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The ET – enjoy an Easter read



The latest edition of the ET went home with students yesterday. Do take some time over the Easter 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 Les Misérables, high-flying alumni, and environmental issues, as well as a prize-winning short story, the latest from Languages, and much, much more. [Click here.](#)

Young ballet champion



Congratulations to Freya Burdon-Watson (Year 7), who has been crowned North of England Junior Ballet champion. She came top out of 34 dancers in a contest this week, and will now represent the title at a national Champion of Champions event in January 2020. We wish her every success!

Rowers show strength at regional finals



Recently two of our rowers competed for Gateshead in the Tyne and Wear Regional Rowing finals, held in Durham. Tom Grellier (Year 7) rowed 521 metres in two minutes, finishing in fifth place overall, and Kennedy Icton (Year 10) completed 1,300 metres in five minutes to finish eighth overall in her age category. Kennedy was part of the Gateshead team that finished first in the team event. Congratulations to both our students on their excellent rowing achievements!

Convincing performance at debating competition



Last weekend, four Year 13 and two Year 11 students attended the Durham Schools' Debating Competition - the biggest in the country. Against 116 teams, in their first-ever competition, our teams fared well. Emmanuel College B were highest placed, winning debates on abolishing the minimum wage and compulsory membership of trade unions, and narrowly missed out on a place in the novice semi-finals. Other exciting debates included regretting 'cancel culture', removing patents for pharmaceutical companies and government incentivisation of religious services.

A taste of life at Cambridge University



Seventeen of our Year 12 students experienced a taste of life at Cambridge University on the HE+ programme residential. Students stayed within the magnificent grounds of Jesus College, and received university-level teaching in their subject of choice as well as guidance on preparing a competitive university application. Congratulations to all who took part in this challenging but rewarding programme!

Three cheers for our Dance Club!



On Wednesday, our Dance Club took part in the Gateshead Dance Festival held at Sage Gateshead. This involved 13 girls from Years 7-9 and Emma Padgett, our Dance Leader in Year 10. The girls have been working hard since Christmas on the cheerleading-style dance which they performed on stage, wowing the audience with their moves and making them feel that they had been transported to a party in the USA!

Discussing local issues with Councillor Catherine Donovan



It's easy to forget that Brexit is not the only item on the political agenda! During her address to members of The Economics Society, local economic, social, and political issues were brought sharply into focus by Cllr Catherine Donovan, Deputy Leader of Gateshead Council. The basic economic problem of scarcity, choice, and opportunity cost can be rather abstract; however, Catherine brought

it to life as she outlined how the Council is having to live within its means by taking tough spending decisions.

The Future of Work



Economists attended a 'lightning debate' at the Newcastle Business School, Northumbria University. Each of the four keynote speakers focussed on some aspect of work; from employability, to lifestyle control, to linguistic diversity in the workplace. Research suggests that millennials are very aware of work-life balance and consider it to be more important than job prestige, job satisfaction, and even salary. Once again, Robert Fish and Harry Parkin stepped up with some excellent questions.

A Level Economics Revision



In anticipation of the summer exams, A Level economists from the North East gathered at Emmanuel College to spend some time honing their exam skills and sharing best practice. Upon arrival, students were split into teams and forced to work outside their comfort zones. For the staff in attendance, it was marvellous to see the students quickly get to grips with the tasks at hand and work effectively with their new classmates.

Gala Concert: Wednesday 1 May, 7:00pm.

Don't miss this marvellous medley of musicians!

Please join us for our annual Gala Concert which takes place on Wednesday 1 May, starting at 7:00pm. You will be treated to an exciting and varied programme of classical pieces and musical theatre numbers from our College choirs, orchestras and ensemble groups. We will also be showcasing our talented soloists, newly-formed barbershop quartet, 'Quarter Tones', and much more! For some of our Year 11 and 13 students, this will be their last opportunity to perform at an Emmanuel College event, so please come along and support them. Tickets are not required for the concert, with seats being allocated on a first come, first served basis. A retiring collection will be taken.

Tennis at Emmanuel

After the Easter holidays there will be the opportunity for students to have tennis coaching here at Emmanuel. The first session after Easter will be free and we hope a group of around 10-15 students will take up the chance to have some coaching right through the summer term up until the summer holidays. Thanks to our connections with Blaydon Tennis Club, the students involved will enjoy a reduced rate for the 10 weeks. It is likely that coaching will take place on Thursday afternoons on our tennis courts from 4:00-5:00pm.

Gold DofE Training Expedition



Our four Year 12 Gold groups headed out into the countryside in upper Weardale last week for three tough days of intensive expedition training. They were treated to magnificent walking conditions during the day; shorts were worn and some caught the sun. The millions of stars in the clear night sky were also amazing to see and aided the night navigation exercise, but the cloudless skies also meant enduring three heavy frosts. With students well outside their comfort zones, much was learned as they faced constant challenges, and we are confident these groups will go on to operate independently and with great success at the Cheviots in July.

Opportunities in sport and PE

Sport is not just good for health. Joining and being part of a team is key to a student's all-round development. Emmanuel runs a comprehensive programme of co-curricular sport and there really is something for everyone. [Read more](#) to see our summer term activities.

Proposed bus timetable for academic year 2019-2020

We have been informed by Nexus of the proposed bus timetable for the next academic year - please [click here](#). Changes are indicated in red. If you have any concerns about this or anything else related to the bus service, please contact: Bus Contract Officer (Schools), Nexus, Nexus House, 33 St James Boulevard, Newcastle, NE1 4AX.

Staff vacancies: Computing and ICT, Chemistry and MFL departments

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

This week's sports results

Netball	Year 7 Gateshead Tournament
	<p>Emmanuel A Team Emmanuel 2 v 2 Thorp Academy Emmanuel 4 v 0 Kingsmeadow Emmanuel 1 v 4 Lord Lawson Emmanuel 6 v 1 St Thomas More B</p> <p>Emmanuel B Team Emmanuel 1 v 2 Whickham Emmanuel 0 v 9 St Thomas More A Emmanuel 2 v 1 Thorp Academy Emmanuel 0 v 4 Cardinal Hume</p>

Coming up ...

Week commencing 23 April 2019

Tuesday 23 April

Summer term begins

Thursday 25 April

GCSE PE revision day

Friday 26 April

Prefect interviews

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