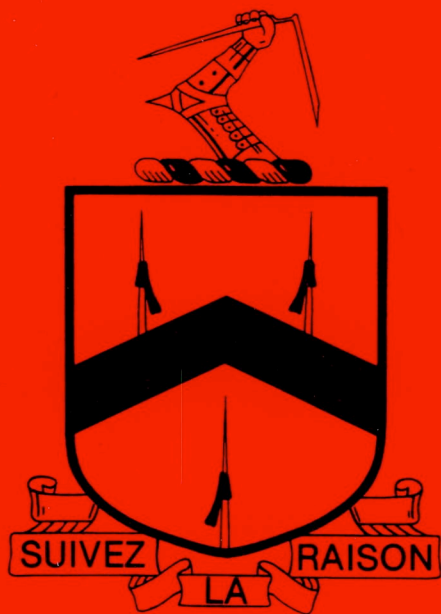


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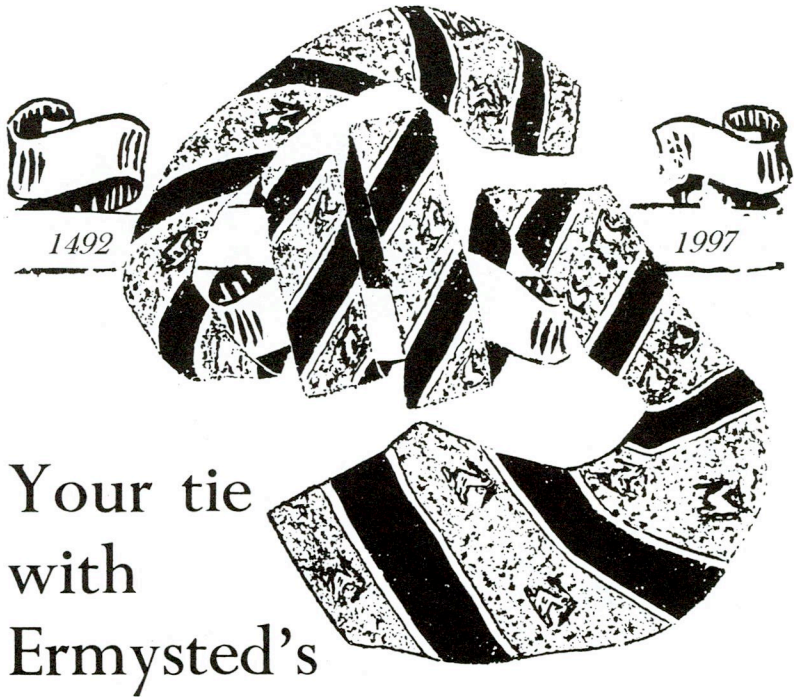


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Captain of Cross Country	B.W. Rickaby
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Ave D.A.

Mr ADAMSON joined the Modern Languages Department in September 1996. He was born and educated in Yorkshire - at QEGS, Wakefield and Bradford Grammar School - going on to graduate from Sheffield University with a degree in French and Linguistics. He did his PGCE at York University. Having worked in the Loire Valley and York he then taught in south Leeds for eight years before moving on to North Yorkshire. His hobbies include drawing, reading, video production, science fiction, walking, backgammon and swimming. He looks forward to contributing to the life of EGS.

Ave I.C.

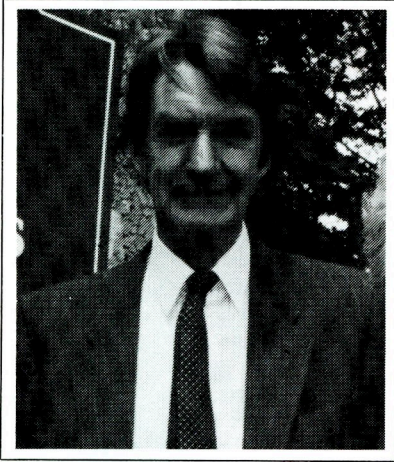
Mr. Campbell joined the Biology Department in September 1996. He was born in Scotland and educated at Glasgow and Sheffield. After several years in industry he moved into teaching. His move to Skipton was due, in part, to the fantastic period in Sheffield.

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Vale G.L.T.

Mr Thomas arrived at Ermysted's in September 1968 after a period as an English teacher at Lawnswood School in Leeds. It was here after having graduated from the University of Leeds that he was able to kindle his teaching skills as part of a young and innovative department. Ermysted's provided the natural progression to his career and enabled him to illuminate his love of language and literature and parade his scholarly mastery of their intricacies and subtleties. Many of the more able students at Ermysted's were inspired by the insight he gave them, going on to achieve great things in their own right. One such was Blake Morrison now having achieved celebrity status as playwright, poet, critic and author.



Mr Thomas' energies were by no means confined to the classroom with his abiding passion for the game of rugby football channelled into decades of high quality coaching. His Celtic fervour for the sport was nurtured at Neath Grammar School where he played alongside the abrasive Brian Thomas later to play with distinction for Wales. Another contemporary was the perfectly groomed, silkily spoken BBC Test Match anchorman Tony Lewis, an association which meant that cricket and Glamorgan CC were almost alongside Neath RUFC in his sporting affections. The commitment which Mr Thomas gave to both sports at Ermysted's was legendary allowing no respite as he achieved a seamless transition from one season to another. His selfless contribution to the boys in helping them develop their skills, enjoy sport and a competitive ethos with honour and courtesy, demonstrated brilliantly the difference between a teacher and a school master.

During more recent years his service to the school was recognised when Mr Thomas became the first ever Head of 6th Form in 1989. In this post his perceptive and sensitive understanding of the needs and problems of individuals provided sincere and effective counselling resulting in many boys negotiating difficult periods before achieving eventual success.

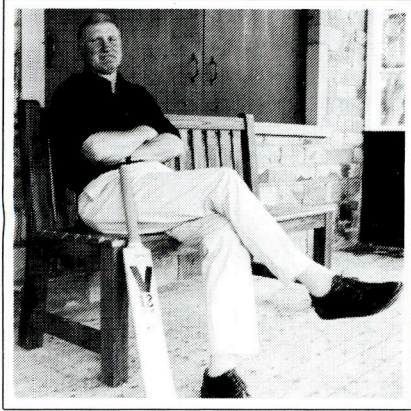
As a staffroom colleague Mr Thomas was renowned for his stunning use of the English Language, lyrical, alliterative, colourful, spicy and penetrative with the power to enthrall and relegate the primitive utterances of others to the puny and banal. He had a terrific sense of humour and an encyclopaedic knowledge of old boys, sporting facts and figures and a host of anecdotes which only he could embellish with such inimitable verve. He will be missed.

We all wish him well as he enters a period of semi retirement. We hope that in the wake of the tragic loss of his wife Monica he finds happiness and fulfilment. Lecturing work at Craven College, the companionship of his daughter Paula, his step sons Carl and Glen, his wider family and friends should offer both solace and purpose as he prepares himself for the years ahead.

CID

Vale D.C.A.S.

Mr Stephens leaves the school after 10 years as Director of Games and Physical Education. Born and bred in Yorkshire Mr Stephens had a distinguished career as a sportsman excelling in rugby, cricket and athletics. He was an All-England student Triple Jump champion and achieved the distinction of playing at Wembley for Wigan in a rugby league cup final. Before arriving at Ermysted's Mr Stephens enjoyed a rich and varied teaching career including a twelve year period teaching PE at the King Fahd University in Saudi Arabia.



David Stephens retires to a bench provided by the Parents' Association

David Stephens' capacity to challenge some of the more entrenched traditions of school sport and to restructure according to contemporary realities, resources and priorities have been welcome and all recognised his singular administrative and planning prowess.

He will be remembered for his sagacious, lively and mischievous contributions to staffroom debate, banter and humour. Always willing to offer comment and advice on a multiplicity of topics, cerebral dimensions reaching parts that normal PE men could never reach, his counsel being frequently dispensed from behind a copy of the Yorkshire Post and the comfort of his favourite armchair. We wish Mr Stephens even greater comfort in his retirement, success in whatever new ventures take his fancy, and many happy years with his wife Barbara and their family.

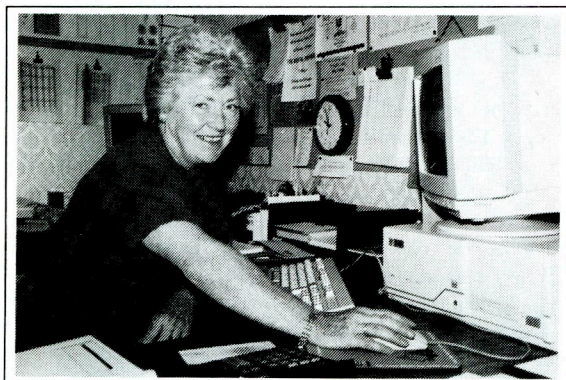
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Vale Mrs A. Scales

Mrs Scales, who leaves the school after 18 years, was born in Earby and brought up in Barnoldswick. A 'Yorkshire' woman through and through she was educated at St. Monica's Convent, Skipton followed by the Digby Stuart teacher Training College, Roehampton. Her first teaching position was at South Craven School until her marriage in 1961 when her husband's job as a policeman took them to Wakefield and she taught at St. Austin's Infant School for five and a half years - a job she thoroughly enjoyed. A further posting brought the family back to Craven and the Police House in Threshfield where, with now the addition of two children, Andrew and Martin, she settled down to the role of housewife and mother. It wasn't long however before the smell of chalk dust drew her back to school life and she became an NTA at Upper Wharfedale and finally came to Ermysted's in 1979 as a part-time Clerical Assistant.

The old Gestetner machine then took over her life; for the uninitiated this was the fore-runner of the photocopier and involved the cutting of wax stencils and the laborious manual rotation of the printing drum. It soon became obvious that here was someone to be encouraged and Mrs Scales' hours were increased.

Her love of literature drew her to the post of Assistant Librarian in 1986 working first with Mr. G. Varley and recently with Mr. C. Cawood. Her input into the School Library has resulted in a well catalogued, well stocked and pleasant place to be, not least for observing small boys who may be useful for presenting flowers on Speech Day or budding Head Boys!



Anne Scales juggles the figures

running of the Admin Office and School finances. Not one to suffer fools gladly or put up with time-wasters, she has brought a new dimension to the position of Senior Office Administrator. From finance, to dealing with contractors, hospitality, the many and varied daily problems of a large school, to the mundane jobs such as opening the post and making the Headmaster's coffee she has done all with spirit and enthusiasm from day one.

Her sense of humour and ability to see the funny side of life was often in evidence and boys must have wondered at the raucous laughter and hilarity floating through to the Boarders' Dining Room, the Headmaster himself once coming out of his Study and expostulating "What the heck are you women doing, some of us are trying to work".

Mrs. Scales has risen to every challenge and we will remember her, heels tapping along the corridors, large bunch of keys jangling in her hand, always on the lookout for some way to improve the running of the school, or spend the budget more wisely, but most of all to make life easier for staff and boys alike. We wish Mrs. Scales and her husband Rex long and happy years of retirement together when she will be able to pursue her many hobbies, needlecraft, gardening, reading, and of course enjoying the pleasure of their grandchildren.

MM

Vale Michael Raw

Michael Raw retired from the Science department at the end of 1996 after a career at Ermysted's spanning almost twenty years. He was mainly occupied in the chemistry labs where he was in charge of a very busy preparation room. This involved large scale solution preparation and stock control over a wide variety of chemical apparatus. His thorough knowledge in the electrical field was also a great asset to the school in the maintaining and repairing of electrical items from all departments, not to mention the odd toaster and windscreen wiper motor. His pleasant and willing manner and his wide ranging expertise will be sorely missed and we all wish him well in the future and particularly in his fight to return to full fitness.

VR

Public Examinations Results Summer 1997

Advanced Level

Key Used:

Art and Design	ad	General Studies	gt
Biology	bi	Geography	gy
Chemistry	ch	German	gn
Design and Technology	cr	History	hi
Economics	ec	Latin	la
English Language	ea	Maths (Pure and Applied)	mp
English Literature	ei	Maths (Pure and Mechanics)	mm
French	fr	Music	mu
Further Maths	fm	Physics	ph

* Indicates A grade

Form 6AY

O. J. Barton	ec* fr gt* gy*
A. J. Dickson	ea* ei* gt* mu*
A. J. Duffy	bi ea gt
J. Egan	ec ea gt gy
A. J. Enmott	ec* gt mm* fm
J. D. Greenwood	ea* ei* gt la
E. Grillo	ea ei gt la
D. P. Jowett	ei fr gt* gn*
S. J. Murgatroyd	ea ei gt
M. H. Padgett	ea ei* fr gt*
N. M. Pickles	ec ei gt mp
D. Robertson	bi* ea* ei* gt
R. J. Varley	ea ei gt mu*

Form 6AB

C. P. Brotherton	bi* ch gt ph
W. E. Crundall	bi ea gt gy*
A. J. Gowan	cr gt ph mm
D. L. Hargreaves	bi ch gt
R. J. Hawkins	bi* ch gt gy*
A. Marcham	bi ea gt gy
S. W. Mattockc	h gt ph mm
L. M. McQuaid	ph fm mm*
B. W. Rickaby	bi* ea* gt gy*
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J. D. Wear	bi ea ei gt

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S. Mather	bi* ch gt mp
R. M. Miller	bi* hi gy gt
E. J. Preston	bi ea gt gy
M. T. A. Qadan	bi* ch* gt mm*
J. M. Starkey	bi* ch gt gy*
B. P. Wakeling	bi ch gt ph

Form 6AS

M. D. Desgranges	ea ei hi
S. J. Freytag	ec* gt* ph* fm* mm*
O. M. Longden	ea* ei* gt hi*
T. J. Marlow	ec ea gt
S. Mounsey	ea* ei* gt hi*
G. Shutt	ec gt gy
M. D. Stewart	bi ea gy
P. A. Wilkinson	ec ea gt gn
B. D. Williams	ad ei* gt hi
S. J. Wormald	ec* ea gt gy*

Form 6AW

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S. J. Ackroyd	gt ph gy* mm
E. J. Barnard	ch* gt* ph mm
R. D. L. Beazley	bi ch gt ph mp
L. Doyle	ch gt ph mm
R. W. Freytag	bi* ch gt* mm
J. L. Howard	bi ch gt ph
C. D. Lee	ec gt ph gy*
J. B. Lucas	ch gt gy
M. A. Quinn	cr gt ph mm
C. J. Reeves	ec gt gy mp

Form 6AX

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R. S. Crook	ec* ei gt gy
M. L. Geddes	ea* ei* gt* gy*
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S. Kenolty	ei* gt* hi* gy*
S. J. W. Lewis	ec* ei gt* gy*
J. J. Lumsden	ec gt gy mp
A. R. Preston	ec ea gt gy
E. F. Stephens	bi* cr ea gt

G.C.S.E. Results 1997

Key Used:

Art and Design	adn	German	gn
Biology	bi	History	hi
Business Studies	bu	Information Systems	it
CDT	cr	Latin	la
Chemistry	ch	Mathematics	ma
English Language	ea	Music	mu
English Literature	ei	Physics	ph
French	fr	Religious Studies	rs
Geography	gy		

(Grades A to C) Asterisks denote Star Grades and A Grades

Form 5W

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J. H. Bryan	bi ch* fr hi* la* ma* ph* bu* ea* ei*
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Bateman C J	Derby University (H.N.D. European Business Management)
Bayley P J	Durham University (Zoology)
Boxer C J	Keele University (Electronic Music/Computer Science)
Brooks C M	Cambridge University (Law)
Brumfitt D J	Nottingham Trent University (Chartered Surveying)
Burton D J	Cambridge University (Engineering) 1997
Capstick T G D	Aston University (Pharmacy)
Carlsson A	Leeds University (History)
Clarkson A E	Manchester University (Electronic Systems Engineering)
Cockerton P M	Manchester University (Modern History & Politics)
Crabtree P D	Lancaster University (Business Management)
Cutler O J	Sheffield University (Law & Criminology)
Davies H G	Nottingham University (Materials Chemistry) 1997
Day R W	Lancaster University (Economics & Marketing)
Dean M D	Newcastle University (Business & Financial Economics) 1997
Duke C P	Sheffield University (Physical Geography)
Edwards A G	Nottingham University (Electrical Engineering/French)
Foley S L	Cambridge University (Economics)
Foucher N J	Manchester University (Business Management & Media Studies)
Gillings P J	Liverpool University (Geology & Physical Geography)
Goodall A J	Newcastle University (Accounting & Computing)
Grannan I R	Lancaster University (Business Management)
Greenwood J S F	York University (English)
Hafiz D A	Bradford University (Pharmacy)
Hamilton A D	Newcastle University (Business Management) 1997
Harris C M	Cambridge University (Natural Sciences)
Harrison B P	Sheffield Hallam University (Primary Teaching)
Hartley A J	Nottingham University (Pharmacy)
Hey A	Lancaster University (Geography)
Holme K N	Loughborough University (Geography)
Hope R J	Cambridge University (Engineering) 1997
Jones J C	Edinburgh University (Psychology)
Lawson P G	Sheffield University (Integrated Engineering with Automotive Design)
Lewis P J	Edinburgh University (English Language/Literature)
Lovatt J F	Newcastle University (European Business Management)
Luccock M M	Brunel University (Economics & Law)
Lund B J	Cambridge University (Natural Sciences)
McCartney A C	Cambridge University (Natural Sciences Bio-Molecular)
McCluskey I A	Dundee University (English)
Mitton A J	Cambridge University (Law)
Montague R J	Bristol University (Economics & Politics)
Morphet S A	Newcastle University (Building & Surveying)
Nelson R W	Newcastle University (Building & Surveying)
Newby J M	St Andrews University (Modern History)
Newiss D J B	Hull University (Philosophy) 1997
Perry T M	Bristol University (Biology)
Purver C W	Southampton University (Law)

Rayner A T	Newcastle University (Environmental Biology)
Robertson A	Stirling University (Economics)
Robertshaw D M	Liverpool University (History)
Robinson P J	Manchester University (Biology & Japanese) 1997
Salkeld L S	Newcastle University (Psychology)
Sheppard M O	Edinburgh University (Business Studies)
Smith A J	Leeds University (Accounting & Finance)
Smith G H	Loughborough University (Pharmaceutical & Medical Chemistry)
Squire J D	Intake High School Leeds (Performing Arts B Tech)
Thackray J A	Cambridge University (Law) 1997
Thackray N R	Newcastle University (Biology)
Thursby P J	Leeds College of Art & Design (Foundation Course)
Townson N G	Manchester University (Anatomical Science)
Tucker D L	Newcastle University (Geography)
Varley J E	Aberystwyth University (Zoology)
Watson B A	Oxford University (Physics)
Whitaker B J	Sheffield University (Medicine)
Williams S E	Liverpool University (Geology)
Wilson B J	Newcastle University (Marine Biology)
Wormald J M	St Andrews University (Economics)
Wrathmell J S R	Oxford University (Ancient and Modern History) 1997

Valete - Leavers 1996-1997

Edmondson Scott	1K
Philip Manley	1K
Richard Burns	6BM

5th YEARS

Borrill C P	Craven College
Brown S T	Bingley Grammar School
Burton P D	Craven College
Carpenter C	B.T. Apprentice
Cottam B F	Transfer
Dawson M J	Army Apprentice -Royal Signals
Day T S	Engineering Apprenticeship
Dennison D T E	Harrogate College
Lawson C V	Keighley College
Lawson C R	Keighley College
Lee G	Transfer
Melbourne J R	Keighley College
Sharp D R	Keighley College
Spooner S W	Oakbank School
Walker J L	South Craven
Williamson G R	Year Out

In addition, all those entered as passing "A" Levels have left.

Founders' Day

Saturday 14th December 1996

The service at the Parish Church followed the traditional pattern. The address was given by the Right Reverend John Richardson, Provost of Bradford Cathedral. He emphasised the apparent contrast between the communal needs of a school, seen as its desire to protect a sense of continuity and common purpose, with the need of each individual to assert his distinctiveness and make his own contribution. Encouraging individuality within an agreed framework was considered to be productive of a good school and a good society. Head Boy, Simon Lewis read the lesson and, at his choice, a collection was made for the Candlelighters, a children's cancer charity, which raised £375.

Chief guest at the Old Boy's Dinner was John Forster, son of late headmaster, Mr. M. L. Forster. John has himself had a distinguished career in teaching, and is due to retire as head of King James VI Grammar School, at Knaresborough, next Summer. He was just a year old when he arrived at Ermysted's School House, and was a pupil from 1946 to 1953. He spoke of his continuing affection for the place, and was generous in his tribute to the academic successes of recent times.

Mr. Buckroyd had a special word of praise not only for the chief guest, but for Mr. Oxley, the outgoing treasurer and his successor, Dave Smith, although much of his address was taken up with those magnificent results: "I am going to regale you with them, even at the risk of becoming a one-dimensional bore," he said. And though they were unlikely to see the likes again, they would never cease trying he pledged.

"For the past seven years, the school has been blessed with a crop of exceptionally talented boys, who have met the highest standards in all things academic, sporting and cultural, the likes of whom I have never before been fortunate and privileged to meet in my 34 years of teaching." The overall result was that the demand for places at the school was "white hot", he added. It had been a magnificent year, but it did not come out of the blue. It was brought about by seeds sown years ago by highly professional teachers, nurtured by the present staff to whom he paid unreserved tribute.

Mr. Buckroyd then broke with tradition, and invited all to respond to a toast: "The Class of '96."

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Speech Day

8th July 1997

Report Of Proceedings (largely based, with permission, on "Craven Herald" of 11th July 1997)

Local boys will be in the minority in the new intake at Skipton's Ermysted's Grammar School - the country's top school - this year. Headmaster David Buckroyd said it "was a matter of great concern" that the number of local boys had decreased as competition for places at the country's top state school increased.

Speaking at the school speech day Mr Buckroyd said: "Given our high national profile in recent months, it is not surprising that demand for our places continues to increase and, as the phasing out of the assisted places scheme begins to impact upon our independent school neighbours, we can expect ever more cross border and out of catchment applicants.

"Appeals against the Thorne scheme outcomes by disappointed parents grow ever more numerous and fanciful by the year, and this year, to my knowledge, two families have called in the ombudsman to put right a perceived injustice. A matter of great concern to me, however, is that local boys will make up less than 40% of our 11 plus intake in September next. Hopefully, this is a freak year and the 50-50 balance we have attracted in recent years will be quickly restored. Ermysted's was refounded in 1548 to serve the needs of the boys of Skipton and district, but sadly the underachievement of boys at age 11 plus, vis-à-vis girls, is

beginning to make itself felt. We have now reached a position where the local boys on the school roll are in the minority.”

Despite this concern, it was one of the most glowing reports he has been able to present in his 15 years tenure at the post. The last examination reports produced “arguably the greatest achievement in the school’s 500 year plus history” as it finished top in Britain for A level results.

He took the Times newspaper to task for having the temerity to put Ermysted’s behind King Edward’s School in Chelmsford on a technicality while the rest of the media used percentage passes or average points scored per subject entry.

To recap, Ermysted’s pupils gained 125 grade A’s out of 224 exam entries. Sixty earned at least one grade A and 24 achieved grade A in all their specialist subjects. “Of those 73 boys, I ask you to spare a thought for the young man who was accredited with the two fail grades,” said Mr. Buckroyd. “Despite the rumour that he had taken refuge in Coventry, or possibly Siberia, he bravely turned up for the Old Boy’s Dinner on Founders’ Day and was accorded a welcome to rival that given to the Prodigal Son in the Bible.”

Mr. Buckroyd was able to declaim the school’s usual long list of sporting success but he also referred to the non-sporting achievements.

Community projects, such as a party for Brooklands School, selling plants for the school’s Greenfingers company or fund raising for Christian Aid, Cancer Research, Candlelighters and Comic Relief were all undertaken by pupils at the school. One suspects, however, that the landslide victory by the Monster Raving Loony Party in the school’s mock election still rankles a little - their victory owed more to “rash but irresistible promises than to rational political debate” commented the headmaster, who also noted that the sixth form at least “accurately reflected the nation’s verdict at the polls.” Other extra curricular activities include drama, trips and concerts, all of a high standard.

Mr. Buckroyd also paid tribute to the hard work of the Parent’s Association (fresh from raising a record £3,600 at the weekend’s Summer Fayre), which had diversified into other activities to raise funds for the school.

Mr. Buckroyd ended on an optimistic note. A recent visitor was Dr. Eric Anderson, the former headmaster of Eton and now Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, with which Ermysted’s has close historical ties. Dr. Anderson’s father-in-law was an Ermysted’s pupil, as was his wife’s uncle, the late George Mason, who was also a governor. Dr. Anderson taught Tony Blair at Fettes School in Scotland. Having met the Prime Minister shortly before the election, Dr. Anderson was able to give Mr. Buckroyd the leaked information that Mr. Blair had no intention of targeting the 161 grammar schools.

Given politically calm waters, Mr. Buckroyd said the school would continue to prosper and maintain its position in the Premier League. They might not be “champions” for some years but that would not be for lack of effort.

Chief guest was the North Yorkshire Director of Education, Cynthia Welbourn, and Mr. Buckroyd could not resist a jibe at the school’s Ofsted inspection team in introducing her. He said the inspector had noted the failure to invite a female as chief guest on speech day was sending out the wrong message to young male charges and was reinforcing outdated stereotypical attitudes. Mr. Buckroyd declined to reveal what his reply had been but at least the criticism was no longer valid.

Miss Welbourn has visited the school already since her appointment and took part in the Fourth Year Role Play Survival exercise during which she sadly perished from hypothermia, but fortunately, she was in good company, going down with Roger Whittaker at the same time!

Miss Welbourn’s speech was one of the most appropriate in recent years and one of the most closely argued. After emphasising the caring side of Ermysted’s, which she saw as at least equally important as academic success, she confessed to a concern that “we will not continue to have this sort of school if we do not have this sort of staff.” She wished to point out that the public services could provide an interesting and fulfilling career and she hoped E.G.S. pupils would consider it.

Prize List 1997

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZES

Marmaduke Miller Art Prize	T. A. Coughlin
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	F. Z. T. Chowdhury
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize	G. T. M. Sykes
Mechanics' Institute Design & Technology Prize	A. W. Walker
Petyt Trust English Prize	A. W. Feather
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	M. J. Scrivin
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	K. A. Owens
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	D. M. C. Roberts
Foundation History Prize	D. M. C. Roberts
Petyt Trust Latin Prize	S. P. Keane
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	N. M. Jones
Firth Memorial Music Prize	A. C. Dobson
Foundation P E Prize	A. J. Strickland
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	T. Lloyd-Evans
Foundation Religious Studies Prize	S. A. M. Watson

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRIZES

Jonathan Chapman Memorial Art Prize	N. J. Dobson
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	A. J. K. Wilkinson
Foundation Business Studies Prize	G. S. W. Haggerty
Foundation Chemistry Prize	B. Sherlock
Foundation Design & Technology Prize	B. J. Moran
Foundation English Prize	S. J. Clarkson
Jonathan Chapman Memorial Geography Prize	G. R. Schofield
Foundation History Prize	S. M. Hennigan
Jack Eastwood Memorial Prize for Languages	S. J. Clarkson
Jack Eastwood Memorial Latin Prize	A. J. K. Wilkinson
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	S. J. Clarkson
Foundation Modern Languages Prize	V. Jugjewan
Edward Scott Music Prize	R. W. Reeday
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	A. J. K. Wilkinson
Foundation Religious Studies Prize	W. D. Z. Taylor

SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZES

Marmaduke Miller Art Prize	Not Awarded
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	M. Qadan
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize	M. Qadan
Mechanics' Institute Design Technology Prize	A. J. Gowan
Foundation Economics Prize	S. Freytag
Petyt Trust English Prize	A. J. Dickson
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	D. P. Jowett
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	P. A. Wilkinson

Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	D. R. Barton
Foundation History Prize	S. Kenolty
Peryt Trust Latin Prize	R. J. Massie
Foundation Linguistics Prize	J. D. Greenwood
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	S. Freytag
Firth Memorial Music Prize	S. Mounsey
Foundation P E Prize	J. D. Charlton
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	S. Freytag

FOUNDATION FORM PRIZES

1G	A.C. Dobson
1G.	B. C. Lister
1K.	D. J. Rogers
1P.	B. Lay
2C.	A. J. Marshall
2K.	O. D. Brewer
2M.	M. A. Stead
3H.	D. M. C. Roberts
3F.	A. W. Walker
3J.	N. M. Jones

OTHER PRIZES

Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	S. Freytag
Skipton Town Council Silver Jubilee Shield	P. A. Gunn
Iain McLeod Memorial Prize	N. D. Jones
Fleming Essay Prize	S. J. Wormald
Longden Smith Prize for Rugby	M. D. Stewart
Jimmy Harrison Memorial Prize for Progress in Senior Rugby	A. J. Emmott
Peter Rose Memorial Prize for Cricket	S. J. W. Lewis
Drama Prize	M. J. McLellan
Doris Altham Barker Prize for Musical Achievement (Joint)	A. J. Dickson R. J. Varley
Head of Sixth Form's Merit Prize	D. Robertson
Parents' Association Fortitude Prize	E. Grillo
Arthur Coe Prize for Distinguished Service	W. E. Crundall
Foundation General Efficiency Prize	M. J. Cox
Old Boys' Association Head of School Prize	S. J. W. Lewis

Music and Drama

Christmas Concert - Monday December 16th 1996

Brass Band	Carol- O Come, All Ye Faithful Chorale- Ted Huggins The Lazy Trumpeter (Solo Cornet-Simon Lofthouse) Carol- O Little Town of Bethlehem
Grand Piano Duo	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring- J.S. Bach Robert Varley and Andrew Dickson- pianos
Wind Band	Gently Swinging Steam Train Blues- Christopher Norton
Piano Solo	Sonata in F- W.A. Mozart- Adam Feather
String Orchestra	Birth of the Blues (Clarinet Solo- Andrew Dickson)
Choir	Peace - Composed by Richard Reedy Lyrics by Cynthia Rymer
Guitar Ensemble	God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen B. Lister, E. Vittery, D. Murphy, A. Little, M. Wales, A. Barron, R. Welch, B. Lay, N. Quain
Barbershop Ensemble	Alle Psallite- Alleluya (Anon) Away in a Manger Winter Wonderland (arr. J. Wightman) We wish you a Merry Christmas
The Tremors	Merry Christmas Everyone
Big Band	Hound Dog Christmas Medley (Stuart Clarkson- Soprano Sax) Woodchoppers Ball Piano Solo- David Hamilton Frosty the Snowman

Easter Concert - Monday 17th March 1997

Big Band	Tuxedo Junction, How High the Moon Here's that Rainy Day, Blues for Mr. B.
Clarinet Solo	Clarinet Sonata 1st Movement - Saint Saens Andrew Dickson-Clarinet Robert Varley-Piano
Wind Band	Excerpts from the Nutcracker Suite
Cello Solo	Song Without Words - Mendelssohn Phillip Reeder-Cello Robert Varley-Piano

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String Orchestra	Concertino for Strings and Piano- Walter Leigh 3 movements: (i) Allegro (ii) Andante (iii) Allegro Vivace Solo Piano-Robert Varley
Piano Solo	Showgirl: Timothy Coughlin-Piano
Brass Band	Reflections- Cornet Solo:Simon Lofthouse Marche Royale du Lions (from Carnival of the Animals) Softly as I Leave You: Euphonium Solo- Nicholas Mattock Jazz Selection
Piano Duet	Capriol Suite - Warlock (i) Basse Danse (ii) Mattachins Robert Varley and Andrew Dickson
Barbershop Quartet	Heigh Ho! Spoonful of Sugar Sittin' on Top of the World
Choir	Smiling Sunshine

Summer Serenade - Tuesday 8th July 1997

Big Band	Stomping at the Savoy, Brain Strain, Born to Be Wild
Cello Solo	Alexander Dobson - Allegro Apassionata-Saint Saens
String Band	Battles and Brawls Intrada: Pavane: The Battle- March, The Trumpets, The Cannon, The Kettle Drums, Pell Mell, March Away
Violin Solo	Daniel Burman - Misty- Errol Garner
Junior Wind Band	Come Summer, Fascinatn' Rhythm
Flute Solo	David Hamilton - Flute Suite-Giga- J.S. Bach
Clarinet Solo	Nicholas Jones - The Seasons: Autumn -Glazunov
Clarinet Quartet	Skive Jive
Clarinet Solo	Tim Coughlin - Allegro Vivace- Gade
Barbershop	Shine on Me, Disney Medley, Wait till the Sun Shines, Nellie
Guitar Ensemble	Swing Thing
Choir	Dem Bones, At the Hop
Grand Finale	

One Hell of a Show!

"Little Shop of Horrors", this year's Dramatic Society production, provided an evening of superb entertainment. Before the performance proper, the audience were relaxed and rewarded with a smooth "impromptu", delivered by the assembled musicians. Indeed, the polished expertise of the rock band laid a solid foundation for the musical to build on - the guiding hand of Simon Gregory was evident throughout the whole show- bravo maestro!

From the opening scene to the final denouement, the show was a non-stop delight all the way- a surfeit of superlatives. The cast had been carefully chosen; well matched in both role and vocal capability. There were some towering individual characterisations; Andrew Montague, so obviously relishing his part as the pathetically greedy Mushnik; Matthew McLellan, etching out the developing evil within Seymour Krelborn, in a restrained yet dignified performance; Sarah Waterhouse, the archetypal dizzy blonde Audrey, unleashing a truly commanding presence; Andrew Jones as Orin Srivello, precisely catching the madness of the character and, of course, the exquisite cameo of Oliver Longden, Masochist. There was a felt sense of total and enjoyed commitment from all the cast; the songs were professionally delivered, given a full dynamic, voices were clear and authoritative - and ninety-nine per cent in tune - and the result was hugely appreciated by the audience.

The set was an ingenious and effective construction, given the limitation of the proscenium arch, but a judicious use of the apron stage neatly centred and focused the unfolding drama. Under the eagle eye of Nick Mattock, stage management was slick, smooth and unobtrusive, the various scene changes offering only the minimal interruption to the flow of the production. Lighting, ably supervised by Ben Truman, was simple but extremely effective with excellent timing and good control of the blackout effect.

The focus of the show - a seemingly innocuous green plant - develops before the very eyes of the audience into a hideously engaging green monster, voracious in it's lust for human blood. This ghoulish colossus was given tremendous animation by the artistry of Howard Goodall and Ross Turnbull, who chillingly conveyed the menace that lay concealed within the seemingly placid exterior of the vegetable mephisto. Simon Mounsey must surely have a future waiting for him in Hammer Productions Ltd! As the voice of Audrey 2, he stole the show - brilliant!

This was no little shop of horrors; it was a tragi-comedy on a grand scale - a melodic melange of Macbeth and Faustus, aided and abetted with it's own Greek chorus - a modern examination of good and evil within humanity; yes, something for everyone, even the intellectual!

Congratulations to all the cast and the supporting network of stage design, costumes and make-up; this was clearly a production of tremendous teamwork, professionally executed. It was truly a disappointment when the show was over and we were returned to a rather flat normality.

David Clough and Simon Gregory can be justifiably proud of this fine production. It will take some beating - next year perhaps?

The Cast

Seymour Krelborn	Matthew McLellan
Audrey	Sarah Waterhouse
Mr. Mushnik	Andrew Montague
Orin Scrivello	Andrew Jones
Crystal	Phillipa Boxer
Ronette	Naomi Feather
Chiffon	Melissa Roberts
Customer 1	Grant Pozzana
Customer 2	James Green
Bernstein	David Hamilton
Mrs. Luce	Daniel Burman
Masochist	Oliver Longden
Girl	James Green
Wink Wilkinson	Adam Leigh
Nurse	David Hamilton
Wino 1	Rory Gemison
Wino 2	Simon Mounsey
Skip Snip	John Wightman
Patrick Martin	Paul Lewis
Voice not unlike God's	Simon Mounsey
Voice of Audrey 2	Simon Mounsey
Plant operators	Howard Goodall and Ross Turnbull



Seymour (Matthew McLellan) with the 'Ronnettes'
L-R: Melissa Robertson, Naomi Feather, Philippa Boxer

Production Team

Producer - David Clough

Directors - John Wightman, Howard Goodall, Matt Lewis & Andrew Jones

Musical Director - Simon Gregory **Assistant Musical Director** - Richard Reeday

Set Design and Construction Managers - Chris Davies and Ian McLean

Set Design and Construction Team - Andrew Tomlinson, Lee Greenwood, Nick Jones, Michael Tucker, David Jolly, Jamie Cowell-Smith, Michael Nunns, Andy Anderson, Phil Emison, Tim Coughlin

Stage Manager - Nick Mattock

Stage Crew - Phil Emison, James Burgess, David Jolly, Phil Bold, Andrew Windle, Tom Harrison, Andy Anderson, Robert Wright and Andrew Parkinson

Sound Engineer - David Lewis

Lighting Manager - Ben Truman **Lighting Assistant** - Paul Brotherton

Make-up - Sheila Muhlemann, Anne Scales and Sue Wrathmell **Costumes** - Sheila Muhlemann

Choreography - Sarah Waterhouse and Inga Stegger

Band - Richard Reeday-Piano, Nick Dobson-Drums, Stuart Clarkson-Keyboards, Geoff Peacock-Electric Bass, Geoff Stevenson-Electric Guitar

Publicity, Programmes & Tickets - Tim Moody **Poster Design and Artwork** - Andrew Tomlinson

Athletics

School Sports Day 1997

Sportsdays were held on the 20th and 21st of May. The change in date, from first week in July, was designed to identify our better athletes in good time for the District Championships and also to get way from what has become a traditionally bad weather week. Significantly, July 1st and 2nd were once more wet and miserable!

The senior Heptathlon held on May 20th was a well fought competition which produced the following results:-

<i>Event</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>
100m	Alex Wilkinson	James Burgess	David Hamilton
400m	Alex Wilkinson	Simon Wherity	James Burgess
1500m	James Burgess	Simon Wherity	David Baldwin
High Jump	Paul Masson	Alex Wilkinson	David Hamilton
Long Jump	James Burgess	Alex Wilkinson	Chris Capstick
Shot	Alex Wilkinson	Harvey Smith	David Baldwin
Discus	James Hand	Howard Goodall	Harvey Smith

The overall result was as follows:-

1	Alex Wilkinson	109 points
2	James Burgess	100 points
3	David Hamilton	80 points

The Junior Sportsday (years 7, 8, 9 and 10) was held on May 21st. Only two records were broken, both by Oliver Brewer in year 8, but the general level of competition was high.

Year 10 Sports Day Results

<i>Event</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>
100m	Palin T.M. 13.15 E 4H	Lewis P.A. H 4W	Stansfield P.A. H 4W
200m	Jaquin P.A. 27.07 P 4W	Palin T.M. E 4H	Wycherley M. E 4C
400m	Jaquin P.A. 1m 00.42 P 4W	Thackray N.A. E 4W	Carlow G.E. P 4C
800m	Jaquin P.A. 2m 28.5 P 4W	Pile J. H 4W	Palin T.M. E 4H
1500m	Pile J. 5m 22.8 H 4W	Thackray N.A. E 4W	Wright A.I. P 4C
High Jump	Stansfield P.A. 1.55m H 4W	Taylor J.A. E 4H	Broughton T.J.A. P 4W
Long Jump	Jaquin P.A. 4.52m P 4W	Newman R.G. T 4W	Wycherley M. H 4C
Triple Jump	Taylor J.A. 9.46m E 4H	Warren R.J. E 4H	Thackray N.A. E 4W
Shot	Parker D.D. 9.25m H 4W	Lewis P.A. H 4W	Parish G.P. H 4C
Javelin	Parker D.D. 24.73m H 4W	Stansfield P.A. H 4W	Potts K.P. E 4C
Discus	Parker D.D. 27.06m H 4W	Parish G.P. H 4C	Cryer S.R. E 4H
Relay	4W 54.4	4H	4C

Individual Champion

<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>House</i>
1	Jaquin P.	31	4W	P
2	Parker D.D.	21	4W	H
3	Palin T.M.	18	4H	E

House Championship

<i>Place</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	Hartley	87½
2	Ermysted	83½
3	Petyt	59
4	Toller	12

Form Championship

<i>Place</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	4W	129
2	4H	71½
3	4C	61½

Year 9 Sports Day Results

<i>Event</i>	<i>1st</i>			<i>2nd</i>			<i>3rd</i>		
100m	Haggerty T.J.	13.21	E 3H	Pickles D.J.	T 3J	Pickles W.H.	H 3F		
200m	Strickland A.J.	27.75	H 3H	Pickles D.J.	T 3J	Pickles W.H.	H 3F		
400m	Strickland A.J.	1m 00	H 3H	Foster C.R.	E 3F	Hand D.A.	T 3F		
800m	Strickland A.J.	2m 30	H 3H	Pickles W.H.	H 3F	Simpson C.A.	E 3J		
1500m	Mason J.H.	5m 10	T 3H	Simpson C.A.	E 3J	Nicholson P.A.	H 3J		
High Jump	Woodhouse A.M.	1m 35	P 3J	=Foster C.R.	E 3F				
				=Simpson C.A.	E 3J				
Long Jump	Pozzana G.P.R.	4.44m	E 3H	Lloyd-Evans T.	T 3H	Hand D.A.	T 3F		
Triple Jump	Pickles W.H.	9.84m	H 3F	Pickles D.J.	T 3J	Lloyd-Evans T.	T 3H		
Shot	Webb A.I.	8.96m	T 3F	Cowell-Smith J.E.M.	H 3H	Dodgson T.J.	H 3F		
Javelin	Pike N.J.	28.15m	T 3J	Strickland J.A.	H 3H	Woodhouse A.M.	P 3J		
Discus	Dodgson T.J.	25.99m	H 3F	Wibberley O.	T 3J	Webb A.I.	T 3F		
Relay	3F	56.8		3H		3J			

Individual Champion

<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>House</i>
1	Strickland A.J.	27	3H	H
2	Pickles W.H.	20	3F	H
3	Lloyd-Evans T.	18	3H	T

Championship

<i>Place</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	Toller	161
2	Hartley	129
3	Emysted	91
4	Petyt	67

Form Championship

<i>Place</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	3H	92
2	3F	88½
3	3J	80½

Year 8 Sports Day Results

<i>Event</i>	<i>1st</i>			<i>2nd</i>			<i>3rd</i>		
100m	Miller A.C.	14.61	E 2M	Kelly A.P.	T 2C	Green E.	T 2K		
200m	Green E.	29.74	T 2K	Kelly A.P.	T 2C	Rusius C.J.	H 2K		
400m	Brewer O.D.	1.01	T 2K	Woods A.M.	E 2C	Fradley W.R.	T 2K		
800m	Brewer O.D.	2m 22.6	T 2K	Miller A.C.	E 2M	Freeman I.J.	T 2K		
1500m	Rusius C.J.	5m 32	H 2K	Miller A.C.	E 2M	Fradley W.R.	T 2K		
High Jump	Cheung A.	1.30m	E 2C	Fradley W.R.	T 2K	Woods A.M.	E 2C		
Long Jump	Brewer O.D.	4.33m	T 2K	Hibbins B.M.	P 2K	Baldwin M.	E 2M		
Triple Jump	Brewer O.D.	10.85m	T 2K	Holden C.D.	T 2C	Baldwin M.	E 2M		
Shot	Gee M.R.	9.91m	P 2M	Brewer O.D.	T 2K	Wright C.C.I.	P 2C		
Javelin	Leahy J.	27.70m	H 2C	Woods A.M.	E 2C	Gee M.R.	P 2M		
Discus	Gee M.R.	22.57m	P 2M	Pile S.T.	H 2K	Woods A.M.	E 2C		
Relay	2K	58.7		2M		2C			

Individual Champion

<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>House</i>
1	Brewer O.D.	33	2K	T
2	Gee M.R.	18	2M	P
3	Miller A.C.	17	2M	E

House Championship

<i>Place</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	Toller	167
2	Emysted	143
3	Petyt	127
4	Hartley	111

Form Championship

<i>Place</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	2K	109
2	2C	81
3	2M	72

Year 7 Sports Day Results

<i>Event</i>	<i>1st</i>				<i>2nd</i>				<i>3rd</i>		
100m	Potts K.A.	15.07	E	1P	Brown M.W.	H	1P	Dinning I.J.	T	1K	
200m	Dinning I.J.	31.15	T	1K	Brown M.W.	H	1P	Wherity J.D.	E	1K	
400m	Hardacre T.J.	1m 13.15	H	1G	Wherity J.D.	E	1K	Baxter C.H.	P	1P	
800m	Baxter C.H.	2m 46.10	P	1P	Hardacre T.J.	H	1G	Potts K.A.	E	1P	
1500m	Baxter C.H.	5m 56.1	P	1P	Viney J.	P	1K	Tudhope J.A.G.	P	1G	
High Jump	Campbell W.T.	1.15m	P	1K	=Brown M.W.	H	1P				
					=Varley N.J.C.	H	1K				
Long Jump	Potts K.A.	3.78m	E	1P	Brown M.W.	H	1P	Dinning I.J.	T	1K	
Triple Jump	Brown M.W.	7.78m	H	1P	Simmons C.P.	E	1P	Irvine J. R.E.	P	1K	
Shot	Dinning I.J.	7.27m	T	1K	Potts K.A.	E	1P	Hardacre T.J.	H	1G	
Javelin	Dinning I.J.	16.94m	T	1K	Little A.J.	T	1P	Cox D.J.	H	1K	
Discus	Hawkins N.	16.01m	T	1P	Green J.R.	T	1K	Scott R.J.	H	1P	
Relay	1P	1m 02.6			1K			1G			

Individual Champion

<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>House</i>
1	Dinning I.J.	29	1K	T
2	Brown M.W.	26½	1P	H
3	Potts K.A.	24	1P	E

House Championship

<i>Place</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	Hartley	122
2	Petyt	105
3	Emysted	96
4	Toller	94

Form Championship

<i>Place</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	1P	114½
2	1K	92½
3	1G	55

Early in the season District trials were held after which some of our athletes were selected to compete in the North Yorkshire Championships held at York. Alex Wilkinson won the Intermediate 100m, Max Brear won the Intermediate 1500m, Andrew Strickland came 2nd in the Junior Triple Jump and Oliver Brewer came 2nd in the Junior 1500m.

The Craven District Championships were held at Settle Middle School on June 17th and the following results (places 1-3) were achieved:-

Year 7

100m	W. Campbell	1st	14.3
200m	I. Dinning	2nd	30.7
400m	T. Hardacre	2nd	71.8
1500m	J. Viney	1st	5m 42.9
Relay		2nd	60.1
Triple Jump	M. Brown	1st	8.67m
High Jump	W. Campbell	3rd	1.18m
Discus	N. Hawkins	3rd	15.20m
Javelin	I. Dinning	3rd	19.64m
	Team Place	4th	

Year 8

Hurdles	C. Holden	3rd	16.6
100m	A. Miller	3rd	14.3
400m	J. Burnett	2nd	
800m	O. Brewer	1st	2m 26.0 (Record)
1500m	C. Rूसius	1st	5m 20.3
Triple Jump	O. Brewer	1st	10.00m
High Jump	A. Cheung	2nd	1.28m
Discus	C. Wright	1st	19.30m
Javelin	J. Leahy	2nd	29.36m
Shot	M. Gee	2nd	9.89m
	Team Place	1st	

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Year 9

100m	A. Strickland	2nd	12.6
400m	C. Foster	1st	61.4
800m	W. Pickles	2nd	2m 31.0
1500m	J. Mason	2nd	5m 09.7
Relay		2nd	53.4
Long Jump	G. Pozzana	3rd	4.35m
Triple Jump	A. Strickland	1st	10.58m (Record)
High Jump	C. Foster	2nd	1.40m
Discus	T. Dodgson	2nd	24.39m
Javelin	N. Pike	1st	28.4m
Shot	A. Webb	3rd	9.92m
	Team Place	2nd	

Year 10

200m	P. Lewis	3rd	26.7
400m	P. Jaquin	1st	60.3
Relay		3rd	53.3
Triple Jump	M. Wycherley	3rd	10.11m
High Jump	P. Stansfield	3rd	1.52m
Discus	D. Parker	1st	28.70m (Record)
Shot	P. Lewis	3rd	9.20m
	Team Place	4th	

Boys who came 1st or 2nd in this event then competed in the Harrogate and Craven District Championships held at Leeds Metropolitan University on July 2nd and the following successes were achieved:-

1st Place

James Viney	Yr7	1500m	5m 27.2
Oliver Brewer	Yr8	800m	2m 11.5 (Record)
Chris Rusius	Yr8	1500m	5m 01.8
Oliver Brewer	Yr8	Triple Jump	11.29m
Martin Gee	Yr8	Shot	10.49m (School Record)

2nd Place

Ian Dinning	Yr7	200m	29.0
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3rd Place

Matthew Brown	Yr7	Triple Jump	8.94m
Jeffrey Burnett	Yr8	400m	62.9
John Leahy	Yr8	Javelin	27.56m
Andrew Strickland	Yr9	100m	12.4
Chris Foster	Yr9	400m	60.3
Andrew Strickland	Yr9	Triple Jump	10.84m
Thomas Dodgson	Yr9	Discus	26.40m
Neil Pike	Yr9	Javelin	28.78m
Paul Jaquin	Yr10	400m	57.5
Darren Parker	Yr10	Discus	31.06m

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Senior	100m	Alex Wilkinson	10.8
Year 8	400m	Oliver Brewer	60.1
	800m	Oliver Brewer	2m 11.5
	1500m	Oliver Brewer	4m 31.2
	Triple Jump	Oliver Brewer	11.29m
	Shot	Martin Gee	10.49m

1st XI Cricket Retrospective 1997

In terms of results, it was a disappointing season, but in terms of development and gaining experience, it has been a successful summer. It was always likely to have been a transition year after losing 8 regulars from the previous years' team, and introducing some much younger boys. Simon Lewis captained the side extremely well, juggling his bowlers to good effect and nurturing the youngsters to such an extent that they became major players towards the end of the season. It was significant that the results improved as the season progressed and the team should be able to look forward to next year with confidence.

Several batsmen made useful runs, including Simon Lewis, James Greenwood, Matthew Lockwood and Peter Wrathmell. However, more attention could be paid to basic defensive technique in the early season nets, as this proved to be the main deficiency in 3 matches that should have been drawn.

Richard Benson emerged as a highly promising slow left arm spinner and Andrew Strickland kept wicket extremely well all season.

CD

Players: S. Lewis, M. Lockwood, J. Charlton, J. Greenwood, A. Strickland, H. Smith, A. Atkinson, R. Benson, D. Hamilton, D. Barton, T. Langenegger, P. Wrathmell, S. Wherity, J. Hand, B. Keane, M. Lewis

1st XI Results

v. QEGS Wakefield	E.G.S. lost by 8 wkts School 136 all out	S. Lewis 43 M. Lockwood 32 R. Benson 2-31
	QEGS 137-2	
v. Batley G.S.	No Play - Rain	
v. Leeds G.S.	Lost by 74 runs Leeds 191-8 dec. (43 overs)	R. Benson 4-79 P. Wrathmell 3-49
	School 117 all out (34 overs)	S.Lewis 56 J. Greenwood 30
v. Giggleswick	Lost by 3 wickets School 155-8 (40 overs)	P. Wrathmell 70 S. Lewis 42
	Giggleswick 156-7	A. Atkinson 3-41 S. Wherity 2-32
v. Ripon G.S.	No Play - Rain	
v. Nelson & Colne College	Lost by 58 runs Nelson & Colne 157-8	J. Hand 5-56 R. Benson 2-27
	School 99 all out	A. Atkinson 25
v. Ashville College	No Play - Rain	

v. Parents XI (20 over match)	Won by 34 runs	
	School 136-5	H. Smith 36 J. Charlton 26
	Parents XI 102-7	J. hand 4-9
v. Clitheroe R.G.S.	Won by 8 Wkts	
	Clitheroe 133-8 (43 overs)	J. Hand 4-51 D. Hamilton 3-16
	School 137-2	J. Greenwood 37 n.o. M. Lockwood 35
		S. Lewis 27 P. Wrathmell 24 n.o.
v. Staff XI	Won by 3 Wkts	
	Staff XI 128 all out	S. Speak 48 n.o. A. Sellers 27
		R. Head 26 R. Benson 6-60
	School 130-7	J. Greenwood 61 n.o. S. Lewis 31
v. Old Boys XI	Match abandoned due to rain	
	Old Boys 61-1 (20 overs)	

2nd XI Cricket Retrospective

Once again, getting 2nd XI fixtures has proved difficult, but, in the three matches that were played, there was great success for a group of enthusiastic and skilful cricketers. Two wins, against Leeds and Bradford, together with a creditable draw against Wakefield provide the statistics behind a splendid (short) season, which once again shows the strength in depth in cricket at Ermysted's.

James Hand, Simon Wherity and Ian Jesson all bowled well with James and Simon forcing their way into the 1st XI eventually. The battling was solid with many useful performances but no real stars, and the fielding was for the most part of a very high standard. Matthew Lewis' lusty 33 not out against Leeds was a highlight, as was James Hand's 6-21 against Bradford.

PKW/CD

Players: R. Varley, T. Langenegger, S. Wherity, B. Keane, J. Hand, I. Jesson, T. Livesey, A. Wilkinson, M. Lewis, M. Cox, P. Masson, D. Hamilton, H. Smith, A. Atkinson, J. Charlton, M. Lockwood, R. Benson.

v. Q.E.G.S. Wakefield	Match drawn	
	QEGS 181-7 dec.	S. Wherity 4-28 I. Jesson 29 n.o.
	School 130-4	B. Keane 28 n.o. S. Wherity 24

v. Leeds G.S.

Won by 4 Wkts

Leeds 104 all out

I. Jesson 5-17

J. Hand 3-29

School 108-6

A. Langenegger 17

v. Bradford G.S.

Won by 104 runs

School 177-7 dec. (43 overs)

M. Lockwood 74

S. Wherity 31 n.o.

J. Charlton 23

Bradford 73 all out

J. Hand 6-21

S. Wherity 3-25

U15 XI Cricket Retrospective

Yet again the weather was the winner this year, with only one game played in a rain-affected season. A huge shame as this is a very talented side.

They were able to display their skills against Giggleswick early in the season winning by 5 wickets.

Fine performances were recorded by A. Atkinson (captain) 12 overs 2 maidens, 2 for 27 and R. Benson 10 overs 6 maidens, 3 for 5. Highest praise should however go to N. Thackray who bowled well and batted well, scoring 38 not out with the willow and taking 3 wickets off 12 overs with 8 maidens and only 10 runs conceded.

NW

v. Batley G.S.

No Play - Rain

v. Giggleswick

Won by 5 Wkts

Giggleswick 89 all out

R. Benson 3-5

N. Thackray 3-10

School 90-5

N. Thackray 38 n.o.

U14 XI Cricket Retrospective

The team did not always play to it's true potential, but there are enough good players in the squad to hope that in future years matters can be rectified.

DS

Players: A. Strickland, K. Owens, S. Keane, C. Simpson, C. Foster, O. Wibberley, A. Siddle, S. Tate, M. Scrivin, T. Wilman, T. Lloyd-Evans, W. Pickles, T. Williams, R. Collinge.

v. Bradford G.S.

Lost by 8 Wkts

School 89 all out

C. Foster 24

Bradford 90-2

K. Owens 1-15

v. Clitheroe R.G.S.

Lost by 43 runs (25 overs)

Clitheroe 122-6

C. Simpson 2-20

School 79-7

C. Simpson 24

U13 Cricket Retrospective

Our season only consisted of 2 fixtures. The first was a 20 over match in the Yorkshire Post Knockout Competition. We were at home to Tadcaster, who batted first and scored 86 for 5. Ashley Woods being the pick of our bowlers with 2 for 4 runs off his 4 overs. Our reply never really got going and we finished with 52 all out. Only Duncan McDonald and Lawrence Edmondson reached double figures.

We then went to Bradford for a timed game. We batted first and after an early wicket, Edmondson (11) and Chris Wright (28) put on 38 for the 2nd wicket. That brought Wayne Fradley to the crease and he hit an excellent unbeaten 48. Unfortunately, nobody could stay with him and team was all out for 118. Bradford looked to be struggling at 27 for 3 but their next wicket took the score to 96 and an eventual defeat by 5 wickets.

SS

Players: L. Edmondson, D. MacDonald, C. Wright, W. Fradley, S. Pile, E. Scarr, A. Woods, A. Irvine, C. Wiggan, J. Holden, C. Holden

v. Tadcaster G.S. (20 overs)	Lost by 34 runs Tadcaster 86-5 School 52 all out	A. Woods 2-4
v. Bradford G.S.	Lost by 5 Wkts School 118 all out Bradford 119-5	W. Fradley 48 n.o. C. Wright 18 A. Irvine 2-22

U12 Cricket Retrospective

In a rain affected season, the Under 12 XI only played two games. In those, and in the House competitions held later, it was obvious that there are several very good players in this year, who should do well in the future.

DS

Players: J. Hastings-Trew (Capt.), C. Baxter, J. Cowgill, R. Scott, A. Starkey, J. Wilman, W. Campbell, D. Stott, D. Cox, E. Roberts, J. Wherity, J. Irvine, M. Brown

v. Bradford G.S.	Lost by 8 Wkts School 77 all out Bradford 79-2	E. Roberts 1-13 J. Cowgill 1-17
v. Clitheroe R.G.S.	Won by 5 Wkts (20 overs game) Clitheroe 61-8 School 62-5	J. Wherity 3-6 J. Hastings-Trew 19

Representative Honours

Simon Lewis has been selected for the Yorkshire Senior Schools' Under 19 team. An excellent achievement!

1997 House Cricket Championship

Apart from the Year 10 competition, which had to be abandoned due to rain, all other years competed in the House Cricket competition with 30 matches in all being played.

The Senior competition (a combination of results from Years 11,12 and 13) was won by Ermysted House with Petyt and Toller equal second and Hartley fourth. Some excellent cricket was played with all teams getting to grips with six-a-side, 5 overs per team format.

The Junior House Trophy (Years 7,8 and 9 combined) was also won by Ermysted House, but they were pushed very close by Hartley who finished second. This was evident in the very last match of the competition- the Year 7 clash between the two Houses. Hartley needed to win to share the overall Junior Championship, and the match came down to the very last ball with Hartley needing one to win with the last pair at the wicket. The ball was struck firmly, but an excellent catch ensured the match was tied giving Ermysted victory in the overall championship.

The players are to be congratulated on their skills and approach and many thanks to all the scorers and staff umpires who made the matches possible.

CD

House Cricket Championship - Final Tables

Senior - Yr 11, 12 and 13 results combined

<i>Position</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1	Ermysted	6	4	0	2	8
=2	Petyt	6	3	0	3	6
	Toller	6	3	0	3	6
4	Hartley	6	2	0	4	4

Junior - Yr 7, 8, 9 and 10 results combined

<i>Position</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1	Ermysted	9	6	3	0	15
2	Hartley	9	6	1	2	13
3	Toller	9	2	1	6	5
4	Petyt	9	1	1	7	3

Cross-Country

We are blessed with some superb athletes at the school at the moment, and consequently had another marvellous season, though we can only select some highlights here.

The seniors, with the welcome addition of Matthew Watson, have been a force to be reckoned with at any level. Max Brear has continued his tremendous form over the country and on track. James Mason has won several races, and Oliver Brewer has emerged from our crop of excellent second years to be a major contender for honours at even National level.

Bingley Harriers School Cross-Country Challenge

We went to Myrtle Park in Bingley for the inaugural running of this event organised by Bingley Athletics Club. It was a series of normal races with the first 3 runners to score for the team. In cross-country the first finisher scores 1 point, the next 2, etc. The winning team is therefore the one with the lowest score.

We had a strong line-up in the U13's with 19 of our first and second years running. Oliver Brewer maintained his good form to lead from start to finish in the most competitive of all of the races. He was ably supported by Chris Rusius in 5th and Ashley Miller who was 7th. Their score of 13 points was easily good enough for victory, and our 'B' team would probably have won medals had they been eligible. All of our runners ran well but some deserving special mention are, Charles Baxter, Ian Freeman, Andrew Little, Ben Heap, Joseph Wherity and Fraser Picken.

In the older age groups it became a little embarrassing as we swept the board. The U15's romped to victory with 7 of the first 8 places including the top 3 of David Huff, James Mason and Jonathan Pile. The other high finishers were Paul Jaquin, Chris Foster, Nick Thackray and Andrew Strickland.

As implied earlier the U17's was a procession. Matthew Watson, James Burgess, and Max Brear stormed to individual glory and another team success, Three out of three can't be bad! However, Richard Freytag, Ben Rickaby, Ian Livesey, Andrew Carr and John Egan, amongst others, show we have tremendous depth in running at this and all the other age groups.

Brewer Shines in TSB Cross-Country Cup

There was a fantastic performance by Oliver Brewer who won the TSB Cross-Country Cup North of England Round.

Oliver's team, the Ermysted's U13's, and the Ermysted's U15's team were the only Craven representatives at this level having qualified as runners-up in the earlier North Yorkshire round. At stake in this North of England round were places in the National Final for the top 3 schools at each age group.

Each race had 12 teams from the North of England, with 6 runners per team. Oliver led from start to finish but couldn't shake off 2 of the runners. A determined effort in a long sprint finish saw him home and gave the Ermysted's team a great start. He was well supported by Chris Rusius in 13th, Andrew Wiggan 22nd and an ever improving Ashley Miller 23rd for a team total of just 59 points, good enough for second team overall and qualification for the National Final in Leicester on December 7th. The non-scorers for Ermysted's were Charles Baxter 42nd and Ian Freeman 44th in a field of 72.

Ermysted's Home Fixture

A clash with the Bradford Schools area championships reduced numbers but we still had representatives from 7 schools including QEGS Wakefield and Leeds Grammar School when we hosted our annual inter-

school fixture. The conditions under foot in Aireville Park in December are usually slippery and this was no exception. However we were lucky enough to have a mild, wind and rain free morning.

The first race was the U16's, where we expected Max Brear to do well. Max finished 30 seconds clear in first with David Huff showing signs of returning to form a good 4th. Ian Livesey was 6th and Daniel Akrigg 17th to give the team 28 points. They were desperately unlucky as the winning team also had 28 points but won on countback.

The Seniors had rather more luck. They too were involved in a close team competition but fortunately just held off the challenge of QEGS for a win by 1 point. Their scorers were a tremendous individual run by James Burgess who had the clearest winning margin of the day, Andrew Carr who came 3rd, Ben Rickaby was 5th and Chris Mason completed the team with 9th for a very close fought victory.

The next race saw our first years in action. James Viney and Matthew Brown finished a very good 10th and 11th respectively. Andrew Little 17th and Ben Heap 18th gave the team 4th place out of the 7 teams. Our other runners were Joseph Wherity 24th and Chris Hope 25th finishing well up the field of 39 athletes.

The final race was a last workout for three of our team competing in the English School's Cross-Country Cup Final on the following Saturday and they all had good races against competition a year older than themselves. Oliver Brewer led for most of the race before being overhauled late in the race by one such older athlete. His 2nd place started a procession of Ermysted's runners, James Mason 3rd and Chris Foster 5th were split by another finalist Chris Rusius who had a great race in 4th place. The non-scorers were Thomas Mitcham 12th, Fraser Picken 14th and Anthony Cheung 25th. Needless to say the team won comfortably to round off a very successful day for the school.

English Schools' Cross-Country Cup Final, Leicester.

On Saturday 7th December the junior boys team took part in the National Final of this Cross-Country competition. We stayed overnight to give our runners the best possible preparation for the race and awoke to freezing fog. Fortunately the ground soon thawed but the fog never lifted. The race itself was over a two mile course of predominantly flat grassland. The opposition came from 24 teams of 6 runners, who had qualified by means of a top three team position in the 8 different regional semi-finals.

We had aspirations of a coveted top 10 team position and hopes for a high individual placing for one of our athletes, Oliver Brewer. Oliver actually won the regional round to help his team qualify as runners-up so we thought he would do well. He started off quickly and was well to the front of the early pacesetters. When they emerged from the gloom at the halfway stage he was still in contention and the leading pack had dwindled to fewer than ten runners. There was a breakaway made going up the only hill and unfortunately for Oliver it proved decisive. He stuck manfully to his task and although he made up ground on the leader he could not peg him back. He did however outsprint all of the chasing pack for a truly magnificent second individual place in this national final!

Oliver's 2nd place gave us a great start in the team competition in which the positions of each teams' first four runners home are totalled to give their score and the lowest score wins. Our next two runners, Andrew Wiggan and Ewan Scarr, also did themselves proud finishing in the top third of the competitors in 43rd and 44th places respectively. The team was completed by Chris Rusius in 63rd position for a team total of 152 points. After a nervous wait our position in the top 10 was confirmed with 6th place (only 2 points behind 4th spot). A tremendous achievement out of the 24 finalists in this national competition in which well over 400 schools had entered. Our non-scoring runners were Charles Baxter, who has another chance at this age group next year, in 85th place and Ashley Miller who was 92nd. Incidentally, Oliver ran in the same competition last year and only managed 95th, so it just shows what a difference a year can make.

Northern Cross-Country Championships 1997

The 58th annual championships were held at Heaton Park, Manchester. There were over 50 schools represented from as far afield as Shrewsbury in the Midlands to Morpeth in Northumberland. In each race teams of 6 runners compete for the team prize with the best 4 finishers to score. Awards are made to each member of teams gaining a position in the top six and any individual runner gaining a top 10 place.

The highlight of our day and in fact our season came in the U13's race; the "Cubs" had a good chance of a high team position and Oliver Brewer had a strong chance in the individual race. Oliver set off at his usual fast pace and was still leading when after a quarter of the race the runners disappeared from sight. When they emerged from the woods for the stream crossing he had even extended his lead to about 20 metres with his team-mates all in the top 30. Despite finding it hard going after his fast start Oliver hung on to win by about 30 metres for our first ever individual victory in such an important race. His team also stuck to their task with Chris Rusius and Ewan Scarr both gaining places in the top 20 coming 15th and 19th respectively. Andrew Wiggan completed the team in 39th for a very low team total of 74 points and a nervous wait to see just how far up the field the team had come. When the results came in we had finished 3rd of the 29 teams. So we had the individual champion and the 3rd best team in the North of England!

Matthew Watson was our hope of further individual glory in the U18's (Seniors). Last week he had come 4th in the National Clubs Championships but had to run against the young man who was runner-up at Southampton. He set off in determined fashion on the first of the two laps to pull himself and two others well clear of the field. On the open section of the second lap his rival from last week opened up what proved to be a decisive lead, but Matthew still had company. He made his own break for home after the stream crossing when his opponent slipped. Matthew's excellent 2nd place set up our team for a good score. Ben Rickaby, our cross-country captain, running his last race for school made sure he finished on a high with a fantastic 18th. Richard Freytag 39th and James Burgess 44th completed the team for a good score of just 104 points and another nervous wait to see if they gained a top six spot and therefore an award. After a short wait they were indeed confirmed as 5th team.

Runner of the Year

This competition looked likely to be a close fought contest. However, injuries and other commitments of some of our leading athletes meant that nobody could keep close to the eventual winner, Oliver Brewer. His magnificent 274 points gained through training, races, team wins and representative honours would have been nearly impossible for anyone to match. Max Brear took 2nd place with James Mason 3rd. Matthew Watson in his first season was 4th mainly due to missing several fixtures through injury. Many runners who run regularly realise that they are not going to win but do aim for a top 10 finish so those positions are shown below. They are adjusted to compensate for a differing number of possible races for each age group.

1. Oliver Brewer	274 points
2. Max Brear	238
3. James Mason	228
4. Matthew Watson	220
5. Chris Foster	193
6. David Huff	190
7. Charles Baxter	189
8. Chris Rusius	176
9. James Burgess	141
10. Andrew Wiggan	118

Golf Report

The Geoffrey Fell Memorial trophy for schools was held again at Skipton Golf Club in September 1996 and 18 teams from 9 schools entered the competition. Included were teams from Bradford G.S., Saltaire G.S. and Bingley G.S. as well as all the local schools. We entered four teams therefore giving experience of competitive play to relatively new golfers.

After being wrong so many times the selection of the A team this year was absolutely correct and all our best four scores came from this section. As a result Ermysted's once again won the trophy although this time it was very close indeed with Salts A being only one point behind.

Teams C, D and B did very well indeed coming 7th, 12th and 14th respectively. The winning team comprised Simon Wormald (Capt.), Mark Desgranges, David Barton and Mark Scotter.

Annual Fixture v Old Boys - 9th July 1997

For a number of years this fixture has been held at Ghyll Golf Club, Barnoldswick but this year they had a clash of fixtures and so we were very grateful to Skipton Golf Club who offered the facilities of the course and clubhouse to us. It was nice to return to the original venue.

The weather, the course and the hospitality were superb but unfortunately the school lost 4-2 and so we had to surrender the Arthur Taylor Trophy after holding it for the last two years. The Old Boys now lead 12-11 with two matches halved.

Results were:

<i>School</i>		<i>Old Boys</i>	
Simon Wormald and Adam Emmott	lost to	Jack Ryder and Simeon Thornton	4 and 2
Mark Desgranges and Mark Scotter	beat	Ivan Rhodes and Bill Barron	2 and 1
Warren Crundall and Ben Rickaby	beat	Ken Wilkinson and Jimmy Holcroft	3 and 2
Matthew Crewe and Damien Creed	lost to	Mike Bingham and Len Price	2 and 1
Mr Earl and Mr Rooke	lost to	Max Benson and Terry Greenwood	3 and 2
Mr. Wallace and Ian Hodson	lost to	Jonny Earl and Peter Stocks	4 and 3

The staff were meant to strengthen the school team but this they significantly failed to do.

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1st XV 1996/97

Back row: (Left to Right) H. Smith, J. Hand, D. Jowett, A. Montague, M. Boatwright, E. Stephens, B. Almond, S. Lewis, R. Beazley, A. Emmott
Front row : P. Masson, A. Wilkinson, S. Kennedy, M. Stewart (capt.), T. Marlow, L. McQuaid, J. Charlton



1st XI Cricket Team

Back row (R to L) : R. Benson, A. Atkinson, S. Wherity, P. Wrathmell, J. Hand, J. Charlton
Front row : Mr Rooke, T. Langenegger, M. Lockwood, S. Lewis, H. Smith, J. Greenwood, Mr Davies



Sports Day - 4th Year 800m Race Action

P. Jaquin leads with J. Pile, J. Harle and T. Palin behind - Palin goes on to finish 3rd



Sports Day - "Why have we got four runners and five times..."



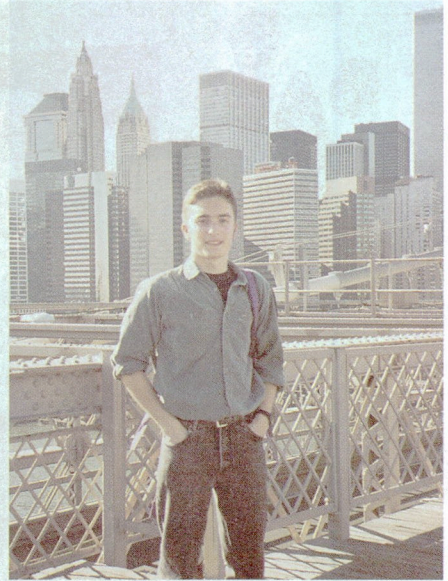
Matthew McLellan (as Seymour) talks to the plant in "Little Shop of Horrors"



Cross Country Winners - Highlighting our magnificent performances in the Area Championships, the picture shows our 4 District Champions (there are only 5 age groups). The 3 shields are the team championship shields where we won 3 age groups - we were 2nd in the other 2.
James Mason - Jnr. Max Brear - Inter. Matthew Watson - Snr. Oliver Brewer - Year 8



Shantha Rao helps David Murphy and James Horfall enact the story of "Rama and Sita"



Tom Procter on Brooklyn Bridge, New York. His account of the school trip is on page 36



1997 sees School saying goodbye to Mr Thomas, Mr Stephens and Mrs Scales

Rugby

The 1st XV had few seasoned players to draw upon. Captain Michael Stewart, Adam Emmott, Andrew Gowan and Tim Marlow were the only four with extensive 1st XV experience. Fortunately some of the younger players had always shown promise and with other late developing upper sixth boys we put together a good team.

During the course of the season only Q.E.G.S. Wakefield and Kirkham beat us decisively, although in both cases only after great struggles. Of our wins the 43-17 defeat of Leeds G.S. was a high point but we were lucky to beat Bingley G.S. whilst the win at Giggleswick was a bruising encounter where we did well to hang on. Elsewhere we lost three tight encounters against Bradford, Rishworth and Morpeth, the latter in the Daily Mail Plate Competition. Lytham was a draw that we should have won and Ashville, Silcoates, Harrogate, Crossley Heath, Otley and Mirfield were all disposed of in some comfort.

Stewart, Emmott and Marlow went on to play for Yorkshire State Schools, whilst winger Alex Wilkinson, in a season plagued by injury, played for the full County Under 16 team. Charlton had a good season on the other wing with Lewis competently occupying the fly-half position. Stephens played at number 8, improving throughout the season, being a major contributor in the lines. Gowan proved his worth as a hardworking flanker.

The front row was the most problematic area; Masson proved to be best hooker, but had to contend with a number of props. Beazley, McQuaid, Jowett, Bellas, Hoyle and Wightman all brought a variety of strengths and weaknesses to this position. It is a difficult position because today's requirements are for more than just scrummaging ability. Getting the balance right is hard at schoolboy level and four of these players will return as better players next season. Lower sixth boys Almond and Boatwright occupied the second row with the former winning significant line out ball. Hand at open side flanker had an outstanding season being consistently first to arrive at breakdown situations. In the backs Kennedy had an excellent season at fullback in both attack and defence. Others who played were Richards, Goodall, Lewis, Montague and Smith, and all from the lower sixth. Next seasons's team promises to be as strong as we have had in recent years.

Rugby throughout the school is very healthy, only the Colts had a disappointing season, whilst the three other junior sides won 21 out of 27 games. Next year should see all our teams have winning seasons; a good time for the writer to retire from the scene. The last ten years have seen momentous changes in Rugby, and throughout that period of time the school 1st XV has been a great source of pride and satisfaction to me personally. Our teams, in good years and bad, have competed with spirit, pride, dignity and skill. The black and white hoops bring the best out of Ermysted's boys.

It is of course impossible to compare teams and players from different school years, but for what it's worth this would be my "all-star" team 1987-97.

15	Andrew Hodgson	1	Fraser Lovatt
		2	Declan Hayes
14	Martin Collinson	3	Reuben Whittaker
13	Daniel Stephens	4	Richard Kozlowski
12	Peter McCarthy	5	Robert Cowley
11	Peter Butterworth	6	John Hartley
		7	Adam Emmott
10	Michael Stewart	8	Jonathan Baxter
9	Graham Smith		

Apologies to all those excellent players not included. Whilst this team would do extremely well, I have to say that Ben Whitaker's team of 1995-96 was a joy to work with and had an excellent season. With no "superstars" they had a marvellous team spirit.

I wish my successor, Richard Head, all the best in the years to come and hope that he takes as much pleasure out of rugby at E.G.S. as I have.

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Birkenhead Park North of England Sevens

Forty of the top rugby schools met in this competition. Ermysted's were drawn in group A of the tournament and lost the first game against Stoneyhurst College - previous winners in the last 2 years. The next three games, against St Anselms, Rossall "B" and Ruthin were won easily. This put them second in the group with a place in the Plate competition.

In the Quarter Finals Stockport G.S. was defeated 29-24 with a try in extra time securing the victory. Merchant Taylor's School was then comfortably defeated 26-10 in the Semi Final. The Final against Sedburgh promised a stern encounter against a famous public school; but strong tackling, a feature throughout the day, and direct running by fast backs produced a clear cut win 28-17. So Ermysted's became the first ever Yorkshire school to win either of the trophies at this major event, and are one of the very few state schools playing rugby at this level.

The team was magnificently lead by Adam Emmott and the other team members were Jonathan Charlton, Edward Stephens, Sean Kennedy, James Hand, Ben Almond, Jonathan Richards, David Williams, and not least Alex Wilkinson making a welcome comeback after injury and fully justifying his inclusion with several long distance tries.

Fylde R.U.F.C. Sevens

This event was held over two days. On the Saturday School had to play four games. King Edward's, Camp Hill was beaten 22-12, this victory being followed by another over Liverpool College by 22-0. In the next game the team was at it's worst and lost 7-10, but then rediscovered some form to beat St Bees, Cumbria 19-5. Generally the first day was a below par performance.

Returning on the Sunday the final pool game was against Rossall, a victory in which would have won the group. Having gone into a 22-0 lead at half time we managed to lose 22-29 thanks in no small part to some strange refereeing decisions and so we once more found ourselves playing in the Plate Competition.

All the cobwebs had by now been blown away and the nine man squad of Emmott, Charlton, Stephens, Hand, Richards, Williams, Kennedy, Smith and Wilkinson sailed through to the final with wins over Sedburgh 42-7, Manchester G.S. 56-5 and King William's School, Isle of Man 26-7. In the final we came up against a very competent Fulneck team and at one stage we were 14-19 down, but another gear was found and the eventual score of 50-26 gave E.G.S. its second Sevens trophy in eight days.

All the squad contributed well, especially in defence where very few tackles were missed, and one or two bone-crushing efforts by Richards and Stephens seriously demoralised the opposition. Kennedy and Wilkinson, whose speed in attack allied to some spectacular cover-tackles, contributed greatly whilst Emmott once more showed great strength and stamina.

Rugby Over the Years

Some interesting statistics over the last forty years shows the school to have been continually improving. Taking the yearly results from the five principle teams, 1st XV, 2nd XV, Colts, Junior Colts and U/13 XV and then identifying "winning" teams, i.e. those with a 50% or better playing record, the following emerges:

<i>Period</i>	<i>Available Records</i>	<i>Winning Teams</i>	<i>School%</i>
1957-67	42	19	45.2%
1967-77	47	18	38.3%
1977-87	40	20	50%
1987-97	50	29	58%
(1992-97)	25	20	80%

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2nd XV Rugby Report

Played 11 Won 6 Lost 5
Points For: 212 Against: 175

The season started with high hopes following last year's spectacular record and the award of the Malhamdale trophy. The team certainly showed real determination to achieve the same feat this time around. However, in the first match of the season, we were unable to contain a strong Bradford G.S. team, who were obviously trying to make up for last year's defeat at our hands. Alas, the 54-0 scoreline, which did the Ermysted's team no justice, brought us back down to earth with a bump.

Grit and determination saw us through the rest of the term, when we were able to prove what the 2nd XV was really capable of. Nothing less than 100% effort and commitment ensured victories against the likes of Silcoates and K.E.S. Lytham. However, we were unable to overcome the might of the "big" teams like Leeds G.S. and QEGS Wakefield, who beat us by 29-10 and 33-8 respectively - very respectable scorelines.

The fluidity of squad members between the 1st's and 2nd's (due partly to injury, and partly because it was so difficult to choose one person over another) meant that a steady fifteen-man team was hardly allowed to develop before one or more persons was moved, and in total 37 lads represented the 2nd XV.

The front row was a particularly volatile place to be with no less than *eight* people playing prop through the season. A similar story could be told about the other positions too. Despite this unhelpful situation, many key players enjoyed a memorable season. Pete Wrathmell (scrum-half), Alistair Allen (second row) and Ryan Gains (no.8) - all in their first year of senior rugby - impressed with their strength, commitment and fitness and surely have an excellent future in E.G.S. rugby. Our "talkative" newcomer from Millfield, Andy Montague, also had a good year and soon proved that he liked to be in the thick of things.

The pack as a whole, whatever it's make-up, proved to be committed, strong and well-trained, and was therefore rarely beaten by the opposition in rucks and mauls. The backs also had a rich supply of talent; Richards, Lockwood, Williams, Crundall and Lewis, as well as the aforementioned Wrathmell, for example, to name only a few who displayed great tactical awareness, skill, and who provided a tough barrier to pass. Richards and Lewis also kicked excellently, winning many points for the team all season.

Under Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Davies, the team worked hard to produce some good results. I would like to thank them, on behalf of the team, for their hard work and support during the season. The foundations have surely been laid for a superlative season next year.

J.W. 6BM

Colts XV

A disappointing season for the colts in their final year together, as skill and organisation couldn't compensate for their lack of physical mass.

The fixture list started with a tough game at Bradford where an unfamiliar team suffered a heavy loss, and with confidence low, two tricky away games became another two defeats. However, a change of captain helped improve performances, if not results. Darren Parker led an inspired side against Crossley-Heath, but a lengthy injury list cost the team its first win of the season. Another terrific performance against the impressive Q.E.G.S. Wakefield side led to another narrow defeat.

The team's first victory of the season came against Giggleswick, a solid performance capped with individual brilliance meant confidence started to grow, and another win soon followed in the last game of the season, against Ripon.

After Christmas the team travelled to Harrogate for a 15-a-side competition, a cup which Ermysted's has won for the past years. Weeks of training paid off as the side played some exiting running rugby which brought them success against Benton Park and local rivals Otley. However, a lapse of concentration against Harrogate resulted in defeat which left the team needing to beat Ripon in their final game to win the tournament. Sadly, the effort given in the other games left some tired legs and the game was unfortunately lost, leaving Otley to take the title.

Congratulations to Michael Wycherley, Richard Benson and Iain Strickland for reaching the North Yorkshire trials, where, but for the Simbach exchange, they would have surely been joined by Darren Parker and Simon Lofthouse. There were also some fine performances by latecomers James Parker and Thomas Palin.

1997 squad: Bland, Cryer, Jordan, Strickland, J. Parker, Emmott, Lofthouse, Jaquin, D. Parker, Smith, Benson, Wycherley, Stansfield, Forman, Thackray, Palin, Pile, Atkinson, Wright, Leong.

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U14 Junior Colts XV

Playing Record: P11 W10 L1

The side's target for the season was no less than to go undefeated. In this campaign Wakefield loomed large as the most likely difficult hurdle. Come the showdown on a frosty November morning the dream, unlike the pitch, rapidly thawed into disappointing reality. Wakefield helped to put our season into perspective - 40 points behind the top echelon of the country. We dared to think that we were better than that!

The season got off to an auspicious start, quickly picking up the form and style which had taken them to the finals of the Yorkshire Post U13 competition in March. A convincing win against Bradford on the first Saturday of the season was more than could be asked for. The old rivals were taken apart by superior fitness, bite and playing continuity. The show was on the road!

Flushed with confidence - and complacency - we travelled away to Ashville. The home side were quickly into their stride, playing aggressive rugby on a difficult sloping pitch. It took all the guile and pace of Strickland to carve out an opening and a try in the last quarter to salvage a victory.

The fixture list now allowed us to make hay. Harrogate, Kirkham, Bingley and Silcoates were all despatched for 60 points, the pick of these displays being at Silcoates where many of the tries were genuinely team-crafted, and not just the product of individuals exploiting weak tackling.

After the Wakefield disappointment the remaining opponents were overcome but not in the style we had earlier become accustomed to. A confident Giggleswick side ran us very close, the team, for once, having to rely on that fickle ally, luck.

From a very good squad three match-winning individuals emerged: Haggerty at no.8, Strickland at centre and Pickles at full back. Collectively their try tally was immense; Strickland adding the conversion points with impressive regularity. Yet many other players do not deserve to be thought of as merely the supporting cast. Lloyd-Evans and Wibberley were the key play-makers in the backs - when they played well, the team played well. Tate, Marcham, Jones and Roberts deserve mention for their contribution to a

mobile and disciplined pack. In the backs Foster showed sharp finishing power and, along with his fellow wing Pike, showed an appetite for defensive duties.

Thus the U14s ended the season as the Malhamdale trophy winners. Its success was due to many reasons, amongst which talent was clearly prominent. It is also instructive to point out the telling contribution made by the excellent team spirit, as demonstrated by the keen and unselfish part played by squad members epitomised by players Hand, Coates and Williams. With these qualities, and a lot of hard work and dedication, maybe - just maybe - the likes of Wakefield can be overcome.

Other players: Siddle, Anderson, Keane, Clements, Simpson, Carney, Dodgson, Cowell-Smith

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Under 13 XV

We had a fairly even season, just about winning as much as we lost. In the Yorkshire Post Cup we found ourselves narrowly scraping through the first round against Castle Hall, Mirfield by a mere 1 point. The second round saw Ermysted's taking on the Ridings. We easily swept past them without them posing a threat. Parkside, Cullingworth were to be our next victims. We played away on a postage stamp size pitch. The whole Parkside year 8 turned out to watch the first half where they took the lead. After their support left the weather worsened. We took them by storm by doubling their first half score leaving us in the fourth round of the cup. Drawn against Crosslyions we arrived in high hopes of bettering the former year 8's achievements who lost in the final. Unfortunately we were cut short of the final by a small margin.

All through the season our aggressive forwards supplied the ball to the backs who wasted it. The backs needed more strength. By the end of the season they were better with big efforts by McDonald, Brushett, Fradley, Wiggan, Scarr, Burton and Scully - not to forget the superb centre Tim Manley who moved to New Zealand at the end of the season. The reliable forwards were Roberts, Green, Hamlen, Wright, Jaquin, Gee, Bode and Freeman who all played their parts.

Wayne Fradley (capt.)

Under 12 XV

This team only played three games, but were undefeated, which is a rare occurrence indeed. The games played were:-

Prince Henry's, Otley	won 15-0
King Edward's, Lytham	won 10-7
Malsis	won 19-7

This is a fine year group in that every position has at least one good player, some showing outstanding potential. If they continue to work hard at individual and unit skills they should develop into an impressive outfit.

Boys who played:-

R.Scott, R.Lumsden, W.Campbell, I.Dinning, C.Shave, B.Heap, C.Wharton, C.Baxter, K.Potts, C.Simmons, J.Hastings-Trew, J.Green, J.Gardner, J.Wilman, D.Stott, F.Foulds, L.Davey, G.Jones, D.Gains, E.Roberts, J.Wherity, M.Anderson, R.Naylor.

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Swimming Gala 1997

Senior

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	Time	Record
Freestyle x 3	Quinn (E)	Baldwin (T)	Potts (P)	58.88*	59.36
Freestyle x 2	Quinn (E)	Jones S. (P)	Stephens (H)	39.08	38.37
Breaststroke x2	Quinn (E)	Brear (E)	Potts (P)	44.95	44.87
Backcrawl x 2	Baldwin (T)	Potts (P)	Smith (E)	48.19*	49.30
Butterfly x 1	Baldwin (T)	Jones (P)	Wightman (H)	18.90*	19.90
Relay	Ermysted	Petyt	Toller	1m 30.33	1m 28.7

Intermediate

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	Time	Record
Freestyle x 2	Quinn (E)	Pratt (H)	Chapman (P)	40.58	40.40
Freestyle x 1	Quinn (E)	Parrish (H)	Pile (H)	18.88*	19.00
Breaststroke x 1	Pratt (H)	Parrish (H)	Williams (P)	22.83	21.10
Backcrawl x 1	Jaquin (P)	Strickland (H)	Pile (H)	24.62	22.80
Butterfly x 1	Quinn/Pratt (E/H)		Chapman (P)	21.35	19.90
Relay	Hartley	Ermysted	Petyt	1m 33.69	1m 33.0

Junior

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	Time	Record
Freestyle x 2	Brewer (T)	MacDonald (E)	Rusius (H)	44.50	43.66
Backcrawl x 1	Freeman (T)	MacDonald (E)	Green (T)	20.44	20.25
Breaststroke x 1	Freeman (T)	Hamlen (H)	Bode (T)	27.23	23.36
Freestyle x 1	Brewer (T)	Hardacre (H)	Lumsden (E)	24.86	20.40
Butterfly x 1	Freeman (T)	Brewer (T)	MacDonald (E)	22.30	22.20
Relay	Toller	Hartley	Ermysted	1m 41.21*	1m 42.1

Victor Ludorum

	1st	pts	2nd	pts	3rd	pts
Senior	Quinn M.	21	Baldwin	19	Potts	13
Inter	Quinn C.	20	Pratt	18	Jaquin	13
Junior	Freeman	21	Brewer	19	MacDonald	14

House Champions

1st=	Ermysted/Hartley	110pts
3rd	Toller	102pts
4th	Petyt	74pts

Tennis

There are two annual tennis tournaments. The Senior one is for 6th Formers and occurs in 2 stages. There is an initial round-robin series of matches where 24 players are divided into 4 leagues where each player plays the others within his league. The two that win most games qualify for the quarter-finals. These are then decided by a one set match eventually resulting in a final of best of three sets. After some good entertaining tennis the final was between Sean Kennedy of 6BM and Lee Simpson of 6BS.

Senior Tennis Knockout Stage

<i>Quarter-final (1 Set)</i>	<i>Semi-final (1 Set)</i>	<i>Final (Best of 3)</i>	<i>Winner (Best of 3)</i>
Kennedy	Kennedy		
Hamilton		Kennedy	
Smith	Smith		
Wightman			<i>Undecided at time of printing</i>
Wherity	Wherity		
Langenegger		Simpson	
Lockwood	Simpson		
Simpson			

The Junior event was a knockout competition from the start with a big entry. Eventually Thomas Lloyd-Evans of 3H defeating Richard Benson of 4W in the three set final 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Junior Tennis Knockout

<i>Quarter-final</i>	<i>Semi-final</i>	<i>Final</i>	<i>Winner</i>
Picken	Butt		
Butt		Benson	
Emmott	Benson		
Benson			Lloyd-Evans
Clements	Lloyd-Evans		
Lloyd-Evans		Lloyd-Evans	
Mitcham	Mitcham		
MacDonald			

Parents' Association Report

September 1996, and Mr Douglass, Deputy Head and long time friend of the PA, opened the batting for the teachers. "The sound reproduction gives Hamlet's soliloquies the intelligibility of Pinky and Perky gargling underwater", he wrote, referring to the "superannuated and crotchety" video recorder in Room 9. It was soon replaced and I was grateful to him for setting the tone for the year. After all, fund-raising can be a serious business so let's enjoy it as much as possible and that, I think, we managed to do this last year.

No-one could accuse us of not striving for variety. Our first attempt to appeal to the cultured was not as successful as we had hoped. Despite widespread advertising in the town, the turnout for an illustrated lecture on another all-male institution, The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, home of the Chelsea Pensioners, was fairly low. Those who came, however, were treated to a stimulating and informative talk, delivered with great composure and good humour by Lt. Colonel Brian Ayers, M.B.E., who lives and works at the Royal Hospital and who bears the fascinating title 'Captain of the Invalids'. Colin Marshall, a new parent, who owns Sycamore Studios in the town, enhanced Lt. Col. Ayers' delivery with the very professional way he operated the slide projectors. "I would have come if you'd had Kate Adie" protested one elderly lady I met in town. Well, you do your best.

In contrast, the Flower Arranging Demonstration by Harry Gordon in November attracted quite a large crowd. The Headmaster bravely ignored the fact that he was the only male present, apart from Mr Gordon himself. The theme was 'Christmas' and the magnificent displays were raffled at the end of the evening. Things were looking up. We made a good profit. The Christmas Raffle restored our confidence and faith in our abilities completely by raising a record £1765. We were delighted by the generous response we received to our request for prizes. We introduced a new incentive to boost ticket sales, rewarding any boys who sold their entire quota of tickets by placing their names in a separate draw with six special prizes. Richard Smith of 2C astounded us by selling £127.50 worth of tickets.

Tickets for the Wassail Evening in December sold out in just two weeks. As we had come to expect, it was a lovely evening of seasonal celebration with a lively, convivial atmosphere. Mr Gregory and some of the boys provided the much appreciated music and entertainment. Although not particularly intended to raise large sums of money, the evening generated nearly £500.

March 1997, and we held a repeat Table Top Sale, encouraged by its success the previous year. 25 tables were rented out in the Hall. We served refreshments on the stage and a cake stall and second-hand uniform stall supplemented the day's profits, which amounted to a splendid £684, so it was well worth the few hours of frantic activity which this type of event engenders. Once again, parents rallied to our request for help, with liberal donations of cakes and raffle prizes.

In April, Peter and Sue Warburton organised a quiz Night. Their efficient management of the event ensured that the rest of us had a thoroughly enjoyable night out, but I won't say too much about the scores! Peter struck the perfect balance with his questions and everyone had a chance to shine in their particular fields of endeavour as there were ten rounds, each with a different theme. The scores were processed so quickly that everyone could keep tabs on how their team was doing. Everyone agreed that it was a first-rate event with plenty of laughter and friendly rivalry and a good profit was made.

Such was our success, the accumulation of funds from our activities was beginning to militate against our objective to see resources ploughed back into the School as quickly as possible. We had by now financed a few projects but the coffers were still full. A notice in the Staff Room had the desired effect and, at a remarkable committee meeting in May, the 11 members attending coolly and effectively distributed over £5100 to 11 different departments within the School without any unnecessary debate. The letters of request demonstrated to us just how admirably the teachers cope and produce the outstanding results they do, in spite of a genuine need for extra equipment, and we were delighted to be able to help. Things were going swimmingly.



Ian Warburton creates a masterpiece with the sound module provided by Parents' Association

The only disappointment was that the weather did not permit us to enjoy a planned social event on 'the Top' late in June. The benches we had financed for 'the Top' were ready just in time, but sadly we had to cancel the event. We were particularly sorry that this robbed us of the opportunity to say goodbye to Joan Wormald who was leaving the committee after an incredible 13 years service, having had three sons at the School. Joan, a feisty straight-talker with a kind and generous disposition, has made a remarkable contribution over the years. It was Joan who masterminded the original Wassail Evening and who organised that memorable barbecue and ceilidh during the Quincentenary Year. Farewell, Joan, we shall really miss you.

Enter the Summer Fayre. July 1997, and we hardly dared to hope that we would be able to improve upon the outcome of previous years. A providential break in the atrocious weather enticed a large crowd of people and they materialised, as if from nowhere, suddenly at 1p.m.. In the three hours that ensued we made an impressive profit of £3600 which we gleefully claimed to be a record. Local businesses benevolently lent their support and parents, teachers and boys entered wholeheartedly into this huge team effort, designed as it was to finance the introduction of the Internet to Ermysted's. An excellent end to a good year.

All in all, we made just under £9000 during the year. The magic ingredient is quite definitely the excellent rapport that exists between the School and the Parents' Association. There never seem to be any failures in cooperation or communication and I know that this is due, in no small part, to the attitude of the Headmaster and the Office Staff. I pay tribute, too, to Sue 'Gromit' Warburton, our super-efficient Secretary, whose good humour knows no bounds, to David Butterfield, our treasurer, to Jane Jolly who runs the 200 Club and to all the hard-working committee members. It has been the greatest pleasure and privilege to serve as Chairman of the Parents' Association for the past two years and I retire feeling confident that it will move from strength to strength.

Jackie Hamilton
Chairman
Ermysted's Parents' Association.

Old Boys' Chronicle

Ermysted's Grammar School Old Boys v Giggleswick Old Boys

15th December 1996 - Score: EGS Old Boys 39, Giggleswick Old Boys 19

Players from all over the country came together on Sunday 15th December to take part in the inaugural annual fixture between former pupils of E.G.S. and Giggleswick School. Hosted by Wharfedale RUFC, a sizeable crowd enjoyed a memorable game contested by two skilful and committed sides at a high octane pace. After an evenly-matched first half, Ermysted's ran out comfortable winners having capitalised on extra possession and sharp back play.

Drawing from many club sides, including Skipton, North Ribblesdale, Wharfedale, Leeds, Bradford and Bingley, Harrogate, Morley, Waterloo, Blackheath and Newcastle Medics, both sides were able to call on a pool of talented players. Both teams gelled remarkably quickly into their chosen modus operandi.

Giggleswick's forward-orientated approach held sway in the first half. With domination in the line-outs, they were able to launch attack after attack, resulting in a goal and a try.

Ermysted's, on the other hand, chose an expansive game plan. Although restricted by lack of ball and heavy defensive duties in the first half, this approach came to fruition thereafter. Slick handling unleashed a welter of long-range raids resulting in some scintillating tries.

The opening exchanges saw Ermysted's announcing their intention to run. Sean Gilbert's early run down the right wing was the first of many telling incursions by him. The early territorial advantage gained by this brisk start brought tries from centre Tom Harrison and fly half Sean Gilbert.

At this point the Giggleswick men came back into the game with a vengeance. Their short driving and rucking play turned the screw on the opposition who succumbed to conceding a goal and a try, one scored by captain Jeremy Hopkinson, whose efforts lay at the heart of his team's considerable forward power. Also in the thick of much of this action was backrow veteran Simpson, who, confident of his substitution at half time, burned magnesium bright for the second quarter. During the same period, honours on the Ermysted's side went to the backrow trio of Neil King, Sam Lyles and Richard Kozlowski who, collectively, clocked-up an impressive tackle count.

The second half started in spectacular fashion. The fresh legs and class of Andrew Hodgson brought a new attacking dimension to the Ermysted's side. Within minutes of the restart he was able to latch on to a wide pass and squeeze through the gap for a morale-boosting try. Buoyed by this success, quick ball was spun wide to where their danger men lurked. Danny Stephens revelled in the space that he was put in and stretched away for two imperious tries. Not to be outdone, Sean Gilbert, now at centre, scored what was to be the individual gem of the match. Receiving the ball in an unpromising position, he swerved, side-stepped and accelerated his way to a 60-metres touch down.

In between these regular scores, Giggleswick were by no means a spent force. With a continued supply of good ball and the guile of Neil Gemmil at fly-half, they always remained a threat. Eventually the reward came. Full back, Caton, showed a turn of speed to beat the cover and touch down. That this pressure did not materialise in more tries was a tribute to the unflinching, hard-edged commitment of the Ermysted's defence. Invitation game it may have been, but "big hits" kept on coming in with incongruous regularity. Crunching tackles came from Stephens and Hodgson, the latter delivering one that must have registered on the Richter scale and, arguably, provided the "champagne moment" of the match.

Thus the afternoon's proceedings were proof that the one-off invitation game is not quite dead. In the

age of professionalism, contracts and over-protective clubs, it is refreshing to see players taking part for simple enjoyment of the game, the lure of long-formed local rivalries and loyalty to one's roots. Here's one that should run and run, barring, of course, the restrictive kiss-of-death of future RFU rulings.

Any Old Boys of either school, keen to participate in this annual Rugby fixture in mid-December, is invited to contact Chris Davies at Ermysted's or Neil Gemmil at Giggleswick.

Steve Howarth, captain, Ermysted's Old Boys

Old Boys' News

The Old Boys' Society is on the Internet. An international network of old Ermysted's pupils is building up on the Internet - with a little help from the Craven Herald.

Chris Beckett, who left the school in 1967 and now works in Singapore, set up a site for Old Boys around the world to leave messages. After a report in the Craven Herald, when he had found only one other ex Old Boy, there has been a big influx of entries, presumably as families have passed on details. It is amazing how far old Skiptonians can travel!

For those who know such things, the Ermysted's page can be called up on:
<http://www.man.ac.uk/~mbge6aec/ermysted/oldboy.html>

• Granville Baines, a pupil from 1970-1975, has worked in Rio, but is now working for GEC Marconi in Bracknell.

• Howard Barker, 1963-68, has worked in South Africa and is currently in Milwaukee, USA.

• Paul Beharrell, 1982-89, is now living in Southampton, studying for a PhD.

• Anthony Clarkson, 1991-96, is now living in Manchester.

• Sean Foley, 1989-96, is studying Economics at Cambridge.

• Andrew Frankland, 1981-88, is working in Spain as a postgraduate researcher.

• Bob Gearing, 1973-80, is living in Sydney, Australia.

• Terry Gissing, 1959-66, lives in Barnoldswick.

• A. J. Lusted, 1986-94, is now at Heriot-Watt University

• C.J. Taylor, 1982-89, is now a research assistant at Lancaster University.

• Phil Wharfe, 1972-78, is working in the theatre in London.

• Nigel Whiteoak, 1984-91, is working in London.

• Terence Jobling was awarded the OBE for his work as a Government vet. in the New Year's Honours List.

• In the same list, Bryan Lee was awarded the MBE for services to the Samaritans and the community in Doncaster.

• Arthur Jeanes has been appointed Executive Director at the Darlington Building Society.

- Brendan Corr was named Photographer of the Year at the annual Picture Editor's awards ceremony.
- John Hartley played for Yorkshire in the CIS Under 21's County Championship final at Twickenham.
- Andrew Walker is the new chairman of the Crosshills and District Round Table.
- Roger Ingham has been voted Yorkshire Life magazine's 'Man of the Year'.
- Oliver Heselton has been elected an Associate Member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.
- John Ward has had his new book "Discovering the Yorkshire Dales" published.
- Nicholas Cryer, who gained an MSc at Aberdeen, is to take up a PhD course in Crop Research at Rothamstead, Luton.
- Richard Carter has gained a BSc from Cheltenham and Gloucester College of Higher Education; he is to continue at the College as site manager for one of the campuses' Student Union.
- Andy Abell is to take up a post with N. Yorkshire Police Force's Fraud Squad, based at Tadcaster.
- Malcolm Ellison is studying to become a pilot in the Royal Navy's Fleet Air Arm at Dartmouth.
- Simon Beaufoy has written the script for the film "The Full Monty".
- Andrew Raynor has gained a First in German at St. Andrews. He is to begin employment as a business analyst.
- Andrew Hodgson is playing for Bradford Bulls. He has also been coaching at the School.
- Jonathan Williams has completed a First in Civil Engineering and an M.Eng. at Nottingham University. He is now in Alaska to study for a further degree in Geology/Geophysics from the University of Oregon and is engaged to an American girl.
- Jefferson Lynch has been teaching at Anshan University in North Eastern China and is now to begin training as a commercial manager with Unilever.
- Howard Cutler, 1954-1962, has recently been appointed as a Justice of the Peace, to the Staincliffe (Skipton) Bench. Some time ago, he was appointed as a Member of the Industrial Tribunal Panel for the Yorkshire and Humberside Region sitting mainly on the Leeds Tribunal Panel.
- Mark Rasche has started upon a BSc course in Human Biology at Loughborough University.
- Patrick Harris, who left in 1986, worked in the wine trade until 1994. He is now reading History at Balliol College, Oxford.
- Adam Tinniswood, who left in 1987, has gained a PhD at York in Electronic Engineering. He is now researching into software at the University of Utah.
- Richard Holden (1976-83) is now living in the Isle of Man and represents the island at soccer. He works as a physiotherapist in hospital and private practice. He is married with two sons.
- Tim Bromley has gained a BA in Sociology.

Marriages

Ben Russell to Penelope Fowkes at All Saints' Church, Writtle.

Mark Andrew Brown to Magdalena Budai at St Helen's Parish Church, Waddington.

Martin Wood to Alison Parry at St Leonard's Church, Chapel-le-Dale.

Richard Mark Oxley to Marguerite Frances Cook at All Saints, Old Heathfield, East Sussex.

Obituaries

Michael Hynes (46) — Michael served for 10 years in the RAF as a telecommunications technician; on leaving the RAF he worked for a time with British Telecom but devoted much of his time to the local communities in the Dales and was particularly noted for his musical talents.

Richard Wood (84) — On leaving school he took up articles with the Skipton accountants Weston, Whalley and Jackson; later he worked with a firm of accountants in the City of London but he left to volunteer for the RAF in May 1939 becoming a Flight Lieutenant in the Transport Command.

Wilfrid Blackburn (87) — Wilfred worked locally in the textile business and then for the Craven Herald's advertisement department. During the war he was a tank commander with the 14th/20th Kings Hussars and afterwards became ordained after studying at the Hartley Victoria Theological College in Manchester.

Jim Feather (79) — Jim worked for his father's firm of builders, joiners and undertakers in Earby before serving with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment during the war.

Harry Kay — Harry worked in local government, first in Earby and then in Salisbury as a public health inspector, and after his retirement he gained a BA in history with the Open University.

Mark Roberts (22) — Mark had an extremely rare form of cancer which he fought with great courage; he gained a Master of Engineering degree at Manchester University and had started studying for a PhD.

John Hoare (83) — John was articled to William Judge, accountant in Skipton and joined the RAF during the war and was awarded the DFC as a Flight Lieutenant in Bomber Command. After the war he and his brother built up a successful construction business. On his retirement he established Chinthurst Nursing home in Skipton.

Harold Capstick (b.1920; EGS 1931-6) — Always a good friend of the School, he worked at Mewies' solicitors for many years. We hope to publish more details at a later date.

Ermysted's Old Boys' Society

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Chris Davies, at the school (*strictly* postal business, please!)

Individual Contributors

“What I did in my Holidays”

At about Christmas time in the lower 6th form, we in the German set were told that it would be good for us to get across to Germany for a few weeks in the summer holidays. It would “drastically improve your ability in the language, and possibly even improve your grade in the A level exam.” I didn’t really want to put in much effort organising transport to Germany and finding something meaningful for myself to do while I was there, so Mr. Whitaker suggested applying for a language course. In England there’s an organisation called “The Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges” which works with a similar German organisation, the “Padagogischer Austauschdienst”, to set up and run language courses in Germany. The PAd offers bursaries to pupils participating in the courses, which cover the cost of accommodation with a German family and the cost of any group excursions. All we would have to pay was the cost of the flight to Germany, and the transport to Heathrow, where the group would meet. I was assisted in meeting these costs by a grant from the Phil Osborne trust and the Ian McLeod Memorial Prize.

The Central Bureau chooses 50 applicants from Great Britain and Northern Ireland to attend three simultaneous courses (i.e. about 16 per course), and organises the flight across. The courses this year took place in Beeskow, Eberswalde and Cottbus, two towns and a city, in the new state of Brandenburg in the ex-DDR. This really attracted me as I stayed briefly in the ex-DDR in 1994 and I was very interested to see how (if at all) the new states had developed since then. I filled in a detailed application form and, to my surprise, I was accepted as one of the privileged fifty. I was assigned to the course in Cottbus, the second largest city in Brandenburg.

We flew to Germany on Saturday 9th August and arrived in Berlin to find that half of our group’s luggage had not flown with us. Over the next few days our group leaders negotiated hard and finally got somewhere: we received our luggage on various days during the next week and everyone who had had their luggage mislaid received 150DM as compensation - which got me my souvenirs and some CDs.

Our group in Cottbus experienced varying standards of accommodation - I was with a fairly wealthy couple in a newly built, huge and very comfortable detached house, while another member was in a more normal Russian-built block of flats, but had to share a bed with his German partner for the duration of the course. It is, perhaps, just as well that we got on with everyone we met in Germany!

The course itself took place in one of Cottbus’s grammar schools, the Max Steenbeck Gymnasium, and it involved a lot of sitting in on our host’s lessons, as well as being taught as a group. Some of the delights in store for us were German folk songs, painting silk ties etc., lots of grammar and German literature.

As it was over 30 degrees every day for the three weeks, we never actually had a full school day. In Germany, if it was 27 degrees or more at 10.00am the previous day, the next school day is shortened by a couple of hours. Not surprisingly, no-one minded. We had more time to explore the city, see the sights, sit in cafes and just enjoy ourselves.

The evenings were generally spent in some pub with our hosts and their friends, but we did go to concerts, plays and the cinema as well to get a fuller, more rounded impression of German culture.

Our group went on three organised excursions. The first was to a brown-coal power station, which wasn’t particularly thrilling but is typical of the industry that used to be in the Cottbus area before the Wall came down. Cottbus and its surroundings used to provide most of the DDR’s electricity but now most of the power stations have been closed because they were so environmentally unfriendly. The one we visited was given a reprieve - finally the necessary billions had been invested into it to bring it up to an acceptable standard. The closure of most of the power stations means that unemployment in Cottbus has reached 20% and is climbing, as opposed to a regional average of 13% for the ex-DDR.

We visited Dresden which is still, or rather again, a very beautiful old city and Berlin, which isn't so nice because the Russians built their "internationally important showpieces" there, which look hideous and are on the verge of collapse. On the way back from Dresden we walked round the "Bastei", a national park consisting of very large and strange rock formations, gorges and lakes, which was exceptionally impressive and gave wonderful views over the surrounding countryside, which is as flat as a pancake. Most of us also managed to get taken by our hosts to the "Spreevald" - another national park. This one is a low lying area of wet forest land criss-crossed with drainage ditches. Tourists are now encouraged to go canoeing around the shady waterways while being eaten alive by the mosquitoes.

East Germany does seem to have improved a lot since I last went. The air in the towns doesn't really smell, and the buildings look clean and in good condition. In 1994 they seemed to come crashing down around us. In the other new states the roads are supposed to now be very good. Brandenburg hasn't done much to the roads yet, so while there have been minor improvements, they have the worst roads in Germany - even the motorways are in very bad condition. Brandenburg has the highest road fatality in Germany, probably as a consequence of the poor roads.

Despite people's living standards and freedoms having improved, there is a nostalgia for the old system, where everything in your life was planned - everyone knew there would be a job waiting for them, that there would be help when they fell ill, and that when they retired, there would be a state funded place in an old folk's home for them. Now there is none of that certainty. Market pressures have reduced employment significantly - the mayor told us of a textiles mill in Cottbus which, before the Wall came down, employed around 2,000 people. It is still operating today with the same production rate as before, but it only employs 600 people. People are having to think ahead for the first time in their lives and make provisions for pensions, healthcare and insurance, and for many it is too late. There are certainly interesting times ahead. This nostalgia is not sufficiently strong for people to want the return of the old system though.

After three weeks soaking up everything German, several of our group were ready to live there. I would certainly have stayed for longer if it were possible. The courses are an excellent way to get to know an area of Germany, and by the end of it, I could even understand the Germans when they spoke quickly to each other in dialect, which says something for the effectiveness of the course. Despite it being held in a school, the course is not constant hard graft, and I can recommend it to anyone studying German at A level.

Nick Jones 6BD

Swedish U19 Orienteering Tour To Gothenburg

In late April of this year I was surprised, very chuffed and then slightly nervous when I received a letter of confirmation from the British Orienteering Association informing me that I had been selected (1 of 9 boys) for the 1997 U19 GB Tour to Gothenburg. My selection had been the result of good performances at 'selection races' in the Lake District (Holme Fell) and West Midlands (Cannock Chase) earlier on in the year where I finished 5th and 3rd respectively in my age group, M18.

On 17th July I made an early break from school and met up in York with everyone else who had been selected. At midday on the 18th we left Newcastle bound for Gothenburg on a massive 'Scandinavian Seaways' ferry equipped with pool, sauna, two cinema screens etc., etc.

22 hours (and several weighty sick bags) later, we arrived in Gothenburg, our home for the next two weeks. The first thing I noticed about Sweden (apart from the women of course!) were the massive number of trees, they were everywhere, as far as the eye could see in every direction; it was a stark contrast to the UK. The city of Gothenburg itself was very similar to other European cities, and going against everyone's warnings it was quite cheap, so as you might imagine a few Swedish 'Krona' were spent here! The people in Gothenburg were extremely kind and helpful to us, as they were wherever we went in Sweden.

For the first one and a half weeks of the tour we trained in the local forests focusing on all aspects of our orienteering. We trained twice a day usually, beginning at about 9.30 and finishing at about 5.30 with often an hour or so spent afterwards swimming in the gorgeous lakes close by. The first week or so was very tough, especially as the weather remained very sunny and hot for most of the time.

At the end of this first week we spent a day training on an island not far from Gothenburg. When we arrived at our base for the day on the island, a photographer turned up to take photos of the tour team for the local newspaper, we felt like VIPs! Two days later, to our surprise, we were on the front page of the paper with a lengthy writeup about our exploits on the centre page.

Midway through our second week we travelled up to Motala, about 2-3 hours drive away. Here we competed in the first 2 days of a prestigious 3-day event called the Ostgota. We competed against many elite Swedish orienteers in our age group. The first day didn't go that brilliantly as I took nearly 15 minutes at the first control when my average split time was just above 4 minutes! On the second day I pulled out a much better performance, making only a few small mistakes. This was an encouraging end to the tour knowing that all the hard training the previous week had paid off. The rest of the team seemed to have a mixture of good and bad runs, none of us really making an impact on the top ten or so places on both days.

If I get selected to go on this tour again in 1998 I'll be jumping at the chance as it was a fantastic experience. Finally, I'd like to thank Mr Tickner for financial support courtesy of the 'Tuck Shop', and Mr Paley courtesy of the 'Osborne Fund'.

S. Wherity 6BC

Work Experience at Yorkshire Dales Radio

By the time that I first started thinking about applying to Yorkshire Dales Radio for a work experience placement I was starting to wonder whether I would get in anywhere at all! After I had sent off countless letters of application (well, about ten actually, but it felt like thousands!) it felt that everyone was plotting against me. Even my good friend Robert Allen was enjoying success at my expense, having obtained a placement at Charlesworth, Wood and Brown ahead of me because I didn't have enough stamps to send off all of my letters at once! I was desperately searching for a suitable placement, but with absolutely no success whatsoever. However, it became a remarkable coincidence that at the same time as I was getting a little worried, Yorkshire Dales Radio was launched. At first I scoffed at such a suggestion, but I soon realised that if I couldn't get into the journalistic section of the media then I might as well try my luck at radio broadcasting. Before I knew it I had set up a meeting between Ron Nicholson, my boss-to-be, and Mr Howarth.

After a meeting with Ron had failed to materialise we eventually met up a couple of months in advance of the actual week at YDR House, the home of the station. I was a little surprised that a radio station which cost £250,000 to set up was based in a "Portacabin" (a very large nice one though). I was asked why I wanted to come to the company and what I wanted to do etc., before being told the placement was mine!

I was then told a brief history about the company. It was formed by the group which bid successfully for the franchise to broadcast to the Yorkshire Dales in 1995. There is a combination of successful business people and broadcasting professionals with a strong local background to provide a genuine local radio station.

I then met Sarah who does the local news and weather. She is quite a chatty person who enjoys singing songs from the shows at 9am on a Friday morning. Her ambition is to be on GMTV and she is addicted to the free crisps which the staff have been given.

I also met Richard, the head of news, a normally quietly spoken sort of man, but judging by the manic

laughter to Mike's impressions of him I have reason to believe he has quite a temper.

Once I had met them, Ron showed me round the expensive electronic equipment, including the £3000 mixing desk and the primary broadcasting studio, which is like a microwave and became my second home during the week. Ron is an electronics genius and delighted in telling me all the specifications for the electronic equipment, which I enjoyed despite not having a clue what he was on about. He also has a dog called Ben who is the head of security, allegedly, and feels compelled to shred anything that is on the floor.

Anyway, enough about psychopathic dogs. Once I had been shown around, Ron told me to come in before the actual week to sit in on a broadcast. That was that - my first visit to Yorkshire Dales Radio, of whom I was to be an employee for a whole week.

The Saturday arrived. I went in to the office and was told to go through to meet Andy in Studio 1. I had previously spoken to him on the telephone and I found him to be quite laid back, and learnt of his 'need' to have a 'fag break' every five minutes, which gave me the perfect response if he was giving me a hard time! For some reason I got the impression that the staff weren't always working silently at their desks! I left the studio on Saturday evening feeling a lot more confident about the week ahead.

I arrived on the Monday morning, feeling a little bit nervous, but a lot more confident than on previous visits. When I entered I was greeted by Graham who quickly set me to work trying to find witty snippets from that morning's newspapers for him to use on his show. This proved difficult as I had been given the Sun and the Daily Star. However, the fact that his humorous one-liners were taken from the tabloids proved to be the first of my many pre-conceived illusions that were to be shattered but by no means the only one during the course of the week!

Graham became my supervisor during the week and he taught me many lessons about radio work, many of which are totally unsuitable! I learnt that my primary job was to make lots of tea and coffee and in the end became very proud that I had transformed the kitchen from a very unflattering remark on the wall to the summit of tidiness, to such an extent that I was told that I would make somebody a lovely wife one day. Even so, I was very proud of myself and became very irritable if anyone left a half-empty coffee mug lying around...

Anyway, after several rounds of hot drinks I was shown how to operate the playlist selecting computer, and I am now one of only two people in the universe to know the password. I was then led into the studio again to meet another person on work experience, Keith from Richmond. We got on well and I enjoyed having someone to help me out in the kitchen. We then sat in the studio for a few hours until the well known former sports commentator David Icke arrived. He was apparently a successful BBC employee until he decided that he was the son of God. He was a little strange...

The following day we were visited by the major (in Cornwall) band, Rootjoose. Keith and I were told to write some questions for them. The rest of the week centred around meeting more staff, slagging off Andy about being lazy, making tea and coffee, sitting in with Graham and emptying the bins, the record being three times on Friday.

However, we did have some other different guests though, and the truest thing said in the whole week was "This station seems to attract weirdoes." The other two guests were experts in their fields, which were, erm, ghosts and UFOs. They were very interesting characters to say the least!

On the Thursday I was visited by Mr Whitaker. The meeting went well and Andy behaved himself after saying he would leave lots of wires lying about. He was even gracious enough to offer me a GNVQ level 12 in 'brew making and emptying the bins' when asked how I was coping. All in all, a very successful and enjoyable week!

Over the Parapet

It was the waiting, the endless waiting that was the worst part. Hours spent hunched up in the wet mud of the trenches, huddled behind a single parapet and waiting for the inevitable order to attack. The longer spent waiting the more the fears grew, each knew that they would never see their homes again and just lived from day to day, attack to attack. When each order came to attack many wondered if it was to be their last, if they would come back alive to survive another day in the foul trenches far from home. The troops were quiet as they sat hunched in the mud, they knew of the attack plan and many, fearing that they would die in the process, emptied the last of their rum ration down their dry throats. The soldiers were soon drunk but it was the only relief that they had, their only slight pleasure in the endless monotony of fighting. Shivering in the cold of the trench they sat, clutching rifles expectantly. Their feet were cold and their uniforms caked in the filth of so many months of trench warfare; frost-bitten hands were rubbed together and tucked under armpits to warm them. Some tried to sleep, but the apparent proximity of death made it hard and the knowledge of the attack kept them from dozing. Others stared sullenly at the dark walls of the trench, wishing fervently to end the nightmare in which they were living. In the relative comfort of the dugout the officers studied their maps; they too were fearful, and like their men wondered if they would survive the fighting.

Then, when the order came, the weary, tired troops would leap over the parapet, many instantly slain, while their comrades clambered over their dying bodies and into the barren landscape of No-Man's Land. Through the lethal entanglements of defensive barbs they would scramble, past the last defensive lines and on into the crater strewn landscape of No-Man's Land. As the rush continued fears were temporarily left behind, now was a time for survival of the luckiest. In a horrible scream of death the leading three men fell, their bodies jerked backwards as the bullets struck them.

The remaining men were leaping over the bodies, ignoring the desperate pleas for help, crouching to let loose a ragged salvo of rifle fire, aimed at a hidden enemy. When a German head did breach cover it was for a deadly round of machine gun fire, giving no opportunity for any accurate shooting.

Stumbling on over the rugged, torn ground the attackers ran, and yet despite their efforts they were barely past their own lines. Running fearfully over the crater strewn mud, ducking enemy shots, the attackers continued. Some men stopped briefly, dropped to their knees and vomited, their ashen faces full of a terrible sickening fear that tore at their insides, fighting its way out. Then they were up, back onto their feet, and running, screamed at by officers, feet pounding the desolate wasteland. The front men took the first blast, hurled back towards their pursuing comrades in a terrible twisting agony of death. Leaping the contorted bodies the remaining men continued the relentless attack.

The shouts of the officer stopped abruptly, picked off by an accurate aim and a deadly bullet. The lack of order was unnoticed, a running fire of rifles ensued and the first man reached the beginning of the enemy line, covered by a another quick burst of fire. With the sharp edge of his bayonet he hacked at the barbed fence, desperately trying to make a hole to allow the attack to penetrate further. To his left was a broken area, probably caused by the shell bombardment that had preceded the attack. The young soldier hacked at the barbs, trying to enlarge the hole, but it was hardly having any effect. He was now only a few hundred yards from the German trenches, a trench full of artillery against his almost useless rifle-bayonet. He was scared, he'd never felt such overpowering fear, a fear that almost caused him to turn and run back towards his own lines.

He knew that he would probably not see his home again; he had decided that the first time they had scrambled over the parapet into No-Man's Land and for him, every attack since had been his last. It was the early spring of 1917 and he'd been in the trenches since the first day of war; he left school at the age of sixteen and joined up straight away. Within a month he was on foreign soil and he'd been there ever since. The last one and a half years had been spent fighting over the same few miles of mud they called No-Man's Land. He'd seen many of his comrades die, unaided and alone, blown apart by shells or shot as they advanced. He was afraid that he too would die alone in this Godforsaken country and wondered if he would live to see the sunrise again. For the past year he'd survived the worst terror imaginable and knowing he must surely die made him think of his home; a home far away, and his family that he had not seen since he'd waved good-bye from the train as it had pulled out of Leeds station. His brother had joined up a year later but he had no idea if he was alive or dead, he too was, assuming he was still alive, fighting on the Western front, probably only a few miles down the Allied lines, in the same situation as he was. Apparently it was an honourable, brave and noble thing

to die for King and Country but he felt far from bravery and he was sure that such terror could not be seen as noble. He hated the generals and the commanders who spent all their time miles from the front line. Haig, he knew had never visited his men on the front line, men whom he daily ordered into battle, men who often did not return.

Soon more men were with him, others fell behind, time dragged, every moment brought further terror for the men who tried vainly to cross the enemy lines. As more men reached the lines a pair of cutters appeared and the wire was cut in several places. Everything seemed to be happening so slowly, yet it was barely minutes since they had jumped over the parapet to begin the attack. Still death did not come, a death which, to these men stranded in a living hell, might have seemed vaguely attractive, a permanent leave from the unimaginable horror of war. To retreat without an order would be cowardice but to stay would be sure death, still it was for King and Country after all, what could be more honourable? Then it came, the expected, inevitable reply to the British attack; knifing through the wire came an onslaught of machine gun fire and the familiar click of the multi-barreled guns.

Finally, after hours, even days, of waiting, it came; he heard the whirr of the gun and almost immediately felt the shrapnel lodge into his shoulder. The pain was slow in coming, minimal at first, the only indication was the sticky red area that was spreading across the arm of his tunic. Clutching his arm to try and staunch the flow of blood from the wound he wondered if this was it, the past year spent fighting only to die within reach of enemy lines. Behind him, and to left and right, men were screaming, their faces sliced by the lethal shrapnel and their limbs severed from their bodies; and he knew that this was not his day to die, that he would live to see the next day, and for a moment he felt a strange kind of joy seep through him. Turning he saw those less fortunate writhing with terrible agony in the mud, their uniforms were bloodstained, the dark, red-brown substance spreading through their filthy tunics. As wounded men dragged their bereaved bodies out of the mud a German shell exploded, hurling already battered bodies in all directions. As the defending Germans wreaked carnage over the battlefield the call finally came: "Back! Back! Retreat! Back to the trenches!"

For some it came too late, their last life had already left their bodies and they lay abandoned, trampled in the hasty retreat, adding to the dead of the previous attacks. Others were helped back by more able comrades, but the dead and wounded outnumbered those men that were unhurt and many men, despite their cries for help, were left to die.

Hearing the retreat call the young soldier turned from the barbed fence and began the ragged retreat, over the ruined wasteland of charred tree-stumps and dead bodies. With one hand clutching his wounded shoulder, and his rifle slung on his back he stumbled back across the cratered, churned mess of No-Man's Land. Staring ahead he splashed through rivulets of stagnant water and tripped over the contorted forms of the dead, running on towards the trenches. His wound was bleeding profusely and his stomach was threatening to empty but on he trudged, nearby other men stumbled along, yet some were too weak to continue. In front of him he saw a comrade, a friend, not dead but with a badly wounded leg. In answer to his calls for help the young soldier slung his rifle further onto his wounded shoulder, gritting his teeth and wincing as it scraped the wound, and ran towards him. With an unknown strength he began to drag his comrade back towards the parapet, past the bodies of those killed in the first wave of the attack. The going was slow, dogged by shell holes and blasted by artillery fire he continued, despite his own injury and the weight of his comrade. At times he would drop his friend, who slipped in and out of consciousness, to regain his strength before trudging on through the sludge.

The adrenaline was now all but exhausted and he felt almost unable to continue but still he would not give up. Around them the barren landscape became clouded with a low mist that swept down, preventing any possibility of a German counter-attack. He felt alone, lost and deserted in a foreign land, without help or aid, two wounded men fighting for survival. They passed other men, most beyond help, others screaming in pain, but all left to die. Some calls were answered by other men but the rest had to be abandoned to the horrible graveyard of No-Man's Land.

Finally they reached the familiar rise of the parapet and with one last surge of energy he heaved himself and his comrade over, into the trenches where at least for now they would be safe. Propping his battered friend against the trench wall and calling for a doctor he finally collapsed. Beside him more men lay, exhausted by the attack and shaking with a combination of cold, fear, and injury. For now it was over but he knew as his aching body slumped down that survival meant he would witness such horror again. For King and Country they fought and died, far from home in foreign mud; it was far from glorious.

Jonathan Harle 4C

Trips, Visits and Functions

Skipton-Simbach School Exchange, 1996/1997

Once again a very successful exchange took place between Skipton Girls' High School, Ermysted's and the Tassilo Gymnasium in Simbach am Inn. In October 1996 a party of 28 boys and 17 girls enjoyed day trips, guided tours and lessons in a German school, as well as a full programme of family-based activities. In March 1997 the German group visited Skipton. Old friendships were renewed and cemented.

The E.G.S. contingent from Y10 was the first year-group to learn German as its first modern foreign language. It seems appropriate, therefore, to include in this report some reviews of their experiences - in German - by six of the participants:

Die Hinreise

Die Reise war sehr lang. Wir sind von 13.00h am Mittwoch bis 12.00h am Donnerstag gefahren. Wir sind sechs Stunden nach Dover gefahren. Dann sind wir mit der Fähre nach Calais gefahren. Das war besser, weil wir herumlaufen konnten. Im Bus mußten wir in unseren Plätzen bleiben - das war sehr langweilig, weil wir nicht schlafen konnten.

Wir sind um Mitternacht in Frankreich angekommen. Wir haben versucht, zu schlafen, aber es war schwierig, und wir haben nur ein paar Stunden geschlafen. 12 Stunden später sind wir in Simbach angekommen. Wir haben unsere Partner getroffen - und dann waren wir sehr müde!

D. Parker 4W

Ein Tag im Tassilo-Gymnasium

Als wir (um viertel vor acht!) in der Schule angekommen sind, hat uns der Schuldirektor, Herr Karl, begrüßt. Er hat über die Schule und den Austausch gesprochen. Dann haben wir einen Rundgang um die Schule gemacht. Die Schule ist ziemlich groß und hat ungefähr fünfhundert Schüler und Schülerinnen. Es war auch viel moderner als Ermysted's. Die Labors für Naturwissenschaften waren sehr groß, und hatten sehr moderne Ausrüstung. Die Schule hat auch eine große Bibliothek mit vielen modernen Büchern und Zeitschriften. Nach dem Rundgang haben wir zwei Unterrichtsstunden besucht. Es war sehr selten in der Französischstunde, weil deutsche Schüler Französisch sprachen!

J. Lewis 4W

Simbach und Braunau

Simbach am Inn ist eine Stadt in Süddeutschland. Sie ist kleiner als Skipton aber moderner. Simbach wurde nach dem zweiten Weltkrieg neu erbaut, und viele Häuser sind sehr modern. Simbach ist sehr grün, und hat einen schönen Wald neben dem Fluß. Der Fluß heißt der Inn und ist sehr groß. Es gibt ein wichtiges Vogelschutzgebiet am Inn. Wir haben viele Vögel gesehen.

Am anderen Ufer des Inns ist Österreich, und eine schöne alte Stadt, die Braunau heißt. Braunau ist sehr alt und hat viele kleine Läden und Häuser und Kirchen im gotischen Baustil.

Simbach und Braunau sind sehr sauber und freundlich, und es ist eine schöne Gegend für einen Urlaub.

C. Davey 4C

Die Tagesausflüge

Am Dienstag 15. Oktober sind wir nach Passau gefahren. In Passau fließen drei Flüsse zusammen - die Donau, der Inn und die Ilz. Zuerst haben wir das Schloß besucht. Es wurde im Jahre 1499 gebaut. Dann sind wir zu einem Konzert gegangen. Wir haben die größte Kirchenorgel der Welt im Passauer Dom gehört. Dann haben wir eine Schiffsreise an der Donau gemacht, damit wir die Altstadt sehen konnten. Dann war der Tag frei.

Am Mittwoch 16. Oktober sind wir nach Berchtesgaden gefahren. In Berchtesgaden ist ein altes Salzbergwerk. Es ist interessant, und hat sehr viel Spaß gemacht. Dann sind wir zum Königssee gefahren. Der Königssee ist ein großer See am Rande der Alpen, und ist von Bergen und Wäldern umgeben. Das Wetter war sehr neblig. Wir haben eine Schiffsreise zum anderen Ufer gemacht. In der Gaststätte ist eine ausgestopfte Seeforelle. Sie ist 1,5m lang und war 27 Kilo schwer!

Am Donnerstag 17. Oktober sind wir nach Salzburg in Österreich gefahren. Zuerst haben wir das Schloß und das Museum besucht. Dann sind wir zum Schloß Hellbrunn mit seinen berühmten Wasserspielen gefahren, wo alle Schüler und Schülerinnen naß geworden sind, aber nicht die Lehrer ; sie haben ja viele Jahre Übung! Dann war der Tag frei.

P. Jones 4W

Die Rückreise

Wir sind um 08.00h nach England zurückgefahren. Es war ein bißchen traurig, und viele Schüler haben geweint. Wir sind in Etappen von vier Stunden gefahren. Unser erster Haltepunkt war in der Nähe von Frankfurt. Die Rückfahrt war nicht so langweilig wie die Hinreise, weil wir viel gespielt haben. Ich war der Gummibär-Meister! Das Wetter war während der Kanalüberfahrt sehr schlecht; wir haben die Lichter von Frankreich gesehen. Sie sind immer von oben nach unten gegangen, von oben nach unten...

In England haben wir geschlafen. Wir sind in Wakefield zum Frühstück gehalten, und dann sind wir weiter nach Skipton gefahren, wo wir um 7.00h angekommen sind.

D. Parker 4W

Der Besuch der deutschen Schüler/Innen im März, 1997

Die deutsche Austauschgruppe war vom 11. bis zum 20. März bei uns in Skipton. Es waren neun sehr hektische Tage, wo man sehr viel gemacht hat.

Die Gruppe hat Ausflüge nach York, Whitby, Lake District, Malham und Bradford gemacht. Man sagte, es war alles interessant und spannend.

Es gab einen "Abend der Begegnung" mit Disko und Büffet beim Rugbyverein in Threshfield. Alle haben viel gegessen und getrunken, und es hat viel Spaß gemacht. Am Wochenende sind unsere Gäste nach Leeds oder Blackpool gefahren. Sie haben viel gekauft, und haben interessante Museen besucht. Der Besuch hat uns allen Spaß gemacht. Sie sind jederzeit willkommen bei uns in Skipton!

D. Roberts 4C

Rückblick auf den Austausch

Der deutsche Austausch dieses Jahr war ein Erfolg für beide Länder. Es war eine gute Möglichkeit, Menschen von einer anderen Kultur kennenzulernen. Die schöne Landschaft um Simbach war sehr beeindruckend, und alle waren begeistert. Alte Freundschaften wurden wieder erneuert, als die Deutschen nach Yorkshire kamen.

Einige machten neue Freunde. Ich weiß bestimmt, daß es nicht nur Freundschaften für ein paar Tage waren. Vor ein paar Wochen erhielt ich eine Urlaubskarte von meinem Partner. Einige organisieren etwas für die Sommerferien.

Zum Schluß müssen wir unseren Lehrern und Familien danken, die den Austausch möglich machten.

P. Forman 4W

Preparations are now being made for the next exchange visit, which will take place in October, and which will offer the current Year 10 the opportunity to sample family and school life in Germany.

A visit to Skipton's twin town, Simbach am Inn

During the summer holidays I paid a visit to Simbach am Inn, Skipton's twin town in Germany. My main objective was to improve my spoken German for the 'dreaded' forthcoming A-Level oral exam.

Despite having been taught about several aspects of German life and culture, I didn't really know what to expect. However, the one week I spent in Germany was to prove extremely interesting and worthwhile.

Having recovered from the fear of my first ever flight, I set foot on German soil in Munich and was picked up by the son of the couple I was staying with, Thomas. The first worry I had was quickly overcome, would they be able to understand my 'dry' German accent? I found that I had no trouble conversing in German and the approximately 100 kilometre journey passed by quickly with conversations ranging from sport to politics.

The second worry I had was overcome as soon as I reached the house on the heights of Dr. Hans-Pinzl Strasse, what was the food going to be like? We sat down to a typical German snack break, several bread rolls with cheese, ham, and salad. I learned that the food was simple but a refreshing change from the food I would usually eat in England.

My second objective, being interested in Economics and media studies, was to learn about the economic state of Germany and the way the Germans present the news. The state of the economy shocked and surprised me. Nowadays, the Germans are losing the 'pay race'. The average British worker's adjusted hourly net take home pay is £6.80, 30 pence more than the Germans. The couple I was staying with have a friend who earns a salary of approximately £25,000. Very nice you may think. In fact, he is left with just more than £400 a month after paying Income tax, Pension insurance, Unemployment Insurance, Solidarity tax (the cost of uniting East and West Germany), nursing care and rent. With this £400 a month, he is expected to buy necessities which are more expensive in Germany than in the UK and most of Europe. If you compare that to the average British worker, the Briton has approximately £200-£300 a month more after deductions. It seems that one of the former world leaders has fallen on hard times.

Now come on, admit it, us Brits love a bit of gossip. Over 15 million people a day read a tabloid newspaper, The Sun being Britain's most popular, catching up on the daily activities of the rich and the famous. Germany has similar newspapers with large circulation's, but it appears to be indicative of most Germans that they often like to read the broadsheet newspapers. However, these 'broadsheet' newspapers often have snippets and stories about film stars and their daily jaunts. For the most part, stories in the broadsheets appear to be concerned with more global issues.

Many Brits also love to watch imported American Chat Shows and catch up on the gossip Stateside. The Germans are also no strangers to the American Chat Shows, however, it's strange seeing Oprah Winfrey's voice dubbed over in German. They also have many Chat Shows of their own, with shows like "Sonia" attracting millions of people a day.

When I wasn't researching, I took time out to discover the breathtaking sights that Germany and Austria have to offer. Small villages and large cities have both got a lot to offer. The rivers of Salzburg and Passau, the sights of Burghausen and Braunau, the shopping centres and the Olympic stadium of Munich are all thoroughly recommended and were all thoroughly enjoyed. One thing the German family I was staying with were eager to show me was the birthplace of Hitler. They were anxious to make sure I knew the true roots of the deceased dictator in Austria.

Having recovered from mild sunstroke, I returned to England satisfied that my objectives were fulfilled. I feel my spoken German is more precise and slightly better grammatically and I feel I have picked up a lot of vocabulary which will hopefully put me in good stead for the A-Level exam.

Here's a quick recommendation, don't overlook Germany as a holiday destination, the weather is wonderful (most of the time!), the sights breathtaking, the people friendly, the food lovely and the drink even better!

All in all, a brilliant time was had, however, I don't want to see another sausage for a while!

Paul Brotherton 6AD

Intensive German Day for Lower 6th organised by the German Assistant, Inga Stegger

Try out your German here - or go straight to the English summary at the end!

Die Filme

Wir haben zwei Filme gesehen. Der erste Film handelte sich um einen Mann, dessen Freundin wütend war, weil er eine andere Frau getroffen hatte. Er mußte ihre Wohnung verlassen, also wohnte er bei einem Freund, der homosexuell war. Der Film war sehr lustig, weil der Mann kaum Glück hatte. Zum Beispiel mußte er zu einer Party von Transvestiten gehen. Zum Schluß sind der Mann und die Frau wieder zusammengekommen, weil die Frau ein Kind bekam.

Der zweite Film war sehr politisch und war auch sehr schwer zu verstehen. Ich glaube, daß der Film sich über Hitler und Faschismus handelte. Dieser Film war ein Zeichentrickfilm mit Katzen in den Hauptrollen.

Adam Leigh

Die Mittagspause

Bald nachdem wir einen Film gesehen und ein paar Rollenspiele gespielt hatten, haben wir unser Mittagessen gekauft. Wir haben unser innig geliebtes Essen, 'Fisch und Pommes frites', aus Bizzie Lizzies gegessen.

Als Nachtisch haben wir Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte mit Sahne gegessen. Sie ist nicht meine Lieblingstorte, aber ich habe sie gegessen.

Inga und Daniel, der Assistent aus Tadcaster haben dann Radio gehört. Sie haben ein Fußballspiel zwischen ihren Lieblingsmannschaften gehört. Nachdem wir Tee und Kaffee getrunken haben, ging es weiter ...

Paul Brotherton

Das 'Alibi-Spiel'

Nach dem Mittagessen haben wir ein Rollenspiel gemacht. Daniel hat uns die Lage erklärt:

'Gestern abend gab es hier in Skipton einen Mord. Ein Paar von euch ist schuldig.'

Wir mußten zu zweit ein festes Alibi entscheiden. Die Paare wurden dann der Reihe nach interviewt. Ein Mitglied von jedem Paar mußte auf den Schulhof gehen, und das andere wurde gefragt, was er/sie am vorigen Abend gemacht hatte. Dann stellte man der zweiten Person die gleichen Fragen, um hoffentlich etwas Verdächtiges zu hören. Natürlich hatte das Paar etwas nicht völlig vorbereitet.

Die anderen Paare wurden dann auch gehört, und das Paar, das die meisten Fehler gemacht hatte, waren also die Täter.

Nick Jones

Englische Zusammenfassung

Just after 10am on a Saturday morning, I arrived in the Sixth Form Common Room to find about a dozen people talking in groups. Inga greeted me, and after saying hello I joined the rest of my German set. There was a Herbert Grönemeyer video on, and we each aired our own opinions (none of them very complimentary) about this German popstar.

About 45 minutes and a cup of coffee later, Inga returned from the bus station with four girls and their German assistant, Daniel. We then all had to sit around a table and introduce ourselves. We then discovered that the four girls 'from York' were in fact German. While they chatted away in German we said as little (in German) as we could get away with. The one rule was that we had to speak German.

We then watched a German comedy film (no, not Herbert!) provide by Daniel, which was about gay and bisexual men. After the film, it was lunchtime: we all ate a good old-fashioned German portion of chips from Bizzie Lizzie's. This was, however, followed by Black Forest gateau.

After this a game was played: a murder had been committed and we all had to give an alibi. We worked in pairs and our alibi had to stand up to cross-referencing. Remember, we could only talk in German. We then played another game. Everyone had the name of a celebrity stuck on their back, and we had to find out who we were by asking yes or no questions (still in German!).

The final activity of the day was to watch another film, a cartoon this time. It was very hard to follow, but it seemed to be about Fascist cat movements. After this political message, it was time to call it a day. I think I can safely say that a good time was had by all!

Susan Gardner

American Exchange 1996

I found America to be a place of great beauty yet extreme ugliness in both its culture and lifestyle. However, visiting the country as part of a school exchange was an experience that I'm sure I will never forget.

It all started on 19th of October 1996 on a dark Wednesday morning at six o'clock and an old Pennine bus rolled up to take us to Manchester airport. I wanted to hope that things would get better than this and I was not to be disappointed.

Our American exchange kicked off with a day at Wallkill High School. The education system of America is one vastly different to ours - their system is so much more slack; how they manage to turn out so many clever scientists is a mystery!

However, the school and its atmosphere seemed very friendly. I later found out that this friendliness was not just confined to places of education - in fact the Americans were a very welcoming nation and showed us just as much warmth as their fellow people. By this I mean that a "hello" would always be accompanied by a handshake, grip or even a hug, no matter which sex it was between. This openness was emphasised even more at the parties thrown for the English.

Our first of three visits to New York was for me, the most enjoyable for many reasons. After emerging from the subway, we saw the grandeur of the city from the top of the World Trade Centre which, despite the visibility being reduced to ten miles, was a breathtaking view. The landscape was dwarfed by the immense size of the Centre and to stand at the top gave a feeling of being on top of the whole world.

Chinatown was yet another experience from the seedy shops of Broadway selling censored material to the exclusive theatres dotted along the famous street

Washington was the next place on the itinerary and for me, this part of the exchange was probably the most enjoyable.

It all started when I awoke on the bus to dawnbreak whilst stuck in a motorway queue. Washington was a place that lacked the hustle and bustle of New York but yet still had that feeling of being America with its many attractions and things to see. The dominating feature of the scenery was the Capitol Building, standing out against the blazing autumnal sun.

After spending a good few hours seeing the sights of Washington, we met up by the Reflecting Pool which is where the bit in Forrest Gump is shot when he is talking to a gathering about his Vietnam war experience.

The next day in Washington was spent musing round the White House, the FBI (J. Edgar Hoover) building where X-files is filmed and the centre of the city where places like the "Hard Rock Cafe" and "Planet Hollywood" were visited.

The last visit to New York City for the group as a whole saw us scale the heights of the Empire State Building by lift, or elevator as I should say. After that we split up into groups and headed for the city for the last time to pick up bargains never to be seen again such as CD players, clothing and music, all at far cheaper prices than at home.

The last weekend of the trip was spent with the families and for me this meant the once in a lifetime chance to see a musical on Broadway no less. Lauren and I went to see "The King & I" at one of the theatres I saw on the first trip to the city and after fighting the likes of the Nor'easter (hurricane force winds and rain) we made it with about half an hour to spare. The whole production was elaborate and ornate right

to the last fitting and I was rather privileged to be able to say that I saw my first musical on Broadway.

Boston, our last city stop was not as good as the many wonderful places we'd already visited but it was a place that I would not have missed going to for anything as if nothing else, it had a great magic shop selling tricks not available in the UK. It did also have its own charm in the form of the famous Boston Common, the State House and its University although we did not see that. The Common was still suffering from the effects of the Nor'easter storms of last night but still was a great place to see. I can imagine it being a beautiful place in the height of summer to go and lie down, letting the world pass you by.

Our last full day was spent at a shopping mall for those who had the money and for those who did not, school - no comparison really!

The last morning in America was a little sad as it dawned on some of us that the dream exchange we'd been on was coming to an end and the chance of seeing America again was very slim. My morning was spent looking around the school where Lauren's mum worked to give me an idea as to how American primary schools functioned as well.

When the time came to leave, the bus was packed full of the luggage and goodbyes said between us all.

As the flight was at nighttime, many of us tried to sleep but personally, I couldn't for thinking about the wonderful things that I'd done and recollecting on the unique experiences I'd had. Everywhere I went, I was greeted with the utmost welcome and their hospitality was second to none: I am sure that I speak for the whole group when I say a special thankyou to all those connected in any way whatsoever with the exchange - thanks.

Tom Procter 6BH

24 Hour Famine

Early February saw an unusual sight - up to fifty members of Year 9 turning their backs on chocolate biscuits, packets of crisps and bags of chips. Hunger was the name of the game, as each of the 3rd forms took part in World Vision's 24 Hour Famine. The fast was taken on as part of a religious studies course, that looked at practical Christian caring. As well as receiving initial information from the charity, the school will continue to be updated on it's work.

It was so refreshing to see such an unselfish response to the challenge. Almost £800 was raised to help work, mainly amongst children, in Ethiopia, Bangladesh, India and Senegal. All those involved, whether fasting or sponsoring, deserve a huge thank you.

Rama and Sita - Year 8

The end of January '97 saw a first for the school - the visit of a renowned Indian dancer. Shantha Rao came to lead a morning for Year 8 religious studies' groups on Hindu dance. She told the story of the Prince of Ayodhya, a story that contains the characters of Rama and Sita, and is a classic and popular story of the triumph of good over evil. It is a story with many messages and these were explored in follow-up sessions. The telling of the story needed a variety of recruits from the audience and the lads joined in whole-heartedly in a variety of roles.

After the break, workshops on various aspects of Hindu dance took place. Both Shantha Rao and the religious studies staff were impressed, if a little surprised, by the willing and co-ordinated participants. The morning was an excellent introduction to this method of story telling. It was also an interesting way of looking at issues of loyalty, human behaviour and the good and bad in all of us.

Tate Gallery Visit- November 1996

This year's fifth form discovered, as the A-level Art students did last year, that the Gallery visit to London is more than a trip to look at paintings - much more.

Of course, everyone leapt at the chance to get a day off school, especially if they get to go on a day trip with their friends - they always will, but at a quarter to eight on a cold November morning, reality breaks like a bucket of cold water. Some thirty figures stood on Skipton Railway platform. Tired eyes, heavy bags and, as they would soon discover, far too little food was the rule for the fifth form. The Lower Sixth, well briefed from the previous year's experience were heavily stocked, but lightly packed. Mr. Cawood and Mr. Davies led the group, and were looking forward to visiting the Gallery with their students. They were also looking forward to several hours of "punishment" for their pupils, on Mr. Cawood's specially prepared "en-route" tour of London. This can be expected though, for they are teachers!

The first leg of our journey was by train to Leeds. Surprisingly, the Metro link failed to maintain its ever reliable service and we arrived several minutes earlier than the Intercity we were to catch. I assumed, after last year's upset, courtesy of the late (in both senses of the word) B.R., this was forward planning on Mr. Cawood's part.

We boarded the Intercity, the fifth year quickly realising that the buffet car does an excellent line in snacks and sandwiches. What they didn't know was that such eateries subsidise much of the railway networks and, when word of the monstrous prices quickly spread through the party, less and less people headed toward the kitchens. Too late for those who had lost £1.10 to a can of Coke, etc.,etc.

At the Underground linkup in King's Cross, we suddenly realised how few among the group had actually used the Tube before. Jostling for position on the packed trains, being rocketed through the blackened tunnels may seem like a great, new experience, but when the train stops, those in the know grab onto whatever fixed object they can. Commuters are not amused by a schoolboy who ignores this advice and, upon reaching a platform, is promptly propelled down the aisle with disastrous (if entertaining) consequences.

After a time-defying "stroll" (Mr. Cawood's words, not mine) through London's streets, which, rather than being the short journey from Pimlico tube station to the Tate Gallery, took in much of London's centre (or so it seemed). The walk is "invigorating", to say the least, but is an integral part of the day. For those who are not entirely overawed at the prospect of a gallery visit, Mr. Cawood adds the odd mile or so to the journey until the last "Are we there yet?" is heard, at which point we turn immediately left and up the Gallery steps. However, I'm sure we approached the Thames at around five points in the walk, always the same stretch of river, so I suspect we went round the Tate in ever-decreasing circles.

So we came to the gallery, hardly noticing it's highly crafted exterior, we were so relieved to be there. But it was what was inside that we were really interested in anyway, the paintings of such famous artists as Blake, Turner and Constable. The Turner Prize entries were also on display- some of the work was genuinely superb, especially the paintings on brushed aluminium. However, the winning piece was a set of giant video screens onto which closeups of a reconstructed murder scene and other video footage had been projected. Whether or not this constitutes art is debatable in itself. As for it winning - we can only assume the panel of judges, highly influential figures of the art world, were replaced by small rodents and a rhesus monkey on the actual day of voting.

It became apparent fairly quickly that few of the group had been inspired by more than a couple of pieces in the whole gallery, as the artwork on display in the main gallery seemed to be mainly pre-20th century works or abstracts, and therefore hard to study. So, with many notes but little tangible information, we moved on to the current exhibition - "the Grand Tour".

“The Grand Tour” is a collection of work from the seventeenth and early eighteenth century journeys to Europe, to study the artefacts and excavations of archaeological discoveries, made in areas rich in classical relics, temples and the like. Mr. Keane would have been pleased to see the appetite of the group for such ancient architectural duplications. Indeed, many of the Sixth Form were inspired to base their approaching projects on the plans, paintings and sculptures of Roman or Grecian temples or statues, or the vast representations of coliseums.

And so we left the Gallery, weary but heartened by Mr. Cawood’s revelation that we were to be let loose on Oxford Street. Though we already knew this, most of us had forgotten and we welcomed the chance to stretch our legs. Metaphorically, of course; most of the party had been on their feet for around six hours. Though our hour in the West End was quickly consumed, I did still manage to get myself quite embarrassed- thinking I had seen one of the Fifth Form light up a cigarette, I clamped my hand on the offenders shoulder, to be confronted by a young girl with cropped hair, who I had mistaken for an Ermysted’s pupil; I slunk off apologetically.

Our Art teachers must have been feeling very generous on the way back to King’s Cross- they allowed us to use the Tube (as long as we paid our way, though) to get there, as opposed to the exhausting, if a little more enlightening, jaunt through Soho, as undertaken the previous year. However, Mr. Cawood’s exceptional navigational skills managed to get us all lost in a labyrinth of corridors and stairways in the main station. Having first decided we were going the wrong way, and then that we were in fact originally correct, or were we?- no, we were right, and managing to cover several hundred yards in our quest for the exit we did, at last go down a by now familiar staircase - though, Tomlinson noted, this time the attractive young lady to whom the attention of our group had been riveted was no longer there. We boarded the Intercity back to Leeds, but I can tell you no more because, apart from waking at Leeds and running hell for leather through the city station, to halt the Metro train while the less athletic members of our party caught up, I spent the rest of the journey quite soundly asleep.

Thanks to Mr. Cawood and Mr. Davies for the Tate Gallery Visit 1996.

M. Cresswell 6BM

Jodrell Bank-1st Year School Trip

On Tuesday 15th April, the First Years went on a school trip to Jodrell Bank Observatory, home of the Lovell Radio Telescope.

Each pupil was given a questionnaire to fill in along the way. There was an activity room where you could take part in experiments and generally have some fun! Outside the activity room was the colossal Lovell Telescope, pointing deep into space.

At 12.30, we were called in, to go into the planetarium. This was a room with a dome on the top, showing all the stars you could see in the night sky.

After the planetarium, we had our lunch and then filed into the shop, which was a rip-off, but everyone still managed to buy something.

All in all, I thought it was a very enjoyable day and would recommend Jodrell Bank to anyone.

Thomas Bell and Matthew Backhouse

“We Woz Robbed”

The Sixth Form 6-a-side football competition began with a ‘round robin’ league basis. Two groups were included in the format including the sixth form and the teachers select VI. The results were as follows:

<i>GROUP1</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Goals</i>
6BS	3	3	0	0	9	12
6BH	3	2	0	1	6	10
6BD	3	1	0	2	3	5
6BC	3	0	0	3	0	1

<i>GROUP2</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Goals</i>
Staff	2	2	0	0	6	12
6BK	2	1	0	1	3	4
6BM	2	0	0	2	0	0

The top two teams in each group went into the semi-finals. The two fixtures were:

Staff vs 6BH

In a game that saw the staff field an under strength side consisting of five players (and Mr. Clough) 6BH showed great resilience towards the prowess of the staff attack. Half time and the score was 1 - 0 to 6BH, the staff were looking ragged around the edges. Panic was setting in. All this was to change towards the end of the second half with a rather fortunate, (to say the least) over head kick from Mr. Speak to set up an extra ten minutes of “Golden Goal” play.

Extra time proved to be nearly as exciting as England vs Germany with goalmouth action at both ends, but yet again luck prevailed for the staff when a 20 yard hot-shot from Mr. Howarth bounced over the 6BH keeper. The Staff were in the final.

6BS vs 6BK

The triumphant winners of Group 1 then set out to defeat the might of Mr. Kelly’s elite, who had proved to be of no match to the staff in the group stages. This game was largely one sided with 6BS sweeping 6BK aside, the final score being 6 - 1 with goals coming from Richards, Lewis and Parkinson, to name but a few. The final was set up, an epic decider to a great competition.

The Final : 6BS vs The Staff

Great anticipation surrounded this match as both teams were as yet undefeated. The first half saw the staff take a 2 - 0 lead as 6BS struggled to find their form which had carried them this far. Again the staff relying on luck rather than skill to take the lead. However, the second half saw 6BS hit back as all the members pulled together to produce a goal worthy of any premiership side, the scorer Lewis.

The match was then shadowed in controversy as Christian Capstick took the ball past two of the staff, then strike the ball against the post, after a save by Mr Sykes, and rebound back to his feet. The ball was then neatly put into the back of the net; 6BS appeared to have equalised. Or so we thought. That was until Mr Speak claimed that the ball had in fact rebounded back off the side netting, and not off the post. He hastily challenged the referees decision, and a goal kick was granted as the referee faltered under the pressure. This gave the staff the upper hand and later a goal from Mr Hardiman sealed the victory. The staff had won the tournament final 3 - 1.

Lee Simpson & Christian Capstick



**The winning team : Mr Howarth, Mr Bendall, Mr Tickner, Mr Hardiman
Mr Sykes, Mr Speak**



**The losing finalists : 6BS - J.S. Richards, M.J. Lewis, J.I. Douglass, L.R. Simpson
C.S.O. Capstick, M.J. Watson, A.N. Parkinson**

Comic Relief 1997

The national catchphrase for this year was 'Small change, big difference' and School took that theme on board. There were two main events and several individual initiatives that raised money.

The non uniform day meant *small change* in appearance, a lot of red noses and over £500 raised. Most of the money came from *small change* collections. The one at school organised by 3F raised over £300 and the sum total of many home collections more than doubled that amount.

There were also many individual sponsored events. A *small change* in diet left a number of *big differences* in waistlines due to sponsored famines. During some of 1K's sponsored silence a *big difference* in volume was noticed and a *small change* in hairstyle meant a *big difference* in appearance as Gary Farr shaved off his curly locks.

The grand total raised was a magnificent £1,561 - congratulations and well done!

Chess Club Report

The Chess Club lost a number of experienced players from "the Class of '96" and the number of senior players was severely reduced. However many new recruits meant over 40 still regularly played. Consequently we ran two Swiss Chess competitions, The Beginners and The Intermediates.

As in all "Swiss" Chess competitions, players take on opponents who have equal numbers of points / wins at each round. Leading to many highly competitive matches in the later stages of the tournament.

The Beginners front runners were Williams, Kelly, Holdsworth and Scully who were all in the hunt for a certificate. On the final week Williams beat Kelly to take 1st place. Scully beat Holdsworth for 2nd and Kelly took 3rd from Holdsworth on a "tie-break".

The Intermediates had a few more competitors which led to a tight finish with only 1½ points covering the first six at the end. Hobson beat McKinnell to take 1st place on the last week, McKinnell being 2nd. Gardner beat Akrigg to take 3rd. Roberts and Dobson were also in close contention.

Certificates were awarded to the three leading places in each category.

The house competition was an unusual run on a Junior / Senior basis but the senior competition was cancelled. So the battle for House points was left for years 1-3. Round One saw Toller beat Petyt by 3½ - 2½ and Ermysted draw with Hartley. Round Two saw Ermysted beat Petyt 3½ - 2½ and Toller slaughter Hartley 6 - 0! Round Three saw Toller's domination continue beating Ermysted 6 - 0 with Petyt beating Hartley 4 - 2 to avoid the wooden spoon.

Final Table: Junior

House	Games			For	Against	Match Points
	W	D	L			
Toller	3	0	0	15½	2½	6
Ermysted	1	1	1	6½	11½	3
Petyt	1	0	2	9	9	2
Hartley	0	1	2	5	13	1

House Points:- Toller 5 Ermysted 3 Petyt 2 Hartley 1

Players winning all their matches were: Grainger (T), Murphy (T), Dinning (T), Barren (P)

House Quiz

Since its inception, Hartley have dominated the House Quiz. They tied with Toller in that inaugural year but since then have been unbeatable; until now!

With one year group to go it couldn't have been much closer. Ermysted and Toller were tied on 19 points with Hartley on 17. With 5 points for a victory, 3 for 2nd, 2 for 3rd and 1 for 4th it meant that if any of the 3 leading teams won then they would be House Quiz champions. Sure enough those 3 teams battled it out and only 11 points separated them at the end. The overall scores finished as:

House	Points for Quiz Championships
Toller	24
Ermysted	22
Hartley	19
Petyt	12

So Toller were the 1996/97 House quiz champions for the 1st time. Below are the breakdown of scores for each year's quiz.

2nd Year	Score	Points	Total	5th Year	Score	Points	Total
Ermysted	97	3	3	Ermysted	96	5	8
Hartley	95	2	2	Hartley	73	1	3
Petyt	71	1	1	Petyt	86	3	3
Toller	98	5	5	Toller	87	2	8

4th Year	Score	Points	Total	U6th Year	Score	Points	Total
Ermysted	78	4	12	Ermysted	54	1	13
Hartley	78	4	7	Hartley	77	3	10
Petyt	44	1	4	Petyt	73	2	6
Toller	69	2	10	Toller	79	5	15

6th Year	Score	Points	Total	1st Year	Score	Points	Total
Ermysted	70	1	14	Ermysted	101	5	19
Hartley	82	5	15	Hartley	82	2	17
Petyt	71	2	8	Petyt	99	3	11
Toller	73	3	18	Toller	74	1	19

3rd Year	Score	Points	Total	Overall	Total Pts	House Pts
Ermysted	70	3	22	Toller	24	8
Hartley	66	2	19	Ermysted	22	6
Petyt	46	1	12	Hartley	19	4
Toller	77	5	24	Petyt	12	2

One or two light hearted moments also appeared in the quizzes when pupils under pressure made 1 or 2 strange responses, not least from our A- level students.

- Day before Ash Wednesday = Maundy Thursday
- Yards in 2 metres = 200?
- Yards in 1 metre = 400?
- What is Rubella = Sir Isaac Newton
- What makes sound = Silicone (sand?)
- Most popular world religions = Man. Unitedism, Naturism
- Residence of French President = Paris St. Germain.

School Notes

Full Prefects with badges have been reintroduced.

Hartley House has abandoned its orange tie for a red (“fuschia”) one and new athletics vests sporting the revised colour range have proved very popular.

Boys in the First and Sixth forms have trialled new pupil work sheets at Skipton castle.

Simon Freytag gained a Silver Award in the 1997 Physics Olympiad.

The Study Cup was won by Toller. Toller also won the Cook Cup awarded for total points in all competitions. The results were Toller 50½ pts, Hartley 44 pts, Ermysted 41 pts, Petyt 24½ pts.

There were 580 boys in school this year.

Next year’s Head Boy will be John Wightman.

Culled From The Corridors

“Drmystoads” (GNER Reservation Ticket)

“Ermyst Edward Grammar School” (Letter)

Teacher: “Who’s your dad; do I know him?” - Boy: “He’s your boss, Sir.”

“A cuboid prism was drawn exactly round on a piece of squared paper.”

“How long’s our week off?”

For the intellectuals:- “Ma fenêtre dédaigne le jardin” - “My window looks down on the garden”

Essay question: “How far do you consider Lady Macbeth to be a good wife?”

Answer: “Women weren’t supposed to kill people; they were supposed to stay at home and look pretty in those days.”

25 Years Ago

(From the “Chronicles” 1971-72)

Mr J.D. Eastwood retired from the Headship.

Mr E. Scott succeeded Mr J. Brown as Head of Music.

I.D. Booth was Head Boy.

The Old Boys’ Society decided to, “for a trial period”, give every leaver a free year’s membership: this situation still persists.

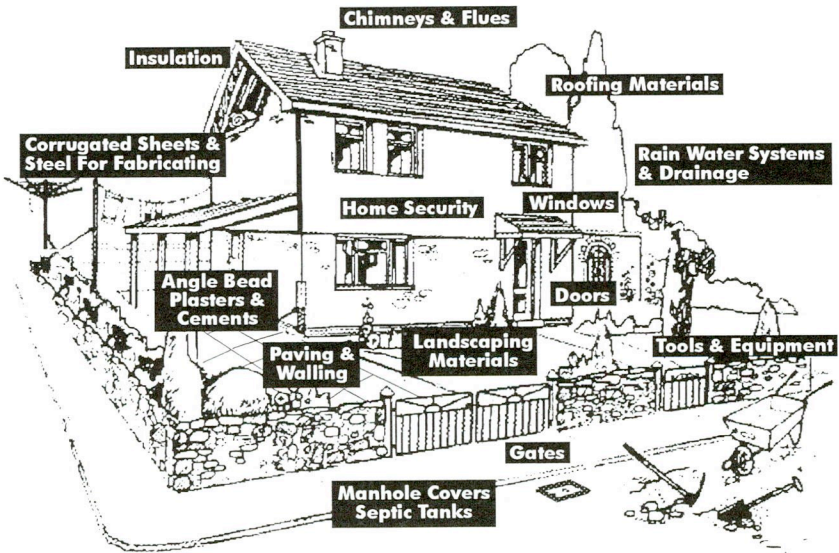
The Debating Society decided against Yorkshire Home Rule by 10 votes to 3.

School House won the Cook Cup.

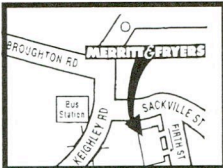
The year began with 510 boys on the School Roll.

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