



Lulu and Ben took part in the
Future Chefs competition



Cooking up a treat

Students complimented for their dishes in competition

STUDENTS Lulu and Ben took part in the Future Chef competition at Worcester College this term.

They had to prepare, cook and serve a hot main course meal for two people with a budget of just £6.50.

They were told to create a dish personal to them that reflected their personality, a family recipe or a dish inspired by their favourite cuisine.

The judges were looking for skills and techniques, composition, flavour, taste and creativity and presentation. And it had to be completed in one hour.

Ben produced a delicious carbonara, while

**“ They were brilliant
ambassadors
for the school and this
experience will help them
with the GCSE course in
the future
Mrs Rentell ”**

Lulu made duck with a strawberry
and port sauce.

The judges commented on Ben's dish: “It

was great to see you using a complex method
and presenting the dish so neatly.

“Fantastic effort as the egg has not
scrambled.”

On Lulu's effort, they said: “The duck was
cooked to perfection, and the fat had been
well rendered.

“The presentation was excellent and the
sauce was a lovely touch.”

Mrs Rentell said: “It is not easy to cook
under pressure and to cook in a kitchen you
have never used.

“They were brilliant ambassadors for the
school and this experience will help them
with the GCSE course in the future.”



The Careers Fair gave our students the chance to meet employers and also explore further education opportunities

Here's to the future

Careers Fair offered our students a range of options

YEAR 9, 10 and 11 students got the chance to learn about their future career options at our Careers Fair in the main hall.

There were more than 20 colleges, universities and employers at the event including West Mercia Police, Herefordshire

& Ludlow Sixth Form College and Brookfield Veterinary Practice.

Vice Principal Mrs Corbin said: "Events like this do not happen by chance, they are a result of great teamwork.

"We are extremely lucky to be part of such

a supportive community that takes such an active interest in helping our young people achieve success beyond school."

A special thanks to careers adviser Mrs Stevens for helping to organise the event.



Festive wreaths

STAFF got the festivities underway with a special Christmas wreath making masterclass run by Mrs Hughes.

Getting a taste for Christmas

A SPECIAL school festive club saw students bake, ice and decorate Christmas cakes.

From mixing rich fruit batter to carefully smoothing layers of marzipan, students threw themselves into each step with enthusiasm and creativity.

Once the marzipan had time to set, they moved on to icing their cakes, transforming each one into a snowy canvas ready for decoration. In the final sessions students added ribbons, figurines, icing shapes, and personal touches to make their cakes unique.

Teacher Mrs Rentell said: "The sense of pride was clear as participants carefully boxed up their finished cakes to take home. Many said they couldn't wait to show their families what they had achieved."



One of the Christmas cakes

Panto tradition

STUDENTS had a honking time when watching the most egg-citing panto of the season – Mother Goose.

Every year group had the chance to watch the classic tale of magical mischief at the Courtyard Theatre in Hereford.

Taking strides

STUDENTS got the chance to get active when attending a sports festival.

The Strides Active programme is focused on promoting physical activity and sport in schools within Herefordshire and Worcestershire,

Brilliant impression

Course gives students a taste of life at university

BRIGHT students had to present their work at one of the country's top universities, having completed a degree-level programme.

They sat in on lectures, toured the campus and met undergraduate students, on a trip to Warwick University.

They were then tasked with presenting the findings of their work to an audience of their peers and lecturers from the university.

The trip to the Russell Group university, ranked among the best in the UK, was part of their participation in the Brilliant Club.

They completed a six-week programme, under the tuition of a PhD student, aimed at boosting their chance of getting into a top university.

The Brilliant Club is an award-winning university access charity that works with schools to increase the number of students progressing to top universities.

Mr Quigley, leader for English, said: "I am incredibly proud of the students for all they have achieved in this very demanding course.

"To then present their work to a large audience with such fearlessness and passion was truly inspiring to see.

"I want to single out three Year 7 students for special praise as they have performed with a real desire to impress their ideas on the audience."

Let it glow, let it glow, let it glow!

YEAR 10 and 11 students got into the Christmas spirit during a visit to Winter Glow in Malvern.

There was a chance to Ice skate, visit the Christmas fair and tuck into some festive grub during the trip.

Students got a chance to ice skate at the Winter Glow



Off to a great start



Mr Wharam sounded the horn at the event

Mr Wharam set racing participants on their way

OUR Assistant Principal Mr Wharam was the VIP starter at the Cancer Research UK's Race for Life.

He sounded the horn to set thousands of participants on their way in the Race for Life, 3k, 5k, 10k and Pretty Muddy events in Worcester.

He is raising awareness for the charity after nearly losing his sight two years ago from a rare and aggressive eye cancer.

Mr Wharam, who is also a radio presenter on Radio Wyvern, had to undergo surgery and radiotherapy.

I am just in awe of science. Without it, I might not be here now
Mr Wharam

He said: "It's a case of really and truly celebrating every single day that you wake up," said Mr Wharam, who was diagnosed with choroidal melanoma in August 2023.

"Science has given me hope. That's why I want to make the most of every day and do all I can to raise awareness."

Money raised at Race for Life helps scientists find new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat the disease.

Mr Wharam added: "I was just in awe of the science. Without it, I might not be here now."

Paula Young from Cancer Research UK said: "We are incredibly grateful to Mr Wharam for his support, particularly after everything that he's been through so far."

Getting active

YEAR 7 students got the chance to bond and get to know each other during a school trip to an outdoor activity centre.

They took part in a range of fun activities including paintballing, an assault course and high ropes at a visit to Oaker Wood.

Primary specialist teacher Mrs Hughes said: "The instructors were very complimentary about the behaviour of our students this year and looked forward to us coming back."

Students took part in fun activities





Students took part in the masterclass based on the Hereford Hoard

Viking hoard inspires art

Class designs based on famous find

STUDENTS created their own coin, jewellery and sculpture designs after taking a sculpturing masterclass.

They learned about the history of the Hereford Hoard, a collection of coins and jewellery dating to the Viking period found by metal detectorists near Leominster.

They then made their own designs inspired by the imagery and motifs from the Hoard.



In the running



OUR students have raised more than £500 on their charity Rudolph Run. They took part wearing their PE kit along with their Christmas jumpers.

Our little Rudolph also donned antlers and red noses to dash around the school grounds in support of St Michael's Hospice.

A date for jobs

STUDENTS got top tips on their careers thanks to a world of work-themed advent calendar.

Careers at Christmas advent consisted of fun quizzes, games and activities aimed at getting students thinking about the process of finding a job.

Floral visitors

THE Mayor of Leominster joined judges from Leominster in Bloom on a visit to the school.

They were greeted by the sweet sounds of the EMC choir before taking a tour of a floral arrangement.

They met with students to talk about the art, design technology and gardening projects they have been working on this year.

An Icelandic festive tradition

OUR library have brought to life the Icelandic tradition Jólabókaflóð (pronounced yo-la-bo-ka-floth), it is a festive custom that encourages communities to share books.

It translates to 'Christmas Book Flood' where people exchange gifts of books.

They then read, snuggled in front of the

fire, drinking hot chocolate.

Students brought in books they no longer read to EMC. These books will then be wrapped as presents and placed in a box.

Students can then visit the library during break and lunchtime to collect a new book to read in the library and then take home.



Bountiful donations for appeal

THE community came together to support those in need by collecting food for the Harvest Food Bank Appeal.

Students were inspired to help following Miss Goodman's assembly and the launch by our Heads of House.

Mrs Corbin said: "The response from

students, staff, and families has been outstanding, the volume of donations collected will directly support local families who need it most.

"The compassion and teamwork reflect the very best of what it means to be part of Earl Mortimer College."

Examples of donations collected by students for the Harvest Food Bank Appeal



Into the valley

Church Stretton field trip to study the landscape's slopes and rivers

STUDENTS collected data and did investigations on a GCSE geography field trip to Church Stretton.

The Year 11 students studied rivers, landscape formation and ecology and

environmental management at the National Trust site of Carding Mill Valley.

The valley sits in the Long Mynd and contains a river, upland slopes, and examples of physical and human geography interaction.



Carding Mill Valley in Shropshire sits in the Long Mynd

Tree cheers!

OUR art club made decorations for a Christmas tree on display at the festive festival held at the Priory Church.

They were among over 30 different community groups taking part in the Leominster Christmas Tree Festival.

The tree will be on display until January 5 at the Priory Church, which is open daily from 10am to 4pm.



Oscar winner

SPORTY student Oscar has been outstanding this season playing for his club rugby team Luctonians. He was awarded a player of the series medal.

Ancient games

TEACHERS devised a game that helps students learn about the role Ancient Egypt played in the Roman Empire.

Students took on the challenge of growing crops and dealing with economic, social and environmental challenges to win.

Advent boost

THE school is boosting attendance by running an advent calendar-style competition in the lead-up to Christmas.



Santa looking for elf helpers

SANTA has been on the hunt for helpers among our students at EMC.

He has been looking for hardworking elves who are creative, like animals and are team players.

Students have been filling in applications in the library, listing their skills, experience and hobbies.

The fun activity was part of the library careers programme.

Helping girls to get active

Sessions aim to guide female students to stay involved in sport

OUR female students are being trained to become Girls Champions as part of a nationwide campaign to get girls more active.

They took part in a multi-school conference where they took part in three workshops.



Female students attended the sessions

The sessions were aimed at breaking the cycle between girls dropping out of sport when reaching puberty.

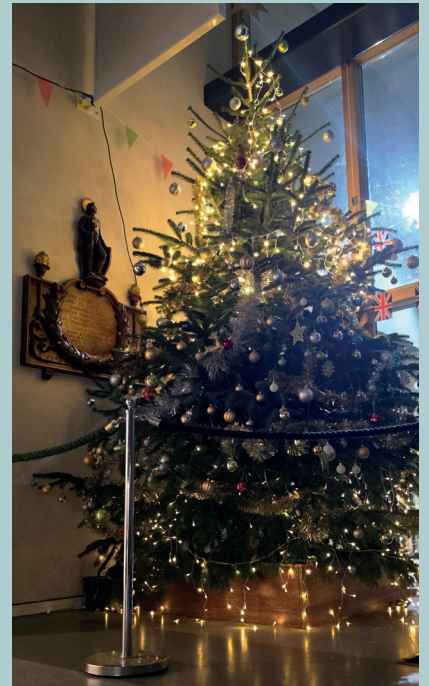
They focused on breast and menstrual health and finding your voices through creativity.

PE Teacher Ms Parton said: "We can't wait to see how the girls bring their ideas and voices to life back in their school to help other girls enjoy and stay involved in physical activity."

The Here Girls Can Student Conference is run by Herefordshire & Worcestershire Council, hosted by The Courtyard Hereford and funded by the Asda Foundation.

“ We can't wait to see how the girls bring their ideas and voices to life ”

Ms Parton



Yuletide dressing

IT'S beginning to look a lot like Christmas – our student council have been dressing our 15-foot tree, see above.



Paws-itive vibes

THE EMC Christmas kitten has been encouraging staff to share the incredible achievements and success of our students.

EMC's rugby star

YEAR 7 Ebony was named player of the series at a rugby tournament.

STUDENTS got creative in an art workshop recently.

Remarkable display of courage and creativity

Principal Ms Banner reflects on the term

THIS term has been marked by remarkable community spirit, courage, and creativity across our school.

One of the stand-out moments was our Assistant Principal, Mr Wharam, serve as the VIP starter at Cancer Research UK's Race for Life in Worcester.

By sounding the horn to set thousands of runners on their way across the 3k, 5k, 10k, and Pretty Muddy events, he not only represented our school with pride but also raised vital awareness for a cause close to his heart. He has helped raise over £160k.

Having faced a rare and aggressive eye cancer, his involvement was both inspiring and deeply meaningful for our students and staff.

Another highlight has been the development of our Girls Champions initiative.

A group of our female students

took part in a multi-school conference designed to address the decline in girls' participation in sport as they reach puberty.

Through workshops on breast and menstrual health, alongside sessions exploring creative expression and finding their voices, the students gained confidence and practical knowledge that will help them champion physical activity among their peers.



Our commitment to supporting the wider community was once again demonstrated through this year's Harvest Food Bank Appeal.

Following a motivating assembly by Miss Goodman and the enthusiastic launch by our Heads of House, students rallied together to donate food items for families in need.

Their generosity showed the best of EMC.

Finally, our library team brought a wonderful cultural tradition to life by introducing students to the Icelandic custom of Jólabókaflóð – the Christmas Book Flood.

Students donated books they no longer read, which will be wrapped and shared so others can enjoy the joy of reading during the festive season.

It has been a term full of compassion, leadership, and learning, and I am immensely proud of our school community.

Finally, I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas. Have a restful break and I will see you all again next year.

Honouring our fallen soldiers

Students praised for taking part in Leominster Remembrance parade

OUR students who took part in the Leominster Remembrance parade have been described as “fabulous ambassadors” for the school.

They were part of the memorial service at the Leominster War Memorial in November to honour the fallen soldiers.

Students observed two-minutes silence, and a bugler sounded the Last Post. They laid a wreath which was proudly displayed at the war memorial.



EMC students laid the wreath, left, at the Leominster War Memorial