

# Issue 12 EMail

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*Just believe  
in yourself.  
Even if you  
don't, pretend  
that you do and,  
at some point,  
you will.*

-VENUS WILLIAMS

EMA Quote of the Week

Dear Parents/Carers

In spite of the ongoing Arriva transport strike we will be providing transport to enable pupils to get to school throughout the remaining two weeks of term. The planned strike is scheduled for next Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th December and the following week Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd December. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office or Mrs Haynes if you need additional support.

Year 11 pupils have been working hard throughout the week on their GCSE mock examinations. Miss Parry our Lead Examinations Officer said 'I have been really impressed with the overall attitude and effort that each individual pupil has put into their examinations'. Next week Year 10 and all Key Stage 3 pupils will undertake their end of term examinations and tests and we are looking forward to a similar concerted effort and positive attitude to learning.

Please note the following dates which are changes to the original calendar. Pupils will return to school in the New Year on Thursday 11th January. There will be a full Parent/Carer Review Day on Monday 15th January. This day will replace the original Parent/Carer progress review afternoon (previously scheduled for Monday 18th December). EMA Review Day in January will follow the same format as the previous day of the 30th October. This will provide a great opportunity at the start of 2018 for pupils to revisit and, where necessary, reset targets relating to their attendance/punctuality, personal progress, behaviour for learning/rewards and any other specific area of school life such as wider participation/community involvement. Details of this day and the changes to the calendar will be posted out to you in person.

In the last week of term we will be providing a series of focussed and experiential learning forums for pupils to actively engage with. Pupils in Key Stage 3 will be receiving workshops helping them to regulate their social/emotional behaviour for learning. Pupils throughout the school will be joining in learning from a wide range of multi-agencies including the Police, National Health teams and Talking Therapies.

All pupils will have the opportunity to support our local community food bank. We are encouraging every pupil to donate an item of dry or tinned food as an act of kindness in the festive period. On the last day of term, Friday 22nd December, we are inviting all pupils and staff to wear their best festive sparkle. We will finish the day at 12.45 pm.

Best wishes

ST Jamieson, Headteacher



## Careers Morning at EMA!!!

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

We have a variety of colleges, training providers and employers attending to inform your child of options after leaving Emslie Morgan Academy.

We ask for your support on ensuring that your child attends this career morning.

## WELL DONE 100% ATTENDERS THIS WEEK!

### KEEP IT UP!

Brandon Barrow	Ciaran Kennedy
Megan Bewley	Bethany Layfield
Aaliyah Blease	Mya Lockhart
Sophie Brennan	Ewan McAleny
Lewis Butler	Cameron McKay
James Cook	Kaitlyn Peterson
Carl Cosgrove	John Phillips
Bailey Doyle	Sionaid Phipps
Callum Forbes	Owen Reay
Nathan Greer	Joe Round
Jamie Harvey	Charlotte Smith
Callum Hassall	Lisa Wharton
Lewis Howard	Paul Whelan
Kyle Kearney	Kelsie-May Williams

### EMA skating on ice.

All EMA pupils were invited to participate in an Ice Skating trip last week. A Huge Well Done to all those pupils that took part in the trip. Pupils displayed resilience and determination progressing from a starting point of holding onto the sides around the rink and falling over time and time again to gliding from one side of the rink to the other. Some heart warming scenes were witnessed when boys across all age groups helped each other up from the hard freezing cold ice to the physical and mental support seen and heard throughout the day!. One year 11 girl proudly stated how EMA are a family!



Mark Burns, author of 'Teaching Backwards' and 'Engaging Learners', visited EMA this week to deliver an inspirational Teaching and Learning workshop entitled 'Achievement and Progress for All'. Mark demonstrated strategies to our teaching and support staff designed to enable students to move new ideas and concepts from their working memory to their long term memory, a skill which is essential given the need the memorise information for the new GCSE specifications. Mark also inspired us to develop a system within school to provide our students with the vocabulary to explain barriers to engagement in learning activities to allow teachers to support learners emotionally as well as academically.



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## Emslie Morgan Christmas Jumper appeal.

MAKE THE WORLD BETTER WITH A SWEATER!  
Dig out your favourite festive sweater and dress up for Christmas with your friends, family, colleagues or school.

It's the most magical time of year - fairy lights and baubles, snowmen and Christmas trees. On 22nd December, we want it all on a jumper.

On 15th December - save the children are holding their annual Christmas jumper day, all over the country, thousands of people will be donning their daftest, most wonderful woollies - all for a great cause.

This year our school are asking for donations of dry and tinned food to donate to food banks for Christmas. We will be taking donations from the 18th December.

**Please help us help the local community in making this Christmas count.**

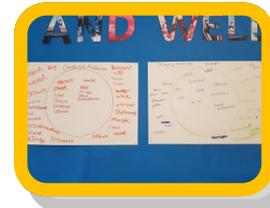
### Mock Exams

Well done to Year 11 pupils for their effort and conduct during mock examinations. I am sure that this invaluable experience will prepare you well for the summer. Please do continue to work hard and get the grades that you deserve.



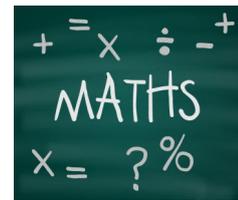
### KS3 News

As we know KS3 have been investigating crime scenes in English and have now moved onto their 2nd investigation of the term. We will be writing some more reports, criminal records and descriptive writing based on evidence we find about Aaron Hernandez - a NFL player who was convicted of murder. This investigation was requested by one of the pupils - **Ellis Hayden**. Look out for our detective work.



## Bungalow News

This week in the bungalow we have continued with health and wellbeing. On Wednesday we looked at different drugs and medicine to see how they are used to cure illness and the different categories and in some cases time periods that they fall into. The pupils were split into two teams who wrote individually the different types of drugs and then we came back together as a class to discuss what both teams had written. If both teams had the same drug or medicine we would discuss how it worked, when it was used and what was it a cure for. We also discussed how medicine has changed over time. In the below picture is the chart and discussion work that the pupils created with the initial individual work around the circle and the discussion topics in the middle. Thanks from the Bungalow Team.



## Maths Students of the week..

KS3 Ellis Hayden

Pod 1 Carl Cosgrove

Pod 2 Aaliyah Blease

Pod 4 Tommy Murphy and Callum Byrne.



All of the staff and pupils at Emslie Morgan Academy would like to wish Kelsie-May Williams the best of luck as she transfers to Bebington high School.



A huge well done to Sophie Brennan who began her Level 1 Health and Fitness Course at the Vocational College this week! This is a huge step for Sophie who eventually wants to apply for the Military Preparation College for when she leaves Emslie Morgan Academy in 2018. We are keen to support all students' future aspirations, so if your son or daughter wishes to speak to anyone about any vocational placements that they wish to do, please see Miss Elliott.

### Useful Contacts for Parents

**ADHD Foundation**  
Parent helpline - 0151 237 2661

**Response** – Drug use, alcohol, anger management  
Parent helpline – 0151 666 4123

**Wirral Mind**  
Parent helpline - 0151 512 2200

**CAMHS**  
Parent helpline – 0151 488 8453

**The Catholic Children's Society**  
Family Support Service for all  
Parent helpline - 0151 652 1281



**Response**



### Top 5 Leader board

1. Jamie G. 18,693
2. Sophie B. 8,251
3. Leon M. 3,150
4. Jordan M. 2,666
5. Cameron M. 1,855