



Champions: Netball victory

TALENTED netballers are celebrating after winning a tournament and gaining promotion.

The Year 8 team visited Hereford Academy for their county league tournament, winning

all their games. Netball coach Ms Parton said: "The girls played extremely well and were very pleased to be presented with their medals. Needless to say they were very

excited on the bus journey back and deserve our congratulations. The Year 7 team were also successful, with student Emma Jones being voted Players' Player!"

POETS have submitted excellent work to the College Poet-tree. Librarian Mrs Barrington said: "Thank you so much for your contributions to the EMC Poet-tree! The winning poem was written by Benjamin Nicholls describing his 'Where I Live' as on the football field":

*My happy place is Bridge Street football ground,
My boots are muddy,
Eyes locked onto my opponent, right back I study.
My heart is pounding,
I'm out of breath.
Zig Zag,
I tried to pass,*

*The net is my aim,
Kick,
Hold breath,
Time has paused,
SUCCESS! Hit the back of the net,
The mud on my boots, I'll never regret.*

B. Nicholls Year 9



A CAKE sale has raised money for the Read For Good charity. Librarian Mrs Barrington said: "Thank you all for your support with my little cake sale. We managed to raise £22.55. It really is appreciated. I was also very pleased to see so many of our teenage boys reading their books in support of this initiative."

Students learn road safety with virtual reality 'crash'

STUDENTS have taken part in a road safety workshop as part of their "Skills 4 Life" & Citizenship Drop-Down Day.

YourImpact is a free multi-agency road safety scheme aimed at reducing death and serious injury amongst young road users in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

The scheme is for Year 11 students who are road users – as car passengers, pedestrians, cyclists and possibly soon-to-be young drivers.

The focus is to provide students with the education, tools and confidence to make the right choices when using the road.

First, the idea is to become better passengers. This will lead

them to have the confidence to recognise and challenge the behaviours of those making potentially dangerous decisions.

Organised by Miss Darroll, the group also took part in a virtual reality reconstruction of a road traffic collision.

The flagship workshop is a powerful re-enactment, putting them into the front seat of a vehicle experiencing everything from the drive and crash to a full extrication involving all emergency services.

During the workshops, students also viewed videos, hearing from bereaved parents, friends and family members of those who have tragically lost their lives on the road.



Year 11 girls at the YourImpact workshop



This year's Prevent Bullying Now ambassadors who have completed their training and are on hand to help their peers

Helping parents keep teenagers safe online

THE college is working tirelessly to help students and families protect themselves from harmful online content.

In wake of hard-hitting Netflix show *Adolescence*, *inset*, which explores the dangers of accessing unregulated social media and other content, we have continued to ensure our safeguarding practice meets the needs of our students.

Mr Wharam, Assistant Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead, said: "We recognise that students can be vulnerable to nefarious online influences.

"They can spend hours online via their devices. How confident can parents or carers be that their children are safe?

"In addition to maintaining an array of online filters and blockers in school, we send regular emails to families in order to promote open conversations and to help ensure that young people are safer online."



Factsheets that have been shared include:

- 10 tips to keep your child safe online
- Fake News
- TikTok
- Cyber Flashing
- Andrew Tate
- Fortnite
- Live Streaming

● WhatsApp

- SnapChat
- Loot Boxes and Skins Betting
- Screen time.
- Minecraft.
- YouTube

Forthcoming factsheets include:

- Incel culture
- Roblox
- Decoding emojis

We ran a survey to gauge the efficacy of our online awareness campaign and received

some excellent feedback. Thanks to all who got in touch. Feedback we received includes:

- Top tips, quick and easy read.
- Prevent Bullying Now has helped my son with his troubles.
- It's been useful to know that the school is aware of Andrew Tate and misogyny issues.
- The information given makes us parents more aware.
- I find all the emails very beneficial.
- Andrew Tate, I'd literally never heard of him and so this email means that I can have a conversation with my son and have a greater understanding.
- They all give a good insight on what to look out for.

Suggestions for future topics include:

- Cyber bullying.
- Online loneliness – difficult one to fix in terms of online safety but does have significant impact on people around anxiety and depression and suicidal ideation.
- Road safety.

Jekyll and Hyde

THE college enjoyed a thrilling theatre performance delivered by a leading theatre troupe.

Brum's production of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde is a powerful drama, rich in imagery that illuminates the themes at the heart of Robert Louis Stevenson's complex text.

The show explored themes such as identity, good and evil, love and hate, knowledge and ethics, power and responsibility, justice and what makes us human.



Grease is the word... as productions return

STAGE stars are celebrating the return of EMC Productions with a performance of much-loved musical Grease.

Set in 1950s America, the story follows the students at Rydell High, where charming greaser Danny Zuko and sweet new girl Sandy Olsson share a whirlwind romance before term starts.

But when school begins, Danny's tough-guy image clashes with Sandy's innocent nature, leading to misunderstandings and heartbreak. Led by Mr Price and Mr Russell,

the show promises boundless energy, humour and classic rock 'n' roll. This whole-school production will have the audience singing and dancing in their seats.

All tickets must be purchased in advance through parentmail. If you need to contact EMC about purchasing tickets, please email nprice@emc.hereford.sch.uk.



CAST LIST

Matthew Davies - Danny
Liv Jones - Sandy
Karolina Peryt - Rizzo
Phoebe Evans - Cha-Cha DiGregorio
Ellis Ryder - Kenickie
Lilian Varga - Frenchie
Lauren Hughes - Mrs Lynch
Blake Clewer - Eugene
Lottie McGowen - Patty
Holly Pugh - Marty
Will Slayman-Broom - Doody
Noah Powell-Tuck - Roger
Joseph Doolan - Sonny
Holly Fisher - Jan
Xavianne - Vince
(Plus 30 backstage!)



Students interview passers-by near the Millennium Clock in Corn Square

Core ideas: Students explore ‘heart’ of town

Year 11 GCSE geography students took part in a “Leominster: Unseen” fieldwork expedition.

Students were testing the famous “Core and Frame” model, which suggests that towns will have a busy central core surrounded by housing and edge-of-town industry.

The trip was led by teachers Mr Wharam, Mr Newitt and Mrs Fullthorpe.

The students took in the sights and sounds of Leominster’s Corn Square (the core), South Street (the transition zone) and the Enterprise Park (the frame) – and the theory matched reality.

Applying science at TeenTech awards

HARDWORKING STEM students are applying their skills to a range of exciting projects as part of a national competition.

KS3 design and technology students have been working towards entering the TeenTech awards, which encourage the application of science and technology to solve real-world problems.

Students have developed

many exciting projects, from hydroelectric power generation ideas to adaptive wearable technology for sports/health.

Their projects have been entered into the competition and judging was happening in April. There will be bronze, silver and gold awards.

Organisers Ms Dixon and Dr Mitchell have been

impressed with their ideas. They said: “A very big well done to all who committed their time after school and came up with some very interesting ideas. We look forward to seeing how they progress with the competition.”

Successful students will present their projects to a panel of industry judges in London for a chance to win a cash prize.



World Book Day dressing-up fun

LITERARY figures were brought to life during World Book Day. Staff and students dressed up as their favourite book characters as part of a variety of celebrations designed to encourage reading. The event was organised by Mrs Gummer, head of Jaguar House.

Choirs unite for We Sing

Students join forces with police male voice choir to raise funds

THE school choir was on song as they took part in their third We Sing event.

EMC Choir joined Hereford Police Male Voice Choir to perform a variety of songs such as 'Wellerman', 'Saints Go Marching In' and 'We Are The Champions'.

The choir also performed a phenomenal version of 'You Will Be Found' from Dear Evan Hansen.

Congratulations to Holly Fisher and Liv Jones who performed solos. We also would like to say thank you to Year 11 Emilia Dorn

who has been in the choir for five years and enjoyed her final performance.

Mrs De-Sondberg said: "Well done to all students involved who, by ticket sales, have helped raise money for The Marches Network."





Racing to success

Amy hopes to compete in Grand National one day

AN aspiring jockey has won a prestigious study place at internationally renowned racecourse Newmarket.

Year 11 Amy will attend the British Racing School for a three-month course, which starts in July, followed by an 18-month stint on the

racing yard. She said: "It's been my dream since a very young age to become a jockey and my goal is to race in the Grand National.

"I enjoyed work experience at Hay-on-Wye and the college has been very supportive."

Amy hopes to emulate her mum, godfather

and great-grandmother who have each enjoyed successful careers in the saddle.

She added: "I have grown up around thoroughbreds my whole life. Hopefully I'll be able to ride some winners and one day race in the Grand National".

Principal Ms Banner

“ THE college has enjoyed another fantastic term and I have thoroughly enjoyed reading about our students’ brilliant achievements.

Congratulations to Amy who has won a place at one of the world’s most famous racecourses – I am sure you will achieve your career ambitions.

Our superstar netballers have shown outstanding teamwork and thoroughly deserve their promotion.

I would also like to wish our hardworking and bright STEM students the best of luck in the TeenTech competition – they have showcased extraordinary skills and creativity during their projects and are a credit to the college. I am also incredibly proud of our

safeguarding initiatives. The show Adolescence has placed online safety firmly in the spotlight, which is welcome, but the college has always been at the forefront of safeguarding initiatives.

I encourage all our parents and caregivers to provide feedback and share their concerns as we work together to keep our students safe and informed.

I hope all our students, staff and wider school community have enjoyed a restful Easter break.

I am very much looking forward to continuing the hard work this term and will look forward to seeing the upcoming performance of Grease! Congratulations to all who have worked so hard on the first EMC Production.”



A new vice principal has been appointed and we are pleased to introduce Mrs Corbin. More in our summer newsletter...



Organisation My Bank delivered an illuminating workshop on financial awareness