

NEWSLETTER

Ermysted's Grammar School



Welcome to the final newsletter of the term—another bumper edition containing highlights of the huge number of activities that have been crammed into the last month. It has been wonderful to see the school and its pupils so busy.

This week alone has seen the school play, *The Ladykillers*, playing to a packed house each night and witnessed the age old tradition of the whole school cross country race in Aireville Park. Even after six years at the school, the sight of hundreds of pupils charging full pelt for the first corner continues to terrify (!) and inspire me in equal measure. See within for a full report and links to videos of the same event in 1935 and 1970.

This term has seen pupils raise large amounts in support of the Children's Heart Surgery Fund and Comic Relief, these efforts are often driven by the pupils' own fundraising initiatives. Well done to all involved, especially the individuals (yes, there was more than one!) who ran the entirety of the cross country course yesterday in a giant inflatable dinosaur costume.

Have a great holiday everyone. See you in the summer.

Michael Evans
Headteacher

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Comic Relief



Friday, 18 March was Red Nose Day and along with the non-uniform day, Year 8 pupils Ted C-L, Daniel E, George H, Harry J and Josh H decided to hold a bake sale. They personally baked a range of cakes including brownies, decorated buns and flapjacks which they sold during Key Stage 3 morning break in the Quad. They managed to sell all of their produce by the end of 15 minutes and raised a total of £114.71! Together with the funds raised from the non-uniform day, the total we were able to donate to Comic Relief was a fantastic £805.71.



Bar Mock Trial

On Saturday, 26 March, the Ermysted's team once again went to Leeds to take part in the Bar Mock Trial. After Covid enforced a year-long hiatus on the competition, schools from across the North of England eagerly made the trip to Leeds Beckett University to fight it out. It was an event which saw students pitted against those from

other schools, playing every role in the court from Barrister to Court Clerks. The Ermysted's team put in a valiant effort but despite receiving commendation by one judge, we narrowly missed out on the final. Hopes remain high for further progress next year...



Special thanks must go to all who participated - Dominic H, Aaryan A, Abhay N, Hugh M, Ben H, Musa M, Oliver P, Rehan Z, Theodor R, William M and Benedict C, in addition to Mrs McCabe and Mrs Rose. Thank you also to Barristers Mrs Swiffen, Mrs Williams, Mr Sutton and Mr Pickles for their guidance and support.



Benedict C, Year 12

Mock Election



On Friday, 25 March, the pupils took part in a Mock Election. They voted for their choice from four candidates, each from Year 12, who earlier in the week participated in a hustings, held as assemblies, for every year group. The candidates represented real political parties, each with their own policies and parody to simulate a real-life election in our own school. The parties were also able to produce propaganda, in the form of posters and manifestos, which were displayed in various locations around school.



The Mock Election is intended to give pupils of all ages an opportunity to participate in democracy, so that they may understand and use this privilege after they leave school and become eligible to vote. The Election encouraged students to consider arguments from all sides and all parties, before coming to their own conclusions about who they think should be elected.

The candidates were as follows:

Adam Sains, the Communist Party

Benedict Curtis and Bobby Dixon, the Labour Party

Nuno Gagic, UKIP

James Protheroe, the Green Party

After an exciting day of election fever, students pooled into the Memorial Hall to vote, where they were registered by Year 12 Civil Servants. They then marked their ballot and put it into a real ballot box used in elections, provided by Craven Council.

The results are as follows:

Communist Party: 38.6%

Labour Party: 29.3%

UKIP: 16.7%

Green Party: 6.5%

Spoiled Ballots: 9.0%

The turnout was 62.0%.

Jacob Newby, Year 12

House Update



During the week beginning Monday, 14 March, we were able to host in person our first House Assemblies for over two years. It shows that although we are not over Covid, we are getting back to a bit of normality.

House Assemblies are an opportunity for our Senior Prefects to stand up in front of a quarter of the school and deliver a presentation. A great opportunity for them to develop their presenting skills, whilst informing the student body of the current house standings and forthcoming events. Each house has two joint House Captains, Sam Eaglesham & Ted Illingworth (E), Hassaan

Aziz & Ruben Francis (H), Jamie Burgess & James Varney (P) and Mark Nelson & Mattie Sheldon (T). And this year, as if by design, each house was also supported by either the Head Boy Musa Majid (T) or one of his deputies Dom Holland (E), Thomas Edward (H) or Michael Heron (P).

The Senior Prefects took their opportunity to celebrate successes of their respective Houses, such as Hartley House winning this Year's House Music competition, Petyt being likely winners of House Chess, Toller winning the KS3 Cross-Country relays, or Ermysted gaining the overall House Cup for 2020-21. They were also able to reward several students with certificates or a nice enamel pin badge of their House Colour, whilst encouraging participation in upcoming house events most notably the Whole School Cross-Country scheduled for Thursday, 7 April in Aireville Park.

Current/Latest Combined Totals				
Plt.	300.0	575.0	325.0	450.0
Pos.	4th	1st	3rd	2nd
<u>Hartley</u>				

The participation element was well to the fore as the points system was explained, whereby more points are on offer for the events with more competitors but also that all students can make a difference as anyone can gain Class Charts positives and improve their ATL grades. It was also made clear that the Ermysted's Award and the Ermysted's Physical Challenges both equate to extra points for their House and so boys are encouraged to do all they can for their House.

Mr Speak

Parents' Association 200 Club Winner

The Ermysted's Grammar School Parents' Association would like to announce that the 200 Club winner for February was Mr A Marsden!

EGS PA

Young Enterprise



The 2022 Ermysted's Young Enterprise Company, The Station, is nearing the final stages of production. The hybrid group of Year 10 and Year 12 pupils, supported by Mr Evans, the Headteacher, and Mrs Roberts and Mr Manners, external Business Advisers from Skipton Building Society, have met regularly throughout the year to discuss, devise, and refine the business strategy. Company morale remains high despite COVID-related



'staff' absences and the challenges of higher production costs. Finishing touches are being applied to the e-marketing strategy and

(hopefully!) the product will soon appear on the market. Wish us luck!

Mr Evans



UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

Another good haul of 10 Gold, 17 Silver and 25 Bronze awards in the Maths Challenge for Year 10 (Sets 1 & 2 and some Year 11s). Samesh (Year 10) and Oliver (Year 11) qualified for the next rounds of the British Maths Olympiads (awaiting results) and the Golden boys sat the Pink Kangaroo follow-on round where Oscar (Year 11), Oscar (Year 11) and Harrison (Year 10) achieved a Merit. Well done to all!

Dr Needham

Fairtrade Week Review

Across the Humanities faculty many lessons focused on the issue of fairtrade during this week (28 February to 4 March). Below are two reports from pupils in Year 8 explaining just a little about what fairtrade is and what they did in their Geography lessons.

Mrs Suter

Fairtrade Report by James Bergin, 8H

In geography we have been doing projects on Fairtrade and how it affects farmers and across all the continents of the world. My group found out how climate change affects continents worldwide.

WHAT IS FAIRTRADE?

Fairtrade is a scheme that benefits the farmers of goods such as; coffee, chocolate and bananas (as well as many more). These farmers get a fair amount of money per purchase of a Fairtrade product, meaning they're not overworked for little money. The funds they receive can go towards investing in more efficient, quick and easy methods of farming



® WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Look for this little symbol on organic products when food shopping to help farmers

HOW DOES FAIRTRADE HELP THE CLIMATE CRISIS?

The money farmers receive can be put towards more

organic and eco-friendly ways of farming. So instead of burning fossil fuels they can use other ways not-so bad for (or completely neutralise the effect on) the environment.

WHAT ALTERNATIVE FARMING METHODS ARE THERE?

1. Organic agriculture

Organic farming is a farming method that only uses natural pest control and biological fertilizers to grow crops without using chemicals or pesticides. This method optimizes the energy and nutrient cycles in the agriculture ecosystem.

Research shows that fertilisation increases the organic carbon in the soil, leading to the huge release of CO₂ into the atmosphere. Organic agriculture practices will help farmers to reduce the emission of nitrous oxide and methane from the soil. That is why this method positively impacts water, the surrounding wildlife, land, the atmosphere, and farmers in the long run.

2. Crop Rotation and Polyculture

Crop rotation is an agricultural strategy that involves cultivating different types of crops in the same field in the sequential seasons. With this method, the likelihood of plant and vegetable diseases can be reduced. In addition, this practice also reduces the number of pesticides and chemical fertilizers required to be environmentally friendly.

3. Agroforestry

Next, is using the agroforestry technique, which basically is growing woody perennials on the same land used for agriculture. Due to its maximum use of land, the technique is highly productive and sustainable. This method will bring numerous economic benefits, and it is also healthy and beneficial for the environment.

WHAT PRODUCTS ARE FAIRTRADE?

Here's a list of products that can be fairtrade...

Bananas, juices, flowers, sugar, tea, cotton, fruits, cocoa, coffee, honey, nuts, rice, wine, gold, sports balls such as football and rugby.

Fairtrade Report by Emre Frankland, 8T

In our geography lessons, we have been learning about Fairtrade. Fairtrade is a business that tries to help foreign

cocoa and fruit farmers get a fair pay so that they can feed their families. We watched a video on a farmer who has been helped by fairtrade, and why it is important to buy from them.

Patrick Kaberia is a tea farmer in Kenya, who's farming has been affected by climate change, but with the help of fairtrade, their community has been able to adapt to these new climates and carry-on farming.

Buying fairtrade products helps reduce poverty and really benefits the farmers to earn a suitable wage to be able to live a good life.

It has been 28 years since fairtrade first started selling their products in the UK, and since then poverty has been reduced by a significant amount in the poorer countries which sell the products.

We strongly urge you to buy fairtrade products where possible.

Club de Français

Year 12 boys studying French have been invited to the Girls' school this half-term to attend a 'Club de français'. In mixed teams they take part in activities such as cultural quizzes, translation competitions, group discussions around curriculum topic areas and are fully immersed in Francophone music.

After the Easter break it will be our turn to host the girls and enjoy a range of French activities to boost confidence and deepen their appreciation of French culture and society.



L'équipe des Niçois with Mme Beaumont (SGHS languages teacher)



L'équipe des Bordelais discussing the lyrics of a song



Members of l'équipe des Nantais celebrating victory



L'équipe des Lillois with Mme Lagrange and Mr Blades (EGS French teachers)

Mr Blades and Mme Lagrange

National Reading Champions Quiz



A huge "well done" to the Year 8 and Year 9 teams for their sterling performances in the Yorkshire heat of the National Reading Champions Quiz. The quiz is a national literature competition which celebrates and rewards reading for pleasure. Both teams demonstrated that they were widely read and displayed an impressive literary knowledge. Their enthusiasm created a fantastic atmosphere.

Mrs McCabe

Hamlet Performance



I thoroughly enjoyed watching the Shakespeare School's Festival variation of the tragedy Hamlet, performed by members of the school. The actors showed a good understanding of the text, were very convincing when portraying their characters and did brilliantly at remembering their lines. There was great engagement with both the other characters on stage and with the audience, through soliloquies and the expression of emotions in the actors' voices along with motions on

stage. The sword duel, finale, Hamlet's soliloquy and the ghost scene were all highlights for me. We were very lucky to be able to see this play to coincide with our learning in English lit. Thank you to everyone involved!

Daniel E (8P)

English Schools' Cross- Country Championships

We had a record eight boys involved in these championships this year. They had been selected by virtue of finishing in the top 12 at Giggleswick in November's Harrogate and Craven Championships and then in the top eight at Catterick in February's County Championships.

The Year 7s were rewarded with team bronze medals as they helped North Yorkshire to third team, which is a tremendous achievement for a relatively small (in numbers) county. All of our runners did very well as they finished well up the field of 400 or so runners in each race.

Seniors

Alex Thompson 25th

Inters

Dougie Segger-Staveley 106th

Sam Bentham 161st

Juniors

Ewen Wilkinson 115th

Tom Hooper 280th

Minor Boys

George Marsh 12th

Will Oakden 67th

Will Pease 77th

Mr Speak

Work Experience

Year 10 students should now have secured placements in variety of businesses around Yorkshire and beyond. A few students are still waiting for their placements to be confirmed. Please make sure to approach local employers during the Easter holidays if you have not

found your placement yet.

Some ideas: Skipton Castle, Skipton Woods, Skipton Town Council, Airedale hospital, sport clubs, garden centers, supermarkets, architects, solicitors.

Mrs Rose

School Uniform

Following the recent withdrawal of MC Sports from the uniform market, we would like to remind you of the contact details of our current supplier, which trades as *Skip to School* in Skipton, and *Wharfedale Uniforms* in Ilkley. The School is currently seeking a new supplier to replace MC Sports.

Skip to School

32/34 Water Street

Skipton

BD23 1PB

<http://www.skiptoschool.co.uk/>

Wharfedale Uniforms

2 Cowpasture Road

Ilkley

LS29 8SR

<http://wharfedaleuniforms.com/>

A limited amount of second-hand uniform is available from the Skipton & Craven Action for Disability shops in Skipton and Crosshills. All profits from this scheme go to support the work of this local charity.

SCAD Skipton

46-48 Newmarket St

Skipton

BD23 2JB

SCAD Crosshills

27-29 Main St

Crosshills

BD20 8TA

SCAD prices correct as of April 2022

- Blazer with crest £8.00
- V-neck jumper £5.00
- Plain white shirt £4.00
- Plain charcoal trousers £4.00
- School tie £2.00
- House t-shirt £4.0
- Rugby shirt £5.00
- White shorts £4.00
- Black zip up sports top £5.00

Senior House Football



Round robin games with winning teams decided on;

- Points
- Head to Head
- Goal Difference
- Goals Scored

Winners of the Senior House Football Competition were Ermysted's 'Y13' Team. Their 'Y12' team were runners-up to give them 16 points towards the overall competition, which was clearly enough to win the overall competition. Petyt were next with 3rd and 7th, Hartley were 5th and 6th to just beat Toller who had 4th and 8th places in the table.

Pitch\ Match	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7
game	T13 H12	H13 T13	P13 H13	E12 P13	T12 E12	E13 T12	H12 E13
result	0 1	0 1	0 0	0 0	1 1	1 1	0 2
game	H13 E13	P13 H12	E12 T13	T12 H13	E13 P13	H12 E12	T13 T12
result	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 1	3 1
game	P13 T12	E12 E13	T12 H12	E13 T13	H12 H13	T13 P13	H13 E12
result	1 0	2 0	2 3	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 1
game	E12 P12	T12 P12	E13 P12	H12 P12	T13 P12	H13 P12	P13 P12
result	1 0	0 2	3 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	0 1

Senior House Football	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Comp Points
Ermysted's 'Y13'	7	6	1	0	13	2	11	19	9
Ermysted's 'Y12'	7	3	3	1	4	3	1	12	7
Petyt 'Y13'	7	2	4	1	2	1	1	10	6
Toller 'Y13'	7	2	3	2	5	5	0	9	5
Hartley 'Y13'	7	2	2	3	2	3	-1	8	4
Hartley 'Y12'	7	2	2	3	4	5	-2	8	3
Petyt 'Y12'	7	1	2	4	5	8	-3	5	2
Toller 'Y12'	7	0	3	4	3	10	-7	3	1

NB H13 above H12 based on their 'head to head' game.

Final Team Positions give 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 & 1 Points. When 'A' & 'B' teams are added together an overall Senior House Champion is Crowned.

House (Pos pts)	Ermysted (16)	Petyt (8)	Hartley (7)	Toller (6)
Points (towards overall House competition)	125	75	50	25

Senior House Football Champions 2021-22 Ermysted!

Mr Speak

School Cross Country



A dryish day but a stiff breeze put paid to any new records which was a real shame as all four winners put in a decent shift and came close to some long standing records. Some fancy dress costumes and sponsorship towards good causes all added to the atmosphere on the day.

Our Year 7 runners were first away and tried really hard with 116 finishers. At the front we had our trio of County athletes as George M led from gun to tape but fell short of Jimmy Lund's school record. There then followed a trio of Wills as Will O and Will P made the podium and Will F was 4th. Toller had 2nd and 3rd which gave a good start in the House competition where we count the first 25 runners home in each race which Toller duly won.

The Year 8/9 race saw 193 finishers. Ewen Wi had a great run as he came in just 8 seconds off Alex Thompson's course record. Runner-up Dan R also had a strong run with Joe G showing he can still run making the podium. Toller again took the House award.



The Year 10/11 race saw Dougie S-S show the rest a clean pair of heels as we had another fast winning time. Year 10 Samesh C had a great run to finish second and I thought we had another Year 10 in third as Sam S entered the run in but a storming finish by Oscar S pipped him for the podium spot on the line. Dougie's House Petyt were phenomenal as all 25 scorers were in the first 62 runners home to beat the other houses by over 650 points.



In the Seniors, we had another fast time as Alex T tried to sign off with another record. Unfortunately he missed out by just six seconds but did complete his personal clean sweep having won his individual race at the school cross-country every year. There was a good showing from the eleven staff who took part as Joe Carnelley was second, Mr Hodgson 4th and Mr Jackson coming just outside the top ten. Robert M and Thomas E were second and third students home. The House competition was won by Hartley but with two wins in the younger age groups Toller took the overall House Championship!

Congratulations to all the winners but also all of the runners that made it another great event and so good to be able to do it this year after Covid.

For those who are interested, there are a selection of videos showing the whole school cross country in the archives on the Old Boys' Society website. Find them [here](#).

Mr Speak

The Ladykillers

After months of planning, auditioning, rehearsing and set building, our production (joint with SGHS) of 'The Ladykillers' took place on Wednesday and Thursday night this week, along with an extra matinee performance on Thursday morning for Year 7 pupils. The event was a great success, with over 120 tickets sold across the two nights. Our thanks to everyone who took part.



Selected Upcoming Events at Ermysted's

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
PA Meeting	26 April	Library
PA Meeting	8 June	Library
Speech Day and Open Evening	5 July	School
Enrichment Week	11-15 July	Various

Thanks for reading...

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