



Earl Mortimer College & Sixth Form Centre

EMC NEWS!



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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

If you follow our official social media channels you will know what an action-packed place the College has been lately. From hosting local employers for our Year 10 Mock Interview Day, to sending a team to the Hereford Magistrates Court for the Mock Trials Competition, our students have been making a great impression.

Outdoors, the huge 24-acre College grounds are coming alive with the sights and sounds of spring. The EMC Conservation Area is packed full of fresh bird nests and the pond is awash with frog spawn, which is very encouraging. Indoors, older students are busy sitting practice examination papers in readiness for the looming examination season. Younger students in Years 5 and 6 are building up to their next Experience Day events to help them prepare for joining high school (they grow up so fast)!

Follow our official channels on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube (and of course our website) for all of the latest news, in addition to this exciting edition of EMC News!

Best wishes for the start of Spring and the imminent Easter Break.

Parents, Carers and Students



Accelerated Reader Success!

Key Stage Three students continue to make excellent progress in the Accelerated Reader scheme. Many students have already improved upon their reading from their first tests in the autumn term.

Several students have made outstanding progress, so a huge well done to them!

Year 7 - **Hannah Fletcher** – improved by 4 years and 3 months since autumn

Year 8 - **Joseph Beddoes** – increased by 3 years 8 months since autumn

Year 9 – **Vivien Torzsok** – improved by 5 years since autumn

Another notable success is **Thea Oughton** (Year 8) who has made fantastic progress to improve her reading age by 3 Years and 7 months. This is an excellent achievement!

Well done to all students who are working hard to improve their reading ages! Keep up the hard work!

Leominster Festival – 2017 Writing Competition

Fire up your imagination and paint the town with words!

Fancy yourself as a budding creative writer? Looking to win some cash for your efforts? As part of the Leominster Festival, students at EMC have been invited to show off their writing skills and enter a completion with a £25 cash prize.

Simply write 500 words of descriptive prose or 8 lines of poetry inspired by the sights, events or people of Leominster. The closing date for entries is 13th April 2017.

The awards ceremony will be held on Friday 9th June at 6pm, with guest of honour Anne O’Brien. Shortlisted entries will be displayed during the festival.

If you are interested in entering this competition, please see Mr Shill in S08 for more details, or visit the EMC Library to collect a leaflet. Alternatively, you can also find out more from the website using the address below:

WWW.LEOMINSTER-FESTIVAL.CO.UK/WRITING

Good luck to all those who enter!

EMC Attendance Figures

Year Group	Attendance to end of			
	October	November	December	January
Year 7	97.1%	96.5%	96.0%	95.1%
Year 8	95.6%	95.1%	95.1%	94.6%
Year 9	93.4%	93.3%	92.2%	92.2%
Year 10	94.9%	94.3%	93.7%	93.9%
Year 11	94.7%	94.6%	93.6%	93.2%
Total	95.3%	94.9%	94.3%	93.9%
College target is 95%				

EMC Host Harry Potter Book Night!

Students from Year 7 and 8 attended the evening with 20 students in total. We began with the sorting hat ceremony, moved onto Harry Potter themed activities and completed (a very challenging) quiz.

We also had a "best-dressed" competition...it was a tough one to call as ALL students made an effort to attend in their wizarding robes. Ellis Jackson won first prize with his fantastic representation of Hagrid, Katie Mitchell in second place for her terrifying portrayal of Bellatrix, Joseph Morris in third place as Dumbledore and fourth place to Beatrice Bludzina as a Slytherin House student.

I would just like to thank the Science Faculty for all the weird and wonderful props we used for the evening. Also, Mr Harris and the PTFA for supporting the night. And last, but certainly not least; a big thank you to Miss Lamonby, Mrs Price, Mr Martin, Miss Hardy and Miss Goodman for helping me with the whole event.

Miss A Babington



HSG to EMC – How it all compares!

Students from HSG, Nuremberg, Germany visited EMC last week and here is what they thought:

Difference between schools: architecture (inside)

The Earl Mortimer College and the Hans-Sachs-Gymnasium have a lot of differences. In this article the differences at the inside architecture will be mentioned.

When we first went into the Earl Mortimer College we saw the cafeteria and it seems so big compared to ours. The light coloured walls and colourful glasses looked so “happy” and as we saw all the posters we were amazed, how beautiful this school is. The classrooms are also fittingly decorated like the corridors.

Katharina Otto

Difference of the students

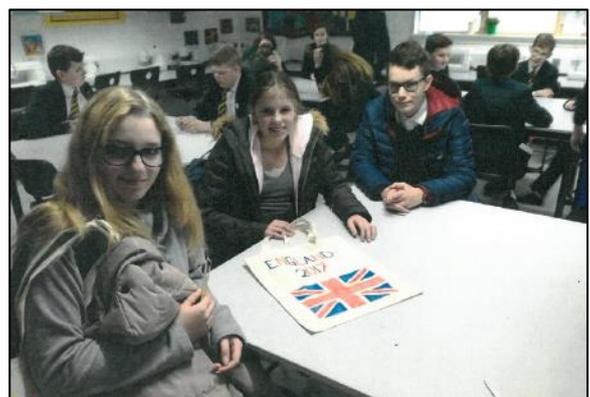
You might not think that there is a difference in behaviour of students in Germany and England. But having lived all my life in Germany I can really sense a difference between them.

The students here are very open and friendly. Of course in Germany it is similar but the students there wouldn't go towards exchange students and just ask them random questions. Because we don't wear a uniform we were obviously from Germany so some people would greet us in the hallways or try to talk to us in German.

Sara Lang

Differences in teaching

In Nuremberg most of our teachers come to our classroom and we don't have to go to their room; I think it's better than going to the teacher's rooms because so you don't have to walk always through the whole school but you can stay in your classroom. We have some teachers, who don't prepare their lessons, so it's sometimes very boring, in contrast to your lessons, which are quite interesting. On some days we have 9 different subjects and that's really hard but here at EMC you have a maximum of 6 different ones, haven't you? Here at EMC you also have a lot of Smartboards and other “high-tech” materials for teaching, which is really cool because when the teachers work with these materials, the lessons are more interesting than without this media support.





What's happening in Music @ EMC?

Key Stage 3 Music at EMC

Year 7

Year 7 students have begun learning to play the Keyboard this topic. Students are being challenged to push themselves when learning melodies on the keyboard. A special mention goes to Shekinah Cabajon and Bethan Davies who are already very talented pianists and are working on a piece called 'Igiorni' by Ludovico Einaudo.

Year 8

Year 8 students have started developing their singing skills in lesson. They have worked as a class to learn a variety of vocal warm up techniques in order to use their voices correctly. They have now begun working in small groups on a song of their choice – will EMC find the next Ed Sheeran or Adele? Only time will tell....

Year 9

Some Year 9 students are working on an Arts Award Qualification. They have chosen an instrument they want to progress further with and are rehearsing each week in order to improve. Other Year 9 students have been using Garageband to create their own songs including chords, drum beats and bass lines.

EMC Choir

EMC Choir members have been working hard preparing for 'Sing Spring In' on Monday 27th March where we will be travelling over to Whitecross school to perform with a number of other Secondary Schools in Hereford. We have learnt 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' and 'California Dreaming' for the event as well as perfecting our EMC version of 'Titanium'. Mrs De-Sondberg would like to thank all members for their hard work and commitment since Christmas.

EMC Band

Members of EMC band have been working hard on a Friday lunch time and tutor time to develop their ensemble skills. They have been working on some new jazz pieces, which they are developing well as well as some pop classics by Adele and The Temptations. Mrs De-Sondberg would like to thank all members for their hard work and commitment since Christmas.

Congratulations to Lily Fisher who has gained a Distinction in her grade 5 Flute exam, Alice Pugh who gained a Pass in her grade 1 clarinet exam and Euan Mould for achieving Grade 4 Cornet with a Distinction.

A huge well done to these 3 students!



Struggling to revise?

Try these...

<https://corbettmaths.com/>

CorbettMaths – 5 a day, videos, past papers.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebite/size/maths/>

Practice exercises, some activities and test on many GCSE topics.

<http://www.waldomaths.com/revision/gcse.jsp>

Interactive practice exercises and videos on many GCSE topics.

<http://www.trinity.nottingham.sch.uk/maths/default.aspx>

Practice exercises on many GCSE topics.

<http://mathsduck.co.uk/>

List of topics, revision through games, other websites etc

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/maths>

<http://www.cimt.plymouth.ac.uk/projects/mepres/allgcse/allgcse.htm>

Practice exercises, activities and test on all GCSE topics.

<http://www.cimt.plymouth.ac.uk/projects/mepres/book9/book9int.htm>

Interactive practice exercises on many GCSE topics.

EMC on Social Media... check it out!

10KEG were working hard after College yesterday. Their car wash raised another £115 for Hereford SCBU. A big thank you to Mr Proctor and Mr Harris from the Site Team who helped set everything up.



Year 10 interview day today was a huge success - all the students looked incredibly smart. Potential employers from in and around Leominster came in to give our students a taste of what a real life interview is like. Thank you to Honeybees, Bengry Motors, Harpers, Halo, Tugela Clinical Ltd, Outstanding Education Solutions, Headlines, Perkins & Strong Photography, HWGTA, NFU, West Mercia Police, HCT and NCS.



Year 10 Geography students love model making. This week, it's waterfalls! Nothing makes a theory come to life better than a great piece of themed model making.



EMC Sports Specialism – Inside Sport



U16 County Hockey Representatives

Congratulations to Max Pearson, Scott Lewis, Lewis Lavenia, Nate Rouse, Josh Shuck and George Donald who were selected to represent Herefordshire in the U16 West Midlands County tournament, which was held at Clifton College, Bristol.



Sports Council Update

The recently elected Sports Council are collecting information on all of your sporting achievements. No matter how big or small, they want to know.



Jones goes the extra mile!

Congratulations to Adam Jones for not only taking part in the U17 Herefordshire County Cross Country Championship, but winning it too!



Dodgeball Tournament... Can you dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge?

How would you like to face another team within your year with nothing but Dodgeballs? This is the perfect time for you to get some sweet payback on friends. Make your perfect team and try and prove to not only yourself but your friends that you are the best!

To participate within the Dodgeball Tournament you will need a **team of 6**, with both **3 females and 3 males**. You will need to have submitted your team as soon as possible to Mr. Chadd in the Sport's Office! Your team sheet will need to be submitted before **Friday the 7th of April**.

You'll need to be quick though, as it is **first come first serve for only 8 teams!** Rally up your friends and get ready to have some extreme fun whilst throwing dodgeball's!

This will be taking part Tuesday lunch times, starting from the 25th April.

