

Rue's Remarks

!!!!WOW WHAT AN EXCITING AUTUMN TERM!!!!

We have been working tirelessly to ensure our new school is superb for our pupils and our staff.

Everyone is loving the new school site and our state of the art facilities, appropriate for young people with additional needs. We have been looking for the opportunity for a new school for such a long time...and to have the luxury of a car park is a bonus! We also look back and reflect on all the happy times that we had at Epina y Jarrow site and the many accolades and achievements that were made possible through the dedication and drive of the staff team.

We are very excited to see the further development of sensory and therapeutic programmes and now have a music therapist, play therapist, trained counsellor and looking forward to a speech and language therapist starting in the new year. The new school also offers dedicated space for agencies and staff such as Connexions and NHS teams, to widen access to much needed services for young people.

If all this is not enough, we still have a few projects underway including a new woodland walk, a trim trail and a multi-use games area.

I am sure you will continue the journey with us and support our school as always; following us on social media and attending community events – your support is always very much appreciated.

We want to be the best, the beacon school that the local authority is proud of, we want to be the school that parents and carers are proud of, but most importantly we want to be the very best school for our amazing 201 young people!

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and exciting New Year!
See you all back in January - ready to listen, ready to learn together.**

Epina y School's Official Opening

We were delighted to officially 'show off' our new school on Wednesday 7th December 2022. It was fantastic to see so many people come along and be part of our celebrations. South Tyneside

Council, the project management team and our Governors have provided invaluable support over the last 2 years to ensure our new premises and facilities meet the needs of our young people. We endeavour to provide the very best education for our young people. We are so proud of their achievements and we look forward to seeing our young people, and the school, grow.

Many thanks to you all.



Epinay Business and Enterprise School



November-December 2022

Careers Fair

Epinay School proudly held its first ever careers fair which was a huge success! Thank you to all the exhibitors who came along. Our students asked mature questions about the options available for them in the future and were articulate and inquisitive. **We look forward to hosting future events!**



Epinay Christmas Activities

WOW such a lot of activities have taken place throughout December; on top of our Official Opening. We have seen class visits to Beamish Museum, Phase 1 enjoying the pantomime at the Customs House, our very own nativity and showcase events ...and a reindeer visit, a visit from **Stan** with his custom Christmas car, all topped off with an end of term bowling trip and, last but not least - the Christmas Disco!!!! **We hope all our young people have had an amazing term!**

Epinay Fundraising

Thank you for all the donations and help with the sale of raffle tickets for the **Christmas Raffle**. We raised **£560**.

Thank you to **Tesco Simonside** who let our young people carol sing in store. Our pupils (and Mrs Walsh) were fantastic and their enthusiasm captured customers' hearts, they were very generous. Many thanks to everyone who donated. We raised an astonishing **£160**.



We now have a **clothing bank** on the school site, where you can recycle any unwanted clothing, bags and paired shoes, all donations go towards raising money for Epinay School.

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Important Dates

Christmas Holidays
Mon 26th – Fri 6th January 2023

In Service Day
Monday 27th February

Half Term Holidays
Mon 20th– Fri 24th February

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