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Tuesday 20th December 2022

HEAD TEACHER WELCOME

As 2022 draws to an end and we close our doors for the Christmas break it is an opportune moment to thank the school community for another incredible year.

As you may be aware, once again we have featured in the Sunday Times Parent Power league. We remain the top school and sixth form in Teesside and we are truly delighted to have been named as 4th in the NE and 284th in the country. This recognition is only possible as a result of a lot of hard work by a lot of people, namely our staff and students, but also our supportive parents, carers and governors. Thank you for your ongoing support.

A huge thanks must also go to the Sixth Form Social Action group and our wonderful student leaders who have led on our Christmas appeals this year. As a school we pride ourselves on being a community that thinks of others and focuses on promoting kindness. This was demonstrated with £320 raised for Macmillan Cancer Support through the Festive Top Day and an incredible £980 raised for the Christmas hamper appeal. In addition to this we have also been working together as a school community to collect food items for The Trussell Trust which will be collected this week.

The last two weeks have been incredibly busy in the run up to Christmas. We have seen our wonderful senior and junior choir, Sing!, perform at Yarm Parish Church in the Christmas Carol Concert which really got us into the festive spirit with the performance of 9 Carols. We have also had two sell out performances of our Upper School musical 'Waitress' which was simply wonderful. This was followed by the return of our Christmas assemblies, which were paused due to Covid for the last two years, in which each group reflected on the importance of community at Christmas time. Thank you to all the staff who made these events possible.

We do hope that you have a restful and enjoyable Christmas break with family and friends.

Mrs Oyston





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January //c 16 th January Year 11 language speaking assessments	4 th January
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February	23 rd January-8 th
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25 th January Year 9 Academic Reports sent home	25 th January
26 th January Y9 Options Evening 6pm	26 th January
6 th February Y10 Spring Assessments sent home	6 th February
6 th February Sixth Form interviews	6 th February
9 th February Y9 Tutor evening (appointments)	9 th February

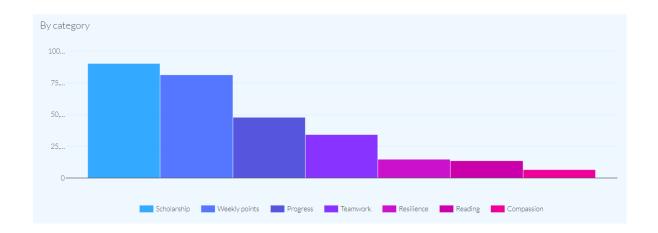
E-PRAISE & REWARDS

E-Praise points are through the roof this year with over a quarter of a million (sounds more impressive when the words are typed) having been awarded from September to now. This is an incredible total given that last academic year's overall figure was 400,000ish.

This is truly a testament to the hard work of the students but also the efforts of the staff to reward positive behaviour, something that can be taken for granted with our high expectations.

In the last edition you will have read that Year 8 lead the way with points and do dominate the leader board on an individual basis – a special mention does need to go, again to Josephina L who has amassed 875 points – a truly stunning total and one which puts her well on course to break the 1,000 point barrier.

Points breakdown:



As ever, the academic side of things takes precedence with 'scholarship' being the reason for the most points being awarded. However, with a combined total of 50,000 points awarded for 'Teamwork' and 'Resilience', the students are demonstrating strengths right across the board which is great to see.

If 2023 is even half as good as 2022 then...there'll be half the amount of points awarded. Thanks, I'm here all week.

UNIFORM REMINDER

A reminder of our uniform expectations are below. Please support us in ensuring your child attends school in full uniform each and every day.

- Egglescliffe school blazer*
- Egglescliffe school tie*
- Plain black straight legged trousers or school kilt* (trousers should not be skin tight, denim or leggings, the school kilt should be unrolled)
- · Plain white shirt with top buttoning collar
- Black, sensible, polishable school shoes (no trainers, boots or shoes with fashion/sports logos e.g. Vivienne Westwood, Ted Baker etc)
- Black socks/plain black tights
- No extreme/unconventional hair colour/styles
- **No jewellery** (a watch is permitted. Any piercings should only be done at the start of the summer holiday so they have time to heal before students return as they will need to be removed on school site)
- No make-up, fake tan or painted/false nails (only discreet foundation is permitted)
- <u>Optional</u>-Egglescliffe school jumper
- Optional-dark school coat (no bodywarmers, denim or leather)

Any student who is not wearing correct footwear, without a medical note, will be loaned a pair of school shoes to wear during the day and any student wearing skin-tight trousers, will be loaned a pair of school trousers. We also have a supply of school blazers and school ties for those who come to school without full school uniform.

All items marked with an asterisk (*) are items that can be purchased from one of our uniform suppliers: Motif8 Embroidery & Print Ltd, Stephenson Street Gladstone Industrial Estate, Stockton-on-Tees TS17 6AL (01642 601501) or Rawcliffes 36 Prince Regent Street, Stockton on Tees, TS18 1DF, (01642 636650). Items of uniform can be purchased online or in store.

PRE-LOVED SHOP

Egglescliffe school operates a pre-loved shop and we have a supply of most uniform items in a range of sizes. Please contact the school if you would like to enquire about the pre-loved uniform.

We are always grateful to receive items of pre-loved uniform from parents/carers. This can be dropped off at the school main reception.

UPDATE FROM THE PTA

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the recent Christmas Market a success. Although it was smaller than previous years, it was wonderful to have another Christmas Market after a break of 3 years. It was great to have people in the school building and share community together. A total of £1,784.90 was raised, £390 of which goes directly to developing the pre-loved uniform supply. The money raised will go towards the purchase of a new school minibus. At our recent meeting, we heard from Mr Owen about the need for new equipment for the new art department. It was great to hear about the wonderful work of the art department and we have pledged to purchase 11 new art easels for the new building.

Finally, did you know that you can support our school every time you shop at Amazon? AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support a charity of your choice every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.co.uk on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping App for iOS and Android phones. Every time you shop with AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your selected charity. Please support our school by selecting **Egglescliffe School Parent Teachers Association**. The PTA is currently raising money for a new school minibus.









'On Friday the 9th December a group of 'budding' florists gathered to create beautiful Christmas wreaths for a staff well-being session after school. Staff learned new skills including how to use different plant foliage to structure wreath frames, how to wire decorative items including cinnamon sticks, oranges and berries as well as adding big bows to bring lots of Christmas cheer to their creations! Staff had lots of fun (with a bit of cleaning up to do afterwards) and the wreaths are brightening up lots of doors at home!

AMAZING STUDENTS DOING AMAZING THINGS

DRAMA FESTIVAL SUCCESS

Our fantastic Y12 and Y13 Theatre Studies took part in the Trust's first ever Drama festival held at Laurence Jackson School, and even won some awards!

Well done to Steph M (Y12) for Best Individual Performance and Erika BG and Joshua L (Y13) for winning the overall Judges' Award!





SWEET MARKETING!

On Thursday 8th December a class of year 9 pupils took part in a marketing event run by the company Business Language Champions. Pupils looked at marketing issues to consider when marketing products to different countries, as well as looking at some famous brand slogans in different languages. They were then set the challenge of creating their own sweet, along with a slogan in the foreign language and a leaflet to tempt customers to their stall.

The class worked well on the challenge, and we had everything from ginger babies that look ginger, but have different flavours inside, to jelly dinosaurs and juicy fruits. Two teams were judged as having the best designs. This was a great opportunity for our pupils to use their language skills in a business context. Well done to all of the teams for your contributions!

AMAZING STUDENTS DOING AMAZING THINGS

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 2022-2023

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).

In September we launched the Spelling Bee competition 2022-2023 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 have risen to the challenge. Pupils completed regular practices in class, as well as practising at home. The stage 1 competition was held last week and the winning students for French are Aiden A, Sadie W, Lucia Garantiva R and Rose S. The winners in German are Lacy S, Molly G, Charlotte S and Harry R. These students progress on to stage 2 where they will receive an extra list of words and aim to be our school spelling bee champion.

Good luck to everyone!



TRANSLATION BEE

All of year 8 have been taking part in the Routes into Languages translation bee competition since September. They have been learning key sentence starters and a list of 50 nouns. Last week they competed, having to translate as many sentences as possible from English to German/ French in a minute. There was some fierce competition, but only one person per class could win! Congratulations to our class winners (winners are still being announced as we go to print.)

You will now go on to the school round, competing with pupils from other classes. More details to follow via your MFL teachers and Satchel One, and remember-KEEP TRANSLATING!

AMAZING STUDENTS DOING AMAZING THINGS

TUTOR GROUP TAKEOVER-11RB GET IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

Friday saw our most recent Year 11 tutor takeover from Mrs Bennett's form. They planned a festive pass the parcel with added Christmas-themed tasks, including turkey impressions, singing and dancing. Mrs Ridsdale and Mrs Gerrard were forced into joining in by 11AR. What a lovely way to end the term for the Year 11 team.







SCHOLAR AWARD – WORKSHOPS WITH NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

Newcastle University came into school on Tuesday 13th December to work with Scholar pupils from Year 7 to Year 10. All pupils took part in a session called Student Fortunes which enabled them to find out more about university life.

Pupils then opted into a second session; 24 Hours in A+E or What Floats your Boat. The 24 Hours in A+E was chosen by pupils thinking about a career in medicine and enabled them to discuss different medical scenarios. The What you Floats your Boat session was more practical and enabled pupils to build a boat, thinking about materials and costing. This appealed to our STEM students and all pupils managed to design boats that floated and could withstand the required weight. The winning design is shown in the photo.

We are always keen to get parents involved in our Scholar sessions – if you would be interested in delivering a talk on careers, a specialist subject or an area of interest that would enrich our Scholar programme, please contact Mrs Carless – b.carless@egglescliffe.org.uk.

AMAZING STUDENTS DOING AMAZING THINGS

RUGBY UNION & RUGBY LEAGUE

The Year 9 rugby union team won last year's re-arranged county cup final v High Tunstall beating them 45-15. They have also retained the Cleveland County League this year with wins over Conyers, Hummesknott, lan Ramsey, Dyke House, Redhouse, OLSB, Ian Ramsey and Polam Hall.

In Rugby League the Year 9s are through to the regional finals after Christmas with wins over St Aidan's Sunderland and Whitburn School.

In other year groups the Year 7 Rugby team are currently joint second with Conyers behind Hummersknott in the rugby union county tens with their matches being re-arranged after Christmas due to bad weather.

The Year 8 team were runners up in the county tens losing 3-1 in the final to Conyers with wins against Hummersknott, Redhouse, Dyke House, St John's Bishop Auckland. In Rugby League they have made it to the regional final with wins over Whitburn, St Aidan's and Parkview school

The u16 Team finished 3rd in the county Tens behind winners Ian Ramsey and Conyers. In Rugby League they have reached the regional final with wins over Whitburn School and John Spence and will meet Whitley Bay High School.





BADMINTON

In Stockton district Under 16 Egglescliffe entered 4 boys teams. The fourth team came 6 and the third team came 5th out of seven. The second team lost in the semi-finals to All Saints. The first team came second place to All Saints in the group losing 3-2 so faced them again in the finals after beating Ingleby Manor in the final. A tactical change and a great win for Oliver B at number 1 singles and a win for George G as well as Joe B in the doubles saw us go 2-0. All Saints managed to win the next singles and doubles match so it was left to the undefeated pair of Joe B and Lenny Y to win the deciding match. They went 19-14 ahead only to be pulled back with All Saints having a match point at 20-19. Joe and Lenny won the sudden death match point at 20-20 to beat All Saints 3-2 and progress into the county finals.

In the key stage 3 the team of Pierce Z, Gabe G, Alfie H and Charlie M beat All Saints drawing the match but winning on points countback 254 to 249.

PE WALL OF FAME

At Egglescliffe School we are passionate about celebrating effort and success. As a PE Department we want to go a step further to highlight the achievements and commitment of our pupils outside of school, in Sport and Physical Activity. We are bringing back the 'PE Wall of Fame' in Jan 2023 and want you and your child to be involved.

If your child has taken part in or achieved anything outside of school related to Sport or Physical Activity, please send a photo and brief description to pewalloffame@egglescliffe.org.uk. It will then be entered into the 'Wall of Fame' competition. Winners will go onto a board outside the PE office, and your child will receive 50 e-praise points. They will also be entered into a monthly draw for a £25 Sports Direct Voucher.

The PE Department will also be putting up pictures of those who take part in extra-curricular. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mrs Collier at the email address above. We would love as much involvement in this as possible to try to celebrate some of the wonderful things that pupils are doing in sport outside of school. Thank you in advance!





CONGRATULATIONS!

The following students have excelled in Rugby this year:

England Development PathwayJackson P, Henry V, Richard K, Ben L, George S, Luke R

Durham county under 18 Oliver N

Rugby League South OriginDanny H, Ryan S, Ben M, Joe B

Newcastle Thunder Academy u16
Joe B

SIXTH FORM NEWS



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The sixth form have been involved in a range of festive activities. On Tuesday 13th December seventy one hampers filled with food and gifts for families on Teesside were delivered in support of the Cause for Christmas hamper appeal.

On Wednesday 14th the sixth form were invited to wear Christmas jumpers with donations being given to the Trussell Trust.

On Thursday 15th December Y12 and Y13 attended Christmas themed assemblies with readings illustrating how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

Y12 SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION

This week in PHSE Y12 students received a presentation from Andrew Bright from Cleveland Fire Service on the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Y13 SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION

The vast majority of university applications have now been administered and sent to UCAS. A number of students have attended interviews for Oxbridge courses and a number of the medics have also received invitations to interview. The Medics have also received support with an MMI role play exercise and South Cleveland Hospital is supporting students with mock interviews. Good luck to all our applicants in the New Year.

SIXTH FORM ENRICHMENT

We have now reached the end of our second block of exciting enrichment activities. The students have been clear – they have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions. From the mammoth money-raising completed by the social action group, to the continuous positive reports from forensics and sport – the students have thoroughly enjoyed another term of enrichment. Next term will involve a slight change to proceedings – due to mock exams.

The first two weeks upon return in January will be dedicated to a top-secret revision challenge, completed in tutor group teams. Then, following the mock exam window, students will be tackling the world of EMPLOYABILITY. Last year's employability drive was a big success – following the sessions last year, we saw big increases in number of students in part-time work and work experience. By the year's end, **80% of students** had suitable working arrangements to equip them with what they need for UCAS references and job applications. We look forward to similar success with this wonderful group of Year 12s! The enrichment team would very much like to wish our students a restful break – come back in January ready and raring to go!

MOBILE PHONE SUPPORT

Is your child getting or has a smartphone? Below is a briefing sheet for parents/carers with useful advice and information about Smartphone online safety tips to share with your children when you're first setting the phone up together, it's the first opportunity you will have to ensure they understand and have the correct settings to help towards keeping them safe. For further general advice about keeping young people safe online or to report a concern you can visit https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/



PASTORAL SUPPORT, ADVICE & GUIDANCE

WARM SPACES

'Warm Spaces' Offer mentioned in previous school newsletters has also been extended to include free cinema tickets. ARC Stockton is putting on FREE cinema showings on Saturday afternoons (see below for dates) until the end of January.

The tickets are for residents of the Borough and are funded by local hair care company Additional Lengths with support from other businesses in the Stockton Business Improvement District (BID).

- 17 December Elf
- 7 January Frozen 2
- 14 January Sing 2
- 21 January Peter Rabbit 2
- 28 January Moana

Tickets will be distributed in two different ways: Some will be distributed by the Borough's Family Hubs, with the rest available on a first come, first served basis.

Tickets will be released each Monday.

They can be booked by visiting ARC box office or calling 01642 525199 from 12pm until 4pm on a Monday, from 10am until 4pm on a Tuesday and from 10am until 8pm on a Wednesday to Saturday. There are a maximum of six tickets available per booking.

Household Support Fund (HSF)

The Government has announced an extension of the Household Support Fund to 31 March 2023.

The Council has been given £1.6million from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to provide support to a wide range of low-income households who are most in need due to the rising cost of living. For more details please see the link here

WHAT'S ON IN PSHE THIS COMING 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 Staying Safe (First Aid-emergency services and recovery position)
- Year 8 Celebrating Diversity & Equality (Anti-bullying-stereotypes and sexual bullying)
- Year 9 Life in the Wider World (Careers and Options launch)
- Year 10 Relationships (Healthy relationships and online sexual harassment)
- Year 11 Health & wellbeing (organ donation and Wellbeing awareness-stress)

DANGERS OF FROZEN WATER

Every year children are at risk when they are tempted to play on the ice formed on open waters and adults find themselves at risk as they attempt to save them. Over 50 % of ice related drowning involved an attempted rescue of another person or a dog.

Areas with frozen waters can be beautiful to look at but they are also extremely dangerous. Here are some useful tips to help you enjoy these areas safely.

TOP TIPS TO STAY SAFE

NEVER GO ON THE ICE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

This includes attempting to resuce another person or animal who may have fallen through the ice.

ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS

Try to take walks in the daylight but if you must walk in the evening, only use well lit areas and avoid anywhere with water.

KEEP AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE WATER

Never go close to the edge or lean oveer to touch the ice. You may over balance or trip and fall in.

ALWAYS WALK WITH AN ADULT OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS

Look out for each other and if someone does fall through the ice there will be others around to raise the alarm and get help

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Keep calm and shout 'help'

Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you

Try to kick your legs and pull yourself out of the water and on to the ice

Lie flat, spreading your weight across the surface and pull yourself to the bank, you may find it easier to roll.

If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Keep your head above the water, press your arms by your side and keep your legs together

> Once you are safe, it is important that you go to hospital immediately for a check up

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE SOMEONE FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Shout for 'HELP' and dial 999 or 112 if you can

DO NOT walk on to the ice to attempt a rescue

Shout to the person to 'KEEP STILL' and offer reassurance.

If they are close enough, **LIE DOWN TO AUOID OVERBALANCING** and falling onto the ice, and try to reach them with a tree branch clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

If you cannot reach them, **SLIDE SOMETHING** which floats across the ice, such as a plastic bottle or a football, so that they can hold on to it to stay afloat whilst help is on the way.

If they are too far away, **WAIT FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES** and reassure the casualty from the safety of the bank.





SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:

If you, or someone else is in crisis or danger and you need immediate help and support, you can ring the following numbers:

24-hour Emergency Crisis Numbers

- If you or your child/family member are in immediate danger of hurting yourself or someone else, call 999.
- If you are concerned about your mental health and wellbeing or you have concerns regarding young person's mental health, you can contact the CAMHS crisis number: 0800 0516 171

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)

Local numbers for concerns relating to children/ young people (office hours)

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

Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

Telephone: 01642 130080/ 01429 284284

Redcar & Cleveland

Telephone - 01642 130700

Middlesbrough

Telephone: 01642 726004

Darlington

Telephone: 01325 406222

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

Hartlepool

Telephone: 01429 523390

Stockton-on-Tees

Telephone: 01642 527764

Redcar & Cleveland

Telephone - 01642 711500

Middlesbrough

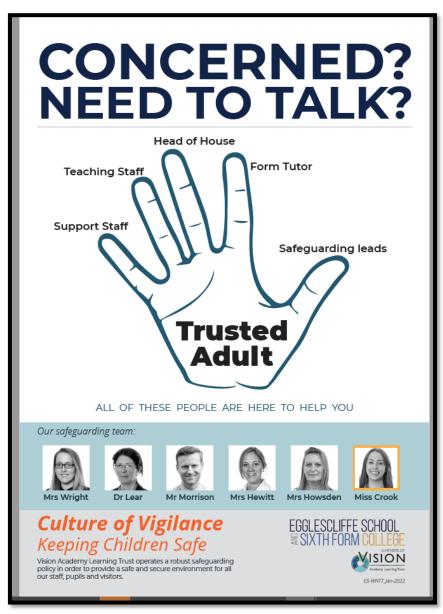
Telephone: 01642 065070

Darlington

Telephone: 01325 406111

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. <u>Safeguarding (egglescliffe.org.uk)</u>



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)