



GRINDON HALL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Important Dates

- Tuesday 23rd April. GCSE Art Exam.
- Tuesday 24th April. GCSE Art Exam.
- Thursday 25th April. **Year 9 Parents' Evening:** 4pm-6pm.
- Tuesday 30th April – Junior Maths Challenge.
- Thursday 2nd May. **Year 7 Parents Evening:** 4pm-6pm.

End of term message from the Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for all their tremendous support this term. It has been a really busy term for the students and the staff and your support has been much appreciated. Parents and carers working well with a school adds so much to the chances of success for our children. My thanks to you all.

This has been an especially busy term for our exam classes in secondary and primary too. Much progress has been made towards end of year targets and I am optimistic that our students will be very successful in their external examinations. There are a whole series of revision classes going on over the Easter holiday and I know many students are planning to take advantage of these.

The move to become part of the Emmanuel Schools Foundation has been a moment of great joy for us all and it is wonderful to think that the future of the school is secure within a successful trust, with such a strong Christian ethos. As next term unfolds, it will be very exciting to see the plans for the school and I know they are keen to share the details with you as and when they are able to.

A reminder to Primary parents and carers that after the Easter holidays summer uniform may be worn. I suggest you might

want to consider the fact that snow has been a regular visitor around Easter and so perhaps you might want to wait until we know the frosts have passed and the sun is here to stay!

Finally, I would like to wish all families a happy and blessed Easter. This is a very important time for Christians and I hope that you are all able to spend quality time with your families, enjoy being together and feel the true meaning of this Holy time.

With kindest regards

Chris Robinson
Interim Principal.

Y5/6 Football



Hill View Juniors and Redby Primary visited our school on Wednesday for the 7 a-side fixtures. Despite the two defeats, the boys continue to make small, positive steps towards becoming a well-organised and more confident team. This was particularly evident from the performances of Ben Worthington and Owen Lavelle. Special mention also to Will Howe, who came away from the evening as Man of the Match for such a strong and determined performance. Also! Sunderland AFC are off to Wembley this weekend. A safe journey to all those who are going and fingers crossed for a victory. Mr Gordon will be looking out for you all in Trafalgar Square!

School lunches

I would like to gently remind parents and carers that there is an expectation that money is credited to Parent Pay to pay for school lunches before students attempt to buy a lunch. After the Easter break, the arrangements around this will be going back to what was in place prior to the introduction of Parent Pay so I would urge parents and carers to ensure enough money is paid into your accounts to cover all lunch and other costs.

Primary 'Big Hair Day'

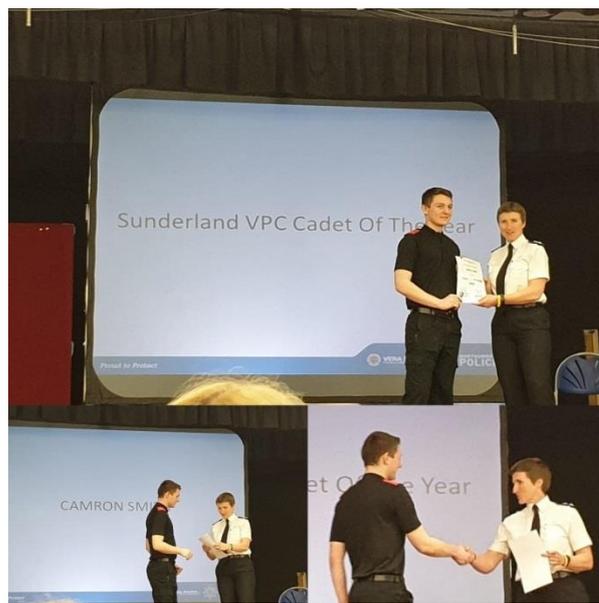
Today in primary we were raising money for the North East Autism Society under the theme of 'big hair day.' We would like to inform you that we were able to raise **£402.86** and would like to thank you for all of your contributions. The children all looked fantastic!

Year 7 Travellers' Tales

Year 7 have studied travel writing in English this term, including reading about the Maasai Tribe in Kenya. Our student, Teresa Ngatia has travelled to Kenya and has visited a Maasai Tribe. She was kind enough to talk about her experience and to bring in her souvenir crown, hand made by the Maasai. This really helped bring the experience to life for the other students. Thank you, Teresa.



Volunteer Police Cadet of the Year – Camron Smith Y11



Congratulations to our Year 11 student Camron Smith, who this week was presented with the Sunderland Volunteer Cadet of the Year Award. As part of his role as a volunteer cadet Camron has undertaken a variety of tasks including volunteering at major local events such as the Sunderland Airshow, the Tall Ships Race, the Sunderland 10K run and Sunderland Pride. His work involves engaging with members of the public by handing out information leaflets and safety bands for children at the big events. Camron has also engaged in work with local communities including visiting care homes to put up Christmas decorations and supporting other more vulnerable members of the community. Additionally Camron has completed his silver Duke of Edinburgh award all whilst studying for his GCSEs! Well done Camron – you are a role model to us all.

Safeguarding message:

Stay safe during the holidays! Be aware of online dangers for your children – please ensure you monitor your children and the websites and social media sites they use to ensure they are appropriate.

School returns on Tuesday 23rd April for all students.