

# NEWSLETTER

Ermysted's Grammar School



Hello everyone,

As I write this introduction, the school is bathed in glorious sunshine, the boys are playing football on the recently cut field, and the students are telling me that this morning's exam papers went well. Spirits seem high, therefore, and we are all looking forward to the half term holiday.

In this issue you will be able to read about our DofE programme which is currently in full swing, the final days at School for Year 11 and Year 13, and the formal recognition of our students' achievements through appointment of the new prefecture and this year's recipients of the Ermysted's Award.

Thank you to those who have responded to the consultation on the revised School Attendance Policy. Please look out for a similar opportunity next month to comment on the School's Behaviour Policy. Remember, all of our key policies are available to parents on the [school website](#).

Finally, may I wish you and your families a great half term—all the best.

**Michael Evans**  
Headteacher

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## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme



It has been a busy few weeks for the boys who are working through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. All Teams at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels have completed their practice, and plans are taking shape for their forthcoming qualifying expeditions after half term.

The Bronze participants all took part in a practice walk led by the outdoor education staff supplied by Lupine Adventure. The day began with camp craft, as the boys were shown how to put up and pack away tents and how to operate the Trangia stoves safely. They were then taken on a circular walk from school and were drip fed numerous tips about navigation, safety procedures and the countryside code. This topped up the training that has been covered via Teams since the start of the year. Feedback from Lupine was very positive, as the boys took on board the information provided and worked well together in their teams.

The Silver Teams were split into two groups, one based in Malham and the other in Kettlewell. They camped two nights and hiked for more than seven hours on both days. Nine of the 32 had not done the Bronze Award, so this was a steep learning curve. Caspar and Eddie used this as their Bronze Assessed expedition as they were

denied the opportunity to complete the expedition section last year. Although some boys found the routes quite demanding, the leaders from Lupine were able to judge that all boys are ready to take on the challenge of the three day qualifying expedition. Many boys have realised that there are adjustments to be made in terms of kit and menus, but finding these things out is what the practice is all about.

The three Gold teams faced three strenuous eight hour days, some incorporating the peaks of Ingleborough, Whernside and Pen-y-ghent. The teams impressed the leaders with their fitness, camp craft and navigation skills, and they worked really well in their teams. Planning is taking shape for their qualifying expedition in the Lake District.

As I remind the boys the DofE programme requires a lot of personal responsibility, motivation and organisation, and it always gives me pleasure to read the assessor reports for the volunteering, physical and skills sections. The boys pursue a diverse range of activities and possess great talent. The award requires a sustained, regular commitment and there is no doubt that the boys grow in confidence and competence along their journey.

Since the start of this academic year some 37 boys have achieved their Bronze Award, 27 have rounded off Silver and nine students have gained their Gold Award, the most recent being Callum Greenhorn, who left Year 13 last summer, Zayyan Mahmood and Bram Heiermann-Rix. Some of the boys who started last autumn just need to complete the qualifying expedition to wrap up their awards, and it is good to see that more than a quarter of the assessor reports have been received from the 56 Year 9 Bronze participants across their volunteering, physical and skills sections. I look forward to confirming more successes in the next newsletter.

**Mr Lane**

## Oxford German Olympiad

Congratulations to Year 12's Niall Fitzgibbon who won Round 2 of the Oxford German Olympiad. Niall wrote a blog post in German about an inspiring quotation, and explained how it might inspire others to make the world a better place. An amazing achievement, well done!

**Mrs Warburton**

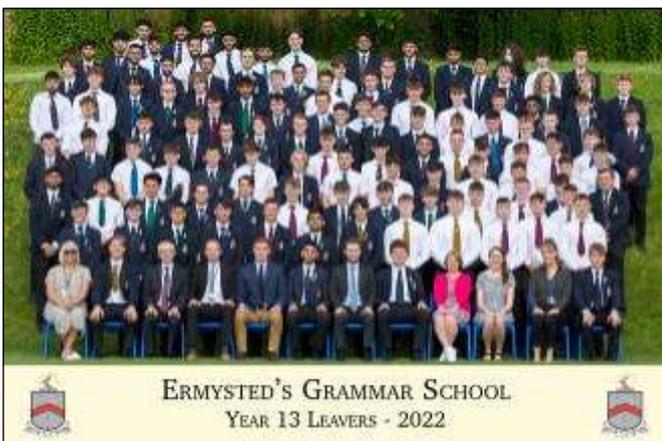
## Year 11 Final Day 2022



Year 11 are currently working their way through their GCSE examinations and will enjoy an action-packed summer ahead of their new adventures from September. They attended their final day on Friday, 13 May, which included some group photos, shirt signing and the sharing of some memories and photographs. We would like to wish those pupils who are leaving Ermysted's well in their future plans and thank them for their contributions to making Ermysted's the place it is.

**Mr King**

## Year 13 Final Day 2022



On 18 May 2022 we said goodbye to this year's Year 13 cohort as they left to begin their A-Level exams. A glorious sunny day started with photos of the year group, Senior Prefects and form groups, before the boys enjoyed shirt signing and sharing memories of the past seven years with peers and staff alike. After this, the infamous final day tug of war tournament took place, with 13GHu successfully dominating the group stages, semi-finals and final to seize the trophy. The morning finished with a final assembly where memories were shared by AJJ, GB and Head Boy

Musa Majid. The pupils then left to enjoy the afternoon socialising in Skipton.



The outgoing Year 13s have been an utterly memorable and unique year group whom we will miss. Over the past two years they have keenly felt the impact of the pandemic, probably more so than most: their GCSEs were abruptly cancelled in 2020 and they subsequently had to negotiate a long summer where they were unable to do anything because the country was in lockdown, before they had to endure small-scale changes (such as one-way systems) and large-scale changes (such as the January-March 2021 lockdown) throughout Year 12, and a Year 13 that has not been without its uncertainties. However, I hope that the life lessons that these boys will take away from their Sixth Form experience will stand them in good stead for the future.

**Mr Barrett**

## Athletics Qualifiers

Our Year 7 & 8 athletics team have, for the first time, qualified for the NE of England regional round of the English Schools Athletics Cup. The competition takes place on Tuesday, 7 June. Best of luck to the team!

**Mr Speak**

## Creative Writing

Magi, wood elves, dragon scales and swordsmen have been gathering for the past three weeks at lunchtime in E4, as the four Houses compete against each other in a fantasy-style creative writing competition. With excellent organisation and advice from Callum Draper and Freddie Whittam-Burrows, both of 8E, the four empires have set sail, only to meet the wrath of a kraken as they race against each other to locate lost treasure. With a change in the wind, the ships are now becalmed, but the quest is set to continue after half term. Congratulations to the following students on winning a prize for their creative writing: Daniel Edmondson, 8P; George Arthur, 8E; Nathaniel Bullivant-Sollazzo, 7P and Zac Sage, 7T.

**Mrs Titterington**

## Accelerated Reader off to a flying start



Year 7 and 8 pupils recently began using the Accelerated Reader programme and have demonstrated how much they enjoy reading for pleasure. They have read an impressive **39,192,588 words** since mid March, quizzed on 604 books and 90 students have joined the prestigious 100% club.

Congratulations to Hanzalah in 7P and Subhan in 8H, for passing the most quizzes with a score of 100%. They also

gained the points prize with 203 and 253 points respectively.

We are very proud of the enthusiasm and commitment that that you have shown towards your reading and quizzing. Well done Year 7s and 8s.

**Mrs McCabe**



## New Senior Prefect Team

The Senior Prefect Team has been appointed for the academic year 2022-23. They will lead the wider Prefect Team in working with all of the staff and students to help the school to continue to flourish next year and to represent the best of Ermysted's Grammar School.

Pictured are the Senior Prefects Jack, Benedict, Gabriel and Jacob.



The four proud appointees endured a demanding selection process, including staff and student votes, presentation and in-tray activities, followed by two gruelling interviews: the first conducted by the outgoing Head Boy Team, the second by the Sixth Form Pastoral staff and a selection of current Senior Prefects.

Newly appointed Head Boy Benedict is proud to take on the authority and responsibility of the role and keen to start work, ably supported by Deputy Head Boys Jack, Gabriel and Jacob. They, along with all of the Prefects, will help to maintain the purposeful, supportive culture of the school and to serve as role models for all of the students.

We wish them well!

**Mr Hodgson**

## The Ermysted's Award



On Speech Day we will recognise the achievements of many of our pupils who have gained an 'Ermysted's Award'. They will each receive a smart enamel pin badge and a shiny certificate.

The Ermysted's Award is organised so that pupils in Year 7 & 8 aim for Bronze, Year 9 & 10 are eligible for Silver and Year 11 & 12 go for Gold. Evidence of achievements is spread over both years and the award itself is claimed via submission of a portfolio of evidence, usually at Easter. This year we have returned to the traditional pattern of presenting these awards on Speech Day.

Pupils had to show evidence of substantial and sustained contributions under six headings; Academic, Service in School, Cultural, Skill, Physical and Community. Although called the 'Ermysted's Award' for a reason, this year, due in part to lockdown, we looked favourably on any evidence which might have demonstrated commitments outside as well as those for school.

The following boys have submitted successful portfolios this year and will therefore be receiving their respective awards:

**Bronze:** Harris Birch, Oliver Brady, Ted Chambers-Lee, Callum Draper, Daniel Edmondson, Jamie Edwards, Ellis Frankland, Emre Frankland, Bilal Hassan, George Hodgson, Zulqurnain Ismail, Austin Joseph, Haaziq Khan, Shariq Saboor, Edmund Sellers, Sam Shoard, Louis Sturman, Areeb Taj, Barnaby Turner, Charlie Tutty, William Walker, Freddie Whittam-Burrows, Mackenzie Williamson, William Wood-Robertson.

**Silver:** Samesh Chotai, Joseph Davies, Hashim Ditta, Toby Francis, Nathan Joseph, Archie Morton, Theo Sturman, Edward Thornton, Joshua Tywang.

**Gold:** Sam Balderstone, Gabriel Benny, Benedict Curtis, Nuno Gagic, Bilal Ismail, Andrew Robinson, Spencer Weald.

## World Student Games



Year 12's Rohan S represented England at Swimming in the World Student Games held at Caen, France last week. His time in France was a great learning experience, not least swimming outdoors battling the wind and rain as well as international athletes from all over the world! Rohan made the final in four of his events with the icing on the cake coming in the 50m freestyle where he won a bronze medal. A superb experience and a world medal as a memento. Hopefully a steppingstone to future glories but Rohan has earned our plaudits for now, very well done.

**Mr Speak**

## Year 10 Cricket Match

### Report: EGS vs St. Aidan's

On Monday 23rd May, the Year 10 team travelled to Harrogate to play St Aidan's school for a friendly. Joe won the toss and elected to bowl, with Samesh and Adam getting us off to a great start, the home side on 13 for none after 6 overs. After a good spell from the Ermysted's openers, St Aidan's brought themselves back into the game and finished their innings on 143 for 4 despite some fantastic bowling from Aryaan (2 wickets) and Samesh (1 wicket).

Our batting was slow to start with 47 runs for 3 wickets after 8 overs, until a good partnership from Nathan and Joe got us to 122 for 4 after 16 overs with an outstanding knock from our opener Nathan (43). We secured the win with a half century from Joe who retired on 51 not out, and Adam scoring the winning runs with a splendid stroke for four over mid off, giving us a total of 146 for 5. Overall, a good batting and fielding performance led to a comfortable first victory of the season.

**Joe Davies (Captain)**

## Cricket at Bolton Abbey



At the end of April, the 1st XI played their first game of the cricket season against the MCC at Bolton Abbey CC on a day which was blazed in warm sunshine, a rarity for this fixture. The 1st team comprised of players from Year 9 through to Year 13 representing just how much cricketing talent there is in the school. The ground was immaculate, the weather was perfect and the players looked incredibly smart wearing the new team shirts for the first time.

The MCC batted first and capitalised on the perfect conditions and quickly amassed a total of 276 from 41 overs. The bowling attack kept persevering and were buoyantly supported by positivity and athleticism in the field, vocally led by captain Toby of Year 13 and Dylan C from Year 12. Abdullah H from Year 9 found a rhythm and bowled excellent leg spin putting the batmen under pressure.

In reply Ermysted's debutant Joe B from Year 9 opened the batting with Ishaan K of Year 12. Ishaan went on to top score with 43 but 5 wickets fell quickly within four overs. This meant that at 96 for 9 the batting side needed to hold on for an unlikely draw. The tenth wicket partnership of Peter F of Year 13 and Abdullah held out for 10 overs but the final wicket fell with Ermysted's all out for 121.

**Mr Jackson**

## EGS Old Boys

Matthew Ramshaw (pictured above right) has been selected for England in the FIH Pro league at hockey. Last

weekend at the Lee Valley Hockey Centre he played for and gained his first England cap as he helped England beat France. The league has been set up as a warm-up to this year's Commonwealth Games to be held in Birmingham over 10 days in July and August.

Matthew has represented England at U16, U18, U21, U23



and now his senior debut completes the set! We obviously hope this is the start of an illustrious career, with the Commonwealth Games a real target for this year.

Tom Anderson (pictured below) has also gained National selection but this time for GB & NI in Athletics.

Tom still holds the Senior Cross-Country record at school but has been honing his talent in the states over the past few years and is absolutely flying this year with personal bests at 3000m (7.49) 5000m (13.28) and 10000m. His recent time of 28.35 meant he gained selection for Great Britain for this weekend's European 10000m Cup in Pace, Bretagne, France.



A realistic aspiration for Tom is to make the English team for the Commonwealth Games and we can just wish him all the best for this weekend and his future in athletics.

**Mr Speak**

## PA Summer Raffle

Fabulous Summer Raffle available to enter now! £5 per entry for a chance to win one of two fabulous prizes. Enter as many times as you like. See below for how to enter.

### FIRST PRIZE - HOT TUB CHILL OUT PACKAGE

Five night Hot Tub hire kindly donated by Wharf and Dale Hot Tubs\*, worth £250, Amazon Echo, Jardin large orange and earl grey scented candle, Bottle of Canti Prosecco kindly donated by Morrison's, Skipton.

### SECOND PRIZE - FOODIE HAMPER

Afternoon tea for two at Keelham, worth £35, kindly donated by Keelham Farm Shop, Skipton, 4 x Gin Fruit liqueurs kindly donated by Addingham Liqueurs, Lisa Faulkner Cookbook kindly donated by Morrison's, Skipton, Large box of Ferrero Rocher, 2 x bars of Tony's Chocolonley, Hadji Bey's crystalised stem ginger, Kacao Lavender chocolate, Mak Tok Malaysian Chilli paste, Silver & Green Organic chilli & garlic oil, Apple & Summer berries drink, Schloer.

### HOW TO ENTER:

Text SUMMER22 to 70970 or pay £5 via your school Parentpay account by Monday 18th July.

(By entering via Parentpay you give permission for your details to be shared with the PA and then entered into the raffle via the online Donate platform.)

*\*Hot tub winning conditions:*

*i) Wharfe and Dale Hot Tubs having availability (but they will do our best to accommodate requested dates), and before the end of November 2022.*

*ii) Wharfe and Dale Hot Tubs being able to fit the hot tub in ( they will carry out a brief access visit, and in the event we can't get the hot tub in, they would either allow the winner to nominate another household, or they would offer the voucher up to another entrant),*

*iii) the winner being within a 20 mile radius of Skipton.*

With Kind Regards

### The PA Team

(We would love you to join us and help in any way that you can. Check out the school calendar for future meeting dates to register your interest.)

## Cleaning Staff Required

We currently have a vacancy for a part time member of the Cleaning Team. If you are interested in this position, more details can be found [here](#).

## Selected Upcoming Events at Ermysted's

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
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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