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# THE VOICE

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

**We've had an extremely busy and successful start to this academic year, and I can't believe that our first term has already finished.**

Our students never cease to amaze us with their talents, passion, enthusiasm and creativity. Looking back over the term, I cannot believe how much they have managed to achieve.

In the classroom, lessons have been purposeful with strong academic progress being made. It has been a real pleasure to visit lessons and speak to students about their learning; their enthusiasm is infectious. Year 11 have impressed us all with the dedication and maturity they demonstrated in their first set of mock examinations; a strong foundation upon which they will build next year as they approach their GCSE examinations.

Our extracurricular programme and Sports Hub continue to be popular with many of our new clubs attracting so many students that we've had to open additional rooms and add extra sessions to our timetable.

It has been great to welcome so many parents and carers back into the building for our information and parents' evenings this term and we look forward to seeing more of you in the new year.

Our success is dependent on the support we receive from you, our parents and carers and I would like to thank you on behalf of all of our staff for your ongoing support. Our students really are a credit to you and our Academy and I look forward to seeing what we will achieve together next term.

From everyone at Easington Academy, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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**Nicola Falconer,**  
Head of School



## Singing success

**Huge congratulations to our choir who placed 2nd in the Durham Schools Choir Competition at Ushaw College this month.**

After a stunning performance, our fantastic choir are now through to the North East Choir of the Year in February at Durham Cathedral.

We wish the group the best of luck in the next stage! You can watch a video of their fantastic performance at Ushaw College on our school Facebook page.

# Magnificent mock results

Year 11 received a festive treat when they collected their mock exam results. Well done everyone!

There is so much to celebrate and areas to work on in the new year. You've got this!

## IMPORTANT DATES *for your diary*

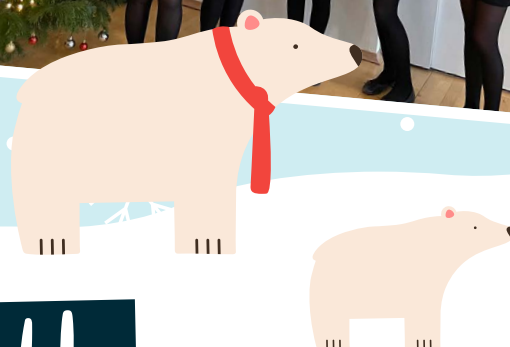
**20 Dec** Break up for Christmas

**04 Jan** Back to school

**17 Feb** Break up for half term

**27 Feb** Back to school

**31 Mar** Break up for Easter



## 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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## A new programme

We launched our exciting new Reading Ambassador programme this month.

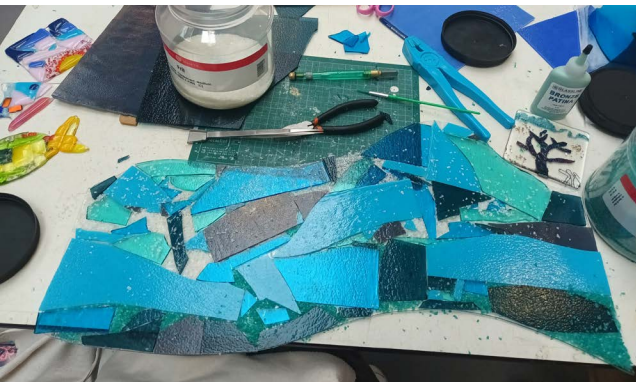
A brilliant 26 Year 7 students have begun working with a group of Year 9 reading ambassadors to focus on reading fluency. Recently the group focussed on a text called 'The Fog' which was enjoyed by both Year 7s and Year 9s.



## Amazing art

**Congratulations to Sarah L who has been awarded a merit from the Creative Dimension Trust.**

Sarah created some large-scale glass pieces at The National glass centre for a collection displayed in London's Fortnum and Mason. What an amazing achievement - well done!



## A visit from parliament

**Our Year 8 students received a visit from the Parliament Outreach team earlier this term.**

Students had the opportunity to create and discuss their own bills, whilst learning what it takes to have them passed as law in parliament.

## Buzzing for books

There was a bookish buzz around school this term as we had a visit from the Scholastic book fair where students had the opportunity to buy some fantastic new books.

Happy reading everyone, we'd love to hear what you think of your new reads.



## Celebration station

**This term saw the exciting launch of our 'celebration station'.**

Each Friday students have had the opportunity to visit Mrs Falconer at the celebration station to show

off work or achievements they're proud of.

We kicked off the scheme by celebrating Genevieve, Kieran and Amii's hard work. We cannot wait to continue this in the new year.



## Christmas joke

Why are elves such great motivational speakers?

They have plenty of elf-confidence.



## Creative writers

At the end of last year, students entered a national creative writing competition, ran by the Young Writers Organisation, in a bid to have their writing published.

There were 9,000 entries across England and this term we are delighted to announce that 85 of our students were successful and will be published writers. An amazing achievement - well done!

## Bon appetit

To mark European Day of Languages this term, we celebrated all things MFL for the entire week.

We kicked off the week by bringing Paris to Easington! Students enjoyed a variety of French delicacies including croissants, pain au chocolat and croque monsieur in our French-themed dining hall.

Students and staff were encouraged to order in French and listened to some French music whilst enjoying their refreshments. It was a 'grand succès'!



## Headteacher Awards

A big congratulations to Kieran, Tilly, Chloe, Layla, Ava and Emma who are this term's winners of our Headteacher Award. You're all superstars, keep up the good work next year.



## Duke of Edinburgh's Award success!

Our Duke of Edinburgh's Award students attended their well-deserved awards evening this term.

The hard working group received their certificates and badges after completing their expedition as well as totally a tremendous 22,032 hours of volunteering in the community!

Don't forget, the Bronze award is on offer to all Year 9 students and on completion, can then take part in the Silver award in Year 10. As well as being a great adventure, many employers highly regard the award and can give you the edge when looking for work in the future - a very worthwhile attribute to have on your CV or UCAS personal statement.



## Arnold Clark winners

This term we were delighted to discover that our school was an Arnold Clark Gear Up for Sport winner!

A number of our Year 7 and 8 girls who have contributed most to the sporting life of the Academy were awarded with a hoodie as part of the sporting initiative. Great job everyone!

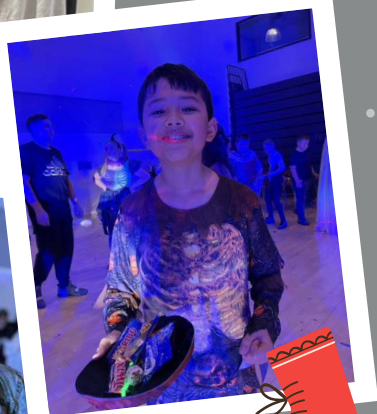




## A total thriller

Back in October, our students had a devilishly good time at our Halloween disco

Everyone danced their socks off before recharging with games and plenty of sweet treats. Well done to the spookiest clown and ghost for winning 'best costume'.



## Lest we forget



Easington Academy came to a stand still this term to mark Remembrance Day with a minute's silence. It was very moving to see everyone come together in their uniforms.

## Careers corner

### BRING IT ON!

This term saw students head to the Beacon of Light for the annual 'Bring It On' STEM event.

Students participated in fun interactive activities split into five zones that represented the major engineering sectors in our region - automotive, rail and aerospace; creative and digital technology; civil, structural and construction; sub-sea, oil, gas, renewables and energy and chemicals and processing.

### Building a future

Year 11 students enjoyed a trip to Sunderland College for their construction festival this term. During the day our students had the opportunity to see the college's engineering and construction facilities. They met a range of different businesses from across the region and were able to take part in tool demonstrations. The day offered students a lot of insight as they were able to chat to different companies and learn about the skills and attributes required to do certain jobs. It was great to hear valuable conversations about how the providers got into their current roles.

### Key Stage 4 careers

Our Key Stage 4 Careers Fair was a fabulous success. Year 10 and 11 students attended with their parents and carers. Providers from a multitude of colleges and universities were on hand to provide information and advice to students. Also in attendance were many employers, apprenticeship providers as well as post-16 support agencies. This event helps students make more informed choices on their next step of their education. Don't forget, we have plenty of guidance on our school website too, available 24/7.





# Sporting stars

As always, we have so much sporting success to report on from this term. Check out just a snapshot of some of our brilliant sporting students!



## Watch out, Charlie's about

A big congratulations to Year 8 student Charlie who achieved his blue belt in kickboxing. Keep up the great work!

## Year 7 girls' football

The team took part in the Under-13s EFL Cup and performed brilliantly as a team this term.

## Under 14s girls' football

Our under-14 girls also had a great term for football. The team made it through to the next round of the County Cup after a brilliant 4-0 win against Whitburn. Keep it up!

## Year 7 stars

Our Year 7 girls' football team are through to the third round of the National Cup after beating Cardinal Hume 5-2. Amazing work!

## Football to futsal

Our brilliant Year 7 girls' futsal team recently qualified for the county finals next year. The group went up against various schools in the area including St Bede's and Wellfield.

## Staff v students

Our Year 11 netball team went head to head in a match against staff. Both teams were well supported and all money raised from the event is going towards the Year 11 prom. The staff came out victorious with a 14-7 win.

Well done to both teams - what a brilliant idea!







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## Making the move to teaching is easier than you think...

Did you know you can train to be a teacher in our school? Training to teach in our school with North East SCITT takes less time and is more affordable than many people realise. Our nine-month courses begin every September meaning you could be starting out on a new career before you know it. Many people worry they don't have what

it takes to make the move into teaching, but with training and support from our team of experienced, outstanding teachers who are right beside you from day one, we always prove them wrong. If you have a good degree and the desire to learn new skills and make a difference, then we'd love to talk to you.

## Thinking about training to teach?

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 with North East SCITT.

19 <sup>th</sup>	January	2023
8 <sup>th</sup>	February	2023
10 <sup>th</sup>	March	2023
18 <sup>th</sup>	April	2023
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Virtual taster days also available. Please check our website for more details.



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