



# EMMANUEL COLLEGE

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## Year 7 Rugby team crowned champions!



The Year 7 Rugby team have been crowned Durham County Champions in a fantastic display of skill and determination. Having qualified for the county finals earlier in the season, they proceeded to beat the following teams to secure victory:

High Tunstall 35-5

Yarm School 5-0

St Thomas More 15-0

## Is non-standard English sub-standard?



Is the English language decaying or diversifying? Should we be celebrating diversity within our accents or conforming to a prescriptive norm? These were some of the questions posed by Rob Drummond, senior lecturer in the Department of Languages at Manchester Metropolitan University, Head of Youth Languages and founder of the UrBEn-ID project, during his time with Year 12 and Year 13 A-Level Language students. The respected linguist spoke to students from a number of local schools about the way in which our language is intrinsically associated with our identity. Students ended the intensive revision day feeling well-informed and inspired by Rob and his “vanilla” accent.

## A day in the life of an MEP



On Wednesday, five language students from Year 12 visited Strasbourg to experience a day in the life of an MEP in the European Parliament. The students won a place on the prestigious trip after making an informative multi-lingual rap to the tune of 'In My Feelings' by Drake, and a well done goes to Josh Dixon for leading his team to victory. At the EU Parliament, students sat in the seats of real MEPs, listened to speakers of different languages and voted in polls. A special mention goes to Lauren Bailey for introducing our country at the front of Parliament to over 500 students from across Europe - in

German! In the afternoon, the students had to make their own teams of students of different nationalities and answer questions from all 24 languages from EU member states. Later, the students formed smaller groups to discuss the topic of immigration. Well done to Abid Choudhury for leading the debate for our team!

## Are you a match for the Maths Challenge?

On Thursday, 190 of our most mathematically talented students from Years 8-11 joined over 300,000 students in the UK to tackle the Intermediate Maths Challenge. This challenge tests problem-solving and mathematical thinking. Why not try this question?

A 24-hour digital clock shows the time in hours and minutes. This evening it will display the time 20:19. How many times in one day will it display all four digits 2, 0, 1 and 9 in some order?

If you'd like to try more questions, you can find the question paper (and solutions) at <https://www.ukmt.org.uk/individual-competitions/intermediate-challenge/>

## GCSE exam a dramatic success



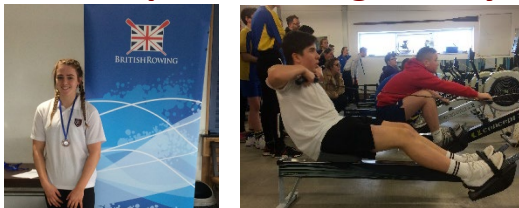
Year 11 drama GCSE students had their performance exam last week in the Drama Studio. Family, friends and the AQA examiner were impressed by the students' range of acting skills as each group performed their two scripted extracts. The evening was a great success with comedy from *The Memory of Water* and *Too Much Punch for Judy* together with climactic drama from *Antigone*, *My Mother Said I Never Should*, *Car* and *The House of Bernarda Alba*. Well done to everyone who performed and thank you to Mr Metcalf for his technical support.

## Double silver for trampoline duo



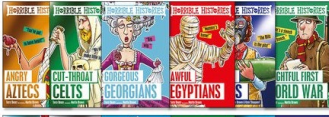
Honey Thompson (Year 7) and Isabel Slater (Year 10) both competed at the NDP Trampoline and DMT (Double Mini-trampoline) competitions last weekend at Velocity in Billingham. Honey finished second in the Level 1 girls' 13+ trampoline competition and Isabel finished second in the Level 1 DMT girls' 13+ competition. Both girls have qualified to compete in the regional final for a chance to represent the North of England.

## Rowers prove strength in Tyne and Wear finals



We were delighted by the performance of students in this week's Tyne and Wear Rowing Finals. A good number managed a podium finish, and a special mention goes to Year 7 students Tom Grellier and Zack Hills who went straight off to help the Year 7 Rugby team to victory after finishing their rowing! See results below.

## Year 7 and 8 Accelerated Reader competition



For February's Accelerated Reader challenge, we are having a non-fiction month, with prizes for reading any of the Horrible Histories, Horrible Science, Horrible Geography or Murderous Maths books. This is a tutor group competition; students will read one of the books, quiz on it, fill in a competition card and hand it in to the library. At the end of the month the tutor groups (one in Year 7 and one in Year 8) with the most completed cards will win a prize. Please encourage your child to take part; the benefits of reading are countless!

## 'The cost of a plastic bottle is too great' – join us to discuss and debate single-use plastic



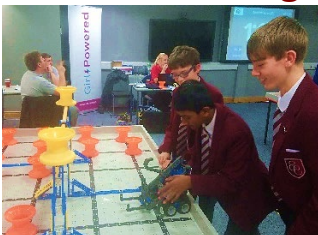
Every minute, every single day, the equivalent of a truckload of plastic enters our oceans. Economists here at Emmanuel College are eager to take action, and they are partnering with the North East Initiative on Business Ethics to ensure the North East remains a responsible and ethical business region in the future. Our students have organised an inter-school debate on 26 February (6:00-8:00pm) involving local schools: St Bede's of Durham, Gosforth Academy, and Harton Academy. Visiting Professors from Newcastle Business School, Northumbria University and Durham University Business School will form part of the judging panel. Please come and support what promises to be an interesting and thought-provoking event. [Read more.](#)

## F1 in Schools: National Final, here we come!



We took two teams to compete at the F1 in Schools Regional Final, held at the Nissan plant on Tuesday. Following on from our World Final success last season, we were keen to do well with our brand new teams. Both teams performed extremely well and impressed everyone that they met. Team Fusion won Best Engineered Car and also Fastest Development Car, with Team Synergy then winning the Development Class overall. They are now off to the National Final, held at the Airbus Headquarters in March.

## VEX Robotics regional final



On Wednesday, we took a team to the VEX Robotics Regional competition, held at the Nissan plant. This is the first year we have competed in this challenge and we were eager to put our hard work to the test. Our team competed against a strong field of 21 teams and finished 12<sup>th</sup> overall. We are delighted and look forward to building upon this success and entering again next year.

## Pedal-powered alumna is number five in the world!



Alumna Anna Kay is on top of the world after achieving fifth place in the U23 Women's UCI Cyclocross World Championships last weekend. Anna is entering her second year of full-time cycling, and has already taken an impressive top-25 General Classification placing in a world-class elite field, and won the U23 Women's HSBC UK National Cyclocross Championship last month. Currently ranked number two in the UK, all eyes are on Anna as she starts to dominate on the international stage.

## Overdue library books

There is a large number of books overdue from the library. As you may be aware, there were issues with the library not being consistently open last year, so any books returned prior to the half-term holiday will have their overdue fines waived. Please could all students be encouraged to check at home for any overdue books belonging to our library and return them as soon as possible. Emails will be sent home over the half-term holiday for books that remain overdue.

## Year 12 Examinations

Please note in a change to the calendar, our Year 12 students will sit their annual examinations in the week beginning 20 May. Reports will be issued on 21 June with our parents' evening scheduled for 27 June.

## Staff vacancies: maths and science department

We currently have vacancies in our maths and science department. For full details and an application form [Read more](#)

## This week's sports results

<b>Cross Country</b>	James Mason-Douglas (Year 9) and Amy Baker (Year 12) both represented County Durham at the North of England Inter-Counties cross-country at Shields on Saturday, running bravely in the wintery conditions. Amy's seventh place in the Durham team has confirmed her selection to represent the county at the English Schools' National Championships at Leeds in March.
<b>Netball</b>	<p><b>Year 9 Friendly</b> Emmanuel 12 v 21 Lord Lawson</p> <p><b>U18 Friendly</b> Emmanuel 16 v 32 Durham High</p> <p><b>U18 Cup match</b> Emmanuel A 18 v 12 Durham School A Emmanuel B 12 v 18 Durham School B</p>

<b>Badminton</b>	Both our boys' and girls' KS4 teams competed at the Tyne & Wear finals at the Tyneside Badminton Centre on Monday. The boys won 12 ends and lost three, but were knocked out by the eventual runners-up. Our girls beat Gosforth and, although their play improved, they were just edged out of a place in the final in their last match.
<b>Football</b>	<b>Sixth Form</b> Emmanuel 3 v 2 Royal Grammar School <i>Goals: Calum Szpak, Tom Kell</i>
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Year 9 Gateshead Basketball League Final</b> Emmanuel 12 v 40 Cardinal Hume Emmanuel were runners-up in the Gateshead League after losing to Cardinal Hume
<b>Rowing</b>	<b>Year 10</b> Nicole Jewitt – 1,191m (final position tbc) Kennedy Iceton – 1,242m (third place overall) Noel Ohimor – did not finish  <b>Year 9 - four minutes' rowing</b> Taylor Conley-Owens – 1,042m (third in his heat; overall position tbc)  <b>Year 8 - three minutes' rowing</b> Logan Scott – 723m  <b>Year 7 - two minutes' rowing</b> Layla Atkinson – 468m Zack Hills – 465m Tom Grellier – 509m (third place tbc)

## Coming up ...

Week commencing 11 February 2019

**Monday 11 February – Thursday 14 February**

College Production – *Les Misérables*

**Friday 15 February**

College closes for Spring half-term holiday

**Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February**

Spring half-term holiday

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