

# NEWSLETTER Dec 2018

## Key Dates

**Friday 14th December 2018**

- Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day £1 Donation

**Wednesday 19th December 2018**

- School Christmas Lunch

**Friday 21st December 2018**

- Non uniform day
- School closes to students 1.05pm

**Monday 7th January 2019**

- School closed to students E-ACT Regional Inset Day

**Tuesday 8th January 2019**

- School re-opens to students

### Future Dates

**Thursday 17th January 2019**

- Year 11 Parents Evening

**Thursday 24th January 2019**

- Year 9 Parents Evening

**Thursday 31st January 2019**

- Year 9 Options Evening

## HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME.

What a fabulous term the school has had as E-ACT Royton & Crompton Academy.

This term we have celebrated the many achievements and successes of our students from both the last academic year Class of 2018, as we welcomed them back with their families at the GCSE Presentation Evening in November.

We have also celebrated weekly the many achievements of our current students across Year 7 – 11 by introducing the 'Star of the Week' award where students are nominated by teaching staff by Year Leads for going above and beyond. We have also welcomed into school some very special guests. MP Debbie Abrahams during Parliamentary Week in November and MP Jim McMahon who kindly presented our Cadets with their Duke of Edinburgh certificates.

We do hope that you enjoy reading the many wonderful enrichment activities, good news stories and recognise how very proud we are of our wonderful students, staff and partners of the school.

We would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

A reminder that school will re-open at 8.25am on Tuesday 8th January due to a Regional E-ACT Inset Day for staff.

Merry Christmas

Andrea Atkinson                      Nathan Bowker  
Acting Headteacher                  Acting Headteacher

**A few of the amazing things our students have been involved in so far this term:**

# HOT CHOCOLATE

## Weekly Rewards

### Hot Chocolate with the Head teacher and star of the week

As part of the rewards and to celebrate achievements with our students, each week there are nominations from members of staff and the Pastoral team for Hot Chocolate with the Head. Parents, receive a text informing of this and all students receive a personal invitation prior to the breakfast. Certificates are also distributed during the breakfast.



**THINK BIG**

**SHOW TEAM SPIRIT**

**DO THE RIGHT THING**

**Year 10 Geography field trip**

As part of the completion of the GCSE Geography qualification, a compulsory fieldwork trip was completed, which will support the skills aspect of the GCSE Geography exams.

Our students collected primary data and visited a location which will help support their exam skills. The trip covered aspect of both human and physical geography.

Our students travelled to Cleveleys in Lancashire and collected primary data on longshore drift, completed several environmental quality surveys and public questionnaires in small groups.



**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

On the 19th September the Year 10 Food group made and sold cakes at lunchtime. Pupils continued to sell them on Thursday break and dinner time.

A staff bake sale took place on the 21st September. Staff brought in cakes to contribute, which were sold at lunchtime.

The Year 11 food group created cakes along with the Food club on the 27th September (food club afterschool). The cakes were made for Galliford Try building company. The cakes were handed over on the 28th for the company to sell.



**Year 11 Revision Drop Down Days**

Pupils attended a whole school introductory assembly on the importance of revision and how the day would work.

Pupils attended 5 sessions throughout the day on revision skills in preparation for their mocks / GCSE Exams.

2 sessions were led by MADE / Stretch and Challenge – pupils attended one out of these two sessions.

The other revision sessions were based on mind maps, flash cards, GCSE POD and PIXL, black and green pen and condensing large amounts of information

**El Día de Los Muertos**

Students listened to a Power point about that explained what happens during the Day of the Dead and produced an informative piece of work explaining the festival. They created their own Day of the Dead artwork.



**WWI Artefacts Days**

A wide range of WWI artefacts were brought into school by Jason King who then led sessions guiding students through the war and the people who fought in it. Students were encouraged to interact with the objects in a way they would never be able to do with a traditional museum collection. The students were told the stories behind the objects and were immersed in WWI.



**Remembrance Service**

To remember the 100 years since the Armistice, a Remembrance Service was held at 10.45 for 240 students in the Hall. The cadets welcomed everyone in to the hall and distributed orders of service for all present.

There were readings by staff and students, a two minute silence was held, the last post was played, and a wreath was laid by the Executive Leader who is also a member of the Cadets.



**Cadets Armistice 100 – Somme Memorial 1918 - 2018**

Taking part in a 5000 strong National ACF and CCF cadet visit with groups spread over 5 days to battlefield sites, cemeteries and a parade and culminating in a drumhead memorial service at Thiepval Memorial, on the high ground overlooking the Somme River in France, where some of the heaviest fighting of the First World War took place. Towering over 45 metres in height, it dominates the landscape for miles around. It is the largest Commonwealth memorial to the missing in the world. The memorial commemorates more than 72,000 men of British and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave, the majority of whom died during the Somme offensive of 1916.

The visit re-enacted the journey of Canadian troops from Shorncliffe Barracks in Kent for the Big Push in 1918.

They like the cadets travelled by coach to a P and O ferry across to France. P and O provided the transport ships in 1918. The students then journeyed on to the various sites by coach, with marches to the cemeteries where a series of informative lectures took place

**Year 7 Tetrahedron Day**

Students worked in groups to use dowels and elastic bands to construct small tetrahedrons. These are then combined to form a massive tetrahedron.



**MP Visit Debbie Abrahams**

To celebrate Parliamentary week as part of the 100 years of Women’s Suffrage Debbie Abrahams the MP visited the Academy for the first time in 8 years.

After seeing the new build and visiting the Tetrahedron Day, 10 students were given the opportunity to participated in a Question and Answer session with her.

- Examples of questions they asked were:
- ‘Do you think the voting age should be lowered?’
  - ‘What are your opinion of the purple poppies?’
  - ‘Do you think there should be another referendum for Brexit?’
  - ‘What was your favourite subject at school?’
  - ‘How would you encourage more your people to vote?’



**MP Visit Jim McMahon MP**

To celebrate Parliamentary week as part of the 100 years of Women's Suffrage Jim McMahon the MP visited the Academy for the first time. After being greeted by the Cadets and awarding them with their D of E Certificates, he then was greeted by over 100 students from Year 7-10, who had all received 100% attendance and no lates to lessons. After awarding the students their certificates, there was A Question and Answer session, where Jim was asked about Brexit, why politics was important, what inspired him to become a politician. Etc.



**Water Aid Speaker**

Students listened to a presentation by a representative of the Water Aid charity. It looked it to the background of the need for support and the projects being developed in Less Developed Countries.

They completed a decision making exercise in groups looking at the viability of different options for villagers.



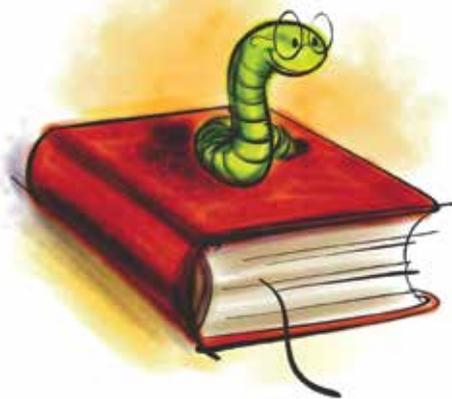
**English**

**Year 7 star readers:**

- 7NJ  
**Cadence Davies**
- Brennan Leech**  
7CL
- Lochlan Hart**
- Angel Mithala**  
7JGR
- Josh Lax -Bromley**
- Sareena Kauser**  
7JAH
- Sadia Begum**
- Declan Bannister**  
7DRP
- Amelia Sammons**
- Logan Goulding**  
7SAK
- Hannah Burgess**

**Also, for great English GCSE mock results:**

- Harris, Liam
- Khanom, Suhana
- Burgess, Lydia
- Arman, Muhammad
- Dixon, Kate



**Year 11**

Revision Drop Down Day and Core Skills Day - Two really successful days for year 11 in school this term. They received revision skills from both teachers and outside speakers and engagement was excellent. During the core skills days pupils were involved in revision sessions from English, Maths and Science staff to close gaps in their understanding and prepare them for their exams - well done everyone!

Mock Exams - well done to all year 11 during their mock exam period!

Special Mentions for Pupils

Year 11 BTEC Dance Cohort - Well done on their successful completion of their unit 2 performance of 'Urban Fairytales' in front of a live audience. The pupils planned and choreographed the whole production before performing to a high standard - keep it up!

Chloe McCullough - Excellent achievement in athletics - representing her club in Brazil over the summer! Well Done Chloe!





**CCF(ARMY) CADETS**

**Introduction / Overview**

Our Combined Cadet Force (CCF) is part of a partnership between the Ministry of Defence and schools. ERACA CCF is affiliated to the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers with a contingent strength of approximately 30 cadets with plans to increase the number to 100 plus by 2021. Our CCF officers are all committed members of the school staff. The cadet training teams of the regular Forces support our CCF officers and we are able to use service facilities for camps, training weekends, visits and courses. The CCF draws on various different aspects of military training such as first aid, navigation, marksmanship, field craft, weapon training and drill. The CCF can support cadets to achieve the required standards to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards.



**Section timings and location**

The CCF parade every Wednesday night for training on the school grounds. The training runs from 2.40pm to 4.30pm. All pupils aged 13 yrs +.



**Summer Camp - Warcop: Cumbria**

The cadets were put through their paces in an action packed week of challenging pursuits, live firing, training in built up areas (TIBUA), training in Woods and Forests, Platoon attacks, advanced tactics, leadership training and Outdoor Adventure Activities in Ullswater. Cadets were also able to participate in a live firing range where they fired live rounds from the L98A2 Cadet Rifle and there are plans to use the LSW A2 automatic support weapon on future outings.



**Armistice commemorations - Somme: France**

23 Cadets from ERACA CCF joined cadets from 13 schools along with ACF cadets from across the country to commemorate Army Cadet Armistice 2018 with a poignant trip to the Somme. This year marks 100 years since the end of WW1, and to honour and commemorate those who fought and died in the war, the Army's Cadets (ACF and CCF) joined for the single largest event in their history. Over five days, nearly 5,000 young people visited memorials significant to their cap badge at locations across the Somme in northern France, the site of some of the worst fighting in the First World War.





**Ministerial Visit: Rt.Hon. Tobias Ellwood**

Government Minister at the Ministry of Defence Rt. Hon. Tobias Ellwood took time out of his busy schedule to come to visit the newly formed ERACA CCF. He stated he was overwhelmed with the contingency's progress to date and the positive impact it was having on the cadet's life skills, grades and respect for others. He also reiterated the opportunities they will be offered and how he intended to return with a Minister of Education to meet them all and show off their fantastic work.



**Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award**

A big well done to the 20 cadets who attained their Bronze D of E Award who lucky enough to be awarded them by the Oldham MP Jim McMahon.



**PE Department  
Sports news  
Term 1**

**Boys Football**

Eraca's season got slightly delayed due to work being undertaken on our astro turf, however all 5 teams' seasons are well underway now with some good early successes.

Year 7's had to assemble their squad quickly with Mr Ashton holding trials in late October. The team is now starting to gel together with two losses being quickly rectified by a good point against Waterhead Academy. Games against Crompton House and Bluecoat to come.

Year 8's have made a fantastic start defeating both The Radclyffe School and Bluecoat. The team have adapted well to the change from 9-aside to 11-aside with some standout performances from Kian Cullen and McKenzie Lane.

Year 9 have had an indifferent start to their campaign. Mr Kirkman has provided an opportunity for a number of new players to be introduced into the squad. Two big games coming up for this year group.

Year 10's have had a massive turnaround this year under their new manager Mr Sherwood. Early signs look promising and an emphatic recent win should set them up nicely for the rest of their fixtures.

Year 11's have competed in 3 fixtures so far. The team have played some really good football and the sides attitude has been fantastic and a credit to the school. Fixtures will re-commence for this group after Christmas.

**What's on after school:**

Please check the below for all sports updates, news and fixtures.

Twitter = RCSPEDepartment

Instagram = roytonandcromptonpe

**Girls Football**

Our KS4 Girls got their campaign underway in the first Oldham Schools calendared tournaments. The girls are a strong team and picked up a couple of wins and a draw with Regan Lord putting in some impressive performances. The Girls continue their campaign with scheduled tournaments post Christmas.

**Boys Rugby League**

Before the Oldham schools cup competition kicks off after Christmas, ERACA year 8, 9 & senior teams were invited to compete in the season opening tournaments at St Anne's Rugby Club.

The first of the three fixtures was the senior tournament (10 & 11 combined). ERACA performed way above expectation with a team full of year 10 students and were a match for the other 3 schools in attendance. With victories over Failsworth & Bluecoat, only a defeat against much favoured Saddleworth saw them finish runners up.

Next up on the Calendar it was the turn of the Year 9 team. With students who play outside of school a rarity in this year group the squad who took part were a credit to the school in their behaviour and performances. A never say die attitude and a victory over Radclyffe in the final game ensured that ERACA did not leave the tournament pointless.

The final tournament was the turn of the much fancied year 8 team. Rugby talent is in abundance in this year and they entered the tournament as joint favourites with Saddleworth after being undefeated in Year 7. The tournament proved true to form with both ERACA & Saddleworth sweeping aside all other competition to set up a winner takes all final. An excellent defensive display saw ERACA run out 12-0 victors and take the championship for the second year running.

**Cross Country**

Well done to all who competed for Eraca – Final results to be confirmed but some fantastic individual performances!!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10/11
Cadence Davies	Jasmine Hardman	Aaliyah Day	Elie Roberts
Maddison Lindsay	Elisha Webb	Regan Lord	Chloe McCullough
Heather Maiden	Ellie Singleton	Lowri Pritchard	Sophie English
Lily Dowd / Amelia Sammons	Imogen Flint	Carmen Kay	Freya Birley
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10/11
Lucas Ward	George Daulby	Griffin Worrall	Taylor Varley
Harzison Curtis	Peter White	Cory Wilde	Dylan Slater
Reece Watkins	Elliott Ball	Alex Dowd	Scott Percobex
Evy Wild / Jack Flynn	McKenzie Lane		James Flynn

**Interform**

Over 40 Year 7's competed recently in an Interform Dodgeball tournament held in Eraca's sports hall this Half Term. Well done to all the boys and girls who participated. Winners are being announce in school assemblies.

Year 8 Boys were involved in an Interform Futsal tournament – 8 forms participated which was massive success – played in a great spirit. Well done boys. At the same time over 30 Girls were selected to play in an interform Basketball tournament.

More interform events are being planned for after Chistmas!

**Dance**

The Unit 2 Dance production for the year 11's was a massive success - they worked incredibly hard to produce and then perform the show in front of a live audience with a number for parents, pupils and teaching staff coming to observe. Alongside this well done to our Year 10 BTEC Dance cohort who have recently led and showcased their performances in all Year group assemblies.

