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## A message from our headteacher...

What a great start to the academic year here at Easington Academy! Our students have impressed us in the classroom with their hard work and perseverance and also by throwing themselves in the endless activities and opportunities which have been on offer.

Almost 55,000 house points have been awarded this term and students have enjoyed spending these in our rewards shop. We launched our IMPACT initiative back in September to raise the profile of the importance of our **I**nteractions, **M**anners, **P**reparation, **A**spiration, **C**uriosity and **T**olerance. Students, have risen to the challenge and demonstrated these qualities and behaviour in abundance. Walking around school, it feels calm, purposeful and vibrant. Success is celebrated regularly and our students are enjoying this.

My favourite part of this term has been watching our students lead their tutor group assemblies. Our students' confidence and creativity have been really impressive and I look forward to the next set of assemblies in the new year.

This newsletter gives only a flavour of what has gone on here over the past term and I couldn't be prouder to lead this Academy, your children are a real credit to you. Thank you for your continued support and also thank you to our staff who continuously amaze me; their enthusiasm and dedication are endless.

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and good health and happiness for all in 2024.

**Nicola Falconer**  
Head of School

## In this issue...



### Year 11 prepare for GCSEs

Our Year 11 students received their mock GCSE results this term.



### Children in Need

Students came together once again this November to raise funds for Children in Need.



### Students rock the Royal Albert Hall

Our musical stars performed brilliantly at the iconic Royal Albert Hall.



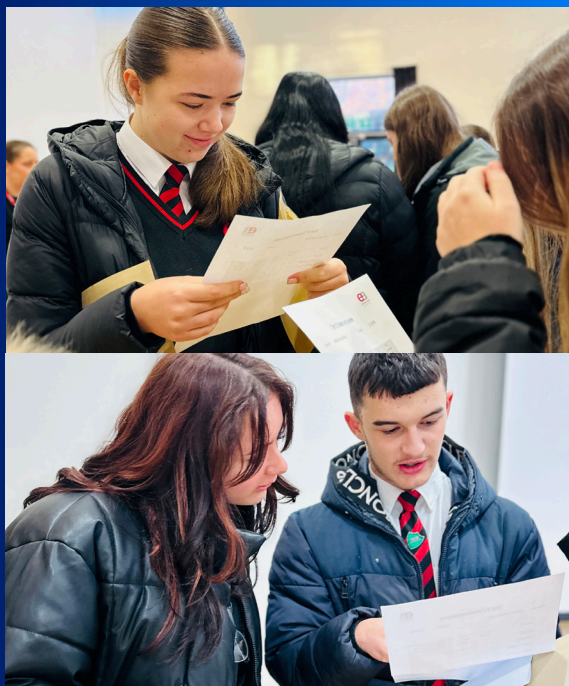
### Remembrance Day

The whole school paid their respects in November to mark Remembrance Day.

# Mock results

**Our Year 11 students are working incredibly hard in preparation for their GCSE exams in summer 2024.**

After sitting their GCSE mocks, our students were excited to receive their results earlier this month. We are very proud of their efforts. Revision and interventions will continue next term to get our students fully prepared to sit their formal exams. Best of luck!



## Making an IMPACT

At the beginning of term, we launched our IMPACT initiative, that challenges students to make positive changes. Students have been earning IMPACT house points in the following areas: **I**nteractions, **M**anners, **P**reparation, **A**spiration, **C**uriosity and **T**olerance.

By the end of November, we had awarded an amazing 15,004 IMPACT points! We look forward to our students continuing to make an IMPACT next term.



# Did you know?

**In Germany, every year on 5th December, German children leave a boot or a shoe outside their bedroom door.**

When they wake up, if they've been good, they'll find their shoe filled with sweets! If not, they'll open their door to find a branch...

Did you know Father Christmas has loads of different names? Kriss Kringle in Germany, Le Befana in Italy, Pere Noel in France and Deushka Moroz (Grandfather Frost) in Russia.



## Children in Need 2023

**Students got into the fundraising spirit this term for Children in Need.**

Our Year 11 prefects did a fantastic job at the 'glitter station' by adding some sparkle to everyone's lives, and our 'Bearpee' challenge brought out everyone's competitiveness. Well done to our winners, Team Synergy, who came out on top by completing over 200 burpees.

Thank you for all of your kind donations for such a good cause where we raised a grand total of £504.20!





# Year 7 settle in brilliantly

The start of the new school year meant we welcomed a brand new bunch of lovely Year 7s. We are so pleased with how well they have settled into school life and look forward to seeing them flourish next term.



# Duke of Edinburgh's Award

We had a great time celebrating with students and parents at our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award ceremony this term.

Our DofE students have worked very hard and it was lovely to celebrate all of their efforts together - you should be very proud.



# Music in the community

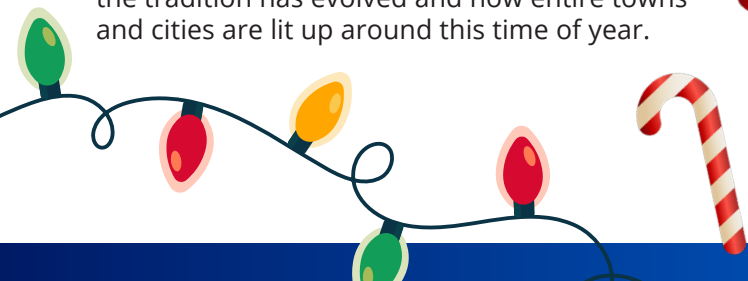
A big round of applause for a group of students from our wind band who supported our local primary schools at the Durham East Christmas Concert recently at Wellfield School. You were fantastic!



# Did you know?

**Little Candles' Day, or Día de las Velitas, marks the start of the Christmas season across Colombia.**

Locals across the country place candles and paper lanterns on show in their windows, balconies and front yards and over the years, the tradition has evolved and now entire towns and cities are lit up around this time of year.





# Christmas careers

Let's take a look at two careers that really come into their own during the festive period.

## Ski instructor

It's certainly a white Christmas when you work in the mountains during the winter months. Working abroad is a fantastic way to broaden knowledge of different cultures, languages and make friends. You'll need a BASI (British Association of Ski Instructors) Level 2 or 3 to get started as an instructor.

## Events manager

The festive period is the busiest time for events managers. The role can earn you up to £45,000 per year and as a whole, you'll need an undergrad degree in events management or any other planning subject. An events manager has a varied role, ensuring events run smoothly, from small scale meetings to huge scale festivals.

# Students rock the Albert Hall

A group of musicians from our school and fellow NELT school, The Academy at Shotton Hall, ventured down to the capital to take part in Music for Youth's Proms at The Royal Albert Hall recently. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the amazing opportunity.



# DATES

## FOR YOUR DIARY

20 DEC - Break up for Christmas

08 JAN - Back to school

16 FEB - Break up for half term

26 FEB - Back to school

28 MAR - Break up for Easter

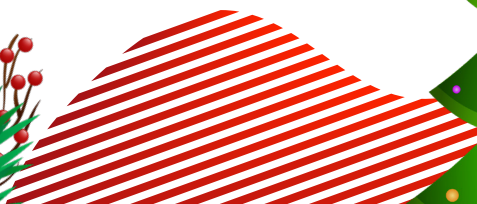


## Sporting stars

Let's give a big round of applause to some of our brilliant sporting stars from this term.

Our athletics team took part in the East Durham Sports Hall Athletics Competition and with some great performances, the group won three of the four competitions. Well done to our Year 7 and 8 girls and Year 8 boys who will now go on to compete in the county finals in February.

But that's not all from our PE department - we've published lots of stories on sporting success in and outside of school on our social media pages. Don't forget to follow us at [@EasingtonAcademy](#) on Facebook.





# The 12 days of Christmas



**In the lead up to Christmas, staff and students enjoyed our festive 12 days of Christmas timetable, full of activities to get everyone in the Christmas spirit.**

We enjoyed a series of festive puzzles, house tree decorating competitions, candy cane deliveries, rewards and quizzes. Of course Christmas wouldn't be complete without Christmas jumper day! Our school was flooded with colours and patterns as everyone donned their best festive outfits and raised money for the charity Save the Children. A big thank you to everyone who got involved, we raised a brilliant £320!

# Space Masterclass

**This term two groups of Year 8 students took part in a Space Masterclass led by the National Space Academy where they discovered different types of careers in the space industry.**

On top of that, they built and launched rockets (the best travelled over 70 metres!) and learned how people survive in space with the differing pressures. There were lots of hands-on activities and the students had a great day.



# Remembrance Day 2023

**In November we held our annual Remembrance Day service.**

Our students put together a wonderful ceremony, with those in the cadets performing a march, Year 11 Darcie playing the Last Post, and a reading from our prefects.

Thank you to the local police officers and MP Grahame Morris who joined us for the occasion.

Lest we forget.

