

THE EGG

November 2023

HEAD TEACHER WELCOME

Welcome to the November edition of The Egg as we quickly move into the last few weeks of the Autumn Term.

This month has seen us showcase the Sixth Form to our Year 11 students and a large number of students from local 11-16 schools. Applications are now being submitted, and students are carefully choosing their KS5 courses from a wide range of 28 possible options. Deadlines for applications are the 15th December and interviews for sixth form will take place in the Spring term once Year 11 students have sat their second set of mock exams.

We also held our annual PTA Christmas Market which was a huge success. It was wonderful to see so many people from our extended school community join us for this event. A huge thank you must be extended to our PTA volunteers who gave up a considerable amount of time to support this event. In particular, our PTA Chair Deborah Child, who worked tirelessly on the organisation and the running of the event. Money from this event will help to fund projects for our students in school.

Over the next few weeks we build up to a number of whole school Christmas events such as the Christmas assemblies, Christmas lunch, Christmas rewards celebrations and, of course, our Christmas Concert which takes place at 7pm on Friday 22nd December. Tickets can be purchased online through this link <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/egglescliffe>

Mrs Oyston

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1 st December	PD Day – school closed to all students
4 th December	Careers Fair for Y7-Y13
6 th December	Year 10 Autumn assessments sent home
7 th December	Year 9 Subject teacher evening 3.35pm-7.00pm (sports hall)
13 th December	Year 8 Autumn Assessments sent home
13 th December	Year 12 Tutor evening (appointment based)
15 th December	Sixth Form application deadline
20 th December	Christmas jumper day
21 st December	Christmas assemblies
22 nd December	Christmas Concert 7pm
22 nd December	End of term. School closes at 1.10pm

WANT TO JOIN OUR AMAZING TEAM?

Administrator

- *Required ASAP*
- *37 hours per week*
- *Term time only + 10 days, permanent.*
- *Scale D*
- *Closing date for application: 8th December 9am*

For more information visit:

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

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

Enhanced DBS will be required

AMAZING STUDENTS DOING AMAZING THINGS

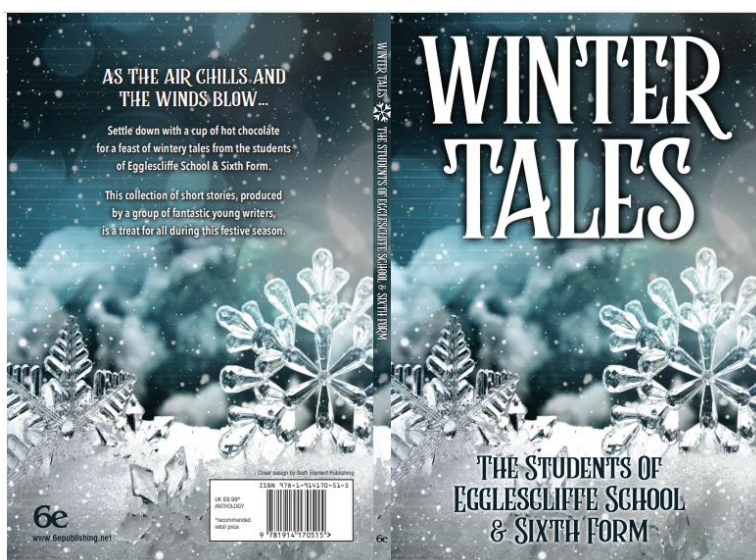
The Eggescliffe Community do it again!

After Eggescliffe's Student Leaders triumph of a food drive for the Trussel Trust a couple of years ago, we decided to pair up with the local charity 'Feeding Families' to put together food packages for people in Stockton.

Feeding Families is a North East charity that offers support, hope and security to those experiencing food poverty. Working closely with other organisations and agencies, they ensure that thousands of families in desperate need have access to our Emergency Food Boxes and support packages. They offer more than just food; they show compassion to those in crisis.

The Eggescliffe community showed their support by the bag full! After picking up our donations, Helen from Feeding Families said, "I was a little overwhelmed when I saw the volume of items - these are all safely in our new Sedgefield centre ready for sorting and packing into emergency boxes to help those experiencing food insecurity this Christmas. Could you pass on my thanks to everyone who donated".

A big thank you to our incredible Student Leaders for co-ordinating the event - in particular, Kate and Toby who did a fantastic job sorting and loading all that food.



Students from Y7-12 have been working alongside a publisher and author, after school in the library, in order to produce an anthology of Winter Tales. The book was on sale at the recent school Christmas Market and is now available to purchase from Amazon. We are exceptionally proud of the 14 students that worked so hard on their stories and are now published authors!

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SCHOLAR AWARD

In September, the new Scholar Award was launched. Pupils from Years 8, 9 and 10 were invited to join the Scholar Award programme. Scholar Award students can select aspects of the programme that are of particular interest to them ranging from university visits, entering competitions or completing independent learning. Each term, scholars will have the opportunity to partake in a trip, and will enjoy a guest speaker or themed workshop. There are opportunities for work experience both in person and online. Scholar students will have the opportunity to follow a Skills Builder programme to focus on developing skills for future employment. This half term saw pupils taking part in an online lecture by Andrew Rostron, Head of Public Health Commissioning and Operations Antenatal and Newborn Screening, NHS England.

Pupils were also invited to take part in a tour of Preston Hall museum. Although this may be a place we have all been before, there was lots of learning to be done about the history of the house and the local area. The workshop for this half term took place in the school hall. The local company High Tide delivered a business building workshop for the students. As well as these opportunities, pupils can gain points by attending any of the enrichment programme activities available in school.

There will be a presentation evening at the end of the school year to celebrate all the amazing achievements of all the Scholar Award Pupils.



SIXTH FORM UPDATE

Y12 & Y13 Progression and support

The internal deadline for UCAS applications is Thursday 30th November to allow tutors to complete applications in advance of the January deadline. We have 165 students currently registered for UCAS and have already sent 45 applications off. Students have begun to receive offers from universities, as well as invitations for interview for Oxford, Cambridge and medical courses.

Students are also currently preparing for the mocks in January, which will inform the next round of assessments. These will take place from Thursday 11th until Friday 19th January during which all Y12 and Y13 will be on study leave.

Y12 & Y13 Rewards

We recently launched our new rewards programme for our sixth form students.

Year 13s have all been given their Choose to Succeed Passports and are hard at work collecting stamps to earn rewards - here are our first three to reach 14 stamps collecting their reward.

Year 12 are collecting raffle tickets from their tutor for meeting expectations, achieving house points and acts of kindness. The first raffle draw has taken place this week, congratulations to all of our lucky winners!



Mental Health Peer Educators

The final round of student led PSHE sessions on Mental Health have taken place this month. This has been a wonderful opportunity for our Year 12 and 13 students to provide learning and support to our younger students. Well done to all involved and particular thanks to Mr Longfield for organising the programme, and delivering training sessions to the students involved.

EGGLESCLIFFE NEWS

Sixth Form London English Trip

On 21st and 22nd November, A Level English Literature and Language students embarked on an exciting trip to London. Students were given opportunity to immerse themselves in a range of cultural experiences, including trips to the Tower of London, Shakespeare's Globe theatre, a production of Les Miserables and a cruise on the River Thames to see the famous sights of London.



Sixth Form Open Evening

It was a pleasure to welcome all prospective students to the Sixth Form Open Evening on the 23rd November. As well as a personalised assembly and subject marketplace, all of year 11 have now had the opportunity for a breakfast in the Sixth Form block, meeting the team and current students to answer all of their questions regarding Sixth Form life.

Deadline for application is Friday 15th December.

EGGLESCLIFFE NEWS

CAREER

OF THE MONTH →

FITNESS INSTRUCTOR

Fitness instructors teach people how to exercise in a safe and effective manner, while also helping them work towards personal fitness targets.

USEFUL SKILLS



- ✓ MOTIVATION
- ✓ PROBLEM SOLVING
- ✓ COMMUNICATION

RELATED INTERESTS

- ✓ SPORTS & PE
- ✓ HEALTHCARE
- ✓ TEACHING



PATHWAYS



- ✓ UNIVERSITY
- ✓ APPRENTICESHIP
- ✓ A LEVELS OR COLLEGE COURSE

TYPICAL SALARY

£15,000 - £20,000
PER YEAR

ES 6TH
FORM

Each month we showcase a Career of the Month to highlight to students a wide range of careers that they may never have heard of before or even considered.

Students can access further advice on these careers, or indeed any careers, from our dedicated careers advisor, Miss K. Smith.

WHAT'S ON IN PSHE THIS HALF TERM?

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

- **Year 7** – Health & Wellbeing – Body changes, alcohol, vaping and oral hygiene
- **Year 8** – Health & Wellbeing – Healthy living, alcohol, vaping risk and drugs
- **Year 9** – Staying Safe – Knife crime, chest pain, First aid, CPR/AED
- **Year 10** – Health & wellbeing – Wellbeing-anxiety, peer mentors and strategies to support mental wellbeing
- **Year 11** – Relationships – Commitment, domestic abuse, unplanned pregnancies, risk and positive choices.

PASTORAL SUPPORT, ADVICE & GUIDANCE

Keeping children safe online

In school we monitor students' behaviour and searches online when using a school device. The system we use is called Securly and this informs our Safeguarding Team if a term or phrase that is searched is of concern. We then speak to the student about this to offer advice and guidance to ensure they are safe.

We ask that parents/carers continue to support school with this and monitor online behaviour at home. For more advice and resources for parents [click here](#).

If you or your child are concerned about an indecent image that has been shared online please access the Childline [Report Remove Tool](#) to remove sexual images from the internet.

Learning Disabilities, Autism & Internet Safety

Mencap have produce a guidance document for parents/carers.

To access the guidance document please click on the following link: [Mencap](#)

Claire's Law

Are you aware of Claire's Law which gives people the right to know if their current or ex-partner has any previous history of violence or abuse? Claire's Law also known as Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) allows the Police to provide information on an individuals current or ex partner. For further information please click on the following link: [Claire's Law](#)

Sarah's Law

Are you aware of Sarah's Law and the access it gives to parents/carers/guardians? Sarah's Law is for anyone who wants to find out if a person who has contact with a child has a record of child sexual offences.

For further information please click on the following link: [Sarah's Law](#)



I'm reaching out on behalf of the NSPCC and our new service called Building Connections to let you know a little more about what our service offers.

Building Connections is an online support service for children up to age 19 experiencing loneliness. This is a free service that can be accessed from home or school (all they need is a device and access to a quiet space and internet) where young people will be matched up with a trained Befriender. Their befriender will support the young person through 11 sessions exploring the young person's feelings and emotions around loneliness, working on building confidence, finding new coping strategies and creating concrete goals to counteract persistent feelings of loneliness.

You can see more about how the service works here at <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/building-connections> or feel free to ask any further questions.

CULTURE OF VIGILANCE AT EGGLESCLIFFE

CONCERNED? NEED TO TALK?

Head of House

Teaching Staff

Form Tutor

Support Staff

Safeguarding leads

Trusted Adult

ALL OF THESE PEOPLE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

Our safeguarding team:

Mrs Hardy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Dr Lear Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mr Morrison Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Aitchison Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Hewitt Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Miss Granycome Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Miss Crook Deputy Designated Sixth Form Safeguarding Lead

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.

EGGLESCLIFFE SCHOOL
AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

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SAFE SPACE REPORTING

As discussed in previous assemblies and PSHE lessons, students have the opportunity to inform staff of something in a discrete manner by completing our SafeSpace report. Please see the link: [SafeSpace Reporting \(egglescliffe.org.uk\)](https://egglescliffe.org.uk)