

# NEWSLETTER

Ermysted's Grammar School



Hello everyone,

Welcome to the final newsletter before half term. In this edition you can read of the pupils' fundraising efforts, success in the mathematics and science competitions, plans for Year 10 work experience and the World Book day, and see via the link provided our virtual spring term concert.

In school this week, the House music competition went well - see page 3 - and the Young Dragons from Year 7 are now marketing their products to their peers. The Year 10 / 12 pupils in the Young Enterprise team are nearing launch too and so it is great to see the entrepreneurial spirit alive and well at the school.

Can I remind parents that key school policies - for example, the Admissions, Attendance, Behaviour, and Child Protection policies - are available to view online (click [here](#)). The policies are updated regularly, so please be sure to check them from time to time.

Have a great half term, everyone.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MJE.' with a stylized flourish underneath.

**Michael Evans**

Headteacher

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## Wear Red Day

On Friday, 4 February we took part in fundraising event 'Wear Red Day', which was created to raise money for the Children's Heart Surgery Fund (CHSF).

The day seeks to raise awareness of congenital heart disease in our region and raise much-needed funds for local heart warriors and their families. CHSF supports the Leeds Congenital Heart Unit as a world-class centre of excellence – by providing the funding and resources needed to care for a patient's heart, mind, family and future.

The charity is cherished by Mrs O'Leary-Hall, the new Head of the Languages Faculty, whose daughter was born with a terminal heart defect and underwent lifesaving surgery in 2019 at 3 days old.

Pupils watched a virtual assembly by Mrs O'Leary-Hall and were invited to come to school wearing something red in support of the cause.



As well as the non-uniform day contributions, pupils managed to raise a further £105 from a bake sale in the Food Tech room bringing to total to £1600!

**Mrs Tamsons**

## UKMT Senior Maths Challenge and Olympiads

Congratulations to all the Sixth Formers who sat the Maths Challenge last term. They achieved 6 Gold, 14 Silver and 19 Bronze Awards, with a number qualifying for the follow on competitions. Congratulations in particular to Ishaan (Y12) and Bram (Y13) who received Merits in the Senior Kangaroo and to Matthew (Y12) and Daniel (Y13) who received Distinctions in the British Maths Olympiad Round 1. Well done!

**Dr Needham**

## Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience week takes place Monday 11 – Friday 15 July 2022. Pupils have now completed their CVs and had a 'mock interview' with an employer. If they haven't done so already, pupils should now be putting every effort into arranging their work placement, perhaps using the half term holiday to finalise plans.

What's Next?

- ⇒ Contact the employer by phone, email or face-to-face.
- ⇒ Complete and sign the **Placement Form**.
- ⇒ Send or give the **Employer Letter** and the **Placement Form** to the employer.
- ⇒ Once the employer has returned to you their completed section of the Placement Form, submit this to the school office no later than **Tuesday, 1 March 2022**.
- ⇒ The school team will then contact the Employer regarding Health and Safety.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01756 792186, or [nrose@ermysteds.uk](mailto:nrose@ermysteds.uk).

**Mrs Rose**

## Top of the Bench

Ermysted's took part in the Royal Society of Chemistry's 'Top of the Bench' competition this year, which due to

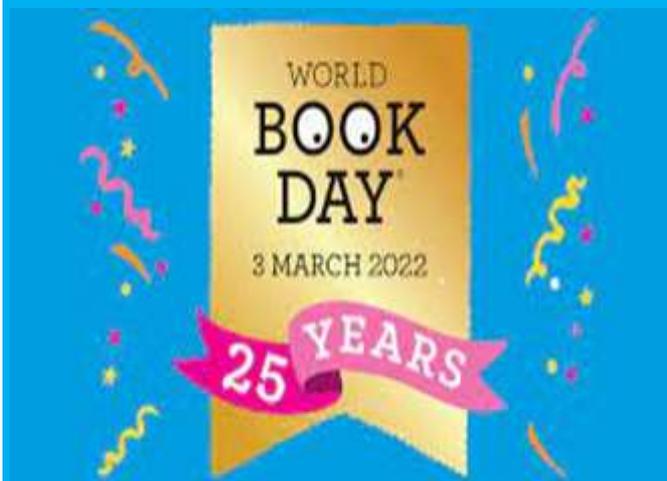
the ongoing pandemic was held virtually.

Well done to Joseph Thomas, Theodore Sturman, Joseph Greening and Jacob Smith who between them managed to secure the School a very respectable 4th place in the Central Yorkshire heat.

**Dr Sobala**

## Save the date!

On Thursday, 3 March we are celebrating 25 Years of World Book Day.



Students are invited to take part in our Book Swap and Photo Shop events.

**Book Swap:** Over half term please have a look through your books shelves to see if you have any books that you would like to bring into school to swap with your friends at our lunchtime event. Two books is the limit for the swap but if you have lots of books that you have finished reading perhaps you would like to donate them to the school library on World Book Day. (Prize draw raffle ticket for every book brought in for swap/donation).

**Photo Shop:** Have your photo taken with your friends and your favourite books Bring in your favourite book or props for a favourite book character and visit our photo-booth in the library.

**Competitions:** Take part in our Book Quest competition. Entry forms and details will be available after half term.

Enjoy the half term holiday – hope you get to read some great books.



**Mrs McCabe**

## House Music



The annual House Music Competition took place on Thursday, 17 February. The results were as follows:

Hartley—17 points

Toller—16 Points

Petyt—15 Points

Ermysted—13 Points

Well done, Hartley!

**Dr Cloke**

## Shakespeare Schools Festival 2022 - Hamlet

On the 1st February, twenty-four students from Years 7-13, accompanied by myself, Miss Gorman and the returning Mrs Hopkins, travelled to the Leeds Playhouse

to perform a thirty-minute version of 'Hamlet' as the Ermysted's entry for the nationwide 'Shakespeare Schools Festival'.

Weeks of preparation, line-learning and rehearsal culminated in a triumphant dramatisation of one of the Bard's most well-known and, arguably, best works.

The anguished young Dane was played most sensitively and engagingly by Year 10 Joseph, ably supported by fellow Year 10 Harrison as Hamlet's mother, Gertrude, and Year 11's Oliver as the dastardly Claudius, among a cast that communicated the story of Hamlet, as well as the masterly language of Shakespeare, with skill and maturity.

Our performance was the Hamlet in a sandwich between Armley Park Primary School's 'Macbeth', and the 'Tempest' of St Peter's School, York, and the SSF organisers commended the Ermysted's actors for the intelligence and understanding they brought to their performances, and the way in which they were able to access the emotional heart of the play, along with the hearts of the audience members, who responded with great appreciation.

Huge credit must go to Mattie, who directed the play, along with his creative team of fellow Year 13s Sam, Zayyan, Bendi and Luke, who have all given stalwart Shakespeare service to the school throughout their Ermysted's careers. Their contributions to the dramatic arts here will be greatly missed.



Mr Hodgson

## Empire in History

Year 8 historians have been having fun studying the impact of empire this term and have produced some fantastic projects showcasing their research findings!

Miss Swaddle



## Covid-19 Vaccinations

The NHS have provided us with a list of clinics pupils can attend to receive their vaccine (please contact the centres in advance for appointment times). The list can be found [here](#).

Mrs Stanley

## Ermysted's GS v Ripon GS - 9 February 2022

On a cold, windy, wintry afternoon Ripon GS started with more intensity and their early pressure saw three consecutive penalties given away by EGS on their own line. But a heavy defensive tackle by Adam Bray in the centre took the ball out of Ripon possession and Joe Hayes gathered and ran the ball up field out of danger.

The home team began to tidy up their errors and 11 minutes into the game decent ball off the top of the lineout from Will Havers-Strong developed into forward pressure that finally saw the ball released into the back line and Ben McParland crashed over under the sticks. Oli MacNab converted. Ermysted's were 7-0 up.

Unfortunately, mistakes crept back in and Ripon trapped EGS in their own 22. Handling in the ruck by Ermysted's followed by an offside saw the opposition flyhalf release quick ball to the Ripon centre who scored the try and the conversion was added to make it 7-7. Ripon made their way swiftly up the field from the kick off once again pressuring the home team line and their flanker picked up from a ruck and drove over. With the extras added Ripon now led 7-14.

At this point Ermysted's finally gained some urgency and accuracy and some surging drives by prop Luc Elson and Hayes playing No 8 saw Ermysted's camped on the opposition line for the closing minutes of the first half. In the final play of the half Finlay Walker was denied what seemed to be a good try. Ripon therefore led 7-14 at halftime.

Ermysted's continued their good work as the second half got underway and five minutes of intense pressure saw Ripon given a team warning after shipping 5 consecutive penalties on their own line. Finally Ethan Brocksom barged his way over and Will Atkinson made it 14-14 with the conversion.

Sadly all the good work, from the last 10 minutes of play either side of half time, was let slip with poor fielding of the ball from the kickoff with the error seeing the Away team drive a maul over the line from 15 yards out with the ball dotted down by a forward at the bottom of the pile of bodies. The conversion was missed. Ripon now leading 14-19 now had the ascendancy and as Ermysted's

struggled with a few injuries in key positions 13 minutes into the second half the midfield defence gave way as once again a nicely worked move between the Ripon fly half and their very effective ginger headed centre saw him score his second try. Again the kick was missed.

Ripon led 14-24 and Ermysted's had a number of chances to score in the final 15 minutes. A quick penalty from the scrum half Billy McGuinn almost putting Walker over but the tap had been taken from the wrong spot. Ben McParland was then adjudged not to have released the ball in the tackle before getting to his feet and surging onwards towards the try line and in the dying moments of the game Luther Hall had two mazy runs that almost broke through Ripon's defences. But they held out and Ripon took the victory 14-24.

**Declan Hayes (Old Boy and parent)**

## American Football in Year 8

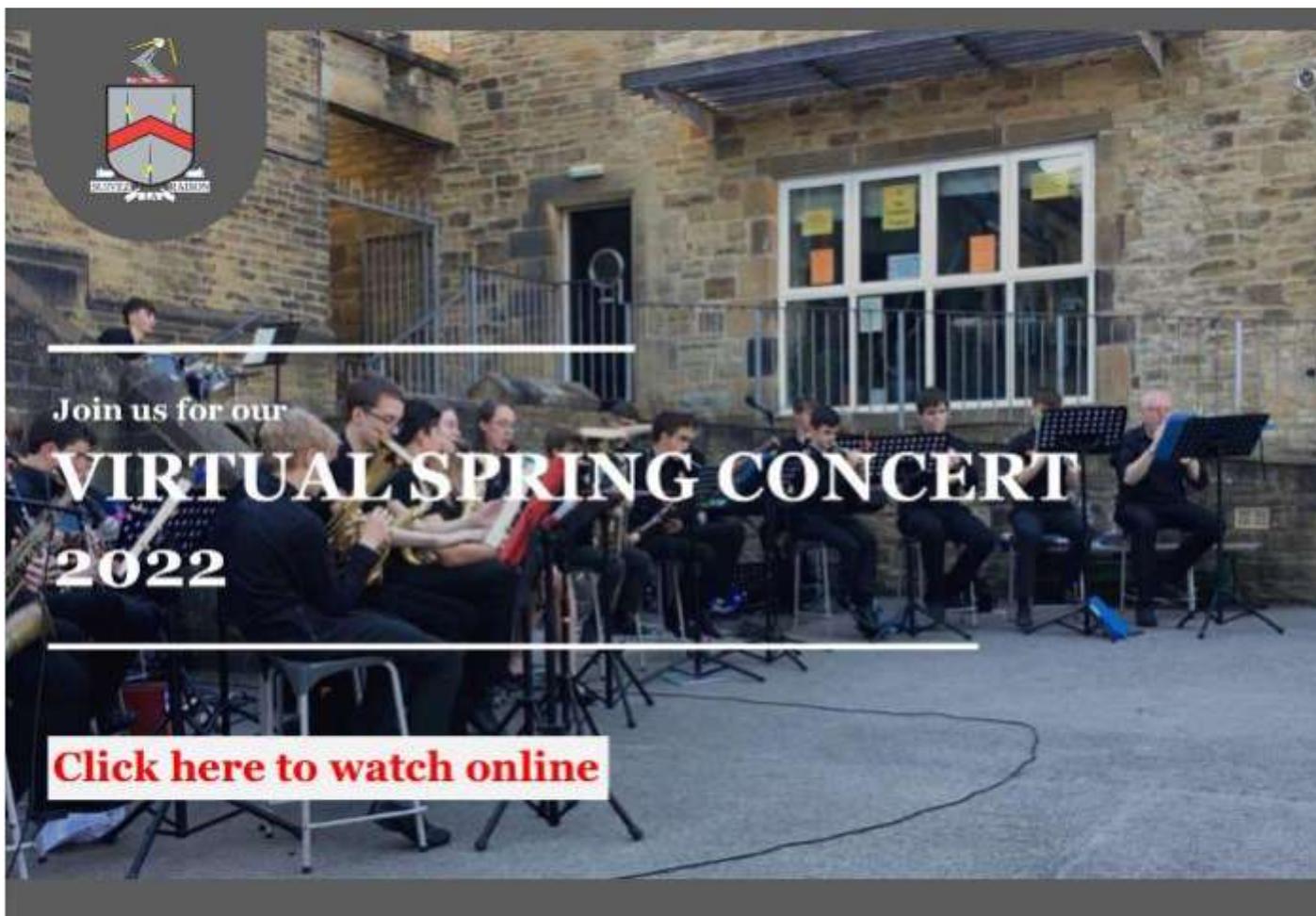
Over the course of the last half term the Year 8s have been completing their American football module in PE. As you can see from the photos below, the pupils have been braving both the elements and the underfoot conditions to learn the fundamental in AF and also create, implement and refine both running and throwing plays that Tom Brady would be proud of. There has been greater emphasis this half term upon the creation and application of strategies to outwit their opponents. American football has been the perfect vehicle to teach



pupils about tactics and strategies outside the traditional sports/activities you would normally associate with PE in Key Stage 3.



**Mr Stewart**



## Selected Upcoming Events at Ermysted's

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
World Book Day	3 March 2022	Library
Year 10 Parents' Evening	3 March 2022	Virtual
PA Meeting	9 March 2022	Library
Year 7 Consultation Day	23 March 2022	Virtual
'Ladykillers' Performance	6 & 7 April 2022	Memorial Hall
Whole School Cross Country	7 April 2022	Aireville Park

## Thanks for reading...

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