

# THE EGG

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## HEAD TEACHER WELCOME

This week we have held our very last Year 11 and Year 13 assemblies before the students start their formal exams. Our Year 13s will have been sitting in assemblies for an incredible 14 years, since they started reception, and many of them are finding the reality of the final assembly and ultimately the end of their time at school to be quite emotional.

The theme of both the Year 11 and Y13 assemblies was about being close to the finish line and having the belief that you can cross it with pride that you did your best- no one can ask for more than that.

Both year groups have experienced unprecedented disruption to their education due to the pandemic, yet both are ready to face the challenges of the exams.

To all our Year 11 and 13 students, please remember *'You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think'* A.A. Milne

We couldn't be prouder of you and wish you a huge amount of luck for the forthcoming exams.

Mrs Oyston

## 2022 CHAMPIONS: STAFF LIFT THE EGG CUP

One of our Head students, Fenella T, had a wonderful idea to organise a staff Vs Year 11 football match in aid of Ukraine.

This very quickly grew into one of the key events of the school year with over 300 students turning up to watch the confident Year 11 students take on a group of willing staff in a match to determine the winners of 'The Egg Cup'.

The thrilling match saw the staff win the hard-fought match 2:1 much to the disappointment of our Year 11s! Person of the match went to Mr Carruthers who surprised everyone with his skill on the pitch - clearly not just a talented language teacher!

In total the match raised over £360 which will go directly to families who have moved to the UK from Ukraine and need support in securing essential supplies.

A huge well done to Fenella who has been an amazing Head Student this year whilst juggling the demands of her GCSE exams and an extensive extracurricular involvement.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSE/BTEC/A-Level exams commence
w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y10 work experience week
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y9 Summer Assessments published
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Y12 mock exams for next 2 school weeks
30 <sup>th</sup> May-3 <sup>rd</sup> June	May half term-school closed
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school 8.55am
13-30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Mock exams
21 <sup>st</sup> June	PTA meeting 7.30pm Sixth Form block
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	'We will rock you' performance Saltburn Theatre
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 8 Summer Assessments published
30 <sup>th</sup> June/1 <sup>st</sup> July	Sixth Form Taster Days (for current year 11 students)

## E-PRAISE & REWARDS

In my experience, there's nothing quite as resilient as the remnants of rice pudding around the edge of a bowl having been left over night. That was my experience rather. Having trawled through the reasons for the awarding of points, it seems pertinent to celebrate those students who have accumulated points for demonstrating resilience.

With exam season fast approaching, aside from having the actual answers to the questions on the exams, resilience is something that our students are most definitely going to have to display in order to face the challenges that exams bring, head on.

It has been refreshing to see that the following students have managed to acquire double figures for resilience points and this will place them in good stead for all the trials and tribulations of school life and beyond:

YEAR GROUP	STUDENT(S)	POINTS
7	Lacey H	21
	Lily H	21
8	Abigail W	28
	Lucy P	12
	Alex H	11
	Layla B	11
9	Gabriel P	22
	Imogen R	22
	Edward S	13
	George A	12
10	Morgan D	10
11	Oscar M	10
	Emma M	10
	Emma G	13

A massive well done to all of these students who will be nominated for a Head Teacher's certificate.

Be sure to check in with the next edition of The Egg where we cover the race for top spot as we head towards the summer – there's still everything to play for.

Egg Soup – our sister publication will also feature again with updates about the school through the eyes of our wonderful students.

As ever we're always happy to welcome new writers so if you are interested in writing for us, please see (old) Mr Morrison for more information.

## NCS – A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SUMMER

The Year 11s were visited by NCS (National Citizen Service) in this week's assembly and given an opportunity to do something different this summer. Their slogan, "No we can," fits in with the various activities and experiences that are on offer.

The two-week scheme consists of a week-long residential, jam-packed full of adventure at Dukes House Wood, Hexham. The second week is all about doing good in your community – becoming the best version of yourself.

NCS break down the experiences into four areas:

1. 'Be Epic' – meeting new people and taking on challenges: a chance to brave new heights on a climbing wall, going on a scavenger hunt or hitting the water in a river kayak. There is plenty of time to recharge and chill also.
2. 'Live Life' – learn skills to help you with 'adult life.' How to budget a food shop, answer questions with confidence and give a presentation to a room full of people.
3. 'Do Good' – making positive change in your community and getting your voice heard on issues that you care about. Making a long-lasting impact on something that you can be proud of. Previous projects have included: tackling poverty, collecting school uniforms for families in need and saying no to knife crime.
4. 'Go Party!' A celebration with those you have been working / living with. You will also receive a certificate to remind you of all of your wins.

There are limited places available in each of the two-week sessions:

11 July 2022

25 July 2022

8 August 2022

The cost for each person is £50 – this includes transport, food and accommodation. A number of pupils have already declared an interest and have given their details to the NCS reps at school. However, if you wish to take part or want further information please check out the NCS website: <https://wearencs.com/> or speak to Mr Scaife.

## SCHOOL FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

We are extremely excited that we are hiring out our school facilities to local community groups. ES Lettings (Part of VALT Enterprises) will be managing the bookings and the facilities after school hours. If you are interested in booking the facilities please visit <https://schoolhire.co.uk/stockton-on-tees/egglescliffe> to see the opening times and availability.

You can hire: Full size AstroTurf, Sports hall, Muga/Tennis courts, Gymnasium, Dining room, Main hall, Classrooms, Drama room, Meeting room, Library, Specialist rooms

So if you run a local club, want to hire a space for a group of people to meet or even need a space to hold a sports based children's birthday party then either visit the website or look us up on [facebook](#) or [Twitter](#)

## AMAZING STUDENTS DOING AMAZING THINGS

### The Great North Air Ambulance

Recently, Alfie S had the wonderful opportunity to visit the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS) base as part of his reward for winning an art competition with them. His winning picture has been displayed on the back of 5 lorries belonging to Hawthorns logistics, who sponsor the GNAAS. Congratulations to Alfie! Keep an eye out for the winning art work!



### YEAR 7 SPELLING BEE SUCCESS!

A massive well done to Sia B (German) and Eden M (French), who won the North East final of the MFL Spelling Bee. 350 pupils, from schools all over the North East took part in the regional final, which involved spelling as many German/French words as possible in one minute using the German/French alphabet. Both Sia and Eden now go through to the national final at Cambridge University in June, and we can't wait to see whether they will be crowned overall national champions! Viel Glück - Bonne chance!



# EGGLESCLIFFE NEWS

## YEAR 10 GCSE PE RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Last weekend the Y10 GCSE PE students enjoyed a visit to Thurston, an Outdoor Education Centre on the east side of Coniston Water. The weather was perfect for an outdoor trip, dry but not too hot (even though Mrs Collier still managed to get sunburnt on the first day). The groups took part in kayaking, paddleboarding, canoeing, walking, climbing and abseiling. It was an action packed trip, that they certainly made the most of!

It feels like we have missed out on a lot of opportunities over the last couple of years, so it is so good to be back on school residential trips again. Everyone enjoyed challenges, stepped out of their comfort zones and worked brilliantly as a group. The feedback from the Centre was that behaviour was excellent, the pupils were polite and friendly, and they were even good at doing their chores around the house! Thank you to the PE staff who accompanied the pupils on the trip.



## MOTHER TONGUE, OTHER TONGUE PROJECT

In March some of our Language Ambassadors entered the 'mother tongue, other tongue' competition as part of the North East festival of Languages. They were tasked with either entering a poem or song from their culture that meant a lot to them or coming up with an original piece in their mother tongue. This week, they all received certificates and a huge well done from the organisers Routes into Languages. Here are some of them with their certificates! A selection of their work has now been published in the North East Anthology, which can be viewed online here: <https://expressyourselfne.com/2022/05/06/mtot-ebook/>. A massive well done to everyone who took part!



## EGGLESCLIFFE SIXTH FORM NEWS

### SIXTH FORM CULTURE WEEK TUESDAY 3RD MAY- FRIDAY 6TH MAY

Last week, we celebrated the diversity of our sixth form community's cultural heritage. This included learning about countries spanning the continents from Europe to Africa to Asia.

Sixth form students led assemblies to both Y12 and Y13 discussing national dress, food and family customs. The talks were really informative and it often proved to be the small details of life that were really enlightening for both staff and students. An unexpected bonus was the arrival of a variety of foods provided by students and their families. Indeed many of us enjoyed several servings of sheer korma!

Mr Clemie and the sixth form café staff also embraced culture week by offering a range of food from different countries around the world.

The week culminated in students attending college wearing their respective traditional dress. We would like to thank the students and their families for entering into the spirit of the occasion as it generated a really positive atmosphere within the sixth form and genuine insight into other cultures.



## EGGLESCLIFFE SIXTH FORM NEWS

### Y12 PROGRESSION AND SUPPORT

The Y12 summer exams will begin on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Students have been informed of the dates and timings below

Week A	1	2	3	4	5	Week B	1	2	3	4	5
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	12D Psychology	12B Psychology	12A Business	12A & C Business 12A F Maths	12C Business 12A F Maths	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	12B Chemistry & History	12A Politics & History			12C Chemistry
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> May	12C English Lang		12D Eng Lang & Geography		12B Geography	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> June	12D Maths & Comp Sc		12A Maths, Further & Phil/Ethics		12C Maths
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> May	12C PE & Chemistry	12D Eng Lit	12B Chemistry	12C Law	12D Law	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> June		12B Physics & DT		12D Sociology	12D Sociology
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> May	12A Music	12D Economics	12B Media		12B Media	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> June	12C Theatre, French & German	12C Theatre & Maths		12A Maths & F Maths	12D Maths
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May		12A Biology & History	12D Biology	12B History		Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> June	12B History		12A Maths & History	12D Maths	12C Maths
						Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> June	12D Maths		12A Maths		12C Maths

### Y13 PROGRESSION AND SUPPORT

#### EXAMS

Mr Gittins led an assembly on the exam regulations in readiness for the start of the assessment period in the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Exam timetables and seating plans have been distributed and we would recommend students 'buddying up' to avoid any errors or misunderstandings regarding the days and timings of their exams. Any students with exam clashes have been made aware of their situation and the arrangements in place to support them

### Y12 AND 13 LEPRA WORKOUT

Many thanks to all of those who supported our LEPRA workout. As of 10<sup>th</sup> May we have collected £596.68 which equates to saving twenty four lives. Brilliant news and an outstanding effort from the sixth form community

## SIXTH FORM ENRICHMENT AND WIDER OPPORTUNITIES

Enrichment is still going full force, with our students now entering their final block of activities. Students were given a choice of FORENSICS, COMEDY WORKSHOP, DEBATING, YOGA, ART WORKSHOP, FITNESS, and the brand new END OF YEAR SPORTS COMPETITION.

Reflecting on the last block, Y12 student Carson T notes that the SOCIAL ACTION group he was a part of was very enjoyable indeed. He enjoyed making an impact on the lives of other people in the world, and benefited from planning action for Amnesty International UK with his peers. As an activity, Carson notes, it had a very different 'feel' with an engaging level of freedom a result of the group being student-led.

Carson also mentioned his new enrichment activity, FORENSICS. After one session, Carson notes that he is finding the session interesting and engaging, commenting that is fantastic to get the basics of a new subject through Wednesday enrichment.

Carson, and the rest of the year group, look forward to completing three more weeks of the last enrichment block of the year!

## BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR MAY

### HOLES

By Louis Sachar

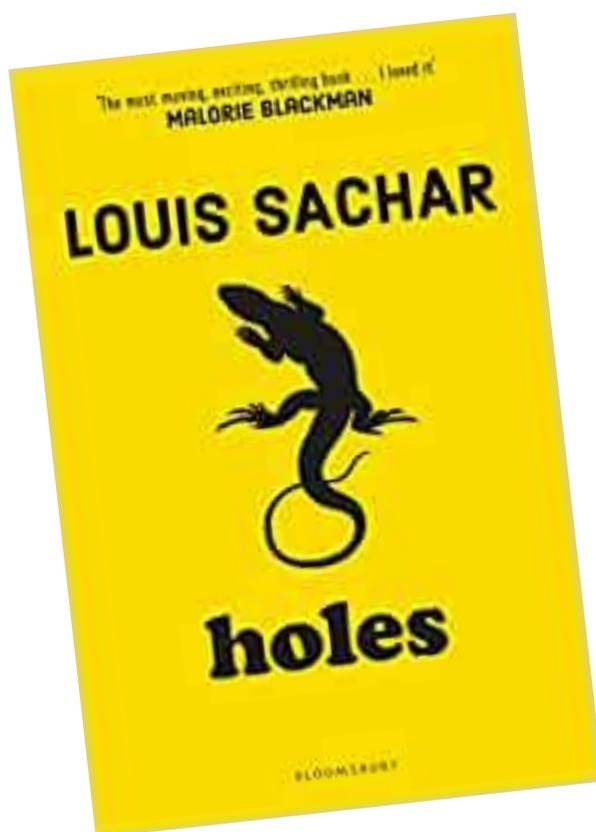
*Stanley Yelnats has bad luck*

*(Which is all because of his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather)*

When Stanley's bad luck unfairly lands in in the juvenile detention centre, Camp Greenlake, (a very weird place that isn't green and doesn't have a lake), he and his campmates, Zero, X-Ray, Armpit, Squid, Magnet, and Zigzag are forced to dig holes in order to build character...

But what are they really digging for?

A hilarious and powerful story about crime, punishment and redemption. And holes. Lots and lots of holes.



## DEVELOPING A LOVE OF READING AT EGGLESCLIFFE COMPETITION UPDATE

It's been an exciting few weeks already this half term with the Eggescliffe School Book of the Year Awards and Make Yourself Heard Public Speaking Competition winners being announced.

The winning title of the first ever awards, as voted by students, is 'The Boy Behind the Wall' by Maximillian Jones. Set in 1960's Berlin, our students loved this thriller and found it to be a real page-turner. Copies are still available to purchase via the epraise shop, so your child can get hold of their very own book to keep. By participating in the awards, students were entered into a prize draw, the winners of which will be receiving their Amazon vouchers this week. Additionally, a prize has been awarded for the best overall book review. Now, we are looking forward to celebrating on the 24<sup>th</sup> June with those students who read three titles from the shortlist!

As well as our first ever book awards, students have taken part in the first round of the VALT public speaking competition. 15 students across years 7-10 wrote their own speeches about a topic of their choice. After working hard with our fantastic staff members who had volunteered to mentor our public speakers, the year group heats took place. We heard speeches on a range of subjects from the endangerment of bees to Henry VIII – It was wonderful to hear the students speak so confidently and passionately about subjects important to them. The winners of this round will now begin their preparation for the finals, competing against winners from the other Trust schools.

With two school-based competitions drawing to a close and with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee around the corner, we are inviting students to participate in a Jubilee-inspired poetry competition. More details will be announced soon so make sure students listen out for announcements in school!

## MACBETH PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, Box Clever Theatre visited Eggescliffe School and performed a version of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* to our Y9 students. The performance was a huge success with students gaining a clear understanding of the plot and characters of this English Literature GCSE text, but, most importantly, they enjoyed the experience of watching the play being performed by professional actors – just as Shakespeare intended it.

Some of our students even put their acting skills to the test and took part in key scenes: we had BAFTA worthy performances by Ben S, Oliver B, Faaris E, Jessica S and many more. This inclusive production, with both a performance and a workshop, had students reciting key quotations, learning Shakespearean language, as well as consolidating their understanding of the text. A huge thank you to Box Clever Theatre, and all staff and students involved in ensuring the smooth running of the performance.



## PASTORAL CARE UPDATE

### 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM PEER MENTORS

Before Easter our 6<sup>th</sup> form peer mentors went into year 11 tutor groups to do a session on exams and wellbeing (from the student perspective), focusing on exam stress and time management. They received great feedback and as a result they shall be doing the same over the next few weeks in year 10 registrations as they embark on their end of year exams also.

### MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

As we approach the final term, we shall be working on creating a student self-help book based on mental health and emotional wellbeing. Mrs Wright and Mr Longfield alongside 6<sup>th</sup> form peer mentors and student leaders will meet and share ideas that can be put into a wellbeing booklet which we shall add to the school website in due course. Watch this space!

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

This week all tutor groups have been discussing mental health awareness week, which this year has the theme of loneliness. Tutor groups discussed what does it mean to be lonely and strategies to overcome loneliness such as starting something new and reaching out to others.



### WHAT'S ON IN PSHE THIS FORTNIGHT?

Our PSHE curriculum ensures that our students are well prepared to be active citizens in modern Britain. The focus over the next two weeks is:

- **Year 7** – Health Education (this week-body changes, next week-alcohol)
- **Year 8** – Relationships Education (this week-gender, next week-domestic violence)
- **Year 9** – Relationships Education (this week-unhealthy relationships, next week-domestic violence)
- **Year 10** – The Moral Question and next week work experience briefing
- **Year 11** – Revision and GCSE exams commence

## Do you know a child or young person helping to care for a family member?

Stockton Young Carers Support Service provides tailored and flexible support to young carers and their families.

### What is a Young Carer?

A Young Carer is a child or young person under the age of 18 who provides regular and ongoing care and emotional support to a family member who is physically or mentally ill, disabled or misuses substances.

If you know a Young Carer, please get in touch to see how we can help. Contact details can be found on our [homepage](#).

[Eastern Ravens Trust on Twitter: "Would you or anyone you know be interested in sponsoring a place for a young carer to attend this year's National Young Carers Festival or making a donation? Please get in touch on 01642 678454 if you can help. After the pandemic its time for some fun, fun, fun #youngcarers https://t.co/v3HvZ1jUba" / Twitter](#)

## WANT TO JOIN OUR AMAZING TEAM?

### Teaching Assistant Level 2

*Required for September*

- Term Time plus 5 days (SCP 7-8)
- Closing date for application: 13<sup>th</sup> May 8.30am

### Administrator

*Required for as soon as possible*

- 37 hours Term Time plus 10 days (SCP 4)
- Closing date for application: 24<sup>th</sup> May 8.30am

### Safeguarding, SEND and pastoral administrator

*Required for as soon as possible*

- 37 hours Term Time plus 10 days (SCP 9-12)
- Closing date for application: 24<sup>th</sup> May 8.30am

### Kitchen assistant

*Required for as soon as possible*

- 20 hours per week (SCP 3)
- Closing date for application: 24<sup>th</sup> May 8.30am

## CULTURE OF VIGILANCE AT EGGLESCLIFFE

The safeguarding section of the school website has been updated in terms of further support that is available within the local offer. In addition, you will also find a plethora of outside agency support information and a student SafeSpace reporting resource. [Safeguarding \(egglescliffe.org.uk\)](https://www.egglescliffe.org.uk)

**CONCERNED?  
NEED TO TALK?**

Head of House  
Teaching Staff  
Support Staff  
Form Tutor  
Safeguarding leads

**Trusted Adult**

ALL OF THESE PEOPLE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

*Our safeguarding team:*

Mrs Wright	Dr Lear	Mr Morrison	Mrs Hewitt	Mrs Howsden	Miss Crook

**Culture of Vigilance**  
*Keeping Children Safe*

Vision Academy Learning Trust operates a robust safeguarding policy in order to provide a safe and secure environment for all our staff, pupils and visitors.

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AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE  
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## SAFE SPACE REPORTING

As discussed in previous assemblies, students have the opportunity to inform staff of something in a discrete manner by completing our SafeSpace report. Please see the link below:

[SafeSpace Reporting \(egglescliffe.org.uk\)](https://www.egglescliffe.org.uk)