

NEWSLETTER

Ermysted's Grammar School



Hello everyone,

Welcome to the latest edition. We have much to celebrate! Once again our in-house publication, ***The Reason***, has scooped the award for the best student newspaper in the country, along with wins in five other categories at the Shine Media Awards. A wonderful achievement against a strong and lavishly resourced field of competing schools. Please see the latest edition on the school website. Congratulations to all involved.

Congratulations also to our **junior and intermediate athletics**. The intermediate squad has just competed in the national finals, off the back of a thoroughly impressive performance at the regional stage. This is the first time we have qualified for the national finals—very well done, boys!

Our **golfers** have also done very well, with the senior team of Thomas B (Year 7), Jake B (Year 9), and Bobby D (Year 12) qualifying for the English Schools National Team Championship, again for the first time in our history. They will compete against the top 30 schools in the country at the Woodhall Spa Golf Course later this week—let's wish them every success.

Michael Evans
Headteacher

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Ermysted's journalists dominate at national final

The School's student journalists have had another stellar year, scooping the biggest prizes at the national final of the Shine School Media Awards 2022.



The final, which took place on 27th June, saw greater competition than ever before, with 150 schools registering for the competition and 60 schools entering the final. Nevertheless, our journalists left with more prizes than any other school, winning

Best Newspaper, and also winning **Best Newspaper Design**, **Best Sustainability Initiative** and **Best Newspaper Front Page**. *The Reason* was also Highly Commended (Runner-Up) in two categories: Best Audio/Podcast and Best Business and Marketing Strategy.

Judges praised *The Reason's* "furious raw passion and whipsmart creativity" with a message that was clearly "written and created in Yorkshire" and made for "a 'complete publication' and worthy winner" of multiple awards.

Editor Josh (Year 13), Deputy Editor Jacob (Year 12) and Mr Barrett enjoyed an eventful day out in London (pictured right, on the train home with their certificates), with the final held in the heart of Mayfair at The Royal Over-Seas League. The morning consisted of workshops run by industry leads such as journalists from The Daily Mail, Hearst UK, ELLE UK, and Dr Glenda Cooper, Programme Director for BA Journalism at City University in London. A formal sit-down lunch with other schools, their teachers, and professional journalists followed.

After lunch, Sir Nicholas Coleridge CBE gave the keynote speech about how school student journalism had given him the initial passion upon which built a successful

career as a journalist, later becoming editorial director of Condé Nast Britain which publishes numerous titles such as Vogue, Tatler, GQ and The New Yorker.

This was followed by the awards presentation, where Ermysted's enjoyed a hugely successful afternoon.

Editor Josh was elated, describing the achievement as "a just reward for all the hard work everyone has put in this year." Josh now intends to take a gap year and he said that "the experience of dining with professional journalists has been really helpful as I consider how to get more professional experience this year."

Deputy Editor Sam, who was unfortunately unable to attend the final, stated that "The Reason has been a big part of my Ermysted's experience. I've learnt a lot and gained valuable skills."

Deputy Editor Jacob said that he "couldn't wait to take over the overall Editorship from Josh as we seek to become The All Blacks of student journalism."

Mr Barrett added, "*The Reason* has either won or been highly commended for 22 national awards in four years. No school newspaper in the country has won anywhere near as many national prizes as *The Reason*. To dominate a competition like Shine, which historically has been consistently won by high profile independent schools, illustrates just how driven and talented the boys at our school are."



Mr Barrett

Inter-House Creative Writing

Battles have been fought, friendships forged and new skills learned. Over the past six weeks, the four Houses

have participated in a quest to locate lost treasure. Under the guidance of Callum Draper and Freddie Whittam-Burrows, both of 8E, the four crews have navigated perilous oceans, faced gruesome beasts, been banished to hazardous islands and entered unexpected portals. Congratulations this half term to the following students on winning a weekly prize for their creative writing: Daniel Edmondson, 8P; George Arthur, 8E, Zac Sage, 7T and Hanzalah Ahmed, 7P. The overall winning Inter-house creative writing prize goes to Daniel Edmondson, 8P with George Arthur, 8E and Zac Sage, 7T worthy runners up.

Mrs Titterington

Carnegie Reading Challenge 2022



A group of outstanding readers came together at the annual Carnegie Awards ceremony, to celebrate their significant achievements over the three-month national shadowing scheme. It was wonderful to see so many Year 7s signing up to take part, alongside new and returning Year 8 and 9 pupils.

The Headmaster presented awards to the pupils who then joined the live-streaming of the national ceremony from the British Library. A magnificent lunch was enjoyed as the national winner was announced. "October October" by Katya Balen was the choice of the national judges however, true to form, our independent readers, had a different opinion, voting 'Guard Your Heart' by Sue Divin as the Ermysted's choice.

Excellent creativity was demonstrated in the production of art work, models and cakes, to represent favourite Carnegie books. Well done Nicolas, Daniel, George, William, Edmund, Isaac, Avaneesh and Jayden for managing to transport your impressive creations safely to school.

Completing the Carnegie is an achievement of which the pupils can be proud. The shortlisted books introduced them to new genres and moved many out of their reading comfort zone. The Carnegie books are thought-provoking; they challenge stereotypes and deal with



diversity, inclusion and human rights issues. This has given pupils an opportunity to develop their critical thinking and debating skills as they engaged in discussions at our regular Carnegie book

club meetings.

Congratulations to all participants, you rose to the challenge and became part of an Ermysted's tradition.

The following Awards were made:-

Librarian's Award for outstanding participation: Aaron B Year 9

Merit Awards: Nicolas W and Michael B Year 9, Will W and Sam S Year 8, Stirling S and Ming K L Year 7

Best Book Reviews: Taha I Year 9, Daniel E Year 8, Quillan A Year 7

Creativity Award: Nicolas W Year 9



Mrs McCabe

Parent Support Group – Supporting Your Child: How to help your child with anxiety

The Parent Support Group is an online group, facilitated by NHS mental health practitioners. The group is a safe space for parents to get together, share their experiences and build positive relationships. A different subject is discussed and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic.

If parents are interested in attending, please contact the team at: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com

Ermysteds First XI vs XL Club Match Report

On a bright summer's afternoon in Bolton Abbey, the stage was set for Ermysted's to host the Forty Club in a one off friendly game. Winning the toss and electing to bat, the Forty Club openers started steadily before Ermysted's skipper Ishaan Khullar found the breakthrough, which was well taken at first slip by Dylan Canny, leaving the visitors at 34-1. The second wicket partnership proved to be a big one, with former

Ermystedian Joseph Holderness scoring quickly giving little respite to the Ermysted's attack in their pursuit of a second wicket. This led to Holderness (65) and opener Daniel Groom (56) retiring out, giving the bowlers two fresh batsman at the crease and an opportunity to take wickets. This opportunity was taken by Year 9 star Abdullah Hussain who was the pick of the bowlers for Ermysted's; finishing with impressive figures of 9.4-1-70-4.

Valuable bowling contributions also came from Finlay Walker and Joe Davies, whose tight lines and testing lengths limited the scoring opportunities for the Forty Club batters and built pressure in the second half of the innings. A flurry of quick wickets saw the Forty Club the declare at a total of 200/5 off 32.4 overs.

Year 10s Joe Birks and Joe Davies got Ermysted's off to a solid start in their pursuit of 201. The partnership was broken at 25 after Davies was given out LBW. Next came in Jack Midgley who had a short stay at the crease and after his demise, it was the skipper Ishaan who came in looking to steer his team to victory. With the score now 43-2 Khullar and Birks looked to be going well until Birks was caught out at mid-off after a well-made 25. After the quick wickets of Ishaan Khullar, Oliver Gokhale and Adam Harding Ermysted's now found themselves in a bit of a hole at 108-6. In trouble and still requiring 93, Dylan Canny walked to the crease to join Finlay Walker who looked set in on 24. The pair were able to rotate strike efficiently, picking gaps and running hard; frustrating the Forty Club bowling attack. Some fine strokes from both players saw the pair looked well settled in and the tide looked to be turning in Ermysted's favour.

After a glorious pull through square leg off his back foot, Walker brought up a fine half century. The pair continued in their hunt of 201 with both lads putting on a showcase of batting for all spectators to enjoy. With no luck coming the way of the Forty Club, Ermysted's now required just 1 run to win the game. With a thick outside edge from Canny through a vacant cover point region, Ermysted's had chased down the total with only 4 balls to spare; Walker unbeaten on 64 and Canny unbeaten on 49. The 93 run partnership saw Ermysted's over the line and contributed to a brilliant win for the first XI, who at one point looked dead and buried.

Jack Midgley, Year 12

Environmental Sustainability at Ermysted's Grammar School

The 2021/22 school year was a particularly challenging period, not least due to the disruption from covid – but also environmentally.

Global climate agreements and emergencies came and went, hidden from the media's gaze for all but the glamour of COP26. Nonetheless, despite not having the luxury of global media attention - a small group of students within school made some important progress in furthering Ermysted's own environmental agenda, initiating a number of projects which have built upon the foundations laid by our founders, only two years ago.

It is remarkable to think that within this short period of disrupted, and uncertain time, that we now have a successful relationship with a 2nd hand Uniform shop on Skipton's high street (Shop on the Corner), which continues to sell significant quantities of clothing, from PE tops to blazers. We have also raised awareness of climatic issues through assemblies, set up an environmental shelf in the library – and implemented the groundworks for a school wide classroom recycling scheme. It is our hope that this legacy will be continued through increased involvement by prefects, and a growing community of lower school pupils passionate about protecting the environment. With summer soon approaching, and the autumn months ahead – we are pleased with the progress made, and the plans for the future which can be carried forward by the next cohort of students. It is our hope that these autumn months can be part of our plans to plant trees, and continue the schools journey to becoming a greener place.

Ruben Francis (Chair), Luca Curini, Daniel Evans, Dylan Rowley, Zak Shepherd, Leo Walkden and Michael Heron, Year 13

SCAD

Earlier this year, our school Environmental Sustainability Group visited SCAD, more specifically the branch on the high street called "The Shop On The Corner". SCAD is well

known charity in Skipton and they sell second hand school uniforms, such as blazers and school PE kits, at much cheaper prices than brand new items. It is located on Skipton High street. Several year



13 pupils, alongside 3 Year 8's (myself being one of them) and Mrs Suter went to check how supply was doing, and it had all nearly sold out! If you have any school uniform you have grown out of please wash it and take out your name label, then take it to SCAD today! You may find larger second hand uniform to buy as a replacement.

Areeb T, Year 8

Moon Rock for GCSE Astronomers



GCSE Astronomy students in Year 10 got their hands-on rare samples of moon rocks and meteorites on 25 May 2022 during their after school Astronomy lesson.

They were given the unique opportunity to actually touch a piece of space rock not of this Earth as they were allowed to handle some genuine meteorites.

These rare samples were provided free of charge by the UK's Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC), which provides educational packs in a bid to inspire young people to get involved in science and complement classroom studies.

The pack provided by STFC includes a 1.2 billion-year-old

piece of Mars rock and a 4.3 billion-year-old nickel meteorite. It is unlikely that students will ever get the chance to hold an object older than this, as Earth itself was formed 4.6 billion years ago.



The packs have been recently updated to also include a new meteorite hunter's kit, new teacher planning pack and exciting new web-based resources and

online support videos for all age groups, primary to secondary.

The lunar samples were collected in the late 1960s and early 1970s during some of NASA's first manned space missions to the Moon. During these missions, a staggering 382kg of material was brought back to Earth – mostly for use by scientists, but small quantities are used to develop educational packs like this one.

Samples like these can tell us a great deal about the planets, from which they originate, but there is still much to learn – and STFC hopes these packs will encourage students to become the next generation of astronomers.

STFC's Executive Chair, Professor Mark Thomson, said: "We are thrilled to be able to offer this unique opportunity to young people. It is not often they will be able to see close-up, and actually touch, such important fragments of science history. Samples like these are vital in teaching us more about our solar system, allowing us to confront theory with fact. We hope this experience will encourage the students to take up a career in science." STFC is the only authorised source to loan lunar samples to educational and scientific organisations in the UK.

Our students commented that these were the most valuable objects they have ever held in their hands.

Mr C Baker

Athletics

Junior Boys (Year 7 and 8) Schools' Cup National Athletics: The first round of the National Schools' Cup was held at York University for many of the boys in the team this was their first experience competing on a



synthetic track. The boys rose to the occasion and managed to finish second on the day. This left them with a nervous wait to find out if they had scored enough points to reach a Regional Final. A week later and it was confirmed that they had qualified for a Regional B Final. This excellent performance was achieved with many members of the team recording a personal best on the day, stand out performances came from George M in the 1500m, Edmund S in the 800m, Edward F in the 200m and Ethan M in Discus.



The Regional B Final was held in Middlesbrough three weeks later. Once again, the team held their head high and competed brilliantly against the best schools in the Northeast. Oliver H joined the team and straight away showed his worth by scoring strongly in both the Shot Putt and 300m. Billy H had the performance of the day by stepping in for the injured Louis S in the 800m, he ran a personal best and managed to match Louis's score from Round One. The team finished second again, leaving them with another nervous wait, unfortunately this time around their points score was not enough for the team to progress. Congratulations on a fantastic season and bring on next year!

Inter Boys (Year 9 and 10) Schools' Cup National Athletics: Just like the Junior Boys team the first round was held at York University. The team took the day in

their stride, winning the event with many outstanding performances. Ben H showing himself to be a tidy hurdler (the first time he had ever hurdled), Freddie B demonstrating that he has some seriously impressive speed leading to him qualifying as a member of only a team of 40 to represent North Yorkshire at English Schools in the 100m. The team also had several other strong performances on the track from Sam B in the 1500m, Lachlan W in 800m and Ali J in the 200m.



Next up was a Regional A Final at Costello Stadium in Hull. The team went into this event knowing that anything was possible and looked forward to challenging themselves against the best schools in the Northeast. The boys were competing in their field events first, Ben H started us off with a new personal best in high jump 1.44m stating that he was in the mood after his warm up. This set the tone for the day. Kian B also got a PB in Shot Putt and Nathan J made sure he recorded a strong set of points for the team with his last jump in the triple jump. The team were in 7th place 26 points off the lead at the break. With encouragement from the team manager Nathan B the team went into their track events knowing these were their stronger events. Both Ben H and Sean S set the mood again by winning and coming second in their hurdles' races. PBs then followed in multiple events and Theo S showed his dedication to the team by running an impressive 1500m despite not enjoying the event. This then left the relay to come with Kian B, Lachlan W, Eoin B and Nathan H, Lachlan and Nathan had only just finished their 800m races, with three safe change overs and a storming leg from Eoin the boys secured an impressive set of points for the team. The boys had turned it around and won the event by 7pts becoming the first team in Ermysted's history to make the Schools' Cup National Final for Athletics!

Harrogate and Craven Schools' Championships: Both rounds of this competition were held at Giggleswick

School. By coming first or second in your event at round one you gained qualification to the final against the schools based in and around Harrogate. Out of the 38 students across year 7, 8, 9 and 10, 35 qualified for the



Finals! These Finals gave our boys a fantastic opportunity to compete and compare themselves against the traditionally strong Harrogate schools at athletics. Once again, the boys should be extremely proud of how they competed and were able to produce personal bests across both their track and field events. Stand out performances belonged to George Marsh in the 1500m, Ali Javaid in the 200m and Freddie Brown in the 100m and his relay leg where he clawed the team into second place after getting the baton in 5th. Well done to all that competed!

Mr Stubbings

Annual Inter-House Cookery Competition 2022



The annual inter-house cookery competition was held this week on Thursday, 30 June. Congratulations to Zak A,

Year 7, who was this years winner!

Mrs Taylor

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ned C in Year 7 who achieved his first Dan Black Belt in Taekwondo (pictured below, left), and to Isaac C, Year 7 who won the trophy for the non-member boy with the most points at the Skipton Young Farmers Show (pictured below, right).



Miss Waudby

(if dry) and in the Memorial Hall (if wet). Tickets cost £8 (£5 all concessions) and are available to purchase in cash from Student Services. Correct money would be much appreciated!



Summer Concert

Tickets are now on sale for our Summer Concert, which will be held on Tuesday, 19 July at 7:00 pm in the Quad

Selected Upcoming Events at Ermysted's

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
Speech Day and Open Evening	5 July	School
Enrichment Week	11-15 July	Various
Summer Concert	19 July	School Quad

Thanks for reading...

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