

THE EGG

March 2025

HEAD TEACHER WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another edition of *The Egg*! Writing this gives me a wonderful opportunity to pause, reflect, and celebrate the incredible talents and achievements of our school community. It is these moments that make me so proud to lead Eggescliffe School.

I would also like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to our students, families, emergency services, and the wider community for their support following Storm Eowyn. Throughout this challenging period, our students have shown remarkable resilience, embracing online learning with determination and continuing to excel despite ongoing repairs to our science block.

It has been truly heart-warming to witness the kindness, adaptability, and strong sense of community that define Eggescliffe School. This term has been filled with excitement both inside and outside the classroom. Our Sixth Form students have enjoyed incredible trips to Iceland and New York, our school choir performed beautifully at Durham Cathedral, and our Big Band has been entertaining the local community with their fantastic performances.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY MARCH - APRIL

6th March	Year 10 Subject Evening 3:25-7pm
20th March	Year 12 Subject Evening 3:25-6:45pm
3rd April	Year 13 Mock exams start
11 th April	End of term
14 th -25 th April	Easter Holidays
28 th April	Summer term starts

Meanwhile, our dedicated PE department continues to run fixtures in all weathers, achieving outstanding results, and many of our students have been out visiting local businesses, gaining valuable employability skills for their future. And this is just in the last two weeks!

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. I look forward to sharing more of our students' successes with you in the weeks ahead.

Warmest regards,
Neil Gittins

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AMAZING STUDENTS DOING AMAZING THINGS

Top of the bench



Recently we sent a team of budding Chemistry students to Teesside University to participate in the Royal Society of Chemistry's "Top of the Bench" Chemistry competition. This was the regional round of a national competition open to all schools in the North East of England. The teams came from far and wide on a miserable, wet day. The team was made up of Arish N, Teddy P, Isobel S and Niamh S. The first part of the competition was a 30 minute "test" in school which they worked in pairs for. This really tested their collaboration as it was designed to not be able to completed within the time limit! The first part of the Teesside University afternoon was a non-Kahoot Kahoot quiz (IT facilities failed on the day). Working in pairs we lost ground in the first two rounds. However, the second part of the afternoon was much improved, coming 5th out of 21 teams in the "Guess the gas" and the practical laboratory based task. The laboratory task was without doubt the highlight. The students gained experience of a newly refurbished university chemistry teaching lab. They were using precision equipment with accuracy and ease. By the end of the afternoon dare I say that the boys were experts using the micropipette to gain an outstanding set of results. They all enjoyed the afternoon and I was very proud of their accomplishment on the day.

The competition was won by Yarm School (157/270 points), 2nd place Framwellgate School (153/270 points) and an excellent effort by our fellow Trust school Laurence Jackson (152/270 points). Ampleforth and Red House Schools rounded out the top 5. We placed overall 7th on 135/270 points. This reflects a tight competition where the students represented their schools excellently. It was a delight to see so many young people coming together in the spirit of competition and there was an outstanding atmosphere in the room.

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Rewards: Golden Tickets

A huge thank you to our incredible students for their hard work last half term, both in school and throughout the online learning. On Wednesday 19th February, over 80 students redeemed their golden tickets - absolutely fantastic work!



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AMAZING STUDENTS DOING AMAZING THINGS Drama



We are really impressed with the fantastic effort our Year 10 Drama students have gone to with their Set Design Homework for An Inspector Calls. They have developed very creative ideas to highlight key themes and messages for their audience. Here are some examples of the excellent work from; James M, Toby S, Lucy H, Melodie L & Isabelle B.



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Sporting Success



Our Under 16 Rugby team won the North East regional Rugby League for the fourth consecutive year. What an outstanding achievement! We are so proud of the team. They beat Whitburn, Astley High and then John Spence in the final held at Kingston Park.

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Sporting Success

Tennis Success in the Durham & Cleveland County

Congratulations to Tilly S and Alfie H who won the u14 Mixed Doubles whilst Ollie H and Heidi R were runners up in the u12 Mixed Doubles.



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'Keeping a Memory Alive'

The kindness and supportive community of staff and students at Egglescliffe continue to come together at special times to ensure that the memory of dear 'Sadie' is kept alive, and her spirit continues to shine brightly in our community, ensuring that she is never forgotten.

In her memory a wreath was placed upon her memorial bench at Christmas and as we entered the New Year, her commemorative bench is adorned with orange ribbons and colourful flower pots in her memory and in support of the 'Headlight Project'.

The Headlight Project supports those bereaved by suicide and provide preventative education and training across the Tees Valley area.

[The Headlight Project - Life in all its fullness](#)

EGGLESCLIFFE NEWS

PASTORAL SUPPORT, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE



Footsteps is a local service providing mental health and wellbeing support for 11-19 year olds in a primary care based community setting. The service was started in 2018 following an extensive consultation process with local children and young people, whose opinions contributed in full to the design of the service.

We aim to provide an accessible friendly and holistic service, to support with a range of needs, utilising a multidisciplinary team providing personalised support.

We are so grateful if you can take a moment to complete this short survey using the QR code, so that we can continue to improve our service and ensure future funding.

Your opinions as young people, and those who work closely with young people are so valuable and will help us to offer the best support both now and in the future.

Dr Fiona Smith
Clinical Lead and founder
Footsteps
www.footstepsteesside.co.uk

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Our monthly Coffee Mornings are the perfect opportunity to get together, have a chat with our friendly team, and make new friends.

We can't wait to see you there!

- **Tuesday 14 January, 9am to 10:30am**
- **Tuesday 18 February, 9am to 10:30am**
- **Tuesday 18 March, 9am to 10:30am**

Stockton Family Hub
Yarm Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3PJ

Call 01642 528525 or email familyhubs@stockton.gov.uk for more information.



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 this half term are:

Year 7 – Anti-bullying, tackling racism, diversity and protected characteristics, UK and identity.

Year 8 – Branding, CIAG Tees Valley jobs, consumer rights, targeted advertising and fake news.

Year 9 – Eating disorders, body image, alcohol, legal/illegal highs, smoking and politics.

Year 10 – CIAG Tees Valley jobs, employability, routes to employment, gambling, how to revise, the moral question.

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PASTORAL SUPPORT, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

The Bread and Butter Thing

Get your weekly groceries for a fraction of the cost.

The Bread and Butter Thing (TBBT) offers high-quality, low-cost food to everyone in Stockton-on-Tees.

For £8.50 you can pick up three bags of food worth roughly £35 including fresh fruit and vegetable, chilled food for the fridge, and cupboard staples like cereal. You can also pay just £5 for an individual bag or £17 for a six bag 'family' deal.

On average, you can expect to save around £25 versus buying the products you receive if you picked them up at a supermarket. The food comes from supermarkets, factories and farms, meaning you can help reduce waste while also reducing your cost of living.

Many support organisations now attend the Bread and Butter Thing collection sessions, providing advice to people using the service. This helps to share important information about things like benefits, housing, employability and health. The Bread and Butter Thing volunteers, as trusted members of the community, can also share this support effectively with you.

[Visit The Bread and Butter Thing website to find out more.](#)

Hub location	Day	Collection time
The Salvation Army, Palmerston Street, Stockton, TS18 1NU	Tuesday	1:30pm
Teesside Vineyard Church, Saint Luke's Church, Acklam Road, Thornaby, TS17 7HB	Monday	2pm
New Life Family Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham, TS23 3EQ	Wednesd ay	1pm
Newtown Community Resource Centre, Durham Road, Newtown, TS19 0DE	Friday	1pm
Redhill Family Hub, Redhill Road, Roseworth, TS19 9BX	Thursday	1pm

How to join

1. Text 07860 063304 with your name, postcode, and where you'll be collecting from: Stockton, Vineyard, New Life, Newtown or Redhill
2. Select the size of order you want to receive: family £8.50, individual £5, or large family £17. A vegetarian option is also available
3. We'll send you a text two days before your collection day to see if you want an order. Just reply "yes" by 10am the next day. We'll deliver your order to the hub ready for collection
4. Collect and pay for your goods. You can pay using cash or card, and we accept Healthy Start vouchers too.

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Here to Help Booklet

The latest 'Here to Help' booklet (previously named the 'Cost-of-Living' booklet) has been published and distributed. Download a copy from www.stockton.gov.uk/here-to-help-hub. This booklet contains contact information on a wide range of support services across the Borough that can help residents with advice on benefits, debt, housing, fuel, health, and wellbeing and more.

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**Change
Grow
Live**

Recovery Service

Stockton

Change Grow Live (CGL) are a free and confidential service for children and young people aged between 8 and 25 who want support with issues surrounding drugs and alcohol, whether it be their own use or someone else's. We support children and young people with challenges they are facing in everyday life and help them to make the positive changes they want.

Our Children and Young People's service is more than happy to discuss with you any bespoke support your service may need. For more information or to make a referral please refer to the CGL website for more details.

What we offer:

- One-to-one support for young people using drugs and alcohol (brief and longer interventions)
- Targeted groupwork for young people using drugs and alcohol
- One-to-one support for children and young people who have been affected by someone else's substance use
- Advice and support around drugs and alcohol for children and young people and professionals
- Support for young people to quit smoking
- Harm reduction advice for young people

[Stockton Young People's Service | Change Grow Live](#)

CULTURE OF VIGILANCE AT EGGLESCLIFFE

EGGLESCLIFFE SCHOOL
AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



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.

Our Safeguarding Team:



Mrs Wright
*Designated
Safeguarding Lead*



Dr Lear
*Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead*



Mr Henderson
*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*

More information regarding
Safeguarding and Child Protection
please visit **valt.org.uk**



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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 \(egglescliffe.org.uk\)](http://SafeSpace Reporting (egglescliffe.org.uk))