



Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011

It is often believed that the Summer term is a quiet one in College, but over the last month, our College life has been anything but quiet! Lessons continue apace, with students working towards their target grades and aiming to complete their year's studies.

Our new Year 7 students for September spent the day with us last Thursday, experiencing lessons, lunchtime catering and many aspects of College life. We look forward to meeting all these students again in September.

We have had two extremely entertaining and impressive Music evenings in the last two weeks. The Cluster Music Evening brought together pupils from all our Feeder Infant and Primary schools to share an evening of singing and performance. The Music Evening held earlier this week showcased the musical talents of our students who played, performed, sang and entertained an appreciative audience. I think the evening was summed up by a member of the audience who said, at the end of the performances, 'That was fantastic!'

The Sports and College Awards Evening will take place this Friday evening, with a special guest Anton Oliver (all Blacks Rugby player) giving a full range of awards to students who have made great progress and achievements. Congratulations to all the students who are due to receive awards.

So, life continues to be busy and lively at The College. Thank you for the support you continue to give, whether it is through your involvement in Friends of Earl Mortimer College, your attendance at parents' evenings or – most importantly of all - ensuring that your son or daughter turns up at College, punctually and smartly dressed, to start a day of work every day.

Mrs D.S. Blackmore  
Vice Principal

# Parents, Carers and Student Information...



## College Council Approves New Rewards Scheme

September 2011 sees the launch of a brand new Rewards Scheme for the College. Consultations have taken place between staff and students and the result will be a sparkling new digital system. Full details to follow in September written inside your new-look College Planner! In the mean time, make sure you cash-in your remaining smiley stamps to ensure any outstanding certificates are claimed before the end of summer term.



## Young Enterprise News!

The sixth form students who completed the Young Enterprise Programme attended a certificate presentation event recently at the college. Julie Pond, Area Manager for Young Enterprise in Herefordshire, was on hand to present awards to Helena Wilkinson, Charlene Read, Lauren Jacks, Chris Thompson and Ella Brotherton from year 12 who are pictured along with Mr Higley, YE post 16 Programme Leader at EMC.

Two other students, who could not make it on the day, Naomi Matthews and Sophie Smith, also received certificates.

The students set up and ran their own fully registered UK company selling a range of purpose made or bought-in product lines to a wide variety of customers during the academic year.

All of the participants were congratulated for their hard work and achievement on the young enterprise programme this year.

Well done!

## Coming Soon...

### EMC Student Radio inside the Hereford Times

After broadcasting live on the BBC Hereford and Worcester Breakfast Show recently, EMC Student Radio presenters will be appearing in a future edition of the Hereford Times very soon. The Hereford Times is well known as one of the region's top newspapers, and the EMC presenters are hoping to explore ways of linking up and sharing editorial material. They broadcast live via the internet every lunch time between 1:05 and 2pm, then 24 hours a day on a computerised loop. Check out [www.earlmortimer.com](http://www.earlmortimer.com) and follow the radio links to listen from your home computer.



# D of E Students conquer Long Mynd and Carding Mill Valley!

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, over 40 intrepid students made their way to Church Stretton in Shropshire. All were in good spirits and none were put off by the 08:30 start. This was probably due to the sunny weather and excitement of what lay ahead.

Once organised the pupils set off in their groups with only a laminated map, huge backpacks and each other for company. The two routes were separated. Some groups had to walk over the top of the Long Mynd where Mr Kirk was waiting and past a disused Quarry where Mr Urry and Mr Hartigan were hiding in bushes! Others had to climb through Carding Mill Valley towards Ms Jeffries and Miss Hoare and then head over the Stiperstones where they were met by Mrs Price and Mr Roberts.

A few groups got a wee bit lost and ended up walking for nearly 12 hours. This involved a slight rescue mission with Mr Stevens, Mr Roberts and Mr Kirk. However, some groups reached the Youth Hostel at the Bridges without issue and on time. Soon tents were popping up and the smell of pea and mint risotto was in the air. Spirits were high and conversation flowing although there was a curious incident with a melted marshmallow.

One particular group, who shall remain nameless, managed to get lost from Church Stretton train station. The first checkpoint was in a straight line through the town centre but it took them over an hour! Consequently the final few groups arrived at around 8pm in the evening. Everybody was generally fine apart from a few cuts, a twisted ankle and sunburn. The assessor was very impressed and questioned groups about all aspects of DofE.

While staff were scoffing their weight in take-away pizza the students had collected £50 of their money to donate to two trainee doctors who were cycling from John'O Groats to Lands End in aid of Macmillan Cancer research.

After a (peaceful) nights rest, no thanks to a car rally in the middle of the night and a certain science teachers' snoring, the students were up bright and early ready to do it all again. After breakfast and a tidy up the groups set off again, this time on slightly shorter routes. A deadline was in place to make the train on time.

Everybody made it. Well done!

Do not forget that presentations will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Mr Roberts

Breakfast



Some of our students donating £50 to cyclists on the John o' Groats to Lands End route!



The first group finally make it back in good spirits





## TWELFTH NIGHT

On 29<sup>th</sup> June, Year 8 spent a leisurely afternoon watching an open air performance of Twelfth Night. Despite a helicopter flying over half way through the performance, students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the production starring local actor John Challis.

After watching the spectacular performance in the castle, Year 8 were able to study one of the funnier scenes from Twelfth Night with two actors from Ludlow Festival's production. They were joined by the actress who played Viola and the actor who played Feste (Keith from Eastenders!) for two hours of games and activities based around Twelfth Night.



## Yr 10 Attendance data – Summer Term

Congratulations to; Merrick Jackson, Naomi Edwards, Matt Wayman and Jim Morgan who have achieved 100% attendance throughout Yr 10.

Tutor group attendances (September – July)

- 6<sup>th</sup> – 90.07% - JMS
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 92.14% - PJB
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 92.6% - RPJ/JAL
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 93.53% - CGS
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 94.09% - IDU
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 94.51% - VEW

There are 15 students with 100% attendance since February half term. They will go into a prize draw with the chance to win a brand new 8GB IPOD Nano.

Bowen, Samuel	CGS
Harris, Matthew	CGS
Hodges, Charlotte	CGS
Cole, Emma	IDU
Jackson, Merrick	IDU
Mills, Harry	IDU
Rolfe, Mollie	IDU
Barnett, Keanu	JAL/AF
Morgan, James	JAL/AF
Powis, Callum	JAL/AF
Thompson, Matthew	JAL/AF

Hollinshead, Katie	JMS
Lennon, Alexandra	PJB
Stocker, Tristan	PJB
Edwards, Naomi	VEW
Wayman, Matthew	VEW

Mr Bescoby

KS4 Deputy Learning Manager

# Gift & Pamper Evening

Help the Anti-Bullying Campaigners raise money for their peer support training

The EMC ABC gift and pamper evening was a huge success! We had a multitude of stalls which were kept busy for the whole evening. Thanks to all that came, you helped to raise a fantastic **£636.70!** with an added **£150** donated from Cameron Swan photography we had a humongous total of **£786.70**

The college also raised **£354.35** for the EMC ABC on the dedicated feel good Friday! The total raised so far is an impressive **£1141.23**. We are steaming towards our target of **£1500** to enable the EMC ABC to receive the peer mentoring training from cybermentors a national charity organisation run by beat bullying.

I would like to thank the following for their help on the gift and pamper evening- Alisha McGrath, Beth Waudby, Georgia Torode, Georgie Fletcher, Esmee Gardner-Ellsum, Lisa King, Libby Jones, the PTA and the caretaking team. You really helped the evening run as smoothly as it did.

Gift vouchers are still available from Cameron Swan photography for £25 (all of which gets donated to the college!) for a family photo shoot experience and gift frame. Please contact reception if you wish to purchase one of the few remaining gift vouchers.





# Year 8 Trip to Paris May 2011



At 7 o'clock on Wednesday morning, Mr. John, Mrs. Joules, Mrs Matthews, Mrs. Price, Miss Phillips and 47 Year 8 pupils set off on what would be a memorable trip to Paris and Disney.

Following a long but enjoyable coach journey, we arrived at the Pizza di Roma restaurant on the outskirts of Paris to eagerly devour a well-deserved evening meal of pizzas, pasta and ice cream.

On Thursday, the pupils and staff were up early in anticipation of a busy and exciting day in Disney, and we began with a delicious breakfast of cheese, ham, bread, croissants, pains au chocolat, cakes, fruit juice and coffee.

We arrived at Disney at 9.00am and we enjoyed 8 hours walking in the warm sunshine, eating pizza and ice cream and braving the white-knuckle rides such as Indiana Jones, Space Mountain, Thunder Mountain, the Tower of Terror and the fabulous Rock`n`Rollercoaster.

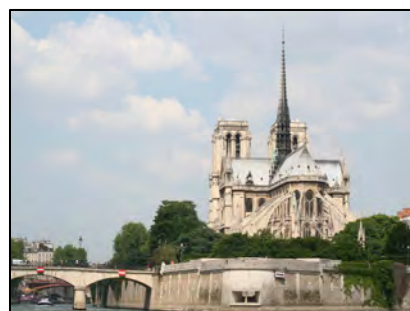
We arrived back at the pizza restaurant for another delicious meal of pasta and ice cream and retired to bed happily after a long and tiring day.

On Friday morning we packed and left the hotel for Paris where we were to board a Bateau Mouches for a relaxing trip along the Seine. We left from the Notre Dame and passed many of the famous Parisian sites during our 1 hour trip – The Eiffel Tower, The Louvre, The National Assembly and many old bridges.

Martin the coach driver gave us a brief tour of the many other famous monuments such as the Place de la Concorde, the Champs Elysées, the Arc de Triomphe and the Stade de France.

We finally left Paris and returned to Calais for the long-awaited trip on the cross-Channel ferry. The coach arrived back at school at midnight and everyone looked forward to a well-deserved car-journey home to bed. Roll on next year!

The staff would like to congratulate the pupils on their immaculate behaviour during the long journey to Paris and the fabulous manner in which they conducted themselves and represented the school whilst abroad.



# EMC Prefect Training Day

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011, the Earl Mortimer College ran a days' training for the newly appointed Yr 10 prefects. With a number of different teaching and support staff involved in the days training across a variety of different activities the prefects were able to experience all aspects of what being a prefect involves.

Mr Urry began the day with a team building session, which included a series of practical and mental challenges for the prefects to overcome in their respected prefect duty teams.

Next was a session led by Partnership Development Manager Mr Knight. The aim was to make the prefects think about what values they represented. In particular could they be linked to those of London 2012's Olympic and Paralympic values.

At break time the prefects had the opportunity to observe college students, focusing on behaviour and problem student management areas around the college site.

Mrs Blackmore led the third session, this time looking at the role of prefects during duty times. In particular, how to deal with non-compliant students in a safe and effective manner.

Mr Bescoby and the Sixth Form ambassadors ran the 4<sup>th</sup> session. This included looking at the roles and responsibilities of prefects and making the step from prefect to Sixth Form ambassador.

A prefect lunch was hosted by KS4 learning manager Mrs Howells before session 5 led by Mr Bescoby, which involved the prefects planning initiatives for their respective year teams in their duty teams.

The day proved to be a huge success with all members of the prefect team being actively involved in the planning for the academic year 2011/12. I personally am looking forward to seeing the prefects become heavily involved in college life from September 2011.

Mr Bescoby



## 8 Records Smashed at EMC's first Sports Day!!!

Earl Mortimer College and Sixth Form Centre's first sports day was a huge success. Congratulations to all competitors and thank you for all your support throughout the day.

The table below shows the 2011 Record breakers:

Event	Name	New Record	Previous Record/Year
Year 7 Boys H J	Jack Mason	1.35m	1.32 (2008)
Year 7 Boys 200m	Connor Sharp	29.61	29.65 (2003)
Year 7 Boys 400m	Michal Stefan	62.3	66.34 (1995)
Year 8 Boys 100m	John Hill	12.17	13.1 (1985)
Year 9 Girls T J	Lisa King	8.4m	7.84m (2010)
Year 9 Boys 100m	Jake Robinson	12.44	12.53 (2008)
Year 9 Boys Javelin	Declan Sims	39.22m	37.64m (1986)
Year 10 Girls H J	Claudia Preece	1.47m	1.41m (1997)

The final results will be announced on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July



## SSCo Update – Fun for all at Black Marston School



The annual Minster Challenge (the Special Schools Sports Day) was held at Black Marston School in Hereford on Tuesday. Our sixth form Higher Sports Leaders were in charge of activities as diverse as the water race, the bean bag throw and target shooting. The wheelchair bound, mentally disabled and other disabled pupils from Black Marston, Westfield, Barrs Court schools and the Kielder unit from Bishops all thoroughly enjoyed their day. All received medals for their efforts and Green team (a mixture of pupils from all the schools) were the final winners.

Our last mini tennis final was on Wednesday with Gemma, Merrick, Kieran and Lydia officiating. The standard was high and the tension as good as Wimbledon centre court. Results were close but champions were St Marys. Our representatives, Kimbolton were 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done to all.

