



EASINGTON  
academy

# THE VOICE

## WINTER NEWSLETTER

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to our Christmassy edition of *The Voice*...

As we approach the Christmas break, there is so much to reflect on. This term has been incredibly busy! In September we saw the launch of our Sports Hub, EASI and new rewards systems and the return of our extremely popular extra-curricular clubs.

Our students have embraced these opportunities and involved themselves in the wider life of school with the enthusiasm and passion we have come to expect from them. Lessons have been purposeful with students' efforts rewarded with literally thousands of house points to 'spend' in the House Point Exchange.

Our Year 11 students tackled their mock examinations with maturity and dedication which impressed us all. This first term

certainly has been a positive start to the academic year; we are proud of our students who are a credit to you.

Before I invite you to read on and see for yourselves what our students have been up to this term, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to parents and carers for your ongoing support in these difficult times.

I wish you all a safe and restful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming students back to school refreshed in January. Merry Christmas everyone!

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Nicola Falconer,  
Head of School



## I pledge to...

This term our students signed a pledge to try something new.

Our students loved trying out new challenges and activities from our huge range of extra-curricular offerings.

Congratulations to Leyla, who won a £20 voucher after winning our pledge draw. She found a new hobby in music club and we are so proud of her for trying something new. The same goes to all of our brilliant students!

# Student success

This term has seen plenty of success for our students, not just in the classroom, but in their wider hobbies and training. We'd like to give a special mention to:

**Lucie, Charlie-Leigh and Gracie** for their success when competing at Blackpool Winter Gardens. They all performed exceptionally well and made final placings for the International Dance Teachers association competition.

**Harris**, who attended the IDTA Nationwide Competition in Blackpool during half-term where he was crowned the champion of the 12 and under classical sequence category! He also placed third in the modern sequence category - WOW!

**Darcie**, who placed 2nd in the Durham County Brass Band Association Solo contest! She performed a beautiful piece on cornet alongside another student from St Leonard's.

And finally, **Amelia**, who fought off some tough competition in the Karate AMA Northern Open and bagged 1st place!

Congratulations to you all!



## 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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## IMPORTANT DATES for your diary

- 17 Dec - Break up for Christmas
- 05 Jan - Back to school for Years 7, 10 and 11
- 06 Jan - Back to school for Years 8 and 9



## Students support great causes

This term saw us celebrate two fantastic causes around school one Friday.

This year, Children in Need coincided with Odd Sock Day, which finishes off National Anti-Bullying Week.

We marked the end of National Anti-Bullying Week by wearing odd socks to celebrate our uniqueness and appreciate that everyone is different.

Meanwhile, students went on a bear hunt and played bingo to raise money for Children in Need.



## The big NELT debate!

Congratulations to our two brilliant Year 10s, Molly and Robert, who represented Easington Academy at the first NELT inter-trust 'Debate Day'.

The standard of debating was fantastic across the board and we were thrilled to see Robert crowned as 'Best Chairperson' - especially after taking on two roles in the competition.

Debate Club is held every Thursday lunchtime in H5. Everyone is welcome - we'd love to see you there.

Welcome!

NELT Debate Day



## 12 days of Christmas...

This year, seasonal activities were in full swing with our annual 12 days of Christmas celebrations.

Throughout December, students have enjoyed a range of activities from the elf anagram challenge to 'the 12 days of chocolate'.

We've had plenty of festive days sprinkled in, including Christmas jumper day and Christmas crafts.

Students enjoyed a festive Christmas lunch with their friends and had the opportunity to get involved with Christmas performances.

Not only that, but students remembered the true meaning of Christmas, spreading kindness to others. Candy canes were delivered with messages to show appreciation to others.

Students shared the love by writing messages to their families and adding it to our school message chain.

We have absolutely loved seeing our children get into the festive spirit. We hope you all enjoy the rest of December at home with your loved ones.



# Easington Academy remembers

This term, Easington Academy honoured those who have bravely sacrificed their lives for us.

The entire Remembrance service was planned, organised and delivered by our Student Leadership Team. Thank you and well done to the entire team who ensured that the event went without a hitch.

After reflecting on Remembrance Day our Year 9 students penned some poetry to honour the brave individuals who have served in military action. Students were inspired by acts of courage from the armed forces and war poet, Wilfred Owen.

Lest we forget.



## Putting smiles on faces

This term we had a lovely surprise when a group of Year 8 students started bringing laughter to us each day.

In the Learning Hub, our very own comedians told a joke each day after meeting weekly to plan them. Thank you for bringing a smile to our faces boys!



## Student council

This term saw our student council meet for the first time this academic year.

Year representatives discussed a huge range of amazing suggestions from their peers which have now been passed onto SLT for consideration. Watch this space for some exciting new ideas and initiatives coming soon...



## They did the mash, the monster mash!

Earlier this term our students turned into terrifying ghouls and danced the night away at our Halloween disco!

Students had a blast at our annual Halloween spooktacular. From skeletons to inflatable dinosaurs, everyone had a great time playing games and taking part in competitions in their amazing costumes. Check out some of the outfits below...



## Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to Abigail, Mikey, Katie, Summer and Macy who are all winners of this term's Headteacher Award. We're so proud of you all!



## A brilliant start for Year 7

This term saw our Year 7 students make the move to big school here at Easington Academy...

What a brilliant start to the term for our new Year 7 students! We are delighted at how well they have settled into their new life at Easington Academy. Well done to everyone who has made a fantastic first impression this term. We can't wait to see what the rest of the years hold for you all.



## Students complete Duke of Edinburgh's Award

We'd like to congratulate our students who have been working hard to complete their Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

This term multiple groups achieved their Bronze Awards, showing resilience throughout.

Many of the students who have completed their Bronze Award are now going on to achieve the next award, Silver. We wish you all the best of luck - you will do brilliantly!

# Sporting successes

This term we launched our brand new Sports Hub, which has revolutionised extra-curricular activities at Easington Academy!

As part of the new Sports Hub, all students have had the opportunity to join a development centre in football, rugby or netball and have had access to elite coaching by our specialist PE team, with clear pathways to school teams and local sports clubs.

Sessions take place after school and at lunchtimes with opportunities to compete in inter-house, inter-school and inter-trust competitions.

During the launch day, over 100 students took part in the activities on offer.

Our MUGA was full of smiling faces at 'fun time lunchtime' and we had fantastic attendance at our Year 7 football and Year 10 basketball clubs. After school, our new netball development centre launched, where students worked hard on their passing and shooting skills. Meanwhile, the another group worked hard over at the football development centre.

Since launching our Sports Hub, it has gone from strength to strength and we have seen some fantastic sporting success here at Easington Academy.

Not only that, we have seen a fantastic uptake in our sporting extra-curricular clubs. It's a joy to see students try something new and discover a brand new hobby.

Students have played other local schools in friendly matches to help build their confidence in sport, in preparation for upcoming sporting fixtures.





North East  
SCITT

**Did you know that our school is a partner of North East SCITT - an organisation that trains new teachers in schools across the north east - including in ours!**

Whether you're a new graduate, in your final year of university or considering a change of career (it's never too late you know!), North East SCITT's high-quality school-based initial teacher training courses can provide you with the best start to a new career in teaching. They are based in the North East Learning Trust's lead school, The Academy at Shotton Hall in Peterlee, but training happens in schools all across the region.

The quality of training they offer is rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted for both their primary and secondary courses. Along with this they have a proven track record of amazing

results and high employment rates. The programme gives you the opportunity to learn to teach 'on-the-job'. Unlike traditional university courses, you are in the classroom from the outset, interacting with pupils and teachers and learning first hand the knowledge and skills you'll need to become an outstanding teacher.

You will practise in a broad range of schools, gaining experience in different areas including special educational needs and disabilities, behaviour management, English as an additional language, phonics, and maths mastery (for primary only).

You will also be allocated a subject mentor from a team of specialists with vast experience who will introduce you to school life and help you to learn how to teach your subject.

At the end of the 10 month course you'll be a qualified teacher with a PGCE from Durham University.

So if you're thinking of teaching - there is no better place than through our school partners North East SCITT - please get in touch - we know they would love to speak to you!



## Subjects available:

Primary	Physical education
Computing	Religious education
Design and technology	Biology
Drama	Chemistry
English	Physics
History	Modern foreign languages
Geography	
Maths	
Music	

## Try a teacher training taster day...

If you're thinking about training to teach, you can come and spend the morning at The Academy at Shotton Hall in Peterlee or Browney Academy in Durham to get a taste of what teacher training is like. Find out more and book your place at:

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