



Our new Principal



It is my very great privilege to write to you as Principal of Earl Mortimer College & Sixth Form Centre.

This is an incredibly exciting time for the school, following our pleasing examination results this summer. Earl Mortimer College is a truly unique place which has at its heart, family values, respect and tolerance. We are very proud of what is on offer at EMC, particularly the many achievements of our students, not just in the academic field but also in every area of their development as members of our community. We are also very excited by the amazing opportunities offered to us by our fabulous school building. Our students are lucky to be able to access a really top quality learning environment.

As you will read in this newsletter, so much has happened over just the past few weeks that demonstrates that Earl Mortimer is No Ordinary School. We are especially proud to announce that on 11th September, the school was awarded the Gold School Games Mark, recognizing our exceptional delivery of sporting opportunities. I am sure you will agree that this is testament not only to the hard work put in by Sports Staff and all the volunteers and coaches, but especially to the students who fully engage with the opportunities presented to them.

I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter.

Alison Banner

Principal

STAR READER BOARD.....

- Melissa Collins
- Sam Lewis
- Ellie Lloyd
- Olivia Wright
- Chloe Evans
- Pepa Pontifex-Price
- Leo Fletcher
- Harvey Allen
- Paige Durham
- Joel Reed-Jenkins
- Brayden Thorley-Watkins

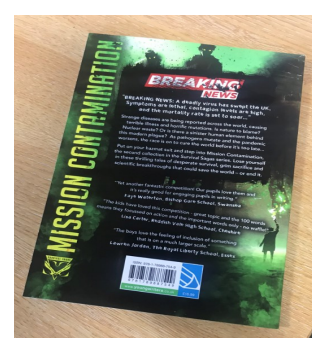
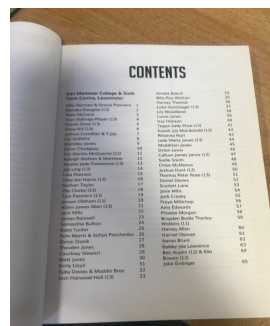
NATIONWIDE WRITING COMPETITION

As you may remember, on World Book Day this year, Year 7 and 8 students completed a mini writing task for a nationwide writing competition.

Over 100 of our students had their work selected to be published in an anthology of short stories. We are pleased to say that over 70 parents had agreed to have their child's work published!

This morning we have received our "free copy" of the book and we are beaming with pride! The names of published students fills a whole page of the contents (much more than any other school in the Midlands).

We are absolutely thrilled for our students, well done!



GEOGRAPHY NEWS

Enthusiastic Geographers took on optional homework over the summer holiday. Students learnt how to make Cornell notes then applied this technique to analysing geographic documentaries. The following students submitted homework and have received 10 achievements points - Max George, Tuva Dahnsjo-Player, Harvey Thomas, Viki Panteleeva, Scarlett Lane, Felix Morris, Elinor Chedgzoy, Hannah Fisher and Toni Matthews.

These students completed even more and achieved more credits - Emily Burgess (20), Joel Reed Jenkins (30), Erin Bengry (40) and Josh Hawke(70).



Xlr8 Student of the Week....

- Ellie Lloyd
- Rhys Davies
- Jensen Oldham
- Jack Kinsey
- Jorja Crowther

EMC GARDENING CLUB

Congratulations to Mrs Stables and her team of volunteers for bringing the vibrant EMC Garden back to life this year. Britain In Bloom **SILVER** award winners 2019!

Mrs Stables would like to thank *Kiara Smith, Rhianna Lewis, Elinor Chedgzoy, Sofiya Panchenko, Mrs Chedgzoy, Mr Perkins and Mr Harris* for their tremendous effort, giving up their personal time to work in the garden. Special thank you also to the friends of EMC for helping us financially. Without everyone getting involved EMC would not of reached this standard of award. This year we have been joined by some more volunteers from KS3 and are planning on making next year even better!



UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM CONFERENCE

Approximately forty students were selected to attend a conference held at the prestigious University of Birmingham. Students were given the fantastic opportunity to tour the campus, as well as converse with students of the University, who offered advice regarding how to succeed in education. Students were given guidance that focused on the Importance of a good education as well as tips that will help them exceed their potential in an educational setting. Furthermore, students were shown the myriad of career pathways that will be open to them once having achieved a high standard of qualifications.



**YEAR 11 : DO
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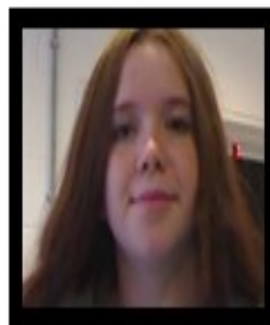
**75% to achieve
5 grades at a
4+ incl EN/MA**



SIXTH FORM NEWS

Student of the Month and Excellence Award (September)

Congratulations to Rhianna Lewis who was awarded Sixth Form Student of the Month and Excellence Award for September. It is in recognition for her hard work and contribution to the EMC Garden which was awarded SILVER this year for our entry in 'Britain in Bloom'. Rhianna receives a £10 voucher and a Certificate of Achievement.



Year 13 Successful results 2019

EMC Sixth Form Centre students achieved successful results in their respective programmes. Year 13 attained 100% pass rate in their Level BTEC's and 66% achieved an impressive 3GCE equivalents. All students acquired university, apprenticeships or employment opportunities. Photographed to the right are some of our students who attained Distinction/Distinction* grades!

(Meg Dale, Jolene Arnold, Luke Hotchkiss, Charlie Stanik)



National Citizenship Service

The National Citizenship Service attended our Sixth Form Induction Day offering a once in a lifetime opportunity available to 16-17 year olds regarding the half term '**Urban Project**' in London. A number of our students have already signed up for this event. Good Luck!



Leadership & Volunteering

ALL Year12 and 13 students have signed up to a minimum of 1hour a week leadership and volunteering experience of their choice for the Autumn Term. Some have opted for assistance in the community whilst others have chosen to help in subject areas including teacher assistants, study buddy, coaches, learning mentors and more!

Sixth Form College Ambassadors

It gives me great pleasure to inform you about our Sixth Form 'College Ambassador'. The ambassador role includes assisting with future staff appointments, public speaking and assisting with relevant College events. The successful candidates include:

Year 13 Meg Dale, Luke Hotchkiss, Teona Talmaciu, Charlie Stanik, Rhianna Lewis, Storm Matthews, Lee-Thomas Lindsay, Taylor Stocker.

Year 12 Dan Everall, Vivienne Moles, Fin Nunn, Beth Austin, Meg Jones, Klaudia Makowska, Rio Jones,

University Applications



Students who have expressed an interest in applying for University will participate in the College UCAS support programme. Parents will receive a letter and parental guide whilst the students will attend sessions during tutor time to assist with their application process.

Further information can be found at: www.ucas.com.

The deadline for completed applications is **16th Dec.**

First Aiders Acquire Qualification



Congratulations to the following students who completed their Red Cross First Aid At Work Qualification.

Storm Matthews, Dani Easdale, Maria Bufton, Jolene Arnold, Rhianna Lewis, Kiara Smith, Lee Thomas Lindsay, Taylor Stocker and Charlie Stanik

16-19 Discretionary Bursary Fund

This is a fund provided by the Education Funding Agency to support sixth form students in financial hardship. After assessment categories of support include educational resources, field trips, transport and meals. Payment of the Discretionary fund is dependent on good attendance and progress.

RE-LAUNCH - EMC SIXTH FORM “A new and exciting opportunity for you!”

It's all **change** at the EMC Sixth Form! For the September 2020 entry we will be **expanding** our new and exciting programme of study including a wide range of A Levels and level 3 equivalent courses, as well as inclusive vocational programmes. You may ask yourself why choose EMC Sixth Form? Well, here are some of the reasons:

- *We offer a wide range of academic and vocational subjects.*
- *Organise a suitable work placement that matches your career aims.*
- *Help you successfully achieve your career pathway to university, apprenticeship or employment.*
- *Reach your academic potential!*
- *Provide a wider programme of enrichment opportunities to assist with your personal development. **You are our priority!***



SCHOOL GAMES



School Games Mark is an award that is given to schools that fulfil certain criteria in an academic year. It is based around a school's commitment to development of competition school sport, physical education and physical activity.

The school PE should reflect a broad and balanced offer that actively encourages those young people that aren't currently engaged or who are engaged less often. This isn't about provision for a small cohort of young people but needs to consider ALL the school's population.

There are a number of basic requirements that all schools must meet based on engagement and competition, and a set of criteria that formulate which award you gain.

The key criteria for Gold are:

- Engage at least 50% of the school community in extra-curricular activity per week.
- Targeted provision for those students identified as 'less active', with a 15% take up.
- Utilise the school games to take part in competition at various levels (such as 'B' or 'C' teams)
- Have opportunities for 15% of students to take part in leadership responsibilities.
- Have links with at least 5 local leisure providers.

On the 11th September EMC was audited as part of the School Games Mark scheme to ensure that all relevant evidence was in place for the award. We are thrilled to announce that the final outcome was for EMC to receive the **GOLD** award.

This is testament to all the hard work put in by Sports Staff and all the volunteers and coaches, but especially to the students who fully engage with the opportunities presented to them.



GREEN SCHOOLS PROJECT

GEO - Green EMC Organisation is a recently formed committee that has representatives allocated from each year group in order to tackle environmental issues, which on a global perspective have devastating consequences. We ensure that as a college we are limiting energy use and waste levels to the best of our ability. Our aim is to limit the school's contribution to problems such as climate change, wasting water and landfill. Plans to reduce the school's energy consumption have been created, and we will be raising awareness of anything students and staff could do to assist with energy and waste reductions to benefit the environment. The organisation is part of the Green Schools Project who have worked with schools across the country to prevent these concerns evolving and preserve a healthy environment. If you have any comments or suggestions for GEO please email Mr Webb who will pass on your email (dwebb@emc.hereford.sch.uk).





The PBN (Prevent Bullying Now) campaign is an anti-bullying initiative led by a devoted team of student representatives alongside Mrs Gummer. The principal aim of the PBN team is to eradicate bullying and the "victim" status.

The PBN team work tirelessly to empower, support and guide the student population. The emotional, physical and mental wellbeing of every student is at the heart of the PBN initiative.

Students chose the lion as the PBN logo not only to interlink with the College logo but to remind every student that they are not alone. Here at Earl Mortimer College every student is part of a pride and prides stick together and protect one another. The lion is symbolic of the unity and care we encourage amongst the student population.

PBN representatives work hard alongside all members of staff within the College to promote a zero tolerance approach to bullying. Any perceived bullying issues are dealt with swiftly and effectively in line with the College's anti-bullying policy.



Blog 1 – September

It is a new College year and the PBN student mentors are already hard at work. This month new representatives applied and were elected to join the PBN team.

It gives the College great pleasure in introducing the new Key Stage 3 Mentors who will look after year 7 and 8.

Grace Dane, Molly Hurds, Charlie Barrington, Sophie Gwilliam, Ruby Lazenby, Max George, Callie-Mae Hopkins, Viktoria Panteleeva and Charlie Bemand

They have joined the current Key Stage 4 Mentors who already look after year 9-11.

Dennis Bambury, Aaron Ward, Ife Aluko, Harry Grainger, Jaya Tiller, Alwin Thomas, Lily Burke and Bethan Davies.

Student Mentors will be working closely alongside Mrs Gummer to help promote anti-bullying within the College.

"We have some new and very exciting initiatives taking place this year and the students are very excited about putting them in place. If we can encourage all students to **#ROAROUTYOURPROBLEMS** and show kindness to one another then we can continue to build on our foundations and make the College a positive environment for all students."

The PBN are proud to introduce their new initiative to raise student kindness, positivity and team work throughout the College. We would like to introduce the Pride Award. The PBN reps are very keen for the College to feel like a pride of lions; looking after, caring for and protecting one another. We will now be awarding students that make positive contributions to our College pride.

EMC OPEN EVENING

Earl Mortimer College & Sixth Form Centre was delighted to open its doors to prospective parents on Thursday evening with new Principal, Ms Banner, welcoming everyone in the Community Theatre to share her vision for the future of secondary education in Leominster.

We were pleased to welcome parents from not just Leominster but the surrounding villages too - including Wellington, Marden, Kingsland, Eardisland, Orleton, Tenbury and Bredenbury. With some even choosing to return again next week to take advantage of a tour around the College during one of our Open Mornings.

All visitors were able to visit all of the classrooms to meet students and staff to share what it is really like to be a student at EMC. Everything was on show from trampolining in the Street area, to speaking French and German in the MFL Café, to “whizz, pop, bangs” in Science, to the World War 1 trenches in Humanities. You could have played your cards right in Maths, sampled some food whipped up by our students in Food Technology or practiced your literacy skills in the Harry Potter classroom with the English Faculty.

The activities were not just confined to the classrooms, the corridors were filled with music played by the EMC Orchestra and College Band, plus tunes, news and views being aired on our College Radio Station.

Ms Banner, was elated by the overwhelming positive feedback she received from parents as they left, it was certainly a spectacular event in the College’s calendar.



YEAR 11 REVISION TIMETABLE

	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI
BEFORE COLLEGE		MATHS (8.00- 8.30)		MATHS GRADE 6+ (8.00- 8.30)	
LUNCH					
TUTOR TIME	HUMANITIES -HIST MATHS	ENGLISH LANG HUMANITIES - GEOG MATHS	ENGLISH LANG	ENGLISH LANG	ENGLISH LANG
AFTER COLLEGE	SCIENCE MATHS – HOMEWORK CLINIC	ENGLISH #SMASHTHEPASS (3.05 – 3:45) GERMAN (3:05 – 4:05) FRENCH (3:05 – 4:05)	MATHS (3:15 – 3:45) RM/FOOD/CHILD DEVELOPMENT (3:05 – 4:05) HISTORY 1 (3:10 – 3:40) HISTORY 2 (3:45 – 4:15) COMPUTING (3:05 – 4:05)	RM (3:05 – 4:15) GCSE MUSIC (3:15 – 4:15) ART (3:05 – 5) COMPUTING (3:05 – 4:15)	GEOG (3:10 – 3:40) REP (3:05 – 4:05) EXAM PE (3:05-4.05)

C L U B S



	LUNCH TIME	EVENING
MON	EMC Band Rehearsal — Spaces Year 11 composition EMC Radio Club KS3 DT Club Computing — KS4 HW Support	Homework Club XLR8 3.05 – 3.30pm
TUES	EMC Jam Band Year 11 Composition Year 9 Computing Club EMC Radio Club	Homework Club XLR8 3.05 – 3.30pm Gardening Club (growing vegeta- bles and flowers) until 3.05-4.15pm Musical Theatre School (5pm) Year 7 and 8 Girls Coding Club KS3 Maths Club ALL YEARS Netball (Courts) Year 7 & 8 Badminton (Sportshall)
WED	Music—Rehearsal Spaces Year 7 and 8 Coding Club EMC Radio Club	DT KS4 Art KS4 Music KS4 Computing KS4 Revision Food KS4 Child Development KS4 Year 9,10,11 Basketball (Sports Hall CRC) Year 7 and 8 Rugby (Field) PJB Homework Club XLR8 3.05 – 3.30pm
THUR	KS3 Art Club Music—Rehearsal Spaces Computing—KS3 HW Sup- port EMC Radio Club	DT KS4 Art KS4 Music KS4 Year 9,10 & 11 Badminton (Sportshall Mr Holding) Year 9,10,11 Rugby (Field) PJB Maths/Science Club F22 Dr Day Jones
FRI	EMC Chior Year 10 and 11 Football Astro NCM EMC Radio Club	Examination Sport Theory Revision and Catch –up Homework Club XLR8 3.05 – 3.30pm Motor Club—3.15—3.45pm

WHAT'S NEW

This year, we are pleased to announce the introduction of an exciting new club here at EMC. Motor Club, which started this term, this is for everybody who loves all things to do with motors!

Activities will include car safety checks, demonstrations of mechanical procedures and research into the running of a vehicle.

If you love cars, motorbikes and other vehicles, then join EMC Motor Club to find out more about how they work and how to maintain them.

Meetings are on Fridays at 3:15 to 3:45pm, so come along and find out more.

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MOTOR CLUB

NEW!

EMC'S MOTOR CLUB
EVERY FRIDAY • 3:15-3:45PM

Are you interested in cars and other vehicles? Want to know more about how they work? Would you like to learn how to maintain a vehicle?

FIRST MEETING IS ON FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER IN S06

TYRES • ENGINE • BRAKES • MOTOR • FUN!

What is 'Time Dilation' in Interstellar?
What's the probability of catching a Pokémon?
How could we use 'The Force'?
Is the Minecraft world round or a cube?

WANT TO FIGURE OUT THE SCI-BEHIND-THE-FI?

Tuesdays After School
F22 (Dr. Day Jones' Room)

Bring your thoughts and theories with you!

New for October 2019 for Years 7, 8 and 9!

MEDIA CLUB

Are you a budding journalist? Film maker? Or just intrigued to find out a little bit more about the media?

Join Miss Stanik in S07, Thursdays after school, if you want to become a member of this new and exciting club!

Here are the Tutor Groups with the highest level of attendance in each year!

Group	Year
VEH	Year 7
DRK	Year 8
JLJ	Year 9
EKP	Year 10
DBQ	Year 11

Attendance by House in ranking order are.....

Group	Ranking
Falcon - Green	1ST
Osprey - Blue	2ND
Hawk - Red	3RD
Eagle - Yellow	4TH

EMC KEY DATES

October 2019

18th October – Survival Disco

24th October – Year 11 Parents Evening

28th October – 1st November – Half Term

November 2019

18th-29th November – Year 11 Trial Exams

December 2019

2nd December – Year 11 Photographs

2nd December – Year 9 and 10 Performance of a Christmas Carol

3rd December – Leominster Schools Carol Service

10th December – A Night at the Musicals

12th December – Year 7 Parents Evening

20th December – Last Day of Term

First Day of Spring Term – 7th January 2020

Please be aware that our term dates may differ to those of other Schools in the County

Our College Website and Social Media Channels are continually updated with new College and PTFA events so please check these regularly as all dates are subject to change: www.earlmortimer.org.uk

**Please note that FREE car parking will be available in the
College car park for all of the above events**

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**75% TO
ACHIEVE 5
GRADES AT
4+ IN
ENGLISH &
MATHS**

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