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My-gcsescience.com

The science department have been promoting the use of the website my-gcsescience.com for the Year 11 students. This is an online revision package for all abilities of science student. The students have been logging on and watching the videos to help them revise previous topics and start making headway with their revision.

Some of the top performers are currently:

A Khan (102 videos)

L Angus (86 videos)

A Zhu (81 videos)

M Colling (80 videos)

I Duffy-Cross (76 videos).

Congratulations to all these students for making excellent use of my-gcsescience.com. There are 200 videos to watch which covers the entire syllabus!

Well done to the 203 Year 11 students who have logged on to the website so far.

If students are having problems with this, please see Mr Longfield in Sc05.

Scholars and Language Ambassador - Listen to An Inspirational Life



Yacouba Traore came to Eggescliffe on Wednesday 15th November to talk to our Language Ambassadors and Scholars about his life as a refugee in the UK.

He arrived when he was only 15 after losing both parents during a civil war in his country, Ivory Coast. He inspired the students with how he overcame adversity and experienced awful prejudice on his arrival; he has since passed GCSE English and he is currently studying a degree in Computing at Teesside University.

We hope to work with Yacouba and some of the International students at Teesside in 2019, so watch this space for some exciting projects!

Scholar News - Career Talks

On Monday 5th November Dr. Chris Doyle came and talked to a group of Scholars about life as a paediatric specialist. In the talk he discussed his entire academic career, beginning as a keen scientist in secondary school, all the way through to his current career working at a local hospital. The students provided questions prior to the talk and felt that they were able to ask about the real life situations a doctor has to face and whether this would be a career for them.

On Wednesday 14th November Scholars were treated to a careers talk in the field of Aviation by Sarah Sutcliffe a teacher currently working at Middlesbrough College, she has fifteen year's experience working with BA. The students learnt all about the different aspects of a career in Aviation and even had chance to do a flight attendant's job! (See Twitter feed for some great images!)

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We have a range of talks coming up too - a career in geography, two engineering talks and even one about working in the police dog handling unit.

Stockton Cenotaph - Friday 9th November

On the 9th November, a group of twelve students went to visit the Stockton Cenotaph to pay their respects to all of the soldiers who fought in the war. Upon arrival, each of the children placed a cross with a thoughtful message on them into the ground to remember how significant the end of the First World War was. Students from other schools in the local area read out some respectful poems.

We greeted the soldiers who had fought in the war and most of us made a donation to their charity - The Royal British Legion. The Mayor of Stockton made a speech at the Cenotaph paying tribute to the soldiers who lost their lives in the wars. Some soldiers played 'The Last Post' on their trumpets whilst we took part in a minute silence to show our respect for the people who had lost their lives.

Freya - Year 8

Ghunsa School Partnership update

In June, we launched the next phase of fundraising to help support our partner school in Ghunsa, Nepal. Nineteen students in years 8 and 11 will travel with Mr Mac and Mr Wilkinson to Nepal in October 2019 to meet the students and teachers of Ghunsa, teach English and take part in a range of local cultural activities.

The funds raised over the coming year will help the students travel to Nepal as well as go to support the future of the school through the charity Community Action Nepal.

The students need to raise a total of £32,000 and following a number of successful events are now half way there. With the help of Y13 students, we held a very successful ceilidh in June which raised over £1000 and achieved match-funding from Barclays Bank. Mountaineer and CAN director Doug Scott visited the school in November to speak to a packed theatre raising over £1600 and most recently we crafted our festive way to over £100 more at the PTA Christmas Market. However, eclipsing all of these, was the abseil of 22 students, family members and teachers from the 165ft tall Transporter Bridge which raised over £5000 in sponsorship.

Well done to all the students involved in these events. There will be more to come including a Race Night to be announced in the New Year.

Rugby First Term

The Year 7 side have played in the Rugby League north East Championships and are currently third in the league behind Churchill and Newminster. They have had wins against Whitburn, Boldon and Churchill B and drawn against Belmont. They have another three festivals next year, to try and qualify for the National Finals. They have competed in the County Tens where they qualified for the final in December.

The Year 9 side have qualified for the last sixteen of England in Rugby League, with wins over John Spence, Whitburn, Churchill, Boldon, and Astley High. They have also qualified for the county tens final in December as well as qualifying for the Durham County 15's finals days with wins over English Martyrs and Our lady St Bedes.

They have also beaten Yarm School, 31-16 this year and narrowly lost to Redhouse by one point 27 -26 in their opening match of the season.

The U16 won the county tens in Rugby Union for the fifth year in a row. They have also qualified for the county finals day with wins over Carmel and English Martyrs. They had good wins against Yarm School 48-0 and Redhouse School 80-24.

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In Rugby League they are waiting to see who they play in the North East Final where they are hoping to retain their title of North East Champions which they have won for the last four years.

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Award Celebration Event

On Tuesday 13th November 2018, Egglecliffe School celebrated the success of the 2017-2018 cohort of Bronze Award students and our first recipients of the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

34 students at Bronze and 10 students at Silver have successfully completed and received their certificates and badges. They undertook 12-24 weeks of personal development through volunteering experience, physical fitness, and learning a new skill, giving up three hours a week to extend their capabilities and their futures.

As well as this, the students have worked together to successfully complete two expeditions: for Bronze this took place in the local lowland countryside, and for the Silver in the rolling hills of the Peak District. During the expedition, the students negotiated soaring heat, freezing drops in temperature at night, countless blisters, pitching tents in the dark and several fields of cows!



Mr M Cowan, Deputy Head teacher, led the presentation by talking about the huge raft of benefits the DofE Award brings to our students and the hope that these skills will be used to help propel them to success in whatever future they choose.

Miss S Ghost, Duke of Edinburgh Manager at the school, talked of her passion for enrichment as a gateway for opportunity, and her immense pride at seeing the students grow into determined, resilient, positive people over the course of the year.

Headmaster, Mr S White, thanked the staff volunteers who give up their time in order to support the programme, and praised it as valuable and influential in many young people's lives at the school and beyond.

The next round of applications for the Bronze Award at Egglecliffe will open to current year 8 students after Easter 2019.

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Day Walk - Saturday 17th November

Egglecliffe Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award students continued their exploration of the North Yorkshire and North East countryside to complete their second training walk of the season.

The day walk, part of the programme of training offered by the Bronze programme through the school, consisted of an 11km circular route beginning and ending at Guisborough Forest Walkway in Pinchinthorpe, taking in dramatic scenery from Roseberry Topping and the Hanging Stone in Hutton Low Cross forest.

The students stepped up to the challenge of walking their routes using just their route cards and a small section of their map; the aim of the activity was to help them recognise their over-reliance on the map, and to encourage

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them to use the descriptions of the route to make correct choices when navigating. Most students found this a useful and informative activity, saying they realised the benefits of planning correctly and effectively.

The weather was a tad chilly, but the views were glorious, and after a particularly steep slog up Roseberry Topping, all were blown away by their achievements and felt the climb had been worth it.

This is the second Bronze award day walk to take place this year, and students were lucky enough to be joined by some excellent staff volunteers in the shape of Miss Higgins, Mrs Wilson, Mr Small, Mr Wilkinson, Mrs Ward and Mr J Morrison. Not only that, but they were also supported by our wonderful volunteers, some of whom took and trained their own groups.

All training walks are preparation for expeditions the students will complete in the North Yorkshire countryside in May and June 2019.

For more information about the DofE Award, please visit <https://www.dofe.org/>.

If you would like more information about DofE at Egglecliffe School, please contact Miss S Ghost.

Inspirational Talk with Ann Ming

The Year 12 law students participated in an inspirational talk with Ann Ming who discussed how she influenced parliament to change the double-jeopardy law after the murder of her daughter, Julie.

Ann spoke about the events which led her to lobby parliament and the obstacles she faced along the way. The students then had the opportunity to ask questions.

National Success for Brass Musicians

Cornet players Kendall and Ella have both passed their entrance auditions for the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain. The girls had to attend a workshop and audition earlier this month at the University of Sunderland where they had to play set audition pieces along with a study and scales.

The National Youth Brass Band is a very prestigious ensemble that draws members from the whole of the UK, it runs two residential courses a year and regularly performs at the BBC Proms.

“This is an amazing opportunity for us. We’re really looking forward to performing at this National level” - Kendall

Important Dates

Yr 11 Mock Exams

Tues 4th – Wed 19th December

Yr 12 Tutor Parents’ Evening

6th December 3:30pm – 7:30pm

DofE Bronze Award

Saturday 8th December

Drama Production

Wed 12th – Fri 14th December

Yr 7, 8 & 9 Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 18th December

Yr 10 & 11 Christmas Lunch

Thursday 20th December

Christmas Concert

Thursday 20th December

Term Ends

Friday 21st December 1:10pm

The complete school calendar is available on the school website [located here](#).