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THE VOICE

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

to our summer newsletter...

When we consider that back in September we briefly returned in zones and had a 'Plan B' in case GCSE exams could not take place, we've definitely made great strides in our return to normality this year.

Students have continued to focus on their vocabulary in their quest to 'sound like an expert' in each subject area. The introduction of our 'Easi' system has encouraged students to take more ownership of their homework and behaviour and has provided parents with an insight into your child's day in school.

This summer saw the return of the GCSE examinations with our Year 11 students impressing us all with the grit and determination they demonstrated throughout the examination period; we look forward to celebrating their results with them in August.

Outside of the classroom, students have embraced and enjoyed the return of school trips, including our activity

days and vast programme of extra-curricular and Sports Hub activities through the year.

Our young people have been an absolute credit to themselves, their families, their school and their local area when competing in local and regional competitions; there are far too many success stories to mention here, but our Facebook page and contents of this newsletter will give you an idea of the achievements of our talented youngsters.

We're so proud of the resilience Easington students have shown throughout our journey back to 'normal' and I would like to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support throughout the last academic year.

I wish you and your families a happy, restful summer break, let's hope the sun shines this year! See you in September.

Mrs N Falconer

Mrs N Falconer,
Head of School

Goodbye Year 11!

This term saw our Year 11s fly the nest after their final GCSE exam.

The group enjoyed some fun in the sun following the tradition of signing shirts and having a picnic - we even had a giant inflatable on the field this year! Leaving school also meant it was time for the glitz and glamour of prom where everyone had a fantastic night celebrating their time with us at Easington Academy.





IMPORTANT DATES *for your diary*

06 SEP - Back to school

20 OCT - Break up for half term

31 OCT - Back to school

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



A right royal affair

What better way to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee than with a traditional street party?

Students had an amazing afternoon tucking into some traditional street party treats, from cupcakes, to scones and coronation chicken sandwiches.

After a spot of tea, everyone got stuck into activities for the special occasion like face painting and bingo before stopping off for some photos in our special red telephone booth.

A big thank you to our talented musicians Oliver, Jack, Darcy and Fern for their patriotic performances both during our celebrations in school and at Easington C of E Primary School.

The Platinum Jubilee also brought on the challenge of the NELT Platinum Pud bake off competition, which saw all schools in the North East Learning Trust go head to head to bake the winning 'showstopper' fit for a Queen.

Not only did we create a showstopping cake, but we won the public vote with over 1,000 people choosing our cake as their favourite.

A huge thank you to Mrs Collins for baking such a masterpiece and for everyone's votes and kind comments!



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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Technology experts

Warning, this article contains photos that will make you hungry!

Our technology department would like to give a special mention to this year's food tech experts. We can't wait to see what more you'll come up with in September.



National Numeracy Day

Staff and students celebrated the day this year by looking at how maths is used in finance, baking, rap and dance.

Year 7 and 8 students learnt about how maths is used in different careers and entered a national competition which required them to think about their future careers. We think it's safe to say the dancing went down well!



Expedition success

A huge congratulations to our Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award students who completed a gruelling 23 mile expedition this term.

The group took to the most difficult section of Hadrian's Wall where they completed the last section of their award after working hard in the rest of the sections

all year. A special mention goes to Hannah and Ben who completed their Bronze Award Expedition. Well done everyone, we are so proud of you all.

Students of the year

Physicist of the year:

Each year Durham University and the Ogden Trust present students from the North East with awards for being outstanding physics students.

This year we have nominated Kal Coulthard (Year 10) to receive the award. He will attend an awards ceremony at Durham University where he will receive a prize and a certificate. It was a hard decision to decide who the award should go to this year as we have many amazing and enthusiastic physics students, but Kal has shown a real enthusiasm and dedication to the subject, well done, Kal!

Durham Young Musician 2022:

In March we held our Musician of the Year competition. Our instrumental winner Eve in Year 10 made it to the final in Durham Town Hall where she was up against eight other students from across the county. Eve's performance was absolutely outstanding and she placed 2nd overall. Well done Eve, a massive achievement. A special mention also goes to fellow musicians who sat their music examinations this summer:

Melissa, Year 8 – Grade 2 Flute

Imogen, Year 7 – Grade 2 Clarinet

Eve, Year 10 – Grade 7 Horn



That's a wrap!

Our Billy Elliot cast and crew have worked tirelessly over the past few months and it definitely paid off with fantastic performances. Everyone was absolutely incredible - well done. We heard nothing but rave reviews!

Sporting stars

We have some sporting superstars here at Easington Academy - here's a summary of just some of the successes we've seen this term...

County cup final winners: Our Year 10 and 11 girls made history when they beat Parkside 6-1 in the county cup finals and were crowned Durham County Champions. The girls played brilliantly in the final and it was a testimony to the commitment they have shown over the past years.

East Durham schools district victories: Year 8 students Jack Whittle-Richens and Arron Bowman were county cup winners for East Durham district schools football team, beating Chester le Street, Washington and Derwentside in the final this term. Year 9/10 students Tyler Jones, Evan Buck, Finlay Foster, Ethan Thomson, Kal Coulthard, Jayden Pow, Harley Banks and Rylie Johnson also won the county cup for East Durham district schools football team beating Bishop Auckland in the final - fantastic achievements!

County cup cricket season: The Year 7 cricket team were outstanding in the first ever school cricket match with a brilliant nine wicket victory over St. Thomas More. Josh Turnbull and Alfie Vout both scored 30 'not out' with the bat.

End of season school football tournaments: The Year 7 football team ended the season in style by winning the East Durham schools football tournament, beating Shotton Hall, Wellfield and drawing with St. Bedes to take the title. Meanwhile, the Year 9 football team finished third in their tournament losing two games but beating St. Bedes 3-0 with an excellent performance.

Year 7/8 athletics competition: A whopping 34 students from Years 7 and 8 travelled to Wellfield School to take part in the East Durham schools athletics competition. The Year 7 and 8 teams both won their competitions with some amazing individual performances. The Year 8 boys' team won 7 out of their 8 events which is a fantastic achievement.

We can't wait to see what our students will achieve next year!

