

JOSEPH SWAN ACADEMY

Emmanuel Schools Foundation

w/e 14th June, 2019



I am delighted to let you know, at this point, that the School Improvement Board and Emmanuel Schools Foundation Trustees have approved significant investment in capital works to be undertaken over the summer. This will see the development of a new restaurant and dining facility, a multi-purpose assembly hall, a new visitor's entrance and fencing to improve the security of the site.

The Year 7s have been introduced to a new pattern of movement through the existing restaurant in anticipation of these changes. We have been really impressed with their maturity and discipline as they have learnt new routines. Furthermore, the whole school embraced the changes to the timings of the school day, where we have introduced a more streamlined two sitting lunch. This has allowed students across the school to have 40 minutes for their lunch, in addition this has allowed a 30 minute assembly or tutor time in the morning, thereby ensuring and calm and thoughtful start to the day. This week our assemblies focused on 'accountability' and students were asked to go away thinking about the following question: What kind of person are you going to be? Someone who...:

- Takes correction well and try to change your behaviour
- Makes steps towards seeing correction as a positive thing to help you grow
- Endeavours to do the right thing first time and encourage others to do so

Year 11 students complete their exams today, with Year 13 finishing relatively soon. I wish both these year groups the very best over the summer especially Year 13 who will be thinking about taking significant steps forward in the next phase of their life. My hope for Year 11 is that they will enjoy the summer break and that the GCSE results will see them returning to our Sixth Form, which promises to be one of the best in Gateshead, or going on to further their training at Gateshead or Newcastle College. In the short time that I have been here I have been very impressed with the commitment of both year groups.

Year 8 will be introduced to some changes to their routines next week; I would ask that they listen closely to Miss Allan, Head of Lower School and Miss Ramsden, Vice Principal - Student Achievement, so they rapidly adapt to these changes.

We have had a very wet week; however, the weather report said it is going improve. I hope we all enjoy a sunny weekend.

Mr Mark Hall
Principal

A Univenture for Year 7!



On Tuesday 11th June 2019, 30 students from 7J1 and 7J2 went on a trip to Newcastle University. Three other schools also took part. Within this trip we participated in 4 main activities along with an introduction and awards for the best group of each activity. Each activity was linked to subjects we could study at university and the careers that might follow.

Our first activity was 'Amazing Animals'. It was about evolution and adaptation. After a short introduction, we were given an environment and traits to then base our own made up animal that would thrive and survive in that habitat. For example, for

the desert you could have a bird with the abilities to burrow, change colour and not need much water to survive. Then, we had to sculpt our creature from Plasticine and present it to the other groups.

Next, we had the activity 'Roving Reporters'. With our two student ambassadors guiding us we got a tour of the campus while answering questions for a prize. We got to learn about how big the campus is; how there are 6 libraries; how lectures work and lots more. Once everyone was back in the Lindisfarne Room, we had our lunch of sandwiches, crisps and fruit.

After that, our activity was 'Trekking Treats'. We received information about jobs we could have using the skills we learn and use. Then, our table of 10 was split into two mini groups and had to create a presentation based on an endangered animal. We could create our own props and script for a play to be shown to the other group. The play was to be performed in less than two minutes but had to convey the struggles that animals go through on a daily basis.

Finally, our last activity was 'Canyon Crossing'. This was based on the Grand Canyon and bridge building. We were given about 50 lollipop sticks and a roll of masking tape. With this we were to build a bridge that had to hold up a 500 millilitre water bottle.

It was a good visit and we learned a lot about university and possible future careers

By Milly Brown and Lauren Perrin Y7.

Mr Partington has said: one student ambassador - who said he had done lots of events like this with schools - told our staff that the two of our three groups he was working with that Joseph Swan students were *the best* he had ever seen! Well done Year 7!

Year Group Exams Begin Year 10

Parents/carers of Year 10 students are reminded that Monday 17th June 2019, signals the beginning of our Year 10 end of year examinations.

All students and parents/carers have been provided with an exam timetable. Students have been working with teaching staff to ensure they know what to revise.

We wish all our Year 10 students every success in their examinations. They are required to attend the Academy each day throughout their examinations and to go back to lessons after examinations have taken place. As always please do contact the Year Team – Mrs Peverley via katrinapeverley@josephswan.org.uk or 01914422000 ext 282 for any additional information or to answer any questions you may have.

Joseph Swan students the Glynwood Games



On Friday 7th June the 16th Glynwood Games took place at Glynwood Primary School, for our feeder primaries. Mr Davidson took 20 Year 8 and Year 10 students to officiate at the event and to organise the young competitors as they competed in a number of athletics events.

160 Year 3/4 pupils from Kells Lane, Oakfield, Kelvin Grove, Harlow Green and Glynwood took part in the morning and the afternoon saw another 160 Year 5/6 pupils show their talent.

In what was a busy day of sport, Glynwood won the Year 3, 5 and 6 titles and Oakfield won the Year 4.

Mr Davidson and the Joseph Swan students were constantly impressed by the high standard of performance and effort by the primary children, with some definite stars of the future.

Our young leaders were very professional in the way they ran and judged the various running, jumping and throwing events which all led to a very enjoyable and successful day for all.

A reminder of the Everyday Active Programme for this Half Term

There is 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 17th June 2019

Monday 17th – 21st June – Year 10 Trial Exams

Thursday 20th June – Year 7 Progress Evening from 4pm to 7pm