



Edition 1 of 2015/16 – Monday 28th September

A message from the Principal...

A very warm welcome to the start of the new Academic Year 2015-2016 and an especial warm welcome to our new students starting in Year 7.

We begin the year with huge confidence given our public examination results and in particular our Sixth Form success, registering best ever results at 100% pass rate both at A Level and BTEC. (A more detailed summary will go on our website after all remarking has been completed).

We begin this term with 45 teaching staff, all of whom are subject specialists, including eight new staff: It is my pleasure to introduce to you six new teachers: Dr E Posey (Computing), Mr P Howl (Mathematics), Mrs D Moczulski (Mathematics), Mrs J Harris (Performing Arts), Miss J Cooper (Music) and Mrs C Buck (Science).

In addition to our teaching staff we also welcome three new members of the Associate Staff Team: Miss C Potter and Mrs S Ridd, as Librarians and Reading Champions, they have joint responsibility for the organisation and delivery of our new Accelerated Reading Scheme, and Dr A Cross our new Science Technician.

EMC is leading on 5 key principles of literacy and as a result we have set the following challenges for all our students.

- They must speak in complete sentences when answering questions in class.
- Use the provided green pens to write their own feedback to teachers marking and assessment.
- For every student to have a reading book in his/her school bag and to read once a week in Tutor Time.
- All teaching staff will model specific forms of writing for students.
- Students must be able to develop ideas into a well written paragraph.

We would greatly appreciate your support as parents and carers in helping us reinforce these key messages with your son or daughter.

Finally, I would also like to introduce to you three new members of the Board of Governors: Mr G Hutton (Parent Governor), Miss L Simpson (Co-opted Governor), Mr D Evans (Co-opted Governor).

I should add that we are still seeking two more governors and that anyone interested should contact Miss L Griffiths via email lgriffiths@emc.hereford.sch.uk.

Parents, Carers and Student



Does your old College Uniform need a new life?

If you have any old, outgrown EMC uniform lying unwanted in the back of your wardrobe, why not bring it into the College Reception and give it a new lease of life.



BTEC – Public Services

Participating in outdoor adventurous activities is a big part of the BTEC Public Services course requirement. On the 14th September our students took part in a 3 hour, 4 mile kayaking course on the River Wye, Symonds Yat in Ross on Wye. This was led by the Hereford based, Taste for Adventure provider. The students had to demonstrate the skills and techniques required to successfully perform in kayaking. Despite the poor weather all the students passed the course and gained valuable water based experience. This is in addition to their land based activities in orienteering and mountain walking!



News from 9CSS

Mrs Stables Tutor Group decided to raise money for the Kidney Unit in Bristol. Initially the group set a target of £200, however this figure was blown away. 9CSS managed to raise £328!!! This huge amount was raised by organising a Cake Sale and taking part in a 'Hula-thon'.

Mrs Stables would like to congratulate her tutor and thank all of their families for the help and support throughout their charity events.



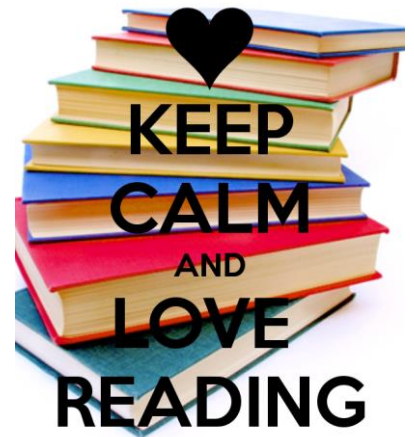
Accelerated Reader Scheme

This year at Earl Mortimer College we are introducing an exciting new reading scheme, called 'Accelerated Reader', for all KS3 students. This will help them improve their literacy and reading abilities. We aim to create a positive culture of reading across the college.

The programme caters for struggling, proficient and advanced readers alike and allows for a personalised approach for each student. At the beginning of the programme, students take the 'Star Reading Test' which will produce an individual book-level for them, based on their reading age. Students select and read a book at an appropriate book-level, before taking a specific online quiz which gives immediate feedback on their progress. Students are awarded points for every book they successfully read, which will be rewarded throughout the year with prizes and achievement certificates. Our goal is to turn reluctant readers into avid readers and encourage a lifelong love of reading.

Accelerated Reading will form part of KS3 students' weekly English classes, with one designated library session per week. This will give students an opportunity to read independently, with their teacher and with the librarians. We have a growing number of books in the library to choose from, so there will be a story for everyone! Students will also keep reading logs where they can track their progress and record their reading sessions. Students should read a minimum of 4 times a week; during their library session, at tutor time and twice at home.

If you would like to chat about Accelerated Reader, please speak to the librarians or Mr Shill.



EMC 'Record' Sixth Form Results – 2015!

A LEVEL RESULTS

100% A* - E Pass rate (**College record**)

BTEC RESULTS

100% Pass

15% Distinction rate

A LEVEL & EQUIVALENT

100% A* - E Pass rate (**College record**)

AS LEVEL RESIT RESULTS

100% Improved grades (**College record**)

P16 GCSE RESIT RESULTS

ENGLISH – 75% Improved grade

MATHS – 25% Improved grade

(**College record**)

LEVEL 3 RESULTS 2015 - Herefordshire

1st EMC SIXTH FORM **100%**

1st John Kyle 100%

3rd John Masefield 98%

4th Lady Hawkins 99%

5th Hereford Academy 98%

National Average 98%



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Congratulations to all!

EMC Sports Specialism – Inside Sport



EMC Young Leaders

Our Young Leaders have already been seen planning and organising activities for the Primary Schools. The two Year 6 Induction days have set the tone for BTEC students at KS4. In the Sixth Form the BTEC PE group are running some tag rugby lunchtime training to Year 3 at Bodenham while the Public Services group are running Agility, Balance and Co-ordination sessions for Years 1 and 2 at Stoke Prior. Individual Sports stars are helping with the College extra-curricular programme, providing some fabulous role models for our younger students.



Have you been to any clubs?

The first four days of practices and EMC Sports Faculty Staff have seen over 200 students attend at least one of the many clubs on offer.

Head of Sports Faculty, Mr Morris added “The benchmark has been set. Please continue to come along.”



EXTRACURRICULAR



Earl Mortimer College & Sixth Form Centre

Extra-Curricular Activities Timetable – September 2015



	LUNCH TIME	EVENING
MONDAY		KS4 Badminton – Sportshall Girls Football – Astro-turf Swimming*
TUESDAY	Archery - Sportshall	All Years Rugby – Field Girls Rugby – Field Year 7 Netball - Sportshall
WEDNESDAY		KS3 Badminton – Sportshall Gymnastics – Gym KS4 Hockey – Astro-turf
THURSDAY	Archery - Sportshall	KS4 Basketball – Sportshall KS3 Hockey – Astro-turf Dodge Ball – Gym Years 8 – 11 Netball - Courts
FRIDAY		KS3 Basketball – Sportshall Exam PE Extension Club – G55

- * If you are interested in swimming on a Monday, please see Mr Morris.
- If you wish to take part in Extra Curricular Clubs, you will need to bring the appropriate kit.