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WELCOME to our summer newsletter...

This academic year has certainly been one of many challenges for us all and not one we will easily forget.

Students, parents and staff working closely together has ensured that learning has continued and that our young people have had the opportunity to participate in that all important life outside of the classroom wherever possible. Reading this latest edition of our newsletter and reflecting on the past term, it certainly does not appear that we have still been within the grip of a global pandemic.

April saw the introduction of a one-way system around school and the return of the practical elements of many subjects, which has been extremely popular with staff and students alike.

In May we were thankfully able to remove our face coverings whilst in school and life began to feel a bit more normal!

June and July have been filled with lots of excitement as you can see from the contents of this newsletter. None of this would be possible without the enthusiasm of our students, meticulous planning

and determination of our staff and the support of parents and carers. Thank you for making this term such a success despite the current circumstances.

I can't wait to see what we will achieve next year as we continue to progress along the roadmap towards normality.

Have a safe and restful summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Mrs N Hickman,
Head of School

Goodbye Year 11!

Following weeks of continuous rain, glorious sunshine set the scene for our Year 11 Leavers' Day.

Students enjoyed celebrating on the field and were treated to a range of hot treats from our school canteen as well as a visit from a local ice-cream van. The traditional '99 cones went down a storm! After a celebration event in the auditorium, which included the infamous staff farewell video as well as a selection of photos of the students through the years, pupils said their final goodbyes.

All of the staff at Easington Academy are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students. They quickly adapted to the new world of online education and have worked tirelessly to ensure they were ready for their final controlled assessments. We would like to wish our class of 2021 all the very best for a bright and exciting future. It has been a year that none of us will forget. We will miss you.



Introducing our new house system

This half term has seen the launch of our exciting new house system! The four houses represent personal qualities and behaviours that we expect our students to demonstrate.

Evolution: A gradual process of change and development.

- Perseverance – Getting better at something by working hard and not giving up.

- Organisation – Being organised and equipped for learning so that you make the most of lesson time.

Ambition: A desire and determination to achieve success.

- Aspiration – Setting yourself a goal or challenge and working hard to achieve it.

- Self-belief - Believing that you can achieve whatever you set your mind to.

Synergy: The combined power of a group working together that is greater than the power achieved by working separately.

- Team work- Working collaboratively, listening to others as well as contributing your own ideas and opinions.

- Leadership – Leading a team or a group towards success effectively.

Integrity: The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles that you refuse to change.

- Honesty – Owning up straight away when you have done something wrong.

- Bravery – Standing up for what's right, even when it isn't easy.

Over the course of the academic year we will have a number of different house events running that will give our students the chance to demonstrate their individual talents whilst also working as a team.

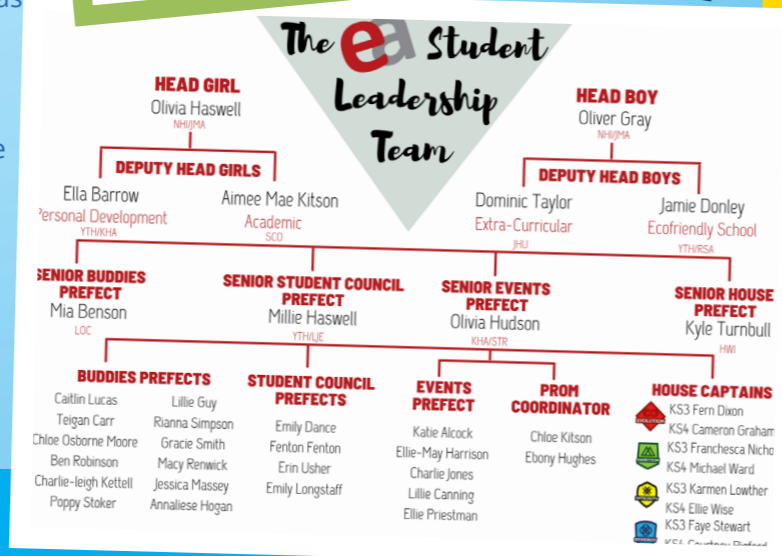
At the end of each term, the house who are leading the house point total will be rewarded and there will be an additional reward at the end of the school year for the house who are leading overall.

IMPORTANT DATES for your diary

THU 02 SEP - Return to school for Year 7 and 11

FRI 03 SEP - Return to school for Year 8, 9 and 10

Please keep checking our website and social media channels for the latest updates.



Headteacher awards

Drumroll please...

This term's Headteacher Awards go to Callum, Corey and Sasha (Year 7), Molly (Year 8), Chloe and Niamh (Year 9) and Scarlett (Year 10). These students have consistently impressed staff with their consistent effort and positive attitudes. You are all a credit to our Academy - we are extremely proud of you all!



Erin's success!

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Erin has shown a true love for food technology during her time here at Easington

Academy, successfully winning the regional heat of the Future Me cooking competition. We are so proud of your achievements - we look forward to hearing all about your success in the future!



End of term teambuilding

Students in Years 7-10 took part in a range of team building activities in between the sunshine and showers in the final week of term.

They had a great time taking part in activities like nightline, into the abyss and rollercoaster which helped to develop communication and teamwork skills. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Outdoor Ambition for leading the activities and well done to everyone who took part!

Student leaders

A message from Mrs Hickman...

We are delighted to announce our new Easington Academy Student Leadership Team for the next academic year.

"All applications and interviews were outstanding and some very tough decisions had to be made. Well done everyone, we're really proud of you all and we are looking forward to working with you all in your new roles next year."



We're social!

Follow our social media accounts to stay up to date with all of the latest news from around the Academy!



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Making music

This term we saw the return of our instrumental instructors from Durham Music Service.

Students have been receiving lessons on Zoom since September, so the instructors were very excited to get them back in person.

The students have been working hard while at home and Mrs Sellers, Ms Mortimer and Miss Wade were very pleased with the effort they all put in throughout lockdown - well done!

Eve Wardle in Year 9 has had a productive term in music; not only did she come second in nationwide competition on Teaching Gadget, she also managed to complete her Grade 5 music theory exam. Eve is waiting on the results as we speak - good luck, Eve!

The next competition starts on the 5th July - look out for an email from Miss Romaniuk.

Another one of our Year 9s, Sadie Bridges, is also preparing for her upcoming Grade 4 Vocal Exam. Break a leg, Sadie!

We are very much looking forward to the return of all our ensembles and clubs in September. Keep your eyes peeled for more information when we return after the summer break.



DofE Award success

This term has been busy for students completing their Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Many of our students were able to complete the expedition section of their award after working tirelessly on the other sections throughout the year.

Participants in both Year 9 and 10 hiked through Teesdale in their respective groups, putting their map reading skills to the test.

Furthermore, students were required to cook their lunch using camping stoves; menus were varied and inventive and a good time was had by all. We look forward to seeing another group of our Year 9 students signing up in September and possibly some Year 10 Bronze qualified students sign up to the Silver award.

