vimeo.com/303172315>

## First place for elite trampolinist



Congratulations to Aidan and Nikita Sung (Year 9 and 12 respectively) for their high-flying performance in the recent Regional Schools Trampoline competition. Aidan came in first place in the Years 7-9 elite category, while Nikita took ninth place in the Years 10-14 elite category. We wish Aidan every success as he proceeds to the Zonal Schools competition at the end of January.

## Reading stars on the Christmas tree



Students in Years 7 and 8 have been competing throughout the month of December to win stars for their class to go on the Accelerated Reader Christmas tree. At the beginning of December, the tree wore only Christmas book recommendation baubles, but by the end it was adorned with stars, each one representing an amazing 100% scored in an AR quiz! Well done to all who have won stars, and many thanks to Mrs Murthy's little craft club who worked tirelessly to make hundreds of stars and book baubles. Winning classes will be revealed on the first day back!

## Debating the merits of social media



Year 12 participated in their inaugural debate on Tuesday afternoon. Students have been considering the impact of the internet and social media in the PTE course, interacting with the ideas of thinkers such as Sherry Turkle and Eli Pariser. The motion, which was defeated, was: *This House believes that social media does more harm than good*. The six speakers acquitted themselves well, with a great deal of thoughtfulness, some humour and no little panache. The debate was chaired by Mr J Wood, who runs the College debating club.

## Off to a flying start



Year 13 economics student Rebecca Pitchford has been successful in her application to PWC's Flying Start degree programme. The programme offers the best of both worlds, combining a degree with paid work placements and subsidised university tuition fees. The application process required Rebecca to travel to Nottingham for a selection day which involved group assessments and an interview. Only 60 places are on offer across the UK and Rebecca saw off the competition from a national field to be awarded a coveted place.

## Cyclo-cross champion

Congratulations to up and coming cyclo-cross star Arran Cairns (Year 7), who secured second place at the recent British Cyclo-Cross Northern Championships (under-12 category). He was racing against 60 top riders from clubs all around northern England. Well done, Arran!

## Girls defeat boys in sixth form netball



The sixth form boys took on the sixth form girls' netball team in a festive match this week. It was a close game, but thanks to their skill and experience, the girls were victorious 20-17!

## Coming up ...

### Week commencing 7 January 2018

Year 13 Rehearsal exam commences with Art on 20 December and the 7 January through 17 January  
Exam timetable [here](#)

### Monday 7 January

Spring term commences

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