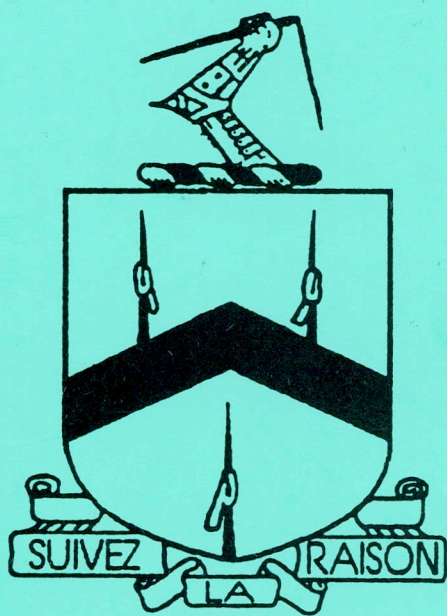


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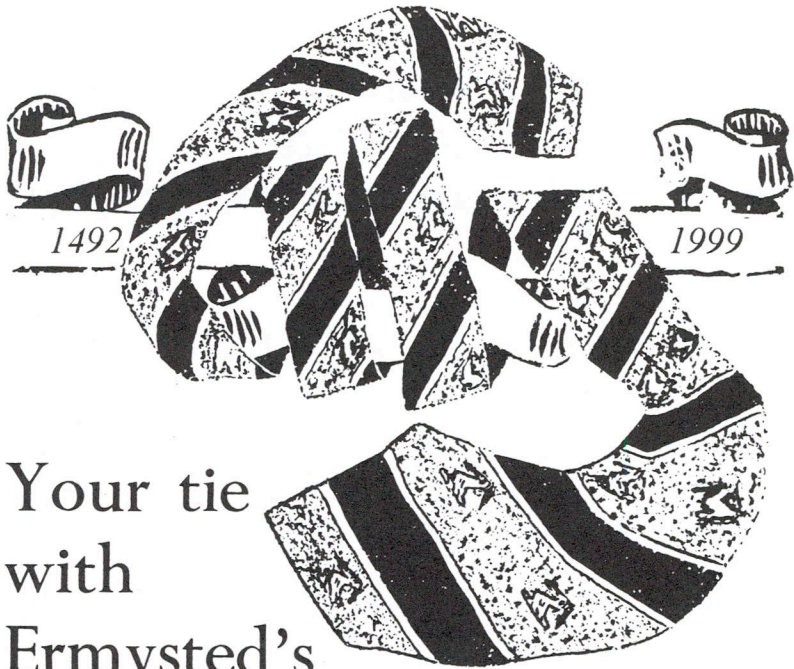


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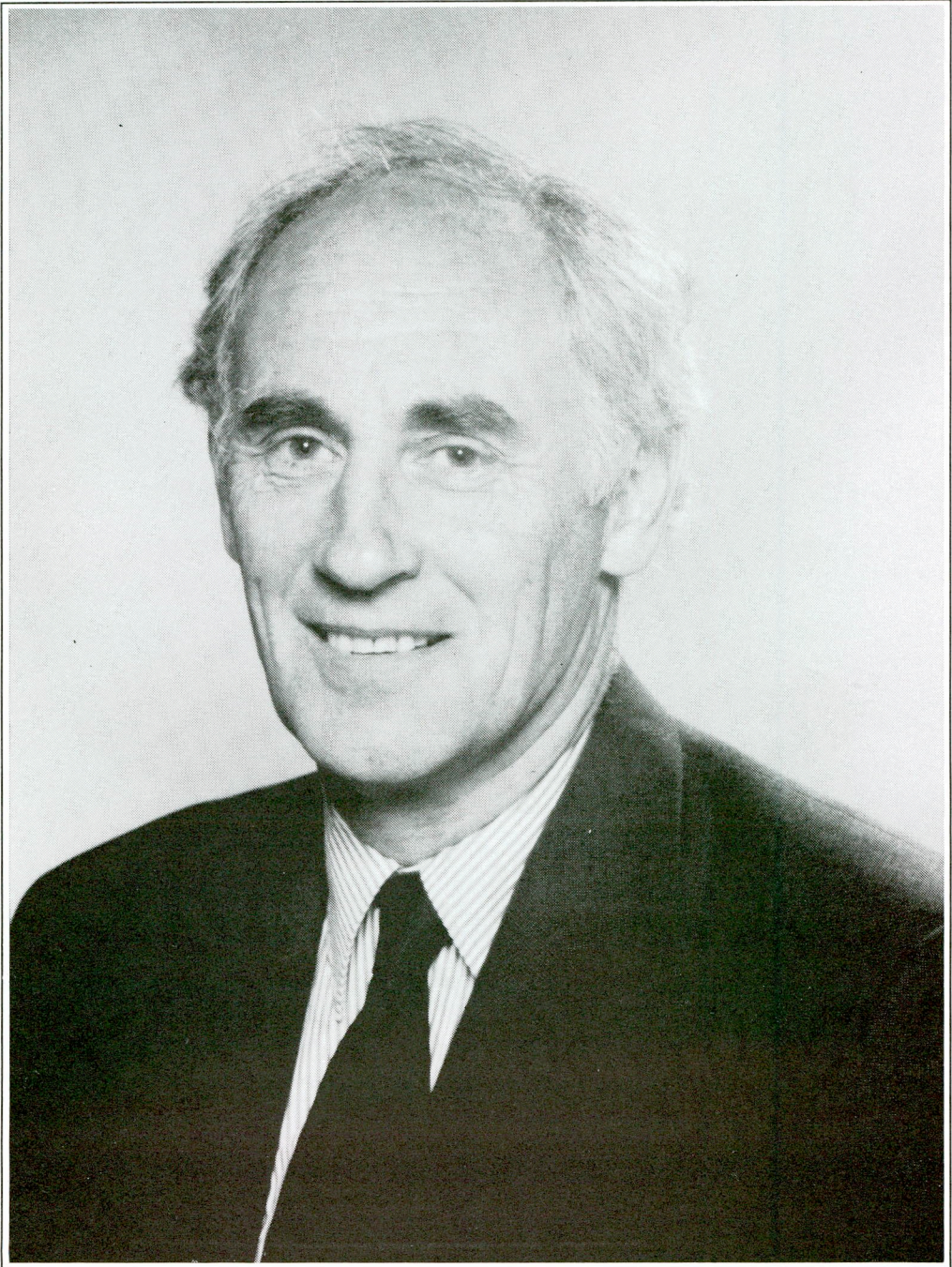
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Ave T.L.A.

Mr Ashworth became Head Master of Ermysted's Grammar School in September 1998.

Born in Birkenhead, he was educated at Birkenhead Institute, a selective boys' grammar school. After A-Levels, he attended Queen Mary College, University of London from where he graduated with a BSc Hons (2.i) degree in Mathematics. Whilst at QMC, he represented the University of London at both rugby and cricket and was a member of the British University Sports Federation rugby squad. Upon graduating, he returned to Merseyside to study for a Master of Science degree in Applied Mathematics at the University of Liverpool, a degree he was awarded in August 1973.

He went straight into teaching and his first post was at Birkenhead School, an independent HMC boys' school. He taught there for ten years before being appointed as Head of Mathematics at Ripon Grammar School. In 1988, he successfully applied for the post of Deputy Head Master at Reading School, an all boys' grammar school. Initially his main brief was curriculum development, overseeing option choices, timetable construction and staff-related issues. When in April 1990, the School became grant-maintained, he took on further responsibilities for finance and admissions.

Keen on sport, Mr Ashworth played league cricket on Merseyside and played senior rugby with Birkenhead Park, representing Cheshire at U23 level. After his rugby playing days came to an end, he became a Society referee and in 1987 was appointed to the RFU Panel of referees. During the next eleven years he refereed in all four national leagues and appointments took him overseas to France, Italy, Netherlands, Denmark and Singapore.

Besides his family, other interests include philately and ICT. He is married to Roslyn who is also a teacher and they have two daughters Zoë and Stephanie, both pupils at SGHS.

Ave T.E.

Mr Edward joined Ermysted's Biology Department in September 1998. Born in County Durham and raised in Lancashire he was a pupil at Bacup & Rawtenstall Grammar School.

He graduated from Bristol Polytechnic with a degree in Applied Biological Sciences and worked in a number of jobs before gaining a PGCE at Warwick University.

His previous teaching post was in Northamptonshire but it was only a matter of time before the right opportunity allowed him to move back up to the North.

He is a keen climber, taking full advantage of the surrounding gritstone crags and trips up to Scotland in the winter months. Having gained his Single Pitch Award, for the supervision of rock climbing, from the Mountain Leader Training Board he now plans to run regular climbing trips for boys who are interested.

He looks forward to a long and involved career at Ermysted's.

Avete

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| Hassan | T.N. | 7A | Wynn | D.R. | 7M |
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Vale W.J.P.

William Paley has been here at Ermysted's as man and boy since 1952. He has given a lifetime of teaching to generations of boys and to say he will be sadly missed is an understatement.

Wilbur started as a pupil here in September 1952, and rapidly became known as a 'character'. His natural ebullience and sense of humour often brought him into conflict with authority, giving him experience of the 'other side of the law' which served him well when he became a teacher and had to deal with miscreant boys himself.

He graduated from City of Leeds College, and taught briefly at Victoria School Leeds and South Craven before he came back to Ermysted's in 1965 as an assistant teacher of English with additional Games.

Wilbur has made a huge contribution to school life. A keen sportsman, he was a tenacious rugby player, eventually becoming Captain of Skipton Rugby Club. He organised summer games at School for a number of years, being known as 'Mister Summer Games.'

He has been a runner all his life, and was seen until recently leading lines of boys up and down Sharp Haw and other fells surrounding Skipton. He put two boys in detention some years ago, with the entry: "loitering on cross country run causing knackered forty-five year old to overtake dangerously."

Wilbur has a great love of music. He has played with Skipton Band for many years and inspired hundreds of boys with his skill at brass instruments, principally cornet. He has taught players of brass instruments with his usual vigour, alongside his many other commitments. He formed the School Brass Band, with two colleagues, a band which continues to play with great success to this day.

He has always been involved with school drama, producing innovative and imaginative performances full of energy. 'Midsummer Night's Dream' in 1993 was especially memorable. He has been a backstage stalwart in '501', the pageant of five hundred years of Ermysted's history. Here he featured as the record-holder of the greatest number of school detentions ever awarded - fifty-four, a number which is not likely to be surpassed. A case of poacher turned gamekeeper if ever there was one!

His love of drama came to a peak when the School performed 'Snow Wilbur and the Eleven Persons of Restricted Growth' - not many people have a pantomime named after them. Wilbur took the lead role of Snow Wilbur with great panache. When he was hit on the head from a considerable height by a misdirected turnip the audience roared with laughter. Cries of 'How ever did they rehearse that?' echoed round the hall. Little did anyone realise it was all an accident and Wilbur was concussed. Typically, Wilbur carried on to the end of the show.

Never one to worry about conventions, Wilbur seemed to enjoy dressing up in women's clothing so much that he repeated the experience for Comic Relief, on one memorable occasion going to SGHS where the staff didn't realise he was a man!

Wilbur has always been involved with education in a wider sense, becoming Skipton NUT representative. He retained his love of learning, undertaking a Master's Degree at Leeds University for which he studied successfully in the evenings, after finishing a hard day's work.

In later years Wilbur was appointed Head of Junior School, where he has been responsible for the welfare of boys in the first three years of the School. This also involves close liaison with the many junior schools which feed pupils into Ermysted's. In this role in particular, Wilbur's down-to-earth nature and genuine feeling for the concerns of the boys and parents helped him make a success of the job.

As an English teacher Wilbur has always shown the dynamism and resilience which are part of his nature. Ever reliable and conscientious, he has remained enthusiastic right to the end of his teaching career, despite the endless changes of syllabus, requirements and demands upon his time.

We all wish him a long and happy retirement. He deserves it!

Vale D.C.G.

After 23 years as Head of History at Ermysted's, Doug Grant retires this summer. Doug will be remembered fondly by the community of Ermysted's, both past and present, particularly for his scholarly approach to teaching, cheerful demeanour, caring work as a form tutor and his generosity to colleagues.

The path that brought Doug to Skipton was a long and varied one. Brought up and educated in London Doug had to face the 'Blitz' as a youngster - not a bad preparation for a career in late-twentieth education. As an undergraduate, he attended the London School of Economics, fittingly his specialist study included economic history. Never one to follow conventional routes, Doug then embarked upon a career in primary school teaching. Switching to the secondary sector, he taught at Boreham Wood on the outskirts of London between 1966 and 1974. His time here witnessed the School's transition from a selective grammar school to a large comprehensive.

At this stage in his teaching career he took a break to study for a masters degree in Northern Local History at Leeds University, making a special study of the Cumbrian Mining Industry in 16th and 17th Centuries. Proving adaptable to the task, his research drew him into the field of geology and geologists. Culminating in a published monograph and articles Doug can draw satisfaction from having made his mark in the world of academia as well as education.

Taking up the post of Head of History at Ermysted's in 1976, Doug made a strong impact as a widely read historian with a penchant for discussion lessons. For the inquisitive pupil Doug served up a rich menu of ideas and concepts, made all the more palatable by illuminating knowledge, anecdotes, ready good humour and perky catch-phrases.

His generous 'A' Level topic notes were no mere rehash of the textbook. Doug's pursuit of genuine scholarship guaranteed his students a synopsis of latest research into the topic in question; those going on to study history as undergraduates often found them to be of continuing use. A monumental personal book collection, regular attendance of historical conferences and courses and frequent visits to the university library at Leeds combined to allow the effortless torrent of knowledge pouring forth in each lesson.

Another highly endearing feature for many boys was Doug's willingness to reveal the man behind the tie. In his case the large collection of colourful, if ever so slightly unfashionable, ties were a motif for his personality. Boys have continued to warm to him, drawn by his willingness to chat beyond home-time and his general affable personality. Self-effacing and seemingly ever ready with word-plays, his humour took on a distinctive characteristic. For instance, if asked if he liked 'virtual reality' his reply would go something like: "My boy, I'm not even sure that I like real reality!" His distinctive chuckle and eternally optimistic catch-phrase ("happy days") will be sorely missed along the corridors of Ermysted's.

Anxious to be the historian as well as the history teacher, Doug has kept an active role in personal research in a wide variety of archives, national as well as local. For Skipton he has become the resident expert on the valuable 16th/17th century Petyt Library collection. At School his organisation of the Archive will be a lasting testament to his patient hard work behind the scenes. In the 1992 Quincentenary, Doug's expertise in the Archive proved invaluable for showpiece commemorations such as the Pageant and the special edition Chronicle - a publication which he ably edited, with due respect for continuity, for many years. Hopefully this will all bear fruit in the form of a serious instalment of the School's history, a retirement project that he hopes to turn into a doctorate.

Fortunately Doug has put down strong roots in Ermysted's and Skipton and will spend his retirement close by us. His books, his history, his friends and his joie de vivre should make it a very happy one.

SH

Vale M.C.B.

Mr Martin C. Bendall was born in Shipley, educated at Salts Grammar School and went on to obtain a Physics degree at Imperial College. After a brief time as an electrical engineer, he qualified as a teacher at Cambridge University, whereupon he started his teaching career in 1989 joining the staff of Ermysted's. In November 1990, on the sudden death of his Head of Department, Mr Higson, MCB was left to carry the responsibility of a large Physics department.

In the last ten years he has seen the introduction of the National Curriculum, played an important role in the development of work schemes (particularly at KS3) and was instrumental in the introduction of co-ordinated science as a GCSE alternative. His contribution to A level will be recognised by all his students and for the past six years, he has taken full responsibility for the development of their practical skills. The introduction of modular A-level courses this year has attached even greater importance to this area but it has all been handled with his usual efficiency and competence.

MCB has shown a keen interest in the development of not only his own IT skills but those of his pupils. His printed notes are an example which we could all follow. His conviction that IT is the way forward has been central to his thinking for some time. He has procured, and pioneered the use of, data logging equipment for the Science department. Members of the Sixth forms can regularly be seen with furrowed brows beavering away at computer terminals.

In 1994 he started a small electronics club which meets regularly after school every Thursday evening. This is now a well established institution and a frantic hive of activity. His enthusiasm has been infectious so that there are now some twenty five regular members and a waiting list, along with staff who have also caught the electronics bug and been drafted in to assist.

He keeps himself physically fit by cycling to and from school most days and is quite a noticeable figure on the roads - his cycling apparel being regarded as more functional than stylish! When the staff have needed volunteers to field a soccer side against sixth form cloggers, he has taken part with enthusiasm - remembered not for the one goal which he scored but for the crucial penalty which he missed!

Gadgets and things electronic fascinate him. Only he understands the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of programming the antiquated system for sounding the school bells. If we have escaped early on the occasional Friday we have only one person to thank. Similarly when the school acquired its computerised stage lighting, who was the first person to volunteer to sort it out? MCB to the rescue.

We are losing a competent, seemingly unflappable, dedicated member of staff. With all his qualities and abilities it was obvious that one day he would become a Head of Department. He moves on to Emmanuel College, one of the new CTC's at Gateshead, the part of the country from which his wife Karen originates. We wish Karen and Martin along with their sons Adam and Thomas, all the best for the future.

JW

Vale Mrs Jean Hargreaves

Mrs Jean Hargreaves leaves us in July after five years as School Secretary.

Originally from Riddlesden Mrs Hargreaves was educated at Keighley Girls' Grammar School and after a time working in local government she, her husband and two children moved and settled in Grassington. She returned to work in school catering eventually becoming head cook at Upper Wharfedale School. After retraining she came to EGS in September 1994 and metaphorically speaking leapt from the frying pan into the fire as she joined us when the school was in the throes of its first OFSTED inspection. Quickly establishing herself in the role of School Secretary Mrs Hargreaves proved to be a valuable addition to the Office. Her thoroughness and attention to detail made each task a job well done, always carried out in a quiet and thoughtful manner, while her wry humour and ready quip will be missed by teaching staff and colleagues.

We wish her a long and happy retirement with her husband Trevor as they fulfil their dream of travelling extensively in their motor home.

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Office Holders, 1998 – 1999

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| HEAD OF SCHOOL | S.J. Clarkson |
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Public Examination Results Summer 1999

Advanced Level

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| Biology | bi | French | fr | Latin | la |
| Chemistry | ch | Further Maths | fm | Maths (Pure & Applied) | mp |
| Design and Technology | cr | General Studies | gt | Maths (Pure & Mech) | mm |
| Economics | ec | Geography | gy | Physics | ph |
| English Language | ea | German | gn | History | hi |

(Grades A to E - Asterisks denote A Grades)

Form 13B

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| T M Akram | bi ch gt mp |
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| M Fischer | bi* ch gt ph |
| M B H Gelder | bi* ch gt gy* |
| Q Hussain | bi ec* gt mp |
| A J Lambert | bi ch gt* ph |
| D S Lambert | bi cr gt gy |
| B J Lazenby | bi ch ea gt |
| J S McKinnell | bi ch gt ph* mm |
| S Najib | ec ei gt |
| M R Rundle | bi ea gt gy |
| A H Shah | bi ch* gt* mm |
| J A Wharton | bi cr gt gy* |

Form 13R

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| A Bailey | bi* ch* gt mm |
| F Broster | bi ec gt mp |
| S M Jones | bi* ch gt mm |
| V D Jugjeewon | bi ch gt mm fr(AS) |
| J Lucas | ch gt gy mm* |
| J McSharry | bi* ch gt* mm |
| W Mason | ch gt* ph mm |
| L A O Potts | ch gt mu mm |
| A R Quayle | ch* gt* ph* w* fm* |
| D A Teague | ch* ph* mm* |
| A S Townson | ec ea gt gy |
| A J K Wilkinson | ch* gt* ph* mm* fm* |

Form 13S

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| C S Craven | ec gt gy |
| J P Dexter | ec ei gt hi |
| M J Drake | ec gt gn hi |
| D J Middleton | ec gt gy |
| T J Moody | ec* ea gt gy |
| J R Morris | ec ea gt hi* |
| S Persson | bi ec gt gy |
| M A Roberts | ec el gt mm |
| G R Schofield | ec ea gt gy* |
| N S Spencer | ec gt* ph mm* |
| B J Webster | bi cr ea gt |

Form 13T

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| K G Blacoe | ea el gt fr |
| H J Bryan | bi ch gt mp |
| A C Burton | ec* ea gt hi* |
| S J Clarkson | ea* ei* gt mu |
| N J Dobson | ea* el* gt w* mu(AS) |
| R M Green | ea gt |
| G S W Haggerty | ec* gt mm* fm fr(AS) |
| S M Hennigan | ea ei* gt hi |
| W R J Law | gt* ph gy mm* |
| R W Reeday | ea* ei gt mu* |
| T J Scargill | ea ei gt gy |
| S A Tatham | bi gt ph mm |
| R D P Williams | ea ei gt hi |

Form 13W

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| D T Brown | bi ch gt mm |
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| R J Culver | bi ch gt mp |
| J B Keane | bi ei fr gt* |
| R J Knowles | bi* ec* gt* gy |
| B J Moran | bi cr ea gt |
| A T Qadan | bi* ec* gt mm* |
| M J Richards | ad |
| M J Robinson | bi ch gt mp |
| S W Tierney | bi ea* gt gy |
| A P Tomlinson | bi cr gt* mp |
| P S R Wrathmell | bi ei gt mm* |

Form 13X

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| M S Brear | ec gt ph mm* |
| D Brown | bi ec gt gy* |
| R A Gains | gt ph gy* mm |
| A P Holmes | bi ea gt gy |
| S J Kipling | ea gt gy* mp |
| K D Leigh | gt* ph mp |
| O Schepisi | bi gt gy |
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| M Shorrock | bi ea gt |
| M W Willsher | bi gt gy |
| J Wilman | bi ch gt ph |

GCSE Results 1999**Key Used:**

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| Biology | bi | History | hi | R.S. | rs |
| CDT | cr | Information Technology | it | Dual Award Science | sc sc |
| Chemistry | ch | Latin | la | Business Studies | bu |
| French | fr | Mathematics | ma | English Language | ea |
| German | gn | Music | mu | English Literature | ei |

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

Form 11F

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| D J Barker | bi cr ch fr gn* ma* ph ea* ei gy |
| L A Carney | bi cr* ch gn hi ma ph ea* ei* rs* |
| R E Coates | bi* cr ch* fr ma* ph* bu ea* ei gy* |
| R C Collinge | adn bi cr* ch* fr ma* ph* bu* ea* ei |
| T J Dodgson | bi cr ch ma ph ea ei gy rs |
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| M G Gleave | bi* cr ch* fr* ma* mu* ph* ea* ei* gy* |
| D A Hand | bi cr ch gn* ma* ph* bu* ea* ei gy* |
| F M P Hennigan | bi cr ch gn ma* mu ea gy |
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| C J Quinn | bi cr* ch gn ma* ph bu* ea ei gy* |
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| P M Wellock | bi cr* eh ma ph ea ei gy* |
| S J Wilkinson | cr ma ph ea ei |
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| S R Ackroyd | bi cr ch fr hi* ma* ph bu* ea* ei* |
| Z Akram | bi cr ch gn it ma* ph ea* ei gy |
| T Coughlin | bi* cr* ch* gn* hi* ma* ph* ea* ei* gy* |
| G L Farr | bi ch it ma ph ea gy |
| B M Gillespie | bi cr* ch* fr* gn* ma* mu* ph* bu* ea* ei* |
| J T W Green | bi* cr* ch* fr* la* ma* ph* ea* ei gy |
| O M Hammond | er* fr* hi* ma sc* sc* bu* ea* ei gy* |
| T W Harrison | bi cr ch fr* gn* it* ma* ph ea* ei |
| N M Jones | bi* cr* ch* fr ma* ph* bu* ea* ei gy* |
| S P Keane | adn bi* cr ch* fr* la* ma* ph* ea ei |
| M S Kingham | bi cr ch fr hi ma* mu ph ea ei |
| T Lloyd-Evans | bi* cr* ch* gn* hi* la* ma* ph* ea* ei |
| P A Nicholson | bi cr ch gn ma ea ei |
| K A Owens | bi* cr* ch* gn* ma* ph* bu* ea* ei* gy* |
| W H Pickles | fr gn* hi ma* sc* sc* ea* ei gy |
| N J Pike | bi cr* ch fr ma* ph ea* ei gy rs* |
| C W J Pratt | adn bi cr* ch* fr ma* ph* ea ei gy* |
| A M Sargeant | cr* fr* la ma* sc* sc* bu* ea ei gy |
| M J Scriven | bi cr ch* fr* hi* la* ma* ph* ea ei* |

R G Turnbull bi* cr* ch* gn* la* ma* ph* ea* ei gy*
 S A M Watson bi* cr ch fr ma* ph* ea* ei* gy rs*
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 J E M Cowell-Smith bi cr* ch* fr hi* ma* ph ea* ei* gy*
 C E Duff adn cr fr it ma* sc* sc* ea* ei* gy*
 A W Feather bi* cr* ch* gn* hi* la* ma* ph* ea* ei*
 R T Gulliver adn bi* cr* ch* fr ma* ph* ea* ei gy*
 J P Hewison adn bi* cr ch fr ma ph* ea* ei* gy
 A J Holly adn bi* cr* ch* fr it* ma* ph* ea ei
 N P Jackson bi cr ch* fr ma* ph* ea ei gy* rs*
 A Marcham bi* cr* ch* fr* hi* ma* ph* ea* ei* gy*
 J H Mason bi* cr* ch* gn* hi* ma* ph* ea* ei* gy*
 T J Mitcham bi cr ch fr hi* it ma ph ea* ei
 T P Oates bi cr* ch* fr* ma* ph* bu* ea* ei gy*
 M J Reeves bi* cr* ch gn* ma* ph* bu* ea* ei gy*
 M J Scholey adn cr* it ma* sc sc ea ei gy
 E C C Seymour bi* cr ch* fr* hi* la* ma* ph* ea* ei
 C A Simpson cr fr gn ma* sc sc ea ei gy
 G Sykes bi* cr* ch* fr* gn* hi ma* ph* ea* ei
 D J Turzynski bi cr gn it ma ph ea ei
 T A White bi* cr* ch* gn* la* ma* ph* ea* ei* gy*
 O D E Wibberley bi cr ch fr it ma ph ea* ei gy

Form 11X

P E Bold bi cr ch gn hi ma ea ei
 R S Chouhan cr ch hi it ma ea ei
 F Z T Chowdhury bi* ch* fr ma* ph* ea* ei gy rs
 Davey bi hi ma ph ea ei
 J Demaline cr fr gn* ma sc sc ea* ei gy
 L S Docherty it ma* sc sc ea ei gy
 A J H Green bi* cr* ch* fr* hi* ma* ph* ea* ei* gy*
 T J Haggerty adn bi cr ch gn* hi* ma ph ea* ei*
 C H Mitchell bi cr ch fr it ma ph* ea ei gy
 D J Pickles bi* cr* ch* fr* ma* ph* ea* ei gy* rs*
 R Platt ch fr hi ma ph ea ei gy
 G P R Pozzana adn bi cr ch* fr ma* mu ph* ea* ei
 D M C Roberts bi* cr* ch* fr* la* ma* ph* ea* ei* gy*
 R M Stephenson bi ch ma ph ea ei gy rs
 A J Strickland bi cr* ch fr* hi* ma* ph* bu* ea* ei*
 S J Tate bi cr* ch gn* hi* ma* ph ea* ei* gy*
 J G Taylor bi* cr* ch* gn* ma* mu* ph* ea* ei* gy*
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 J Walker cr fr* gn* ma* sc* sc* ea* ei gy* rs*
 M J Whitwam bi cr ch fr gn* ma* ph ea* ei gy*
 E T Williams bi* cr* ch* fr* hi* la* ma* ph* ea* ei
 T H Wilman bi cr ch fr it ma ph ea ei gy
 A M Woodhouse bi cr* ch gn ma* ph ea ei gy* rs*

Form 12M

R. Iles bi* ch* ph ea* ei* gy

University and College List 1998

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| Almond B J | Leeds University (Philosophy & Science) |
| Anderson A W | Newcastle University (Foundation Engineering) |
| Aziz F | Royal Holloway University of London (Computer Science) |
| Bailey S K W | Leicester University (Engineering) |
| Baker C M | Sheffield University (Structural & Civil Engineering) |
| Baldwin D J | Newcastle University (Dentistry) |
| Brotherton P S | Leeds Metropolitan University (Accounting & Finance) |
| Burgess J O | Newcastle University (Law) |
| Busfield A L | Leeds University (Physics & Astrophysics) |
| Capstick C S O | Northumbria University (Sports Exercise Science) |
| Carlsson J | London University (Banking & Finance) |
| Carr A D | Durham University (Geography) |
| Creed D E | Luton University (Accounting) |
| Cresswell M A | Leeds College of Art & Design (Art & Design) |
| Crewe M D | Leeds University (Mathematics & Finance) |
| Cunliffe S J | University of Ripon & York (Geography & Management Studies) |
| Douglass J I | Sheffield Hallam University (Business Studies) |
| Emison P D | Leeds University (Civil Engineering with Architecture) |
| Farnworth J R | Leeds Metropolitan University (English) |
| Fielding C E | Durham University (Geography) |
| Glover C | Leeds University (Politics) |
| Greenwood L D | Sheffield University (English Literature) 1999 |
| Hamilton D W | Newcastle University (Medicine) |
| Hand J R | Bristol University (Geology) |
| Hardy J R | De Montford University (Rural Land Management) |
| Hatton D M | Lincoln University (Economics) |
| Hoyle M G | Durham University (Mathematics) |
| Hudson I R | Newcastle University (Marine Biology) |
| Jones A B | Cambridge University (Natural Sciences) |
| Jones N D | 'Year in Industry' Award Cardiff University (Civil Engineering) 1999 |
| Langenegger A B | St Andrews University (English & Geography) |
| Leigh A S | University College London (German & Scandinavian Studies) |
| Lindsay S A | Durham University (Molecular Biology & Biochemistry) |
| Livesey T.J. | Leeds Metropolitan University (Accounting & Finance) |
| Lockwood M J | Newcastle University (Economics) |
| Mason C R | Cambridge University (Geography) |
| Masson P R | Edinburgh University (Medicine) |
| Mattock N | Lancaster University (Organisation Studies & Human Resource Management) |
| McLellan M J | Cambridge University (Natural Sciences) |
| Milner J D | Warwick University (Computer Science) |
| Montague A D | Loughborough University (Social Psychology) |
| Nicholson H J | Liverpool John Moores University (Psychology) 1999 |
| Nunns M A | Lancaster University (Environmental Science) |
| Parkinson A N | Leeds University (Political Studies) |
| Pickles N L | Durham University (Natural Sciences) |
| Procter T H A | Nottingham University (Manufacturing Engineering & Operations Management) |
| Purver J L | Kings College London (Biological Sciences) |
| Rennison A J | Sheffield University (French & German) |
| Shakespeare B | Durham University (Geology) |

AUTUMN, 1998 — SUMMER, 1999

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| Simpson D J | Nottingham University (Civil Engineering) |
| Simpson L R | Newcastle University (Geography) |
| Smith H W | Anglia Polytechnic University (Environmental Biology) |
| Stephenson R N | London School of Economics (Economics) |
| Taylor R J | Bristol University (Veterinary Science) |
| Tomlinson A P | Leeds College of Art (Art & Design) |
| Town M J | Staffordshire University (Music Technology) |
| Tretton J E | Bangor University (Geological Oceanography) |
| Truman B J | Durham University (Business Economics) |
| Tucker M P | Birmingham University (Geography) |
| Watson M J | Loughborough University (Sports Science) |
| Wherity S P | Durham University (Geology) |
| Wightman J | Cambridge University (Social & Political Sciences) |
| Williams J E D | Newcastle University (Biochemistry) 1999 |
| Wright R I A | University College Stockton-on-Tees (Primary Teaching) |
| Young R A | Brighton University (Computer Studies) |

In addition Carl Glover was a late entry into Leeds University (Politics) last year.

Valete – Leavers 1998-1999

All those taking 'A' levels in 1999 left. Also in this year we bid farewell to:

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| Year 12 Leavers: | Jordan N P | Craven College |
| Year 11 Leavers: | Bold P E | Craven College |
| | Carney L A | Nelson and Colne College |
| | Davey H G | Craven College |
| | Docherty L S | Comtech Communications, Leeds |
| | Dodgson T J | Agriculture College, Myerscough |
| | Farr G L | South Craven |
| | Gillespie B M | Nelson and Colne College |
| | Hammond O M | Leeds College of Music |
| | Hennigan F M P | Craven College |
| | Mitcham T J | Skegness Grammar School |
| | Nicholson P A | Leeds College |
| | Reeder P M | Bradford Grammar |
| | Sagar M | Skipton Building Society |
| | Sargeant A M | Craven College and Leeds College of Music |
| | Scholey M | Harrogate College |
| | Turzynski D J | Nelson and Colne College |
| | Wibberley O D E | Tentertin College, Kent |
| | Wilkinson S J | Keighley College |
| Year 10 Leavers: | Evans C S | Settle High School |
| Year 8 Leavers: | Harrison S J | Valley Comprehensive, Workson |
| | Nicholson J R | Transfer |
| Year 7 Leavers: | Harrison S A | Valley Comprehensive, Workson |

Founders' Day

Saturday 12th December 1998

The traditional service was held at Holy Trinity Church in the morning. By way of experiment the "Te Deum" was spoken antiphonically rather than sung. The preacher was Rev. John Ward, Rector of Bolton Abbey and Rural Dean of Skipton, who stressed the long and fruitful partnership between Church and School. Head Boy Stuart Clarkson read a lesson from Ecclesiastical 44, 1-5 and pupils Edward Green and Mark Ashton shared the reading of the prayers with the clergy. The Head Boy's nominated collection on behalf of the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust raised £419.

The guest of honour at the evening dinner was Rev. Trevor Vaughan B.A., Rector of Broughton with Elslack. Rev. Vaughan made an assessment of Ermysted's emphasising its strengths and the lifelong nature of the friendships it fostered.

Mr Buckroyd, whose portrait was placed among those of his fellow past headmasters on the main staircase, was an honoured guest at the dinner. David Smith, Chairman of the Old Boys' Society, presented Mr Buckroyd with a cheque and congratulated him on looking so well after his heart operation.

Speech Day

6th July 1999

This year the venue was the Sports Hall. The prizes were presented by Emeritus Professor Michael A. Green, a forensic pathologist. In a stimulating speech Professor Green recalled with gratitude his own grammar school education and reflected that he felt a duty to give back to the community something in return for the benefits which he had received, as had the founders of the old grammar schools.

Mr Whittaker, Chairman of the Governors, summarised the changes which were about to modify the structure of the Governing Body and the potential threats to grammar schools in general. He promised "If necessary I will battle on to preserve this grammar school not as part of Skipton's heritage but as part of its future."

Mr Ashworth provided the meeting with a very thorough first Annual Review. He was pleased to report that the school had been placed 33rd in the "Daily Mail" ranking of maintained schools but he was keen to assure us that "there is no room for complacency." The Head Master thanked all boys, staff and parents for their efforts in all aspects of school life and for easing his take-over.

The proceedings ended as usual with a spirited singing of the National Anthem.

Prize List 1999

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZES

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| Marmaduke Miller Art Prize | M.W. BROWN |
| Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize | P.A. GUNN |
| John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize | B. LAY |
| Mechanics' Institute Design and Technology Prize | M.W. BROWN |
| Petyt Trust English Prize | J. VINEY |
| George Bottomley Memorial French Prize | E.C.A. VITTERY |
| George Bottomley Memorial German Prize | M. WALES |
| Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize | I.J. DINNING |
| Foundation History Prize | J. VINEY |
| Petyt Trust Latin Prize | B. LAY |
| Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize | B.C. LISTER |

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| Firth Memorial Music Prize | P.G.S. MACKLEY |
| Foundation PE Prize | E.P. ROBERTS |
| Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize | J.B.T. GARDNER |
| Foundation Religious Studies Prize | J.B.T. GARDNER |

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRIZES

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| Jonathan Chapman Memorial Art Prize | A.J. HOLLY |
| Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize | M.G. GLEAVE |
| Foundation Business Studies Prize | K.A. OWENS |
| Foundation Chemistry Prize | T.A. WHITE |
| Foundation Design and Technology Prize | J.H. MASON |
| Foundation English Prize | O.M. HAMMOND |
| Jonathan Chapman Memorial Geography Prize | A.W. WALKER |
| Foundation History Prize | J.H. MASON |
| Foundation Information Technology Prize | A.J. HOLLY |
| Jack Eastwood Memorial Prize for Languages | A.J. CLEMENTS |
| Jack Eastwood Memorial Latin Prize | D.M.C. ROBERTS |
| Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize | D.M.C. ROBERTS |
| Foundation Modern Languages Prize | S.D. NIXON |
| Edward Scott Music Prize | M.G. GLEAVE |
| Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize | T.A. WHITE |
| Foundation Religious Studies Prize | D.J. PICKLES |

SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZES

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| Marmaduke Miller Art Prize | M.J. RICHARDS |
| Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize | K.J. McSHARRY |
| John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize | D.J. LUCAS |
| Mechanics' Institute Design Technology Prize | J.A. WHARTON |
| Foundation Economics Prize | G.S.W. HAGGERTY |
| Petyt Trust English Prize | N.J. DOBSON |
| George Bottomley Memorial French Prize | J.B. KEANE |
| George Bottomley Memorial German Prize | Not awarded |
| Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize | S.J. KIPLING |
| Foundation History Prize | J.R. MORRIS |
| Petyt Trust Latin Prize | R.J. CULVER |
| Foundation Linguistics Prize | K.G. BLACOE |
| Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize | B. SHERLOCK |
| Firth Memorial Music Prize | R.W. REEDAY |
| Foundation PE Prize | M.S. BREAR |
| Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize | A.J.K. WILKINSON |
| Foundation Further Maths Prize | A.J.K. WILKINSON |

FOUNDATION FORM PRIZES

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| 7A | C.T. POLLITT |
| 7K | G.R. COUGHLIN |
| 7M | M.J. HARDAKER |
| 8C | J.R. BAKER |
| 8G | M. ACKERS-JOHNSON |
| 8J | W.J. SINGLETON |
| 9H | M.W. BROWN |
| 9K | B.C. LISTER |
| 9T | C.H. BAXTER |

OTHER PRIZES

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| Skipton Town Council Silver Jubilee Shield | G.R. COUGHLIN |
| Iain McLeod Memorial Prize | S.J. EXLEY |
| Paul Chadwick Prize for Fine Craftmanship | T.A. COUGHLIN |
| Fleming Essay Prize | S. TIERNEY |
| Longden Smith Prize for Rugby | R.A. GAINS |
| Jimmy Harrison Memorial Prize for Progress in Senior Rugby | M.W. WILLISHER |
| Peter Rose Memorial Prize for Cricket | P.S.R. WRATHMELL |
| Simon Lewis Prize for the Most Promising Cricketer | A.J. STRICKLAND |
| Drama Prize | Not awarded |
| Philip Osborne Public Speaking Prize..... | A.C. DOBSON |
| | E.W. GREEN |
| | P.J.H. FOSTER |
| Philip Osborne Dramatic Society Prize..... | R.W. REEDAY |
| Doris Altham Barker Prize for Musical Achievement (Joint) | S.J. CLARKSON |
| | L.A.O. POTTS |
| | N.J. DOBSON |
| Physics Olympiad | Bronze Medals |
| | A.R. QUAYLE |
| | N.S. SPENCER |
| | D.A. TEAGUE |
| | Gold Medal |
| | A.J.K. WILKINSON |
| David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student | A.J.K. WILKINSON |
| Head of Sixth Form's Merit Prize | D.A. TEAGUE |
| Parents' Association Fortitude Prize | R. ILES |
| Arthur Coe Prize for Distinguished Service | A.J.K. WILKINSON |
| Foundation General Efficiency Prize | T.J. MOODY |
| Old Boys' Association Head of School Prize | S.J. CLARKSON |

Music and Drama

Christmas Concert - 14th December 1998

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| Wind Band | Hark! The Herald Angels Sing March - Windfall Processional Overture |
| Senior Choir | Sussex Carol O Christmas Tree |
| Flute Trio | O Come All Ye Faithful Swinging Pipes |
| Clarinet Solo – Tim Coughlin | Finzi : Forlane |
| School Choir | Noel – P.Colls Drei Konig – Trad. Bavarian |
| Flute Trio | Ding Dong Merrily on High Struggling Two-Step |
| Stars of the Future | Les Miserables – Finale Blood Brothers – Tell Me It's Not True Silent Night |
| Big Band | String of Pearls Here, There and Everywhere Peanut Vendor Frosty The Snowman |

Spring Concert – 26th April 1999

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| Junior Wind Band | Mumbo Jumbo Cool Dude Blue Spanish Eyes |
| Accordion Solo – Richard Smith | Piccadilly |
| Choir | The Windmills of Your Mind Smooth as the Deepest Stream – Pavane arr. Patrick Allen |
| Piano Solo – Ben Lloyd Evans | “Rocking Away” – Mr D. |
| Flute Trio | Greensleeves Grandfather’s Clock Bourree – Handel |
| Guitar Ensemble – Ben Lister, Mark Wales & Duncan Macdonald | Song of the Lark – Tchaikovsky |
| Piano Solo – Peter Gunn | Seasons of Love – from ‘Rent’ by Jonathan Larson |
| Stars of The Future | Science Fiction / Double Feature from ‘The Rocky Horror Show’ by Richard O’ Brien |
| Flute Trio | Yellow Rose of Texas Crazy Flutes |
| Barbershop | Catch a Falling Star / As Time Goes By / Encore |
| Big Band | Watermelon Man / Georgia / Perdido / The Chicken |

The Spring Concert programme noted that this was the last performance for many talented and dedicated musicians. In particular, mention was made of: Stuart Clarkson, Nick Dobson and Kevin Blacoe – all “founder members” of the Big Band, Richard Reeday, Tim Scargill, Alex Wilkinson and Leon Potts – significant contributors to vocal and dramatic productions both in and out of school.

Thanks were also given for the co-operation of Skipton Girls’ High School whose pupils are a regular feature of our concerts with members in the Big Band and the “Stars of the Future” group.

Inter House Music Competition 1999

The competition was held on Monday 15th March

In the Junior Section there were some carefully controlled performances from Jamie Pollard and Ben Lloyd-Evans and the instrumental category was well represented. There was much promise from many pupils and, as with all competitions, marks were earned for participation, however short the entry.

The Intermediate Section had an unusual range of instruments with the accordion playing of Richard Smith giving a very French flavour to the event. A very polished performance by Peter Gunn on piano proved hard to beat even with some stiff competition from others.

In the senior Section some more careful preparation could have been done. Technical standards were high but only a few competitors managed to convey the deeper emotions of the music. Jonathan McKinnell set a new record for stamina and endurance - his entry exceeded the suggested timing for his class by at least four minutes, showing tremendous potential and real staying power! A last minute substitution by Alex Dobson proved to be an important factor for Ermysted's final mark. Marcus Gleave commanded immediate respect from the adjudicator for his forthright request to re-start his piece.

The Open class produced some first rate singing from Tim Scargill and Richard Reeday. The competition ended with a very moody Hillbilly Blues duet from Edward Seymour and Johnny Pile.

After two rounds Petyt were marginally ahead, recovering from a rather feeble start. Toller then made substantial inroads in the final round but it was not to be enough.

Thanks are due to the House Music Captains and to all the competitors who participated. It proved to be a nerve-racking experience for some and the adjudicator, Arthur Butterworth, MBE expressed his delight at some very fine music making and the variety of talent and repertoire on show.

The final scores were: Petyt 53, Ermysted 52, Hartley 50 and Toller 49.

Class winners awarded certificates were:

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| Junior Piano | Ben Lloyd-Evans |
| Junior Instrumental | Jonathan Baker |
| Intermediate Piano | Peter Gunn |
| Intermediate Instrumental | Richard Smith |
| Senior Piano | Ben Gillespie |
| Senior Instrumental | Tim Coughlin |
| Open Class | Shared between Toller and Ermysted (Richard Reeday and Tim Scargill) |

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Athletics 1999

Claro Craven and North Yorkshire

In total 10 pupils were selected to represent the Claro Craven area at the North Yorkshire Championships.

They were:

Junior

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| I. Dinning | 200m |
| M. Ackers-Johnson | 200m |
| O. Hurst | 800m |
| C. Baxter | 800m |
| J. Rusius | 1500m |
| J. Cartman | Long Jump |
| M. Brown | Triple Jump |

Intermediate

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| O. Brewer | 400m hurdles |
| A. Millar | 800m |

Senior

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| M. Brear | 800m |
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Of these pupils I. Dinning, O. Brewer and M. Brear were all selected to represent North Yorkshire.

O. Brewer and M. Brear were both selected to represent North Yorkshire county at the English School's Championships their results were as follows:

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| O. Brewer | Intermediate 400m hurdles | semi-finalist |
| M. Brear | Senior 800m | semi-finalist |

TSB Cup

This was the first time the school had entered teams in this national competition which is run in a different manner to normal school matches. Instead of pupils being awarded points for their positions they are awarded points for their performances making it a bit like a team decathlon. Teams can only comprise of 14 athletes and an athlete has to do 2 events.

At the Area event in York both the Intermediate team and the junior team were very successful with the Juniors finishing 1st and the Inters a very close 2nd. The Juniors qualified for the North Eastern Regional Final at the Gateshead International Stadium where they finished 5th and the Inters qualified for the regional 'B' final in Hull where they finished 4th. These fixtures gave many pupils the experience of running on good quality tracks and to push themselves to personal bests in a high level of competition.

Notable individual performances that scored 16 points or more were achieved by:

Junior

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| M. Ackers-Johnson | 200m |
| D. Mayes | 200m |
| M. Burton | 400m |
| O. Hurst | 800m |
| D. Taylor | 800m |
| J. Rusius | 1500m |
| T. Hoare | Discus |
| M. Burton | High Jump |
| R. Hannah | Triple-Jump |
| M. Ackers-Johnson | Long Jump |
| O. Hurst | Shot Putt |

Intermediate

| | |
|------------|----------------|
| O. Brewer | Sprint hurdles |
| M. Brown | Sprint hurdles |
| A. Wiggan | 200m |
| I. Dinning | 200m |
| E. Scarr | 400m |
| A. Millar | 800m |
| M. Gee | Shot Putt |
| M. Brown | Triple Jump |
| A. Miller | Triple Jump |
| O. Brewer | High Jump |

Bradford Schools League - Greenhead Track, Keighley

Again this was the first time that the school had entered this League and it proved to be very worthwhile. Due to other fixture commitments we were only able to enter our Junior team (years 7 and 8). Overall the team finished second to a very strong Bronte Middle School. Medals were awarded to the best three performers in each event over the three meetings.

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| M. Ackers-Johnson | 100m | 2 nd |
| D. Mayes | 200m | 3 rd |
| M. Burton | 400m | 2 nd |
| O. Hurst | 800m | 1 st |
| J. Rusius | 1500m | 2 nd |
| D. Taylor | 1000m walk | 2 nd |
| Relay | | 1 st |
| T. Hoare | Discus | 2 nd |
| M. Ackers-Johnson | Long Jump | 1 st |
| M. Burton | High Jump | 1 st |

Craven Area Championships - Settle Middle School

Years 7, 8 and 9 teams all attended and were highly successful. Results were as follows:

| | Year 7 | | Year 8 | | Year 9 | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 100m | M. Taylor | 1 st | M. A-Johnson | 1 st | J. Cartman | 2 nd |
| 200m | J. Murr | 2 nd | D. Mayes | 2 nd | I. Dinning | 1 st |
| 400m | R. Davy | 2 nd | M. Burton | 2 nd | C. Marshall | 2 nd |
| 800m | S. Maude | 2 nd | O. Hurst | 1 st | C. Cullen | 3 rd |
| 1500m | J. Weedon | 2 nd | J. Rusius | 1 st * | J. Viney | 1 st |
| Relay | | 1 st | | 1 st * | | 1 st |
| Long Jump | M. Taylor | 2 nd | M. Ackers-Johnson | 1 st * | J. Cartman | 2 nd |
| Triple Jump | S. Hudson | 3 rd | B. Lloyd-Evans | 3 rd | R. Scott | 1 st |
| High Jump | J. Murr | 1 st * | M. Burton | 1 st * | C. Wharton | 4 th |
| Shot Putt | P. Gains | 2 nd | O. Hurst | 5 th | I. Dinning | 4 th |
| Discus | M. Brennand | 1 st | T. Hoare | 2 nd | A. Little | 2 nd |
| Javelin | L. Porter | 5 th | D. Taylor | 1 st | C. Marshall | 5 th |
| Overall Position | | 1st | | 1st | | 2nd |

* denotes a Craven Area Record

Harrogate and Craven Championships - Leeds Metropolitan University

To qualify for these Championships pupils had to come 1st or 2nd at the Craven Area Championships.

| | Year 7 | | Year 8 | | Year 9 | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| 100m | | | | | J. Cartman | 3 rd |
| 200m | J. Murr | 3 rd | D. Mayes | 1 st | I. Dinning | 2 nd |
| 400m | | | M. Burton | 3 rd | | |
| 800m | | | O. Hurst | 1 st | | |
| 1500m | | | J. Rusius | 1 st | | |
| Relay | | 3 rd | | 1 st | | 2 nd |
| Long Jump | M. Taylor | 3 rd | M. Ackers-Johnson | 1 st | J. Cartman | 3 rd |
| High Jump | J. Murr | 1 st | M. Burton | 2 nd | | |
| Overall Position | | 3rd | | 1st | | 2nd |

School records

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|---|-------------------|---------|
| M. Brear | Senior 800m | 1:59.3 |
| M. Brear | Senior 1500m | 4:09.92 |
| O. Brewer | Year 10 High Jump | 1.77 |
| O. Brewer | Year 10 400m | 54.2 |
| O. Brewer | Year 10 800m | 2:09.7 |
| M. Ackers-Johnson | Year 8 Long Jump | 5.22 |
| D. Mayes, T. Hoare, O. Hurst, M. Ackers-Johnson | Year 8 Relay | 53.07 |

Other Athletic Achievements

Oliver Brewer represented England in the British Isles Multi-Events Championships at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow finishing a highly commendable 11th.

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Sports Day 1999

Overall Results

| | Ermysted | Hartley | Petyt | Toller |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Year 7 | 1 st 40 | 2 nd 38 | 4 th 28 | 3 rd 37 |
| Year 8 | 1 st 47 | 3 rd 31 | 2 nd 40 | 4 th 24 |
| Year 9 | 4 th 30 | 1 st 46 | 3 rd 31 | 2 nd 38 |
| Year 10 | 4 th 26 | 3 rd 33 | 2 nd 42 | 1 st 42 |
| Overall | 2nd 143 | 1st 148 | 3rd 141 | 3rd 141 |

Victor Ludorum Winners

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Junior | 1 st M. Ackers-Johnson | 2 nd M. Burton | 3 rd O. Hurst |
| Intermediate | 1 st A. Wiggan | 2 nd O. Brewer | 3 rd E. Scarr |

Senior Heptathlon Results

The Senior Heptathlon took place in early May but was affected by rain after three events and had to be shortened to a Pentathlon with the final two events of Shot Putt and High Jump taking place indoors. Michael Wycherley from Ermysted won the competition by 5 points.

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|-----------------|---------------|--------|----------|
| 1 st | M. Wycherley | 71 Pts | Ermysted |
| 2 nd | P. Jaquin | 66 Pts | Petyt |
| 3 rd | J. Pile | 61 Pts | Hartley |
| 4 th | T. Palin | 60 pts | Ermysted |
| 5 th | G. Parish | 49 pts | Hartley |
| 6 th | P. Stansfield | 38 pts | Hartley |

Year 10 Sportsday Results

| <i>Event</i> | <i>1st</i> | <i>2nd</i> | <i>3rd</i> | <i>4th</i> |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 100m | Brushett | T Gee | P Edmondson | H Baldwin P |
| 200m | Wiggan | P Scarr | E Procter | H Green T |
| 400m | Fradley | T Noyland | H Cheung | E Peach P |
| 800m | Brewer | T Millar | E Stephenson | H Picken P |
| 1500m | Rusius | H Bode | T Evans | E Pollard P |
| High Jump | Jaquin | P Hirst | H Cheung | E Green T |
| Long Jump | Rusius | H Millar | E Brushett | T Picken P |
| Triple Jump | Wiggan | P Scarr | E C. Holden | T Procter H |
| Javelin | Brewer | T Leahy | H Pollard | P MacDonald E |
| Discus | Grainger | T Wright | P Pile | H Evans E |
| Shot | Gee | P Thomas | H Fradley | T Spurgin E |
| Relay | Petyt | Toller | Ermysted | Hartley |
| <i>House</i> | <i>Toller</i> | <i>Petyt</i> | <i>Hartley</i> | <i>Ermysted</i> |
| <i>Individual</i> | <i>A. Wiggan</i> | <i>O. Brewer</i> | <i>E. Scarr</i> | <i>M. Gee</i> |

Year 9 Sportsday Results

| <i>Event</i> | <i>1st</i> | <i>2nd</i> | <i>3rd</i> | <i>4th</i> |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 100m | Brown | H Cartman/Dinning | E/T | Irvine P |
| 200m | Roberts | T Hardaker | H Hussain | E Sargison P |
| 400m | Marshall | P Potts | E Gardner | T Cox H |
| 800m | Baxter | P Cullen | H Jenkins | T Lumsden E |
| 1500m | Viney | P Vittery | T Heap | H Windle E |
| High Jump | Roberts | T Hardaker | H Wharton | P Starkey E |
| Long Jump | Scott | H Cartman | E Sellers | T Eyre P |
| Triple Jump | Brown | H Dinning | T Campbell | P Simmons E |
| Javelin | Potts | E Marshall | P Little | T Heap H |
| Discus | Hussain | E Backhouse/Hawkins | H/T | Anderson P |
| Shot | Davey | H Jones | P Gardner | T Naylor E |
| Relay | Hartley | Toller | Ermysted | Petyt |
| <i>House</i> | <i>Hartley</i> | <i>Toller</i> | <i>Petyt</i> | <i>Ermysted</i> |
| <i>Individual</i> | <i>M. Brown</i> | <i>E. Roberts</i> | <i>C. Marshall</i> | <i>I. Dinning</i> |

Year 8 Sportsday Results

| <i>Event</i> | <i>1st</i> | <i>2nd</i> | <i>3rd</i> | <i>4th</i> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 100m | Hoare | T Goode | H Ashton | E Stow P |
| 200m | Mayes | P Ackers-Johnson | E Eells | H Lloyd-Evans T |
| 400m | Burton | P Hall | H Harrison | E Taylor T |
| 800m | Hurst | P Taylor | H Threlfall | H Watts T |
| 1500m | Rusius | H Bode | T Eyton-Jones | E Bargh P |
| High Jump | Burton | P Eells | H Ashton | E Parkinson T |
| Long Jump | Ackers-Johnson | E Handley | P Hall | H Feddo T |
| Triple Jump | Lloyd-Evans | T Hannah | E Rusius | H Fawcett P |
| Javelin | Moriarty | E Taylor | P Rosie/Patankar | H/T |
| Discus | Tordoff | P Holmes | E Hoare | T Bolland H |
| Shot | Hurst | E Hardaker | H Bracken | P Hardy T |
| Relay | Ermysted | Petyt | Hartley | Toller |
| <i>House</i> | <i>Ermysted</i> | <i>Petyt</i> | <i>Hartley</i> | <i>Toller</i> |
| <i>Individual</i> | <i>M. Ackers-Johnson</i> | <i>M. Burton</i> | <i>O. Hurst</i> | <i>T. Hoare</i> |

Year 7 Sportsday Results

| <i>Event</i> | <i>1st</i> | <i>2nd</i> | <i>3rd</i> | <i>4th</i> | |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| 100m | Taylor | E Pepper | H Banks | P Gains | T |
| 200m | Murr | T Bell | E Clark | H Pollitt | P |
| 400m | Davy | H Eyre | P Pickles | E Middleton | T |
| 800m | Maude | H Cheyte | P Stockdale | T Wheatstone | E |
| 1500m | Weedon | P Porter | E Mercer | H McLean | T |
| High Jump | Murr | T Gregson | H Porter | E Brunskill | P |
| Long Jump | White | P Taylor | E Hudson | H Degnan | T |
| Triple Jump | Garnett | H Hart | E Stockdale | T Barrett | P |
| Javelin | Thomas | E Hall | P Holden | H Leong | T |
| Discus | Brennand | T Davy | H Atkinson | E Weedon | P |
| Shot | Eyton-Jones | E Gains | T Pepper | H Gregory | P |
| Relay | Toller | Ermysted | Hartley | Petyt | |
| <i>House</i> | <i>Ermysted</i> | <i>Hartley</i> | <i>Toller</i> | <i>Petyt</i> | |
| <i>Individual</i> | <i>J. Murr</i> | <i>R. Davy</i> | <i>M. Taylor</i> | <i>R. Pepper</i> | |

Athletics Colours

Junior Colours are being awarded for the first time. The following Colours are awarded:

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|---------|---|
| Year 7 | J. Murr |
| Year 8 | M. Ackers-Johnson, D. Mayes, M. Burton, O. Hurst, J. Rusius, T. Hoare |
| Year 9 | I. Dinning, J. Cartman, M. Brown |
| Year 10 | O. Brewer, A. Millar, M. Gee, A. Wiggan |
| Senior | M. Brear |



Sportsday 1999

1st XI Cricket Retrospective 1999

The season has been affected by a combination of poor weather and difficulties in arranging fixtures due to extended exam commitments. This should not detract from the quality of this year's team which is full of good cricketers and has played with enthusiasm and skill throughout the season.

The team began well by beating Leeds G.S. by 10 wickets with Captain Peter Wrathmell making a fine 53n.o.. There was then a gap of several weeks until the Ashville match where having made 186, probably about 30 runs short, the School found Matthew Cousen, a Yorkshire Schools' player in fine form, making 103n.o. and steering the opposition to a win with four overs to spare.

The annual MCC match provided a very good finish with School having bowled the opposition out for 155 - a very creditable performance - they fell six runs short, being bowled out with 3 balls to go for 149.

In the Parents' match a dire batting display was followed by excellent bowling and fielding to secure a win by 6 runs in another tight finish. A hot day against George Watson's Academy, on tour from Edinburgh produced a good batting wicket on which School scored a fine 195-5 dec., but they were unable to bowl out the opposition with the match being drawn.

Against the enigmatic Staff XI the School's outcricket was again of a high standard, restricting the Staff to 118 all out. The batting was equally good with a comfortable victory by 8 wickets being the result.

The final match against the Old Boys, as last year, provided an excellent contest and a close finish. In their 35 overs School made 174-9 with Andrew Atkinson (40) and Nick Thackray (39) leading the way. The Old boys were on course with Simon Lewis (51) and John Wrathmell (35) at the wicket but Richard Benson turned the game taking 3-36 to start a steady trickle of wickets which saw the Old Boys fall short by nine runs in the last over. Nick Thackray (3-36) also bowled extremely well.

The team is full of good cricketers; the batting, bowling and fielding showing few weaknesses. Peter Wrathmell, Kevin Owens, Nick Thackray and Andrew Atkinson all made runs regularly with the middle order also making useful runs on several occasions. Chris Simpson, Tom Palin, Chris Foster and Richard Benson all batted positively and kept the scoreboard moving.

Nick Thackray was perhaps the pick of the bowlers but Andrew Atkinson, Peter Wrathmell, Ian Strickland, Chris Butt and Richard Benson all bowled well.

The team was led extremely well by Peter Wrathmell who, incidentally, is the only player who leaves us this time. The team, being a year older, should be able to look forward to an excellent season next summer.

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Players: P. Wrathmell, A. Atkinson, R. Benson, N. Thackray, C. Foster, A. Strickland, B. Keane, S. Keane, K. Owens, C. Simpson, W. Fradley, I. Strickland, C. Butt, S. Lofthouse, T. Palin, E. Roberts, J. Hastings-Trew

1st XI Results

v. Leeds G.S.

Won by 10 wkts

Leeds 96 all out

A. Atkinson 3-29

N. Thackray 3-40

School 97-0

P. Wrathmell 53 not out

K. Owens 26 not out

v. Ashville College

Lost by 9 wkts

School 186 all out

A. Atkinson 45

K. Owens 34

C. Simpson 20

Ashville 186-1

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v. MCC

Lost by 6 runs

MCC 155 all out

School 149 all out

A. Atkinson 4-39
P. Wrathmell 2-20
A. Strickland 31
A. Atkinson 28
R. Benson 24
N. Thackray 23

v. Parents XI (20 overs)

Won by 6 runs

School 78-9

Parents 72-6

K. Owens 30
I. Strickland 2-17
N. Thackray 2-10

v. George Watson's, Edinburgh

Match drawn

School 195-5 dec.

G. Watson's 121-6

A. Strickland 45
K. Owens 42
C. Simpson 33 n.o.
A. Atkinson 2-26

v. Staff XI (35 overs)

Won by 8 wkts

Staff 118 all out

School 119-2

A. Atkinson 3-31
I. Strickland 2-18
N. Thackray 2-26
C. Butt 2-29
A. Strickland 53 n.o.
N. Thackray 41 n.o.

v. Old Boys XI (35 overs)

Won by 9 runs

School 174-9

Old Boys 165 all out

A. Atkinson 40
N. Thackray 39
C. Foster 24
S. Lewis 51
J. Wrathmell 35
R. Benson 3-36
N. Thackray 3-36

2nd XI – Cricket Retrospective

A very short season once again, with only two matches played. Both were lost but some good cricket was played by 18 keen pupils.

CD

Players: A. Townson, C. Butt, T. Palin, I. Strickland, J. Dexter, M.A. Smith, R. Culver, R. Emmott, A. Clements, T. Broughton, N. Thackray, A. Atkinson. S. Lofthouse. W. Fradley, S. Pile, R. Benson, C. Wright, A. Kirke

2nd XI Results

v. Leeds G.S.

Lost by 9 wickets

Ermysted's 144 all out

Leeds G.S. 147-1

A. Townson 39

v. Bradford G.S.

Lost by 38 runs

Bradford G.S. 130 all out

C. Butt 3-15

T. Broughton 3-21

A. Atkinson 3-35

Ermysted's 92 all out

N. Thackray 42

U15 XI Cricket Report

Yet another season disrupted by the weather. Only one game able to be played, late in the season against Ashville.

School batted first after winning the toss. Runs were steady with a gradual fall of wickets. At the end of the 40 overs a total of 142 runs was set for Ashville to chase. Ashley Woods was the top scorer gaining 36 runs before being given out L.B.W.

Ashville were given 35 overs to run up the target which shouldn't have been difficult. However, the opposition were tied down by a fine display of bowling by Simon Pile and excellent work in the field. Wickets fell steadily and soon it was clear that the total was well out of reach. Tenacious batting by the last pair for Ashville saw the end result a draw.

A draw on paper but a moral victory to Ermysted's due to the outstanding bowling and fielding.

N.W.

U14 XI Cricket Retrospective

Our first matches took place indoors against Greenhead School from Keighley in the first round of the Lord's Taverners' Cup. We won both matches with notable performances from James Irvine, Ben Heap, James Cowgill and Daniel Stott.

Our next match was against Bradford Grammar School in the second round. We won the toss and fielded. Unfortunately it was 30 overs of chasing leather with Bradford not losing a wicket until the score was 170. We were left chasing over 190 at more than 6 runs an over. Their score never looked in danger with Ermysted's being bowled out for 126 with Hastings-Trew making 39, Hussain 22 and Campbell and Starkey 17 each.

Our final game of the season was again against Bradford G.S. and we feared the worst. However, fielding first, we restricted Bradford to just 84 off 30 overs with Roberts 2-11, Hussain 2-7, Starkey 2-21 and Baxter 1-11. This was a superb effort with all the bowlers bowling tightly. We knew we would still have to bat as well but despite losing early wickets we won by 3 wickets with Starkey 26 and Wilman 12. This showed great character to come back after such a heavy loss.

Players: J. Hastings-Trew ©, C. Baxter, J. Wilman (wk), A. Starkey, J. Cowgill, F. Hussain, W. Campbell. E. Roberts, D. Stott, B. Heap, M. Brown, J. Irvine, D. Cox.

J. H-T.

Under 13 Cricket 1999

The Under 13 XI had a reasonably successful season with their only loss being in the North Yorkshire final of the Yorkshire Post Cup. The side performed well with the bat with good innings coming from Brendan Threlfall, Ajmal Patankar and Jamie Pollard. Many of the team tended to be too impatient whilst batting and gave their wicket away far too easily. On the bowling front we struggled to find a 4th and 5th bowler to make up the overs after Ajmal Patankar, Graham Rishton and Brendan Threlfall had bowled. This was our downfall in both the match we drew and the match we lost. The side fielded extremely well with exceptional performances from David Eells and Ben Lloyd-Evans. Ben Bolland developed well through the term behind the stumps.

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Under 13 Cricket Results

| | | |
|---|-------|---|
| EGS | 84-6 | B. Threlfall 20, J. Pollard 25no |
| Wensleydale School, Leyburn | | 24 all out |
| for 8, G. Rishton 3 for 8 | | A. Patankar 3 for 6, A. Butterfield 3 |
| EGS won by 60 runs | | |
| EGS | 63-3 | |
| St. John Fisher R.C. School | | 61-5 |
| EGS won by 2 runs - indoor 6-a-side match | | |
| Harrogate G.S. | 85-6 | A. Patankar 2 for 15, J. Howarth 2 for 17 |
| EGS | 87-5 | B. Threlfall 33 |
| EGS won by 5 wickets | | |
| Bradford G.S. | 144-3 | |
| EGS | 77-6 | |
| Match drawn | | |
| North Yorkshire Final | | |
| EGS | 93-4 | A. Patankar 46 |
| St. Aidan C of E H.S. | 95-4 | A. Patankar 2 for 4 |
| EGS lost by 6 wickets | | |

U12 XI Cricket Retrospective

Bad weather early in the season did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm shown by the first year cricketers. Large numbers attending practices made the selectors' job a difficult one but allowed for a 24 strong squad to be chosen.

Early practices were confined to indoor nets due to the inclement conditions at the time. The first foray out on grass was the first round cup match against Bradford Grammar School. The early form shown by many in the nets did not translate onto the field and lack of practice in fielding allowed BGS to take an easy victory. Ermysted's scoring 63-5 in reply to BGS 97-4. The next and last match of the season was again with BGS. This time a more polished squad made for a much closer score with Ermysted's narrowly missing victory and losing by only 7 runs.

U12 XI Cricket Results

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| v. BGS (first round cup) | Lost by 34 runs |
| | BGS 97-4 |
| | Ermysted's 63-5 |
| v. BGS | Lost by 7 runs |
| | BGS 99 all out |
| | Ermysted's 93 all out |

Season 1999 – Representative Honours

Peter Wrathmell, Andrew Atkinson and Nick Thackray were all selected for the North Yorkshire under 19 team. Peter and Andrew were also selected for a semi-final trial for the full Yorkshire under 19 squad.

Simon Pile played three matches for the North Yorkshire under 15 team.

Simon Lewis who captained the 1st XI two years ago was selected for Cambridge University in the Varsity match thus earning his 'Blue'.

House Cricket Championship Report

Senior House Cricket

This is a combination of the Year 11 and Years 12/13 6-a-side competitions between the four houses. Unusually, these were played in glorious conditions this year with some excellent cricket and close finishes occurring. Congratulations to all 80 or so boys who took part.

In the Years 12/13 tournament the batsmen were on top with Richard Benson, Andrew Atkinson, Peter Wrathmell and Nick Thackray impressing in particular.

In Year 11 competition a similar pattern followed with Andrew Strickland, Kevin Owens, Chris Simpson, Toby Williams, Tom Wilman and Chris Foster all making useful runs. Andrew Clements also claimed 2-10 for Ermysted's against Hartley.

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Senior – Yrs 11, 12 & 13 results combined:

| Position | House | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|----------|----------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| 1 | Ermysted | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| 2 | Toller | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| 3 | Hartley | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| 4 | Petyt | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |

Junior House Cricket

All four Year competitions were completed without interruption from the weather which again was unusual.

It is quite clear that there are many keen and able cricketers at the school throughout all year groups. It would be impossible to mention any good individual performances because there were so many, but all players deserve immense credit for the way they approached the matches and competed throughout.

Junior – Yrs 7, 8, 9 & 10 results combined:

| Position | House | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|----------|----------|----|---|---|---|-----|
| 1 | Ermysted | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 16 |
| =2 | Petyt | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 11 |
| =2 | Toller | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 11 |
| 4 | Hartley | 12 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 10 |

Cricket Colours

Note for the first time Junior colours are being rewarded. The following colours are awarded:

| | |
|---------|---|
| Year 8 | B. Threlfall, A. Patankar, G. Rishton |
| Year 9 | J. Hastings-Trew, E. Roberts, F. Hussain, J. Wilman, A. Starkey |
| Year 10 | S. Pile, A. Millar, A. Irvine, A. Woods, C. Wright, W. Fradley |
| Senior | A. Atkinson, N. Thackray, R. Benson, A. Strickland |

Cross Country Bingley A.C.

The cross-country season got off to a very successful start as Bingley Harriers held their annual schools invitation event at Myrtle Park in Bingley. We had entries in 3 different races, Year 7/8, Year 9/10 and Year 11/12/13. Medals were awarded to the first 3 individuals and a shield to the winning team in each race.

The Year 7/8 race was first with 21 Ermysted's runners in a field of over 100. We had runners well to the front and were in the hunt for the team award. James Rusius came home in 3rd and he was well supported by David Taylor 9th, Michael Hall 11th, David Bode 12th and Brendan Threlfall 17th. It was then very pleasing to see many of our Year 7 runners highly placed in a field of older boys, most notably Jack Weedon 23rd, Robert Anderson 28th and Mark Taylor 30th. The team unfortunately just missed out finishing runners-up.

Next saw our Year 9/10 team in action. The Year 10's have an especially strong squad and we expected them to do well. They did not disappoint and romped to a team victory. Oliver Brewer won the race from Andrew Wiggan who finished a close 2nd, Ashley Woods was 5th and Andrew Bode 8th. The strength in depth was shown by James Viney, Wayne Fradley, Anthony Cheung, Charles Baxter and Chris Rusius all making the top 20 finishers.

Finally it was left to our newly installed captain of cross-country Max Brear to show what he and his team could do. Max led from the start and ended up a clear winner. He too was ably supported by a talented team consisting of Oliver Schepisi 4th, James Mason 5th, Chris Foster 6th, Paul Jaquin 7th, Vishal Jugieewon 9th, Todd Oates 10th and Andrew Strickland 12th. They also won their team event to round off a very satisfying start to the season.

Bingley Relays - Myrtle Park, Bingley - 26/09/98

Ermysted's A-Team had the strongest chance of collecting team medals, and things were looking good as Jamie Rusius gave the team an excellent start, his first leg was so good it proved to be the third fastest individual time of the race, only 11 seconds slower than the fastest. On the second leg, Threlfall maintained a high position, handing over to Hall with the team in second place. Hall once again produced a solid performance, but by the end of the third leg it was very close between Ermysted's in second and Bradford in third. Hall handed over to Bode running the last leg still in second place. It took the fastest time of the day from a Bradford runner to dislodge Ermysted's A-Team from second spot into third.

The under 15's race was run over the same course, and same distance. Ermysted's fielded 3 teams. The A-Team led from the start with Woods setting the standard for the rest to follow. The team extended their lead as the race went on with Cheung running the second leg, Chris Rusius the third leg, and finally Oliver Brewer the fourth leg. The team won the race and picked up Gold medals along with the race Trophy.

The senior race was run differently as it was a straight race over 3 laps. Max Brear led once again from start to finish to win the race outright, Chris Foster and Thomas Mitcham had strong performances finishing 13th and 15th respectively.

Skipton A.C. - 3/10/98

The first event was the U13's where we had a strong team despite one or two defections to the rugby teams. James Rusius continued his fine run of form and was in contention in the individual competition, only just losing out on the line. He had excellent support from David Bode who made the top 10 and Brendan Threlfall who was 15th. Their team score of just 26 points was good enough for Runners-up only just behind the winning team. Other commendable performances were by Michael Hall, Robert Anderson and Jamie Pollard who all made the top 30 finishers.

The U15's were next and we had high hopes for Oliver Brewer. However, his lack of endurance training showed as he finished 9th. Chris Rusius 23rd and James Viney 24th completed the team who were unlucky to

finish just out of the medals in 4th place.

The U17's suffered exactly the same fate again finishing 4th team. This was thanks to good runs from Thomas Mitcham 18th, Chris Foster 24th and Todd Oates 25th.

English Schools' Cross-Country Cup - (7/10/98)

The Junior Boys were our first team in action. Matthew Ackers-Johnson and David Taylor were both able to run and strengthened what was already a very good team. James Rusius worked his way through the field after the start to eventually end up winning his first race of the year. His team did not let him down, with Matthew Ackers-Johnson 6th, David Taylor 8th and Michael Hall 9th. Their team total of just 24 points meant first place out of the 9 completed teams. Our two non-scorers were David Bode 10th and Brendan Threlfall 16th, both of whom were well up the field of 54 finishers.

Oliver Brewer returned to form and after a steady start he came through to win his second race of the year. He had excellent support from Andrew Wiggan 4th and Ashley Miller 6th, who both then played rugby against South Craven! The team was completed by Andrew Bode in 15th for a team total of 26 points and another set of county champions. Their non-scorers were James Viney 16th and Chris Rusius 19th of the 44 finishers from the 8 full teams.

English Schools' Cross-Country Cup Semi-Final - 14/11/98

James Rusius worked hard to eventually end up coming 4th, Matthew Ackers-Johnson 11th, Michael Hall 15th and David Bode 22nd gave them a team total of 52 points and meant they were runners-up and therefore qualified for the final. Oliver Brewer did well to finish 9th and Chris Rusius continued his improvement with 22nd, James Viney was 34th and the team was completed by Andrew Bode in 35th for a team total of 100 points and 6th team.

English Schools' Cross-Country Cup Final, Redditch - 5/12/98

Our Junior Boys team competed in the national final of this major competition at Redditch. This was against the 24 teams, from more than 400 schools, that qualified by gaining top 3 places in the 8 regional semi-finals.

We travelled down on Friday for an overnight stay at a youth hostel. It was lucky we did bearing in mind the minibus blew up! On Saturday we awoke to a wonderfully clear day but unfortunately that did not last. Just before our race it started to rain and it was horrible freezing rain making the worst conditions possible for running.

James Rusius was totally unaffected and set off aiming for a top ten finish. He did not disappoint and gave the team a great start coming home 7th. The rest of the team did not find the conditions as much to their liking, in particular Matthew Ackers-Johnson who was 11th in the semi-final but went over on an ankle and although he stuck to his task well he could only manage 111th place. Brendan Threlfall had similar problems finishing 133rd, which put extra pressure on his teammates who did themselves proud. Michael Hall was 50th, David Taylor 56th and David Bode 71st, all making the top half of the 144 runners. Their team total of 184 points was very good and enabled them to gain a coveted top ten place, coming 9th of the 24 finalists.

They have performed admirably in this competition being north Yorkshire Champions, Runners-up in the North East of England and 9th in the Country, a tremendous team achievement and a magnificent individual performance by James Rusius.

EGS Home Fixture

The U16's and U18's were run as one race due to a lack of senior boys. This made James Mason's individual victory all the more impressive as he not only beat his own age group but also all of the U18's. Oliver Schepisi was our only senior and he had an excellent run to finish 3rd after leading on the first lap. The U16 team then backed up James with Oliver Brewer 5th, Todd Oates 6th, Thomas Lloyd-Evans 7th, Ashley Woods 8th, Ashley Miller 9th and Andrew Bode 10th. This team showed tremendous strength in depth for a near whitewash in the team event.

The U14's saw James Viney return to form as he came 2nd with Charles Baxter a close 3rd. These two were 1st and 3rd in last year's Area Championships so should look forward to another battle for top honours this weekend. They were supported by David Bode 5th and Brendan Threlfall 6th for an unbeatable team score and our second team win of the day.

The U12's were in the most competitive race of the day with 9 full teams. Jack Weedon ran well and looked a possible winner after the first of two laps but eventually had to settle for 3rd. Luke Porter 12th, Steven Maude 13th and Robert Anderson 16th showed we have a strong team at this age group.

Four out of Five Area Cross-Country Champions!

There was a truly remarkable school performance in the recent Harrogate and Craven Area Cross-Country Championships. Of the five boys' races Ermysted's G. S. won four and were runners-up by just 1 point in the other. We also had 14 runners picked to run for Harrogate and Craven in the County Championships on February 6th at Richmond.

In the Minor boys (U12) we were 1st Team with 56 points.

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| Jack Weedon | 10 th |
| Steven Maude | 12 th |
| Mark Taylor | 13 th |
| Luke Porter | 21 st |

The Year 8 boys (U13) won and James Rusius was unlucky not to win the individual race.

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| James Rusius | 2 nd |
| David Bode | 11 th |
| Matthew Ackers-Johnson | 12 th |
| Michael Hall | 18 th |

The Junior boys (U14) race saw our 2nd team victory.

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| James Viney | 5 th |
| Charles Baxter | 7 th |
| Oliver Hurst | 13 th |
| Matthew Brown | 18 th |

The Intermediate boys (U16) saw arguably our best team performance with 5 runners in the top 11 finishers.

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| James Mason | 2 nd |
| Oliver Brewer | 3 rd |
| Chris Rusius | 7 th |
| Chris Foster | 9 th |

And Todd Oates 11th who didn't score for Ermysted's but has gained selection for the Area Team!

Cross Country report continues after photos....



Art Work on Display – Year 7 self caricatures



Upper Sixth Biology Fieldwork at Malham



1st XV Rugby Squad

D.Roberts O.Schepisi R.Gains B.Webster A.Allen M.Willsher B.Lazenby N.Spencer D.Parker M.Richards W.Pickles
A.Mason H.Bryan M.Wycherley P.Wrathmell (Capt.) A.Wilkinson R.Benson P.Forman I.Strickland



The Staff vs Pupils Cricket Match



The Cross Country TSB Cup - North East Regional Final



David Murphy on work experience with Yorkshire Dales Radio



W.J. Paley and D.C. Grant



Yorkshire State Schools Representatives

Cross Country report continued...

The Senior men (U18) saw our best chance of an individual win and Cross-Country captain Max Brear did not disappoint. His team also ran well but unfortunately just missed out on victory by one point.

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| Max Brear | 1 st |
| Oliver Schepisi | 6 th |
| Peter Watson | 8 th |
| Alex Kirke | 17 th |
| Alex Wilkinson | 18 th |

The runners who have their opportunity for Area Representative Honours are;

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| U12 | Jack Weedon, Steven Maude & Mark Taylor |
| U13 | James Rusius |
| U14 | James Viney & Charles Baxter |
| U16 | James Mason, Oliver Brewer, Chris Rusius, Chris Foster & Todd Oates |
| U18 | Max Brear, Oliver Schepisi & Peter Watson. |

EGS Relay - 17/3/99

We hosted this event on Wednesday after school and we had some notable successes.

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| Year 7 | A team 3 rd place | Steven Maude | |
| Jack Weedon | | Luke Porter | Bronze |
| | | Mark Taylor | Medals |
| | B team 5 th | | |
| | C team 8 th | | |
| Year 8/9 | A team 1 st place | Matthew Ackers-Johnson | |
| | | James Viney | |
| | | Charles Baxter | Gold |
| | | James Rusius | Medals |
| | B team 2 nd | Brendan Threlfall | |
| | | Michael Hall | |
| | | David Taylor | Silver |
| | | David Bode | Medals |
| | C team 6 th | | |
| | D team 7 th | | |
| Year 10/11 | A team 2 nd | Oliver Brewer | |
| | | Chris Foster | Silver |
| | | James Mason | Medals |
| | B team 3 rd | Chris Rusius | |
| | | Ashley Miller | Bronze |
| | | Todd Oates | Medals |
| | C team 4 th | | |
| Year 12/13 | A team 1 st | Max Brear | Ind Shield + |
| | | Paul Jaquin | Gold |
| | | Vishal Jugjeewon | Medals |

There were many fast times recorded but only Max Brear in the senior race managed to run the fastest stage for his age group, for which he won a small shield. Medals were also awarded to the runners in the first three teams at each age group.

Northern Schools' Cross-Country Championships

We finished off the 1998/99 Cross-Country season with the biggest event of our year. For once the conditions underfoot were good but a strong wind made life difficult for the runners. Several of our seniors were making their final appearance for school, most notably Cross-Country Captain Max Brear.

All of the races involved at least 20 teams of six with the youngest age groups having around 30 teams from all over the north of England. We had 2 notable teams, who gained badges for a top six place in their event, (the seniors missed out by 1 point) and 2 individuals who gained an award for finishing in the top 10.

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| U12 | Weedon | 42 nd | |
| | Maude | 56 th | 15 th team of 32 |
| | Mercer | 71 st | |
| | Taylor | 86 th | |
| | Anderson | 93 rd | |
| U13 | James Rusius | 6 th | (won a badge) |
| | Oliver Hurst | 32 nd | |
| | Brendan Threlfall | 41 st | 6 th team of 28 |
| | Matthew Ackers-Johnson | 47 th | (won badges) |
| | David Taylor | 58 th | |
| U14 | Viney | 19 th | |
| | Baxter | 33 rd | 14 th team of 29 |
| | Brown | 66 th | |
| | Heap | 81 st | |
| U16 | James Mason | 17 th | |
| | Todd Oates | 18 th | 4 th team of 27 |
| | Chris Foster | 25 th | (won badges) |
| | Ashley Woods | 27 th | |
| | Chris Rusius | 46 th | |
| U18 | Max Brear | 8 th | (won a badge) |
| | Schepisi | 28 th | |
| | Jaquin | 35 th | 7 th team of 20 |
| | Jugjeewon | 46 th | |

In this Championship there is one more competition in which all of the points scores for each age group are added together. Ermysted's came 4th in this competition out of 14 schools having runners in every race.

Rugby - 1st XV

The 1st XV had a reasonable season as far as results were concerned but had a highly successful season as far as representative honours are concerned with 8 pupils representing Yorkshire Under 18 State Schools; Adam Mason, Ian Strickland, Malcolm Willsher, Ryan Gains, Alistair Allen, Pete Wrathmell, Michael Richards and Alex Wilkinson; and two going on to represent Yorkshire Under 18 Schools; Alistair Allen and Alex Wilkinson.

The season started well enough with the side recording a comprehensive win over Mirfield Free G.S. 83-5 playing some exciting, flowing 15-man rugby, and a narrow win over Harrogate G.S. 13-5 in a scrappy game. The next match was against Kirkham G.S. who had comprehensively beaten us the previous year. The team raised their performance and were ahead for all the game until Kirkham scored a try with the last play of the match to snatch victory 24-17. EGS thoroughly deserved to win this match but relaxed their performance slightly in the second half which was enough to let Kirkham back into the game. The side followed this performance with a comfortable win over Silcoates School 44-14.

The match against Woodhouse Grove saw the sides compete on equal terms for three quarters of the game but we tired in the last quarter and let in two tries resulting in a loss 32-15. This was another creditable performance against a well organised and experienced side. The match against Bingley G.S. was our poorest performance of the season. We had been forced into reorganising the team due to an exchange visit and did not start to gel as a team until the last 15 minutes of the match and ended up losing 17-12. Against Bradford G.S. we were still without key players but gave a much better account of ourselves losing 31-3. Giggleswick was the final game of the first half term and yet again was played in very wet conditions. The side played very well considering the conditions adapting their game plan well and won 24-11.

The second half term was ruined by the very wet weather with the team only managing to play 4 matches out of the scheduled 8. Against Crossley Heath we had all the possession and territory but struggled to turn pressure into points and ended up winning 25-10. The match against Leeds G.S. was a very even one with the score going one way then the other with Leeds finally pipping us 29-20. This was another match that we could have won but we fell off too many tackles allowing Leeds to gain momentum at key times. It was then three weeks before we could play again. The match against Rishworth School was very scrappy but we came away with a 36-20 victory. Our last match of the season was against Pocklington School on a very wet day at Sandylands where we ended up losing 10-5. By the end of the first half it was nearly impossible to recognise one team from the other so linking any passages of play together was a near impossibility. The match again could have gone either way.

During March the side entered the Townsend Cup - a 15-a-side competition at Silcoates School where we were knocked out in the semi-final in a very close game 15-12 by Doncaster Hall Cross after victories over Giggleswick, Birkdale and a draw with Woodhouse Grove in our group.

The sevens season was disrupted by the wet weather with the Hymers competition being cancelled. The only other competition that we attended was at Birkenhead Park where we struggled to compete in a strong group after playing at Silcoates in a competition the day before. It was a valuable experience as the squad consisted of mostly young players who will be here next year.

Overall the side acquitted themselves well throughout the season with many individuals attaining county recognition for the effort and commitment they have put in over the last 7 years at EGS. We ended up with a 50% record but this could quite easily have been much better had we won more of the close matches. A large number of the forwards and half the backs will be leaving school which means there are many places up for grabs next season though there are still many players left who have experienced playing 1st XV rugby.

We hope that all those players who are leaving will continue to enjoy and develop their rugby at either university or with a club and hope to see them back for the annual Old Boys match on Sunday 12th December.

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Rugby Results 1998-1999

| <i>Opponents</i> | <i>1st XV</i> | <i>2nd XV</i> | <i>3rd XV</i> | <i>Colts</i> | <i>Jnr Colts</i> | <i>Under 13</i> | <i>Under 12</i> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Mirfield Free G.S. | 83-5 | 45-12 | | | | | |
| Harrogate G.S. | 13-5 | 26-18 | | 47-5 | 59-12 | 7-22 | |
| Kirkham G.S. | 17-24 | 0-48 | | 5-45 | 19-19 | 7-20 | |
| Silcoates | 44-14 | 39-12 | | 32-32 | 46-19 | 19-5 | 7-21 |
| Upper Wharfedale | | | | | 22-12 | | |
| Woodhouse Grove | 15-32 | 14-37 | | 11-34 | 12-34 | 0-41 | 0-29 |
| South Craven | | | | 44-0 | 7-50 | | |
| Bingley G.S. | 12-17 | 38-17 | | 17-24 | 7-70 | | |
| South Craven | | | | | | 37-5 | 36-0 |
| South Craven | C | | | | | | |
| Bradford G.S. | 3-31 | 5-55 | | | C | C | 0-41 |
| Giggleswick | 24-11 | | 5-13 | | | | |
| Crossley Heath | 25-10 | 36-3 | | C | 5-58 | C | C |
| Leeds G.S. | 20-29 | C | C | | | | |
| Giggleswick | | | | 15-0 | 0-31 | | |
| Ashville College | C | C | | C | C | C | C |
| RGS Lancaster | | 12-5 | | | | | |
| Prince Henry's G.S. | C | C | | C | C | C | C |
| Billingham Campus Sch. | | | | | | 45-5 | |
| Bradford G.S. | | | | 7-49 | | | |
| KES Lytham | C | C | | 5-27 | 10-60 | 20-17 | C |
| Rishworth School | 36-20 | | | | | | |
| Ripon G.S. | C | C | | C | C | C | C |
| Pocklington | 5-10 | 17-22 | 0-31 | | | | |
| Malsis | | | | | | 0-41 | 10-29 |
| Lawrence Jackson Sch. | | | | | | 14-17 | |

Overall Results

| Team | P | W | L | D | For | Ag |
|--------------------|----|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| 1 st XV | 12 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 297 | 208 |
| 2 nd XV | 10 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 282 | 229 |
| 3 rd XV | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 44 |
| Colts | 9 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 183 | 216 |
| Jnr Colts | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 187 | 365 |
| Under13 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 149 | 173 |
| Under 12 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 53 | 120 |

Representative Honours

Under 18 Yorkshire Schools

Alistair Allen and Alex Wilkinson

Under 18 Yorkshire State Schools

Alistair Allen, Alex Wilkinson, Adam Mason, Pete Wrathmell, Michael Richards, Malcolm Willsher, Ryan Gains, Ian Strickland

North Yorkshire Under 15

Wayne Fradley and Andrew Wiggan

Junior Rugby Colours

Junior Colours are being awarded for the first time, they are to be sewn onto the top of the blazer pocket above the school badge.

They will be awarded to pupils who fulfil the following criteria:

1. Full commitment to a major School Sport
2. Performance - personal/ team development
3. Regular attendance at training
4. Attitude - a mature approach and a willingness to learn

Under 13

Matthew Ackers-
Johnson
Tom Hoare
James Hardaker
Duncan Bullock
David Clements
David Taylor

Ian Dinning
James Cartman
Chris Marshall
James Hastings-Trew

Colts

Andrew Bode
Nick Brushett
David Marshall
Stuart Pollard
Edward Green
David Jaquin
Joe Thomas
Martin Gee

Oliver Green
Andrew Hamlen
Andrew Wiggan
Tom Burton
Wayne Fradley
Joel Grainger
Ewan Scarr
Michael Snowden
Scott Stephenson
Chris Wright

Adam Mason
Malcolm Willsher
Boyd Webster
Darren Parker
Ryan Gains
Alistair Allen
Pete Wrathmell
Richard Benson
Patrick Forman
Michael Richards
Alex Wilkinson
Hereward Bryan

Junior Colts

Edward Roberts
Dominic Gains
John Gardner
James Green

Senior

Nick Spencer
Ian Strickland

Colts XV Rugby Report

Yet another season interrupted by the weather and cancellation. In all, four games were lost due to waterlogged pitches. A rather inconsistent performance overall but players did develop well and gradually moulded into a team. The season began with a fine win against Harrogate Grammar but this was not sustained and the following fixture saw Kirkham G.S. come out with a resounding victory. Much work was done on defensive procedures and as a result the following fixtures saw much more organisation and team spirit. Highlight of the season was the home game against Bingley G.S.. Though the match was lost 17-24 much commitment was shown on both sides giving a fine spectacle of rugby. Many of these U15 players have a good future in the game and possess the necessary qualities to compete well in senior rugby.

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U13 XV Rugby

The season unfortunately will be remembered as one where the team performance and results fell short of the ability of the sum total of the individuals involved. This was most evident in a constant struggle to win the ball, both in the set pieces and in the loose. The team's best quality was its capacity for gritty defence, most evident against a powerful Woodhouse Grove outfit. Our points emanated mostly from individual bursts. Only occasionally did the well-fashioned back moves come off. Clements and Hardaker were the most forceful runners in the pack, whilst Bullock looked the most accomplished technical member of the eight.

All the backs had their moments but were not fully coherent as a unit. In mitigation of this, they rarely enjoyed a consistent supply of quality ball from any phase. Hannah showed touches of class at fly half, Hoare, Ackers-Johnson and Eells ran well in the open and Taylor did much sterling work in defence. The team has potential this season to hopefully improve on the modest 4 victories out of 9 recorded in 1998-99.

Players involved: Clements, Bullock, Hopkinson, Paylor, Burton, Tordoff, Hardacre, Bryan, Hirst, Parsons, Bracken, Lloyd-Evans, Hannah, Hoare, Taylor, Ackers-Johnson, Fawcett, Hurst, Rusius, Hall, Tinsley, Feddo, Bolland

Under 12 XV Rugby

The Under 12s season like all the other teams was disrupted by the weather. They were only able to play 5 fixtures and four of those in the first half term. The initial fixtures for the under 12s are always difficult as they are against independent schools who have had the majority of their side together in prep schools for at least the previous two years. This year's team acquitted themselves very well in these fixtures despite losing them all. They played with a lot of determination and their level of skill and understanding developed with every match. This was reflected with a comfortable victory over South Craven 36-0 towards the end of the first half term. They were then unable to play for the next 5 weeks due to the wet weather and the only other match of the season was against Malsis which they lost 10-29. After Christmas the tournaments that were due to be played never materialised due to a lack of numbers entering them. The team has a lot of promise and hopefully with better weather should develop their already considerable talents further.

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House Rugby 1999

Competitions were eventually played in five age groups after many postponements due to waterlogged pitches. Matches were played in a highly competitive spirit and the results were as follows:

| | Hartley v Petyt | | Ermysted v Toller | | Ermysted v Petyt | |
|---------|-----------------|----|-------------------|----|------------------|----|
| Senior | 19 | 0 | 31 | 5 | 50 | 0 |
| Year 10 | 10 | 15 | 5 | 15 | 5 | 20 |
| Year 9 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 10 | 20 |
| Year 8 | 5 | 25 | 20 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Year 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 5 |

| | Hartley v Ermysted | | Petyt v Toller | | Hartley v Toller | |
|---------|--------------------|----|----------------|----|------------------|----|
| Senior | 8 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 0 |
| Year 10 | 25 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 30 |
| Year 9 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 25 |
| Year 8 | 0 | 15 | 30 | 0 | 30 | 10 |
| Year 7 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 20 | 10 | 15 |

| Results | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Junior | Senior |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Ermysted | 2 nd | 2 nd | 4 th | 4 th | 4 th | 2 nd |
| Hartley | 3 rd | 3 rd | 2 nd | 3 rd | 3 rd | 1 st |
| Petyt | 4 th | 1 st | 3 rd | 2 nd | 2 nd | 4 th |
| Toller | 1 st | 4 th | 1 st | 1 st | 1 st | 3 rd |

Tennis

Junior Tennis

A massive 62 entrants set out in early June. The competition was a one set knockout which resulted in a semi-final line up of:

Ashley Woods and Ben Lloyd-Evans won through to contest a best of 3 set final. Ben Lloyd-Evans winning 6-1, 6-3.

Senior Tennis

This was a different format. A whole day was set aside to play the round-robin stages where 4 leagues produced a winner and runner-up who qualified for the knockout event.

| League 1 | Games | League 2 | Games | League 3 | Games | League 4 | Games |
|------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Name | won | Name | won | Name | won | Name | won |
| Emmott | 17 | Palin | 18 | Butt | 20 | Bland | 20 |
| Ullah | 15 | Thackray | 15 | Chacksfield | 11 | Broughton | 15 |
| Strickland | 14 | Parker | 10 | Feddo | 11 | Magill | 12 |
| Atkinson | 8 | Carlow | 8 | Pile | 9 | Leong | 6 |
| Mounsey | 6 | Warburton | 6 | Edwards | 7 | Roberts | 4 |
| Gerard | 0 | Driver | 3 | Cox | 2 | Davey | 3 |

After some tennis that would have been at home at Wimbledon (Selhurst Park version), Thomas Palin won a three set final over Ross Emmott.

Swimming

After one year's absence the House Swimming Gala took place in March at Aireville Pool. Pupils were restricted to two individual events and one relay. Notable performances were recorded by D.T.Clements in the Junior 1 length freestyle, by the Intermediate Hartley Freestyle Relay Team and by the Senior Petyt Freestyle Relay Team who all broke school records. The results were as follows:

Juniors (Years 7&8)

| Event | 1 st | H 2 nd | H 3 rd | H 4 th | H |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| Freestyle x2 | Hannah | E Rusius | H Fawcett | P Hare | T |
| Breaststroke x1 | Rosie | H Stow | P Bullock | E Patankar | T |
| Freestyle x1 | Clements* | E Hall | H Woolmer | T Brunskill | P |
| Backcrawl x1 | Hannah | E Taylor | P Gains | T Rusius | H |
| Butterfly x1 | Garnett | H O'Keefe | P Bowker | E Gains | T |
| Freestyle Relay | Hartley | Toller | E- disq | T-disq | |
| Medley Relay | Hartley* | Ermysted | Petyt | Toller | |

Intermediate (Years 9&10)

| Event | 1 st | H 2 nd | H 3 rd | H 4 th | H |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| Freestyle x2 | MacDonald | E Rusius | H Jaquin | P Holden J. | T |
| Breaststroke x1 | Wiggan | P Bode | T Hamlen | H Blackwell | E |
| Freestyle x1 | Shave | P Green | T Burton | E Hardaker | H |
| Backcrawl x1 | Bode | T Brown | H Lumsden | E Picken | P |
| Butterfly x1 | MacDonald | E Jaquin | P Holdsworth | H Green | T |
| Freestyle Relay | Hartley* | Petyt | Ermysted | Toller | |
| Medley Relay | Petyt* | Hartley | Ermysted | Toller | |

Senior (Years 11, 12 &13)

| Event | 1 st | H 2 nd | H 3 rd | H 4 th | H |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| Freestyle x3 | Potts | P Symonds | H Macdougall | E Forman | T |
| Breaststroke x2 | Pratt | H Quinn | E Potts | P Forman | T |
| Freestyle x2 | Pratt | H Schepisi | P Brear | E Jones | T |
| Backcrawl x2 | Jaquin | P Brear | E Pile | H Gleave | T |
| Butterfly x1 | Quinn | E Schepisi | P Parish | H Jones | T |
| Freestyle Relay | Petyt* | Ermysted | Hartley | Toller | |
| Medley Relay | Hartley* | Petyt | Ermysted | Toller | |

* indicates a new record

Note the Medley relay was a new event and creates a new record accordingly.

Victor Ludorum

| | 1 st | 2 nd | 3rd |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Junior | Hannah | Rosie & Clements | |
| Intermediate | Macdonald | Bode | Shave & Wiggan |
| Senior | Pratt | Quinn | Potts |

House Champions

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|-----------------|----------|
| 1 st | Hartley |
| 2 nd | Petyt |
| 3 rd | Ermysted |
| 4 th | Toller |

Parents' Association Report 1998-99

The very first thing the Parents' Association did this year was to welcome our new headmaster Tom Ashworth to the committee and to wish him happy and successful years at Ermysted's.

Our 1998-1999 fundraising year began with a very well attended Beauty Evening; an enjoyable event suggested and given by Lesley Sargison, a committee member who is a professional makeup artist and stylist. We all found Lesley's ideas on how to make the best of ourselves amusing and encouraging. A glass of wine and good raffle prizes rounded the evening off well.

Preparations for the Wassail Evening and the raffle began early in the autumn term and this year, as in the past, Skipton Building Society kindly agreed to sponsor the raffle tickets. Items to be included in the Wassail Evening programme were collected and given to Simon Gregory in good time and the plea for mince pies went out again.

The Wassail Evening was as successful as ever; everyone sang their favourite carols and listened to fine performances from the boys and Simon. The lucky draw winner took home a big hamper of Christmas goodies. This year's raffle ticket sales were slightly down after last year's supreme effort, but still brought in a very creditable £1,500 with almost 70 prizes donated. We thank David and Dzidra Butterfield and their sons very much for running the raffle and folding up all those tickets.

With no school play to cater for this year our next event wasn't until mid-March when we put on a Bumper Quiz Night with fish and chip supper. As the evening neared, we all sharpened our wits and read our daily newspapers avidly for clues to the dastardly questions we knew we would be set by our quizmasters, Sue and Peter Warburton. Fortunately their expertise ensured a hilarious evening which was enjoyed by a full hall of teams from staff, parents and their friends. We congratulated the winners heartily and then commiserated with the booby prize winners who turned out to be a table full of the winners' spouses! The Bizzie Lizzie's fish and chip supper made a welcome break, as did all those extra between-round prizes. We thank Sue and Peter for a very well received evening and look forward to another in due course.

It had been suggested that this year, instead of a tabletop sale we should try a car boot sale in April, which we duly did, but to no avail. Not enough people wanted to stand so that was left aside.

After the popularity of last year's Bucking Bronco at the Summer Fayre in July, a laser shooting gallery was engaged for this year, particularly for the boys to enjoy. All the usual Summer Fayre plans went ahead and we hoped for another fine day but when the day dawned, showers made setting up very uncertain. Should we have stalls inside or outside? Eventually we plumped for outside and with a couple of garden gazebos over stalls as insurance, enjoyed a most successful afternoon. A constant queue formed at the Laser Shooting pitch, the raffle broke previous records and gave some super prizes donated by local businesses, and delicious refreshments did steady trade from lunchtime onwards. We missed the School band who were unable to play as so many boys were involved in GCSE's and 'A' levels. We look forward to their return next year.

We had a wonderful response this year from local businesses, parents and friends of school, with many donations being received in advance of the day. This, combined with an enthusiastic attendance on the afternoon helped us to make the amazing sum of £3,800. We are greatly indebted to the large number of people who gave things to us, and to the many helpers on the day, some of whom turned up quite early in the morning.

Members of the committee and helpers come in on Parents' Evenings to provide tea and coffee for staff and parents throughout the year. For quite a number of years, Julie Anson has co-ordinated helpers and organised this very welcome 'cuppa', and we all thank her very warmly for her dedication and efficiency as she hangs up her apron and hands on her duties.

Our grateful thanks are given to Jane Jolly for her most capable running of the 200 Plus Club for the past few years. Jane handed over the month to month organisation at the beginning of the year at a time when the club has achieved a huge membership of around 320. This brings in revenue of well over £1500 a year to the Parents' association and gives an equal amount away in a series of monthly prizes with bonus prizes at Christmas and summer.

Following a special plea for more help on the committee at Easter we welcomed new faces to our meetings

and to help at the Summer Fayre. Practical help from parents is especially appreciated, and very necessary to ensure smooth running of fund raising events, and new parents are needed to replace those of sons who are leaving School. A great deal of help is needed to keep raising the money that buys so many things our sons are using in their daily studies.

This year, in excess of £9,200 has gone into School from the Parents' Association thanks to the generosity of parents and friends. This includes provision of a new public address system in the School Hall, over £2,000 to ensure continued running of the mini-bus, laboratory equipment, team requisites for rugby and cross country, a weather station and a number of pieces of high value information technology equipment, televisions and video recorders. We also pay for the mobile phone, which accompanies boys on excursions in the mini-bus.

We say goodbye to Sue Wrathmell and thank her sincerely for all the help she has given over the years to the Parents' Association, particularly in organising Summer Fayre refreshments. Big "thankyou"s go to Judy Brushett, our efficient secretary and to David Butterfield our treasurer of several years, who, between them, give an enormous amount of help, and thank you too to all those committee members who appear each month and offer their help and support in all kinds of ways.

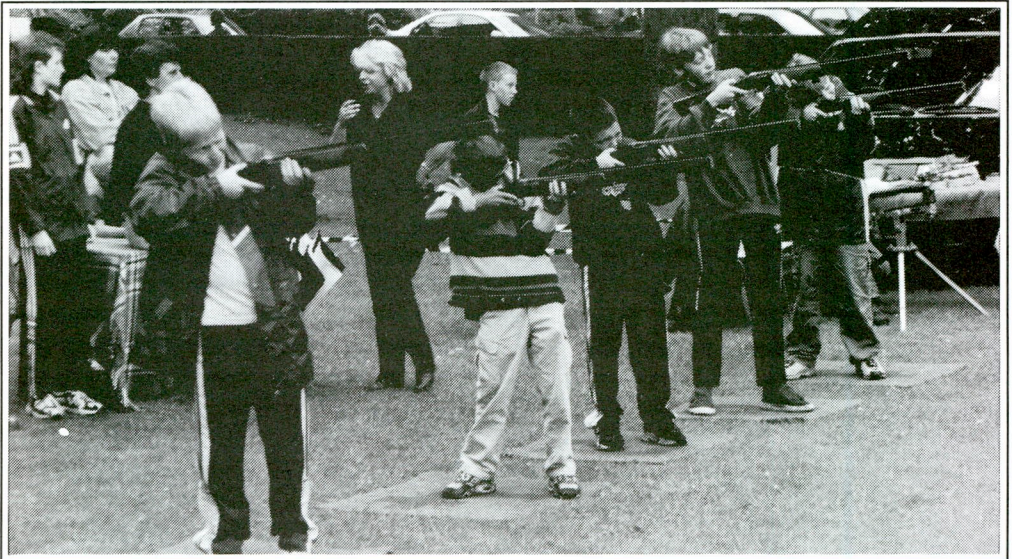
Special thanks go to the ladies in the School office who look after everything brought into School for the Parents' Association and do so much in the background to help our events go well, such as making all the attractive tickets for our evenings and distributing our newsletters. We all wish Jean Hargreaves a very happy retirement.

We thank Mr Ashworth and his staff for all their assistance and advice throughout the year and are proud of our happy association with School through them.

Final thanks are sent to everyone who comes to events. We sincerely hope that they are enjoyable and hope to welcome everyone back to yet more in the autumn. It has been another very successful year and we look forward to meeting more new parents in 1999-2000.

(Mrs) Enga Preston

Chairman EGS Parents' Association



Raising money at the Summer Fayre organised by the Parents' Association

Old Boys' Society

Officers – 1999-2000

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1998-99 Annual Report

Those of you who were at the AGM held on Founders' Day at School will know that the Society is healthy and financially sound. As usual our main source of income, subscriptions excluded, were the bar profits and donations to the raffle held after the dinner on Founders' Day, which totalled a sum in excess of £1300, over £260 more than in 1997. Many thanks to all those members present, I can assure you that the money will be put to worthwhile use for the benefit of the School.

During 1998 a sum of £1000 was donated to the School towards the expenses associated with the installation of the computer network. The annual payment was made by the Society to the School Minibus Fund, in addition a sum of £500 was given to help with the cost of installing seatbelts in the minibus.

Our new president, the Headmaster, Tom Ashworth, has fully involved himself in the Old Boys' Society. He refereed the Old Boys' v Giggleswick Old Boys' rugby match in December; we won, although even Giggleswick acknowledged the better team won. He also presented the trophy to the winning captain of the annual golf match with Giggleswick, although unfortunately not to Ivan Rhodes, the Ermysted's captain.

Ken Oxley has got a good supply of Old Boys' ties; drop him a line if your present tie is starting to look tatty, he will be pleased to sell you a replacement.

As indicated at the beginning of this brief report, the Society is in good health, the committee thanks you for all your support and hopes that you will continue to support YOUR Society in the future. We are always looking for new blood for the committee; all you need to do is attend the AGM before the Founders' Day dinner.

Len Price - Hon, Secretary

The following three articles, "M.L.F.", "The School Bus" and "Speech Days", are extracts from an anthology called "Great Days" compiled by Fred William Challenger who was at Ermysted's from 1945-52...

"M.L.F."

Mr Forster, the Headmaster, was known as "bru". I am not sure of the origin of this fine nickname, but I have always assumed that it was an abbreviation of the name of the then famous bear in the London Zoo, called "Brumas". A girl at the High School was also nicknamed after the same bear, but she was known by the full name, "Brumas". We had an ingenious wordplay on the nickname "Bru", coined, I believe, by M. W. McKinley -

Question: "What does "brouhaha" mean?"

Answer: "Funny Forster!"

I have written elsewhere of Bru's withering verbal reproofs. His every utterance was quickly circulated round the school. However withering the reproofs, they invariably displayed great imagination and humour, but the recipients did not always appreciate these finer points at the time! Two examples will, perhaps, illustrate what I mean.

During the Notices after Prayers one morning Bru launched into a passionate denunciation of some infringement of the school rules, putting the blame on "...certain yellow skinned gentlemen - particularly those who are yellow about the finger-tips!"

Once he stormed into the Form room and delivered a furious castigation about the conduct of members of the Form. When he had calmed down and entered the reproving phase of his speech he observed, "you boys are supposed to be the cream of your year - but it's not only cream that floats to the top - what else does? Wilkinson!?". "I don't know, Sir" responded Dick Wilkinson. "It's scum, chum! Scum, chum!" hissed Bru in reply.

"The School Bus"

My home was at Hellifield and all my days at Ermysted's I travelled back and forth on an orange Pennine 'bus. All who lived in the direction of Settle were in Hartley House, with orange and blue striped ties and orange segments on our caps (I still have mine!). So everything seemed orange.

The orange 'bus was always an adventure, especially in winter when snowdrifts or dense fog made for a hazardous journey and the possibility of never arriving. Discipline on the bus was the responsibility of the older boys. Despite the occasional backseat fight, when caps with their stiff peaks made handy weapons, we were pretty well behaved. We were all of a lump with ordinary passengers and often had to stand all the way. None of us would dream of sitting in those days while an adult stood. Keeping one's balance while swotting for a test became a skill over the years. Sometimes boys were obliged to take the only remaining seat next to one of the High School girls. This gave rise to a good deal of taunting. These girls wore 'bowler' hats with scarves and plaits for pulling.

The morning journey was for catching up on homework, copying one another's Maths and French exercises with the odd deliberate mistake thrown in to avoid detection. The 'bus and train gangs must have had some advantage over all the rest in this respect.

Detention meant travelling home an hour late among empty seats, staring at one's own reflection in dark windows on winter nights.

“Speech Days”

Before the construction of the Memorial Hall the only places of assembly large enough for Speech Days were in premises outside the school. My first Speech Day was held at the Congregational Chapel, Newmarket Street. After that, Speech days were held at the Regal Cinema.

I recall the contents of several speeches. Major le G.G.W. Horton-Fawkes, O.B.E., of Farnley Hall, urged us all to take up gardening as a relaxation from whatever careers we followed after leaving school. Another speaker had either got to the wrong school or else he was a pioneer in equal rights for men and women as, not only did he canonise William Ermysted, but he changed his gender as well, by uttering such phrases as “... your noble and historic school of Saint Ermytrude’s...”. The staff, seated in a decorous semicircle on the platform behind and out of view of the speaker, dare not express their mirth for fear of setting the boys off and the boys, in full view of the speaker, dare not express theirs for fear of setting the staff off.

Marriages

- Mike Holmes to Lisa Rush at Skipton Baptist Church
- Declan Hayes to Kate Boyle at St. Stephen’s Church, Skipton
- Steve Busfield to Janine Gibson in Northumberland
- David Worthington to Anne Elizabeth Jennings at St.Stephen’s Church, Acomb, York
- John Gaskell to Andrea Naylor at the Priory Church of St. Mary and St. Cuthbert, Bolton Abbey
- Jonathan Watts to Rachel McIntosh at Selsdon Baptist Church, Croydon
- Russell Harker to Helle Reffstrup at Marginal Quay, Ogunquit, USA
- Howard Barker to Eileen Patrick at Skipton Christian Fellowship Church
- Joseph Lynch to Katie Deane at Holy Trinity Church, Colemans Hatch, East Sussex

News

- James Mansfield, a Lieutenant, is the Navigating Officer on the minesweeper HMS Pembroke
- Howard Topper is a Numeracy Consultant for the N.Y. Education Advisory Service
- William Grace is an advocate on the Jersey Bar - the equivalent of a barrister in England
- Russ Buckroyd played for Yorkshire in the rugby County Championship
- Graham Smith played for Yorkshire under 21s
- Steve Busfield is business news editor and deputy night editor of the Guardian
- Andrew Meldrum has gained a BSc (Hons) degree in Arts, Social Sciences and Politics at the Open University
- Martin Landless has gained a BBA (hons) degree in Management at Lancaster University
- Chris Brooks gained a 2.1 at Magdalene College, Cambridge in Law
- Adam Mitton gained a 2.1 at Robinson College, Cambridge
- Chris Harris got a 1st in Natural Sciences at Christ’s College, Cambridge
- James Thackray got a 1st in Law (Part one) at Jesus College, Cambridge

- Toby Capstick gained a 1st in Pharmacy at Aston University and was awarded the DH Rushton prize for excellence
- Sean Foley gained a 2.1 at King's College, Cambridge in Economics
- Joseph Stuart gained a Master's degree in Business Administration in a joint award from the Manchester Business School and UC Bangor
- Chris Sharp has been appointed to the RFU national panel of referees
- Ben Lund got a 2.1 in Natural Sciences at King's College, Cambridge
- Antoni Hartley got a 2.1 in Pharmacy at Nottingham
- Kevin Holme gained a 2.2 in Geography at Loughborough
- Andrew Carlsson gained a 2.1 in History at Leeds
- Nasser Bashir gained a 2.1 in Economics at LSE
- Matthew Watson, at present at Loughborough University, has represented Great Britain in the under 20s Cross Country team in Ghent, Belgium and in the 5000m in Latvia.
- Nick Jones has won a Queen's Jubilee Trust Scholarship under the Institute of Civil Engineers
- Chris Purver gained a 2.1 Law degree from the University of Southampton.

Obituaries

Malcolm Garbutt (60) - On leaving school, Malcolm joined the SBS where he worked for 40 years until illness forced his early retirement. Malcolm was involved in many local organisations - he was secretary of the Craven Cricket League, clerk to Embsay Parish Council, helped to run the record request programme at Raikeswood Hospital, was chairman of the Hospital Friends, a member of the Skipton Male Voice Choir, a member of the Skipton Operatic Society and, for a time a playing member of SRUFC and a rather idiosyncratic occasional referee.

Lewis Miles (70) - Lewis studied textiles at college in Manchester and worked mainly as an industrial journalist and was recognised as a national authority on textiles; he was editor for a long time of 'Textile Weekly'

John R. Dodgson (75) - An excellent all-round sportsman, he represented Yorkshire many times when a member of Skipton RUFC; he served with the RAF during the war as a navigator and pilot. After demobilisation he returned to farming and was president of the Craven Tenant Farmers

Eric Breare (79) - On leaving EGS Eric went to Bradford College to take City and Guilds in Cutting - he had already joined the family firm of CP Breare, Tailors of Skipton. He served in the Fleet Air Arm during the war.

Jack Mewies (81) - Jack was founder member of JP Mewies, Solicitors of Skipton. He had joined Charlesworth, Wood and Brown on leaving school, but it was during his time as a prisoner of war in the Far East that he honed up his skills and knowledge of the law, which he put to great effect after his release. A keen sportsman, he was a central figure for Bradley CC and the Craven Cricket League, being president for several years.

Michael Thomas Quinn (70) - Michael was a professional actor at Regents Park and Salisbury. He then ran a wholesale confectionary business and latterly hotels in Guildford and elsewhere.

Thomas Hubert Cogill (78) - Thomas was Music Master at EGS 1942-1948. Described by some Old Boys as "a bit of a character" - noted for his energy, enthusiasm and love of witty conversation.

Individual Contributors

Walking The Three Peaks

I got up at the crack of dawn and after a nasty breakfast I shouldered my sack – was this amount of gear really necessary for just one day’s walking? I had walked the Three Peaks once before but this time me and my friend Matthew were “going it alone”.

We started at Horton in Ribblesdale Café where we clocked on – the idea is to complete the walk in under twelve hours. You are then eligible to join the ‘Three Peaks Club’ – you can even wear a Three Peaks tie!

We raced up to the top of Pen-Y-Ghent (2273ft). The view from up there was fantastic – if we carried on at this speed all would be well. Time for a second breakfast and then down the back side of Pen-Y-Ghent, where we encountered bog, bog and more bog. At first the bog is just a nuisance but after a while it makes your legs ache as you are repeatedly pulling them free of the peat and then plunging them in again.

Next comes the slow ascent of Whernside (2419ft). Whernside rises from the impressive Ribblehead Viaduct, it is rather overwhelming. I can’t imagine them building anything so commanding and regal today. It doesn’t infringe on the wilds through which it carries the railway but somehow adds to the scenery making it more real and not just picture book pretty.

The route up Whernside has been altered as too many walkers have eroded the original track. We were rerouted up a more gentle path – the only drawback is that it adds an extra two miles making the walk twenty-six instead of twenty-four, but we aren’t allowed any extra minutes to achieve this! When we reached the shoulder of Whernside we looked down and saw the beautiful valley spread out below us, a cool blue tarn came into view, for a few seconds and we wished we had more time – we were so hot and the water looked incredibly enticing. Unfortunately our path lay in a different direction. The top of Whernside is marked by a Triangulation point. At this small lump of concrete many walkers were huddling together – eating food and drinking warm drinks. One thing that has always puzzled me about walking is the fact that you see nobody whilst climbing the hills but as soon as you reach the top you bump into herds of people. We had our lunch among the throng, at least the dog had plenty of people to scrounge off. He does this very well by standing close to picnickers and eyeing them with his “I haven’t had anything to eat for three weeks” look. Soon people began to give him sandwiches, biscuits and other delicacies, all of which he stowed away greedily.

The track down Whernside is steep and is made harder not easier by the steps. These steps have obviously been planned with a giant in mind, the depth is too great for a normal stride. Before long we abandoned the steps and slithered down the scree and slippery mud beside them.

Finally we reached the last ascent, in front of us was Ingleborough – my favourite of the three peaks. The track up is steep, but worse than that, Ingleborough has a false top, so just when you think the summit is about to be reached you find it towering above you once more.

Ingleborough (2373ft) has a cairn of stones to mark the top. It also has a plaque with arrows pointing you in different directions. This is very useful as the top of Ingleborough is a featureless plateau, this means that it is very easy to get disorientated. There are cairns marking the different tracks but no signposts. Therefore we played safe and took a bearing. We didn’t have that long to get into Horton so we dared not take any chances.

We almost ran down the path to Horton, it was fairly easy going but we were in automatic – not really taking in much scenery just putting one foot in front of another.

We crossed the fields to Horton, more bog, but the café and a mug of tea lured us onwards. We clocked off with three-quarters of an hour to spare. We sat down and piled various items of food and drink down. It was a most enjoyable walk but in future I think I’ll stick to fishing.

James Viney 9K

An Uncontrollable Monster — The Sea

Waves crashing on the rocks,
Each time searching for a loose victim to sweep
away.

Boom, boom, like a giant's heartbreak,
Regular as a clock ticking.

An ancient castle rises from the cliff,
Every day getting closer and closer,
To it's final day when the waves will win.
Drag it into the murky depths of the sea's body.

In front of this a beach lies,
With it's golden sand tinted with the grey of rock.
Children chase the waves away,
Only to be engulfed as they attack again.

Behind the beach the rolling hills,
Green and fertile yet somehow desolate.
Safe for now from the sea's wrath,
But none can escape the steady invasion of the
waves.

Where sky and water meet a boat sails,
An insignificant speck on a glassy grave.
Many have lost their lives like this,
Fallen victim to the monster which is the sea.

Storm clouds loom over head,
Seagulls spiral away over land.
The clouds release their rain drops,
Give back what they stole from the sea.

P. Gunn 9K

Inspired by a Daily Telegraph competition to write an interesting mini essay in no more than 50 words Chris Widdison, 11H produced the following:

Does It Make It Any Less Real?

Six bullets in the revolver, one for each of the defenders. No space for manoeuvre, no errors could be made. He kissed the silver cross hanging from his neck. A quick prayer, hurried and whispered. He crouched down and crept around the corner.

"Tea is ready dear!"

The game paused.

Lawnmower

Dew-kissed fragments of torn silk,
Nature's splendid carpet.
A million hues of luscious green,
Flourished as one.

Alas! They fall to an alien beast,
Sporting whirling talons.
Gliding with a smooth destruction,
And terrifying roar.

Great swipes are taken by this monster,
At its master's wish,
His strange desire for green blood
Driving him to murder.

Eventually when all are sliced,
Viscously in two,
The beast does cease it's slaughter,
Sated.

Ben Lay 9K

From Despair To Where?

The rain showered me as I came home from my first day at work in the local garage. I was bursting with eagerness to tell my mother about it all, even though the day only involved sorting files and passing tools onto my boss, Mick.

I went into the house with a proud grin on my face, almost skipping into the front room with glee. I met my mother, who was smiling.

“How was your first day at work?” she asked.

“Great, I can’t wait to go back in tomorrow,” I replied with joy. I was like a child at Christmas, after months of expectation.

“Going for a walk” I stated.

“O.K. then, don’t be long,” my mother replied.

I strolled across the estate with a slight spring in my step, like nothing could touch me. I stopped at the promenade, reflecting on my first day, seeing the ships floating by, the glare of neon on a tossing sea, looking down at the wailing lager louts, destroyed cans of coke, tattered chip papers, the rumble of the nearby disco under my feet, the sweet rustle of the waves beneath me.

Feeling the cold wind, I returned home. This was possibly the best day of my life. I felt quite lucky to get the job, considering my abysmal exam results. However none of that mattered now, I was in the real world as I drifted into sleep on my bed.

The next day I sprang out of bed, trotting down the stairs. I decided to skip breakfast, as I wanted to impress Mick by being there early.

“See you later,” I said abruptly, as I sneaked out of the door, briskly walking to the garage. The garage wasn’t very clean, grease everywhere. The doors were defaced by rust and graffiti and it was on an alleyway with chipped paving stones, battered tarmac and a patched-up appearance. I could hear the perpetual crackle of the radio coming from the garage.

“Alright?” Mick asked in a typical, happy-go-lucky fashion.

“Yeah, fine” I replied, as I hurriedly put on my overalls. I stood about impatiently, bouncing up and down on my tiptoes, waiting for my first duty. “Get me a coffee, will you? You can get one too, if you want.”

I wasn’t too excited about getting coffee, especially considering the quality and variety on offer at the nearby bistro. Still, it was better than nothing, I suppose.

I embraced the two polystyrene cups with care, watching the bubbly froth float on the surface. When I returned, Mick was in conversation with a client.

“I was wondering if you could check the doors for me, they’ve been a bit dodgy of late,” the client said. From a distance he seemed to know Mick well, trusting him at the same time. The man walked off as I gave Mick the coffee.

“Who was that?” I asked.

“Oh, just a friend. Now these locks aren’t working, so you can watch and learn, alright? Now go and get me that box of tools” he ordered.

I proceeded to get the paint stained box of tools, and a box of door parts as Mick dipped his hand into some grease remover. I had heard of door problems before as it happened to my dad when I was a kid. It was to take on average 1.5 hours. I watched attentively as Mick checked the doors.

“That’s odd, they’re just stiff, that’s all. A bit of oil, they’ll be fine,” he proclaimed.

“So it’s nothing then?” I queried.

“Should take 15 minutes if that’s what you mean” he stated.

“Great, his number’s here, can I call him?” I inquired.

“No, don’t do that!” he responded, with a tone of annoyance.

“But you charged him for an hour. That’s cheating, isn’t it?” I exclaimed.

“Look, we’ll do it my way alright. Now, as I say, just watch and learn, OK?” he said angrily.

I felt stupid as I had annoyed my boss on only the second day of my ‘adulthood’. However I couldn’t help but feel that something was wrong about charging someone for what they didn’t buy. I didn’t know which way to turn, so I just did as he said, I watched and learned.

The mood in the garage seemed to relax as time went on. Mick let me go for lunch at the bistro.

After I had my lunch, consisting of greasy chips and bread worthy of giving to pigeons, I saw Mick conversing with the client. Would Mick give him a rebate? No, obviously. Should I tell him about it and promote our service as quick, efficient and friendly but lose my job at the same time? I decided to keep quiet for the sake of my back pocket, even though Mick’s cut-throat tactics disgusted me. However if it kept my job safe, so be it.

I walked home that afternoon, not knowing whether to be excited or anxious, or to tell my parents about the fraud or not. Nevertheless my indecisive nature had made me twitchy anyway. It just didn’t feel the same as yesterday as I trundled into the living room.

“How was work?” my mother asked, brightly.

“Alright” I said, without the same enthusiasm as yesterday. My mother’s expression was curious as she reacted:

“What’s the matter?” my mother asked.

It was obvious from my swelling cheeks and glistening eyes that something had gone on at work. She invited me to sit down, but how could I let her down after only two days of a working life? Two days! Plus mum would need my board money. I decided to turn a blind eye to my mother’s concern on this issue, stomped upstairs and put on some music, gently collapsing onto my bed, thinking about what to do. Do I quit or stay?

This taxing dilemma kept me awake sporadically through the night, staring at the dim light creeping in between the curtains, looking for inspiration from an outside source. Maybe I was being too conscientious. I didn’t know. What I did know was that if the police got involved and he went down, my young, almost premature reputation would be tarnished before it was ever born. Mick, however, had probably been cheating for years, therefore if nobody noticed or cared then, they wouldn’t now.

It felt that my trial period had gone with all the excitement as I rolled out of bed the following morning. I left breakfast now because I was too nervous to eat. What would be done about Mick’s fraudulent antics? What if somebody already had done something? I crept out of the house, taking the same route to work as I had before.

As I turned to face the garage, I tripped on a stray lace. As I crouched to reach it, I saw Mick in the background. He was on the mobile phone to a client. I sneaked behind the ajar door looking up to interpret his lip movement. When his call had finished, I got up again.

“Hello, who was that?” I asked.

“Oh, some guy needed a wheel change,” he said.

I immediately thought of the time period, probably an hour or two. I then volunteered to get the teas again.

As I was in the bistro I overheard the blare of a TV station, the subject being ‘cowboys’: A cold tremor rippled through my spine as the bistro waiter prepared the drinks.

“£1.40, please,” he requested.

My attention flashed onto him. I ruffled a £5 note from my pocket, picked up the drinks and left in a curt manner. The waiter looked at me in a peculiar way as I sped out of the door. I felt that I was running away from something. I broke into a cold sweat as I heard a youthful chanting in my head: “Cowboy, Cowboy, COWBOY!!!”

I shook my head like a wet dog, but the feeling still remained. Even though I hadn’t eaten anything, I started to experience a nauseating feeling, that the daggers were out, sharpened.

I moved reluctantly towards the garage. In the distance I saw Mick looking for his keys. He expectantly

opened his old, paint-splattered cupboard to find out where they were. To accompany him in his search he flicked the radio switch, only to hear the crackle and distortion of a Northern Lancashire radio reception. He heard the scratching of footsteps on the salt chippings; the door creaked. He immediately turned round swiftly, to find out who was awaiting him; it was a man, who I had never seen before. I darted my head behind the wall as he took a glance to his left. I slowly shifted my face to it's prying position beside the wall. The man seemed to mention a radio.

"That's it! Car radio! He only does it today! So that's what he was fixing, eh?" I Thought. I felt that I should quit now and look for a job, rather than be caught.

The man looked suspiciously at Mick, asking why he had taken 1.5 hours to finish the radio. I waited until the man had gone, as to make sure that I wasn't overreacting. I crept towards the table where the receipt was.

I was right. I felt that there was only one thing left to do, but I had to trap Mick first.

"Who was that, then?" I asked.

"The guy who wanted a wheel change" he replied.

"Funny way of spelling wheel change here. 1.5 hours to change a radio then?" I exclaimed.

"Look! I've done it for ten years. Everyone does it. I'll do it for another ten if needs be!" he said. I had started to grind my teeth, but I had to do it.

"Well you can swindle them without my help. I quit."

I ripped off my overalls and threw them at his gobsmacked expression. I stormed off in an angry fashion, happy because I had saved my reputation, sad because I had lost a job, nervous because I didn't know what my next step was going to be.

I glanced around for my mother. The coast was clear. I stepped into yellow-on-blue territory, the home of dawdling dossers, Lennon lookalikes, sacked miners and Rab C. Nesbitt. I was none of these. The search for a new beginning started here, next to a woman in a pinstripe tie.

Chris Spurgin 10E

Genetic Engineering - Unnatural Selection?

Monsters. If we believed everything we read in the newspapers the world would be crawling with them. Green uncontrollable bogeymen that inhabit the mind of every child. Our homes invaded not only by an army of monsters, but even worse, an army of genetically modified monsters.

After reading about 'Frankenstein foods' and other such media concoctions, we could be forgiven for worrying. But have there been any sightings of this mythical monster? Or is this merely a looming shadow, scarcely a dot on the horizon. The evidence is confusing.

Genetically modified food (or the buzz acronym 'GM' if you prefer) has been used for years, and yet it is only now, after it has been forced to the forefront, that it has generated a public response. It is estimated that GM soya is found in 60% of processed food available in the UK and that figure is constantly rising. Although it provides benefits to crop yields, taste and cost of production, the detrimental implications for the human race and the respective ecosystems are still largely unknown. If the doomcasters are right, GM foods could carry serious biological side effects. Can we afford to gamble on their accuracy?

Genetic engineering, genetic modification, genetic manipulation, genetic jargon. It is easy to become lost in the elitist lexis that in reality all means the same thing. GM refers to the biotechnology that allows one gene that carries information for a particular characteristic to be isolated and copied from one organism to another, and that is where the media debate lies. Do humans have the right to 'play God' and alter the natural flaws of plants and animals?

In one sensational headline from the myriad of GM related articles, scientists are linking the effects of genetically modified foods as far afield as meningitis. As if the disease itself is not worrying enough, scientists

from the University of Pittsburg are warning of maize genes resistant to antibiotics that may eventually transfer to viruses, causing new immune strains of meningitis with potentially devastating effects.

The possibilities for destruction seem endless, as do the benefits. The question we must address, considering the potential power involved, is, who is driving?

Our Government claims to be enforcing some of the most stringent labelling laws in the world, but this does not prevent unlabelled imports entering the commercialised foodchain. Supporters claim the labelling is a solution and will prevent inadvertent consumption. However, this well intentioned national defence seems insignificant on a global scale.

The reality is, Genetic engineering and the extensive research it requires, is massively expensive and still remains in the arms of a cluster of developed nations, ever widening the chasm between the 'Superpowers' and the third world. The hidden hierarchy continues with Monsanto, the US multi-national seed producer, holding a tight stranglehold on the market. Their own GM maize sold throughout the EU holds one advantage. The crop is resistant to one single type of herbicide - a herbicide that is only produced by the profit driven Monsanto company. Regardless of the motives the problems still stand. Such efficient use of herbicides could eradicate weeds from Europe's agricultural ecosystems, which in turn could kill the insects and plants that depend on them.

Monsanto are quick to rush to the defence of their seeds claiming it could revolutionise farming by decreasing need for other inputs. Professor David Ingram, of Edinburgh University is sceptical of the apparent win/win scenario: 'It is rightly argued that the use of genetically modified crops can reduce the need for fertilisers and pesticides, and this clearly has an environmental advantage. But what about the effect on small-scale farmers, especially in the developing world? How will they compete?' The answer is simple, they won't.

The Earth could technically grow enough food to feed the world population, so effectively the issue is not one of food production, but of instead focusing the necessary technology where it is needed, and not to aid the growth of our ever-expanding western waistline. An objective easier stated than achieved. The massive US research programme is making honourable steps towards this target by developing GM crops that hold all the advantages of existing strains but don't need expensive fertilisers and pesticides that are beyond the grasp of the Third World.

When the starving farmers of the African Sahel begin to look hopeful, yet another problem emerges. One restriction on GM seeds is that they must not have the capability of reproducing after the first generation in order to prevent mutation of crossbred weeds. The economic outcome is if the average farmer wants to benefit from this technology, they must have the necessary capital to purchase new seeds every year instead of relying on the previous harvest, as is the common practice today. With so many problems making themselves known, the critics are asking the question; "Are we in too deep?"

The battle of PR continues, as every day new problems are found to counteract the canvassed benefits. Anti-GM scientists who are leaders in their field provide the daunted audience with facts to oppose the next, equally qualified pro-GM scientist. With so many future problems and nothing to stare at now it is difficult to comprehend without asking where does it all end? Or even, when will it all start?

Is it the public that has invented the monster? Or perhaps the scientist eager to grab his five minutes of fame? Maybe my hormone-fuelled cynicism should give way to the wisdom of the microbiology men and their valiant fight to protect my children's children. All these answers remain dubious and the solution even more so, especially when the monster we are fighting will probably not even emit the first spark of its fiery breath until everyone here is long gone to GM heaven.

Sam Tierney 13W

Censorship - Do We Need It?

The very word censorship has connotations of controversy, manipulation and control. It does not even have one concrete definition. It is best defined in the Oxford Dictionary as the work of a censor - "a person authorised to examine letters, books, films, etc. and remove or ban anything regarded as harmful."

It would be all too easy to take an immediate, emotional stance on the issue of censorship. As a 'liberal' student, my automatic reaction is to condemn it as intruding into the 'right' of a citizen in a democratic nation to view, or hear, whatever he or she wishes.

However, the fact remains that, despite these admirable ideals shared by many, the government has within its power the ability to control any aspect of the media that the public has access to. In an ideal society, everyone would have the freedom to express their opinions and enjoy whatever material they want to. Unfortunately, it is clear that such a society will never exist. In the world that we live in, censorship does exist...

...The majority of people in our society would grudgingly accept the need for some censorship. However, these people would also maintain that the censorship of swearing, 'moderate' violence, gore and brief nudity on terrestrial television is too rigorous. In the 1960s and '70s, the 'Carry On' series of films typified the cheeky suggestiveness and innocence of the humour of a bygone age. Yet the directors always included scenes to 'play with' the censors, that would be likely to be cut. It is hardly likely that the sight of Barbara Windsor's bosom would corrupt Great Britain.

One fact often brushed over is that all people are different. We all have different attitudes and moral codes. Ideally it would be left to the discretion of an individual as to what he reads or watches, as society is not one all-agreeing entity. The stereotypical Briton is sexually and emotionally repressed, and the archaic attitudes of the minority that happen to have control tarnish the reputation that the United Kingdom is working so hard to restore.

Such films as 'A Clockwork Orange' and, more recently, 'Crash' have caused controversy for the Government by being banned. However, the publicity caused by the James Bulger murder and the 'High School Massacre' in Denver has caused the respective governments of this country and the USA to be widely condemned for failing to ban the film 'Childs Play 3' and the music of Marilyn Manson. It is true that both of these occurrences were tragic accidents that should never have been allowed to happen. However, the instinctive emotional reaction of banning them would have ultimately disastrous long-term consequences. I personally have watched 'Childs Play 3', and listened to a Marilyn Manson album, and happened to enjoy both. Both, when taken in the spirit that they were intended to be enjoyed in are highly entertaining, ironic and humorous. Realistically, can a singer who wears makeup and lives at home with his parents whose real name is Brian, and a film about a toy doll called Chucky which comes to life, really be blamed for the moral breakdown of society. It is true that some less intelligent people would not realise the humour implied, and take such films as 'A Clockwork Orange' and 'The Exorcist' seriously, and that could have fatal consequences. Particularly disturbing films and books perhaps should be banned or censored for the safety of the general public. However, a knee-jerk reaction of moral-cleansing would be ultimately more damaging if the cornerstones of democracy and freedom of speech were conveniently kicked to one side as a short-term action to gain popularity. Maybe banning some films to prevent any possible detrimental publicity for the Government would be the easiest option, but it would definitely not be the right one.

An equally contentious issue is that of political and religious censorship. In many ways, this is a much more difficult type of censorship to defend. The very idea of banning any material which is at variance with the opinions of those in power seems to undermine the very basis of free speech and democracy. In terms of government, our stable political environment of three major parties means that there is little cause to ban material of extreme political movements. Such extreme policies are more likely to be ridiculed if released into the public domain. Indeed these parties would earn more credence as a genuine force in the world of politics if they were subject to censorship. Effectively the Government would be accepting them as a threat, which would ultimately gain them more support. It is the case that in the UK, the Government does have powers to censor material it does not approve of. Whether it exercises this right is open to debate.

In the past, however, censorship was much more obvious. For example, when Tsar Nicholas II relented to

demands for Russia to become more democratic in the early 20th century, and allowed the freedom of the press, his citizens rejoiced. They had no idea that a few days later, this policy was abandoned and everything printed was once again being carefully vetted by the authorities.

It could be the case today, that massive conspiracies and cover-ups have taken place which the public will never discover. Censorship itself has the potential to stamp out any trouble before it has chance to erupt. It is impossible to find out what published or released material has been censored, and to what ends if it has. The Government claims to uphold free speech, and we have no way of finding out whether, this really is the case. From this, it can be concluded that political censorship IS necessary for the government to uphold their law and order. Whether it should be in this position is open to debate.

Equally controversial is the issue of religion and censorship. The natural reaction is to say that there should be no ban on any religious material. This is the view of the Christian majority. However, it is a fact that other religions have taken great offence and insult at material printed. The Christian majority in this country have a libertarian attitude concerning religion and censorship. However those who fully believe in this would say that censorship is full of problems even within religion. They believe in absolutely no censorship whatsoever, whereas many Christians who are not libertarianists would take exception if a column in their local newspaper was devoted to their local Satanist group!

The general ideal is that censorship should reflect the views of the majority. What about the significant minorities in our multi-cultural society? They are no less important, yet the law seems very uneven. The UK Blasphemy Laws only apply to the Church of England - not even Catholics, not to mention Hindus, Sikhs, etc. One example that is highly indicative of this is that of Salman Rushdie. Shortly before Rushdie's book was released, a film entitled "The Last Temptation of Christ" was banned in many cinemas throughout the land. This was because it was apparently insulting to Christians. Upon the release of Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses", there was a massive outcry by the Islamic communities in this country. This book was judged to blaspheme against the Ayatollah and Islam. Muslims were outraged that this piece of literature which denounced their religion was available in bookshops in every town in the country. The message this sends out is that those who are not Protestants are, in effect, second class citizens. In the ethnic 'melting pot' of modern British society, this is surely the wrong image to send out across the world. However, it would also be undesirable to maintain the stereotype of having a repressed society.

To conclude, there is a very fine line between what material is suitable for censorship, and what isn't. It is impossible to use generalisations to simplify the issue. Each case must be looked at individually, on its own merits. I believe the majority of the people in our society would reluctantly agree that, whatever they believe about the freedom of the media, some censorship of explicit material is necessary for the safety of the public. However, some common sense is vital in order to prevent the 'bleeping out' of mild swearing constantly diminishing our enjoyment of television and radio.

In the case of political censorship, we can only conclude that those in power feel it is necessary to censor controversial or inflammatory material which could jeopardise their power. Those with strong feelings against the way society is run would have massive objections to this. The majority, which is always going to dominate, seems content with the present regime. As for the controversial matter of religious censorship, some generalisation is necessary. It should not be the case, that one person has the power to decide what is insulting to another religion. What is clear, however, is that all religions should be subject to the same blasphemy laws if any kind of equality is to be maintained.

Whatever one's personal opinions and grievances against censorship, it must be, however unwillingly, concluded that some forms of censorship are necessary for the good of society. This is not an unconditional show of support for work done by the censors. Personally, I still have reservations about being subjected to another person's morality. Yet, however grudgingly, it must be concluded that at least some censorship is needed in the world that we live in.

Stephen Exley 12M

A Short Story

Billy walked briskly down the street. He looked at his watch, he was late. He quickened his pace and broke into a steady jog, but he knew it was no use... No use unless he took a short cut. He glanced up and down the street, searching for a more direct route than the roundabout way which usually led him to the office. He found nothing, but just as he was about to end his search he caught sight of a narrow slit in the wall of a nearby shop. It appeared to be heading in the right direction.

Normally he would never have entertained the thought of entering the back streets of any city, least of all New York, but he was desperate. If he didn't get to the office on time it would give the new boss the perfect opportunity he'd been looking for, to fire him, maybe then he could hire a white man instead.

Billy was worried as he headed down the back-street determined to get there on time. The back-street was disgusting, it reeked of putrid, old, maggot infested dead things. The walls were all crumbled and looked like toothless old ogres. There was glass, rubble, human excrement and dead bodies of animals all over the place, but all of this Billy could cope with. It was the graffiti that made him feel cold with fear. The walls were sprayed with racist slogans advertising the intent of various sick people. He felt panicky as he realised that he, a black man, had just walked into the territory of the Ku Klux Klan.

Footsteps flapped on the concrete behind him; Billy panicked, he just ran. He sprinted round a corner and to his horror the footsteps behind him were pounding on the concrete, sounding like a herd of cows madly trying to catch up with him. How many were there? He couldn't possibly outrun them all.

Billy turned another corner and then he stopped, a look of absolute terror sweeping across his face. In front of him were six skinheads barring his way, with arms rippling with bulging muscles and snake-like veins. Their tattoos displayed similar messages to the graffiti on the walls and one of them was Billy's new boss. Behind him were five similar looking hooligans. They smirked at him and Billy could see the hatred in their eyes as they closed in around him, grinning to themselves, anticipating the pleasure they were going to get out of the events to follow.

There was a short silence and then "snap" they started. From that moment Billy had only one sensation, and that was the overwhelming feeling of pain. Pain seared through every inch of his body and his brain was bombarded with a barrage of messages from all over his body, "we are in pain!"

His attackers punched him and kicked him, they smashed his knee-caps with half bricks and snapped his toes with 'ball bats.

Confusion swept over him and he fell to the floor. He felt sick and could taste blood in his mouth. He began to feel dizzy and he couldn't focus on anything, he was losing consciousness.

His boss brought a crow-bar down across his face splitting it open and exposing Billy's spongy brain, red with blood.

They ran off into the warren of the back-streets leaving the dead body of Billy Cooper drenched in his own blood. His bruised, battered, torn and scarred carcass bore witness to the punishment he had received for committing the unforgivable sin of being black.

John Gardner 9K

Trips, Visits and Functions

Bewerley Park

This annual Year 9 residential week was again held at Bewerley Park centre in January. Messers Speak, Jones, Matthews, Edward and Jurgen as ever led from the front, showing the timid Year 9's how to do a variety of daring outdoor activities. Well, that's what we say!

In truth, the Year 9's excelled and even surprised themselves at times, as to what they could achieve, climbing mountains, abseiling down cliffs, walking miles, canoeing, barbecuing, caving, orienteering, making beds and even performing on the stage. These were taken in their stride and a jolly good time was had by all.

The camp concert produced some notable performances, with acts most likely to be seen next on a West End Stage.

Bewerley Park

The atmosphere on the mini-bus to Bewerley Park was one of excitement and also anxiety. Who's dorm will I be in? Will I be split up from my mates? What will the meals be like? And most importantly, will there be a tuck shop? All the years before us had said that Bewerley Park was great fun so we couldn't wait to get there and get on with our first activity.

When we finally got there it was a tight squeeze to get through a small lane. The year had been split up into two groups; one on the coach and one on the mini-bus. I was in the mini-bus and we got there first. We were waiting around for the coach to arrive and we could see an adventure playground but we weren't allowed on it unfortunately. The campus was quite big with a big flagpole situated in the centre as an assembly point in a fire drill.

Finally the coach arrived and we filed into the common room for a briefing and placement into our groups for the week. The other school arrived but there was a clear division between us. To put us in groups we were given a piece of a picture with a coloured border. We had to find the other people with the same coloured border. The final picture told us our group letter and leader and our base.

We were mixed groups of boys and girls and the two different schools. We made our way to our base to convene with our leader. We worked out objectives for the week like fun, learning etc. After this we all had to go to the hall to be issued with waterproofs and boots if we needed them. If any specialist equipment was needed for activities we would get them at a later date. After this we went back to our base and we were told what activity we would be doing this afternoon. First on our list was the adventure playground which was quite good because we wouldn't be getting too wet and it was on site.

We then got changed into our old clothes and waterproofs. The first section of the course was a wall. A flat vertical wall which we had to get up using each other. This was a team effort. Two of us formed steps at the bottom and helped people up and would then be pulled up at the end.

This completed we moved onto the next section. It was individual this time. We had obstacles like two rope ladders. One of them was very hard because the top rope was very loose so you couldn't use it easily to hold your balance. Next we had climbing and crawling through tyres. The tunnel was about 20 feet long and went around a bend. It was pitch black and the tyres deliberately got gradually smaller. Finally we had a rope-swing over a small pond. You first of all had to just swing but then you had to jump to catch the rope. A few people fell in to everyone's amusement.

It was now getting dark. We were all wet, muddy but very happy. If this was a sign of what was to come it would be a fun week.

I. Dinning 9K

Jabberwocks

Another enjoyable summer was had by those colleagues who could drag themselves away from the ever debilitating peripheral aspects of our noble profession. The season varied from the rustic splendour of deepest Appletreewick to the manicured majesty of 'the Top.' This year the hot summer and tireless attention of Mr Davies conspired to produce a flawless surface. Such perfection was much to the liking of the Boys' XI who despite early alarms coasted to an impressive 8 wicket victory. What a tribute to staff coaching!

The most emphatic victory was gained over Draughton leaving their tenements for the Lords of Craven perished like summer on the Tundra allowing an early retreat to the Royal Shepherd and a final all round performance from Mr Sykes. This season saw the return of Mr Clough whose finesse was nurtured on the hallowed turf of Ashville but now fluency has been impaired by more uncertain operation of his major joints a rumbustious summer diversion is much to his palate.

The final game at Appletreewick is always a mellow prologue to the long vacation. As an appreciation of the special place the game occupies in our affections Mr Speak produced a plump rabbit in immaculately knitted matinee jacket as a trophy to be held by the winning side in the twice yearly fixture. The rabbit enjoyed the game from within the Beatrix Potter proportioned members' enclosure of the Appletreewick pavilion. The jacket was provided by Mrs Speak whilst waiting to produce a cricketing son and heir. The year also saw the return of a headmaster to the Jabberwocks ranks, the last being ex-Sussex Chough Mr J.H. Woolmore.

C.I.D.

YSES China 1998

During the summer of 1998 myself (Max Brear) and Graeme Schofield took part in the YSES expedition to China. This was a five-week expedition in which two groups of students would travel around remote parts of China and Pakistan either by mountain bike, on foot, or on camel.

After a rigorous selection process I was selected, along with eight other students to be part of the mountain biking group who planned to cycle around the remote A'nymaqen Shan in Central China. Before this was possible I had to fundraise around £3000 along with additional equipment. I also had to take part in a number of training weekends during the year to prepare me mentally and physically for expedition and survival in a remote foreign country who's culture couldn't be further from our own.

We left for China on the 25th of July '98. After taking the coach to Heathrow, my group flew to Beijing via Islamabad where the trekking group left us to enter China through Pakistan. Once in Beijing we met our national guide who would stay with us throughout the expedition, and guide us around the country.

After a night's stay in Beijing we had a 36-hour train journey to Lanchou where we caught the bus to base camp after an overnight camping stop by the Yellow river. From here we cycled, over the next two and a half weeks, around 400km at altitudes of up to 5000m, before reaching our goal of the Qinghai Hu in the Qinghai Province of China. This is the largest lake in China and is equivalent to the size of North Yorkshire. During this time each expeditioner kept a diary, and carried out a piece of fieldwork which had to be written up on our return. My field work involved using a LogIT computer (which I borrowed from School) and a GPS (Global Positioning System) which would enable me to monitor the effects of weather with global position.

After cycling we had a week of sightseeing in Xi'an (the old capital of China) and Beijing where we met up with the trekking group. We saw sights such as the Terra-cotta Warriors, The Great Wall of China, The Forbidden City, and Tinnamen Square. We also had time to visit a local boarding school in Xi'an where we talked to the pupils about life in England, and the differences between the cultures. The children were around 14 years old, and their English was very good. The visit was rounded off by a football match in which England beat China by 4 goals to 2.

This expedition taught me many things about the world, and its different cultures of which I had little knowledge before the expedition. The experience was invaluable and extremely worth while. The satisfaction

obtained from it, after going through the hardship prior to the expedition, whilst fundraising, made up for the countless letters and the events I took part in to raise the money I needed. There were also times on the expedition when I'd had enough of Chinese food or I was very ill with sunstroke but this was all part of the experience gained from the expedition.

I would like to thank all those at School who helped me in any way, e.g. taking part in the non-uniform day which helped in making this expedition possible.

Max S.Brear 13X

Oxbridge Trip 1999

Tuesday 22nd June: a warm and sunny, yet unfortunately still pre-exam morning. Gathered outside the minibus a group of 13 prospective Oxbridge applicants eagerly awaiting the start of the three-day expedition south. Mr Jones arrived sporting a nice pair of wrap around sunglasses, and after the customary emergency-stop brake test halfway down the drive we were off, en route to Harrogate to pick up Mr Clough.

Mr Clough arrived at the minibus, having adopted the optional Public School blazer to suit the occasion, and we were soon on the road again with much excited chatter induced by our escape from school. The journey down to Cambridge was broken by the customary motorway services stops, the second of which landed us McDonald's. 'Landed' would definitely be the best word to describe our arrival outside a large silver flying saucer, bearing the usual yellow 'M', but entered by a dark tunnel descending into the star-decked depths of the ship's interior. The stop provided us with both nourishment (?) and a few minutes of entertainment before we were off again, getting ever nearer to the hallowed halls of Cambridge.

At Cambridge we were split into two groups, half to stay at Magdalene College under the watchful eye of Mr Jones, and the other half across the neatly clipped lawns at St John's with Mr Clough.

Dinner in college was an experience in itself (and in some cases one which wouldn't be welcomed again!). At Magdalene we were all seated at long tables in the main hall, waited on by the kitchen staff, and surrounded by the gallery of gloomy portraits which detailed the college history. The starter arrived – soup - and was immediately rejected with muttered complaints that it was cold. So perhaps we aren't used to the finer delights of cold gazpacho soup, and the quite basic etiquette of 'which side of the plate do you take your breadroll from?' proved challenging. The main course followed, or what pitifully small portions we were given, and again we were suspicious - the baby carrots seemingly hadn't been washed and neither topped nor tailed and so still had a distinct earthy-brown quality. Dessert was strawberries and cream ... in a nice goblet though. When we later lamented what little we'd been fed we were informed by the St John's group that they had enjoyed what Mr Clough termed a "slap-up" meal.

The following morning we enjoyed being able to wander round the colleges and talk to the tutors to learn more about the courses that interested us. We also had a last chance to wander round Cambridge, admire the aforementioned hallowed halls, gaze in wonder at the Bridge of Sighs arching over the Cam, and dream of lazy days punting along the river with a bottle of wine and a hamper of fine delicacies...

Then as Wednesday afternoon waned it was time to once more board the (little) red fun bus, bound now for Oxford. Their Open Day theme was 'Target Schools' - designed to encourage more state school applications; something which they did everything to promote. Again the evening was free, although dinner at Wadham lacked the grandeur of Cambridge, being a simple self-service canteen affair.

By Thursday morning we were all beginning to tire of our trip ... with the heat and the impending threat of our exams ... but Oxford again had subject tutors to talk to, and more tours around the colleges.

It was two o'clock when we finally hauled our bags back to the bus, which had now become more of a greenhouse on wheels. Inside the lack of air and the intense heat were compounded by too many people in too little space for comfort, especially those who had failed to discover the showers...

As we drove back we all had time to assess the trip and to compare thoughts on the two universities. Everyone seemed to agree that the day or so that we'd spent in Cambridge had felt strangely surreal, seemingly detached from normality and the real world. Perhaps the wine-quaffing Cantab Blues had not helped to dispel our earlier preconceptions! The courses at Cambridge though were second to none, and most of us preferred what its academics had to offer over Oxford's. But Oxford was different - for a start it seemed real, and the dreamy spires weren't so oppressively suffocating. All the talks we had were held in little groups clustered on the lawns and the people we met were, to use a cliché, much more down-to-earth. They were obviously there because of that, but it worked.

So the dilemma was evident: Cambridge's courses were better ... but could we survive there for three years ... so how many were seduced by the dark side of the force?

Jonathan Harle 12M

Comic relief 1999

Comic relief's intention was to make this year the record breaker and that is precisely what the school did. Between the various fund-raising activities of:

- a non-uniform day
- small change collection
- Red nose shop
- sponsored orienteering

a massive £4,397.50 was raised. This was indeed a record breaker, beating our £3,300 of four years ago.

It truly was a team effort with more than fifty pupils raising in excess of £20 each but nearly every pupil in years 7 – 10 contributing. A massive thank you to all who took part and helped to make life that bit better for so many people.



Non-Uniform Day on Red Nose Day Raises nearly £4,400

Chess Club 1998/99

As usual the year was divided by various competitions. The autumn term saw the Swiss Chess competition, where students played people with equal points each week in either a beginners' or advanced section. The Beginners became a one horse race, as Andrew Bailey beat all comers winning every one of his eight games. It was a close contest, with Oliver Gregory second and Stuart Meakin third.

The Advanced section was more keenly contested, with several people still in the hunt with a couple of games to play. Eventually, Asif Shah won through with Graham Rishton second and Robert Anderson third.

After Christmas, we had the house championships where, over three weeks, each house plays each of the others in a round-robin competition. After three weeks, several boys had won all of their matches

Andrew Bailey (Toller), Stuart Meakin & Steven Bloxham (Hartley). The final house standings were;

| House | W | D | L | F | A | Points |
|----------|---|---|---|------|------|--------|
| Hartley | 3 | 0 | 0 | 15.5 | 2.5 | 9 |
| Toller | 2 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| Ermysted | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 3 |
| Petyt | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4.5 | 13.5 | 0 |

Then came the senior and junior chess knockout competitions. A good entry in the junior event saw Andrew Bailey continues his impressive form, beating Stuart Meakin in the final. The senior competition saw Joel Granger win through.

The finale to the season saw the grudge match between the students and the staff. An impressive debut by Mr. Ashworth and victories by Mr. Earl and Mr. Hardiman (all mathematicians) brought hope of a repeat of 98's staff victory. However, victories by 4 pupils against mere scientists, meant the students regained their title and are grand masters into the next millennium. Asif Shah captained the students in this game and the house champions in his final year at the school.

Upper Sixth Biology Fieldwork At Malham

The annual U6th Biology fieldwork took place at and around Malham Tarn. This enables students to study freshwater invertebrates and vegetation succession, as part of their A-level course. *See photos in centre pages.*

House Quiz

Unfortunately, this year's event did not result in the usual exciting finale. Ermysted House were just too good. They won 5 of the 7 age groups, running away with the overall championship. Toller and Petyt won one age group each to finish second and third respectively.

| House Positions | Competition Points | House Points |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Ermysted | 28 | 4 |
| Toller | 20 | 3 |
| Petyt | 16 | 2 |
| Hartley | 13 | 1 |

School Notes

We were pleased to welcome Mr Ashworth as Head Master.

Regular Bulletins have been sent to parents to inform them of matters concerning the management of the School and its activities.

Open Evenings for prospective pupils and their parents were held on 12th and 13th October 1998. Most departments put on exhibitions of work.

Much new artwork has appeared throughout the school premises, including the Dining Room. Older Team photographs have been moved to the Sports Hall Gallery.

Mr Lionel Watson retired from his post as Clerk to the Governors. He took up the post temporarily 27 years ago. The appointment is to be taken up by Mr Ken Oxley who is, like Lionel, an Old Boy.

Recent legislation will ensure that Parent Governorships will be increased and the number of LEA appointed Governors will fall.

Forty-one year 10 pupils entered the UK Mathematics Trust Challenge, which had a national entry of 120,000. The top 40% of the total entry were awarded certificates, those being gained by 35 of our entry. Ian Freeman moved on to the International Mathematical Challenge by virtue of being the School's top performer.

Alex Wilkinson was one of the 50 recipients nationally of a Gold Medal in the 1999 British Physics Olympiad Competition. He now goes forward to the next round from which a team is chosen to represent Britain in the final in Rome.

Year 10 pupils spent time with host companies in the Work Experience scheme for two weeks in July. All pupils were visited at their work places and there was evidence of valuable outcomes.

Initial consultation has taken place upon the terms of the newly mandatory Home-School Agreement.

There were 618 boys on roll in September.

The P.J. Osborne Fund is to be wound up. The remaining balance is to be donated to fund a Dramatic Society (Senior) Prize and a Public Speaking (Junior) Prize. Both prizes will be named in honoured memory of Mr P.J. Osborne.

The Addyman Study Cup, to which all contribute through the regular Effort Grade Lists, was won by Toller. The results were: Toller 6292 points, Hartley 5808 points, Petyt 5668 points and Ermysted 5266 points.

The Cook Cup, for all competitions, sporting and academic, was won by Hartley. The results were: Hartley 44 points, Toller 40 points, Petyt 39 points and Ermysted 37 points.

The new Head Boy will be Patrick Forman.

Thanks to a most generous offer from "Flexiform" the School office and the Computer room were refurbished with brand new office furniture at no cost.

As part of the Government's National Grid for Learning (NGfL) the School is now networked with 30 new computers - 20 of them being in the computer room. Funding for this came from a number of sources including a major contribution from the Old Boys.

The School is due to go "online" very soon. The School web-site address will be www.ermysteds.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Culled from the Corridors

Physics:

“How can the stars be formed from gas and dust if 90% of all dust is human skin?”

Several Year 10 pupils in a physics exam:

“The inner core of the Earth is comprised of solid molten rock”!

Overheard in the Careers Library:

Pupil 1 (reading from a book)

“It says that this job involves working under pressure. I like working under pressure.”

Pupil 2 “Is that why you do your homework in form period?”

6B mock exam

Qn “Explain the principle of superposition.”

Ans “A superposition is a really, really, really good position.”

Year 7 personal review:

“I hope to get better marks and achievements in subjects what I have struggled with.”

25 Years Ago (1973-74)

- A.G. Barrett was Head of School.
- There was to be only one Calendar per year instead of one per term, “for economic reasons.”
- “Chronicles” were reduced from three per year to two.
- Monitors were to wear “a small maroon button” as an indication of their office.
- Three girls from the High School took part in the play; such a joint effort had only happened once before, in 1959. The play was ‘Richard III’.
- C.I.D. was married and he left School House.
- The Staff beat the School at Basketball 32-6.
- The Debating Society discussed Northern Ireland and Comprehensive Schools. By narrow margins Northern Ireland escaped being “towed into Mid-Atlantic” and grammar schools were to be retained.

Over and out!

A Note from the Retiring Editor

As long ago as Autumn 1988 I inherited the task of editing the "Chronicles" from Mr Derek Morton, though with his usual thoroughness he had prepared Number 215 (1987-88) for the printer. Now, as 226 is going to press, I should like to express my thanks to all who have made my task possible.

Primarily I would like to thank all Staff, Students and Old Boys who have provided me with material; almost all of their contributions were voluntary and were related to many voluntary activities performed for their Houses, for the School and for society in general. I'm sorry not everything could be printed; rest assured that anything not fully printed or not printed at all is now in the Archives.

Many old Boys have sent information of much value and I must thank Mr Tony Capstick in particular for his annual resumes of Old Boys' news which was always the foundation built upon. I have endeavoured to provide more photos and I am most grateful to Mr David Kelly and latterly to Mr Andrew Hopkins for these.

The "Craven Herald" has always been a good friend to the School; Mr Jack Heald and Mr David Cowley were always generous in pushing the printing through and keeping the price down. With the advance of technology we found it preferable to set the magazine ourselves; my special thanks are due to Mr Tim Hardiman for his efficiency in doing this and not least for deciphering my writing with such skill!

The character and format of the "Chronicles" have changed very little this Century; some prefer things that way, others don't; no doubt a fresh look at them would be beneficial.

I wish the "Chronicles" and those who contribute to them every success in the future.

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