



EGGLESCLIFFE EDGE

AUTUMN 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this academic years first Eggescliffe Edge. It has been an absolute delight to welcome our students and staff back to school this term and support our new Year 7 and Year 12 students into life at Eggescliffe. And what a half term it has been!

We continue to manage the COVID-19 restrictions extremely carefully but some of the relaxations with bubbles have enabled us to re-introduce a wider range of enrichment opportunities across the curriculum. It really is wonderful to see so many students actively engaging in a plethora of activities both before, during and after school.

Despite having limited sporting facilities due to the construction of the new AstroTurf, we have incredible numbers of students attending morning sport. We have seen over 40 Year 9 and a large group of Year 11 students undertake Duke of Edinburgh walks (with this opportunity being offered to Year 10 students in the new year). Our student leadership groups are up and running and are busy working on their wellbeing and environmental project with elections soon to be held for our Senior Student Leadership team who will work with SLT on whole school events.

A significant number of students have engaged in STEM activities so far this term with a group being involved in building a Martian greenhouse (the only school in the UK), a group continuing to work on developing satellites which will be launched into space and our F1 team is working exceptionally hard to improve upon their 2019 performance.

We are delighted to welcome Dr Andy Aldrin (son of Buzz Aldrin) and Jim Christensen (director of Sharespace who work with NASA) back to school on Wednesday 20th October. They last visited in October 2019 to open the Collins block and since then, aside from a global pandemic, quite a bit has changed at Eggescliffe! We are sure they will enjoy meeting our students and seeing how they have embraced STEM enrichment activities and who knows, one of our students could be the first person on Mars!

A special mention does need to go out to our Year 11 and 13 students. Both cohorts have completed mock exams this half term and after a year of disruption this has not been easy. We are exceptionally proud of how hard they are working to ensure they are ready for the Summer 2022 exams. Many of them have already got into excellent habits attending revision classes afterschool to supplement their in class and at home learning. Well done!

Finally well done to our new Year 7 cohort. They have arrived at Eggescliffe sadly without any face to face transition which followed a disrupted Year 5 and Year 6 of primary. Nevertheless, they have settled extremely well and we very much enjoyed meeting parents/carers this half term at the settling in evening. Thank you to those parents/carers who gave feedback online; the overview of the feedback is overleaf.

We hope you have a restful and enjoyable October half term break,

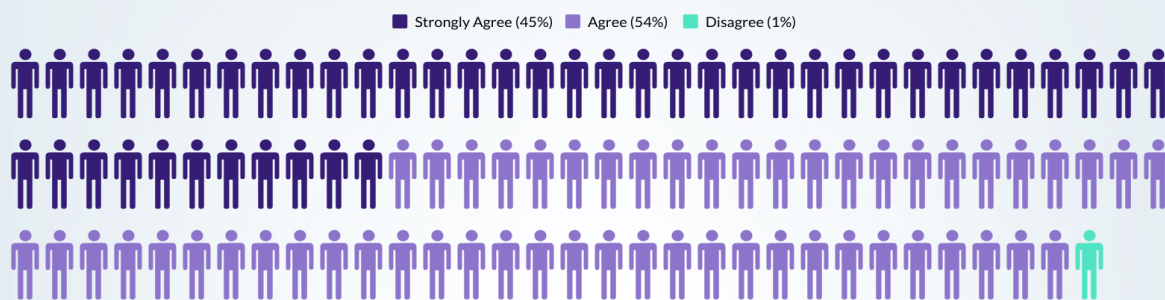
Mrs Oyston

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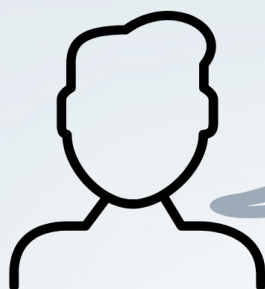
Transition Feedback from Year 7 Parents 2021



 **97%** of Y7 parents said their child enjoys coming to school



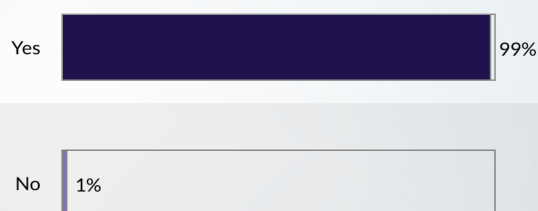
Teachers have high expectations of my child



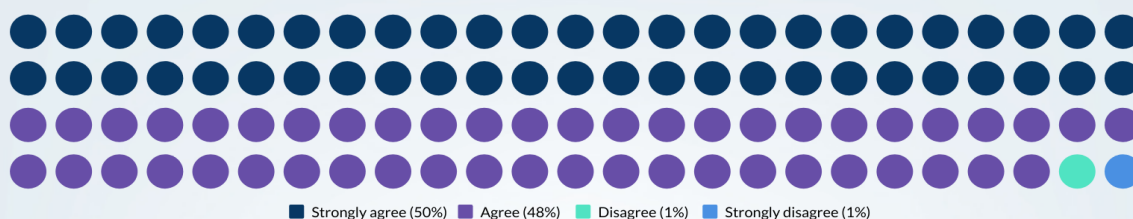
98% said their child feels safe at school

88% of parents said their child was well supported through transition from primary to secondary school

My Child is using Satchel One to support their home learning



My child knows where to go to get help or advice



70% of Year 7 pupils have been involved in extra curricular activities in the first 7 weeks

Personal development and Wellbeing

This year we have introduced 'Thought of the Week' which every child covers within one registration per week. The topics we cover are to enhance your child's personal development and understanding of the world. Information is circulated each week via our social media channels. Here are the topics we have covered since the start of term:

Week 1: Introduction to 5 ways of wellbeing

Week 2: Random Acts of Kindness

Week 3: Diversity and Protected Characteristics

Week 4: Charitable Giving

Week 5: Black History Month

Week 6: World Mental Health Day

Kooth Ambassador Visit

Students will be having assemblies over the next few weeks specifically on this with a Kooth ambassador coming in to do the assemblies to show where they can access digital wellbeing services support.

[Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) is available to support Young People aged 11-18 across Tees Valley , with whatever they may need. **The Kooth website is available 24/7, 365 days of the year**, giving Young People access to articles, discussion boards, peer to peer support and self-help activities alongside the opportunity to contribute by sharing your own experiences within the community. You can also speak, via a text based chat, with one of our online counsellors or emotional wellbeing practitioners between 12 noon and 10pm Monday-Friday and between 6pm and 10pm on Saturday and Sunday

Students of the week

This term we have introduced a Student of the Week award. Each Head of Year nominates a deserving recipient from the year group. They then get to spend some time with Mrs Oyston and Mr Gittins, discussing life at Egglecliffe over a cup of hot chocolate. Both Mrs Oyston and Mr Gittins have said this has quickly become the highlight of their week having time to meet a group of students from across the school who are excellent role models and strive to 'Be the best they can be'. Students are given the opportunity during this discussion to outline ways in which the school can be improved further. We are looking forward to meeting the final recipients of the half term this week.



For the Love of Languages!

The Autumn term has so far been a busy, productive and successful one for the MFL department and the pupils!



Foreign Language Spelling Bee competition 2021-2022

Foreign Language Spelling Bee is a competition for students in Year 7 to practise and improve their vocabulary, spelling and memory skills in a foreign language (French or German).

Last academic year two of our current year 8 pupils won the North East regional final. They did us proud! Tillie S H for French and Sophie B L for German. Both pupils received a certificate, medal and trophy. This is an excellent achievement.



In September we launched the Spelling Bee competition 2021-2022 with our year 7 pupils. After learning the French/ German alphabet, they started to spell 'spelling bee' style, translating the word into French/ German and then spelling any accents and spaces in each word. They have to spell as many words as they can in only one minute! This is no easy feat!

Our year 7s are rising to the challenge. Pupils are completing regular practices in class, as well as practising at home. Keep spelling year 7! The class round awaits in December! Good luck to everyone!

Year 10 'Journey to Japan event' October

At the start of October, six of our year 10 pupils took part in a 'Journey to Japan' event run by a company called Business Language Champions. The school received a free team place thanks to a grant from a Japanese organisation called the The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation.

During the virtual event, pupils experienced a taster session on the Japanese language. Their team was called Pikachu and they were set the challenge of creating a manga character, naming them in Japanese, designing character merchandise, and then presenting their character on a PowerPoint presentation. The biggest challenge was that some of the presentation had to be in Japanese, however the team did a fantastic job!



Pupils had to work closely together, manage tight deadlines and utilise the language skills that they have developed in their French studies. They approached the task

enthusiastically and the team feedback was extremely positive.

They were joint most popular amongst the other pupils and their presentation slides were praised by the judges.

Michael B, Sophie B, Zaina F, Freddie D, Jiellan M and Sarah S did us proud, well done!

NATIONAL POETRY DAY!

Student's spent the day writing, illustrating and performing their own poems!

The English corridor what a hive of activity with pupils studying a wide range of poems, having an opportunity to write their own poems and finding out about their teachers favourite poem.



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES!

Pupils were challenged to complete a treasure hunt around the school. They needed to identify the flag, the greeting, the language it was made in and the country it came from. We had a busy afternoon in languages doling out treasure prizes!! We also ran a quiz across our social media platforms, over 400 people got involved!

Our student voice team decided the PE department should be crowned winners of our staff competition!

Congratulations to the following tutor groups, who were able to complete our tutor group European Day of Languages quiz with the most correct answers within their year group:

Year 7 (Gagarin) - 7JD

Year 8 (Aldrin) - 8HS

Year 9 (Armstrong) - 9MF

KS4 - 11SH

KS5 - 12GG + 12GL + 13HW (it was a tie with these three tutor groups who all got 18/20 correct!)



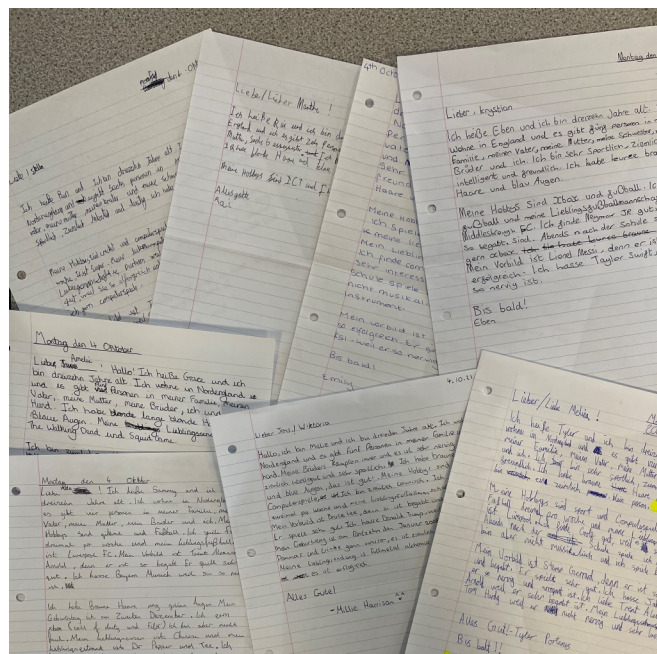
Teaching pupils where we are in the world. They were interested to understand that Europe is not the same as the European Union. Now more than ever, it's so important to learn different languages.



Unsere Brieffreunde in Deutschland!

Year 9 students have recently written some introductory letters to their penpals in a link we have made with a school in Germany. The students gave details about their personal description, their interests and their role models and the letters will be sent off this week.

Their penpals will read their letters, answer their questions and share their interests in exchange. The students can't wait to receive the replies.



Exciting news for our F1 In Schools team!

We're delighted to announce the F1 in schools team have successfully negotiated a sponsorship deal with AMG Centre Teesside! We are proud to have Sytnergroup on board.



The Eggescliffe E-SPORTS Room!

The Eggescliffe Esports Room makeover is underway!

We can't wait to see what the room will look like once it's finished.



KEY DATES

THURSDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

YEAR 13 SUBJECT TEACHER EVENING 3.30-6.45
(VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS)

THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

INTRODUCTION TO SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 6.30PM
(OPEN TO ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS)

THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

YEAR 11 SUBJECT TEACHER EVENING 3.25-6.45PM
(VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS)

THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER

YEAR 9 SUBJECT TEACHER EVENING 3.25-6.45PM
(VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS)

FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER

PD DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED

WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER

YEAR 12 TUTOR EVENING 3.25-6.45
(FACE TO FACE APPOINTMENTS)

THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER

TERM END 1.10PM



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