



Earl Mortimer College & Sixth Form Centre

# EMC NEWS!



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For such a short half term, the second half of Spring Term has certainly been action-packed. Examination season is upon us and students of all ages have been engaged in their assessments.

Our new, more regular, programme of issuing Interim Reports is already delivering improved communications and monitoring of each individual student's progress. This allows students, their families, their teachers and their tutors to help maximise potential.

And so we turn our attention to Summer Term 2016. With a calendar packed full of major events, not least the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students to earn their qualifications, we are very much looking forward to a hard-working season of successes and personal bests.

# Parents, Carers and Students



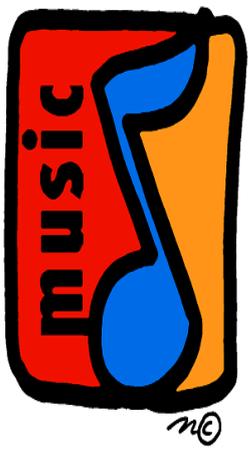
## Sing Spring In!

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, EMC Choir took part in this years 'Sing Spring In'. This is a county wide project where students from 45 schools across the county have learnt the same pieces of music, which are then performed as part of smaller cluster events with other secondary schools. EMC have been learning 'I Believe I Can Fly', 'Pages', 'Fields of Gold' and 'Dona Nobis Pachem' in choir rehearsals on a Tuesday lunch time since January. On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March they went over to Aylestone Business College to take part in rehearsals and workshops and to prepare to perform back these pieces with Whitecross, Kingstone and Aylestone Secondary Schools. In total there were 150 students performing in the afternoon from all 4 schools, 40 of which were from EMC. Each school also had to prepare their own song to perform, for EMC this was 'Wake Me Up'. Miss Cooper would like to say a big thank you to all students who took part in the event, for all the rehearsal time prior to the event itself and to EMC Choir members for their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and confidence when performing alongside other schools in the county. Well done!

## Daniel abseils for Charity!

Daniel Davies from Year 7 took part in a charity abseil raising money for St Michael's hospice. Well done Daniel!





## What's been happening in Music @ EMC?

Year 7 students have been learning to play the keyboard this topic. They have been rehearsing a piece called 'Royal March of the Lions' and been learning how to use key function buttons to change backing tracks and instruments on the keyboard. Students will be performing back their work at the end of term so good luck to all students!

Year 8 have been working on their singing skills this topic. Students have been learning why it is important to warm up their voice, warm up techniques and how to control their breathing. This has then led into them working in small ensembles to rehearse a song of choice. Some students have even started adding harmony. A special mention goes to Nathan (8Mu4) Tyler (8Mu5) who have really grown in confidence this topic and worked hard on their singing skills.

Year 9 have been working on a Songwriting Unit since that start of September. Students have been working on the Mac Computers to compose their own song. They have been creating chord sequences and structuring them into pop songs, including verse, chorus and bridge sections. Students have started composing bass lines and melodies to go along with their work. Robert Lyon has worked very hard in producing an interesting and catchy track and Chloe Harris and Katie Morris have come back after school to work on their pieces. Well done to all of Year 9 for all of their hard work this term.

### Extra-Curricular

#### EMC Choir

EMC Choir have been learning a variety of songs for their upcoming 'Sing Spring In' performance on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. EMC Choir members will be going to Aylestone Business College to work with a singing leader to prepare for a final performance on the evening. Students have been working hard learning the pieces inside and outside of school and will be joined by another 4 Secondary schools from Herefordshire on the day, to perform together as one big choir. Thank you to all choir members for their commitment to this project and Miss Cooper looks forward to watching you all perform on the day. Good luck to Mary Hodges and Nikita Howells who both have solos.

#### EMC Band

Miss Cooper would like to thank members of EMC Band for all of their hard work this term. It is great to see such talented musicians working together in an ensemble and there are some excellent pieces coming along for this year's Summer Concert.

# EMC Sports Specialism – Inside Sport



## U12 Girls Futsal - County Champions!!!



The U12 Girls Futsal team started their journey way back in September 2015 with their first football training session at EMC. Every Monday evening, this group of Year 7 girls have turned up and trained for well over an hour and improved every step of the way.

Their first round of matches were held at Weobley High School, where the team came up against Lady Hawkins and 2 teams from hosts, Weobley. EMC managed to win all 3 games scoring a total of 16 goals and only conceding 1. This triumph sent EMC through to the County Finals, which were held at St Marys' High School in Lugwardine, Hereford. Their first game was against the Weobley side that finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the North Herefordshire Finals. EMC started extremely well, scoring 6 goals and going on to win this game without conceding a goal. EMC then came up against current U12 County Champions, Whitecross. This game turned out to be a well fought battle, which ended 1-1. Finally, EMC were up against hosts St Marys' and we were hoping a win would see us crowned County Champions. EMC took the lead half way through the game and then managed to grab a second a few minutes later. The game finished 2-0 to EMC. Whitecross finished their final game with a draw against Weobley meaning EMC were the new U12 County Champions!

EMC will now go on to the represent Herefordshire in the Regional Finals which is due to take place in June at the International Futsal Centre in Birmingham.

Team pictured: Abi Chapman, Sophie Price, Jasmin Price, Ruby Barrington, Shannon Betambeau, Leah Garrod, Pheobe Naylor, Chloe Davies (Captain) and Caitlin Barnett.