



Friday 13th February 2015

On January 27th, Earl Mortimer's Year 11 College Council members Taylor Morgan-Jones, Tiffany Vaughan, Yazmin Griffiths and the Head Boy and Girl Ryan Dorn and Poppy Bull visited the Leominster Community Larder.

Before the Christmas holidays the College Council and SMSC representatives worked with Miss Anderson to create a Food Bank in College. Students and staff were asked to donate tinned and dried goods to help Leominster Larder. As a College we managed to collect 550 items! This fantastic accomplishment highlights just how important community spirit is at Earl Mortimer College!

We were able to take these items down to the Larder and discuss the voluntary work that takes place here. As a council we were humbled to discover that the aim of the larder is to solely benefit and give a helping hand to those who need it within our community. With funding from The Priory and various donations, the Leominster Community Larder is a sustained helping hand for those who are in need of food with regular donations from an assortment of people and organisations. The volunteers described Leominster community to be "full of generosity". Approximately 30 volunteers work here and work in pairs twice a month. These volunteers manually date all items of food and ensure that it is all edible and safe to consume before placing donated food on the stalls to be handed to those in need.

As a council we interviewed the volunteers and were shown what an average visitor would experience. Firstly, they would be asked for their voucher to ensure that they are eligible for the food available and they would then be shown through the assortment of resources. One visitor would receive a tin of meat or fish, a tin of vegetables, a pudding, baked beans or tomatoes, pasta or rice or potatoes, milk, tea or coffee, sugar, bread, cat or dog food (if needed), something sweet and required resources such as toothbrushes, toilet roll and washing powder. This amount is known as "a meal" and is enough to feed one person for 2-3 days. Families would get more depending on their size.

The Leominster Community Larder is something to help those in need, ranging from teenagers to 70 year olds. The Larder has tried to rid the stigma surrounding food banks highlighting that sometimes people just fall on hard times and need a friend. On the morning of the 27th, 2 families of 4, 3 families of 3 and 10 single visitors received assistance, totalling at 27. This highlighted to us just how important the Larder is within our community.

The Leominster Community Larder is an incredibly useful organisation that appreciates all and any donations. Those who would like to donate can arrange a time to deliver large batches of resources and the Community Larder will be opened at the arranged time or smaller donations can be given in at opening hours which are normally between 11 and 12. Donations are highly appreciated by the entire community of Leominster and I would like to thank those of you who donated to help those in need. As a council we are always pushing ourselves and our fellow students to get involved with community outreach programmes, we would urge students to let us know of other worthy causes that we can assist.

Written by Ryan Dorn

(Head Boy)



Parents, Carers and Student



Dates to Remember: February/March 2015

February 2015

Thursday 26th – Year 10 Parental Consultation Evening 3:45pm
Thursday 26th – U15 County Netball (John Kyrle)

March 2015

Monday 2nd – PTFA Spring Meeting
Thursday 5th – Year 7 Meet the Learning Manager Evening 3:30pm
Wednesday 11th – Year 10 Artist in Residence
Thursday 12th – Year 11 Parental Consultation Evening 3:45pm
Friday 13th – UK Maths Challenge



Year 11 – Passport to the Prom!

To reward students for:

- Academic achievement or improvement
- Sustained high levels of effort or improved effort
- High or much improved attendance
- Exceptional work in and beyond the classroom
- Regular attendance at revision clubs
- Being an active prefect, study buddy or a member of the student council

Your teachers will award credits for the following:

- Good (3) or exceptional (4) classwork
- Good (3) or exceptional (4) homework
- Consistently good or improved behaviour (10)
- Good report or significantly improved report (10)
- 100% attendance in a week (1)
- 100% attendance in a half term (10) and full term (15)
- Have an attendance of 95% or above between 3rd September 2014 and 22nd May 2015 or have significantly improved attendance (20)
- Attend and participate in revision sessions (1 for each session)
- A positive role as a Prefect, study buddy or on the Year Council (6)

An electronic database collects all credits:

* Credits are achieved for positive attendance, attitude, behaviour, effort, work, attending revision sessions BUTCredits can be gained or lost!

* Credits are lost for poor behaviour and/or effort, lack of organisation, repeated lateness and other forms of unacceptable behaviour, e.g. poor uniform. You will lose 2, 3, 4 or even 5 points for each incident. The number of credits lost is determined by how serious it is.

* You will then have a net amount = The number of positive achievement credits minus lost behaviour credits
E.g., 65 achievement credits – 3 lost behaviour credits = 62 credits

* The will go into a league. Your position in the league will determine the discounted prom ticket.

| League Position | Ticket Price | League Position | Ticket Price |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Top 10 | Free! | 31-40 | £10 |
| 11-20 | £5 | 41-50 | £12.50 |
| 21-30 | £7.50 | 51-80 | £15 |

81 below – Full ticket price £18.50

Valentines Disco a Real Hit!

Almost 100 Year 7 and 8 students had a great time at the PTFA's latest fun night, the 2015 St Valentine's Disco. All of the profits go towards funding new resources for the students and they will be pleased to know that over £260 was raised. Thank you and well done everyone!





News from the Drama Faculty!



Our **Year 10** Performing Arts students will be performing a new play they have commissioned entitled *The Revengers' Comedy Club* on **Tuesday 24th March at 7pm** in EMC's excellent theatre. This small scale production will feature café style seating and promises to be another chance for the talented members of **Pro-Formance Performing Arts Company** to impress an audience of parents, carers and friends. Tickets will be available from Thursday 19th March and also on the door on Tuesday 24th March - £3 for adults and £2 for concessions. GCSE Hospitality and Catering students will also be providing a delicious selection of cakes and hot and cold drinks on the night.

Year 11 GCSE Drama students are just starting work on the next element of their exam - a scripted performance Unit. They will be working on a whole range of plays from classics like *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to comic pieces such as John Godber's *Bouncers*. As for their last performance Unit, they will be expected to attend ALL extracurricular rehearsals. Rehearsals will be every Thursday from 3.05 – 4pm.

Next term **Year 7** Drama classes will be looking back to a major historical event as they explore the sinking of *The Titanic* in April 1912. Pupils will meet some of the key figures involved in that awful disaster and look at their characters and motives. **Year 8** groups will be taking part in a series of one-off workshops looking at song lyrics. Each lesson will explore the lyrics from a well-known song and allow the pupils to create original pieces of drama in response to them. **Year 9** pupils will continue the Unit they are currently working on (which we still can't say too much about as it's shrouded in mystery!).

We are keen to organise another trip to the theatre, this time for Key Stage 3 students. The plan would be to see something after May half term. That may seem a long way off but popular shows can book up fast so watch the website for details of how you can suggest a production for us to see.

Mrs Donnelly



Meet the staff – Miss Babington (English Faculty)

Name: Miss A Babington

My Role

Learning Mentor in the English Faculty

What does that role include?

I am responsible for supporting Pupil Premium students. With this role I also hold intervention sessions for Year 11 students, assist in English lessons for every year group and prepare and present lessons for the Sixth Form GCSE resit.

What did I do before EMC?

In May 2014, I finished my BA (hons) in English and Sociology degree from the University of Derby. I have also worked in leisure centres as a lifeguard, swimming instructor and duty manager.

A bit about me:

I went to The Minster College and was taught by Mrs Blackmore, Mrs Hunt, Dr Wilson, Mr Morris, Mr Bescoby, Mrs Davies, Mrs Langer, Mrs Howells, Mrs Morris, Mr John, Mr Wharam, Mr Maddock, Mrs Kingdon (she was Miss Bloss then!) and Mr Hunt was my tutor right from Year 7-11. I was the last ever Head Girl of The Minster College.

I enjoy playing netball. I represented my university in the first team and played in the BUS league. (British University & Colleges Sport).



Earl Mortimer College – Meet the Governors

Hello,

My name is Andy Gosling. I am pleased to be asked to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a governor at Earl Mortimer College in this edition of EMC news.

My role is Vice-Chair of Governors, with my main duties being that of Link Governor for Safeguarding, SEN (Special Educational Needs) and more recently the Sports Faculty Link Governor. I meet on a regular basis in these areas, supporting on strategic developments that support the day to day working of the College.

I became a Community Governor in 2009 whilst working in North Herefordshire running Children Centre Services, including the Coningsby Children's Centre in Leominster. Having moved to Herefordshire from London in 2000 to take on this role, over the next 11 years I felt a real connection and sense of belonging to the area. After taking early retirement, I wanted to continue to support the local community, working with the community, the staff and other governors at Earl Mortimer College, ensuring that Leominster and surrounding area has the best possible education facilities that it deserves.

The governor's role is one of supporting, challenging and monitoring in partnership with the Senior Leadership Team, and all staff including; teachers, teaching assistants and administrators. This work will hopefully allow a clear vision, ethos and a strategic direction that will support Earl Mortimer College to continue on its journey offering the young people a good education, but never resting on our outstanding achievements.

A little bit about me and my journey to this point. I was born in London and lived there and in the surrounding area until 2000 when I moved to Herefordshire. I, like many parents had mixed experiences of school life, having three sons all of whom made Parents Evenings and exam outcomes interesting and challenging times. I must say that I really did not understand the world of schools and teaching, and often thought "teaching, school holidays" what a job. Well if only I knew then, what I know now!

In 1985 after a variety of work experiences, including in London being a chauffeur and train driver, I entered the world of Youth Work, Social Care, Community Work and ended up running Children's Centres in North Herefordshire.

Yes, a big change in the early days, but a journey that has been challenging, frightening, rewarding; but most importantly has helped me to challenge my perceptions of communities and those people living in them, and working in partnership to develop and improve services of a quality we all deserve.

These experiences I will try and bring and use in my role as governor at Earl Mortimer College, ensuring the young people are able to have the best possible opportunity of positive educational outcomes.

Regards
Andy



Gifted and Talented in Sport Trip to Bath University

On Thursday the 5th February, a group of KS4 and KS5 Gifted and Talented in Sport students had the opportunity to visit Bath University to take part in a range of activities. After a long journey, we arrived at the University where we began our first activity. We started with team building where we had a variety of tasks such as bench ball and relays and this allowed us to get to know each other. This was then followed by a brief lunch break and then judo which none of us had ever done before. Using the facilities to do judo was a great experience and we learnt how to flip someone over our shoulder and onto the mat. Our instructor, Adam Hall, who represents Great Britain in judo, showed us the important skills and then gave us a session of speed for sport on the indoor running track. During this, we learnt that speed was important in any sport and the drills could be used for speed, quick change of direction and stopping suddenly.

Finally, we had an interview with the Commonwealth Judo Champion from Glasgow 2014, Megan Fletcher, who described to us how amazing it felt to win a gold medal at Glasgow and her aspiration to get to the Rio 2016 Olympics. We asked a range of questions which showed us how difficult it is to become a top athlete but how the hard work was worth the commitment. Overall, the activities we did throughout the day were great and we saw the quality facilities Bath University provided during a tour. This was a unique experience and has inspired us to work even harder to achieve our goals.

Katie and Megan



EMC Sports Specialism - Inside Sport

Football Remembers!

Earl Mortimer College Learners took to the football field to remember and acknowledge the debt of gratitude owed to the veterans of the First World War.

Through participating in football matches in PE lessons the EMC youngsters acknowledged the bravery, courage and sacrifice of our armed forces 100 years ago.

The Christmas Truce where the forces from all warring countries laid down their arms and sang carols together with an impromptu football match was re-enacted. Learners made a donation in order to participate and a cheque for £145.71 has subsequently been donated to the Royal British Legion.

'We Will Remember Them!'



KS1 Target Festival

Last Thursday saw EMC hosting a Target Festival especially aimed at the Key Stage 1 pupils from our feeder Primary Schools. This was jointly hosted by the year 13 BTEC PE group and Mr Morris' Year 10 core PE class. Activities including New Age Kurling, Putting, Skittles and various types of throwing were all eagerly entered into by the lively pupils. The coaching and high level of leadership was commented upon by the visiting staff who were most impressed. Everyone had a lot of fun so congratulations to the Leaders.



Sky Studios visit

The Year 10 Physical Education Examination group had the chance to go on a visit to London last week. First port of call was the Madjeski stadium, home of footballers Reading and rugby players London Irish. We were shown the trophy room, media area, interview rooms, underground heated pitch and changing areas. Do ask the group about the difference between the home and away changing rooms! Then it was on into London to the Sky Studios. We were taken to the brand new reception and entertaining area before having a guided tour of the complex. Then it was up to the studios where the team were divided into four, each having their own studio in which to front/ film and edit a short piece of video which was then moulded into a Sky Sports News Breaking Bulletin. The two bulletins were amazing. Please ask Amber about the hat, Charlie and Joe about their glasses and Joel about his macho work in the fitness studio. Thanks to all the organisers, a long but most enjoyable day.

