

THE EGG

Friday 23rd September 2022

HEAD TEACHER WELCOME

We would like to take this opportunity to reflect upon the sadness we have felt at the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Her funeral on Monday symbolised the end of an era for the UK, the Commonwealth and the world. As a school we have reflected in assemblies on her strength of leadership and dedicated service through ever changing times and the devotion of her life to serving her people.

In the last two weeks as a nation we have seen an incredible demonstration of compassion, strength, respect and empathy, attributes which we truly value at Eggescliffe.

Her Majesty will remain in our hearts as we celebrate her life and contribution.

We would like to thank Her Majesty for being a role model to so many.
Mrs Oyston



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29 th September	Year 10 Introduction to KS4
3 rd October	Year 11 mocks (for next 3 weeks)
5 th /6 th October	Year 7 and 10 tutor evening-appointments allocated
17 th October	Year 13 Autumn assessments sent home
21 st October	End of half term
31 st October	Start of Autumn term 2
10 th November	Year 13 subject teacher evening 3.30-6.45pm
14 th November	Year 9 Autumn assessments sent home
15 th November	Year 10 Autumn assessments sent home
16 th November	Year 11 Autumn assessments sent home
17 th November	Sixth Form Open Evening 6.00-8.00pm

WANT TO JOIN OUR AMAZING TEAM?

Teaching Assistant

Required as soon as possible

- 37 hours a week, term time only plus 5 days
- SCP 7-8
- Closing date for application: 30th September 12pm

Supervisory Assistant

Required as soon as possible

- 7.5 hours a week, term time only
- SCP 3
- Closing date for application: 30th September 12pm

Cleaner

Required as soon as possible

- 10 hours a week, term time only plus 10 days
- SCP 3
- Closing date for application: 30th September 12pm

Teacher of Science

Required for January 2023

- Main Scale or UPS
- Permanent
- Closing date for application: 12th October at 8.30am

For more information visit:

www.egglescliffe.org.uk/join-our-team/

Eggescliffe is an equal opportunities employer, committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

E-PRAISE & REWARDS

Our students have returned and their return has been seamless. It's been slicker than a buttered otter. It's been fantastic. Why? I hear you ask. Because over 38,000 e-praise points have been awarded by the end of week two alone.

Well done for everyone's efforts and long may this continue.

CHANGES

There has been a trimming down of the categories for e-praise points into a much more manageable super six. They are:

- Scholarship
- Resilience
- Progress
- Reading
- Compassion
- Teamwork

As ever, we're looking to promote key skills of compassion and resilience as well as celebrating scholarly efforts and excellence.

One of the early season pace-setters is that of 'teamwork' with almost 5,000 points dished out for this. Again, fantastic to see our students working so well together. Two brains and all that...

LEADERBOARD

Egglescliffe has a selection of its own Erling Haaland's – those students who have got off to a flying start and have already amassed a significant amount of points. Shout outs go to:

Y7 – Martha H & Eleanor H with 58 points each

Y8 – Josephina L with 105 points

Y9 – Pierce Z with 100 points

Y10 – Rai S with 60 points

Y11 – Emily H with 57 points

Y12 – Jack G with 29 points

Y13 – Oliver N with 20 points

As a safety measure the accounts of Josephina and Pierce have been suspended until a thorough investigation is carried out as to how they can collect so many points in such a short period of time!

Well done everyone and keep up the good work.

AMAZING STUDENTS DOING AMAZING THINGS

STUDENT LEADERS SUPPORTING YEAR 7

It is important that your child settles quickly into our school. To ensure a smooth transition, students have had the support of our student leaders for the last few weeks. Student leaders have been involved in helping our year 7 students to navigate the school site and been a point of contact for answering questions alongside your child's tutor, head of house and wider teaching staff.

Our student leaders started planning transition initiatives, last half term with the aim of supporting pupils when they made the transition from primary to secondary. Student leaders wanted to provide all years 7 students with the opportunity to have a positive start and to develop positive relationships with peers from their year but also the wider school community.

The first initiative kicked off last week with the schools very first social mixer session. The sessions are taking place every Friday evening throughout September and are focused on socialising with new friends and meeting new people. Student leaders from across Key Stage 4 and 5 are leading these sessions with interactive games that foster new relationships. So far, we have seen more than a quarter of the year join us for speed dating and playing some primary classics like 21.

Students tell us that they are having fun, making new friends, and getting to know their new friends better. They are also loving ending the week together playing games.

If your child has not managed to join us yet there is still time to get involved as we have two sessions left (Friday 23rd and 30th September]. We meet in Armstrong house block at 3pm till 4pm.

Further transition activities and support will be starting over the future weeks during the school day, so watch out for information on social media and via your child's tutor.

I am immensely proud of the support our student leaders have given so far to our year 7 pupils, well done

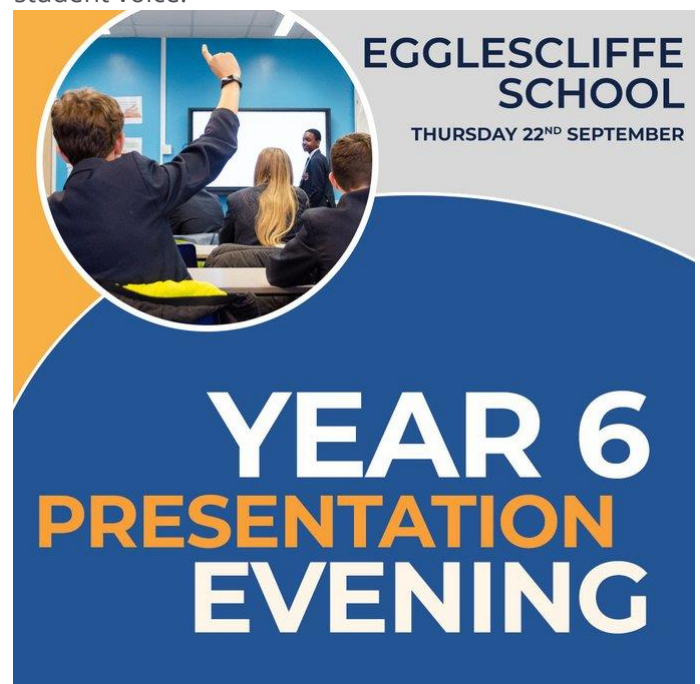
and keep up the excellent drive for building positive relationships.

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

On Thursday 22nd September, we shall be welcoming parent/carers to come and visit the school and see all things that are Eggescliffe! Once again, our student leaders will be on hand to help throughout the evening and shall be working within subject areas, directing people around the school site and even presenting to parents/ carers.

In addition to this, we shall also have Richard Ferry from Help and Support there to speak with parents/carers about external support provisions and how you can get involved during the summer with the local authority transition activities. Furthermore, we will have Andrew Poinen (Kooth Engagement Officer) with us to also highlight what Kooth has to offer.

It is a night where you can see all things that Eggescliffe can offer and speak directly to our students to hear student voice.



SPOTLIGHT ON CAREERS

Have you visited the careers page of our school website?

[Careers Programme \(egglescliffe.org.uk\)](#)

It is a great place to find out more about how students in all year groups are supported to transition through key stages of their education and working life.

Don't forget to take a look at the links at the bottom of the page! There's local information and sources of support, places to look when exploring options and pathways, help and ideas for those who need a little more guidance, and information for parents, carers and guardians.

This term, year 11 students are encouraged to start thinking about their next steps if they haven't already. All year 11s have had career-focused PSHE sessions already, informing them all about their post-16 routes, as well as looking at interview skills needed for both education and employment. All year 11s are also entitled to at least one career guidance meeting this year and these are well underway, already. Further support will be offered to students who need it following these 1-2-1 guidance meetings, so please do get in touch with school if more support is needed.

Within each newsletter we shall also be focusing on **Careers Subject Spotlight**. We will take a look at a new subject in every issue and explore how this subject links to careers. If you have any requests for specific subjects or job roles to be featured in the next issue, please let us know [here](#).

Careers Events and Open Days

22nd September

Virtual Careers in Technology multi-employer event 5-7pm

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Technology-Event-2022

Where Can Sport Take You? Online Live Webinar 10am & will be available on demand following jobs.liveuk.com/partner/tees-valley-combined-authority/

Clifford Chance Law Careers Event Online – 5-6pm
www.clifford-chance-insight.com

22nd – 25th September

Middlesbrough Art Weekender – Inspiration for creative careers and hear from artists in the local area

www.middlesbroughartweekender.com

26th September

BT Kick-off Virtual Event for Y10-13 students - www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BT-Group

1st October

Newcastle University Open Day 9am-4pm

2nd October

NHS Virtual Work Experience Programme for years 10-13. Register here:

alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/

4th October

TTE Open Event 4-6pm

Stockton Riverside College Open Evening 5 – 7pm

5th October

Redcar and Cleveland College Open Evening 5 – 7pm

11th October

Middlesbrough College Open Evening 5 – 8pm

13th October

NETA Open Evening 5 – 7pm

NHS Careers - Routes into Nursing and Midwifery Webinar – 1-3pm [Register here](#)

20th October

Skills Academy Open Evening 5 – 7pm

Darlington College Open Evening 5.30pm-7.30pm

24th - 28th October

STEMPunks Space 2101 - 5 day Space Innovation Program at Teeside University - space2101-uk.stempunks.com

7th – 11th November

DIGITAL CAREER EVENT - YourGamePlan and Campus Media have teamed up to host a FREE careers event that gives students and teachers a daily bite-sized hour of insights into different industries - 2PM - 3PM

Careers Subject Spotlight

ART & DESIGN

Key Skills

Art and design subjects open up lots of job opportunities because they develop many sought-after employability skills such as:

- Creativity
- Communication
- Attention to detail
- Organisation
- Discipline
- Technical ability

Careers

There are a huge range of sectors and job roles related to art and design. Here are just a few examples:

- Animation
- Graphic Design
- Floristry
- Hair and Beauty
- Carpentry
- Gardening
- Set design
- Teaching
- Marketing
- Art therapist
- Photography
- Costume Design
- Museum Curation

Local Courses

A number of local providers offer creative and art courses for post-16 and beyond, such as:

- Northern School of Art, a dedicated education provider for all things Art and Design
- Darlington College
- Egglecliffe Sixth Form
- Middlesbrough College
- Stockton Riverside College
- Teesside University

Apprenticeships

There are a number of apprenticeships that link to an interest in art and design, such as:

- Theatre lighting technician
- Trainee graphic design assistant
- Florist
- Garden Designer
- Beauty Therapist
- Junior Product Designer
- Theatre Set Carpenter
- Civil Engineering Technician
- Design and Draught Technician
- Engineering Model Maker

ATTENDANCE-A GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

We have enjoyed a **very strong start** to the school year at Eggescliffe, with attendance at 96% over the first two weeks of the school year across Year 7-11. **Across the school, 946 students have 100% attendance so far and 1075 have an attendance of over 90%.**

The impact of attendance upon achievement cannot be overstated. In most walks of life (a school test, for example), a figure of 90% would be considered an excellent achievement. However, in attendance terms this would mean a student has missed 20 days of school and 100 separate lessons of learning. If a student has a 90% attendance record across their whole schooling from reception to Y11, they will finish their schooling having only really completed the equivalent of Year 10. This is starkly presented below:

Attendance During a School Year	Equivalent Days Absent	Equivalent Weeks Absent	Equivalent Number of Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	45 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	95 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	145 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	190 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	240 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	285 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	335 Lessons

We are blessed with fantastic support from our parents and carers which we are incredibly grateful for. There are a number of ways in which parents can help us and to help their child:

- If your child is simply too unwell to be in school, please call our school attendance line (01642 352570) before 8.30a.m. on a morning. A message can be left on the line twenty four hours a day. In this message, please tell us your child's name, year group and the presenting symptoms they have. We are unable to authorise absences when simply told that a child is ill, so any supplementary details you provide are very helpful. Please call on **each day** that your child is off. If a parent thinks that they have sent their child back to school and the school thinks the child is off, this could constitute a safeguarding concern.
- We will be making this even easier for parents by making it possible via the Parentmail app to report your child's absence. More details will follow on this.
- Medical and dental appointments: where possible, please organise these for outside of school times. If there is no option, especially for consultant appointments, if a child can come into school to get their mark first, this minimises impact. Government rules dictate that if a child does not arrive within forty minutes of the school registration cut off time, they are marked with a 'U' code, which effectively marks them as absent for the morning session.

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- If you have a child with specific needs and they are struggling to get into school first thing, can they be brought in later in the morning or for the afternoon? Ideally, we want students to be in all day, but some of the time is always better than none of the time.
- Holidays in term time: we recognise that prices in term time are much lower than in school holidays, but we are not permitted by the Department for Education to authorise holidays and the only circumstances where this may be considered is where direct guidance is being provided by a medical practitioner or social worker. Term time holidays cost less money but the hidden costs are the impacts upon a child's learning. It is easy to think that they will catch up, but if they are missing five school days there will be twenty-five hours of gaps in their learning and this always has an impact.

All students in the school have received an assembly on the importance of attendance at school. There will be various rewards this year – both group and individual – for good attendance and for those who have made improvements where barriers have existed.

Sometimes students are just too ill, but where unsure, we ask students to consider the following question:

Will you benefit more from a day off than you would lose out from a day missed?

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](#)

SIXTH FORM NEWS

YEAR 12 SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION

EGGLESCLIFFE SCHOOL
AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

'Welcome to Egglescliffe Sixth Form College' Information Evening

Tuesday 13th September 2022



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It was great to meet the parents of our new Y12 students. We spent time explaining our procedures including assessment, pastoral and PHSE as well as enrichment opportunities. We are pleased that our cohort of over 180 students including 60 from other schools have settled in so quickly.

On Tuesday 20th September we held an Information evening for parents of Y13 who are applying to higher education institutions. As well as the UCAS process Mr Sam Read of Northumbria University gave an excellent presentation on applying for student finance.



Northumbria
University
NEWCASTLE

Student Finance Explained

#TakeOnTomorrow

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all our staff and students who competed in the Great North Run on Sunday 11th September. We would like to give a particular mention to Ben H who completed the half marathon in an amazing one hour seventeen minutes. This is only about two days and thirteen hours quicker than Mr Gratton's personal best.

PASTORAL SUPPORT, ADVICE & GUIDANCE



MindEd for families – Children and teens

Are you a parent or carer who is concerned about the mental health of your child? Do you just want some parenting tips? MindEd for Families has advice and information from trusted experts and will help you to understand what problems occur, what you can do to best support your family, and how to take care of yourself through their e-learning modules. MindEd for Families is written by a team of specialists and parents, working together. You do not need to register to use these resources.

[MindEd For Families](#)



SUPPORT

If you have a concern regarding a child or would like some further pastoral advice, please contact our pastoral or safeguarding team during term time working hours.

Telephone: (01642) 352570

Email: Info@egglescliffe.org.uk

USEFUL SUPPORT CONTACTS

Local Numbers

The Children's Hub provides information, advice and guidance on services and support for children, young people and families. Contact your local hub if you are worried about a child or young person, or feel they are at risk of being abused, neglected or harmed. Telephone: 01642 130080/ 01429 284284

The Emergency Duty Team (outside of office hours) for Redcar, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Hartlepool and Darlington areas. The Emergency Duty Team provides an out-of-hours response to emergency situations involving child protection, child care, mental health and other adult care service matters. Telephone: 01642 524552 (For outside office hours)

If you're worried that an adult may be harmed or neglected contact your local adult safeguarding board

Stockton-on-Tees

Telephone: 01642 527764

"Early Help" has now changed names to "Help and Support." The next edition of the newsletter will outline in detail what Help and Support external provision is and how it can work to support you and your family.

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** – Relationships (focusing on healthy and unhealthy relationships)
- **Year 8** – Staying safe (focusing on sharing images and county lines)
- **Year 9** – Staying safe (focusing on online safety)
- **Year 10** – Staying safe (focusing on online safety)
- **Year 11** – Life in the wider world (focusing on the moral question and study skills)

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://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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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://egglescliffe.org.uk)