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THE VOICE

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to our autumn newsletter. In this edition we will share details of just some of the many exciting things which have taken place. There are also some useful dates for your diary.

I hope that everyone has had a fantastic summer and is looking forward to the year ahead.

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to our Year 11 students who completed their GCSEs and recently celebrated their fantastic achievements after months of hard work.

Our last term was very busy with students immersing themselves in a range of sporting and music events alongside their academic studies. This included spectacular performances at The Sage in Gateshead and our highly successful activities week which saw students trying new and adventurous activities such as kayaking, white water tubing and horse riding.

Entering the new term, I would like to give a warm welcome to our new Year 7 students who join us at an exciting time as we launch our Student Pod. This bespoke, online learning package will support both students and parents with high quality learning materials and tips to make revision more effective.

Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support and look forward to working with you and our students in the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Nicola Hickman
Head of School



GCSE results

At the end of August, our students celebrated as they picked up their GCSE results.

There were some fantastic results and many smiling faces especially from our top performers who include:

Ellie Mae Stephenson, Michael Fryer, Jack Halliday, Molly Alcock, Emma Barron, Jessica Marr, Ellis Wilson, Matthew Moore, Imogen Lawson and Ruby Million.

Well done to everyone and we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavours!



Duke of Edinburgh

We are very proud of our students who have been working over the past year to complete their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards.

This year we had 22 students who achieved their bronze award and 12 completed their silver award.

Everyone worked tremendously hard all year to learn new skills which enabled them to successfully and safely navigate the countryside.

Both groups walked over 55 miles as they went on expeditions to Hadrian's Wall and Barnard Castle in a mix of extreme weather conditions.

The award also required students to give back to their local community. Both groups spent time at animal welfare centres and supported younger students to improve their reading.

Sporting success

After an incredible year for our PE department, we have had a range of students celebrating sport success.

Courtney, Bridie and Amelia are going to spend the next year playing county teams from across the country after renewing their football contracts at talent centres across the UK. Summer Briggs shared her adventures from Austria as she represented the UK in the gymnastada. Summer took part in the closing ceremonies as well as taking part in routines performed in front of athletes across the world.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25 OCT - AUTUMN HALF TERM

4 NOV- RETURN TO SCHOOL

20 DEC - CHRISTMAS BREAK

6 JAN - RETURN TO SCHOOL

14 FEB - SPRING HALF TERM

24 FEB - RETURN TO SCHOOL

3 APR - EASTER BREAK

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A message from our head boy and girl

We would like to introduce our head boy and girl, Evan Ball and Grace Ward and their deputies, Liam Syson and Aimee Pygall.

Grace said: "It was a delight and an amazement to hear I would be head girl. I am excited to be a role model for Easington Academy in Year 11 and fulfil my role as head girl alongside my deputy."

Evan added: "I am really looking forward to my role as head boy next year and I am sure that I will be a positive role model in Easington Academy. I am delighted to be working alongside my deputy head boy Liam."

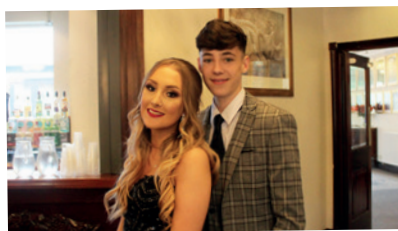


Students dress to impress at prom

In June, Year 11 dressed to impress as they made their way to Hardwick Hall for a fantastic prom night.

The night included lots of dancing, food and laughs as students enjoyed a night of relaxation after exams and said goodbye to Easington Academy.

A special thank you to Miss Hawkins who worked behind the scenes to create a very special evening.



NELT schools rock the Sage!

Students from all eight schools in the North East Learning Trust joined together to perform at the Sage in Gateshead in July for their summer concert spectacular.

Students from Easington performed songs from Beauty and the Beast, Rent and A Star is Born as part of their incredible performances.

Preparations are already underway for the North East Learning Trust Christmas concert which will take place in December. Keep an eye on our website for updates.



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Achievement awards

At Easington Academy we always look for ways to celebrate the achievements of our students.

In our last week of term our school was filled with rewards for the hard work, attendance and music over the past year. Above are a few of our favourites!



Sports Day

In July, students (and some staff) showed their house pride as they battled it out at sports day.

The sun was shining and students had a day full of events such as relay races, javelin, long jump and tug of war.

Overall it was Dryden who won the trophy with an incredible lead.

Well done everyone!

Activities Week

As a thank you for all their hard work this year students enjoyed some time outside of the classroom as they took part in activities week.

A wide range of activities were on offer this year including trips to trampoline parks, Alnwick castle, ice skating and even tubing down the river Tees.

Back in school the fun did not stop as students spent their day playing their favourite sports, cooking their favourite foods and creating amazing pieces of art.

Everyone had an amazing few days and students have already suggested some new activities for this years adventures.



POD

This year is an exciting time at Easington Academy as we are officially rolling out POD to all students across the school.

Students are able to access their homework, lesson guides and revision material at the click of a button.



Open Evening

Come along to our annual Year 5 and 6 open evening on Wednesday 11 September at 6pm to get a preview of school life at our Academy.

There will be opportunities to take a look around our fantastic building, speak to our friendly staff and take part in a range of exciting activities!

We look forward to seeing you!

Outstanding NELT news!

As you know, our school is a member of the North East Learning Trust - a family of eight schools across North East England.

This term one of our Trust schools, Teesdale School and Sixth Form in Barnard Castle, was rated as 'outstanding' by school inspectors Ofsted. This is the highest award Ofsted can make. Not only is this great news for Teesdale School, but it is also great news for all Trust schools who

constantly share expertise and ideas across our whole family.

Inspectors said: "The North East Learning Trust has brought its considerable capacity to bear. The trust has provided the financial and professional impetus needed to rapidly improve the school. The strategic oversight of trustees and the local academy council has been crucial."

Well done to our friends at Teesdale School!