

NEWSLETTER

Ermysted's Grammar School



Hello everyone,

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. In this edition you can discover the outcomes of the recent science Olympiads and the Youth Speaks debating competition, which was hosted at the school.

Our pupils continue to raise lots of money for local and national charities: Year 8 pupils recently handed over £1600 raised for the Leeds-based Children's Heart Surgery Fund (see page 4), and today another lower school group is hard at work selling cakes in the quad in support of Comic Relief.

Can I remind parents that the SCAD charity shops in Skipton and Cross Hills are accepting donations of good quality second-hand Ermysted's [school uniform](#). This resource is proving to be a real boon to parents due to the rising cost-of-living expenses. There will be a new cohort of pupils preparing to join the School in September, so can I therefore encourage everyone to consider donating any unwanted uniform in the months ahead. Many thanks and have a great weekend!

Michael Evans
Headteacher

IN THIS ISSUE

YOUTH SPEAKS—A DEBATE

SCIENCE OLYMPIADS

WEAR RED DAY—A BIG CHEQUE

WORLD BOOK DAY

THE LADYKILLERS

THE REASON

Youth Speaks—a Debate



For the first time in two years, Ermysted's had the pleasure of hosting the Youth Speaks—a Debate competition which is organised and run by the Skipton Rotary club. The event took place after school in the library on Thursday 3 March 2022 and involved entrants from Ilkley Grammar School, Giggleswick and Ermysted's Grammar School. Ermysted's entered two groups of Year 7 pupils to the intermediate category (Year 7-9) Lennan R, Sidaarth C, and Rishi H spoke on the topic



“Professional Athletes are Overpaid” whilst Zach H, Dylan R and Kai ML presented their debate on “Artificial Intelligence is a Threat to Humanity.” Hanzala A, acted as reserve and provided excellent support both before and during the event. The senior category was represented by Gurdith S and Amey T in Year 11 and Aaryan A in Year 12, debating on the topic “Nature versus Nurture.” The groups were formed from the School debating clubs that are held at lunchtime, and the pupils put in considerable work in their own time to plan, write and perfect their speeches.



The event was very well attended and all the pupils performed superbly under challenging circumstances as they faced a live audience and a panel of eight judges. They were also filmed throughout their debate and were expected to stick to the time limit. Each pupil in the group spoke for a five minute duration, and one pupil had to respond to an impromptu question asked by a member of the panel. The pupils needed nerves of steel!



A buffet at the end of the competition provided pupils and staff an excellent opportunity to socialise and network with the other schools, and parents and Rotary club guests enjoyed speaking to the pupils. Meanwhile, the judges faced the difficult task of making a decision. Ilkley Grammar School and Giggleswick won the team cups for the intermediate and senior categories respectively, and Sidaarth C and Aaryan A won best speaker's award for their respective age category. The representatives of the Rotary club commented on the impressive standard and confidence of all of the pupils representing the three schools. Our teams did Ermysted's proud; the general consensus was the entrants were all winners!

Ms Davies

British Physics Olympiad

The following students were awarded the certification stated below in the Senior Physics Challenge of the British Physics Olympiad. The gold winners are in the top 5% of physics students in the country. All are to be congratulated for this achievement.

Gold

Matthew Connell, Alex Oliver.

Bronze

Aston Burdett, Ishaan Khullar, Aaron Abhishek, Tom Ashley, Theo Francis, Andrew Papai, Spencer Weald.

Commendation

Ruari Sweeney, Oliver Longrigg, Ben Feather, Paul Luby, Samuel Snowden, Rehan Zarif, Elliot Halliday, Joel Weald, William Hopwell, Max Robinson, Joseph Simmonite.

Mr Baker

World Book Day 2022

This year's World Book Day took place on the 3rd of March. It was a special 25-year celebration day, themed around the words 'You Are a Reader'. The World Book Day team state that 'children of all ages will come together to share the joy of reading for pleasure.'



This year at Ermysted's, many World Book Day themed events were hosted in the library and around school. There was a book quest treasure hunt, a book swap with 200 books being brought in by students and a prize raffle



for everyone participating. There was also a photo booth with many fun costumes and props based on book characters to have your photo taken with. It was great to see so many students in the library enjoying this wonderful occasion.



Book Quest Winners: Team Billy Higgins and Shariq Saboor, Team Aaron Brady and Ikhlas Saboor.

Raffle winner: Ted Chambers-Lee

Thank you to Aston Burdett photographer, the library helpers, and all the students that took part.

Ted Chambers-Lee, Year 8

The Ladykillers

Tickets for our magnificent production of 'The Ladykillers' are now on sale. Please make your purchases via ParentPay by Friday 25th March 2022. Tickets will then be distributed to pupils via their forms after this date.



Chemistry Olympiad

A number of Year 12 and Year 13 students sat the 54th annual Chemistry Olympiad. It was one of the most difficult exams to date. The exam is aimed to be sat by Year 13 pupils but this year we had a handful of Year 12 students sitting it also. Well done to all those who gave up their Monday lunchtimes in preparation, especially the Year 12s who sat the exam a year early.

Michael Heron (Gold)
 Matthew Connell (Gold)
 Alex Oliver (Silver)
 George Wycherley (Bronze)
 Aston Burdett (Bronze)

Dr Sobala

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).

On Thursday last week we were pleased to welcome Lisa Williams from CHSF to our Lower School assembly, where Emre F, Edmund S, William W and Freddie W-B presented her with a cheque for the £1600 raised on the day.

YFC County Stockman of the Year

On 5 March I attended a county young farmers event at Wharfedale Auction Mart to compete in the Yorkshire YFC County Stockman of the Year. The competition involved judging four dairy cows, beef animals, breeding sheep and fat lambs as well as completing an animal health questionnaire.

Out of 70 competitors, I was placed first in the Dairy judging and proceeded to be placed first in the Young Stockman of the Year with 409 points. I have now qualified to represent Yorkshire in the Northern Area round in July. My club also won the inaugural trophy for the most points overall.

Thomas Herd, Year 9



The Reason returns to print

After nearly two years of online editions due to Covid, *The Reason* has returned to Ermysted's in print edition with the publication of the student newspaper's 9th issue. This year's Senior Editorial Team of Joshua Lloyd (Y13), Sam Eaglesham (Y13) and Jacob Newby (Y12) worked exceptionally hard to coordinate with Y11 and Sixth Form Section Editors who amassed articles from students across the school before critiquing, editing and proof-reading all content as well as thoroughly editing the paper to ensure that the design was clean, consistent and professional.

The Senior Editorial Team will now enter the newspaper in the annual Shine School Media Awards and will be seeking to the impressive 16 awards that *The Reason* has either won or been highly commended for in just three years.

Mr Barrett



Selected Upcoming Events at Ermysted's

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
Year 7 Consultation Day	22-25 March 2022	Virtual
'The Ladykillers' Performance	6 & 7 April 2022	Memorial Hall
Whole School Cross Country	7 April 2022	Aireville Park
PA Meeting	26 April	Library

Thanks for reading...

This newsletter was compiled by Ermysted's Grammar School. If you have comments or anything for inclusion in future newsletters, please email ktamsons@ermysteds.uk