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October 2024

HEAD TEACHER WELCOME

Dear Parents, Students, and Friends of Egglescliffe,

As we embark on another exciting term at Egglescliffe School and Sixth Form, I want to take a moment to express just how proud I am to lead this remarkable institution. Every day, I am inspired by the dedication and enthusiasm that our students bring to their learning and extracurricular activities.

Our enrichment opportunities continue to flourish, offering students a diverse range of experiences that enrich their education and personal growth. From clubs and sports to STEM activities and creative arts or community projects, these activities help our students discover new passions and develop valuable life skills.

I am continually impressed by the hard work and commitment of our staff, who go above and beyond to provide a nurturing and challenging environment. Their passion for teaching and dedication to student success is evident in everything they do, and I am incredibly proud of the positive impact they have on our students' lives.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18 th October	Y7 and Y10 settling in data sent home		
	(AtL)		
23 rd & 24 th	Y7 and Y10 tutor evening		
October			
24 th October	End of Half Term for students		
25 th October	Y12 settling in data sent home		
	PD Day (no students in school)		
4 th November	Students return		
11th November	Y11 mock exams begin (2 weeks)		
14 th November	Y12 tutor evening		
21st November	Sixth form open evening 6-8pm		
22 nd November	Y13 data sent home		

Equally, I want to acknowledge the unwavering support we receive from our parents and carers. Your involvement and encouragement play a vital role in our school community, helping to create a collaborative atmosphere where our students can thrive.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Egglescliffe family. Together, we are building a bright future for our students, and I look forward to celebrating their achievements with you all.

Warm regards,

Neil Gittins Head of School

AMAZING STUDENTS DOING AMAZING THINGS

Y11 HISTORY STUDENTS VISIT BEAMISH

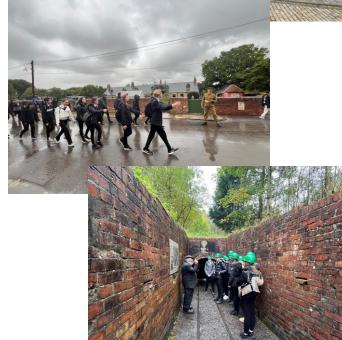
The Year 11 students recently enjoyed an exciting history curriculum trip to Beamish, an outdoor museum in the North East of England. This immersive experience transported them back in time to explore life in the region during the 1900s, 1940s, and 1950s.

The students first explored the 1900s town, where they learned about various aspects of life leading up to World War One. They visited places such as the bank, the masons, residential houses, and even the dentist's office. The journey continued with a ride on the tram, which took them to the pit village—a highlight of the day.

At the village, the students were greeted by a Recruitment Sergeant, who put them through their paces with a taste of military life. They then participated in a World War One workshop, visiting the local school and miners' cottages while solving a mystery along the way. The visit culminated with a tour of the pit, where students gained first-hand understanding of life as a miner.

This trip provided Year 11 with an engaging, hands-on experience that brought their history lessons to life, allowing them to visualise the societies they study at GCSE.





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GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK

Y11s finally lucked out with the weather after two previous attempts to go collect their data for their geography exam were rained off.

Third time lucky, we managed to dodge the September flooding by 24 hours to successfully collect data on river velocity and counter-urbanisation.

It was a wonderful day where students got to see geography in action and see their pages of learning come to life. Some overly friendly horses were at one of the sites so we employed dogs to distract them. It worked a treat! Now we just need the same luck with the weather for the rest of our field trips this year.



ENGLAND TEAM SELECTION

Tom H, Y10, has been selected to play for England U16s against Ireland. Congratulations to Tom on such an incredible sporting achievement.



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GCSE DRAMA STUDENTS

Year 10 Drama students have made a fantastic start to GCSE Drama. We couldn't be more proud of them. A large number of them came to support the Year 6 Open Evening too - helping to run Drama activities and they even performed extracts from The Last Resort, which were superb and highly entertaining! To the right are a few pictures of what they have been getting up to.



Congratulations to all those who entered European the Day of Languages Competition.

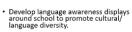
Students were tasked with showing the power of languages and there were some fantastic entries.

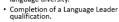
This also sparked off the first meeting of our language ambassadors who met to share the vast array of languages that they speak already. Look out for some of their ideas as to how powerful languages can be in the near future. For any other students who are interested please see the role description attached and come along on Wednesday lunchtimes to 114.

Language Ambassador role description

- Acting as a young translator for induction-showing parents/ carers/ pupils around the school, offering opportunities to converse in your own language.
- Attend weekly Language Ambassador meetings at lunch time.
- Be a language mentor-supporting learning.
- Organise cultural awareness days and taking part in assemblies that celebrate your home language(s).

- · Opportunities to complete a qualification
- · Opportunities to teach others.





- · Creation of a website page.
- · Involvement of parental/ community
- Contribute to school newsletter articles about Language Ambassador events.





WIE NÜTZLICH SIND SIE FÜR MEIN LEBEN?

Es stimmt dass, Fremdsprachen immer mehr wichtig für die Anstellung sind. Viele Arbeitgeber*innen suchen für Leute, d Sprachkentnisse haben. Fur große Konzerne sind Fremdsprachen besonders hilfsbereit, weil man mit Klienten



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WORLD CHALLENGE 2025: EXPEDITION TO NEPAL

In the summer of 2025, a team of Year 11 and Year 12 students will embark on an incredible World Challenge expedition to the picturesque country of Nepal, home to the world's highest peak, Mount Everest. This adventure will take the team through the breath taking, mountainous terrain that Nepal is famous for, providing both a physical challenge and an unforgettable cultural experience.

During this expedition, students will not only trek through Nepal's stunning landscapes but also participate in a community and environmental project just outside of Kathmandu. The team will work alongside local villagers on a building and conservation project, contributing to the community while immersing themselves in the local culture.

Through these activities, the team will gain valuable skills in leadership, teamwork, and self-reliance, preparing them for future challenges both during and after their expedition. This experience promises to be transformative, as students not only develop as individuals but also make a positive impact on the communities they engage with.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

The team have already begun preparing for this once-in-a-lifetime journey and have spent the past year organising fundraising events to support their expedition. So far, they have participated in a variety of activities, including sponsored swims, quiz nights, cake sales, and, more recently, supporting parents' evenings. These initiatives not only raise funds but also foster a sense of community as everyone comes together to support our students.

Stay tuned for updates on the expedition and the team's fundraising efforts as they work towards making this incredible journey a reality!



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STUDENTS SUPPORTING YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Our Y6 Open Evening simply wouldn't be able to run without the fabulous support of our student helpers and student leaders. From giving speeches and welcoming parents, to providing tours and supporting in curriculum areas, our student volunteers ensure the event runs smoothly and are brilliant ambassadors for our school. Our resident student photographers even took all the photographs below themselves. This year, students were rewarded for their efforts with a film afternoon.



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SPORTS AWARDS 2023-2024

YEAR 7 YEAR 8

Sport	Boys	Girls	
Rugby	Will F		
Tennis	Krish M	Sorcha B	
Football	Tom B	Eva K-H Isla T Scarlett M	
Netball		Grace F	
Hockey	Seth W	Lacy P	
Cricket	Arun S		
Rounders		Libby M Isobel M Emmeline W	
Badminton	Tom P Jack P	Mia W	
Athletics	Will P	Amelie E-D	

Sport	Boys	Girls
Rugby	Lewis N	
Tennis	Teddy P	
Football	Finn C	
Netball		Florence L-R
Hockey	Arthur W	
Cricket	James M	Lacey S
Rounders		Jemima R
Badminton		Lois V Emily S
Athletics	Seth G	Tasmin D

YEAR 9 YEAR 10

Sport	Boys	Girls
Rugby	Zach S	Izzy B
Tennis	Gabe G	Amy C
Football	Josh C	
Netball		Imogen G
Hockey	Sam W	Izzy S
Cricket	Miles M	Emily W
Badminton		Mary Anne L
Athletics	Joe R	Imogen G

Sport	Boys	Girls
Rugby	Ben L	Evie H
Tennis	Ben C	Sophia S
Football	Dylan H	Masie H
Netball		Zara D
Hockey	Joe H	
Cricket	Joe G	
Athletics	George S	Phillipa M-S

AMAZING STUDENTS DOING AMAZING THINGS SPORTS PERSONALITIES OF THE YEAR 2023 - 2024

Congratulations to these students who have achieved this highly prestigious award. They were presented with their trophies in a celebratory assembly earlier this half term.

YEAR 7 FELIX R



YEAR 7 CHARLOTTE W

YEAR 8 LAYLA M



YEAR 8 SAM C

YEAR 9 CHARLOTTE C





YEAR 9 BEN S

YEAR 10 SOPHIE P





YEAR 10 RICHARD K

ENRICHMENT AT EGGLESCLIFFE

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VISION

Enrichment

Autumn Timetable 2024



OUTSTANDING **ENRICHMENT**



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Wider Curriculum

Monday After School



Activity	Enrichment Area	Students	Place	Staff
Big Band Jazz	CREATIVITY	Year 7 - 13	Peake Dining 3:20 - 5pm	Mr Maycock
Cooking Club	CREATIVITY	Year 10 & 11	DT 2 3:15 – 4:45pm	Mrs Jolly
Robotics	CREATIVITY	Y12 & 13	E-Sports	Mr Fairburn

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Tuesday Lunchtimes

Activity	Enrichment Area	Students	Place	Staff
KS3 Law	EMPLOYABILITY	Year 7 - 9	GT1	Mr Fairbairn
Warhammer	CHALLENGE	Year 7 - 13	SF4	Mr Moulder
LGBTQ+ Safe Space	WELLBEING	Year 7 - 13	101	Miss Marron and Mrs Marron
Tech She Can	CREATIVITY	Year 7 - 9	IT 4	Mr Smith and Miss Gittins
Interhouse Sports	CHALLENGE	Year 11	Astro/Sports Hall	PE Department
Indoor Football	CHALLENGE	Year 8	Sports Hall	PE Department

Monday Mornings

Activity	Enrichment Area	Students	Time & Place	Staff
Girls Football	CHALLENGE	Year 7 - 8	Astro 9.00-8.40am	PE Department
Boys and Girls Hockey	CHALLENGE	Year 10 - 11	Astro 9.00-8.40am	PE Department
Badminton	CHALLENGE	All Years	Sports Hall 9.00-8.40am	PE Department

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Tuesday Mornings



Activity	Enrichment Area	Students	Time & Place	Staff
Boys & Girls Hockey	CHALLENGE	Year 7 - 8	Astro 8:00 – 8:40am	PE Department
Netball	CHALLENGE	Year 8 - 9	Sports Hall 8:00 – 8:40am	PE Department
Boys Football	CHALLENGE	Year 9 - 10	Astro 8:00 – 8:40am	PE Department

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Tuesday After School



Activity	Enrichment Area	Students	Time & Place	Staff
D of E Bronze	CHALLENGE	Year 9	EN 8/9 3:20 – 4:15pm	Mr Wilkinson & Mr Kriehn
F1 in Schools	CHALLENGE	Year 7 -13	G 04 3:20 – 4:30pm	Mr Lucas & Mr Fairbairn
Inspirational Talks & Scholar Award Drop-In	EXCELLENCE	Year 8 - 10	SF 2 3:20 – 4:20pm	Mrs Wilkinson
Boys Rugby	CHALLENGE	Year 10 - 11	Grass 4:30pm	PE Department
Basketball	CHALLENGE	Year 7 - 9	Sports Hall 4:40pm	PE Department
Cooking Club	CREATIVITY	Year 7	DT 2 3:15 – 4:45pm	Mrs Jolly

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Wednesday Mornings



Wednesday Lunchtimes



Activity	Enrichment Area	Students	Time & Place	Staff
Boys Hockey	CHALLENGE	Year 8-9	Astro 8:00 – 8:40am	PE Department
Boys Rugby	CHALLENGE	Year 7	Grass 8:00 – 8:40am	PE Department
Netball	CHALLENGE	Year 7	Sports Hall 8:00 – 8:40am	PE Department
Girls Football	CHALLENGE	Year 9 – 11	Astro 8:00 – 8:40am	PE Department
Table Tennis (GCSE & CNAT)	CHALLENGE	Year 10 - 11	Gym 8:00 – 8:40am	PE Department

Activity	Enrichment Area	Students	Place	Staff
Enterprise	EMPLOYABILITY	Year 7 - 13	IT 3	Mr Fairburn
Student Leaders	LEADERSHIP	Year 9 - 10	204	Mrs Jonathan
Language Ambassadors	LEADERSHIP	Year 7 - 13	114	Mr Carruthers

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Wednesday Lunchtimes



Wednesday After School



Activity	Enrichment Area	Students	Place	Staff
Interhouse Sports	CHALLENGE	Year 8	Astro/Gym	PE Department
Badminton	CHALLENGE	Year 10 -11	Sports Hall	PE Department
Fantasy Gaming	CREATIVITY	Year 8 - 10	Sc 7	Mr Watson

Activity	Enrichment Area	Students	Time & Place	Staff
Brass Band	CREATIVITY	Year 7 - 13	Peake Dining 3:15 - 5pm	Mr Maycock
Robotics	CHALLENGE	Y 7 - 13	E-Sports 3:20 – 4:30pm	Mr Fairbairn/Miss Gittins
Dance	CHALLENGE Year 7 - 13		Gym 4:30pm	PE Department
Orchestra	CREATIVITY	Year 7 - 13	G 05 3:15 - 5pm	Miss Bailey
School Production (Lower School)	CREATIVITY	Year 7 - 9	Drama 3:15 - 5pm	Mr Haworth & Miss Greenfield
Cooking Club	CREATIVITY	Year 9	DT 2 3:15 – 4:45pm	Mrs Jolly

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Thursday Mornings



Thursday Lunchtimes



Activity	Enrichment Area	Students	Time & Place	Staff
Boys Football	CHALLENGE	Year 7	Astro 8:00 – 8:40am	PE Department
Girls Hockey	CHALLENGE	Year 8 – 9	Grass 8:00 – 8:40am	PE Department
Rugby	CHALLENGE	Year 8 – 9	Grass 8:00 – 8:40am	PE Department
Netball	CHALLENGE	Year 10 - 13	Sports Hall 8:00 – 8:40am	PE Department

Activity	Enrichment Area	Students	Place	Staff
Fantasy Gaming	CREATIVITY	Year 8 - 10	Sc 7	Mr Watson
D of E Silver	CHALLENGE	Year 10	111	Mr Wilkinson & Mrs Wood
Taskmaster	CHALLENGE	Year 7 - 13	114	Mr Carruthers

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Thursday After School

Enrichment Area



Activity	Activity Enrichment Area		Place	Staff
Homework Club	EXCELLENCE	Year 7 – 11	G 04	Miss Hughes
Interhouse Sports	CHALLENGE	Year 10	Astro/Sports Hall	PE Department
Urban Voice	Jrban Voice CREATIVITY		G 07	Mr Haworth

School Production (Upper School)	CREATIVITY	Year 10 - 13	Peake Dining 3:15 – 4:15pm	Mr Haworth
Greenpower F24	CHALLENGE	Year 7 -10	Stem Hub 3:20 – 5pm	Mr Fairbairn
Cooking Club	Cooking Club CREATIVITY		DT 2 3:15 – 4:45pm	Mrs Jolly

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Friday Lunchtimes



Friday After School



Activity	Enrichment Area	Students	Place	Staff	Activity	
Fantasy Gaming	CREATIVITY	Year 8 - 10	Sc 7	Mr Watson	Senior Choir	
Drama Club	CREATIVITY	Year 7 - 13	Theatre	Mr Thornton		
Interhouse Sports	CHALLENGE	Year 7	Astro/Sports Hall	PE Department	Chemistry Olympiad	
Science Club	EXCELLENCE	Year 7 - 11	Sc 11	Miss Norton		

Activity	Enrichment Area	Students	Time & Place	Staff
Senior Choir	CREATIVITY	Year 7 - 13	Peake Dining 3:15 - 5pm	Mr Conroy
Chemistry Olympiad	CHALLENGE	Year 13 Chemists	Sc 4 3:15 – 4:30pm	Mr Longfield

PASTORAL SUPPORT, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

Cost of living support in the local area:

Increasing your household income

Every year there are thousands of pounds that could go to households in Stockton Borough but instead this money sits unused at central government because it is not claimed by those people who are entitled to it. It is really important that at least once a year you have a Benefit Check to make sure you are getting all the income that you are entitled to. Even if you have not been entitled before, the benefit rules change frequently, so it could be that you are now eligible for some extra money. If your circumstances have changed – new child, working less, ill health, looking after someone – then you could be entitled too. It does not take long, is completely free and confidential and is provided by trained advisers from your local Citizens Advice. Last year we helped people in Stockton Borough secure an extra £1,785,851 that they were legally entitled to. Don't delay, book your annual Benefit Check today. Contact Stockton & District Advice & Information Service on 01642 633877 or support@stockton-cab.co.uk.



Reducing your household bills - water

There are lots of ways you might be able to reduce your water bills right now:

- M Low Income Discount. If you get Pension Credit or if you are on a low income, you may be able to reduce your water bill by up to 50%
- ${\rm ll}$ Reduced Bill. If the cost of living increases have made it difficult for you to pay your household bills, you could be eligible for a discount on your bill of up to 50%
- Bill Cap Scheme Watersure. This scheme means that your bill can be capped so you do not pay more if you have three or more children, or if someone in your household has to use a lot of water due to a medical condition. You must be on a water meter and get Pension Credit, Universal Credit, or certain other benefits.
- Payment Break. A break from making payments for your water bill may be possible if you have lost your job or had an unexpected change in income.

To access these services contact Stockton Advice & Information Service on 01642 633877 or support@stockton-cab.co.uk. Contact Northumbrian Water on 0345 733 5566 supportplus@nwl.co.uk.

WHAT'S ON IN PSHE THIS HALF TERM?

Our PSHE curriculum ensures that our students are well prepared to be active citizens in modern Britain. The focus for this half term are:

- **Year 7** Relationships: healthy and unhealthy relationships, managing conflict, consent, pressure & influence
- **Year 8** Staying Safe: managing online information, online safety, cyberbullying, county lines, the law, first aid
- Year 9 Staying Safe: online safety, gambling, first aid, knife crime, railway safety
- **Year 10** Relationships: healthy relationships, offline sexual harassment, consent, gender identity, the Moral Question: Creation, sexual health
- **Year 11** Life in the Wider World: CIAG routes and employability, the Moral Question, study skills, exam pressure, financial education

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HAF Holidays Are Fun

Free Holidays Are Fun activities this October half term!

Booking opens at the end of September for hundreds of free and exciting activities on our Holidays Are Fun (HAF) programme this October half term.

There's a wide range of sessions to choose from for eligible school age children from Reception to Year 11, including boxing, sports and arts & crafts. A free nutritious meal is provided each day for every child taking part. To be eligible, families must be in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, in receipt of Universal Credit, or experiencing financial difficulties. Visit www.stockton.gov.uk/haf to book a place. For more information call 01642 527752 or email HAF@stockton.gov.uk HAF is delivered by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council in partnership with Catalyst.



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Supporting the mental health of children and young people in your school community



As we approach World Mental Health Day on the 10th of October, it's a perfect time to reflect on any challenges students face, especially with the recent changes in social media safety.

According to a recent BBC article, nearly 60% of young people have experienced negative from online interactions. At Kooth, we provide a clinically safe and moderated digital space where you and your students can seek support for their mental health without fear of discrimination, or sharing personal details. Our team reviews all usergenerated content, and anonymity is strictly maintained.

KoothKlass and KoothTalks webinars

Our free webinars offer valuable insights for education professionals and parents, providing practical information and guidance on key mental health topics.

Helping young people stay safe on their new smartphone

With over a third of parents and carers feeling uneasy about their child having their first smartphone, we've put together this session to explore supporting a child's mental wellbeing whilst using the device plus information on UK law and social media usage and online safety tips. We are also offering a KoothKlass live stream morning assembly session for **Year 7** students on staying safe on your new smartphone.

- •KoothTalks for families: please share this link to book
- •KoothKlass for Year 7 students: book your place here

Meeting the needs of neurodivergent and Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND) young people.

Children and young people waiting for an assessment or navigating a diagnosis may need additional emotional support. We're offering a webinar this month exploring how our platform meets the needs of neurodiverse and SEND young people.

- •KoothTalks for professionals: book your place here
- •KoothTalks for families: please share this link with parents and carers

Anti-Bullying Week: 11th-15th November 2024

Support your students during **Anti-Bullying Week** by signing up for our live-streamed KoothKlass morning assemblies focused on anti-bullying and mental health awareness.

•KoothKlass for **young people** (to livestream in your morning assembly): book your place here

Avoiding Exploitation

Also in November, we're providing guidance for both teaching professionals and young people about what exploitation means, signs to spot and available support, including an interview with Kooth's Deputy Head of Safeguarding.

- •KoothTalks for professionals: book your place here
- •KoothKlass for **young people**: (to livestream during class or form time): book your place here

Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Our December webinars focus on helping you understand a little more about Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA), hear from a young person's perspective, and explore support strategies with Kooth's Senior Clinical Psychologist.

Parents and carers may also be seeking support for their anxious child avoiding school. They're often juggling work and caregiving, feeling deeply worried while their child remains at home. So we're also offering a webinar for families.

- •KoothTalks training for professionals book your place here
- •KoothTalks for families: please share this link with affected families

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Culture of Vigilance Keeping Children Safe

Vision Academy Learning Trust operates a robust safeguarding policy in order to provide a safe and secure environment for all our staff, pupils and visitors.

Our Safeguarding Team:



Mrs WrightDesignated
Safeguarding Lead



Dr LearDeputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mr Henderson Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Aitchison Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Hewitt Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Granycome Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Crook
Deputy Designated
Sixth Form
Safeguarding Lead

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SAFE SPACE REPORTING

As discussed in previous assemblies and PSHE lessons, students have the opportunity to inform staff of something in a discrete manner by completing our SafeSpace report. Please see the link: SafeSpace Reporting (egglescliffe.org.uk)