



□ Joyful Loyola University, Chicago, students from the northern dioceses who were studying for their Certificate in Pastoral Ministry, with Bishop Robert Byrne CO and UK co-ordinator Amy Cameron after their graduation ceremony and Holy Mass in St Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw. Turn to page 3 to find out more. Photo: Mike March/ Pilgrim Photography



□ Dame Maura Regan, CEO of Bishop Hogarth CET; Leah Henderson, director of Sixth Form; Sara Crawshaw, EMS head teacher, and Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Sue Snowden at the opening.

Lord Lieutenant opens new EMS Sixth Form facility

HER Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Sue Snowden, visited English Martyrs Sixth Form College to open its newly refurbished Sixth Form study area last month, writes Steve Hope.

The study area was redesigned – in a collaboration between the college and students – to give students a dedicated space to work in their time between lessons.

Head teacher Mrs Sara Crawshaw said: "We were overjoyed that Mrs Snowden could visit us to see, and open, our wonderful new learning space."

"The Lord Lieutenant spoke about how vibrant the space was and, as a former teacher herself, spoke passionately about the opportunities it would give students."

Mrs Snowden toured the Sixth Form and

spoke to students in the common room. One of her many duties of a Lord Lieutenant is the swearing in of new magistrates, which she spoke about with law students.

Head boy, Logan Biggins, 18, said: "We love our new study area and really appreciate the work the college has done for us and for future students who will study here."

Head girl, Emily Barnard, 17 added: "I hope she enjoyed her visit to the college. We thank her for taking the time to come and officially open the room."

A plaque designed by the college will be hung in the room to commemorate the event.

The college has an open event on Thursday, March 17, for Year 11 students who are moving on to college in September.

OBE for children's champion Terry

ARC Adoption North East founder and St Oswald's Church parishioner Terry Fitzpatrick was awarded an OBE by Princess Anne at Windsor Castle last month.

Terry, from South Shields, has worked for 41 years in children's social care, starting at the Diocesan Rescue Society, Antrim Gardens Children's House, Seaham, with the late Sr Mary Fintan.

He was notified about the award in the 2021 New Year's Honours list, but the ceremony was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Terry thanked all of those he had worked with, saying: "It was a real privilege and honour to be awarded the OBE by The Princess Royal, Princess Anne, at Windsor Castle. This would not have been achieved without the opportunities I have had to work with phenomenally dedicated colleagues and so many wonderful adoptive families. A sincere thank you to you all."

Part of the OBE citation read: "He has worked tirelessly to establish partnerships between voluntary adoption services and the statutory sector, helping to build collaboration and trust across the region to enhance and develop services



□ Terry Fitzpatrick at Windsor Castle after receiving his OBE.

for children and families."

Terry set up the not for profit ARC agency in 2013 after managing family placement services for South Tyneside council and its outstanding adoption service for more than 24 years.

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