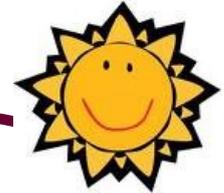




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NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2/2019



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

As the year draws to a close and reflection begins, this newsletter is a great place to start.

I write this whilst waiting for the flames to settle on the BBQ for the year 8 leavers celebration, a moment to reflect.

It's been a massively successful year for all involved with EMS. The pupils have taken so many opportunities that have come their way, to widen their horizons and to develop themselves.

For this to happen there is a requirement of a fantastic and committed team of staff. I am a proud leader of such a team. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for such great work.

A special mention must go to those moving on at the end of this term. Mrs Parker, Mrs McGraw and Mrs Kirby who have worked at Emmanuel for two, two and half and fourteen years respectively. They have each made huge contributions to the school and will be sorely missed. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Thank you also for your continued support and regular contact. I wish you and your family a great summer.

Rob Christopher
Head of School

SCHOOL FINISHES

Please note pupils finish on Tuesday 23rd July
July at 1.45pm

BACK TO SCHOOL

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 4th
September 2019



LOST PROPERTY

School shoes, football boots, trainers, coats, school jumpers, PE kit, shin pads, football bags, water bottles, pencil cases, etc etc!! all with NO NAMES.

Items will be placed on tables within the school from Monday 22nd July for collection. All items not claimed will either be donated to charity or recycled.

If you are missing any items, please ask your child to check lost property or feel free to come in and have a look.

HOT SCHOOL MEALS FOR SEPTEMBER

The menu for the Autumn term can be found on the school website together with a copy of the guide to online registering and ordering.

Following a price increase by the provider, the new price for a hot school meal from September 2019 will be **£2.55**.

Orders must be placed via Chartwell's website www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk. Please remember to input your child's new class when you place your order. **Meals for the week commencing Monday 3rd September 2019 must be ordered by Sunday 25th August 2019.** Please remember if you have not ordered by this deadline there will not be a meal in school for your child when we return from the Summer holidays.

Child Protection



Our designated Child Protection Lead in school is Mrs Alice Ponchaud (Assistant Headteacher/SENDCo). Deputy Child Protection

Leads are Mr Rob Christopher (Head of School) and Mrs Elaine Robertson (Head of Wellbeing). If you have any concerns related to child protection issues please contact them through the school office.

Second Hand Uniform

If you have any unwanted school uniform the PTFA would be most grateful if you could donate it to be sold to raise funds for the school.



Year 7 Ferndown Upper School Activity Day Trip

To start off our day at Ferndown Upper we gathered in the hall along with pupils from West Moors and Ferndown Middle. We were sorted into eleven groups to go through the day with. All groups had a difference range of lessons. Our group had DT first. In DT we were all given a colour and some magazines and had to design a hat to fit the colour. We ended up with some very exotic hat ideas.

After having break, we started second lesson, Science. In Science they had stations, the first station was to build a muscle. It moved around like a real arm muscle when completed. Secondly, we made slime, a sticky substance you can play with. Lastly, we made rockets, they would fly when you blew air into them and they'd often go a very long way.

Next we had English where we discussed why people would burn books. We were each handed out a pair of wings where we wrote why people might burn books. We then had lunch where a lot of us got food from the cafeteria.

After lunch we had a treasure hunt which gave us the chance to explore the school further and learn things we didn't know before about Ferndown Upper School. To finish off the amazing day, they showed a video they'd compiled all about what we had achieved throughout the day. Lastly, we got back on the coach to return to Emmanuel.

By Amy S

Concert at Bournemouth Pavillion

On Wednesday 10th July, eight of us who take part in the school orchestra went to the Bournemouth Pavillion for the day. Everyone fathered by the school office and left just before lunch. We went on the minibus and set off. Everyone arrived at around 12.20pm and we went inside. From the outside the Pavillion looks quite dull but it is very pretty inside with red patterned carpets. We gathered in a large room with red chairs and left bags on the chairs. Everyone had allocated seat and we sat down and got our music out. We played Mars, Symphony Number 9 Largo, Ride of the Valkyries, Finlandia and Rondeau by various composers. We practised for 4 hours with 2 breaks.

The concert began at 7.00pm and last for 2 hours. There were about 80 musician playing various instruments and it worked really well. The room at the Pavillion had great acoustics. About 200 people came to watch our performance and other orchestras performing pieces such as traditional Scottish and Irish music and the Good, the Bad and the Ugly. I really enjoyed it and I'm sure everyone else did too. I hope EMS does more of these concerts in the future.

By Sophie M



YEAR 6 ISLE OF WIGHT

Daily blogs from various writers:

Monday 1st

Successful coach and ferry journeys! We arrived at PGL, had a picnic on the grass, went to the beach for a paddle and had one activity. Then we enjoyed finding out which chalets we were in and unpacking! We were very hungry for dinner and then played Ambush, which is a massive game of hide and seek.

Tuesday 2nd

As we woke up on a beautiful, sunny morning, we were all so excited for the activities coming up. For the Isle of Wight we are split into 7 groups. I (Matthew C) am in group 4. Group 3 + 4 did abseiling for their first activity. If you do not know what abseiling is, it is when you walk down a wall on a harness, but backwards. It was so fun but also scary for the first time. We got two goes.

I (Jamie Timmins) am in group 1. One of the activities I did was aeroball. Aeroball is where you are on a trampoline and you have to throw a ball in a hoop. The winners in my group were Oliver and Harry. It was so much fun!

After lunch, which was very nice, we went to the shop. I bought sweets. After the shop, we then went to do our activities that were in the afternoon. I had problem solving (which was very hard) and orienteering (which was fun).

Wednesday 3rd

What a Wednesday! Beautiful sunny start to the day and sausages for breakfast so lots of happy faces! A mixture of activities today to suit everyone: fencing, zip wire, climbing, tunnel trail and sports games. Lunch was wraps with a choice of fillings and tortilla chips. Dinner was lasagne/ chicken nuggets, chips and vegetables. The salad bar is always a big hit and pudding was angel delight!

We had a change of evening activity to suit the children as the beach was such a big hit on Monday. They had a quick paddle in the sea and a good old sing song around the fire pit! Lots of tired children tonight so an early bed was required.

Thursday 4th

Today we had bacon for breakfast (before my group had archery) it was super yummy and perfectly cooked. When I had archery, I got scared that I was going to hit myself in the face with the bow. After I had archery, I had Jacobs Ladder. I was absolutely TERRIFIED! I couldn't do it the first time but eventually after lots of encouragement, I did it, then we had lunch, it was delicious. After lunch, I had Trapeze and again after lots of encouragement I did it. Then I had games, which I found easy because you were not attached to a harness and you were not that high. We had dinner then it was dancing time at the disco!



YEAR 6 ISLE OF WIGHT CONT.

Friday 5th

This morning Mr Timmins and Miss Howe came and knocked on our window and door to tell us to get up and get ready for the last day on the Isle of Wight. Due to being the last day, we had to strip our beds, tidy our room up and get our suitcases packed and outside.

After breakfast, we had several activities to complete, including: sensory trail, quad biking, fencing and survivor. Each group had two activities (there were 7 groups). Our group (group 3) had quad biking first. The quad bikes were blue and the helmets multi-coloured.

On Friday group 2 had sensory trail and we had to put blackout glasses on and we got really muddy. While we did it we were splashed by other people in our group.

On our last day at PGL, we had burgers for lunch. They were very tasty and all of the servers were friendly and dinner time meals even had dessert.



YEAR 8 ACTIVITY WEEK CONT.

Thursday

On Thursday we went to Leeson House. It was an exceptionally hot day so we had to have a lot to drink. In the morning we split into two different groups. Firstly, our group did some compass work. We had to follow some directions using a compass. It wasn't that hard to do. After our compass work, we did some teamwork games and worked altogether to succeed.

After lunch we spent the whole afternoon doing orienteering. We had to change from shorts into long trousers so that we wouldn't get tics. We answered some questions on a sheet whilst doing this activity as well. We all made sure we had plenty of water and a sunhat. It was an extremely hot day but we will make the most of it.

Friday

To finish off the week, we went to Paultons Park. Again, it was a very hot day but I was prepared. We all had a group talk at the beginning, but after that, we were free to do whatever we wanted. First of all I went on Flight of the Pterosaur. I did have to stop myself from screaming so loud. I also went on the Cobra but was excited as I got to go on with Mrs Etheridge. We both screamed and the photo afterwards was just hilarious. Not only did I get to go on the Cobra, I also got to go on the Velociraptor with Mrs Etheridge as I persuaded her! I also went on the Edge and loads of other rides.

We had to meet back for lunch, then we were free to go off again. I had a look in the crystal and rock shop and bought some really nice amethyst. Then we had to meet back again to go back to school.

Everybody was too tired on the way back and few nearly fell asleep. I had a fantastic week. It was a great week with year 8 and the perfect end of a perfect week. I will never forget it.



YEAR 8 ACTIVITY WEEK PHOTOS



Brook View Visit

On Monday 17th June, we went to Brook View Care Home in West Moors to help some of the residents do some gardening. They were called Yvonne, Norman and Barbara. Callum and Dayne planted the first set of plants which were fuchsias and Keira and I planted the second set which were petunias. Thank you to Pete the gardener who taught us about the different types of plants they had in the gardens. Sarah, the Entertainments Manager then took us on a tour of the home. We saw the lounges, café, garden room, dining room, the hairdressing salon and the resident cat! My favourite part of the trip was seeing the home and understanding the type of lifestyle the residents had.

Lucie M 8ST



Bear Grylls Visit Tuesday 12th June

On Tuesday, we went to see Bear Grylls at Walhampton School in Lymington. We were with lots of other schools and we sat on the beautiful lawn in front of the huge school building. There were hundreds of people, including parents, staff, scouts and pupils. When Bear Grylls arrived, he gave an inspirational speech about his own view on how life should be lived. He talked about:

Failure- you have to experience it to be successful
Fear- always walk towards it and never run away from it.
Fire - the fire inside of you is your most powerful weapon.
Faith- he spoke about how important God is to him.

He was asked ten questions by pupils and his most memorable answers were that the best part of school was the friendships that he made and his favourite place was wherever his family is. He talked about his favourite expedition - climbing Mount A - next to Everest which he said was steep and beautiful. He said the best advice he had ever been given was by his dad, who told him to follow his dreams; look after his friends and to be kind. As members of Grylls house at Emmanuel, we were inspired and extremely proud to have had this opportunity to see Bear Grylls. We were able to pass him a letter we had written him and hope he might reply to it soon. It was a great experience for us all.

By Eliza, Harvey and Toby Year 5



French Linguists

A group of Year 7s were invited to work in an Able Linguists Atelier.

Abby Spicer, Tilly Hancock, Joseph Child, Aidan Ellingham, Harry Stephenson and Jay Saunders prepared, memorised and filmed Spoken assessments from the KS3 SOW. These will be uploaded onto the school website to support both parents and pupils in the content and expectations in this subject. This was such a valuable experience for all of the above pupils who put maximum endeavour and enjoyment into this project. I believe that it really became apparent to them that practice really does make perfect when acquiring new skills. I look forward to counting how many views these videos have had!

Ms Fagge
(Head of French)

French Fashion Show

Here are some Year 7 participants in our annual French Fashion Show. This is always the ideal opportunity for all pupils to showcase their learning of this Topic “La mode et les vêtements” in a creative way. After weeks of input, pupils were expected to learn simple Present Tense in the third person off by heart with adjectives and opinions. Outfits then matched these descriptions. This is a good way of promoting self-confidence in Speaking as well as life-long study skills such as planning, practice and memorising. Well done to those pupils who earned Credit Credits for their excellent efforts!

Ms B Fagge (Head of French)



A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Some year 7 pupils travelled to Winchester to see Oddssocks production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Here is one pupil's take on the trip:

At the end of the school we got changed for the night and boarded the minibus to travel to Winchester. The journey seemed to take forever but was so worth it.

We arrived at Prezzos in Winchester and after the best meal of the week, we had to drag our poor little legs to the Theatre which was a whole 2 minutes away!

We arrived at the Theatre and took our seats. We had a great view of the stage and would see everything. The play was sooooo funny, especially how the elves walked, or should I say fast tipped-toed.

When the interval arrived, we all bought an ice cream or some sweets. Although we didn't really need them, it helped with the wait for the second half to begin.

The second half was as funny and special as the first and was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole audience.

Sadly it was the end of the performance, and we all stood and cheered and clapped the actors. At the end and before leaving to get on the minibuses we were able to speak to some of the actors which was amazing.

We then left the Theatre and hopped back onto the minibuses to travel back to Verwood. Cordy started up some karaoke which kept everyone awake.

After an incredible evening Mrs Thompson was so tired she could have fallen asleep standing up.

It was the best evening ever.

By Harry M

FUS Careers Events

On Tuesday 4th June Mrs Sarah Stroud from Ferndown Upper School delivered her now annual Careers Event to our Year 8 pupils. As always, this was an informative and engaging event.

Initially the children generated their own personal 'dream clouds' detailing some of the material possessions that they would like to own in adult life. Needless-to-say, many opted for the Porsche Boxster & the Sandbank's crib!

Following this aspirational discussion, Mrs Stroud prompted the pupils to consider the range of jobs that might become available to them & how these reflected different levels of training, as well as degrees of salary. A great deal of discussion was had as to which professions had which average salaries - for many pupils this was a genuine 'eye -opener'!

Mrs Stroud then challenged the children's gender stereotypes regarding their future opportunities & underlined the fact that equality laws have provided both boys and girls with an aspiration - 'level playing field'. A point well made...

On behalf of all of Year 8, I would like to thank Mrs Stroud for delivering the Careers Event. As always it gave our older pupils a glimpse of their future possibilities & made them consider how these might be achieved.

Mark Rangdale (KS3 Lead)



YEAR 5 SWANAGE TRIP

We arrived at the train station at Norden and boarded the train. I sat next to my mum and opposite Elsie and Mrs Webb. As the train started to move, we looked out the window on my left and saw an amazing view of Corfe Castle and the town below. We have since learned that the Castle was the scene of one of the great battles of the English Civil War, which ended in defeat for the Royalists.

Just outside Swanage, while on the train, Ayssen saw the Industrial estate and we all noticed the churches (although Curtis spotted one first). Once we were in Swanage, we walked through the bustling town centre and ticked off all the monuments and buildings on our list. We noticed the Mowlem Centre, the Memorial by the beach, the Purbeck stone buildings and the arcades/seafront, which we know are popular attractions for tourists in Swanage. As we have been learning in school, Swanage and Verwood are very different places in many ways, even though they both have some similar features like schools and churches.

As we walked, we then arrived at the pier before lunch. We had a tour guide who explained about the pier's history. Did you know that it is one of only 4 working wooden piers in the country? I also discovered that the wood the pier was made from can only be found in one country, which makes it extremely rare. While on the pier, we also saw Old Harry Rocks in the distance and it was a stunning sight!

By Morgane Dempsey, 5KR

Following lunch on the Downs, children and staff then began the 'mini-hike' to Durlston Castle and Visitor Centre, where we enjoyed a nature talk from the rangers. A final highlight was the visit to the Castle shop, where the children enjoyed choosing their souvenirs and ice-cream!

The two days in Swanage were a real success and the children were outstanding ambassadors for our school. We would also like to thank all our dedicated parent supporters for their help on this trip. We are so grateful for your time and kindness.

Mrs Weir,
Head of Year 5



SPORTS DAY 2019 AND PE NEWS

Even though it still has not finished yet, the sporting talent that was shown that day was a real credit to the pupils' hard work to try and perfect their chosen events. KS2 worked really well to accumulate points in the potted sports where all pupils were able to succeed and feel a part of the day itself, whilst KS3 were pushing the limits to outperform their competitors. It is always so pleasing to see the pupils at Emmanuel upholding not only the school values but translating them into the some of core Olympic values; excellence, respect and friendship.

Some highlights were Year 8s helping and encouraging the younger pupils when they were finding it tough, offering both support and encouragement. Some amazing throws in Javelin (Harvey Pulling and Emily Hassel) who hadn't just been able to throw a long distance they were adopting the correct position enabling fluent transition through the body. Leo Wisbey smashing the running in his year group winning his events by large margins.

There are still a few events for pupils to partake in to complete Sport Day 2019, the biggest question is still yet unanswered . . . which house has won Sports Day? Also who will win the final events and get their name on the honours board, can they leave an Emmanuel legacy?

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents for turning up and supporting the day, it does mean a lot to the pupils who want to broadcast their talents to show our wider community. We look forward to repeating it again in 2020 minus the rain!

Mr Foord, Head of PE

Year 7 and 8 competed at Kings Park athletics stadium last Monday. Everyone performed extremely well with the following pupils getting 2nd or 3rd in their events.

Abbie Middleton 3rd 200m
Joe Child 3rd shot putt
Joseph O Connor 3rd High Jump
Charlie Wooding 2nd 800m
Jay Saunders 3rd 1500m

The following pupils represented East Dorset in the county athletics finals:

Keir Haddon
Leo Wisbey
Sam Foley
Owen Lampshire
Loreali Pearson Bartlett
Alice Weir

They all performed so well , especially Leo Wisbey who came 4th in the county for the cricket ball throw. Well done to all of them.

The Sports leaders have worked really hard this year, helping with various events across the year. The most recent was helping with the first schools sports days. We had some fantastic feedback from the schools saying how great the sports leaders had been.

Mrs Stocks





MEDICAL MAVERICKS

Students with an interest in Science and more specifically medicine, took part in a 'Medical Mavericks' workshop kindly organised by Ferndown Upper school.

The workshop provided students with information regarding the range of careers within the health sector and the various pathways they could take to achieve their chosen career.

The students took part in a range of medical procedures including, recording their own ECG, taking blood from a fake arm and practising keyhole surgery (I think we may have some budding surgeons!) as well as taking a look inside their own bodies with an ultrasound machine, a retina scan and a infrared vein scanner and projector!

The students seemed to have a great time and were complimented on their behaviour, attitude and overall Scientific knowledge. One of our year 5 students (Toby Richardson) was even the first student they'd met who could answer a particular question. He then went on to inform them that the information was in the literature they'd just been given – *the new year 5 curriculum 'how to be a scientist' observation lessons are paying off! Well done Toby!*

Thanks also goes to Mrs Stocks who kindly drove the EMS minibus and Mrs Smith, who offered to help out on the second workshop.





ROCKET DAY

Martin Haynes, his colleague and a number of our former students came over to EMS to host two Rocket Day workshops for a small number of our year 7 and year 5 students.



The day started with the year 7s braving the wet conditions out on the field to conduct a water rocket experiment. Their aim, to launch the rockets for maximum distance. They managed to have a Whale of a time, getting splattered by water and mud a like (sorry). We unfortunately had to retreat when the weather got worse and refused to show any signs of abating!

The fun continued in the lab where we were firing water film canister rockets using chemical reactions and simple mechanical air pressure. The students were a real credit to the school and gave a great impression of the quality of their Scientific understanding.

The next session involved year 5s and they were tasked with making paper rockets using a straw launching mechanism. They worked brilliantly using trial and error techniques and altering their designs accordingly.

At the end they competed to see which design would go the furthest. Brannon was the overall winner in a very close contest. I was however particularly impressed with the evaluation skills of the students as they identified that the test was not considered completely reliable as it didn't take into account lung capacity—Well done year 5s, budding rocket scientists already!!



I'M A SCIENTIST GET ME OUT OF HERE

I'm a Scientist Get Me Out of Here is where students get the chance to communicate with PHD scientists. Each time schools can enter a competition. They get put into a zone, this time Emmanuel students were put into the plant zone. This means that the students will be learning about plants, they will then get the opportunity to talk to PHD plant scientists.

In this after school club we have planted rocket lettuce seeds so see how radiation effect the growth of plants. One packet was radiated and the other not in a blind test. We did this because the ISS (International Space Station) are trying to grow plants on it, using radiation. We have also seen if salty water effects the mass of plants. We did this by using carrots. First we weighed the carrots (before they touched water), then put them in three beakers - one with plain water, the other with one tablespoon of salt and last one had two tablespoons of salt. After the carrots had been in the water for twenty minutes, we then weighed them to see any changes in mass. We did this experiment because in Mexico their soil is much saltier than in England. This means they end up using lots of water, and we wanted to see why. The salty water ended up making the carrots' water come out instead of in - osmosis - resulting in making the carrots super bendy.



The final experiment we did was to do with bacteria. To test this we all chose plants to grind and squish so its essence would come out. Once we had done this, we put the juice on a plate containing milk bacteria. After a week, we looked at them again and saw that only the garlic had killed the bacteria around it. All the other plants including onion, rosemary, parsley, basil, ginger, thyme and lavender, didn't get rid of the bacteria.

By Katie C and Ashleigh P



YEAR 5 NEWS

As the sun sets on our time in Year 5, it is heart-warming to look back on all the children's amazing achievements and talents. Their sheer courage and determination has been phenomenal and this mind-set will serve them well as they look towards their next goals as Year 6 pupils.

In our last half-term, we have seen the children question the life of an astronaut living on the International Space Station, argue the historical significance of Swanage with UNESCO, construct their own fairground rides, create their own methods and results tables and compose accurate sentences in French, using nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs! In addition to shining in their learning, we have also seen them working relentlessly as teams during sports day and house events, and lighting up the faces of so many visitors to our school during transition.

We are incredibly proud of them and know that they will return in September ready to face the excitement and challenges of Year 6. Learning to embrace challenges and accept that true learning happens when we don't yet know the answers has been an important part of our journey this year - through the EMS Learning Line. All our Year 5s have made great strides in their willingness to take risks in their learning and push themselves beyond their own limits.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire year 5 team for their unwavering commitment and dedication. And finally, to you - the parents and carers - for all your support of your children in all their endeavours this year. We have greatly appreciated your time and energy and wish you all the most fantastic, restful and well-deserved summer break.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Weir (Head of Year 5), Mrs Richardson, Mrs Prestage and Mr Brennan



YEAR 6 NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot quite believe that we have reached the end of the academic year! We have all been on such a journey and reflecting back to where we started, we have all accomplished so much. Year 6 marks the end of Key Stage 2 and is a huge turning point for lots of children. We as a team have seen the children mature, become more respectful and far more independent in their learning and decision-making. The way they are conducting themselves around each other and around the school is a real credit to them.

I was so proud to see the children receiving their results; they looked at them with a context of how hard they have worked and were pleased with the progress they had made. The way they congratulated others was heart-warming to see; the encouragement of each other to see the positives when it could be easier to focus on the perceived negatives, was a real strength of our current Year 6 children.

I truly believe that the children have prepared themselves in the best way possible for their venture into KS3, in whichever school that this may be in. We as a Year 6 team take great pleasure in hearing how the children are getting on in Year 7. Even though some of us will not be in direct contact with them, we have an invested interest in them as individuals and in the rest of their time at Emmanuel; we welcome those moving on to come back and see us and tell us all about their new schools.

There have been challenges along the way, but anything worth it often has, and we have been able to work as a team to get through these times and come out the other side much stronger and more confident individuals.

I wish each and every family a well-earned, fun-filled and restful summer holidays and look forward to seeing lots of grown up faces in September or when they next come back to visit.

Kindest regards,

Miss J Howe
Head of Year 6



YEAR 7 NEWS

It's hard to believe that we are now approaching the end of another School Year. Our current Year 7 pupils will be assuming the mantle of Year 8. With this comes a higher profile within EMS and an assumed greater degree of maturity and responsibility.

The pupils will become role models: they will buddy up with the younger Year 5 pupils as well as taking on ambassadorial and leadership roles. There is so much to look forward to, but the onus will now be on them, as the oldest pupils in the school to set high standards and adopt an assured and more independent approach to their learning.

Year 8 Ambassador Selection

I'm pleased to announce that 23 pupils have initially been chosen to represent the school as Ambassadors. Their selection was based not only on their written applications, but also on their attendance and 'attitude to learning' data. Staff endorsements were counted for the selection of this Year's Lead Ambassadors and I'm pleased to announce that **Harry Mason** and **Charlotte Geary** have received this accolade. I'm sure that they will do everyone proud.

Prospective Ambassadors who missed out on the first wave of selection have all been given achievable targets to meet. Their progress will be reviewed in December.

End of Term Procedures

Lost Property

There is a absolute 'mountain' of lost property currently accumulating in the Key Stage 3 area. I'm intending to spread it out on the tables in Room 15 next week & insist that all the Year 7 and Year 8 pupils inspect it with a mind to retrieving items. Lost property is unlikely to be retained after the end of term.

And Finally...

Can I wish everyone a happy, entertaining and above all relaxing summer holiday. I'm sure that all the pupils are ready for and deserve a well- earned rest. They need to recharge their proverbial batteries, enjoy the lovely weather and look forward with optimism to the challenges ahead of them.

Mr Rangdale, KS3 Lead



YEAR 8 NEWS

Farewell Year 8

Can I take this final opportunity, on behalf of the Year 8 team (and indeed all the EMS staff) to wish our transitioning pupils a fond farewell. They've been a terrific cohort - mature, supportive of one another and full of individual character.

Year 8 were able to adapt to the rapid changes that were implemented last year (rising to the challenges presented to them) and took the demands of the final year in their collective stride.

We talk about how Year 8 should be role models for the rest of the school and nothing could be more apt when describing the 97 pupils who are about to move on to their chosen upper schools.

Whether it was being a 'buddy' to a younger, Year 5 pupil, supporting the Beaucroft children during our Christmas party, or helping to organize numerous tournaments and events - our Year 8s have continually impressed everyone associated with them.

My favourite part of the academic year has always been organizing the transition events. We all sense when our older pupils are ready to move on, when they have reached that level of assured maturity required for Key Stage 4.

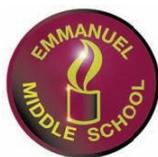
Having been fortunate enough to help to facilitate this process for the past few years - I must admit that I'm currently feeling rather melancholy as I will genuinely miss these pupils.

Good luck everyone... work to achieve your potentials, relish the opportunities placed before you at FUS and QE.

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Mr Rangdale (KS3 Lead)





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Monday 2nd September 2019

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Monday 4th November 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Autumn Term

Return after Summer holiday

Break up for half term

Return after half term

Break up for Christmas

Wednesday 4th September 2019

Friday 25th October 2019

Tuesday 5th November 2019

Friday 20th December 2019

Spring Term

Return after Christmas holiday

Break up for half term

Return after half term

Break up for Easter

Tuesday 7th January 2020

Friday 14th February 2020

Monday 24th February 2020

Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term

Return after Easter holiday

May Day

Break up for half term

Return after half term

Break up for Summer

Monday 20th April 2020

Friday 8th May 2020

Friday 22nd May 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

Friday 17th July 2020



UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

Uniform is available from Threads and Treads of Verwood.

Please ensure that ALL items are named.

Girls

Long or short-sleeved white blouse
School tie
Grey/black skirt no shorter than just above the knee (flared or pleated) or plain grey/black straight-legged trousers or tailored shorts
Maroon embroidered sweatshirt
White or black socks, or black tights
Flat black shoes, NOT trainers or boots

PE Kit

Plain white polo shirt
Maroon skirt
Black football/hockey socks
Black/blue tracksuit bottoms
Studded boots for winter field sports
Trainers for other outdoor activities
Maroon hooded top for outdoor winter sports
Gum shield (for contact sports)
Apron(s) for Science, Design, Cookery

Boys

Long or short sleeved white shirt
School tie
Grey/black straight-legged trousers or tailored shorts
Maroon embroidered sweatshirt
Black, grey or white socks
Flat black shoes, NOT trainers or boots

PE Kit

Plain white polo shirt
Black shorts
Black football/hockey socks
Black/blue tracksuit bottoms
Maroon rugby shirt
Maroon hooded top for outdoor winter sports
Studded boots for winter field sports
Trainers for other outdoor activities
Gum shield (for contact sports)
Apron(s) for Science, Design, Cookery



Provision of School Clothing

Parents in receipt of Income Support and who have successfully claimed free school meals for their child/children may be eligible for a clothing grant. Further details may be obtained from the school office. All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence.

