

NEWSLETTER

Ermysted's Grammar School



Year 10 football team against Malton School, September 2023

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the latest edition of the school newsletter. In this volume we have reports from activities completed at the very end of the summer term and more recent news about successes in sport and music competitions.

In particular, may I draw your attention to the achievements of our **senior swim team**—Joe Burgess, Sean Smith, Sam Smith and Jack Jenkinson—and the students' astonishing performance at the English School Inter-divisional Championship. Such was the dominance of our team, the students have been ranked **fourth** in the country.

You will be pleased to know that a number of parents responded to my plea to support the **Friends' Association**, which means the dissolution of this important group has been avoided and you will soon hear of the new activities that are being planned. If any of you wish to join the team, please email pa@ermysteds.uk

Finally, at the beginning of the year I would like to draw your attention to the section of the school website (click [here](#)) where parents can find all our key **school policies**. Please make yourself acquainted with these important documents. In particular, I would highlight the **Admissions, Behaviour, Attendance, and Child Protection** policies. Let me know if you have any questions.

Michael Evans

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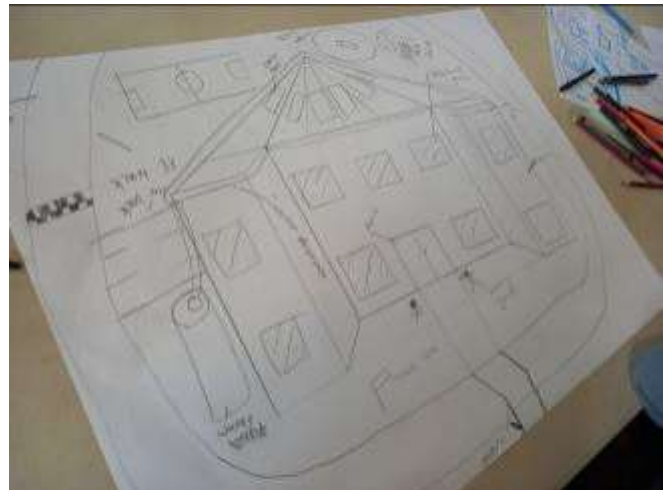
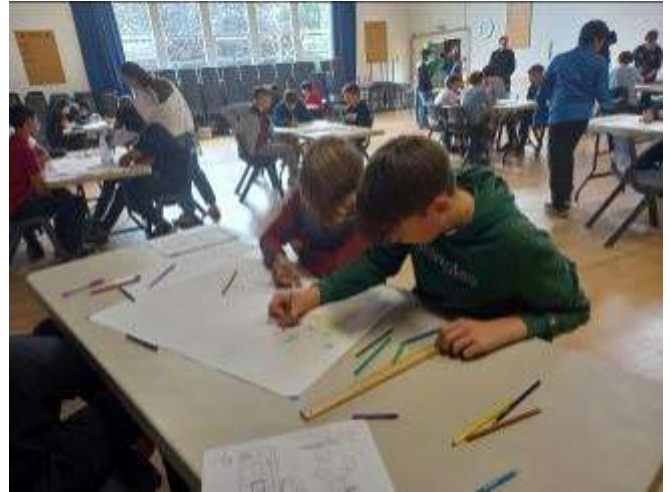
Careers and WEX Update

During enrichment week in July, there were a range of opportunities for pupils to meet employers or higher education providers and to gain an insight into different careers. This included a Year 8 visit to Beamish (pictured below) which employs over 200 staff including those enacting historical roles to bring to life social history with the pupils. As part of their Geography fieldwork, they also visited Whitescar caves and the working quarry in Threshfield. In addition to this, pupils in Year 8 enjoyed a workshop on puppetry and Physical theatre, led by The Knotted Project, and learnt about the career paths of the company's staff, and as part of their 'Rockets, Falcons, Forensics and Planes' day Year 8 pupils had the chance to see birds of prey in flight, to hold them, and to learn about the career pathway into caring for birds of prey, thanks to SMJ falconry. On Friday, Year 8 experienced a carousel of activities linked to careers in water management, including workshops delivered by the fire service, University of Nottingham and JBA trust.

For Year 9, staff from Lancaster University provided



pupils with the unique opportunity to learn some Mandarin and to learn more about Chinese culture, whilst staff from Bradford University's engineering department led workshops on designing sustainable domestic dwellings. Representatives from the Army also provided an overview of the variety of careers available



within their organisation and gave Year 9 team building and problem solving physical exercises to complete. Year 9 pupils also had the opportunity to visit Malham where they learnt about the range of jobs connected to the Yorkshire Dales National Park, and helped with some practical tasks including path and woodland maintenance, and surveying.

We are very grateful to the range of organisations, Higher Education providers, and employers as well as our staff, who worked with pupils to provide an interesting, varied and different learning experience during enrichment week.

Whilst all this was happening in school, our Year 10 pupils and Year 12 students had the exciting opportunity to experience the world of work. A range of placements

were found including some in construction, design, law, medicine, childcare, education and retail, to mention just a few. We have had some great feedback from employers and the pupils themselves. We are very grateful to employers and parents who enabled this to happen and are proud of what the pupils and students achieved.

Preparations for next summer's Enrichment Week are already well underway, and pupils in Year 10 and 12 are hard at work arranging their work experience placements for the coming summer.

Ms Davies

Multiple mini interviews

Every year, the School conducts mock Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs) for Year 13 applicants to Medicine and Dentistry degrees. If you are a Doctor or Dentist and would be willing to help in running these, please contact Dr Sobala on asobala@ermysteds.uk. Thank you!

Rugby against Rishworth



Lineup—1 George S, 2 Tom S, 3 Ezra G, 4 Will B, 5 Eoin B, 6 Dan A, 7 Oscar S, 8 Bilal N, 9 Sam E, 10 James H, 11 Finlay P, 12 Ed W, 13 Charlie H, 14 Israel H, 15 George B.

Replacements—Nicholas H (front row), Vincent T (second row), Alfie C (back-row), Will B (scrum half), Alex

P (full-back).

A wet and blowy Skipton Rugby Club was the setting for the rugby First XV's opening game of the season in the first round of the National Vase. Scrappy and closely contested, Ermysted's fell slightly short despite feature performances from the captain, Ed W, and Israel H on the wing.



Donning the new red and black hooped alternate kit, Ermysted's were on the backfoot early on as Rishworth had the opportunity to kick a straight penalty within the 22 at goal. They were let off however as the Rishworth kicker pulled it left. The home team were penned into their own half for much of the first twenty minutes; scrappy breakdowns and lineout throws swerving in the wind contributed to the referee giving many scrums and penalties to both teams. The first card of the game came when a Rishworth player tipped an Ermysted's man, the referee unhappy with the tackle. However, new tackle height rule was clearly no problem for the Ermysted's defence as Israel H and Dan A made some powerful hits on the big Rishworth forwards. Eventually, just short of the half-hour mark Rishworth exploited the Ermysted's wing, one of their forwards powered over on the right from close range. 0-5. The game petered out with repeated changes of possession until half time.

Mr Stewart introduced some fresh legs after half time and this seemed to have an impact as Ermysted's started the second half in control, aided by the wind behind them. Ermysted's had a spell of repeated pressure, mauls from the lineout being the go-to tactic. One of

these mauls collapsed and misconduct towards an Ermysted's player in front of the referee led to the Rishworth captain and number 8 being sent to the bin. Ermysted's could not capitalise on the one-man advantage however as Rishworth cleared their lines from a penalty.

Rishworth clawed their way back into the half, despite the precise boot of Ed W at centre gaining Ermysted's many yards. The scrum was hotly contested throughout, both teams using attacking scrums to their advantage. This was the case when Rishworth exploited gaps on Ermysted's left wing after a frantic phase, a back rower scoring after quick ball from short range, close to the hour mark. 0-10

Ermysted's with time not on their side, with a mixture of forward's and back's ball, doggedly worked themselves to within the Rishworth 22. Ermysted's won a penalty after another secure lineout, hooker Tom S following his accurate throw with a storming run to within the 5-metre line and the Rishworth tackler not rolling away. Now tiring, and with a shortage of replacements, the game took a short break as two Rishworth players received treatment simultaneously. In the final play of the game, Ed W topped off a commanding performance with an outstretched finish in the left corner to half the deficit for Ermysted's.

Rishworth's taking of chances was critical, their pressure on the scoreboard and speed at the breakdown were the ultimate differences in a match which on another day could have gone the other way. There was promise in the Ermysted's performance at times and it was evident they will get better as the side gels more. They bow out of the Vase, however the opportunity to win games in the National Bowl and County Cup now arise.

Standout Performers

Ed W 12—dependable with the boot, mazy runs and the try at the end.

Israel H 14—many dominant tackles and fast to clean up in the back three.

By Nicholas H (Year 13)

Year 10 Football

Our front cover photo shows the Year 10 football team

watching on as goalkeeper, Sam prepares to save Malton School's second penalty in the shoot-out. The close match went to a sudden death penalty shoot out after 2-2 draw and subsequent 4-4 draw in the penalties. Sadly, Malton came out victors in this tie. Special mention to player of the match, Raahil.

Mr King

Year 10 Enrichment – Textiles

It has been great to work through the first group studying Textiles as part of the Enrichment Carousel this term. The DT Department have a few sewing machines and have been donated lots of fabric over the years which has now started to be put to good use making fabric storage cases. These can be used as pencil cases, tool cases, cable tidy pouches etc. The first group worked really hard and the majority of the group took home their finished work. Some images below.



Thanks must go to various colleagues who have donated materials from their sewing boxes and in particular Mrs McGonigle who is part of Skipton Stitchers who have donated some really great fabric and haberdashery items. If any parents or friends are having a clear out of their sewing boxes, Mrs Diccox and Mrs Flash would be grateful for any reasonable sized offcuts of fabric, elastic, ribbons, cords and buttons etc. Who knows, some of you may even receive a hand-made Christmas gift or birthday gift from your Year 10 son later in the year.

Mrs Diccox

Château de la Baudonnière



During enrichment week in July 2023, we were lucky enough to go on a French trip along with about 35 other GCSE French students in years 9 and 10. The purpose of the trip was to further our interest in and provide opportunities to practise the French language, as well as provide us with valuable experience of French culture.

We departed on a Sunday morning and took a coach down to Portsmouth, then a ferry across the Channel, aboard which we took advantage of the cinemas, café, dining hall and shops as well as appreciated the stunning views from the top deck. We already began to feel immersed in French as announcements and signs were all bilingual at this point. Once in France, we took another coach to the Château, which would be our home for the week. Upon arrival, we were treated to some chocolat chaud and some madeleines and shown to our dormitories – needless to say, all the staff at the Château only spoke in French!

The following morning, we got shown around the grounds and enjoyed a typical French breakfast consisting of an assortment of breads, cereals, orange juice and pastries. After breakfast, each day our activities would be explained in French and we would split into our groups. The activities ranged from aéroball (a sport in which 2 teams of 2 played a version of basketball on trampolines) to visiting the mini-farm. Some of the favourite activities were archery and fencing. All the activities were led by the animateurs, who first conducted a short French lesson to teach us vocabulary, grammar and important safety rules.

One day, we even took a coach out to a nearby market

and, that afternoon, we went on to visit a goat farm where we could pet and feed the goats. We even got to taste some of the goat cheese and had the opportunity to buy some of the farm's produce.



Despite having a timetable full of exciting activities, we also had some free time to explore the grounds which featured woodlands, lakes and meadows, all of which were inhabited by many relatively docile rabbits. We could also take advantage of enclosed football and basketball courts and were given sporting equipment to use at our leisure. Such time was a great way to relax with each other and interact with some of the other schools staying at the Château along with us.



One of the most memorable events was the barbecue we enjoyed in the middle of the week. A large, purpose-built hut was commandeered to cook an assortment of meats and vegetarian dishes with plenty of couscous, potatoes and refreshing salads and fruits, which were much appreciated in the hot weather. Overall, we got to experience a variety of excellent home-cooked French meals and we could always ask for seconds, provided we were brave enough to ask the chefs in French!

Our trip to Château de la Baudonnière was incredibly fun

and enriching. I would highly recommend it to all students, as there is no better way of immersing yourself in language and culture.

Zachariya, Will and Cameron

A mon avis, ce voyage scolaire est incontournable et, si vous vous passionnez pour la langue française, je vous recommande vivement d'y assister. Ce qui est important au collège avec l'apprentissage des langues, c'est de bien s'amuser. Ce voyage est un excellent moyen de faire naître cette passion chez les élèves parce que cela nous donne l'opportunité d'apprendre beaucoup de choses tout en s'amusant et en forgeant des liens avec nos amis, et cela, vous ne l'oublierez jamais.

Au Château, on trouve plein d'activités, comme la fabrication du pain (ce qui est plus amusant que ce que nous en pensions), l'escrime, une visite de la chèvrerie, la pétanque et bien d'autres activités encore, mais ce qui m'a le plus plu, c'était la recherche d'objets sur le site du Château à partir d'une photo (« la photo mystère »). Nous devons lire la question qui était sur la carte et à laquelle nous ne pouvions répondre que si nous avons trouvé ce qu'il y avait sur la carte. Sur la photo, il y avait un objet avec un arrière-plan. Avec ces deux informations, l'objectif était de deviner où se trouvait l'objet et de donner la réponse à la question à l'animatrice.



Les animateurs et animatrices étaient absolument remarquables : ils ne parlaient qu'en français pour vraiment nous faire baigner dans la langue, et ils avaient toujours la bonne façon d'expliquer les choses pour que l'on comprenne ce qui se passait. Le fait qu'ils ne nous répondaient qu'en français nous a vraiment poussés à

apprendre et à nous débrouiller en conversation. Savoir comment reformuler quelque chose est très important parce qu'il nous faut souvent des mots que nous ne connaissons pas, alors, il faut que nous trouvions d'autres moyens pour communiquer, et j'ai



personnellement vraiment amélioré cette compétence.

Pour résumer, ce voyage est parfait pour ceux qui veulent approfondir leurs connaissances sur cette langue magnifique. C'est aussi une occasion géniale pour en savoir plus sur la culture française et déguster des spécialités.

Oliver

Remembrance

Congratulations to Air Cadet Sam Henderson (Year 11), who won the Yorkshire North East County Youth Standard-Bearer competition earlier this month and will carry the Skipton Royal British Legion Standard on Remembrance Day in Skipton this year, and also at our own school service on Friday, 10 November.

Mr King

UKMT Senior Maths Challenge 2023

In October, Year 12 Mathematicians and Year 13 Further Maths sat the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, in a mental battle against 25 tough multiple choice questions involving problem solving. Overall, they received 7 Gold, 12 Silver and 23 Bronze Certificates. Oliver and Oscar progressed to the British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1, and 5 others to the Kangaroo follow on round. In the house competition, with the top 14 in each house to count, Petyt took the trophy with 980 points, closely followed by Ermysted's on 908.

Dr Needham

Year 7 Pupil Experience on Film Set



I was asked to take part in a secret Netflix show earlier this year, at a secret filming location an hour away from Ermysted's. The storyline is secret also, but I can tell you it will be released in 2024 and I hope everyone gets the chance to watch it (and me!). I can tell you a lot more about it when it's released next year. The story is very personal to me.

Working as a special extra on a Netflix show was like

stepping into my TV! Imagine walking onto a real-life set where everything looks so big and colourful. I got to wear an amazing 1990's costume which seemed strange and I had to sit in 'hair and make-up' for about an hour, with people fussing around me. It was like playing dress-up, but for real! On set, I had to pretend to try behave normally and it was so funny, because everyone else was trying (and struggling) to do this as well. But it was all part of trying to make the filming look real.

The best part was meeting the actors. I had a scene with Jodie Whittaker and Rory Kinnear. I sat, talked, laughed and filmed with them for five hours. The film director kept telling us off for talking and giggling! We repeated, rehearsed and filmed the scene about 40 times. Jodie Whittaker talked to me a lot about acting as Dr Who and signed my bucket hat with 'Tag you're it' and 'Travel Hopefully'. She also talked to me a lot about acting, filming and what everyone did on set, how to prepare for filming and how to be confident and deal with others. She was such a great teacher.

I learned that making a show is like a big puzzle, and everyone had a special job to do. Some people held funny-looking microphones, and others moved enormous body cameras around. There was a kind lady who was in charge of the script who kept an eye on me., making sure I was okay. It was like a big, friendly team working together to make something amazing.

The on-site canteen was really nice too, the lady in charge of the food made sure we had enough to eat and drink. Jodie Whittaker also smuggled some custard cream biscuits over to me using the 'floor runners'. Floor runners make everything work on the set and make sure everyone is where they should be, on time and feeling ready.

Being part of a Netflix show made me feel amazing and I would like to take part in another show if I get the chance again. If anyone from Ermysted's ever gets the chance to do something like this—my advice is to take it!

Jack A, Year 7

Physics Win

Congratulations to Bob Willet and Oliver Mann (both Year 13) who won an Institute of Physics Prize, beating 70 other top students.

Mr Baker

Cross Country Update

Year 7 & 8 Win at Sedbergh

On Thursday we once more went to Sedbergh's Prep School, Casterton. It was a good race with over 100 runners over a real cross-country course, incorporating lots of farmer's fields and some undulation without real hills.



We were a little slow to start with only Seth B and Noah S at the sharp end of the race. Our other six runners were closely packed but about 30th to 40th when we really needed the inside the top 20 or so if we were to win the team competition. Seth and Noah kept pushing hard at the front and were challenging for a medal as they started the second lap. They both found the run-in hard work and finished in 5th and 8th respectively. With well over a hundred runners from 12 different schools and lots from Casterton themselves that was a good start to our team.



We did need the whole team to gain some places and Year 7 Will P did not disappoint. From 30th halfway round the first lap he relentlessly reeled in runner after runner moving into the top 20 and eventually finished 15th. Finn B also moved through following Will's lead and came 23rd. Joe B (a last minute addition to the team) was quite instrumental in promoting the team's

fortunes as he caught Year 7's Sevan C and Conor D. He pushed through and took both Sevan and Connor with him. Sevan finished strongly for 27th and Joe was 29th for a team total of 107 points which at the final presentation was just good enough to take the team prize ahead of QES (Kirkby Lonsdale) and Sedbergh's first team. Our non-scorers were two Year 7's, Conor D 41st and Lachlan M 51st, both in the top half of the 116 finishers.

ESCC Cup—Craven Round



Ermysted's had another excellent day at the First round of the English Schools' Cross-Country Cup, held at Skipton's Aireville Park. These races are a team competition and it is the team that progresses to the next round if they finish in the top two schools for each race. Ermysted's had a really successful day as they won all three boys' team events, meaning they made it to next month's North East of England Semi-Final in all age groups.

Aireville proved a testing course as each main lap had two steep climbs and a long drag. Ermysted's Juniors (Year 7/8) were victors in the first boys' race as Seth B led their challenge. Seth let the leaders go off on the opening short lap, but hoped to reel them back in on the two long laps. He caught up all but the winner for an excellent second place. He was backed up in tremendous style by the other members of his team as Harry R came through strongly in 4th place with Noah S 6th and Will P 7th completing the scoring team. Their total of just 19 points won the first team event. Our non-scorers were Finn B 9th and Joe B 16th. We also had a lot of guest runners who all ran well with a couple showing they should have been in our scoring team.

The Ermysted's Intermediate team had high hopes of qualification and sure enough they excelled. George M led from gun to tape and Ermysted's made it a procession as Will O, Dan H and Will P occupied the next three places for a perfect team score of just 10 points for the total of their finishing positions and must fancy their chances of making the final in Suffolk. Non-scorers Sam C 10th and Will F 14th were highly placed in the field of 21 runners. Bearing in mind we had a couple of absentees and some guests who could easily have been picked in the scoring runners, these boys have a really strong team.



For the third time we now also have a senior age group. At this stage there aren't many senior teams and Ermysted's fancy their chances of going all the way to the final and even challenging at the sharp end of the race. Sure enough a very strong team recorded another perfect score recording the first four places home. Sam B put his exertions from weekend behind him and found a relatively flat run round Aireville Park a nice contrast to Saturday's Wasdale Fell Race.

Sam led from the start and came home a clear winner. His team certainly underlined their potential as Ewen W, Lachlan W and Samesh C came home in procession. Jack A 6th and Seth L 10th were our non-scorers. With a couple of quality runners to add to this team they really should go all the way and be aiming for a team place well inside the top ten nationally!

So all three teams from Ermysted's qualified and with low enough scores that they could again make the Final with good runs at the NE of England round at Stewart Park, Middlesbrough on Thursday November 9th.

English Schools' Fell Running Championships

On Sunday, 24 September, Ermysted's had another fantastic day on the Fells overlooking Settle. This was the fifteenth National Championships supported by the Fell Running Association and once again, hosted by Giggleswick School, Settle. We expected the worst



weather-wise but were pleasantly surprised by a less wet day than expected but with lots of standing water everywhere and a full stream for the 'river crossing'. Our Inters won a team victory led home by bronze medalist Ewen W, whilst the Seniors were led by individual silver medalist, Sam B. Both Ermysted's younger teams were runners-up with the Year 8/9 team missing out on National glory by just one point! It was also really good to see so many parents make the journey and witness at first hand our students receiving their well-deserved plaudits and medals.

Year 7 were first away and set off at a fair lick across a flat school field and onto a lap of typical cross-country. A stream crossing followed by a steep rise soon told the runners that this was not a normal cross-country race and then they hit the real hill above Giggleswick Scar and quarry. Sevan C led our challenge in 19th, Conor D was 23rd and their final scorer was Lachlan M in 30th for a team total of 72 points for the aggregate of the finishing positions of the first 3 home and good enough for second team. Their non-scorers were Felix L 32nd, Freddie D 50th, Isaac B 54th, Sam C 55th and Edward F 56th. Mr White had a proud dad moment as his daughter Alice won bronze in the colours of SGHS.

The Year 8/9 team were next and had a strong team. Will P and Dan H have had a few battles over the fells this summer and this time Dan came out on top leading our

team home in 14th, Will was 20th and Seth B completed the team in 25th for a team total of 59 points just one off a National Title! Their non-scorers were Noah S 37th, Joe B 38th, Finn B 44th, Sam C 65th and George A 72nd.

The Year 10/11 race saw the runners complete three and a half miles with over 800 feet of ascent and they went off in a group knowing the pain to come. We have a great team and both Ewen W and Tom H have medaled at these championships before. Sure enough they were both at the sharp end early on and had to battle each other for the bronze. Ewen came out on top and Tom followed him home in 4th. Lucas S was our third counter in 21st to claim our first team title. The non-scorers were Louis S a creditable 45th in his first race for a while and Seth L 53rd. We had expected Seth to be a scorer but he lost a shoe and did all but the first mile wearing just a sock!



The Seniors were running four miles with over 900 feet of climb. The Ermysted's team was strong with seven pretty good runners all at the sharp end of the race. Sam B has had a great year on the fells and claimed his first England vest earlier in the year. He was Ermysted's best placed athlete and challenged at the front as they approached the summit of the climb. However, Alex Poulston from the Wirral was just too strong and Sam had to settle for the silver medal. He was well supported by Lachlan W 13th and Nathan H 16th for just 31 points and our second team title. The non-scorers were all well to the fore as Dougie S 20th, Samesh C 21st, Oscar S 23rd and Jack A 26th all had decent runs.

So another great day on the fells and one that I can guarantee all of our runners will remember fondly. A great return of two team victories, two team runners-up spots and two individual medalists augers well for the season ahead.

Mr Speak

House Music

On Thursday 26 October Mrs Evans invited Mr Ben Crick, conductor of Skipton Camerata, to judge the much anticipated and hotly contested annual house music contest. The form prefects helped organise the rehearsals, with the Year 7 and Year 8 form groups practicing their songs for many weeks prior to the competition. The performances did not disappoint.



The first team to take to the stage were 7 Ermysted with a boxing routine before their rendition of Eye of the Tiger, which won them the individual performance award from the judges. They were followed by 7 Hartley with Backstreet Boys I Want it That Way, 7 Petyt with Watergun from Eurovision and 7 Toller Never Want to Give You Up.

In the Year 8 competition, the standard remained high the performances were 8 Ermysted with Summer of '69, 8 Hartley with Call me Maybe, 8 Toller with Everybody Wants to Rule the World and 8 Petyt with another performance of Never Want to Give You Up. They had a pianist and a guitarist from their form and this went a long way towards their house's overall victory in the house competition.

Well done to all of the pupils involved for their good efforts, and a thank you from all to Mr Crick for his time and knowledgeable feedback and judging, which will hopefully be motivation for many of the boys to enjoy participating in music in the future.

Results

- 1st Petyt
- 2nd Ermysted (including 7E with the individual judges prize)
- 3rd Toller
- 4th Hartley

By Nicholas Hall (Year 13)

ESSA Swimming Results

On Thursday 12 October, four teams made up of sixteen boys from Ermysted's Grammar School embarked on a journey to Freemans Quay Leisure Centre in Durham in order to represent the school on a regional level. The competition was part of the English Schools Swimming Association inter-divisional secondary school team championships in which a range of schools from the North-East region competed to gain places for the national final hosted in Birmingham in November.

After the initial warm-ups, the meet was started by the Year 7/8 medley team made up by Noah Schepisi (Backstroke), Jack Barnes (Breaststroke), Sam Brook (Butterfly), and anchored by Seb Oliver on freestyle. This quartet was able to make decisive victories over several teams, placing sixth in the entire competition with a time of 2.38.14 (World Aquatics score of 187 points). This talent was further displayed later in the session during the 4 x 50m freestyle in which the team consolidated their placement with a seventh-place finish and a time of 2.18.00 (World Aquatics score of 208 points). Overall the talented junior team secured a national placement of 65th in the freestyle relay, and a 63rd place finish in the medley.

The next team to race for Ermysted's was the intermediate relay team, made up of four students in Year 9/10. In the medley relay, Sidaarth Chakravarthy led off the relay on the backstroke, followed by Tomasz McCormick on the breaststroke, Stanley Dunne on the butterfly, and anchored by Tom Leggetter on the freestyle. Similarly, to the junior team, this group managed an 8th place finish in the medley relay with a time of 2.32.97 (World Aquatics score of 207 points) in their own respective age group. This was consolidated by their performance in the freestyle relay where they also placed 8th with a time of 2.20.06 (199 World Aquatics points). Overall, the team placed 148th in the country on the freestyle relay, and 133rd on the medley relay.

As one of two senior teams entered by Ermysted's Grammar School, Max Shillito (Backstroke), Archie Appleby (Breaststroke), Dawid Naglik (Butterfly), and Thomas Laycock (Freestyle) valiantly raced in the medley, placing 9th with an impressive 2.10.37 (333 World Aquatics points), which allowed them to place as the 12th fastest B-team in the country placed only

behind a range of private schools.

However, it was the second senior team for Ermysted's that shined through the rest of the North-Eastern teams. Made up of the talented quartet of Joe Burgess (Backstroke), Sean Smith (Breaststroke), Sam Smith (Butterfly) and Jack Jenkinson (Freestyle), the team blasted to a 1st place finish in the medley relay scoring an overwhelmingly quick time of 1.47.39 (total of 597 World Aquatics points), which rocketed them to a level far above any other rival team. This was further exacerbated by another 1st place finish in the freestyle relay in which a time of 1.37.30 (where a World Aquatics score of 594 was reached), once again easily defeating the times of any other team competing. Furthermore, these decisive victories have placed the team **4th in the country**, giving them the opportunity to compete on the national stage at the impressive Commonwealth facility in Birmingham. It is here that the team will hope to break the top three places and maintain Ermysted's Grammar School's reputation as the fastest state school in England for senior swimming.

Despite all of the teams' success, key parts of all relays were dependent on the knowledgeable coaching and team support provided by lead physical education staff member Mr Stewart that allowed the teams to perform at their highest possible level.

Sam Smith, Year 12

Summer Refurb



During the summer holiday period the School undertook major refurbishments in two areas from which all pupils should benefit.



The roof of the Music Block was stripped and retiled to ensure water-tightness and to improve its thermal efficiency as well as introducing new Velux windows. The whole of the interior of the building (the main teaching room and all of the practice rooms) was also decorated, re-carpeted with a new suspended ceiling and lighting installed to enhance the overall learning environment. A new 86" interactive television screen and new keyboards were also added (see photos above).

All three of the School's toilet facilities were stripped and refurbished at a cost of more than £120,000. Parents are encouraged to ensure that their sons respect the new

facilities for the benefit of all pupils. Vaping detectors are scheduled to be installed in each area imminently.



Mr Wooley



Skipton Foodbank Appeal

As we approach the season of good will, we're sure that everyone at Ermysted's would acknowledge the importance of helping those who are in need. Therefore, we would like to appeal for donations to the Skipton Food Bank.

The list to the left contains items that would go a long way to helping families over the holiday period.

If you are willing to contribute, your son should bring his contribution to school on any day between now and **Friday, 10 November**. He should take his donation to the School Library between 8:15 am and 8:45 am, where Mrs McCabe has kindly agreed to collect the items. We will then arrange for them to be transported to the food bank on the following week, ready to be packaged and delivered.

Thanks so much to everyone who has donated items already!

Selected Upcoming Events at Ermysted's

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
Year 12 UCAS Information Evening	7 November 2023	Memorial Hall
Year 13 Mock Exams	From 20 November 2023	School
Year 11 Mock Exams	From 27 November	School
Year 8 Consultation Day	29 November 2023	TBC
Year 12 Parents' Evening	6 December 2023	Online
Founders' Day	8 December 2023	Holy Trinity Church
Christmas Concert	14 December 2023	Memorial Hall

Thanks for reading...

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