

# THE EGG

January 2024

## HEAD TEACHER WELCOME

Happy New Year to all our students and their families. It was wonderful to welcome our students back to school for the Spring term earlier this month. On return, our sixth formers quickly started their A-level mocks and next week our Year 11 students will start their second and final set of mock exams for the year. The formal GCSE and A-level exams start in less than 13 school weeks time.

This month we also start the Year 9 options process, supporting our students in making informed choices for the next steps in their educations. A number of events will involve parents/carers and information will be shared via Class Charts.

Prior to the Christmas break we shared a digital copy of our school newspaper 'Egg Soup' which was entirely written and edited by our students. I am sure you will agree it is quite magnificent and some of our local residents were given a hard copy of this newspaper so they could see just how amazing the students are at Eggescliffe.

On the final day of term in December we held our annual music concert. For those of you who were in attendance, I am sure you will agree it was a spectacular event. The range of talent was simply breath-taking yet such large numbers of students from Year 7 to Year 13 took part. Thank you to the music staff for their commitment to ensuring we can put on such a large-scale event. This wouldn't be possible without the ongoing support of the Friends of Eggescliffe Music, a group of parents/carers who dedicate a great deal of time to ensure the wide and varied opportunities in music remain at the heart of Eggescliffe wider curriculum provision.

As you read the rest of this edition of The Egg you will see that these opportunities extend into many other curriculum areas, something that we are exceptionally proud of.

Mrs Oyston

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|                            |                                                 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan   | Year 11 mocks begin (until 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb) |
| Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | Year 7 Spring academic assessments sent home    |
| Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan   | Year 9 Spring academic assessments sent home    |
| Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb  | Y9 Options evening 6-8pm                        |
| Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | Y7 subject teacher evening 3.35-7.00pm          |
| Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Sixth Form interviews                           |
| Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Y9 Tutor evening 2.15-7pm                       |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | End of half term 3.15pm                         |
| Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Start of term 8.45am                            |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar | PD Day (school closed to students)              |

## WANT TO JOIN OUR AMAZING TEAM?

### Teacher of Music

- *Required from September*
- *0.6 FTE*
- *Closing date for application: 7<sup>th</sup> February 9am*

### Careers Advisor

- *Required ASAP*
- *37 hours per week*
- *Term time only + 5 days, permanent.*
- *Scale J*
- *Closing date for application: 8<sup>th</sup> February 9am*

For more information visit:

[www.egglescliffe.org.uk/join-our-team/](http://www.egglescliffe.org.uk/join-our-team/)

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Enhanced DBS will be required

# EGGLESCLIFFE NEWS

## AMAZING STUDENTS DOING AMAZING THINGS

### Christmas Reward Afternoon!

Before the Christmas break, we held our very first KS3 and KS4 Reward Afternoons. The students enjoyed an afternoon watching the original 'Home Alone' with some additional treats. Over 180 key stage 3 students and over 160 key stage four students were involved over the two days – a huge congratulations to all!



### Headteacher Commendation!

We held our first headteacher commendation event prior to the Christmas break. What a huge success! Students were invited to meet Mrs. Oyston and Mr. Gittins to celebrate their outstanding contribution to Eggescliffe School. The students and staff enjoyed talking about school life, whilst enjoying the most delicious cake! A huge well done to those students nominated – what a fantastic achievement!



### Superstar Showcase!

Before the Christmas break, we held our second 'Superstar Showcase' event. It was an absolute pleasure to highlight and celebrate students' academic achievements throughout half-term two. Over 60 students across Year 7-Year 13 were nominated by Subject Leaders, due to their outstanding contribution to their studies. Students were invited to showcase their class work, have an early lunch and enjoy some sweet treats – well done to all involved!

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### SPORTING SUCCESS CONTINUES

The Year 10 Rugby team won the Cleveland County Tens with wins over Dyke House, English Martyrs, High Tunstall, Sacred Heart and Hummersknott in the final. It is the third consecutive time they have won this competition.

Ben L, Richard K, Jackson P, Luke R, George S are all involved in the Durham County Pathway.

The Yr10 Rugby team also won the North East Regional League beating Whitburn, Astley High and John Spence in the final. They now progress to the last 16.

Following their first ever county tens trophy earlier in the term, the Yr11 team also did well winning the Regional Rugby League going through to the last 16 of England. They beat Whitburn in the final for the first time in 5 years.

Ben H and Louie G are part of the Durham Rugby Union pathway.

The Year 9 team won the County Tens with wins over English Martyrs, Red House, St Johns, Macmillan and Conyers in the final. It was only the second time beating Conyers, as they lost in 3 finals to them in year 8. They played some excellent attacking rugby winning 6 -0.

Well done to all of our Rugby teams and thank you to Mr Rudd for his commitment to coaching the teams at such a high level.



### TOP OF THE BENCH SUCCESS FOR CHEMISTRY STUDENTS

Egglescliffe Chemists Nel G, Sahar M, Alfie H and Lauren S represented the school at the local round of the "Top of the Bench" chemistry competition. They completed a very challenging written paper and had a successful day at Teesside University. We won two of the five rounds on the day (Guess the Gas and Periodic Table round). The competition was won by Yarm School with Durham School in second place. They were enthusiastic with Nel G taking a lead and organising the research task very well. They were a pleasure to take and hopefully this showed them there is more to Chemistry than is studied in school.

Well done, Mr Longfield.

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### LEADERS OF THE FUTURE

The Student Leaders have been busy last term learning the skills that it takes to be a successful leader. They finished the term, successfully completed their first major leadership project: A Year 6 recycling project undertaken by the environmentally conscious students at Junction Farm. The initiative, integrated into Junction Farm's Geography curriculum, not only showcased their creativity but also underscored their commitment to making a positive impact on the environment and gave the Student Leaders a chance to demonstrate all the skills that they have been learning about over the past term.

The Student Leaders expertly guided the Year 6 students, transforming ordinary materials into festive masterpieces in an engaging origami workshop, creating charming Santas and Christmas trees. This added a touch of eco-friendliness to the holiday season.

The festive spirit continued with a series of games led by our enthusiastic student leaders, ensuring a joyful atmosphere throughout the event, culminating in the crafted creations being bundled up in a scene reminiscent of the bustling mailroom in 'Elf.' These eco-friendly crafts, along with personalised notes from the students, were then delivered to the local community. For those who received these delightful packages, we hope you enjoyed the sentiment and that they brought a smile to your faces.

The entire event was a tremendous success, thanks to the outstanding efforts of the Year 6 students at Junction Farm but it would not have been possible without the guidance of our committed Student Leaders. We are immensely proud of their accomplishments and the positive impact they have made on our local community.



## AMAZING STUDENTS DOING AMAZING THINGS

### ACE ADVOCATES & DYNAMIC DEFENDERS

Recently, the Eggescliffe KS4 & 5 Law Team competed at Newcastle Crown Court as part of the Bar Mock Trial competition. 8 schools and colleges from across the North East took part in prosecuting and/or defending two different cases.

In our first trial, our prosecuting team of (Advocates) Sophie H and Grace M prosecuted All Saints School in suspicion of knowingly committing unauthorised access to computer material, contrary to Section 1 of the Computer Misuse Act 1990. Presenting (witnesses) Max D and Soha K in support of the charge. Our advocates were excellent in presenting their case that the defendant did knowingly delete photographs from a University laptop without permission and the witnesses performed admirably in cross examination by the All Saints School advocates. (Court Clerk) Sophie P controlled the case professionally from the front in front of the Judge. Despite their best efforts, the jury in this case found the defendant not guilty by a majority verdict.

Our second case saw our defence team up against the eventual winners from the Keswick School. (Advocates) Ella P and Matilda S-H defended their client in the case of The King vs Rowan Hynes, in that they were charged with intentionally or recklessly causing public nuisance, in accordance with Section 78(1) of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. The defence team had to convince the jury that the defendant, played by Mina O, was not involved in a protest which blocked the route to a hospital. (Usher) Olivia S was excellent in her role as well and so too was the second defence witness Niamh S who backed up the defence advocates argument that Hynes was present only in protection of their friend who was being assaulted by a member of the public. The Keswick School team delivered an excellent prosecuting argument which convinced the jury to convict the defendant on this occasion.

Round three saw our first victory in the court room. Again our defending team were on hand to unanimously defeat the prosecuting School from Consett Academy in the case of The King vs Newton, and the Computer Misuse Act 1990. The only change in the team on this occasion was the defendant was Pierce Z, who again was excellent.

Eggescliffe School finished third on the day, a fantastic effort given the extreme high quality of the competition. Good luck to Keswick School who go on to the national finals at the Royal Courts of Justice in London.

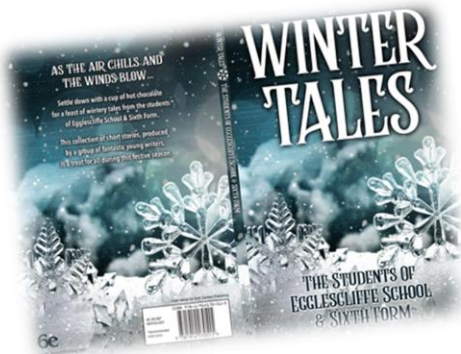
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### EGGLESCLIFFE AUTHORS

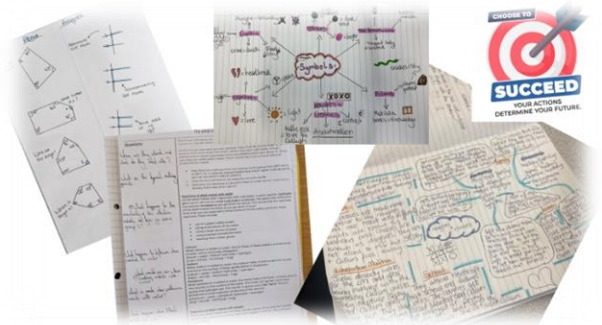
Students from Y7-12 worked alongside a publisher and author, after school in the library, in order to produce an anthology of Winter Tales. The book was on sale at the recent school

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!



### CHOOSING TO SUCCEED AT EGGLESCLIFFE

We had our second Choose to Succeed day of the school year on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January. In each lesson, students were taught to use a revision strategy to support their learning in each curriculum area. Staff were asked to nominate those students who had produced the best pieces of work in each lesson. Over 80 students were nominated by their teachers, with each receiving 5 Classcharts points and a letter home. The best ten pieces of work are shared below, with the overall winners each receiving a £10 shopping voucher – well done to Ruby H (Y10), Mason M (Y9) and Elodie P (Y7)!



To see our Choose to Succeed strategies, and other helpful resources relating to exam preparation, please visit the Choose to Succeed section of our website: [Choose to Succeed \(eggescliffe.org.uk\)](http://eggescliffe.org.uk)



# EGGLESCLIFFE NEWS

## PASTORAL SUPPORT, ADVICE & GUIDANCE

### 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 this half term is:

- **Year 7** – Health & Wellbeing – Peer Educator programme, body changes, alcohol, vaping
- **Year 8** – Health & Wellbeing – Strategies for wellbeing, resilience, personal hygiene, healthy living, alcohol, vaping
- **Year 9** – Staying Safe – Online safety, exploitation, gambling, knife crime, First aid
- **Year 10** – Health & wellbeing – Drugs, county lines, alcohol and smoking, wellbeing-anxiety
- **Year 11** – Relationships – Commitment, domestic abuse, unplanned pregnancies, positive choices.

### STUDENT REMINDER

A reminder to students to please ensure that they do not bring valuable items to school. If students bring electronic devices to school, please ensure they are switched off upon entering the school site and stored in school bags.

### SAFER INTERNET DAY

The UK Safer Internet Centre have resources for parents and carers in preparation for Safer Internet Day on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024. [Click here](#) for more information.

### SNAPCHAT PARENTING CONTROLS

[Read more](#) on Snapchat In App Parental Tools to set parental controls for AI, visibility in your teens settings and report any concerns you have about Snapchat.

### HUB OF HOPE ONLINE DIRECTORY

[Hub of Hope](#) is an online directory that lists many of the support services by location. Enter your postcode and choose a relevant search category to access support for parents, carers, and young people and families.

### SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

Papyrus have developed a guide for parents/carers [Supporting your child: Self harm & suicide](#)

The [Papyrus](#) website has numerous resources and a helpline for young people and adults to understand and support feelings of self-harm or suicide.

New Dates Available for  
2024



Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys  
NHS Foundation Trust



## CAMHS Training Programme for Parents & Carers

The workshops are delivered live via Microsoft teams and **free of charge** for all parents and carers in Teesside (child does not need to be open to CAMHS)

### Available sessions include:

- Understanding **Anxiety**
- Understanding **Emotional Wellbeing**
- Understanding **Self-harm**
- Understanding **ASD**
- Understanding **ADHD**



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[www.TE WV.nhs.uk/services/camhs-training-tees](http://www.TE WV.nhs.uk/services/camhs-training-tees)  
for dates and details of all training we provide

To access the CAMHS parents and carers workshops, please contact:  
[TEWV.CAMHS-Training@nhs.net](mailto:TEWV.CAMHS-Training@nhs.net) And provide the following information:

- Which workshop(s) and date you would like to access
- Which locality you live
- Your name
- Email address
- The school(s) your child(ren) attend
- Age(s) of your child(ren)

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## 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:*

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| <b>Mrs Hardy</b><br>Designated<br>Safeguarding Lead                                 | <b>Dr Lear</b><br>Deputy Designated<br>Safeguarding Lead                            | <b>Mr Morrison</b><br>Deputy Designated<br>Safeguarding Lead                        | <b>Mrs Aitchison</b><br>Deputy Designated<br>Safeguarding Lead                      | <b>Mrs Hewitt</b><br>Deputy Designated<br>Safeguarding Lead                         | <b>Miss Granycome</b><br>Deputy Designated<br>Safeguarding Lead                       | <b>Miss Crook</b><br>Deputy Designated<br>Sixth Form<br>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.

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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)