

NEWSLETTER

Ermysted's Grammar School



Hello everyone,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. The UCAS offers are now arriving thick and fast, and we congratulate the all those celebrating offers from the universities of **Oxford** and **Cambridge** (page 2). The medics should hear back in the next few months: we have our fingers crossed for them and all the remaining applications across Year 13.

Our pupils continue to shine in the various **physics** and **mathematics Olympiads**. There have been some astonishing performances this year, with many making it through to the knockout stages—perhaps some may progress as far as the national team!

As any teacher will tell you, no one enjoys arguing a point more than an Ermysted's pupil. It was pleasing therefore to see such formidable representation from the Sixth Form at the **Bar Mock Trial** in Leeds. My thanks to all the legal specialists in the parent body who supported the boys in their preparation.

The **First XI** continue their strong run of results, recently securing a comprehensive victory in the Country Cup. Let's hope the winning streak continues!

Finally, may I wish you and your families a restful break— see you all next half term.

A small, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MJE."

Michael Evans

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Oxbridge 2023



Eleven Ermysted's Grammar School students are celebrating after receiving offers to study at Oxford and Cambridge universities this October. They will be joined by two Ermysted's students who left last year, making this a bumper crop of Oxbridge offer-holders for the school this year.

Should they be successful in their summer A Level exams, the students will be taking a wide variety of degree courses including Maths, English, Classics, PPE and Engineering.

The students are delighted, and we are delighted for them. The application process to study at Oxford and Cambridge is arduous, with sometimes multiple interviews, so it's taken a great deal of determination to receive these offers, as well as a considerable amount of work in their subjects. We are confident that they will meet the grade requirements and confident that they will succeed in their university studies. These students are a credit to themselves, their families, and all the teachers who have supported them throughout their school careers.

The school's recent Ofsted report described the Ermysted's Sixth Form as 'a special place', and the achievements of these students demonstrate one of the reasons why Ofsted came to that judgement, though we are proud to support all of our Year 13 students as they move on to their futures, be that at another Higher Education institution, an apprenticeship, employment or a gap year.

Mr Hodgson

British Physics Olympiad Gold Awards

Congratulations to Alex Oliver, Mathew Connell, Aston Burdett and James Everett who achieved a gold award in the British Physics Olympiad this year. The national competition is run on an annual basis and aims at stretching and challenging the top young physicists in the country in a national. Alex and Mathew achieved a 'Top Gold' which means they will be asked to participate in the next round which selects the British National Team which then competes internationally.

Mr Baker

British Maths Olympiad Success



Huge success to celebrate in the Maths Olympiad now the results are released. Matthew Connell, Year 13 achieved a distinction with an incredible and rather astonishing full marks! He answered all six questions fully and eloquently. We extend our congratulations to him. He was in good company with Oliver Mann, Year 12 who achieved a merit, scoring full marks on the two questions he answered. Great performances!

Dr Needham

Bar Mock Trial

On Saturday 21 January, a group of Ermysted's sixth formers had the pleasure of attending the Youth Citizen's

Bar Mock Trial competition in Leeds. Students in Year 12 and 13 were tasked with preparing legal arguments for two criminal cases. They then competed against other schools prosecuting and defending the cases in a courtroom presided over by qualified barristers and judges.



This journey initially began in September when our entry was announced, and it progressed throughout the months with extensive amounts of hard work and commitment by all the team members.

The whole team thoroughly enjoyed the experience and felt it was hugely beneficial to their vocational and presentation skills. Furthermore, we could not have been happier to see such a wonderful representation of Ermysted's at such an event. Well done to the team, Aaron, Amey, Charlie, Gurdith, Frank, Gabriel, Hatim, Nathaniel, Oscar, Theo, Noah, Oliver.

Amey T, Year 12

Revision Guides

If you are having a Spring clear-out of bedrooms and have any KS3 or KS4 revision guides for any school subject in good condition that are no longer needed, please ask your son to bring them along to the Library. A group of volunteers will check that they are up-to-date for current specifications before they are offered (for a small donation) to other pupils in the soon-to-start EGS Revision Guide Shop.

All money raised from this will go to the buying more books for the library and equipment in the Science Faculty. A letter about this will also be sent out via ParentPay shortly.

Mr Herring

Top of the Bench Competition

We entered a team (consisting of two Year 9 students, one Year 10 student and one Year 11 student) into the Royal Society of Chemistry's Top of the Bench competition. After taking part in a variety of practical and paper-based challenges, they obtained a very commendable 3rd place in the Central Yorkshire heat (and in points were only a hair's breadth behind 1st place!). Very well done to Edmund Sellers, Oliver Hardcastle, Ikhlas Saboor and Samesh Chotai.

Dr Sobala

Sponsor a Book



Our new 'Sponsor a Book' scheme, which was launched last term, continues to be very popular with an astonishing 91 books purchased so far! Thank you so much to everyone who has taken part. The wishlist remains live, so if you'd like to purchase a book, you can do so by clicking [here](#).

Mrs McCabe

EGS v Caedmon College

First XI



Ermysted's enjoyed another tremendous win, this time in the County Cup at home to Whitby. This game was another where we ended up running away with it but only after making a solid start. We were knocking on the door a lot but only had Dylan C's opening goal after nine minutes to show for our early dominance. Dylan's was a cracker where he drove down the inside left channel before striking a thunderbolt into the roof of their net (1-0).

The game was still in the balance after 25 minutes when Cassian C struck a post but the prolific Freddie S notched again after two good headers had put him clear. Bobby D won one of many towering defensive headers before Jenson M flicked on from midfield for Freddie to run through and slot past the keeper (2-0).

On 32 minutes we got an og following great work from the tireless Will M and Freddie down our Right (3-0). Before Freddie bagged a brace as his (mishit?) shot bobbed in at the far corner (4-0). We still weren't done for half-time as Mohammad U had enough time for a filthy back-heel 'megs' before Dan J netted with a volley from a Boe K corner with the last kick of the half (5-0).

The second half saw the same pattern of play with Ermys well on top and it was just a question of 'How many?'. On 55 minutes Mr Stewart and the rugby lads had turned up to see 'one of their own' Dylan C score a great goal. He received the ball centrally inside their box did a flick over a defender, controlled it whilst beating a second man before slotting into a corner (6-0). A fine way to cement his MoM winning performance.

Another ten minutes and Freddie had got back on to

notch his third hat-trick of the season. This was another tidy finish following good work on the left from Dylan



who played it back to the D where Freddie took a touch before curling it inside the far post (7-0). Aryaan G then scored following a mazy dribble and a neat 1-2 with Freddie before finding the bottom corner with the keeper to beat (8-0).

Sam A was next on the score-sheet as he met a Cassian C near-post corner perfectly. His downward header gave the keeper no chance (9-0).



It looked like we might get a clean sheet but in the last minute of the 80 a free-kick bounced back off Max H and they bundled in a consolation goal to make their long trip home more bearable. We were still not done and Jenson M got just rewards for another quality game in the heart of midfield as he picked out the top corner from 20 yards (10-1).

So our cup fixtures before half term which would help define our season both went well and silverware is only a couple of games away. Sam A is recovering but will Freddie S steal his golden boot?

Mr Speak



Picnic in the Park!

On Friday 3rd February the Year 9 and 10 GCSE Art & Design students paid a visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. During the day they took photographs of the sculpture and made observational drawings from life, as well as exploring the beautiful grounds. Some of the artwork they looked at included work by Robert Indiana, Barbara Hepworth and Henry Moore. After a picnic lunch (it didn't rain!) they sketched Daniel Arsham's Astronaut before making their way over to the other side of the park to see Damien Hirst's Unicorn (Myth). We managed to cram a lot into what seemed like a very short day!

Miss Hughes and Miss Gilbert



CrossFit



The Year 9 PE group have enjoyed their final CrossFit session in the Sports Hall this week. They have been developing their techniques in deadlifting, box-jumping, free-weights etc. Fitness levels have improved too!

Mr King

Area Cup Semi-Final Win at King James



Ermysted's qualified for this quarter-final with a bye and were drawn away to King James, Knaresborough. We played on their brand new astroturf so the pitch was great but an end to end wind spoiled the game as a footballing spectacle.

Although we were on astroturf it was very much a game of two halves as we played into a strong wind first half. We started well but soon found it hard to play the ball out and King James realised that the long clearance was going to put us under pressure. We did do well first half and played the better football but without making many chances.

King James looked a little dangerous from the long ball but our defence held firm and looked like we would go in goal-less at half-time. However, a cross from the right wing became a cracking finish as it nestled (1-0) in the far stanchion! We did have 10 minutes to weather

before the break but actually it was us that should have scored. Will M had a great game and his direct and physical presence with no little skill set up a virtually unmissable (XG 0.95) chance for Cassian C. Cass will have nightmares as he remembers skewing the ball wide from inside the six-yard box.

The half-time team talk was easy as the team had set themselves up for a win when they had the winds at our backs. Sure enough it looked like it would pan out that way as Aryaan G neatly finished following some good midfield triangles, before Mohammad U slotted a nice ball for Aryaan's goal (1-1).

We couldn't do things the easy way though as on 48 minutes we lost Tom W as he defended a corner. Something went in his knee and whilst he was on the ground groaning his team-mates failed to clear the danger and someone was left with a tap in at the far post (2-1).



We needed to reshuffle and never got back to our fluid best. In hindsight, the turning point of the match came on 62 minutes. King James dangerous right winger did well and struck a fierce shot across goal. Max was beaten but very relieved when the ball came back off the foot of the post and back the way it had come to our make shift fullback Freddie S. Freddie moved swiftly back up field and after a couple of nice passes with Cassian he set Mohammad off down the left wing. Mohammad slipped a ball inside their fullback for Aryaan to drill the ball inside the near post for a tremendous team goal (2-2).

Cassian usually a pretty reliable finisher then showed it wasn't to be his game as Mohammad once more set up a decent chance. Cassian's shot from near the penalty spot went straight into the keepers arms but it showed we were back on track. Boe K looked to have given us the

lead when Cassian turned provider but Boe's good half volley finish was given offside.



That meant 10 minutes to go and both sides pushing for the winner rather than waiting for the lottery of penalties. With just five minutes left Boe played a ball over to the inside left channel. Mohammad beat the fullback and keeper to the ball and lobbed it high towards the right side of goal. We had a great view of it but weren't sure it was going to be in or bounce over the bar. Sure enough it bounced virtually on the goal-line and into the roof of the net. A goal to grace any game and certainly a brilliant way to win this game (2-3).



A couple of minutes later we even had a cushion as we were awarded a free-kick in a dangerous position fairly central and about 25 yards out. Up stepped Jenson M and he hit a near perfect shot 'top bins' to secure the game (2-4). The three minutes left stretched to nearly ten and we could have been in bother if it weren't for Max H who caught, punched clear and made a fine save as he turned one round the post.

We now have county cup game at home to Whitby next week and a home area cup semi-final against Harrogate Grammar or Rossett. Hopefully Tom and Sam's injuries will be cleared up for the schools assault on some silverware!

Mr Speak

Bake Sale

Nathan Butterworth and a group of friends from 11HP led a successful Bake Sale to raise funds for Casual Minds Matter. They were grateful to other members of the Form who baked for the sale and delighted to have raised £224 for such an important charity.

Nathan will also be walking the Yorkshire Three Peaks in June to raise further funds. Donations can be made here: [Fundraiser by Samantha FryerButterworth : In memory of Matthew Butterworth \(gofundme.com\)](#)

Miss Potter

Swimming Championships

Congratulations to our three swimmers, Rohan Smith (Year 13), Jack Jenkinson (Year 11) and Sam Smith (Year 11) who took part in the Swim England National Winter Championships in January. The three-day event took place at Ponds Forge International Pool in Sheffield and concluded with the boys bringing home three silver medals and one bronze.

Mr King

The Reason: Issue 11

Coming later this term...

The 11th Issue of the school's national award-winning student newspaper. Featuring a range of articles on News, Comment & Opinion, Arts, Sport, Culture and more, the students of Ermysted's cover important issues such as the healthcare system in the North, the music industry's troubled relationship with TikTok, and human rights abuse at the Qatar World Cup.

If you wish to reserve your copy, please email Mr Barrett on gbarrett@ermysteds.uk. Alternatively, if you wish to enquire about advertising in The Reason and/or supporting the cost of the newspaper, please contact Mr Barrett.

Previous issues of The Reason are now available electronically on the [school website](#).

Mr Barrett



We have an event that you and your family do not want to miss... On Saturday 4th March, we will be holding a Spring Ceilidh Evening! For those who have never attended a one before, it is basically us having lots of fun dancing to the beat of traditional Scottish or Irish folk music with a group of friends - or even better a new group of friends, The Ermysted's Friends! Do you need to know the dances? Absolutely not. We have a fantastic caller who will do the dance demonstration and keep you right. You'll soon be Dashing a White Sergeant and Stripping the Willow before you can say Slainte (Gaelic for cheers!). We hope to see as many of you there as possible (places are limited) so [get those tickets booked](#) and your dancing shoes on.

As ever these events require the support of a fantastic team of Friends to make the night run smoothly. All volunteers get a free ticket to the evening if they sign-up for even one volunteer slot. New volunteers are always welcome. [Click here to sign-up now!](#)

All proceeds from the ceilidh will go directly to our current fundraising of £10,000 for replacement Sixth Form computers.

The EFA team

Selected Upcoming Events at Ermysted's

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
Year 10 Parents' Evening	2 March 2023	Online
EFA Spring Ceilidh	4 March 2023	Memorial Hall
Year 7 Consultation Day	22 March 2023	Online
Speech Day	4 July 2023	Sports Hall
Open Evening	4 July 2023	School

Thanks for reading...

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