

NEWSLETTER

Ermysted's Grammar School



Hello everyone,

Welcome to our newsletter. It is a bumper edition—it will certainly test our email system, so I hope it reaches you safely!

In this edition you will be able to read of the very wide range of activity from the past few weeks. Off site activities and fieldwork have returned in force; our athletes continue to secure success across a wide range of sports; our Arkwright scholars are up in Edinburgh today receiving their awards; and this week's Careers Fair was a tremendous success—thank you to all the parents who gave up their time in support of the programme.

We are now approaching a well-deserved break and can look back on the half term with satisfaction. It has been busy and included a visit from His Majesty's Inspectors. We are yet to receive the draft Ofsted report and we will let you know when the final document is available. I can say that our pupils were brilliant: confident, knowledgeable, articulate and charming. They remain our greatest advert and I am very proud of them all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MJE.'

Michael Evans
Headteacher

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Nell Bank

Always a highlight for our new Year 7 pupils is the annual transition trip to Nell Bank Activity Centre in Ilkley, which took place this year on Friday, 30 September.



Despite some incredibly heavy downpours, the pupils were able to throw themselves into the activities in good humour and give each challenge their best shot!



The Nell Bank staff, working with the Year 7 tutors and Pastoral Team were able to draw out communication skills, particularly those of listening to others through activities such as Duck Rescue, Custard Crossing, Orienteering Challenge and the Nellbanian Mountain Range. Pupils were mixed up in groups to encourage new allegiances and friendships to develop. The feedback was very positive, with most of the negative comments relating to the adverse weather conditions!



Whole School Cross Country

The weather gods favoured us at this year's Cross-Country as we squeezed the races into the one dry day of the week. Unfortunately, near gale force winds meant times were going to be slow. We were raising funds for Pakistan Flood Relief and managed a fantastic total of over £3000! The added advantage of the sponsored event was a few great costumes, most notably the train with an engine and two carriages and train noises to boot, Bravo lads!

Our Year 7 runners tried really hard with 114 finishers. At the front we had our recently crowned National Fell Championship winning team with Harry Roberts slipping in for good measure. Early leader Dexter Woodward ran on well to finish 4th. However, Seth Box, fresh from 4th in the Fell Championships, came back first, Harry Roberts was second and Isaac Reeday completed the podium positions with only 14 seconds separating the top three. Ermysted had a close battle in the House competition, where we count the first 25 runners home in each race, but ultimately the honours went to Hartley.

Our Year 8/9 runners were first away and performed well with 218 finishers. At the front, we had our trio of County athletes. George Marsh led from gun to tape but fell agonisingly short of Alex Thompson's school record by just two seconds. George should know Alex won the ESCC Cup final in Year 8 and he was just two seconds off his time on a blustery day so is in really good form. There followed another two other Year 8s, Will Oakden and Will Pease, who made the podium ahead of all the Year 9s. The Year 9s then came in force claiming all but one of the top ten places. Ermysted had another close battle with Hartley in the House competition, but again Hartley just won.

The Year 10/11 race saw Ewen Wilkinson lead from the start and win by half a minute. Long-time chaser Samesh Chotai looked like he would claim the runners-up spot but Lachlan Wills and Sam Bentham came past on the last climb to steal the podium places. Petyt won the House competition by over 300 points!

In the Seniors, we saw Dougie Segger-Staveley show the rest a clean pair of heels to win another Ermysted's title.

Freddie Marsh showed he still had it as he came runner-up and Oscar Smyth made it a clean sweep for the Year 12s. There was a good showing from the nine staff who took part with Mr Hodgson leading the way in 10th place overall. Better still was the afore-mentioned train who came equal 87th in 24 minutes for the 2½ mile course. The House competition was won by Petyt giving them and Hartley two wins each but Hartley sealed the overall House event thanks to second places in both years that they didn't win.



Hilly course, isn't it!

Congratulations to all the winners but also all of the runners that made it another great event and so good to raise so much money for a worthy cause.

Mr Speak

Year 10 Bake Sale



Another great effort raising money for the Pakistan Flood Relief was a bake sale organised by 10JS, who raised just over £100 selling baked goods at break time! With special mention to Max Longford, Tom Gray, Alfie Swinton, Mathys Boukemach, Mohammad Mustafa, Adam Javed, Dawid Naglik and Hamza Al-Momani who all baked and helped to sell. Well done all!

Miss Swaddle

Ermysted's Grammar 14

AKS Lytham 5



Photography courtesy of Aston Burdett, Year 13

An autumnal Sandylands presented a strong westerly to both teams and Ermysted's had the advantage of the wind in the first half. With Lytham AKS receiving the kick off it was they who had the first opportunity to run with the ball and their left wing might have wished they hadn't as the ball arrived simultaneously with Whitlam and possession was turned over in contact. From the loose ball retrieved by Hall he passed to Johnson, looped around him and received the pass out of contact. Hayes followed that up with a big carry deep into the opposition 22. Two more carries from the forwards took Ermysted's close to the line with Lytham forcing a knock-on from Benedikz as he went for the tryline. The opposition recovered the ball but couldn't find a relieving kick and the winger found himself asked to run the ball out of his own 22 and once again ran into a determined Whitlam; the Lytham winger had to leave the field.

The Ermysted's move from the resulting lineout resembled training ground perfection as the ball off the top from Barker went via scrum half Tam, to flyhalf Canny and then to Whitlam who carried to the defensive line and passed out of contact to the supporting back row Goulty. Goulty took the ball on to the full back who was the last defender and passed to Whitlam who had continued his run on Goulty's shoulder to score under the posts. Canny added the conversion to make it 7-0 after six minutes.

The opposition were not to be underestimated and as a school located almost next door to Fylde RFC it was clear

that the coaches and the players had gained much from the close association and from the kick-off the home team were pinned in their own half by some well drilled defence. Ermysted's then gave away a couple of knock-ons and this gave Lytham a scrum on the 22 in front of the posts. Lytham positioned their flyhalf and centres directly behind the scrum and all went left and found the overlap to score on the wing. The challenging conversion kick was missed, and it was 7-5 after 10 minutes.

After an exciting start demonstrating that both teams had the ability to play good rugby the weather began to worsen with handling errors aplenty. A dominant tackling display by the Ermysted's back row kept the opposition under pressure. With five minutes left of the half and with the rain hammering down Ermysted's managed to pull together some multi phases around the oppositions '22. BNaheem trucked it up. Tam's pass to Canny allowed the fly-half to get to the line and running off his shoulder Benedikz made further ground. Tam had to clear out at the ruck and so Goulty picked up and went blind and Havers-Strong on the support line took the final pass to score beneath the posts, with Canny added the extras to make it 14-5 and the score remained the same at half time.

The weather conditions over half time and for the first 10 minutes of the 2nd half were really poor and both teams were struggling but then almost as if a switch had been flicked, the weather lifted. The rugby however remained dogged and not for the faint hearted with Naheem, Whitlam, Ashdown-Hoff and Hayes involved in some heaving hitting on the opposition who were trying to use the advantage of the wind but at every turn repelled.

Ermysteds continually tried to work their way up field but big relieving kicks would just send the home team 50 yards backwards. However when in their own half the 'Steds defence remained solid. With five minutes left and Ermysteds still 14-5 up a 40 yard carry from Hayes from his own half took play into the opposition 22. From the ruck a great attacking line from Benedikz almost saw him score but the opposition defence held out. Ermysteds had wound the clock down by playing rugby in the opposition half and the final whistle sealed a well-deserved win, in far from the easiest of conditions, for the home team.

Mr Hayes (EGS Old Boy and Parent)

Fieldwork is back in style!

It was great to start the new academic year being able to take several groups of pupils out on field work. As part of the enrichment programme Year 9 enjoyed a geology trip to Norber, above Austwick. It was great to be able to reinstate this trip with the Chemistry department and show the pupils how geology really is a mixture of both of these subjects.



Mrs Suter explaining the North Craven fault and its impact on the Great Scar limestone.



Year 9 pupils sketching the landscape



Mr Allen on Nappa scar looking at an unconformity

Oliver Hardcastle and Harry Wilford have written about how much they enjoyed their field trip:

*On the field trip I really enjoyed getting to see all of the erratics, and it was fascinating to learn how they got there. I also found seeing the scree very interesting as such a slow process made a large impact and I saw lots of different processes of weathering. The trek to the top of the hill was somewhat tiresome but the view of neighbouring towns and the u-shaped valley was breathtaking. We ventured over to Nappa Scar where I learnt how to use a compass and the history of some of the rocks. What I enjoyed most of all though was being out in the field getting to see and touch the rocks we learnt about in class. **Oliver Hardcastle, Year 9***

*I enjoyed the geography trip to the Norber Erratics as part of the GCSE enrichment coursework. The geographical features were extraordinary and like nothing I had ever seen before. It was mind-blowing finding out how far the erratics had travelled for such a long period of time. **Harry Wilford, Year 9***

Year 11 visited Clapham Beck to collect data on river processes as part of their GCSE geography studies.



On 26 of September, Year 13 A-Level geography students spent the day in Barrow in Furness, on Walney Island. Among the fieldwork completed we measured beach profiles, analysing the types of rocks and pebbles that could be found on Walney Island and measuring



infiltration rates. We completed between 15 and 20 individual profiles, moving up the beach and over the sand dunes, analysing things such as vegetation on different parts of the beach and looking at patterns as they moved further away from the sea. This work was documented as we went along and will be used as part of our A level non-examined assessment, which makes up 20% of our final A level.

Mrs Suter

Doctors, Dentists and Vets wanted

If you are a Doctor, Dentist or Vet and would be prepared to carry out a mock interview for students applying to these degrees, please contact Dr Sobala (asobala@ermysteds.uk). Thank you in advance for your help!

Dr Sobala

Duke of Edinburgh

Well done to the group of boys who completed their silver expedition on the weekend of 30 September to 2 October. Battling torrential conditions to complete the three day expedition over the hills and dales of Nidderdale and Upper Wharfedale. Given the weather conditions this was a significant achievement that required real fortitude, toughness and teamwork.

Mr Allen

English Schools' Fell Running Championships

On Saturday, 1 October Giggleswick School hosted the fourteenth National Championships supported by the Fell Running Association. There were some sharp showers but generally the weather was fair. Ermysted's had an excellent day as they won the Year 7 and Year 10/11



boys' team titles and were third team in the other two age groups. There were four races with boys and girls running together but then

counted as two different races after they had finished. Year 7 were first away and set off at a fair lick across a flat field but were soon spread out in the pastureland. They found the stream crossing quite a challenge with everyone getting their feet wet but nobody coming a real cropper. Shortly after that the route crossed a road and suddenly everyone knew the difference between a fell

race and other cross-country races. Even the leaders were brought to little more than walking pace as they strained manfully to get to the top. This was the first race for most of this age group and so very much an unknown quantity as far as the form book goes. So it was pleasing that Ermysted's Seth B led the school's challenge as he came back in 4th place with team-mates Isaac R 6th, Dexter W 16th and Noah S 17th. Their team total of 26 points for the positions of their first three runners was excellent and good enough to win a National Title. They also had Dougie H 29th, Joseph B 40th and Archie D 48th all producing good performances on a hard first outing for the school.

The Year 8/9 team were next but Ermysted's were without last year's individual champion George M who was picked along with school-mate Will O to run for Yorkshire in the mini marathon for Yorkshire. Will P showed that it was certainly one that got away. Will has had a great season on the fells and he carried that form through to this race as he ran a blinder to come 5th despite being at the lower end of the age group. Ermysted's, even with those notable absentees, still managed to finish third team as Daniel H 42nd and Lucas S 50th were well inside the top half of the runners. George A 58th and Freddie MS 69th were our non-scorers. The Year 10/11 race saw local favourite Jack S withstand the pressure and live up to the form book to



give Craven our only individual title. Lachlan W from Ermysted's was third back to the finish field but lost out on an individual

medal by the thickness of a vest in the sprint finish. He did get some consolation as he led his team to an emphatic victory as Tom H came back 12th and Sam B 13th. We had a fantastic turnout in this age group with Ewen W 20th, Nathan H 30th, Daniel R 38th, Samesh C 45th, Seth L 46th, Matthew S 48th, and Rowan B 60th of the 93 runners.

The Seniors ran the best part of four miles with over 800ft of climb so it was no mean feat to get around the course let alone race it. Dougie S-S was 8th back, with team-mates Oscar S 16th and cross-country captain, who missed a university open day to run, Will H 32nd it meant once again Ermysted's claimed a podium place as third team. So no individual medals but two National Team Titles and two third places meant an excellent return for the school and a memorable day out on the fells around Settle. A good start to the season showing a lot of potential in every one of our age groups and optimism for the year ahead.

Mr Speak



Every year the Design & Technology Department encourage year 11 pupils, with an interest in pursuing a career in engineering, to apply for the prestigious Arkwright Scholarship Scheme. Their website states:

"An Arkwright Engineering Scholarship is the most esteemed scholarship of its type in the UK, designed to inspire students to pursue their dreams and change the world as a future leader in engineering"

"The Scholarships are awarded to hard-working 16 year old students through a rigorous selection process, supporting them through their A levels, Scottish Highers or equivalent qualifications."

"Every Scholarship is sponsored by a commercial company, trade association, university, professional institution, armed service, government organisation, worshipful company, charitable trust or personal donor. This means that support is offered in various different ways, for example, valuable hands-on work experience, support for your curriculum project and a personal mentor who can help you with aspects of your studies and career planning."

The process is rigorous and highly competitive. Eight of our current year 12 pupils put their names forward and sat the 2 hour exam where they had to produce full designs and drawings with annotations to solve an

everyday engineering problem. They have no prior knowledge of the contexts and were faced with the questions with just ten minutes to read the paper through before committing to their designs. The exam scripts are marked externally and this year from the 1,422 applicants, 714 pupils nationally were selected for interview. In an unprecedented year for us, seven Ermysted's pupils were selected for interview. Ammar Khedapa, Toby Noland, Gurdith Singh, Freddie Smith and Nathaniel Smith are to be congratulated on making it this far. With Oscar Smyth and Greg Nattress making it all the way through and being awarded an Arkwright Scholarship for 2022-23. This is an incredible achievement and both boys will be presented with their awards at a ceremony at Edinburgh University next week. Greg and Oscar will receive £300 each per year of their A Level studies.

Oscar has already set about launching an activity in school using information gained from Arkwright Newsletters and the UKRoC (UK Youth Rocketry Challenge) team are assembling to begin preparations for the competition in spring 2023 with the hope of making it through the regional heats into perhaps the national final. Oscar and two teams of 6 year 12 students will be working on their rocket with the DT Department. We wish them all the best in their preparations.

Applications for current year 11s are open now, so if you are interested in applying speak to your DT Teacher about the requirements.

Mrs Diccox, Mr Gardiner and Mr Mangham.

Careers Fair 2022

Ermysted's Grammar School held its Biennial Careers Fair on Wednesday 19th October 6pm-8pm, the first time that this has been possible to do so on site since 2018. This was an exciting evening, with over sixty different careers and higher education providers, who had generously offered their time and expertise, contributing to this event. It was great to see so many recent and more distant former pupils return to support us, together with parents, governors and employers. The School had also invited pupils from other local schools, and it was absolutely packed, the halls and classrooms ringing with excited voices.

The event, organised by Nina Rose the School's Careers Coordinator, included a marketplace of stands placed in a number of venues across the school, to provide parents and pupils with opportunities to hold informal conversations with the representatives. In addition, there was an extensive schedule of presentations running



throughout the evening which included talks by people with jobs in Accountancy, Business Consultancy, Coding, Construction and Engineering, Environmental Sustainability, Finance, Languages, Law, Medicine, the RAF, and Software Engineering. In addition, there were talks from local colleges and universities, including advice on applying to Russell Group Universities, and apprenticeships.

Refreshments were also available to purchase from the Ermysted's Friends Association, kindly led by parent volunteers, and background entertainment was provided by Sixth form members of the School band.



It was a wonderful evening, with lots of presenters and many different careers represented. The next day in



school, pupils from Year 7 to Year 13 could be heard sharing enthusiastically what they had learnt from the event, and details of the people they had met.

Pippa Davies

English Schools Swimming Association Championships

On Thursday 6 October Ermysted's Grammar School took to the swimming pool to compete in the English Schools Swimming Association Championships in Northside Quay swimming pool in Durham.

The school took three teams; a Year 7/8 team, a Year 9/10 team, and a Year 11 and over team to try and bring home the gold medal, despite the school's lack of experience in the sport.

The junior team consisted of Jack B, Stanley D, Dylan R, Frederick M, and Siddarth C, who competed extremely well in both the medley and freestyle relays respectively

and outcompeted several other schools from the surrounding area.

The intermediate team consisted of Rowan B, Max S Archie A, Tom L, and Harsh G, who also competed in the medley and freestyle relays. The team was several seconds ahead of a lot of schools in the heats for both events, however, unfortunately were unable to crack the top three.



The senior team consisted of Joe B, Sean S, Sam S, Jack J and Rohan S to make up both the freestyle and medley team.

The freestyle team was made up of Sam, Sean, Joe and Jack, who swam a time of 1.38 to qualify for the national final in London, as well as win the event. They then swapped Rohan Smith in for the breaststroke in the medley, and once again, took the gold medal and a place in the final in a time of 1.47.

Sam Smith, Year 11

National Young Farmers Week Winner

Congratulations to Year 8's Isaac C whose twist on the classic dish 'toad in the hole' was the winning recipe in the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs' (NFYFC) challenge to find affordable and nutritious meal ideas that celebrate British produce and help improve cookery skills! [Click here](#) to read more about the competition and the find the winning recipe overleaf.

Mrs Taylor

Sausage Yorkshires with Onion Sauce

By Isaac, Yorkshire

Ingredients to feed four people:

350g Yorkshire Pork Sausage Meat
175g Peel & Cored Cooking Apple
1 teaspoon Dried Parsley
Salt and Pepper
140g Plain Flour

3 Free Range Eggs
568ml (1 Pint) Milk
20ml Yorkshire Rapeseed Oil
175g Onions
15g Longley Farm Butter

Method

1. Place the sausage meat into a bowl, grate the apple into a bowl, stir in the parsley and season with the salt and pepper. Work ingredients together to form 18 small balls.
2. Make the Yorkshire batter from 140g of flour, 300mls of milk and eggs.
3. Pre-heat oven to 220C or Gas Mark 7, place a tablespoon of Rapeseed oil into 4 300ml ramekin dishes, until sizzling hot. Place 4 sausage ball in each dish and cook for 30 minutes.
4. Pour the batter the batter over the sausage balls and return to the oven 35-40 minutes until risen and golden.

5. Cook the onions to soft in remain milk. Make the sauce melt the butter in a pan, stir in 15g of flour and mix, cook gently for 1 minute. Remove pan from the heat and gradually stir in the onions and milk, bring to boil, continue to stir until sauce thickens and season with salt and pepper.
6. When the Yorkshires are baked, turn out and stir in a little of the onion sauce into the centre of each. Enjoy!

About Isaac

Isaac loves cooking using local produce and wants to be a professional chef. His recipe is from his late Granddad's cookery book, which he chose because it celebrates Yorkshire produce.



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Selected Upcoming Events at Ermysted's

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
Year 8 Consultation Day	w/c 28 November 2022	Online
Year 12 Parents' Evening	7 December 2022	Online
Founders' Day	9 December 2022	Holy Trinity Church
Christmas Concert	14 & 15 December 2022	Memorial Hall

Thanks for reading...

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