



# EMMANUEL COLLEGE

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## From the Principal

As I look back over this academic year at Emmanuel College, I am overwhelmed by the achievement and effort of students, the support of parents and carers, and the tremendous dedication of our staff team. This was showcased so wonderfully at Presentation Evening, a stunning night of celebrating student success. Thank you to all who worked hard to make the event so special, and to the College community for your ongoing support.

I wish you all a peaceful and refreshing summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming the students back to College on **Tuesday 3 September**. Students will be able to check their timetables online from 31 August so they can bring the necessary PE kit for the first day.

## Celebrating character and success at Sage, Gateshead



On Wednesday, students, staff, parents and special guests shared the most magical evening at Sage, Gateshead, in which we celebrated the success of students during this academic year. The sensational opening from the *Les Misérables* cast, musicians, and crew was followed by a nostalgic video that took us back through another outstanding year at Emmanuel. During the evening, student achievement and endeavour was recognised with numerous awards; our guest speaker, Mr Anderson, reflected on his time at ESF; and Patrick and Lucy, Head Boy and Head Girl, compèred the evening with great skill, even coping with racing Rubik's robots. It was a fitting end to what has been another outstanding year and our thanks go to all involved for their hard work on this event. [Click here](#) to see more photographs.

## Summer ET: perfect holiday reading!



A copy of the Summer ET will be sent home with students today. We hope you will enjoy reading the articles and encourage your child to do the same. There is a fantastic range of features – everything from the inaugural visit to the French Riviera, cultural gems on Tyneside and the Karate World Championships in Slovakia, to thought-provoking editorials on homelessness, veganism and video games. [Click here](#)

## Rubbing shoulders with top brass in London



Year 12 students spent two days this week enjoying the culture, busyness, and atmosphere of the UK's capital city. Despite minor detours en route to the Financial Times and Capital Group, students were privileged to meet top brass from both organisations, including alumnus John Lamb at Capital Group. John even arranged for the Prime Minister's husband, Philip May of Capital Group, to briefly chat with students. As ever, during our visit to Parliament, Ian Mearns, MP, was generous with his time, fielding questions from students with affiliations to many political parties.

Zak Mudie is making a habit of interrogating MPs; in Darlington last week, he managed to pose a question to the Conservative leadership candidates, Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt. [Read more.](#)

## “This above all: to thine own self be true”



Nestled at the foot of York's historic Clifford Tower lies the outdoor 'pop up' Rose Theatre, where Year 12 Literature students enjoyed an authentic Shakespearean experience. Watching the tragedy of *Hamlet* unfold, students were immersed in the “rotten” state of Denmark and stunned by Hamlet's own inability to avenge his father's “most foul, strange and unnatural” murder. It was a fabulous live performance in glorious surroundings.

## Digging deep at Komatsu engineering



The Year 12 BTEC Engineering group visited Komatsu in Birtley, one of the company's leading manufacturing and design plants. Komatsu are market leaders in the design and manufacture of excavators and building demolition machines. Students were given a talk on apprenticeships routes and the importance of teamwork, and a tour of the engineering shop floor. The visit was invaluable experience for students to gain an insight into the workings of a global engineering company. Students are scheduled to return next academic year for the Komatsu Olympics where the best engineers from across the globe compete in a showcase of their talents.

## Congratulations to Lower School LAMDA students



At the beginning of May this year, 75 students from Years 8 and 9 undertook Emmanuel's third and final session of the prestigious LAMDA examinations in either Public Speaking, Acting, or Verse and Prose. Huge congratulations are due to all 66 students for passing their exams, 54 of whom received a pass with distinction. A special mention goes to the four students who all received full marks: Lydia Waddle, Emily Wiltshire, Joel Brown-King and Emily Prest.

### **Hitting the right note!**



Last week, 40 students took their ABRSM examinations in the Music and Drama department; it's an intense one-to-one performance with an examiner which is nerve-wracking and takes great skill from our young musicians. Some students sitting an exam had only started learning an instrument in September 2018 and an impressive number of senior students took Grades 6, 7 and 8 – all of whom receive credit points for UCAS. Michael Gale, the examiner, was most impressed with the quality of performances and also with the general demeanour of the students – very encouraging feedback in the last week of term! Well done to all who sat their exams and our sincere thanks to Mrs Bourn and our peripatetic music teachers for their excellent musicianship in preparing our students for their exams.

### **Karate champion claims Gold!**



Congratulations to karate kid Abi Chisholm (Year 10), who fought her way to victory at the Gateshead Youth Karate Championships last Saturday. It was a tough journey through the semi-finals and into the final – especially when her opponent was her best friend who has been learning karate since she was six! But Abi, who has been a member of the Kaizen Karate Club in Gateshead for just one-and-a-half years, kept her cool and came out the champion in her category. She now has her eyes set on a regional contest in Chesterfield in September, and the Northern Region Championships in October.

### **Aikido beginners rise through the ranks**



Congratulations to Year 7 students Dylan Oakes and Kester Samuel, who have successfully been graded to 5th Kyu (Yellow Belt) in Aikido. Their certificates were presented by Mr Parks (Aikido 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan) on behalf of the International Martial Arts Federation (Europe). Mr Parks said: "Dylan and Kester thoroughly deserve their achievements and have demonstrated excellent progress and commitment to the school Aikido Club." Established at Emmanuel College in 2015, the Aikido Club is always looking for new members. With a current membership of 16 students from across the year groups, it meets most Fridays between 2:30pm and 4pm and is free of charge. So, if you're a student looking to try a

new sport next year which promotes self-defence, respect for others and personal fitness, why not come along!

## Gateshead Creative Writing Summer School

This summer, New Writing North are hosting a free three-day summer school for young people in Gateshead to try creative writing and filmmaking. Young people aged 12–19 will have the opportunity to work with professional writers to write their own spoken word poems and make their own films across three days at the Shipley Art Gallery. It doesn't matter if you're new to creative writing – just come along and have a go.

When: 31st July, 1st August and 2nd August

When: 11am–4pm

Where: Shipley Art Gallery

Places are limited and must be booked at: [youngwriterssummergateshead.eventbrite.co.uk](http://youngwriterssummergateshead.eventbrite.co.uk).

Email [sophie@newwritingnorth.com](mailto:sophie@newwritingnorth.com) with any questions.

## Uniform Shop opening times

The Uniform Shop at Emmanuel College is open every term-time Tuesday and Friday 12:30pm-4:30pm until the end of term in July. During the summer holidays the standard opening hours are replaced with an enhanced service comprising appointments and selling events. [Click here](#) to see information.

## House Cricket

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians

2<sup>nd</sup> Galatians

3<sup>rd</sup> Romans

House Cricket took place on Friday 12 July at Burnopfield CC. Once again, it was played in fantastic spirit with some competitive matches throughout. Ismael Ahmed and Thejes Sundar (Year 12) were the star performers with the bat, scoring 34 and 25 not out. It was brilliant to see students from Year 7 to Year 12 playing together, and supporting and encouraging each other's performances.

## TSSSA Semi-Final

On Friday 5 July, the U13 Cricket team played against Whitburn. Having lost the toss and allowed them to bat, Emmanuel started slowly, allowing them to build a formidable total of 137 runs. However, some sloppy fielding and wayward bowling proved costly for them. In return, Emmanuel fought hard to post 111 runs but ultimately fell short. Logan Scott was named Man of the Match with three wickets whilst bowling, two run outs in the field and a fantastic 40 runs not out with the bat.

## A heartfelt "bravo" from the Music and Drama department

It's an amazing and often humbling experience to have the opportunity to work with such talented young actors, musicians, stage team members, technicians and assistants. This year, the newly formed Music and Drama department has staged the ambitious musical *Les Misérables* with tremendous success and has also celebrated student talent and character in many ways through the House competitions, concerts, major events and in LAMDA and ABRSM exams. This would not be possible without the talent, commitment and support of our amazing students and the support of parents and staff. So, as we bid farewell to another year, the Music and Drama staff would like to offer a heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to an amazing first year and to wish you all the best for a peaceful, enjoyable summer and a well-earned rest.

## Advance notices ...

**Thursday 15 August**

A/A2 results day 8:00am: students collect results and proceed to UCAS clearance

**Thursday 22 August**

GCSE results day 10:00am: students collect results

**Monday 2 September**

Full staff training day 8:30am

**Tuesday 3 September**

First day of new term for students

**Monday 9 September**

College Prayers at 5:30pm

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