



EMMANUEL COLLEGE

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'Crystal-Clear' after day of Linguistics



Will Brexit have an impact on the English language? How do children 'become' articulate? Is English leading to the destruction of 'endangered' languages? On Wednesday, Emmanuel had the privilege of hosting an A-Level Language conference, welcoming 350 students from 15 local schools into the Sports Hall. Excited students – and their overly enthusiastic English teachers! – gathered to hear addresses from the internationally acclaimed linguist, academic and author, David Crystal OBE, FBA, FLSW, FCIL. His captivated audience listened to him speak on subjects such as 'Child Acquisition of Grammar' and 'The Future of Englishes'. Students were particularly challenged to consider the function of language and the 'why' behind so many of our everyday constructs.

Robot crashes on the start line, but crosses the finish line in second place!



After winning the regional final, six Emmanuel students competed against 50 of the best school robotic teams in the country in last week's Tomorrow's Engineers National Final. Showing off their programming and engineering skills, they wowed the judges with their prototype viper robot which locates, communicates to, and sustains life for trapped earthquake victims. Then at their exhibition stand they challenged students and judges alike to solve a Rubik's cube faster than their robot. One of the many challenges was to design and build the fastest robot. All seemed lost when their program literally crashed on the start line, but the team didn't panic; instead, they quickly wrote a new program and the robot went on to cross the finish line in second place!

Latinists shine in regional Classics Quiz



On Saturday 9 March, Ms Roxby, Dr Laslett and 23 Emmanuel students attended the annual Northumberland and Durham Classical Association Quiz held at Newcastle High School for Girls. In

teams of three, the students had to answer questions about the mythology and history of the classical world while also demonstrating their skill at translating Latin. All of our College students very much enjoyed meeting others from around the region with an interest in Classics. The competition was intense but good-natured and our students impressed the judges with their knowledge. Chloe Chia, Safiya Hossain and Faye Slater performed particularly well and came runners-up in the Intermediate category.

The MaD department is mad with exams week

On Monday, Mr Hamilton from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) examined our young musicians in everything from brass, to singing, to piano. It was an excellent day, and Mr Hamilton commented how impressed he was by the “extremely well-mannered pupils who were all impeccably dressed in their uniform”. He added: “It was clear to me as a visitor that the discipline in the school was second to none.”



On Tuesday evening, parents and students were impressed by the acting skills of our Year 13 A-Level students. AQA Examiner Mrs Hamblyn and the audience were treated to challenging pieces including ‘The Long Road’, ‘The Memory of Water’ and ‘Things I Know to be True’. Then on Thursday and Friday, GCSE and A level music students recorded their performances for their exam submission. Our sincere thanks to the students who have worked so hard to make this week a great success.

Let’s measure the weather



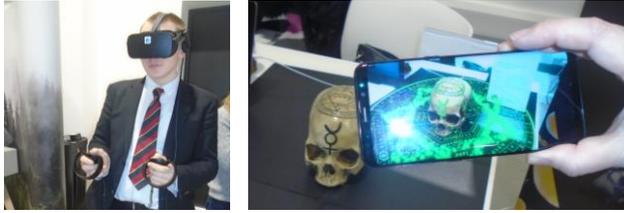
Year 7 geography students have blown us away with the fantastic weather-recording equipment they made over the half-term holiday. Over 200 pieces have been exhibited in the geography classrooms over the last few weeks – everything from anemometers, wind vanes and thermometers, to whole weather stations and even a weather rock! Congratulations to the students below, who had the best design from their set: Belle Mitchell, Adam Souter, Dylan Oakes, Jaya Kumar, Jake Rossiter, Harry Johns, James Gray, Max Sandells , Amelia Gowens , Fabian Iliffe and Emily Slater.

Brushing up on exam technique at Business conference



On Monday, the A level business studies students attended a revision conference at Teesside University run by Tutor2U. This was a great opportunity for students to work on their exam technique as well as meet with students from other schools and compare their skills and knowledge. The event took place at Teesside University’s new £7.5 million Business School, a very impressive venue.

Tech careers fair



On Wednesday, 17 sixth-form students attended the 'GO Reboot' careers fair at the PROTO centre in Gateshead. This was an opportunity for them to meet some of the region's most advanced and exciting tech business employers. The students were surprised to see that there are so many businesses in the region that are at the cutting edge in a wide range of technological industries.

CamSpire programme offers taste of Cambridge University life



We are delighted to announce that Haseeb Imtiaz, Asad Zaman and Zara Iqbal have been accepted onto the CamSpire mentoring and residential programme. CamSpire is a novel initiative in its first year, run by Cambridge University, to inspire young Bangladeshi, Pakistani and Arab (BPA) students to apply to selective universities. The 18-month programme allows students to experience both the academic and social life at Cambridge, and includes three trips to Cambridge, a residential event in Years 11 and 12, and an interview workshop in Year 13. Only 50 students have been offered places nationally, so we would like to congratulate these three students on gaining a place.

Child employment



Serena Rossiter, Education Welfare Officer at Gateshead Council, came to College recently to speak to our Year 10s and 11s to raise awareness about child employment. She presented details about the minimum age at which children can work, the number of hours they are permitted to work, and the kind of jobs they can have. For the full presentation, [read more](#).

Maths Challenge results

The results are in for the Intermediate Maths Challenge which took place last month. Our students in Years 9-11 were awarded 15 Gold, 30 Silver and 41 Bronze certificates – an excellent achievement. Reece Jones in Year 11 gained the highest mark in the school. Our 11 highest scorers qualified for the Kangaroo Competition yesterday and we look forward to hearing of their success.

Careers in Financial Planning



The Economics Society was delighted to welcome David Smith, Partner, Financial Planning at Tilney Group. A career in wealth management is perhaps not often discussed with budding young economists; however, David certainly captured the students' attention as he outlined pathways into

the industry and made clear the earnings potential. David's presentation was littered with economics jargon such as *hot money*, *capital flight*, and *exchange rates*. It was great for the students to have an insight into how they might use their economics knowledge in a future career.

Yellow belt for Aikido girls



Year 8 students Gabrielle Hedley and Grace Oley have successfully been graded to 5th Kyu (Yellow Belt) in Aikido. Their certificates were presented by Mr Parks (Aikido 3rd Dan) on behalf of the International Martial Arts Federation (Europe). Mr Parks said: "Gabrielle and Grace thoroughly deserve their achievements and have demonstrated excellent progress and commitment to the school Aikido Club." The Club was established at Emmanuel College in 2015 by Mr Parks and now has 16 members. Beginners are always welcome; it meets most Fridays between 2:30pm and 4:00pm and is free of charge.

Amy flies the flag for Durham at National Championships



After returning from France late on Friday night, it was an early start on Saturday for Amy Baker (Year 12) as she travelled to Leeds on the team bus to represent Durham County at the English Schools National Cross-Country Championships. After heavy rain, it was a tough, muddy 4km run for Amy in a field made up of the top 320 runners in the country. She ran magnificently to finish sixth for Durham and 162nd overall, helping County Durham girls to the best aggregate score and the Sidney Rose Trophy.

Staff vacancies: Music, RE, PE, and Admin departments

We currently have vacancies in College. For full details and an application form [read more](#)

This week's sports results

Rugby	U18 Rugby 7's tournament  Emmanuel finished in 3rd position with the following results: Emmanuel 7 v 27 Yarm Emmanuel 19 v 29 Longridge Towers Emmanuel 21 v 5 Gateshead College Emmanuel 31 v 12 Durham
	Year 9 County Rugby 7 a side tournament at Barnard Castle Emmanuel 15 v 12 Lord Lawson Emmanuel 0 v 25 Durham Johnston Emmanuel 0 v 35 Barnard Castle

Netball	<p>Year 7 Tri Area Netball Tournament</p> <p>Emmanuel A 0 v 2 Lord Lawson Emmanuel A 1 v 5 St Mary's (1st Team) Emmanuel A 3 v 1 St Mary's (3rd team) Emmanuel A 2 v 0 Marden High Emmanuel A 0 v 0 RGS Newcastle</p> <p>Emmanuel B 2 v 4 John Spence Emmanuel B 0 v 5 Dame Allan's Emmanuel B 1 v 3 St Mary's (2nd Team) Emmanuel B 1 v 2 Newcastle High School for Girls</p>
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Coming up ...

Week commencing 25 March 2019

Monday 25 March

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Monday 25-Tuesday 26 March

U18 Rosslyn Park National 7s Tournament

Monday 25-Friday 29 March

Year 9 annual exams,

Tuesday 26 March

Lloyd Medal, 1.00pm – 1.30pm

Wednesday 25-Saturday 30 March

Duke of Edinburgh gold training expedition at Hamsterley Forest

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