



May/June 2016

Our current year 11 students first arrived at the Earl Mortimer College & Sixth Form Centre in September 2012, fresh faced and ready to impress. Well, 5 years, 900 days, 4,670 hours later their secondary education with us is coming to an end! However, there are a number of key events and messages that need to be addressed.

Exam leave/course completion arrangements (5th – 26th June)

GCSE students will continue to attend all GCSE lessons until the day of the exam. Once the exam is completed, you do not need to attend the lessons.

BTEC students will continue to attend lessons until you have fulfilled your course requirements. Once the work is complete, you do not need to attend lessons.

You will be required to sign in and out at reception, be supervised at all times and wear the correct College uniform.

Year 11 Celebration Prom (Friday 30th June)

We are thrilled to announce that the Year 11 Celebration Prom will be held once again at Luctonians Sports Club in Kingsland. This is an opportunity for our students to mark the end of their high school careers before embarking on to the next stage of their lives. Red carpet arrival at the College between 6 – 7pm, coaches depart at 7.15pm and return back to EMC at 10.15pm.

GCSE Results Day (Thursday 24th August)

Results will be available from 10.00am. If you are unable to collect your results, then you should provide an A4 envelope with your name and address on, with a stamp attached. Your results will then be posted to you later in the day.

I would like to thank you as a cohort for all your contributions towards College and Community successes over the years. A special acknowledgement must go to the prefect team, Head/Deputy Boy & Girl, study buddy's, student council members, language and sports leaders, literacy heroes, sporting and performing arts representatives. You have been a terrific year group and a great cohort to work with. It is not quite over though – still 3 weeks of exams when you return on 5th June, so make the most of revision sessions over May. Every little bit will help! Be determined, focused and confident and you will succeed.

On behalf of the Year 11 Tutor Team, good luck with your exams and we wish you every success in the future!

Mr N Maddock



Pictured: Head Boy & Girl, James Colley and Molly Holland. Deputy Head Boy & Girl, Adam Smith and Hattie Barnett



Year 11 Prefect Team

Parents, Carers and Students



English Exam Extravaganza!

The English Faculty would like to wish all students good luck in their upcoming GCSE examinations. We have been impressed with students in both Year 10 and 11 who are taking their exams in the next few weeks.

This year sees students undertake the new GCSE exams for the first time. The dates of these can be found below:

- 22nd May 2017 – Literature Component 1 - Shakespeare and Poetry.
- 26th May 2017 – Literature Component 2 – Post-1914 Prose/Drama, 19th Century Prose and Unseen Poetry.
- 6th June 2017 – Language Component 1 – 20th Century Reading and Creative Prose Writing
- 12th June 2017 – Language Component 2 – Reading and Persuasive/Transactional Writing

Remember, hard work and effort will make a significant difference to your grade. Should you require any help with your English GCSE, please see any member of the English team. After school revision sessions will continue in the run up to the exams, so make sure that you attend and perfect your skills!

Good Luck!

EMC, FIRST SCHOOL IN HEREFORDSHIRE TO SIGN UP TO THE DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE

DAA

Dementia Friendly Leominster

Members of the College Council had the pleasure of taking part in a street party to raise Dementia awareness and support Dementia Friendly Leominster. As the first school in Herefordshire to support the Dementia Action Alliance students were thrilled to have the opportunity to interact with the local community.

The College Council helped hand out tea, coffee and cakes baked by Earl Mortimer College. Along with this students enjoyed a range of activities with members of the local community including live music, a fantastic drama production and games.

Cheryl Poole who helped organise the event contacted the College to say "I just wanted to say a big THANK YOU for today. Can you please say a special thank you to the group of students who came and did so well today. They really made a difference and were a great help. Them being with us and acting so naturally with everyone certainly helps to break down any barriers and promote integration. Also will you please be kind enough to tell the ladies who made our cakes that they were so delicious and we are really grateful for their contributions and support. Again Many thanks to you all."

A fantastic day had by all, supporting such a worthy cause!

Attendance Update

Year Group	Attendance to end of			
	February	March	April	May
Year 7	95.1%	94.4%	94.3%	94.1%
Year 8	94.7%	94.6%	94.6%	94.5%
Year 9	92.5%	92.1%	92.1%	92.0%
Year 10	94.0%	94.1%	94.0%	93.9%
Year 11	93.2%	93.0%	92.9%	93.0%
Total	94.0%	93.8%	93.7%	93.6%
College target is 95%				

Over £750 raised for Hereford SCBU!

The Year 10 Tutor groups have raised a staggering £540.07 as part of their Enterprise curriculum for their chosen charity 'Hereford Special Care Baby Unit'. Cakes were baked, flower pots for mothering Sunday were sold, cars washed, mens' legs were waxed...amazing! Mrs Gummer's Tutor group raised £374 alone! We are very impressed!

£781.72 will be sent off in total to Hereford SCBU [with a healthy contribution from the last Feel Good Friday].



Niamh takes her homework to the next level!

Year 7 students have been undertaking a Chocolate Bar project in English with Miss Babington. They have had to design & promote their own unique chocolate bar. Niamh went one step further and made the chocolate bar too! Lovely edible homework. Well done Niamh!



Negatives of Social Media

Instagram is rated as the worst social media platform when it comes to its impact on young people's mental health, a UK snapshot survey suggests.

The poll asked 1,479 people aged 14-24 to rate which of five popular social media platforms had the most negative effect on their users.

They were asked to score each platform on issues such as anxiety, depression, loneliness, bullying and body image.

Mental health charities urged companies to act to increase users' safety.

'Inadequacy and anxiety'

The Royal Society for Public Health study says social platforms should flag up heavy social media use and identify users with mental health issues.

The RSPH report warns that "social media may be fuelling a mental health crisis" in young people.

It can also be used as a tool for good, the report said, and companies should be doing their best to make platforms a safe place to be.

About 90% of young people use social media - more than any other age group - so they are particularly vulnerable to its effects, although it is not clear what these are on current evidence.





What's happening in Music @ EMC?

Key Stage 3 Music

Year 7

Year 7 students have been learning to play the keyboard. All students have worked independently through their workbooks and kept check on how well they have been getting on! A special mention to 7Lennon who worked fantastically each and every lesson and progressed extremely well in their work. Well done!



Year 8

Year 8 students have been working on their singing skills in music. With a little worry and nervousness from a number of students, they all threw themselves into their rehearsal time learning songs such as 'Hold Back The River' by James Bay and '

Year 9

Year 9 students have been working on 2 different topics. Some students have been working on their Arts Award projects, where they have had to choose a musical skills to rehearse and develop each week. Well done to 9Em1 for working fantastically on their projects. Other students have been creating their own songs on Garageband including verse, chorus and solo sections as well as changing instruments and recording drum beats. Well done to Simon Hirst, Alex Hutton, Alice Pugh and Meg Manley in 9EM3 who all worked fantastically on their songs and earnt a Faculty Postcard last half term.



Summer Concert

This year's Annual Leominster Schools Summer Concert will take place on Thursday 6th July at 6pm. There will be a number of performances taking place from our feeder Primary Schools as well as EMC's very own Choir and Band.



EMC host Les Sources (Saverne) students.

Every year our partner school 'Les Sources' in Saverne visits EMC. Hear what they had to say on Thursday about their visit to the UK:

We arrived at Bedstone College on Sunday at 7.00pm. Next we went to dinner and after that we went in our rooms to sleep. It's a private boarding school. It looks like Harry Potter's school. The food wasn't too bad.

On Monday, we went to Whitecross School where we met our penfriends with whom we had communicated by letters. During the morning, we played games with them to get to know each other. We played "Who's Who", made posters, etc... We went in little groups composed of 3 French students and 3 English students. The English students build a replica of the trench from a hundred years ago from WWI. We wore clothes of soldiers this period and we went in trench. It was a good morning.

On Tuesday the 4th April 2017, we went to the Black Country Living Museum. It's located in Dudley near Birmingham. It's an open-air museum about life and people in the Black Country at the time of the industrial revolution in the UK. It's a living museum where you can meet costumed characters and visit original period shops and houses and we took a lot of pictures here. We went to a mine and learnt about the worker's conditions, which were very difficult!

We visited Earl Mortimer College on Wednesday. We went to lessons to see differences between school in France and in the UK. Our first impression was that the school is big and quite well equipped. We talked with English students at 9.15am and had a tour. Here their lessons last 1 hour, which is longer than ours. In the afternoon we went to the bowling alley with some students and teachers of EMC, it was cool.

On Thursday morning we had different lessons and after that we had a Radio Session. The radio is called "EMC radio". We saw many lessons and it was amazing. After lunch and a little good-bye party, we planned to visit the town centre.

Friday, will visit Cardiff and its Museum and we will be in the cinema and will watch 'Beauty and the Beast'. Then we go home on the bus and will arrive in Saverne on Saturday afternoon.



EMC Sports Specialism – Inside Sport



EMC Students continue to shine with their leadership skills

The Year 9 Young Leaders with Kieram Hallam from PBS organised and ran The Primary Schools Mini Tennis Red Competition at EMC this week. Six schools from the north of the county were in action in the sportshall. Girls and boys played each other in a league competition which our students scored and coached as necessary. Their enthusiasm was commented upon as was their friendly approach towards the junior competitors. Congratulations to competition winners Orleton and the Young Leaders Rio, Wiktorja, Katie, Ira and Rhiannon.



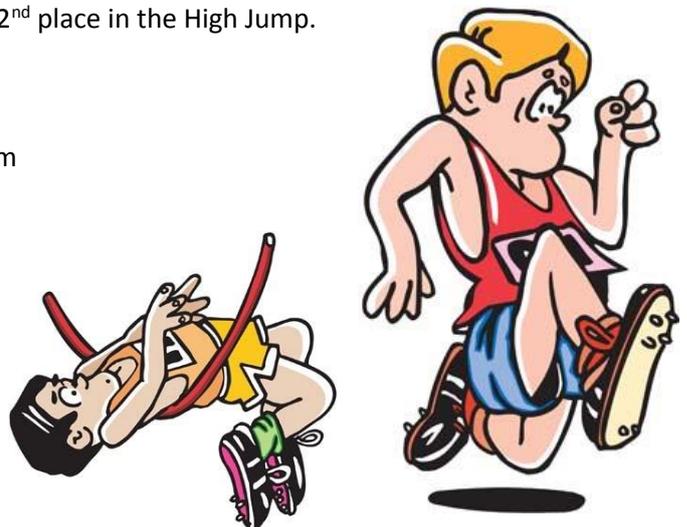
Extra-Curricular Sporting Activities – April to July

Day	Activity
Monday	
Tuesday	All years Athletics
Wednesday	All Years Rounders and Cricket
Thursday	All Years Dance
Friday	Examination Sport Catch Up

North Herefordshire District Athletics 2017

EMC along with six other Schools from the North of the county attended the North Herefordshire District Athletics. Students from Years 9 and 10 were chosen to represent EMC. Some notable performances were made by:

- Sam Lane – 400m Winner with a time of 59.20 and 2nd place in the High Jump.
- Rob Lyon – 100m 4th place and 200m 3rd place
- Nathan Fletcher – Long Jump winner, jumping 5.25m
- Scott Lewis – Triple Jump winner, jumping 10.68m
- Phoebe Spencer – 2nd place in Shot Putt
- Chloe Harris – 3rd place in Javelin
- Casey Pritchard – 2nd place in 100m



Well done to all who took part!