



Wednesday 14th January 2015



Welcome back to 2015 and the New Year.

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Biggs as she moves to pastures new. Our highly respected and much appreciated Teacher of Music got married in the summer of 2014 and her husband now has a new job closer to London. Mrs Biggs has moved with him so that she can commute more easily from Gloucestershire. We wish her every success in her new teaching appointment.

We have been highly successful in securing a combination of two teachers to replace Mrs Biggs until the end of this academic year. Mr D Kemp is a highly experienced Teacher of Music and former Assistant Head Teacher at QE in Bromyard. His achievements in Music and charity work were recognised by no less than Her Majesty the Queen when he was awarded a MBE in last year's New Year's Honours List. He has been described as having a "natural gift for inspiring young people". We are delighted to have him working with us. Our second teacher is no less distinguished in that Mr R Brown also has many years experience teaching Music and is currently a Senior Music Examiner. Working as a consultant Mr Brown has been contracted to work in Liverpool with six schools to assess and develop their capacity to deliver Music.

We are very fortunate to have secured the services of two such highly capable and experienced staff.

Parents, Carers and Student



Key Dates – January 2015

Friday 9th to Friday 23rd – Year 11
Mock Examinations

Wednesday 14th to Friday 23rd –
Sixth Form Mock Examinations

Monday 19th – PTFA New Year
Meeting 7pm

Thursday 29th – Year 9 Parental
Consultation Evening 3:45pm



Ben and Jordan start the New Year with more presents!

Ben and Jordan from Year 8 are made-up after cashing in their credits in return for more prizes from the EMC Prize cabinet! All prizes are proudly funded by the PTFA. Students earn credits for producing great work and taking part in lots of activities across the College. Keep it up!



Welcome Back Year 11 – Are you ready for 2015?

A warm welcome back to all Year 11 students – I hope that you have had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year, and now feel refreshed for the Spring Term.

This is a vital term for all Year 11 students, as the mock exams will give us a clear insight into progress and the likely grades that you will be achieved in the summer. Students should prepare fully for these exams – remember the motto: fail to prepare – prepare to fail.

A reminder of the intervention sessions after College – I would urge students to attend these sessions to help and support learning. As a general guide, the sessions will be held as follows:

Monday - Science

Tuesday - English, RE, ICT

Wednesday – Maths, ICT

Thursday Week A - Option A subjects - Art, Catering, Drama, German, PE

Friday Week A – Options B subjects – Catering, Geography, History, PE

Thursday Week B – Option C subjects –Construction, Food, History, Resistant Materials, PE

Friday Week B – Option D subjects – Child development, Construction, French, Geography, Music

Have a great term everyone, and good luck in the mock exams!

Mrs Howells



Our Year 9 Language Leaders have been very busy this last term:

1. They researched festivals in European countries and have already made a display, produced a tutor activity and set up a competition for the best lantern to celebrate 'Sankt Martins Tag' – a German festival of lanterns on the 11th November. Phoebe Spencer won this competition for her amazing lantern and received her prize – well done Phoebe!
2. They have also begun to understand how MFL is taught at Primary School level, and were lucky enough to be able to visit Luston and Leominster Primary Schools to observe some French lessons. Our thanks go to these schools for opening their doors to us [particularly to Mrs Griffin, Mrs Barber and Mrs Freeman] it has been a valuable experience for them. The LL will now prepare and road-test activities for Year 5 pupils...

Other news: Congratulations go to Katie Everall and Molly Holland, who received Half termly awards for excellent work in MFL!



How Many Credits?

Erin Darroll – 144
Emily Hodges – 141
Katie Everall – 130
Byron Oldaker – 125
Meg Turton – 123
Kristian Bradshaw – 120
Kelsey Macdonald – 119
Chloe Walker – 119
Harry Weaver – 111
Jay Jones – 111

Tutor Group Attendance

5th KEA
4th GGM
3rd VKJ
2ND CGS
1st CRJ

Year 10 Student Excellent Awards!

Penny Sayce-Plane & Alfie Stanik
from 10 KEA

Byron Oldaker & Kelsey Macdonald
from 10 GGM

Joe Rolfe & Oriana Davies from 10
CRJ

Joe Locke & Meg Turton from 10
CGS

Chris Bashford & Jasmine
Lawrence-Addis from 10 VKJ/CLC

Meet EMC's New SEN Co-ordinator

Name: Mrs J Common

Position in school: Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator –Faculty Leader for Xlr8

What does your role involve? I co-ordinate support and provision for students who require extra support and who have Special Educational Needs.

What did you do before joining EMC? I've been a teacher for about 20 years now. I'm a qualified English teacher and have taught in both mainstream and special schools and as a local authority specialist teacher. I've been a SENco for the past 10 years: for six years at a school in Kettering and the past 4 years in Cleobury Mortimer.

What do you like about EMC so far? I've had a really positive first term at EMC: I've met some wonderful students, parents and staff (I still have a lot more to meet though!) The xlr8 team are fantastic: really hard-working and dedicated. As a SENco it's just a privilege to be in such an inclusive school with excellent facilities.

What are your plans for SEN at EMC? It's an exciting time in the world of Special Educational Needs as the Department for Education has made lots of changes. So my main priority is to make sure that we make those changes as smoothly as possible as well as carry on with the brilliant work we're already doing.

Tell us a bit about yourself: I live in Ludlow with Mr Common and a very spoilt cat called Smokey! I love reading, singing, travelling and walking in the Mortimer Forest.

How should students, parents/carers contact you? Students can find me on the top floor in xlr8, in the office opposite the staff room.

If parents/carers need to speak to me about any Special Educational Needs matters, they can either phone reception or e-mail me on JoCommon@emc.hereford.sch.uk. My working days are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. There's also lots of information on the website about SEN@EMC and the new changes.

Visit www.earlmortimer.org.uk



EMC in the Community

Food Drive Update

Just before Christmas, students decided they would organise a Food Drive. Students have been donating food to this charitable cause to help Leominster Food Bank. The items have now been collected and counted and the final number of items is over 550. These items will be delivered to the Food Bank by the Sixth Form and College Council. Students hope that their donations will help those in need within our community.

Choir News – A message from Santa

I can't let this occasion pass by without praising the EMC choir and choir mistress Mrs Biggs for the excellent carol concert performed at Leominster Café for the Alzheimer's Society yesterday afternoon. The students gave up their lunch hour to perform and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They sang enthusiastically and all the members joined in, singing and clapping to the carols.

The Café organiser Nina wanted you all to know how well behaved the students were and how she was moved to tears by the performance and the reaction of the members.

Many thanks to all involved.

Santa



Year 10 Quiz Results

	Week 11	Position	Running
Eagle	14	2nd	127
Falcon	17	1st	123
Hawk	11	3rd=	129
Osprey	11	3rd=	117

10 KEA

House	Week 11	Position	Running
Eagle	4	1st	27
Falcon	3	2nd=	17
Hawk	1	4th	26
Osprey	3	2nd=	24

10 GGM

House	Week 11	Position	Running
Eagle	4	1st	28
Falcon	3	2nd=	27
Hawk	1	4th	24
Osprey	3	2nd=	15

10 VKJ/CLC

House	Week 11	Position	Running
Eagle	1	4th	25
Falcon	3	2nd	27
Hawk	4	1st	28
Osprey	2	3rd	15

10 CRJ

House	Week 11	Position	Running
Eagle	2	3rd	21
Falcon	4	1st	28
Hawk	3	2nd	27
Osprey	1	4th	24

10 CGS

House	Week 11	Position	Running
Eagle	3	2nd	14
Falcon	4	1st	18
Hawk	2	3rd	8
Osprey	1	4th	12

Sixth Form News



Student of the Month

Congratulations to Dylan Jones 12NSG who was awarded Sixth Form Student of the Month for December in recognition for his excellent contribution towards College and Community events. Dylan receives a £15 voucher and a Certificate of Achievement.



Young Enterprise Group

The Sixth Form Young Enterprise group named 'Jets...reaching new heights' are making good sales and profits. They have sold out of their luxury products including scented soaps, LED candles and hand crafted decorations. They have attended two business events including the Hereford Christmas Fair at the Old Market on Saturday 22nd November and the PTFA Xmas Fayre on 29th November...you're hired!!



Feel Good Friday – Sixth Form & Staff Coffee morning

On Friday 12th December the Young Enterprise group organised a Christmas Staff and Sixth Form Coffee Morning in order to raise money for the Save the Children charity. During breaktime everyone who attended was offered tea, coffee and mince pies with a sprinkling of Christmas music. We raised over £40.



Eaton Close OAP's – Xmas Gifts

As part of the Sixth Form in the Community a number of our Sixth Formers spread some much needed Christmas spirit and cheer across Eaton Close. Each elderly member of the Close received a box of mince pies and Christmas card signed by our students.



UCAS Applications

A number of our Year 13 students have now successfully applied to their respective Universities. Many will now have to wait in anticipation for responses from their chosen universities over the next few months...good luck!

Sixth Form Reports

The first Interim Report for Year 12&13 have recently been issued highlighting student's progress during the Autumn Term. The reports will include attendance record, learning profile, targets, assessment, predictions, mentoring, meetings, careers interviews, enrichment & volunteering experiences.



Dates for the Diary

19th – 23rd January – Year 12 & 13 Mock AS/A Level exam week
6th February – Half Termly student progress checks
13th February – End of Half Term

EMC Sports Specialism - Inside Sport

Excellence in Sports Awards

A number of the extremely talented sports performers within Years 10 & 11 received Half Colours and Full Colours ties within assemblies at the end of the Autumn Term. These awards are in recognition of the dedication and excellence demonstrated within a wide range of performance and leadership roles within sporting activities.

The **Half-Colours** recipients – Jess Addis; Tiffany Vaughan; Jenna Powis; Jack Pound; Kurt White; Tom Watkins; Jack Mason; Sean Powney; Jack Morris; Ethan Stinton; Connor Sharp; Charlotte Herbert; Ben Hardman; Dan Pugh; Ben Thompson; Meg Turton; Matthew Ingram; Chris Bashford; Jack Coleman; Kelsey MacDonald and Emily Hodges:

Full Colours were awarded to – Taylor Merrick; Megan Briggs; Poppy Bull; Taylor Morgan-Jones; Amber Gorman; Jemma Morgan and Katie Overall

Congratulations to all of those in receipt of half or full colours: There are a number of others who are soon going to qualify for this prestigious recognition of their sporting excellence.



Earl Mortimer College & Sixth Form Centre

Extra-Curricular Activities Timetable January 2015



	LUNCH TIME	EVENING
MONDAY	KS3 Archery Club (Please see Ishy)	
TUESDAY		Football(KS4) – Sports Field Netball Academy – Sports Hall & Netball Courts (All Years) Hockey (Year 7 Boys and All Year Girls) - Astro
WEDNESDAY	KS3 Archery Club (Please see Ishy)	Football(KS3) – Sports Field Girls Football (KS3&4) – Sports Field and Astro Basketball – Sports Hall (Year 9 & 10)
THURSDAY		Basketball – Sports Hall (Year 10 & 11) Hockey (Years 8-14 Boys) - Astro Trampolining – Sports Hall
FRIDAY	KS3 Archery Club (Please see Ishy)	KS4/5 Examination Sport Catch-Up – G55

• If you wish to take part in Extra Curricular Clubs you will need to bring the appropriate kit.

• If shaded this colour - club for 1st Half Term i.e. up until February 13th 2015

• If shaded this colour - club for 2nd Half Term i.e. after February 13th 2015