

NEWSLETTER

Ermysted's Grammar School



DoE Expedition, July 2023

Hello everyone,

I am delighted to present the final newsletter of the term. At 15 pages long, this may be a record edition. The pupils have been very busy and have thoroughly enjoyed the past few weeks, as the following pages will attest.

I will surely run out of superlatives for the school newspaper, which, once again, has been voted the best student newspaper in the country. What began as a Sixth Form endeavour is now a whole school effort, with contributions from each year group. We could not be prouder.

We have worked hard this year to reinvigorate reading among the pupils—thank you so much to all who contributed to the Sponsor a Book scheme. The library is the beating heart of our school and it has thronged this year will pupils exploring and enjoying our extensive collection of books. No better represented by the numbers participating in the recent Carnegie reading competition. My congratulations to all who participated.

Activities Week went very well and the range of activities accounts for many of the additional pages in this edition. How wonderful to see our pupils overseas, finding out about other cultures and representing themselves and the school so well. A lovely end to the year. Have a wonderful summer, everyone.

Michael Evans

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Carnegie 2023



On Wednesday 17 June the library held its annual Carnegie lunch, a celebration that marks the end of the three month Carnegie reading challenge and recognises the achievements of the students that have been involved in the project.



Fifty five KS3 students signed up to read the seven books shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal and to become part of a national shadowing scheme. They met regularly to discuss the books; followed the discussions of other shadowing groups; wrote book reviews for the Carnegie

website and designed wonderfully creative table top displays representing each of the books.

Ermysted's has an outstanding group of readers who are willing to challenge themselves by reading new material that is often outside their comfort zone. The books are thought provoking, which often makes the meetings quite heated and very interesting.

The Ermysted's group voted 'I must Betray You' by Ruta Sepetys as their Carnegie 2023 winner, whilst the official Carnegie judging panel voted for 'The Blue Book of Nebo' by Manon Steffan Ross.

Congratulations to all the students that took part. The following students won awards:

Librarian's Award for outstanding participation: Stirling S, Year 8

Creative Award: Baasim A, Year 7

Book Review Winners: Will O, Year 8 & Michael B, Year 10

First to finish: Aaron B, Year 10 & Sam S, Year 9

Excellent performances from:

Year 9 – Edmund S, Will W

Year 8 – Sayuru J, Ben R, Stirling S

Year 7 - Baasim A, Muadh A, Jairaj J, Natty T, Alfie S

Mrs McCabe

Simbach Music Trip



After a seven-year wait, the Ermysted's Swing Band, Training Band, String Group and Orchestra, including musicians from Skipton Girls' High and Ilkley Grammar schools, accompanied by Dr and Mrs Cloke, Miss Coombes, Mrs Evans and Mr Hodgson, returned to Skipton's twin town of Simbach. Our presence was greatly anticipated for the 40th Anniversary celebrations

of the partnership. Beginning with a reception in the "Rathaus" with the Mayor of Simbach, Klaus Schmid, we were made to feel immediately welcome, a sentiment that was further expressed through the rapturous applause that met the groups as they took to the stage for the opening number of Tuesday's concert, an unforgettable Anglo-Germanic 'round' singing of 'I Like the Flowers'. The concert was a joint charity performance with the Tassilo-Gymnasium Choir in aid of Ukrainian refugees living in Simbach, and was closed by another Skipton/Simbach choir rendition, this time of Abba's 'Thank You for the Music'.



A second gig took place on Thursday evening at the local hostelry, Gasthaus Murauer, another joint bill, this time with a traditional German brass band. As the sun set over the biergarten, a varied repertoire could be heard from the Skipton musicians, ranging from a delicate rendition of Brahms's Hungarian March by the Orchestra to more upbeat jazz standards by the Swing Band, who were pushed to unprecedented performance heights by the warm air, the warm appreciation of the assembled throng, and the delicious meal of traditional German schnitzel that had preceded the show.

During the daytime, we were lucky enough to enjoy various outings into southern Germany and northern Austria, including listening to a spectacular performance on the huge organ at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Passau, as well as a trip down Germany's oldest salt mine, a varied menu of German delicacies greeting us upon our return to the hotel in the evening. It was with heavy hearts and fond memories that we bade farewell to Simbach for our return to England. Such were the



unflagging spirits of the group though, that even after thirty hours of our thirty-two-hour trip back, we were able to take advantage of the serendipitous discovery of a grand piano in the Hull ferry terminal and entertain/bemuse the Customs and Immigration officials with some impromptu jazz, classical, and a poignant, valedictory rendition of 'Running to the Bus Stop' from the much-loved Dr Cloke.

Andrew Robinson 13SL

Calling doctors, dentists and vets...

We are planning to expand our provision for students in Y10 and above who are interested in studying medicine, dentistry or veterinary sciences. If any doctors, dentists or vets would be interested in giving a talk on their specialism, please could you contact Dr Sobala on asobala@ermysteds.uk. We would also be able to do remote linkups or show prerecorded talks if this is more convenient than coming into school.

Dr Sobala

Joel's a winner!



Mrs Taylor is always encouraging our students to enter local and national competitions. In conjunction with British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating Week in June, Ermysted's have a winner in the national "CANTastic" competition. Year 8's Joel E's entry was judged as the winner for the 11-14 years category. Congratulations to Joel!

The judging panel included celebrity chef Theo Michaels and his comments about Joels' recipe was *"Joel's Spicy chicken made our mouths water with real consideration to the combination of flavours!"*

Joel's prize was a signed copy of Theo's recipe book, Canned, and he will also have his recipe featured on the *Food – a fact of life* and Canned Food UK [websites](#).

Mrs Taylor

Chemistry Cambridge Challenge

The following boys have been successful in the 2023 Chemistry Cambridge Challenge: Alexander Greenhorn - gold, Ammar Khedapa and Joseph Thomas - silver, Hatim Aiz - copper. Thank you to all boys who participated in the exam and for giving up their lunchtime.

Mr Fearnley

UKMT Y8 Kangaroo

Rishi, Sam, Oscar, Herbie and Zeb in Y8 all achieved a Merit in the UKMT Junior Kangaroo follow on round after qualifying in the Junior Maths Challenge! Congratulations!

Dr Needham

The Reason claims 'Best Newspaper' top prize for second year in a row



The school's student journalists have, yet again, had an excellent year, claiming national success again at the Shine School Media Awards final 2023 and defending their 'Best Newspaper' crown.

The final, which took place on 3rd July, saw strong competition from the 60 schools that reached the final. Ermysted's school newspaper, The Reason, led by Editor Jacob N and Deputies Simon C, Gurdith S and Theo S, remained a firm favourite of the judges. The Reason backed up last year's strongest ever performance, by winning 'Best Newspaper' for the second year in a row (and the third time in five years) and winning 'Best Newspaper Front Page.' The Reason was also Highly Commended (Runner-Up) in three categories: Best Business and Marketing Strategy, Editor of the Year, and Best Sustainability Initiative.

Judges praised The Reason's "powerful theme" and "fearless acknowledgement of the lives of the readership." In addition, Judges commented that The

Reason's front page, which was designed and built through the clever use of a drone and AI photo technology, was "an arresting visual concept" with "tantalising teasers" to convey the ideas behind the front-page story.

The Reason has now accumulated an impressive 10 winner's awards and 17 highly commended awards in five years from 2019-2023, making it the most successful school student newspaper in the country over the past half-decade.

Editor Jacob and Deputy Editor Simon (both Year 13) along with Mr Barrett attended this year's final at the Stationer's Hall in The City of London. 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. After a formal sit-down lunch, Katie-Vanneck Smith, CEO of Hearst UK shared her story as a journalist who successfully led the



Times' online subscription model before she became the CEO of the media company that publishes household names such as Cosmopolitan, Elle and Country Living. This was followed by the awards presentation, where Ermysted's enjoyed a hugely successful afternoon. Editor Jacob was delighted. "I am so pleased that we have built upon the fantastic success that we have previously enjoyed with another exciting year for The Reason. The experience I've gained leading The Reason this year has been invaluable."

Mr Barrett added "There is a lot of young talent coming through the ranks at the moment. Jacob, Simon, Gurdith and Theo have led The Reason very well this year. Their leadership has been outstanding this year. We now have a new generation ready to take up the mantle next year."

Mr Barrett

Ermysted's vs the Forty Club match report

The sun was out at Bolton Abbey Cricket Club and the slightly green wicket showed chance for both Batsman and Bowlers alike with the Forty Club batting first the looked to set a big score, however in the second over they lost their first wicket courtesy of Finely Walker. The Forty Club looked to settle down and build partnerships but the quality opening spell from both Walker and Khullar left them tittering at 68-4. An impressive 55 from Kevin Owens led the forty club to a respectable score and after some tail end runs from both Neil Freeman and Gary Owens caused a declaration at 237/7. Freddie Smith and Henry Meynell both picked up valuable middle order wickets but it was the open bowlers of Khullar and Walker who impressed. Taking 18/2 and 59/3 respectively.

With a large total being required for victory and the pitch baking in the sun the afternoon looked set for an enthralling innings. Joe Robinson and George Keane walked out for Ermysted's and got off to a fast start with Robinson smashing ball after ball to the boundary in every and any direction. George Keane was removed in the 3rd over for 5. Khullar came into bat next and steadied the ship for Ermysted's while Robison continued his onslaught but was eventually removed for an explosive 41 off 25. Whitlam came in next and carried on in the same vein as Robison hitting 19 off 10 before losing his wicket.

Ermysted's were now at 72/3 and a victory was on the cards but when Walker was removed for naught leaving Ermysted's at 72/4 it seemed to be slipping away, Khullar and the new Batsman Gokhale started to for a partnership with solid defence and expansive attacking cricket they hauled the score to 112-5 when Khullar was sent back for a gritty 18 off 39. Gokhale stuck in and began to score more freely but the new batsman Meynell couldn't stick around and was out for 6 off 16. With Gokhale at the crease hope still remained but with tail collapsing around him as Smith, Hudson and Sanadi were all removed for single digits, he had to try and score quicker which led him to be caught in the deep and he returned to the pavilion for an inspired 34 off 28. The Ermysted's innings ended at 139 all out losing by 98 runs.

An unfortunate loss to end the season but some quality individual performances both batting and bowling.

Ed Whitlam, Year 13

Inter-house Cookery Competition



At the 12th Annual Inter-house Cookery Competition, Toller triumphed with Year 8's Zak A winning the covered Golden Rolling Pin for the second consecutive year. His winning meal of marinated chicken wraps with a rainbow salad and brownie cheesecake was a massive hit with the

judges! Also pictured are Alfie B representing Petyt and 2nd placed Isaac C representing Hartley House.



Mrs Taylor

Athletics Review 2022-23

Junior Boys (Year 7 and 8) Schools' Cup National Athletics

The first round of the National Schools' Cup was held at the excellent track and field facilities at York University which added to the excitement of the day for the boys. The team put in a great effort especially in their track events George M winning his 1500m race by 150m and

Ralphie B G storming to a win in his 300m race. Joshua N discovered he had a passion for Shot Putt and has put fantastic effort in to improving over the athletics season. The team finished third, a great achievement seeing as they lost some expected points in two field events. A week and a bit later, it was confirmed that they had qualified for a Regional B Final in Hull.

On the morning of the event, the team discovered that they were missing two athletes due to illness the night before. This meant that there would be at least two events that they could not score in. The boys competed brilliantly with many of them achieving new personal bests. Albert D joined the team and showed his speed in the 100m and relay, Daniel B swapped hurdles for the 800m and put in a gutsy performance. Ralphie B G jumped 20cm higher than he did in the previous round and George M once again showed his class in the 1500m. The team scored 40 points more than they did in the first round! A fantastic achievement and huge team performance.

Inter Boys (Year 9 and 10) Schools' Cup National Athletics

Just like the Junior Boys team the first round was held at York University. A handful of the team had experienced this event last year and were able to pass on their knowledge to the rest of the team. The boys competed brilliantly and like the Junior team finished the day in third place. Charlie G stepped in as a reserve in the 100m and showed off his speed. Matthew S and Lucas S (Year 9) both scored impressively in the 1500m and 800m. Oliver H and Edward F also showed their class scoring 35 points plus each across their events. Tom H ran a sub 2:05 in the 800m scoring a huge 27 points for the team. In the field Tom G threw over 30m in the Javelin. This strong performance from the team booked them a spot in the Regional A final in Middlesbrough.

The team went into this event knowing that anything was possible and looked forward to challenging themselves against the best schools in the Northeast. Hayyan A, James F and Ismail U joined the team, all competing in their first athletics competitions for the school. With tricky conditions the boys competed strongly particularly in their track events. Despite slipping at the start Edward F still went close to running under 25 seconds for the 200m. Tom H and Ewen W put on a show in the 1500m race coming first and third as well tactically running the

race brilliantly scoring 27 and 23 points for the team. Once again, the 800m boys scored superbly as well. In the field Max S and Mohammad D both got new personal bests in the discus. Unfortunately, it was no National Final for the team this year despite competing fantastically across both events.

Harrogate and Craven Schools' Championships

This year the venue for the finals were at the very impressive track at Leeds Beckett University. 16 Boys across Year 7 to Year 10 from Ermysted's attended the event due to the short notice provided by the organisers, numbers were lower than the previous year. From the 16 that attended, 8 were crowned district champions and 5 were runners up! Umar R was pipped on the line in the 100m, Harry R become a double champion in both the 200m and Long Jump. Edward F managed to go under 25 seconds with a new personal best of 24.5 to win the 200m. Max S despite throwing a heavier discus was only just short of his personal best and came second. Oliver H, George M, Ralphie B G, Lucas S and the Year 7 relay team all picked up wins.



Mr Stubbings

Year 12 Students Work with UCAS

Each year, in March, Year 12 students attend a UCAS and Apprenticeships Fair in Manchester. Following the fair, two Year 12 students have used the day to gain a number of paid work opportunities for UCAS. Habil A and Danyal H applied to UCAS to share their experience of the careers fair by recording a video of themselves discussing their student experience. Hundreds of

students applied from across the UK and two out of the eight successful students were Habil and Danyal, both Ermysted's students!



Habil and Danyal were invited to take part in a student panel discussion in Manchester in May in front of hundreds of university officials about their experience of the UCAS process so far and what they believed universities could do to encourage the next generation of students into university. Habil and Danyal also had the opportunity to speak with the Head of Admissions at UCAS, who subsequently invited them to speak at three further events: another event in Manchester, followed by events in Cheltenham and London. Following the event that they spoke at in London last week, Danyal and Habil have been offered contractual work with UCAS as student advisors.

By Habil A and Danyal H, Year 12

German Exchange 2023

Early on Friday morning we met at school to travel to Manchester Airport, from where we flew to Munich Airport and travelled to Simbach to meet our host families. We were excited to see our exchange partners again, who had already stayed with us in March. We spent the weekend with them, exploring the local area, swimming and sampling the local food.

On Monday, we got the train to Munich. From there, we walked to the Allianz Arena, where we were met by our tour guide. We enjoyed a tour of the stadium, seeing the

changing rooms, walking through the dugout, visiting the viewing area, and then the museum and shop. We were surprised to learn that the cheapest tickets to see Bayern Munich play were only 15 Euros! (Needless to say, these are more-or-less impossible to come by.) We then had free time to explore the Munich shops. We returned to Simbach to spend the evening with our host families.



On Tuesday, we were greeted by the Headteacher of the Tassilo-Gymnasium and given a tour of the School, before walking to meet the Mayor of Simbach and having a talk at the Town Hall. This year was particularly significant for the twinning of the two towns, because it is the 40th anniversary! This significant milestone was marked by the presence of the then Mayor of Skipton, Brian Phillip, his family, and his counterpart from Simbach and his wife, as well as the local press! We then had a guided tour of the flood defences being built – Simbach suffered from severe flooding in 2016 and is still recovering, and both exchange schools have collaborated on a joint environmental project, exploring the issues faced by both towns. As a result of our collaboration on this project the Tassilo-Gymnasium and Ermysted's have received a generous grant from the UK-German Connection, to subsidize the costs of our reciprocal visits. Temperatures were soaring high into the 30s, so the invitation of an ice cream at the local Italian ice cream parlour came as a welcome surprise, before we headed back to school to meet our host families and spend the rest of the afternoon with them. In the evening, many students attended the performance from the Tassilo Choir, Ermysted's Swing Band and Orchestra at the School, in aid of the Ukrainian refugees. It was fun seeing a further 50 Ermysted's pupils who, like us, had descended, instruments in tow, on Simbach!

On Wednesday, we met at the School, before heading by coach to Burghausen, a small town not too far away. Upon arrival, we walked through a park, where we competed in a competition about the German national

anthem. We then had a look at a memorial of the Berlin Wall in the park, before meeting our tour guides at the world's longest castle. We had an interesting tour around the castle, before heading down into the old town for some free time. Back at school we were met by our host families. In the evening, we attended a party for the English guests and the host families, generously funded



by the Simbach contingent of the Twinning Association. The food was incredible and we kept going back for more (some of us more than others)!

On Thursday, we walked from school to the train station in Braunau, stopping off to reflect on the memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, and got the direct train to Salzburg. We took the funicular up to the fortress, which was

extremely high up and offered a breathtaking view over the City and surrounding landscape. We had a guided tour around the fortress and learned many interesting historical facts. Next, we went down into the city centre for some free time. This gave us time to explore Salzburg, which is a beautiful city! After meeting at our designated time, we walked to Salzburg train station and took the direct train home where we were met by our exchange partners and spent the last evening with the host families.



On Friday morning we woke up and went to school fully packed and ready to leave. Upon our arrival, we got separated into groups, one group went on a guided walk around the local area, whilst the rest of us remained at the school to collaborate on presentations and posters featuring what we had learnt about the floods and the measures being undertaken to repair the damage and prevent any further disasters, along with other environmental issues in the past and how they can be rectified. The actual presentations, delivered by English

and German exchange participants, took many of us out of our comfort zone, particularly as we presented in the Target Language – in front of the whole class of English and German pupils and teachers! Each school finished with a PowerPoint presentation on their experiences during the Exchange. We then went on to spend a lesson in the Tassilo-Gymnasium, to gain experience of their curriculum, before boarding the coach and saying our goodbyes (some of which were quite tearful) to our German families at lunch.

After a less than 2-hour flight we arrived back safely in England at 5:30pm and boarded the coach back to school, where our families were waiting expectantly, looking forward to hearing all about our adventures. We thank all the German host families and the teachers from both schools for making this unforgettable experience possible.



Written by Rowan B, Oliver G, Thomas H and Henry M – Year 10

Duke of Edinburgh

We have had another very successful Duke of Edinburgh Expedition season.

56 boys have successfully completed their Bronze qualifying expedition in the Yorkshire Dales in very hot weather. They managed their efforts very well, carrying heavy rucksacks in challenging conditions.

Mr Stubbings led an excellent cohort of 28 boys through their silver award, also travelling through the Yorkshire Dales in a successful three day expedition.

21 gold participants undertook a very challenging four-day expedition in the Lake District. Covering a circular route starting and finishing in Windermere, they took on lots of elevation and challenging terrain such as High Street. An extremely tough day two, where the boys

endured high winds, constant rain and very poor visibility provided a notable challenge of endurance and navigation. All groups performed admirably and successfully completed their expeditions. They recently presented thought provoking and humorous expedition presentations related to the aims of their expeditions with titles including: Analysing and removing litter from the environment; Identifying man's impact on the environment; Investigating different footpaths in the Lake District using cricket.



All grades planned their routes very well and gained glowing reports from their assessors, working excellently together and respecting the environment and others around them.

Many of this year's cohort are now completing their Physical, Volunteering and Skill sections, and a good number of boys from previous cohorts have completed their awards at all levels.

A big thank you goes out to all the staff who volunteered on their free time to help the boys.

Mr Allen

Ermysted's First XI Vs the Old Boys XI Match report

Despite the erratic weather at Bolton Abbey CC, both teams, keen to get in a good match, decided to get out on the pitch in very wet conditions. The Old Boys, with three former Head Boys playing, decided to bat first, putting up a target of 195/6 off of 30 overs. With G. Keane, J. Horton, J. Feeney, T. Berry, J. Smith and M. Ibrahim taking the wickets.

H. Meynell and J. Robinson went out to open the batting with the latter teeing off straight away. J. Robinson got a few quick boundaries, with an impressive strike rate of 103.8. H. Meynell was the first to go at 23. J. Robinson



followed at 33/8 C. Falshaw at 39. M. Ibrahim at 39. D. Jones and G. Keane put up a decent partnership of 26, whilst facing some excellent pace bowling from E. Stockton and I. Beck. D. Jones finally fell at 65 and wickets quickly fell thereafter with J. Smith at 70, M. Hudson at 77, G. Keane stumped by his father with the score on 99/27.4, and T. Berry the last man out 106/28.6.

J. Robinson, J. Horton and G. Keane had scores of 27, 25 and 28 respectively, with J. Feeney having the best economy of our bowlers.

G. Keane, Year 12

Heidi



Year 7 had fun in their German lesson watching 'Heidi' this week and then for homework interpreted the film in any way they chose, resulting in a range of character studies, posters, film reviews, models, an animated short film and even games! Mrs Warburton and Miss Waudby were overwhelmed with the effort that went into their work and have arranged for everything to be out on display in the Library next term.

Thornthwaite Year 7 Residential 2023

A great trip to Thornthwaite Scout Centre was enjoyed by Year 7 pupils in enrichment week, who spent 3 days and 2 nights away from home. They spent a night indoors and night outdoors in new tents. The weather was unsettled but that didn't stop the full range of activities including: rock climbing, archery, mountain biking, raft building, fencing, orienteering, bushcraft and a water fight!

Dr Needham



Sports Day

Win like a winner never lose like a loser!

Here I sit, laptop on knees contemplating for the umpteenth time how to report on yet another successful sports day at Ermysted's. How can I convey to the reader how the endeavour of the boys this afternoon has guided me towards this conclusion? I could ask a student to write a report for me. I am sure the expert writers of the highly acclaimed school newspaper The Reason would in many ways do a better

job. However, sometimes we need a greater age and more life experience to allow us to understand the raw psychology of the young and the far-reaching effects a positive life experience, however insignificant to the onlooker, can have.

A few years ago in PE we had a healthy debate as to the title and future existence of sports day. The question was raised; is the concept of a sports day elitist and outmoded or can we promote inclusivity not exclusivity within what is ultimately a competitive environment? Is it just about the winners, the house cup and the victor ludorum? If so, does the event have a place within the ethos of sport at this school where we increasingly pride ourselves on inclusivity?

The title remained for its historical resonance, but the ensuing healthy debate made us really focus in on the meaning of the day. To this end we support and facilitate groups to select teams-but do not take an active part in picking performers. The boys in each form must work to include a minimum of 22 and up to 28 of their peers in a team. Observing Year 7 coming together to organise teams with very little adult intervention is an inspiring experience and is my first proof that the day was a success. The fact that every event in all year groups was filled with keen competitors is my second proof of the success of the day. Even the sixth form prefects entered a team for the first time (and didn't win).

The third proof is at an individual level and in my view the most poignant. Whilst running a throwing event in the morning I was pleased to note that a young man who I have taught this year, but by his own admission is "not very sporty", had put himself forwards to compete. This is an example of one of many. Where he came in the event is not of concern here. In the afternoon I happened to catch up with him and asked him about his participation. He suggested it was the first time in his life that he had been picked for sport and he had really enjoyed himself as he felt part of his house team, that he had been able to contribute, and even applauded by his peers. He had a genuine smile on his face. How big his smile will become when he finds out tomorrow that this small part in the bigger event helped his House win the overall cup I cannot contemplate.

The final proof of success comes in the form of the winners and the losers. A few years ago I read an interesting article that suggested that winners need to

learn to win like winners and not win like losers. And equally that losers need to learn to lose like winners. There certainly were winners today, school records have again been broken and the school community has watched on our historically unique 266m grass track that we have truly gifted athletes among us. The whole school has observed winners like winners. Smiling and shaking hands with competitors and friends. Walking back to their teams with humility and waiting to support others less gifted in events. And we have certainly seen many boys losing like winners. Continuing to take part in events in front of a whole school crowd in races with empty track for a friend. It would be easy to falter in these situations but they demonstrate their confidence to persevere and overcome. Supported by the claps and cheers of the school community these boys are the real winners on the day as they have lost like winners which will serve them well in a future where winning is not always guaranteed and knowing how to lose like a winner may help them to navigate the future.

So finally I can sign off this report. It is not a literary masterpiece but I've achieved my goal. I have named no one but highlighted everyone in the Ermysted's community. Looking back I have had many opportunities to lose and must admit at times I have lost like a loser. I have also been fortunate to win but was never taught to win like a winner. Whatever a sports day is called as long as we promote inclusivity over exclusivity winners all we can be.

Mr White

Results Overall	
T	152
P	144
E	124
H	115

New School Records

Field Events

Oliver Hardcastle	Year 9	Shot Putt	11.61
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Track Events

Lucas Smith	Year 9	400m	55.28
Tom Hooper	Year 10	400m	53.02

House Tennis Championship 2023



Ermysted's House Tennis Championship 2023 Champions = Ermysted

	Ermysted		Hartley		Petyt		Toller	
	Tourmy pts	Comp pts	Tourmy pts	Comp pts	Tourmy pts	Comp pts	Tourmy pts	Comp pts
Y7	30+15+5	5	24+5+5+5	3	13	1	20	2
Y8	5+15+10+	5	0	1	36+5	3	25	2
Y9	24	2	33+15	5	29+5+5	3	13	1
Y10	32+5+5	3	29+10+5+5	5	21+5	2	15	1
	15		14		9		6	

House Pts	1st	125	2nd	75	3rd	50	4th	25
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Finals Day Monday 3rd July

Y7									Y8
Seth B									Zeb P
3 v 4	Alex F				Zeb P				4 v 1
Alex F					Antoni S				
	Joe B				George B				
	1 v 4				0 v 4				
Rowan B					Josh N				
3 v 4	Joe B				George B 4 v 0				
Joe B					George B				Y9
Y10									

Overall Champion George B

Speech Day



On Tuesday, 4 July, we hosted our annual Speech Day celebration. This year, Years 7, 9, 12 and prize winners from all year groups were invited to attend, along with parents, teachers and VIP guests. The guest speaker was Mr Mark Gregory (pictured above with Mr Worts, Chair of Governors and Mr Evans, Headmaster). Mr Gregory is an Old Boy of Ermysted's, having attended the school from 2002 to 2009. He went on to study at the University of St Andrews before working for several years in the entertainment industry. More recently, he set up his own business, Mark Your Occasion, which provides event services across a range of occasions, including weddings, funerals and birthday parties. The ceremony began with a welcome from Mr Worts, followed by the Headmaster's account of the year to date. The presentation took place this year by key stage, with intermissions for two fantastic musical performances from pupils, Joseph Greening (Year 10) and Max Hudson (Year 12).

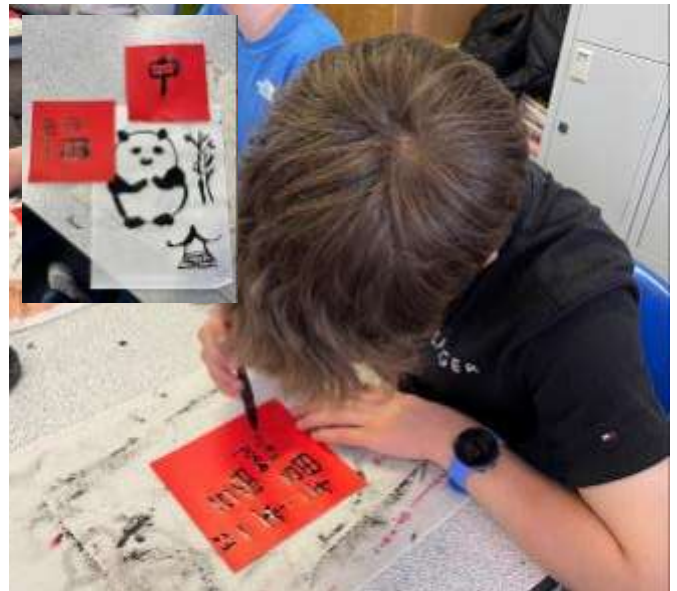
It was a fitting end to what was a wonderful celebration of the year's achievements. The day concluded with a thoughtful vote of thanks from the Head Boy 2022-23, Benedict Curtis, and the official handover of the Badge of Office to Ed Whitlam, Head Boy 2023-24.

Mrs Tamsons

Enrichment Week

For one week this term, normal timetables were suspended and pupils were offered the opportunity to experience new activities, learn new skills and have fun. Pupils chose from a huge range of pursuits, including residential trips to Germany, France and the Thornthwaite Activity Centre (see earlier articles), the Yorkshire Dales National Park, Chester Zoo, Beamish, and

White Scar Caves, plus workshops and other activities at school ranging from falconry to street dance. A great week was had by all. Here is a small taster of what went on...



Pictured top to bottom: Beamish, Mandarin workshop, flood mapping with JBA, engineering workshop.





Selected Upcoming Events at Ermysted's

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
A Level Results Day	17 August 2023	n/a
GCSE Results Day	24 August 2023	n/a
New Year 7 & 12 Induction	5 September 2023	School
School Opens (all year groups)	6 September 2023	School
New Year 7 Parents' Evening	21 September 2023	Memorial Hall
Year 11 Parents' Evening	5 October 2023	TBC
Year 13 Parents' Evening	19 October 2023	TBC
Year 8 Consultation Day	29 November 2023	TBC

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