



JOSEPH SWAN ACADEMY
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Principal's Newsletter - Summer Term - Week 5



This half term has been five short weeks, punctuated with two bank holidays! I have been impressed with the manner in which students have begun to focus their attention on their learning. Taken responsibility for their learning is one of the key life skills to develop whilst at secondary school. We have seen Year 11 and Year 13 students revising diligently, seeking additional input from teachers and throwing themselves in to the actual writing of exams. Year 11 and Year 13 students will need to use the next week to continue revising but I hope there will be time to enjoy some rest too!

With the changes that we have introduced this last half term the staff team have been most supportive. Our publication, 'Towards Outstanding Together', details the plans we want to put in place over the next three years and these five weeks have allowed us to make a concerted effort to set the right course moving forward. All staff deserve a well-earned rest.

My thanks to parents/carers for their support at our Key Stage 4 Options Evening where we looked at subject choices for students going into Year 10. Your involvement in this going forward is vital to ensure our next group of GCSE students succeed. I would encourage students in Year 9 to continue working with their teachers to make the right choice regarding their GCSEs. We also had a Sixth Form Open Evening early this term and hope this information assisted Year 11 students to think about 'A' levels.

In the coming half term I will be making more time to get to know students and parents/carers. Please feel free to get in touch with me if you wish to speak to me in person.

Mr Mark Hall
Principal

Results are in for the UKMT Junior Challenge 2019



We are very proud of our 2019 UK Maths Challenge results! Of the students entered for this Maths challenge, we have one who has achieved a Gold, 7 Silver and 10 Bronze awards.

Congratulations go to:

Year 8 – Gold: James Shield

Silver: Sam Martin, Joshua Mebrahtom, Cassius Dornan, Katie Lombardi, Tarik Akarli, Benjamin Xu, Taylor Bingham

Bronze: William Young, Jack Woods, Jack Templeman

Year 7 – Bronze: Emily Daghish, Logan Ripley, Grace Hall, Caitlin Burrows, Grace Hathaway, Cameron Gray, Lauren Perrin

Well done to all those that achieved one of these prestigious achievements, beating thousands of the best mathematicians in the country.

Special congratulations go to James Shield (Year 8) who has also qualified for the Junior Kangaroo Maths Challenge on 11th June. Good luck, James.

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Award Meeting for parents

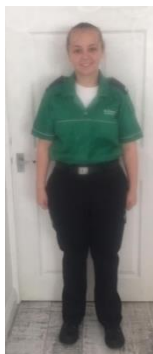


Parents of Year 10 students who are enrolled on the Duke of Edinburgh Award are invited to a meeting on **Monday 3rd June from 6pm to 6.45pm**. This meeting is intended to give parents an insight into what the award will include. We will also provide more information concerning preparations for the expedition.

A Duke of Edinburgh Workshop is taking place during May Half Term on Wednesday 29th May, which will prepare students for their expedition.

Mrs Turnbull and Mr Commandeur look forward to meeting you.

Congratulations to Lauren, an embodiment of altruism in our Sixth Form



Our congratulations go to Lauren Bullock in Year 13 who is an active member of the St John's Ambulance Brigade. She has recently been promoted to the position of Sergeant from Cadet. Although many cadets apply for this position, Lauren was selected without application due to her excellent practice, understanding and strong work ethos. This week she will be working at the Radio One Big Weekend event.

Lauren is also preparing to study Paramedic Science at Sunderland University in September; this course usually accepts mature students only. Again, this is a great accomplishment for a Sixth Form student. Well done Lauren!

Outstanding enthusiasm for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award from participants in Year 9 and 10



A selected group of Year 9 students have embarked on the Future Me Enterprise Challenge. Working alongside the Newcastle United Foundation and Mr Arkle. The aim of this work is to encourage more young men to think about higher education as an option for their future.

The initial stages of the course focus on the business side of football.

During the first two weeks, students have been completing their workbooks and have been discussing the money behind football; from the stewards to the superstar striker.

As the challenge progresses the students will have to design a television advertisement in the form of a storyboard. They will have to think about their demographic and what will appeal to their target audience. The winning design will be made into a real advertisement.

The students have been a pleasure to work with and are really enjoying the challenge. They have been engaged from the start and it is a great opportunity for them to develop their skills.

Vehicle Engineers of the Future: Y10 Careers visit to the North East Accident Repair Centre, Sunderland



On the afternoon of Wednesday 15th May a group of 14 Year 10 students visited the North East Accident Repair Centre in Sunderland to investigate career paths and opportunities in vehicle Engineering and related trades. Students learned how the vehicle repair trade has to keep up with modern technology and methods to ensure that vehicles are repaired efficiently and safely.

A tour of the workshops and talks by the owner and senior executives looked at a variety of trades such as vehicle mechanics, panel beating, vehicle painting, vehicle electronics and valeting as well as the 'business' side of things such as reception, purchasing, estimating, marketing and parts control. There was a lot of new technology being used such as infra-red paint drying lights, a special camera used to exactly match paint shades and very new technology to ensure safe repair of 'high tech' driving aids such as automatic braking, parking and even self-driving cars! Everyone learned a lot!

Further individual visits with parents/carers and work experience opportunities were offered (and have been taken up already!) and the story of Bob – the owner – who rose from being a Panel Beater to set up and own this multi million pound business was an inspiration!

The was organised through NEMTA (North East Motor Trade Apprenticeships) and they were also there to explain apprenticeship routes and the use of their website and services for those interested in this type of career path.

Joseph Swan joins the Gregg's Cancer Run 2019



Students and staff enjoyed a fabulous day on Sunday 19th as they took part in the 38th Children's Cancer Fun Run. Students ran 3 or 5 mile on the day, amongst the 10,000 runners who took part!

A massive thank you to Mrs Beeckmans and Mrs Barker who came along with their families to run with the Academy. Thanks too to the parents and carers who took time out of their day to come along and support. This is always a fantastic day with lots going on. We can't wait to do it all again next year!

Good Luck to our students who are competing for a place in County Football teams

Congratulations to Matilda Jones and Millie Sugden in Year 8 who have been nominated to compete for a place in the U14 team for the 2019/20 football season.

Neve McPhee in Year 9 has also been nominated to compete for a place on the U16 team.

Well done! Our best wishes go with you!

Our Key Stage 3 Cricket team takes shape



Our Year 7, 8 and 9 cricket team are enjoying the training and preparations for their first Cricket game after half term. We look forward to watching them play their first match against Emmanuel College.

Announcing the Everyday Active Programme for next Half Term

There are a range of co-curricular opportunities on offer to our students, please see below for details. All activities last for an hour and begin 10 minutes after the end of the school day.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
YEAR 8 ART CLUB Room 116 External Leader (Baltic Arts)	DRAMA CLUB – for all students Main Hall External Leader	THE BEAUTY SALON – hair & beauty - all welcome Steps to Success Room Mrs Robinson	BOYS FOOTBALL - TRAINING (Y8 - Y11) Field Mr Sword / PE Staff
GCSE PE practical session – closed group Sports Hall PE Staff	HOMEWORK CLUB - open to all Intervention Room	HOMEWORK CLUB - open to all Intervention Room	GREEN TEAM – environmental fun for all! Room 262 Miss Stephenson / Mrs Threadgall
HOMEWORK CLUB - open to all Intervention Room	YEAR 7 ART CLUB Room 116 Miss Walker	READING CLUB (Fortnightly) Reading Room External Leader	WIND BAND Music Block Mr Miller

MEET THE WRITERS – writing Group for all students Reading Room External Leader (New Writing North)	BADMINTON CLUB – for years 7,8 & 9 (not during public exams) Sports Hall Mr Sword	MEET THE WRITERS – writing group for Y7 and 8 students Room 229 External Leader (New Writing North)	ATHLETICS - TRAINING (all Year Groups – Boys & Girls) Field PE Staff
NEW ROUNDERS CLUB (all Year Groups – Boys & Girls) Field PE Staff		CRICKET CLUB (Y7, 8 & 9) Field PE Staff	NEW MATHS FOR FUN – puzzles, games and activities. All students welcome Maths Room Ms Clark
		NETBALL TRAINING – all years 2.30 – 4.00 Sports Hall Miss Turnbull	NEW RUNNING CLUB – all welcome Field Mr Kenyon
		SINGING GROUP – for all students Music Block Mrs Maughan	

Coming up ...

Week commencing 20th May 2019

Monday 3rd June - Year 11 and 13 Terminal Examinations continue.

Monday 3rd June – Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Awards meeting for parents 6-6:45 pm at Joseph Swan.