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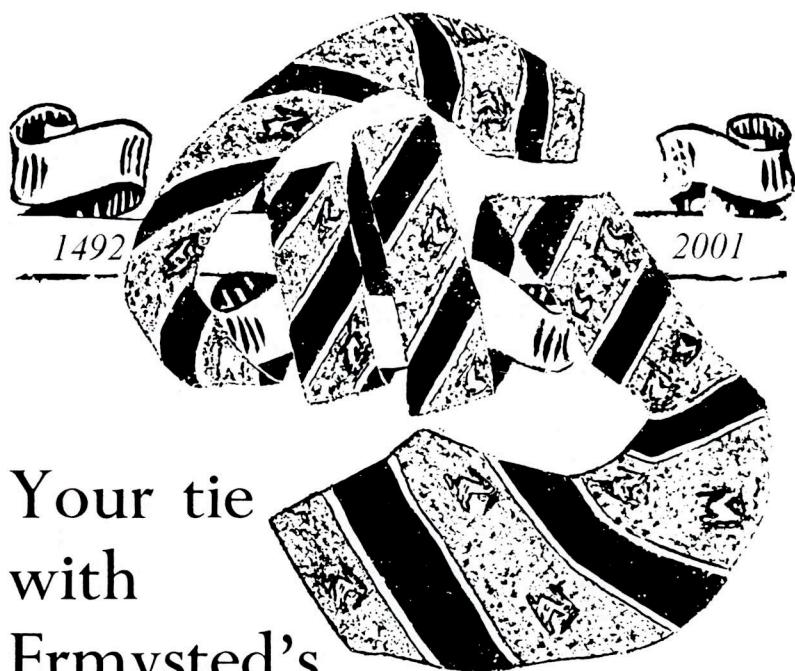


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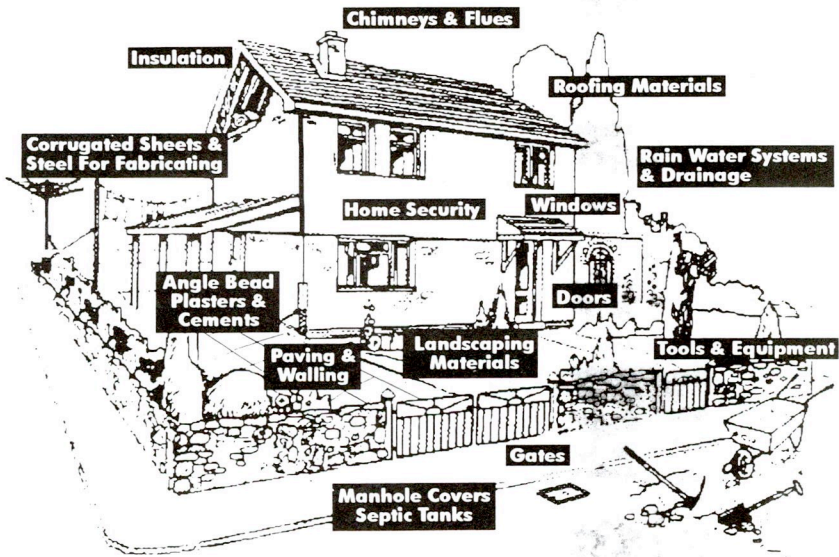
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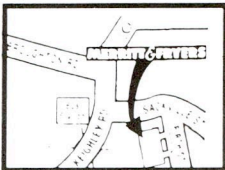
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Ave L.D.B.

Mr Bolton stepped into Mr Clough's Head of English shoes in September 2000. He graduated from the University of Leeds in 1994 with a BA (Hons) 2(i) degree in English and Philosophy. He then completed a PGCE course, also at the University of Leeds, and then went on to teach at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield, for 5 years.

Out of the classroom Mr Bolton will be found on a five-a-side football pitch or appreciating the cultural diversity which the cosmopolitan city of Leeds has to offer.

Ave D.J.E.

Mr Edmondson joins Ermysted's Grammar School as Form tutor, Technology teacher and leader for the Duke of Edinburgh group.

He came to Skipton after teaching at Queensbury, before that he had a short spell as a Quality manager following eleven years in the Royal Navy where he supervised aircraft maintenance, modification and repair. In his spare time he enjoys mountaineering, weight training and running.

Ave C.S.H.

Mrs Hall joined Ermysted's Mathematics Department in September 2000. After being a pupil at Nottingham Girls' High School she graduated from York University with a first class BSc (Hons) in Mathematics. She then went to Durham University and gained a PGCE.

Mrs Hall taught for 4 years at King's School, Grantham before teaching at The Kamuzu Academy in Malawi, Central Africa for 18 months. On her return to England she spent one year at St Aidan's CE High School in Harrogate before joining Ermysted's.

In her spare time Mrs Hall enjoys camping, walking, skiing and aerobics.

Ave A.L.L.

Miss Lumb joined the School in 2000, from Leeds Girls' High School. She comes from Halifax although has lived in Birmingham and London before returning to Yorkshire. Among the highlights of her first year at Ermysted's are helping with the school play, 'Men at Arms' and playing in the Wind Band.

In her spare time she sings a lot and likes going to the theatre and to the gym.

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Form	Name	Form	Name
7A	Ahmed	12M	Kirke
7M	Akrigg	7A	Larke
7	Andrews	7K	Lockwood
7K	Athersmith	12M	Mackley
7M	Atkins	7K	Maisey
7M	Baines	7M	Marsh
7M	Bateson	7M	Marshall
7M	Baxandall	7M	McGaffin
7A	Beer	7A	McGee
7A	Bhupal	12S	McGinnis
7K	Blackie	7A	Merrell
7M	Bode	7M	Milner
8T	Bohills	7A	Mitchell
7A	Booth	8H	Morgan
7K	Butterworth	7M	Mountain
7A	Cahill	8H	O'Reilly
7K	Cameron	7K	Oswald
7M	Campbell	7K	Pappin
7A	Carr	7M	Parker
7M	Chew	7K	Pascoe
7M	Clarke	7K	Phillip
7A	Clements	7M	Procter
7A	Consoli	7M	Qattan
8H	Copley	7K	Redfearn
7K	Cowan	7K	Roast
7M	Cudworth	7A	Robertson
12B	Dalby	7A	Robertson-Welsh
12S	Djavanroodi	7K	Rothwell
7A	Dunn	7M	Scott
7A	Dyson-Sutton	12M	Severs
7A	Eccleshall	12M	Short
7K	Everett	7K	Shutt
7A	Finucane	7M	Smith
7K	Flatley	12B	Standeven
7M	French	7A	Tate
7K	Garrod	7A	Taylor
7K	Gee	7A	Taylor
7K	Green	7M	Thomas
7A	Green	7A	Thompson
7A	Greenwood	7M	Thoy
7K	Grima	7M	Tordoff
12M	Hatherley	7K	Trueman
7A	Herd	7K	Turner
7M	Hollings	8T	Wales
7M	Hollings	7K	Wardley
12S	Hussain	7M	Watson
7K	Hutchinson	7A	Whitlam
7A	Ingham	7K	Williams
7K	Iveson	7K	Witek
7A	Kelly	7M	Woodhead
			Richard
			Liam
			Luke
			Joel
			William
			John
			Nicholas
			Samuel
			Benjamin
			David
			Christopher
			Stephen
			Joseph
			Ifan
			Thomas
			Jerry
			Benjamin
			Giles
			Jack
			Thomas
			William
			Samuel
			Omar
			Matthew
			Daniel
			James
			Bradley
			Edwin
			Ronan
			Aidan
			Andrew
			Luke
			Samuel
			Jonathan
			William
			Jeremy
			Jonathan
			Ian
			William
			Ben
			Edward
			Frank
			Alexander
			Thomas
			Robert
			James
			George
			Mark
			Alex
			Michael

Vale A.C.

Mr Capstick retired at the end of the Summer term 2001, after 29 years of sterling service. He is an old boy of the School, leaving in 1964 to study languages at the University of Cardiff. Mr Capstick was at School during one of the golden ages of E.G.S. Rugby, a nuggety and abrasive front row forward, he played for the 1st XV in the era of Michael Harrison's "invincibles".

His first post was at Cowley Grammar School, St. Helens - a hot bed of school rugby, where Tony helped in a coaching team headed by Ray French, now the voice of Rugby League. During this period, Cowley teams were feared throughout the length and breadth of the land.

After a spell in Germany and an interlude at Bronte School in Keighley, he was headhunted by the then Head of Modern Foreign Languages, Mr Jim Hartley, after he had been spotted strolling down the High Street, demolishing a pork pie. He relished the prospect of returning to his Alma Mater. Having been prickled by the Red Rose in Lancashire, Tony enjoyed regular and amiable banter with the boys from Barnoldswick, suffering because of their proximity to the border and certain Lancastrian cultural proclivities.

Mr Capstick is a scholarly man, with a sharp mind and an acute appreciation of irony. He has a dry, wry and perceptive sense of humour also, capable of mischievous wit and the delivery of a triumphant coup de grace. Very much a staff room sage, issuing enlightening perspectives on matters of substance, whether anyone was listening or not, from his regular pitch, mimicking a bearded bollard, in front of the fireplace.

He will be remembered for his command of linguistics and fundamentals of grammar. The foundation blocks of language inculcating a rock solid plinth on which to build the frills and flourishes and agility.

Outside the classroom, Mr Capstick spent twenty five years and more coaching Junior Rugby - nobly emerging from the pleasures of Friday night at some obscenely early hour on a Saturday to set off to invitingly salubrious South Yorkshire "Garden Cities" like Normanton. He made trenchant steps towards the Pennine Coach, wearing his trade mark ex-Scapa Flow Duffle Coat and carrying a copy of The Times, wellies, a brollie, Thursday's pork pie and enough cigarettes for the coach to resemble a "steam special"!

The boys of four school generations will remember him for his strength of purpose and consistency. The flourish and swagger of his "Dullingesque" shuttles across the front of the room, gesticulating expressively with his gnarled briar, occasionally firing out a remark or question to some hapless pupil, idly dreaming of break.

The staff will miss a real stalwart and friend. His wit and wisdom will be fondly remembered. Tony always discharged the duties and tasks required of him with utmost efficiency. He knew the routines very well and gleefully enjoyed tripping up the unwary Senior Managers on matters of procedure. Always showed great fortitude in adversity, not least in negotiating the daily confusion of public transport links between Skipton and Huddersfield.

We all wish him a happy and contented retirement. Tony is a true man of Ermysted's and his legacy will be enduring.

Vale R.W.

Mr Ron Wilson was born in North Yorkshire, educated at Eston Grammar School and went on to obtain first class honours in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at Bradford University. Subsequently he has worked with Lucas Aerospace, lectured at Huddersfield Polytechnic, obtained an MSc in Digital Electronics at UMIST, been the principal lecturer in Electronics at Plymouth Polytechnic and was appointed as Head of the Electrical Engineering Department at Leeds Polytechnic. He later went on to work on the design of power stations for Nuclear Electric.

He returned to teaching Physics in 1995 at Carlton-Bolling School in Bradford, where he was given responsibility as KS3 Science co-ordinator. In 1999, with excellent Ofsted recommendations, he joined the staff of EGS to replace Mr Martin Bendall.

Although only with us for a two-year period, Ron has played a major part in the success of our Physics department. All of his classes have been with KS4 and A-level pupils and his results have been consistently good. From the outset, he took on the responsibility of the investigative work, not only at GCSE level, but also at A-level. Getting work in on time, assessing and moderating it must have been a continuous headache for him. However he has taken this in his stride and, working quietly and efficiently, his persistence has paid off.

In the first few months of his time here he persuaded Skipton Mechanics' Institute to provide the department with a computer system to support a software package called Crocodile Clips. Regularly, his lessons use the package with the school's Data Projector as an interactive display; a long way from conventional blackboards. Sixth formers have regularly been seen designing circuits for their electronics investigations.

He has selflessly given up his time to develop the Electronics Club, which has flourished under his guidance. Throughout this year robotic vehicles have been built, programmed and raced, giving many pupils a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction.

We are losing a quiet and efficient member of staff whose value is acknowledged and most appreciated by those with whom he has had direct contact. He moves on to Hanson School in Bradford where he will take up the post of Coordinator of Sixth Form Science in the largest Science Faculty in the Country. We wish him and his family all the best for the future.

Vale A.T.

Mr Andrew Thackray retired from service at the end of the summer term 2001. He had been suffering from ill health and we all wish him and his wife Chris good fortune, peace and purpose in the years ahead.

Andrew was an Old Boy of Ermysted's and after a short spell as a teacher at Giggleswick and fourteen years as an English teacher at Salts Grammar School he jumped at the chance to return to his Alma Mater.

Although his time with us was only four years, he will be remembered for his cheerful personality, lively classroom style and good relationships with the boys both in the classroom and on the sports field. Fare ye well!

Other Staffing News

Staff illness has been significant this year with six staff off long term – mostly as a result of stress. Early in the school year, Mr Thackray reported ill and did not return to school. Mr Cawood was ill for a period of two and a half months and both Deputy Heads went ill around Christmas. Mr Clough returned after the June half-term and Mr Douglass would eventually return to School in September. Mr Capstick was taken ill in March and would later take early retirement. Mrs Muhlemann was off school for most of the year after receiving treatment for cancer but such was her dedication that even though she was fighting against illness, she conducted lessons for the Sixth Form from her home as well as coming in to School on numerous occasions.

Mrs Harris, an experienced teacher and former Head of Geography took over all of Mr Douglass's teaching. With the English Department being particularly hard hit, Mr Davies, Miss Muhlemann, an English graduate, and Mr Paley, a former member of Staff helped to ease the problem.

The classes of Mr Capstick were taken by Mrs Sellers, herself a Modern Languages graduate and Mr Harris, a school governor who, before taking early retirement, was a former Head of a Modern Languages Department.

Mr Keane had decided to retire from teaching at the end of the academic year. However, after considerable difficulty in replacing him he was persuaded to continue teaching, although on a reduced timetable.

Office Holders, 2000 – 2001

HEAD OF SCHOOL	Thomas Lloyd-Evans
Deputy Head of School	Andrew Walker, Kevin Owens, Ross Turnbull
Head of Ermysted House	Andrew Clements, Chris Foster
Head of Petyt House	Tim Coughlin, Daniel Williams
Head of Toller House	David Roberts, David Hand
Head of Hartley House.....	Andrew Strickland, Shaun Nixon
Captain of Rugby	Will Pickles
Captain of Cross Country.....	James Mason
Captain of Cricket.....	Andrew Strickland
Captain of Golf.....	Matthew Howie

Form Prefects

9K James Mason Toby Williams	8J Nat Jones Adam Feather	7A Chris Widdison Tom Harrison
9E James Green Gareth Walker Matthew Whitwam	8H Will Pickles Tom White	7K Guy Sykes David Pickles
9T Marcus Gleave Farhad Choudhury Joseph Taylor	8T Andrew Green Robert Gulliver	7M Matthew Nelson Chris Pratt

Public Examination Results Summer 2001

Advanced Level

Key Used:

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

(Grades A to E - Asterisks denote A Grades)

FORM 13G

S S Chouhan	ea gt
R C Collinge	ea ei gt
A J Demaline	ea ei gt
C R Foster	bi ea gt pe*
J P Hewison	ad bi ei gt
S P Keane	bi fr gt
M J Kingham	gt mu mm
P M Odor	bi* ch gt ms*
D A Platt	ea gt gy
E C C Seymour	ea* ei* gt hi
B L Smith	ea pe*

FORM 13ML

M C Anderson	cr ea ei gt
D J Barker	ei gt ph mm
D Burman	ea ei gt* gn
C E Duff	ec* ea* ei* gt
M G Gleave	bi* ch* ei* gt*
	mm*
T J Haggerty	ea* ei* gt hi*
T Lloyd-Evans	ei* gt* ph* fm*
G T M P Sykes	ec* ei* gt* mm*
S J Tate	ea* ei* gt* hi
A T Thorpe	ec* ea* gt gy*
A W Walker	ec* ei* gt* gy*
P M Wellock	ea gt gy
T Wilman	bi ea gt gy

FORM 13R

Z Akram	bi ch gt mm
G Baldwin	bi ch ea* gt*
FZTChowdhury	bi ch gt* ph
C J Davey	ch* mm*
A W Feather	bi* ch* gt* ph*
	mm
T W Harrison	ch gt* ph mm
N P Jackson	bi gt*
C H Mitchell	bi gt
D M C Roberts	bi* ch* gt*
	mm* fm*
M J Scrivin	ch gt ph mm
RM Stephenson	bi gt gy
J G Taylor	bi* ch gt* gy*
R G Turnbull	ch* gt* ph*
	mm* fm
T A White	ch* gt* ph*
	mm* fm
C J L Widdison	ch ea* gt* gn
T E Williams	bi* ch gt* mm

FORM 13S

A J Clements	ec* gt gn* ms*
J E M Cowell-Smith	
	bi ea* gt mm
N M Jones	ec* gt* ph*
	mm* fm
A Marcham	ec* ei* gt* mm*
K A Owens	ec* ea* gt* ms*
W H Pickles	ec ea gt pe
M J Reeves	ec gt gy* ms
A J Strickland	ec* ea* gt pe*
G J Walker	ec ea* gt ms
S A M Watson	ec ea* ei gt
R C Welch	ec ea* gt gy*

FORM 13W

S R Ackroyd	gt* ph mm
T A Coughlin	bi* ch* gt* ph
A J H Green	ch* gt* ph*
	mm* fm
J T W Green	ch gt* ph*
	mm* fm
R T Gulliver	cr gt* ph mm
D A Hand	gt ph gy mm
A J P Holly	bi* gt ph*
	mm*
D J Pickles	bi* gt* ph*
	mm*
G P R Pozzana	ea ei gt* mu
C W J Pratt	ch gt ph mm

FORM 13X

M D Chapman	ea* ei gt gy
R E Coates	bi gt mp
C J Hundsdoerfer	
	cr ei gt gy
J H Mason	bi* ea* gt gy*
M Nelson	ad bi gt gy
S Nixon	bi fr gt* gy*
C J Quinn	gt gy mp
A J H Siddle	gt hi pe gy
K Ullah	bi gt pe gy
M J Whitwam	gt ph gy mm*
A M Woodhouse	
	bi gt pe gy*

GCSE Results 2001

Key Used:

Art and Design	adn	Geography	gy	Physics	ph
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

MI Anderson	ch ma ea ei gy cr
L Boatwright	cr sc* sc* fr* gn* ma* ea* ei gy rs*
K E Brown	bi* ch* cr* fr* la* ma* ph* ea ei gy*
W T Campbell	adn bi ch cr* fr ma ph ea* ei* gy
L R Davey	bi ch cr* gn* it ma* ph ea* ei* gy*
R M Enright	bi* ch* cr* fr* hi la ma* ph ea* ei*
S J M Ford	adn cr sc* sc* fr* hi* ma* ea* ei* gy*
P A Gunn	bi* ch* cr* gn* la* ma* mu* ph* ea* ei*
T J Hardacre	bi* ch* cr* fr* la* ma* ph* ea* ei* gy*
J M Hastings-Trew	bi ch cr fr hi ma* ph ea* ei* gy
N Hawkins	bi ch* cr gn* hi it ma* ph* ea* ei*
B P Heap	and* cr* sc* sc* gn ma* bu* ea* ei* gy*
C H Hope	cr sc sc fr hi ma bu* ea* ei* gy
E D Keighley	bi* ch* cr fr* la* ma* ph* ea ei* gy
C F G Marshall	bi ch cr fr hi ma* ph ea ei gy
S G Mort	bi* ch* cr fr hi* it ma* ph* ea* ei*
K A Potts	and* bi* ch* cr* gn* ma* ph* ea* ei* gy*
T Sargison	adn cr sc sc hi ma ea ei* gy
R E Simpson	bi* ch* cr* fr* ma* ph* bu* ea* ei* gy*
A W Starkey	cr* sc sc fr hi it ma* ea ei gy
Z Ullah	bi ch cr* fr hi* ma ph ea* ei* gy*
E C A Vittery	cr sc* sc* fr gn* ma* bu* ea* ei* gy*
C J Wright	cr sc sc gn hi ma bu ea ei gy

FORM 11H

E T Bailey	bi ch cr gn ma ph ea ei gy rs
M D Cullen	adn bi ch cr gn ma* ph ea* ei* gy*
A J Ferguson	bi ch cr* gn* ma* ph bu ea ei* gy*
M J Flatley	adn bi ch* cr fr ma* ph* ea* ei* gy
F W F Foulds	bi* ch* cr* gn* hi* la* ma* ph* ea* ei*
J B T Gardner	cr sc* sc* fr* gn* hi* ma* ea* ei* gy*
E T Hudspeth	bi* ch cr* gn* ma* ph bu ea ei* gy*
Z A Hussain	adn bi* ch* gn ma* ph* ea* ei gy*
P Jenkins	bi ch cr* gn ma* ph* bu ea ei* gy*
T Kirkbride	sc sc fr ma ea ei
R B Leather	bi* ch* cr* gn* hi* la ma* ph* ea* ei*
A J Little	bi ch cr* fr ma* ph bu ea ei* gy
R S Pass	bi ch cr* fr* hi* la ma* ph ea* ei*
R J Scott	adn bi* ch* cr* fr ma* ph* ea* ei* gy*
J T Sellers	bi ch* cr* fr it* ma* ph* ea* ei* gy*
C P Shave	bi ch* cr* fr it* ma* ph* ea ei gy*
C P Simmons	adn bi ch cr* fr ma* ph* bu ea* ei*
D J Stott	sc sc fr it ma* ea ei gy
J Viney	bi* ch* cr* gn* la ma* ph* ea* ei* gy*
C R Wharton	adn bi* ch cr* fr ma ph ea* ei* gy*
J W C Wilman	bi* ch* cr fr* hi* ma* ph ea* ei* rs*
L M Windle	bi ch cr hi ma ph ea ei

FORM 11W

M Backhouse	bi ch cr fr* gn* ma mu* ph ea* ei*
T J Bell	bi ch cr fr* ma ph ea* ei* gy
J C Brayshay	cr ma ea ei gy
S M Brough	bi ch* cr* ma ph* bu* ea ei* gy*
M W Brown	and* bi* ch* cr* fr* ma* ph* ea* ei* gy*
J P Cartman	bi ch* cr gn ma* ph ea* ei* gy* rs
J R Cowgill	bi ch fr ma ph* bu ea ei* gy
I J Dinning	bi* ch* cr fr hi* ma* ph* ea* ei* gy*
J A El-Sheikha	bi* ch* cr it ma ph* ea* ei* gy*
D Gains	bi* ch* cr gn hi* ma* ph ea* ei* gy*
J R Green	bi* ch* cr fr* la* ma* ph* ea* ei* rs*
A S Hare	bi* ch* cr* fr ma* ph* bu* ea* ei* gy*
M J Hunter	bi ch cr fr hi ma* ph ea ei*
B C Lister	bi* ch* cr* fr* ma* mu* ph* ea* ei* gy*
O J E Marshall	and* cr hi ph ea* ei*
J R Midgley	bi* ch* cr* gn* ma* ph* bu ea ei* gy*
A J Murgatroyd	bi ch cr fr it ma* ph ea ei* gy*
E P Roberts	adn bi* ch* fr ma* ph* ea ei* gy* cr*
T P Taylor	bi* ch cr* fr ma* ph* bu* ea* ei* gy*
J L Towler	bi* ch* cr* fr* hi* la* ma* ph* ea* ei*
A J G Tudhope	sc* sc* hi* ma bu* ea ei gy*
M Wales	bi* ch* cr* gn* la ma* mu* ph* ea* ei*
J D Wherity	bi* ch cr* gn* hi ma* ph ea* ei* gy*

FORM 11X

E P Barker	bi ch cr it ma ph ea ei
C H Baxter	bi* ch* cr* fr* gn* ma* ph* ea* ei* gy*
T W Cowburn	adn ch cr it ma* ph ea ei
D J Cox	bi* ch* cr* gn* hi* la ma* ph* ea* ei*
B P Eyre	cr sc* sc* fr* hi* la ma* ea* ei* gy*
P A Foster	bi ch cr gn it ma* ph* ea ei*
T D Hiley	cr sc* sc* fr* hi* la* ma* ea ei gy*
R J Holden	bi ch cr ma* ph bu ea ei* gy*
A P Hunter	bi ch cr fr ma* ph bu ea ei*
F Hussain	bi* ch* cr* gn it* ma* ph* ea* ei* gy*
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G J P Williams	bi ch cr gn ma* mu ph ea* ei* gy

University and College List

Destination of Year 13 Leavers

(Those that took 'A'-levels in summer 2000)

Thomas Adams	Sheffield Hallam University	Computer Science
Robert Allen	Leeds University	Geography
Edward Anson	Newcastle University	Geography
Ben Ashby	Craven College	Art Foundation
Andrew Atkinson	Lancaster University	Economics
David Bates	Central School of Speech/Drama	Theatre Practice
Simon Benson	Newcastle University	History
William Benson	Newcastle University	Economic and Business Management
David Bewes	Employment	
Oliver Bland	Buckinghamshire Chilterns University	Media, Film and Video Production
Liam Brannon	Liverpool University	Economics
Timothy Broughton	Birmingham University	Economics with German
Christopher Butt	Sheffield University	Economics
Christopher Butterfield	Craven College	Art Foundation
Gavin Carlow	Employment	
Barry Chacksfield	Gap Year	
Peter Cowburn	Employment	
Stuart Cox	Leeds University (2001)	Computer Science
Steven Cryer	Employment	
Gwylim Davey	Herriot Watt University	Biological Sciences
Adam Driver	Gap Year	
Philip Edwards	Leeds University	Environmental Science
Ross Emmott	Loughborough University	Commercial Management and Quantity Surveying
Stephen Exley	Warwick University	English and American Literature
James Feddo	Leeds University	Medical Microbiology
Thomas Fernley-Pearson	Gap Year	
Patrick Forman	Gap Year	Applying to University (2001)
Wayne Gray	Employment	
David Gerard	Gap Year	
Jonathan Harle	Keble College, Oxford (2001)	Archaeology and Anthropology
Matthew Harris	Employment	
Christian Howarth	Bradford University	Electronic Imaging and Media Communication
Nicholas Howes	Stirling University	English Studies/film & Media Studies
Richard Iles	Gap Year	
Paul Jaquin	Durham University	Engineering
David Jolly	Liverpool Institute for the Performing Arts	Theatre and Performance Technology
Philip Jones	Bangor University	Marine Biology
Robert Jones	York University	Electronic and Communication Engineering
Alexander Kirke	Newcastle University	Politics and Economics
Edward Kirke	Greenwich University	Architecture
Nathan Leong	Edinburgh University	Philosophy and English Literature
Daniel Lewer	London School of Economics	International Relations
James Lewis	Leeds University	English
Paul Lewis	Newcastle University	Software Engineering

Simon Lofthouse	Durham University	History
Andrew MacDougall	Durham University	Geography and Environmental Science
Toby Magill	York University	Sociology
Owen McLellan	Newcastle University	Financial and Business Economics
Edward Melbourne	Manchester University	Pharmacy
Peter Midgley	Leeds University	Environmental BioGeoscience
Robin Mounsey	Newcastle University	English Literature
Robert Newman	Leeds University	English
Thomas Palin	Birmingham University	Sport and Exercise Science
Graham Parish	Derby University	Product Design Engineering
Darren Parker	Lancaster University	Geography
James Parker	Employment	
Alex Pass	Abertay University	Computer Arts
William Paul	Gap Year	Applying to University (2001)
James Pickles	Durham University	Earth Sciences
Jonathan Pile	Newcastle University	English
Matthew Riley	Bath University	Economics
Adam Roberts	UMIST	Neuroscience and Artificial Intelligence
David Roberts	Gap Year	
Stephen Robertshaw	Employment	
Ayaz Saddique	Manchester University	Dentistry
Mark Scotter	Birmingham University	Accounting and Finance
Jonathan Shakespeare	Coventry University	Transport Design
Matthew A Smith	Newcastle University	Economics
Matthew J Smith	Nottingham University	Physics with Astronomy
Philip Stansfield	Loughborough University	Automotive Engineering
Robert Stockdale	Aberystwyth University	Information and Library Studies
Iain Strickland	Edinburgh University	Medical Microbiology
Adrian Symonds	Sheffield University	Biology
Jonathan Taylor	Nottingham University	Pharmacy
Nicholas Thackray	Leeds University	Accounting and Finance
Justin Thomas	Leeds University	French and Linguistics
Matee Ullah	Kings College, London	Human Biology
Ian Warburton	York University	Electronic Engineering
Richard Warren	Newcastle University	Medical Microbiology
Peter Watson	Gap Year	
Jonathan Westwood	Liverpool University	Microbiology
Alastair Wright	King's College, London	Medicine
Robert Wright	Leeds College of Art and Design	Art Foundation
Michael Wycherley	Birmingham University	Sport and Exercise Science

Valete – Leavers 2000-2001

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

Anderson Matthew	13ML	Degnan James	9T	Mort Samuel	11F
Atkinson Graham	9T	Gee Martin	12M	Phillips Mark	12S
Backhouse Matthew	11W	Holden Richard	11X	Sargison Tom	11F
Brayshay Jimmy	11W	Hussain Mozamil	12S	Stewart Daniel	11X
Cowburn Thomas	11X	Kenyon Joseph	11X	Williams Daniel	13W
Cowgill James	11W	Kirkbride Daniel	9T	Windle Liam	11H
Cullen Matthew	11H	Kirkbride Thomas	11H		
Daw David	12K	Maude James	11X		

AUTUMN, 2000 — SUMMER, 2001

Founders' Day

Saturday 15th December 2000

The traditional Founders' Day service was held at Holy Trinity Church in the morning. The sermon was preached by old boy Canon David Ellis who was in Hartley House and produced his cap to prove it. He served for many years in Hong Kong but has now retired to Grange-Over-Sands. Lessons were read by Tom Lloyd-Evans and, representing the Old Boys, Reuben Whitaker.

Chief guest at the Old Boys' Dinner was Michael Bell, an Old Boy from 1946 to 1953. Originally working in education as a teacher and school inspector he was now appearing in Fame in the west End of London.

Mr Ashworth quoted from a letter from local MP Mr David Curry on the School being placed as the top state school in the North of England once again. "The School is, of course, expected to do well but I am glad to see that it is such a consistently strong performer and it is a credit to all the staff, the support of parents and the commitment of the pupils. You are now up there to be shot at which is good for everyone but, like Manchester United, I think you will take an awful lot of shifting."

Speech Day

10th July 2001

The prizes this year were presented by Mr F. Ramsay Fenton M.A. (Oxon.), F.C.A. High Sheriff of West Yorkshire (2000/2001).

Mr Ashworth's speech included the following extracts:

"For the teaching profession as a whole the demands have greatly increased mainly through the vast number of new initiatives coming from what is now the newly named Department for Education and Skills. Last September saw the introduction of Curriculum 2000, which brought with it a new AS Level qualification. One can but have an element of sympathy with current year 12 pupils up and down the land who have been part of a 'guinea pig education' with each of the big educational reforms of the past 12 years being tried out on today's 17 year-olds. They began school at the inception of the national curriculum. They were the first year group to sit SATs for 7 year olds and the first when the tests were extended to 11 year olds and now they are enduring the new Sixth Form curriculum. With students being put forward for Key Skills requiring them to take papers in communication, numeracy and ICT together with six modular examination papers in each of three or four Advanced Level subjects, the demands of the new courses have indeed weighed heavily on both pupils and teachers alike.

On top of these changes – with the promise of more to come - teachers have faced the introduction of Performance Management, the long awaited outcome to their Threshold applications, and are now planning for revised GCSE specifications and the new national literacy and numeracy strategies being introduced in all schools from next September. Further to these, the whole school community here at Ermysted's underwent a full OFSTED inspection last December. In addition, further unforeseen pressures have invariably arisen from long-term illnesses that have affected six colleagues at varying times throughout the year."

Prize List 2001

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZES

Marmaduke Miller Art Prize	Scott Hudson
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Robert Anderson
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize	Jack Eyre
Mechanics' Institute Design and Technology Prize	Luke Charnley
Petyt Trust English Prize	Benjamin Leong
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	Miles Binney
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	Christopher Pollitt
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	Oliver Gregory
Foundation History Prize	David Horton
Petyt Trust Latin Prize	Joseph Mercer
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	Christopher Pollitt
Firth Memorial Music Prize	Gregory Coughlin
Foundation PE Prize	Joseph Mercer
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Christopher Wilson
Foundation Religious Studies Prize	David Horton

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRIZES

Jonathan Chapman Memorial Art Prize	Karl Potts / Matthew Brown
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Thomas Taylor
Foundation Business Studies Prize	Russell Simpson
Foundation Chemistry Prize	Jonathan Wilman
Foundation Design and Technology Prize	Andrew Little
Foundation English Prize	Richard Scott
Jonathan Chapman Memorial Geography Prize	James Viney
Foundation History Prize	Benjamin Lay
Foundation Information Technology Prize	Ceri Shave
Jack Eastwood Memorial Prize for Languages	Rory Enright
Jack Eastwood Memorial Latin Prize	Benjamin Lay
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	Benjamin Lister
Foundation Modern Languages Prize	James Viney
Edward Scott Music Prize	Peter Gunn
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Benjamin Lister
Foundation Religious Studies Prize	James Green / Jonathan Wilman

SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZES

Marmaduke Miller Art Prize	Matthw Nelson
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Peter Odor
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize	Andrew Green
Mechanics' Institute Design Technology Prize	Christopher Hundsdoerfer
Foundation Economics Prize	Kevin Owens
Petyt Trust English Prize	Thomas Lloyd-Evans
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	Sean Nixon

George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	Andrew Clements
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	Sean Nixon
Foundation History Prize	Thomas Haggerty
Petyt Trust Latin Prize	David Roberts
Foundation Linguistics Prize	James Mason
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	Marcuc Gleave
Foundation PE Prize	Andrew Strickland
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Thomas White
Foundation Further Mathematics Prize	Nathaniel Jones
Religious Studies Prize	David Pickles / Christopher Widdison

FOUNDATION FORM PRIZES

7A	Mark Clements
7K	Kevin Flatley
7M	James Watson
8H	Luke Greenway
8J	Morgan Blizzard
8T	Alexander Drake
9E	Harmic Davidkhanian
9K	Chistopher Pollitt
9T	Christopher Wilson

OTHER PRIZES

Skipton Town Council Silver Jubilee Shield	George Whitlam
Iain McLeod Memorial Prize	Alexander Dobson
Paul Chadwick Prize for Fine Craftsmanship	Peter Gunn
Fleming Essay Prize	Guy Sykes
Longden Smith Prize for Rugby	William Pickles
Jimmy Harrison Memorial Prize for Progress in Senior Rugby	Christopher I. Wright
Peter Rose Memorial Prize for Cricket	Andrew Strickland
Simon Lewis Prize for the Most Promising Cricketer	Kevin Owens
Drama Prize	Mark Blackie
Philip Osborne Public Speaking Prize	Patrick Foster
Philip Osborne Dramatic Society Prize	Phillip Hirst
Doris Altham Barker Prize for Musical Achievement (Joint)	Nathaniel Jones Joseph Lofthouse Grant Pozzana
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student	David Roberts
Head of Sixth Form's Merit Prize	Marcus Gleave
Arthur Coe Prize for Distinguished Service	Ross Turnbull
Foundation General Efficiency Prize	Andrew Walker
Old Boys' Association Head of School Prize	Thomas Lloyd-Evans

Music and Drama Review

Music Report

This was a record year for pupils learning instruments with over 100 starting the autumn term with peripatetic teachers. For the first time this included singing and keyboard tuition. The standard remains high and it is very pleasing that so many have had success in practical examinations.

Concerts and Ensembles

The Christmas and Easter Concerts went well with ensemble playing of a high standard from the Flute Ensemble, (thank you Mr. Jones), Wind Band, Senior Choir and the Big Band. The programmes are printed elsewhere in this journal. The Wassail was the usual packed house and had the thrill of a new Santa Claus this year, who no doubt had received some professional training from Mr. Douglass!

For Founder's Day the Senior Choir broke a little with tradition by singing a gospel style piece, commented upon favourably in the Craven Herald. In addition there was a Big Band concert in May, staged to raise money for one of its members, Alex Dobson. In the event it realised over £350 and he will use it for an expedition. We were joined, once again, by Craven Harmony and guests from the High School.

From September there will be two new ensembles - the Clarinet Quartet (making full use of our new Bass Clarinet) and a Brass Ensemble.

Personnel

Several pupils were awarded school colours this year. In the Big Band they were David Horton (9K), James Rusius (10C), James Sellers (11H) and Greg Coughlin (9K). Wind Band players were Ben White (9K), Michael Reading (11X) and Christopher Pollitt (9K). Senior Choir members were James Viney (11H), Matthew Brown (11H) and Freddie Foulds (11H). All these pupils have put in hours of work and achieved exemplary attendance records.

We welcomed the following new players to the Big Band - Jeremy Taylor, Michael Greenwood, George Whitlam, Andrew Stow and Matthew Goode.

It was especially poignant this year for some of our leavers as many of them joined the school at the same time as myself. We said goodbye to Nat Jones who has led the Tenor section of the Senior Choir for many years, fuelled by enormous items of confectionery from Greggs the Bakers. His service had also been recognised by a school prize at Speech Day. In the Big Band David Roberts, Grant Pozzana, Joe Taylor and Eddie Seymour also relinquished their places. All of them have made fantastic contributions to the band over the last few years and we hope that they will continue to make music wherever they go.

House Music Competition

This was held in May this year and a strong team was fielded by all the houses. In the Junior Section the piano class was won by James Robertson, making his debut on the Ermysted's concert platform. Luke Yates (violin) won praise from the adjudicator (Arthur Butterworth) for his "really musical performance" of a Dvorak Sonata.

For Toller their trump card was, again, Ben Lloyd-Evans who provided a very sensitive performance of a Grieg Nocturne. The Intermediate Section was completed with a secure win from Greg Coughlin on trombone.

The Senior Section ran the whole gamut of styles and presentations. Tim Coughlin gained the highest marks of the entire competition with a very abrasive contemporary piece - "captivating, a wholly fascinating impression", said Arthur Butterworth. In the instrumental class Marcus Gleave set a high standard with his Bach Solo Violin Sonata which was accompanied by athletic movements of the eyebrow, perfectly synchronised with the music. In contrast there was some introspective guitar playing from Chris Rusius, a jazzy cake-walk, (Nat Jones again?!), from Grant Pozzana and a highly original and experimental music-theatre production from Petyt. Adam Feather arranged a Hugh Laurie song for piano, oriental percussion (a superbly minimalist performance from Tom Harrison here) and mime (an illuminating and emotional insight from Chris Davey). The entire effect was captivating.

In the final analysis scores were close with joint winners this year. Joint Winners - Hartley and Petyt, 48 points : Second - Toller, 47 points : Third - Ermysted, 45 points

To all those boys who have supported musical events in the school - thank you.

Simon Gregory.

Christmas 2000 – Concert Programme

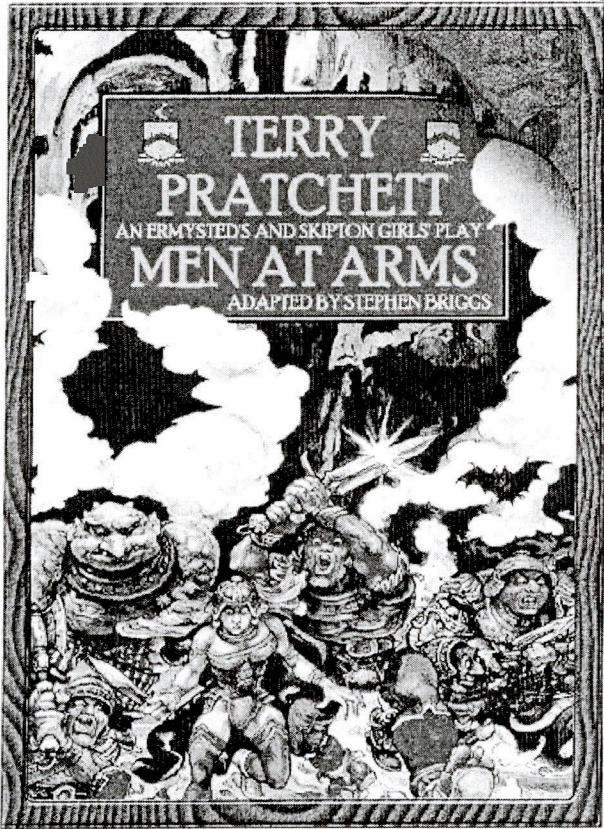
Wind Band	Te Deum – Charpentier Theme from Wallace and Grommit We Three Kings
Piano Solo	Adam Feather : Rachmaninov – Prelude in C [#] minor
Senior Choir	Wos duat denn da Ochs O Tannenbaum
Flute Trio	Handel – Water Music : Hornpipe Carol - O Come All Ye Faithful
Piano Solo	Ben Lloyd-Evans – Ravel – Prelude
Clarinet Trio	Joe Mercer, Chris Pollitt, Szabolcs Sovago “Grazioso” – Frederic Blasius
Guitar Ensemble	Ben Lister, Mark Wales, Matthew Ackers-Johnson, Thomas Dunbar, John Brame Guitar Talk – Debbie Cousins El Coqui (The Tree-Frog) – Trad. Latin American
Flute Trio	Boccherini – Minuet Carol – Ding Dong Merrily On High
Piano Duet	Peter Gunn, Simon Gregory “The Late Arrival of the Queen of Sheba”
Clarinet Trio	Ben Lloyd-Evans, Jonathan Baker, Sam Parry “Caravan” – Christopher Norton
Senior Choir	Down in the Valley
Saxophone Solo	James Rusius : “Hopping” – Christopher Norton
Big Band	Hawaii Five-O Cruella de Vil Theme from Shaft

Easter Concert Programme

Memorial Hall – Monday April 2nd 2001

Wind Band	<i>Tijuana Trumpets – Trumpet Feature</i> <i>Dry Bones</i>
Flute ‘Quartet’	Kieran Brown, Peter Mackley, Ben White, Nick Green, Alistair Everett Bach – <i>Minuet</i> Delibes – <i>Pizzicato Polka</i> Fucik – <i>Entry of the Gladiators</i>
Piano Solo	Peter Gunn – <i>Bach : Prelude in D Minor</i>
Senior Choir	Gonna Sing – <i>North American Spiritual</i> D’sau – <i>Trad. Bavarian</i> – Mark Wales, Accordion Woke Up This Morning – <i>American Civil Rights Song</i>
Violin Solo	Matthew Brown – <i>Handel, Sonata in F : Allegro</i>
Clarinet Trio	Christopher Pollitt, Joe Mercer, Szabolcs Sovago <i>Chris Norton – Inter-City Stomp</i>
Piano Duet	Peter Gunn, Simon Gregory <i>Offenbach : Can-Can</i>
Clarinet Solo	Jonathan Baker – <i>Mozart – Larghetto</i>
Big Band	Lester Leaps In Trumpet Solo – Matthew Goode – “America” You’ve Got A Friend In Me Sax Solo - Grant Pozzano – <i>Bounce</i> Mission Impossible
Farewell	<i>Ar hyd y nos</i>

“Men at Arms”



From the Programme...

Ankh Morpork, the oldest city on Terry Pratchett's "Discworld" (a world balanced on four elephants stood on a giant space turtle), faces a new threat. The Night Watch are discovering dead bodies with large holes in them, so they have to investigate who or what is behind this. Meanwhile, the Patrician has bolstered the Night Watch with an ethnic minority employment policy, which has an unexpected outcome – all will be revealed!

This year saw the return of a great Ermysted's tradition, the school play, performed in March in conjunction with SGHS. The Terry Pratchett book *Men At Arms* provided the storyline, and the play reflected his typically irreverent style.

It followed Carrot (Philip Hirst), an officer in the city watch, and his retiring captain, Sam Vimes (Tom Lloyd Evans) as they attempted to protect the city and its Patrician (Ben Lloyd Evans) from a plot to assassinate him and return a king to the throne. Cue double-crossing villains, a weapon with a mind (and voice) of its own, and a blossoming romance... with a werewolf!

It was a play that had everything - from hi-tech special effects to Hollywood standard actors (!), and even a semi-naked Tom Lloyd Evans! Little wonder then that the play was a huge success, with sell out audiences, rave-reviews in the local press, and crowds calling out for more of the same in the near future.

Of course, there was more to the play than the very (almost) talented actors. Behind the scenes was a huge production crew, and the play would have been nothing more than a street mime without those helping with costumes, make-up, scenery, lighting, sound and back-stage management, and a special mention should be made of director / organiser / megalomaniac Mr Bolton.

So, more to come this year...watch this space!

David Murphy 12B

“Men at Arms” Cast List

Carrot Ironfoundersson	Phil Hirst	Voice of the Gonne	David Murphy
Havelock Vetinari	Ben Lloyd-Evans	Footnote 2	Marcus Gleave
Samuel Vimes	Tom Lloyd-Evans	Gargoyle	Daniel Robinson
Frederick Colon	Anthony Butterfield	Werewolf	Callum Cameron
“Nobby” Nobbs	Mark Blackie	Servant	Mark Nicholson
Detritus	Alex Marcham	Cuddy	Clare Lofthouse
Death	Marcus Gleave	Drumknott	Tace Butterfield
Bjorn Hammerhock	Mark Nicholson	Skater	Esther Odida
Edward d’Eath	James Brunskill	Selachi	Jenny Rogers
Downey	Daniel Robinson	Rust	Jess Sands
Dr Cruces	Grant Pozzana	Morecombe	Abi Ford
“Mayonaise Quirke”	Thomas Overton	Beano	Nadira Wallace
Willikins	Bradley Robertson-Welsh	Footnote	Becki Greaves
Boffo	Liam Larke	Angua	Kate Turner
Dr Whiteface	Greg Coughlin	Lady Ramkin	Katherine Bennington
Leonard Da Quirm	Oliver Cowell-Smith	Beano’s “body”	Caitlin Wallace

Production Team

Director	Lionel Bolton
Assistant Director	Damien Philips
Producer	Dave Murphy
Stage Mangement	Anna Lumb, Tom White, Tom Harrison
Set Construction	Ian McLean, Les Goater, Alex Turner, Chris Holden, Nick Green, Benjamin Minal, Mark Nicholson
Stage Crew	John Brame, Matthew Foster, Mark Nicholson, Nick Green, Alex Turner, Tom Harrison, Tom White
Programmes/ Posters	Nick Crowley
Photography	Andrew Hopkins
Set Design	Mael Matthews, John Blackwell, Chris Holden, Jonathan Holden, Jack Singleton
Sound	Tom Richardson, Chris Roberts, Nick Crowley
Light	Ross Turnbull, Matthew Maude, Nick Gregory
Costumes	Cate Hall, Amanda Price
Make-up	Amanda Price, Sheila Muhlemann, Sarah Muhlemann, Vicky Spence, Tricia Stephenson, Joanna Kirk, Rachael Hopkins, Heather Noller, Natasha Pickles, Meg Boulton

Department News

Art Department

It has been another successful and progressive year for the Art Department. Pupils of all ages have continued to produce high quality work with enthusiasm and imagination. The department has further extended its media options with the introduction of computers. Image manipulating and three-dimensional design computer packages are being used to supplement the more conventional media choices and this is an area which will develop further in the future. Already some exciting work has been produced.

“Club Art” has been a huge success this year with pupils continuing with class projects or starting their own projects at lunch times. It was good to see cross-curricular links continue with pupils producing sculptural work for a Religious Studies project during lunch breaks. “Club Art” will continue next year.

The Art Department was also involved in the school play, “Men at Arms”. The department oversaw the painting of the stage set and was responsible for the construction of many of the props. None of this could have been done without the invaluable help of a number of year 12 pupils. The department looks forward to future involvement in such projects.

The annual exam work exhibition was held on the 12th of July. Parents of GCSE, AS and A-Level candidates enjoyed an evening viewing and discussing the work. Comments were extremely favourable and many parents were surprised at the high quality and quantity of the work.

6th Form facilities have been improved and extended this year. A second room has been opened up to them, providing more space. This has proved particularly useful during sculptural projects where space is a necessity. Future plans to improve work storage facilities should provide yet more room pupils.

The department thanks pupils for the enthusiasm and commitment shown this year and looks forward to further successes next year.

The Library

The library has undergone several changes during the past year, the main one being that it is now staffed by a qualified librarian throughout the school day. This has enabled pupils to gain greater access to information, and to be able to ask for help if necessary.

Greater involvement of pupils themselves has been encouraged. A ‘Suggestions’ box is popular with the boys, and has led to the acquisition of many new titles. A magazine survey carried out earlier in the year also attracted a positive response, with some of the suggestions followed up, to the benefit of all library users. The librarian now has a group of sixth form prefects working alongside her to assist with the day-to-day running of the library, and offering them a chance to increase their responsibilities within the school.

Through liaison with the English department, a file of pupil book reviews has been put on display, with the aim of encouraging readers to try books that have been enjoyed by their peers, and to give boys the incentive to read and review books independently. New additions to this file are welcome from any boy, of any age, at any time.

The collection of CD ROMs has continued to grow, thanks to the ‘Free Software for Schools’ offer which has run for the past couple of years, with tokens available in several national newspapers and through purchases in certain computer stores. The participation of pupils and their parents in schemes such as this, and the ‘Books for Schools’ promotion run by Walkers foods, is invaluable in enabling the library to acquire a few extra resources, and is much appreciated.

The recently installed security system has been greeted with a mixed response from staff and pupils, but sadly it is a necessary evil. Once everyone is used to it’s presence it will prove its worth in keeping valuable library stock where it belongs – in the library or circulating among users in the correct way.

Use of the Library by sixth-formers for private study is on the increase, and spare seats are hard to come by at lunchtimes when we usually see a full house. The lack of space can be frustrating, but it is good to see the resource so well used.

Sports Overview

This year has been very disappointing as far as School sport has been concerned. It started in September with matches cancelled due to the fuel crisis. We were then let down by a number of opponents who were unable to field teams. Next came the floods in November, which left their legacy well into the Easter term. Foot and mouth then hit the country and a North Yorkshire directive was issued stopping all inter school fixtures, meetings and championships. This was only lifted in May but by then had already prevented many summer activities from starting. It has only been in the second half of the summer term that we have been able to return to some form of normality.

We have also had to cope with the repercussions of the new AS exams and the many long term staff absences that have occurred throughout the year. Unfortunately some fixtures have had to be cancelled, not because we haven't been able to put teams out, but because we have not been able to staff the fixtures. Many of the staff who helped out in the past have been unable to offer their help this year due to the pressures of work and family commitments. If these trends continue it will see the end of certain teams and fixtures. Let's hope it doesn't come to that.

R Head - Head of PE

Athletics 2001

Due to foot and mouth the TSB Cup, Craven and District Championships and the North Yorkshire Championships were all cancelled. The Bradford League meetings were also cancelled as the track at Greenhead was being redeveloped. The only experience of athletics that pupils therefore had was the school sports day in June.

Sports Day 2001 Overall Results

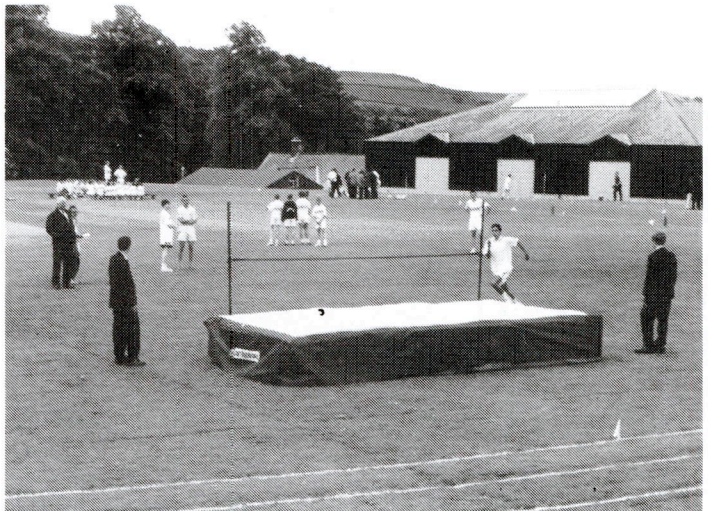
	Ermysted	Hartley	Petyt	Toller
Year 7	1 st 95	2 nd 87.5	4 th 72.5	3 rd 75
Year 8	4 th 60	1 st 118	3 rd 77	2 nd 94
Year 9	4 th 65.5	=2 nd 84	=2 nd 84	1 st 117.5
Year 10	1 st 106	2 nd 88	3 rd 78	4 th 77
Overall	3rd 326.5	1st 377.5	4th 311.5	2nd 363.5

Victor Ludorum Winners

Junior (Years 7 & 8)	1 st	S. Sovago	H	33
	2 nd	A. Connor	H	27
	3 rd	A. Harwood	T	20
Intermediate (Years 9 & 10)	1 st	M Burton	P	33
	2 nd	M. Ackers-Johnson	E	30
	3 rd	T. Hoare	T	26

Year 10 Sportsday Results

<i>Event</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>		
100m	Hoare T.	T Ackers-Johnson M.	E Paylor M.	P Lloyd-Evans	T	
200m	Threlfall B.	H Eyton-Jones M.	E Taylor B.	T Hannah R.	E	
400m	Burton M.	P Clements D.	E Singleton J.	E Al-Muhandis K.	T	
800m	Hurst O.	E Taylor D.	P Eells D.	H Hirst R.	H	
1500m	Rusius J.	H Ashton M.	E Hall M.	H Bracken J.	P	
High Jump	Burton M.	P Hannah R.	E Mehmood A.	H Parkinson P.	T	
Long Jump	Ashton M.	E Handley S.	P Threlfall B.	H Feddo N.	T	
Triple Jump	Ackers-Johnson M.	E Lloyd-Evans	T Eells D.	H Clarke T.	P	
Javelin	Taylor D.	P Dean M.	T Hall M.	H Hurst O.	E	
Discus	Bolland Ben	H Hoare T.	T Paylor M.	P Singleton J.	E	
Shot	Baker J.	H Clements D.	E Adley J.	P Hardy T.	T	
Relay	Ermysted	Toller	Hartley	Petyt		
<i>House</i>	<i>Ermysted</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>Petyt</i>	<i>78</i>
<i>Individual</i>	<i>M. Burton</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>M. Ackers-Johnson</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>T. Hoare</i>	<i>26</i>
						<i>77</i>
						<i>24</i>



Year 9 Sportsday Results

<i>Event</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>		
100m	Pickles S.	E Clarke T.	H Davidkhanian H.	T Taylor M.	E	
200m	Murr J.	T Garnett W.	H Coughlin G.	P McLean R.	T	
400m	Gains P.	T Eyre J.	P Stone R.	P Chadwick S.	T	
800m	Leong B.	T Maude S.	H Holden C.	H Finlayson D.	T	
1500m	Mercer J.	H Weeden J.	P Porter L.	E Merrell J.	P	
High Jump	Gains P.	T Pickles S.	E Eyre J.	P Kitching M.	H	
Long Jump	White B.	P Garnett W.	H Hart J.	E Stockdale D.	T	
Triple Jump	Taylor M.	E McLean R.	T Pike O.	P Cullen C.	H	
Javelin	Murr J.	T Porter L.	E Manns S.	P Hudson S.	H	
Discus	Brennand M.	T Merrell J.	P Holden C.	H Burton R.	E	
Shot	Davidkhanian H.	T Coughlin G.	P Cowell-Smith O.	H Thomas M.	E	
Relay	Toller	Hartley	Petyt	Ermysted		
<i>House</i>	<i>Toller</i>	<i>117.5</i>	<i>=2nd Hartley & Petyt 84</i>	<i>Ermysted</i>	<i>65.5</i>	
<i>Individual</i>	<i>J. Murr</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>H. Davidkhanian 17</i>	<i>P. Gains</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>S. Pickles 15</i>

Year 8 Sportsday Results

<i>Event</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>		
100m	Harwood A.	T Connor A.	H Taylor F.	T Roberts T.	P	
200m	Cooke T.	E Burton J.	P Cartman L.	H Connor A.	E	
400m	Greenway L.	E Holdsworth S.	H Sanos J.	H Newbold B.	E	
800m	Sovago S.	H McAnespie T.	P Gee J.	T O'Reilly J.	H	
1500m	Rusius B.	H McLean T.	T Dunbar T.	T Strong H.	P	
High Jump	Gee J.	T Jacques L.	P Sands J.	H Byrne M.	E	
Long Jump	Heady S.	E Holdsworth S.	H Taylor F.	T Strong H.	P	
Triple Jump	Sovago S.	H Waddington S.	P McLean T.	T Simmons J.		
Javelin	Harwood A.	T Cartman L.	H Rhodes M.	P Wright O.	E	
Discus	O'Reilly J.	H Parker J.	P Peryer R.	T Bundock M.	E	
Shot	Connor A.	H Dunbar T.	T Allen L.	P Timmins K.	E	
Relay	Hartley	Toller	Petyt	Ermysted		
<i>House</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>Toller 94</i>	<i>Petyt 77</i>	<i>Ermysted 66</i>	
<i>Individual</i>	<i>S. Sovago</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>A. Connor 27</i>	<i>A. Harwood</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>S. Holdsworth 16</i>

Year 7 Sportsday Results

<i>Event</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>		
100m	Chew J.	P Redfearn M.	H Tate W.	T Herd C.	T	
200m	Green N.	E Garrod D.	P Consoli G.	E Clements M.	T	
400m	Procter S.	H Thomas F.	T Maisey W.	T Beer M.	P	
800m	Taylor J.	E Mountain T.	H Athersmith M.	E Whitlam G.	H	
1500m	Kelly J.	H Marsh J.	E Gee O.	T Cowan E.	P	
High Jump	Green N.	E Redfearn M.	H Atkins R.	P Wardley R.	T	
Long Jump	Mountain T.	H Garrod D.	P Athersmith M.	E Maisey W.	T	
Triple Jump	Chew J.	P Pascoe T.	H Dunne J.	E Turner A.	T	
C.B.	Baines C.	T Taylor J.	E Phillip W.	H Butterworth C.	P	
Discus						
Shot	Herd C.	T Finucane J.	P Blackie M.	E Truman F.	H	
Relay	Ermysted	Hartley	Petyt	Toller		
<i>House</i>	<i>Ermysted</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>Hartley 87.5</i>	<i>Toller 75</i>	<i>Petyt 72.5</i>	
<i>Individual</i>	<i>=1st C. Herd & T. Mountain</i>		<i>19</i>	<i>J. Chew</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>N. Green 16</i>

1st XI Cricket Retrospective 2001

The 1st XI were only able to play one fixture this season, against MCC, due to a combination of poor weather, foot and mouth and opposition unable to field teams.

In the only fixture they played the side bowled well on a good batting wicket with Edward Roberts and Ashley Woods both bowling with control and aggression. They beat the bat on many occasions without finding the edge. The MCC were not going to make the same mistake as last year and batted on to a commanding total of 213 for 7.

In reply the school got off to a good start with Wayne Fradley in excellent form but wickets fell at regular intervals with only Simon Pile and Lawrence Edmondson able to put up some determined resistance. The 1st XI were finally bowled out for 124 giving the MCC an 89 run victory.

E.G.S. v M.C.C.

MCC 213 for 7

EGS 124 all out

EGS lost by 89 runs

(E. Roberts 3-38, A woods 2-35)

(L. Edmondson 35, W. Fradley 21, S. Pile 20)

U15 Cricket

Wed 6th June **Bradford G.S. v E.G.S.**

B.G.S. 98 for 8

Rain Stopped Play

(B. Bolland 3-19, A. Patankar 2-22, R. Hirst 2-26)

U14 Cricket

In the first match of the Lords Taverners Cup, we drew a home tie against St Mary's school from Menston. After winning the toss Ermysted's decided to bat. This looked to have backfired on us when we were 4 wickets down for only 7 runs. But Nick Bowker's 38 not out, including a six, brought the score to a respectable 65 for 6 off 15 overs.

Ermysted's opening bowlers kept the score low and the introduction of Tom Baines brought 3 much-needed wickets. To end the game David Wynn took 2 wickets which along with 2 run outs ended St Mary's innings on 50 all out. A victory of 15 runs for Ermysted's.

Our next match in the cup was against Woodhouse Grove. After winning the toss Ermysted's put their opponents into bat. They got off to the best possible start with Taylor taking 2 for 7. First-change bowlers Baines and Bowker then came on and took 2-11 and 2-7. This kept Woodhouse Grove to 57-6 after their 20 overs.

After losing Taylor early, Bailey who made 27 and Hudson 13no, brought their score within reach early into our innings. When Bailey was dismissed Procter and Bowker were soon to follow until Hudson and Baines guided us home.

Taking a break from the cup, Ermysted's had arranged a friendly against local rivals Bradford Grammar School. Bradford finished their innings on 138-6. There were good bowling performances from Procter 3-27 and Bowker 2-22.

Ermysted's started well until Taylor was dismissed, but this brought Hudson into bat who put on 74 for the second wicket until Bailey was out for 58 (including 3 sixes). Procter was the next man in. With the score on 78-2 Ermysted's still required 51 to win. The pair guided Ermysted's to a last over win with 4 balls to spare, with Hudson unbeaten on 44n.o. (including a six) and supported well by Procter 20 n.o. It gave Ermysted's a 6-wicket victory.

U12 Cricket

In our first match we were up against Greenhead High School from Keighley. Unfortunately it poured down and we had to retreat inside. In the end we just won, but it was close.

Our next opponents were Ilkley Grammar School; they batted well and reached 100 for 4. Our batting was reasonable but not good enough in the end. We reached 83 for 7, only 13 short. Michael Beer was the top scorer with 17 n.o.

Next was Bradford Grammar School. We bowled first with them getting 109 for 4, an average score for 25 overs.

Our top order crumbled but the tailenders did amazingly well with 10th batsmen Edward Cowan blasting a quick 43 n.o. This batting was not matched in the end by the rest of the team and we ended up 10 runs short, with 99 for 7.

I hope the team enjoyed playing this season and we hope to do well next season.

Richard Atkins 7M

Under 12 Cricket Fixtures and Results

Wed 16th June **E.G.S. v Greenhead High School, Keighley** - Calypso Cup
Match Abandoned
EGS won Indoor Match

Thurs 24th May **E.G.S. v Ilkley G.S.**- Calypso Cup
Ilkley G.S. 100 for 4
E.G.S. 83 for 7 (M. Beer 17no)
E.G.S. lost by 17 runs

Wed 6th June **Bradford G.S. v E.G.S.**
B.G.S. 109 for 4
E.G.S. 99 for 9 (E. Cowan 43)
E.G.S. lost by 10 runs

Cricket Colours

Under 13

Re-Awarded to: None
New Awards: Sabolez Sovago, William Vittery, James Parker

Under 14

Re-awarded to: Scott Hudson, Mark Taylor
New Awards: Thomas Baines, James Procter, Andrew Bailey, Nicholas Bowker, David Wynn, James Hart, Neil Banks, James Bell, Luke Charnley

Under 15

No awards

Senior

No Awards

Cross Country

Bingley A. C. Schools Cross-Country Challenge

Over 500 athletes from 20 schools took part in these races which saw our cross-country season off to a magnificent start. We had two out of three team successes and 5 individuals gaining medals for top three places.

Yr 7+8: Ben Rusius 1st, Gold Medal, John Marsh 3rd, Bronze Medal, Szaboiles Sovago 4th - 1st Team

Luke Greenway 7th, Jeremy Gee 9th, Jack Chew 10th, James Kelly 13th, Jon Simmons 23rd

Oliver Gee 24th, Edward Cowan 25th, Matthew Byrne 27th, Matthew Athersmith 30th

Tom McAnespie 31st, Thomas Mountain 37th, Jonathan Dunn 48th, Ian Thomas 51st

Sam Procter 60th, Alexander Witek 70th, George Whitlam 72nd, Richard Cudworth 80th

Yr 9+10: James Rusius 2nd, Silver Medal, 2nd Team

Mark Ashton 9th, Joe Mercer 13th, Luke Porter 18th, Matthew Akers-Johnson 23rd, David Bode 24th

Tom Clarke 27th, Brendan Threlfall 29th, Adam Bargh 31st, Michael Hall 39th, Steven Maude 42nd

Jani Cheyte, 44th

Yr 11,12,13: James Mason 1st, Gold Medal, Oliver Brewer 3rd, Bronze Medal, Chris Rusius 4th - 1st Team

Chris Foster 5th, James Viney 7th, Charles Baxter 9th, Matthew Brown 15th

English Schools' Cross-Country Cup

North Yorkshire Round

The superb start to the season continued with two magnificent team performances. Both our Junior (Y7&8) and our Inter (Y9&10) teams won their unofficial County Championships. We also had a remarkable family double with Ben Rusius winning his Year 7&8 race whilst his brother Jamie took the honours in the Year 9&10 event.

Year 7 & 8: Ben Rusius 1st, Szaboiles Sovago 3rd, John Marsh 5th, Jack Chew 12th

Team total 21 points - 1st of 10 teams

Luke Greenway 13th, James Kelly 14th, Jeremy Gee 21st

This was a very impressive performance with Ben maintaining his winning start to the season but also Szaboiles gaining his first top three position. In addition, to have all six of our runners in the top quarter of the finishers and three of those (John Jack and James) being Year 7 students indicates a very promising future.

Year 9 & 10: James Rusius 1st, Matthew Akers-Johnson 6th, Mark Ashton 8th, Oliver Hurst 11th

Team total 26 points - 1st of 8 teams

Joe Mercer 17th, Luke Porter 24th, David Bode 26th

This team produced an outstanding team performance winning by 17 points.

Skipton A. C. Cross-Country

On Saturday 7th October we took part in these races which saw our runners take on athletics clubs from all over Yorkshire and Lancashire. We continued our excellent start to the season, especially in the U13's age group where we had our third successive team victory and Ben Rusius completed his own personal Hat-trick of race wins. His brother James also came away with an individual third place award in the U15's, as did Ben's team-mate in the U13's, the ever improving Szaboiles Sovago.

U 13 (Yr 7+8)

Ben Rusius 1st, Szaboiles Sovago 3rd, John Marsh 12th - 1st Team - Gold Awards

James Kelly 19th, Jonathan Taylor 23rd, Luke Greenway 24th, Jeremy Gee 27th

Edward Cowan 28th, Oliver Gee 37th, Tom McAnespie 38th, Matthew Byrne 40th

Matthew Athersmith 43rd, Simon Holdsworth 48th, Thomas Mountain 49th, Alexander Witek 52nd

U 15 (Yr 9+10)

James Rusius 3rd, Brendan Threlfall 22nd, Mark Ashton 26th - 5th Team

Jack Weedon 28th, Luke Porter 31st, Tom Clarke 34th, David Bode 35th, Jani Cheyte 40th

U 17 (Yr 11+12)

Oliver Brewer 8th, Chris Rusius 11th, James Viney 18th - 4th Team

Charles Baxter 19th, Matthew Brown 24th

English Schools' Cross-Country Cup

North East of England Round

Ben Rusius led his team to the National Final of the English Schools' Cross-Country Cup by winning at Aireville Park on Saturday (11/11/00) in the North East of England Round of this year's competition.

The Ermysted's Grammar School U13's and U15's teams had both qualified for this semi-final by virtue of winning the North Yorkshire Round in October at Northallerton, where Ben and his brother James had also won individually to become unofficial county champions at U13 and U15 level respectively.

On Saturday the 12 teams of 6 runners from all over the North East lined up for each age group. Ben led his race from start to finish to record the largest winning margin of the day and he must have a great chance of adding another title, to his Northern Schools' Championship of last year, when he runs in next months National Final at Tadcaster.

This is a team competition and Ben only gets the chance to run in the final because of the excellent support from his team-mates. Szabolcs Sovago was a very commendable 6th, John Marsh 24th and James Kelly 32nd to complete the team total of 63 points, good enough for 3rd team and a place in that prestigious final. Ermysted's other runners were Luke Greenway 46th in the field of 84 and Jack Chew who had the heartbreak of getting spiked at the start and was unable to continue. However, he has the consolation of a final in 3 weeks when he can strengthen the team and show just what he can do.

James Rusius in the U15's event ran superbly but found one athlete who was quicker on the day and he had to settle for an excellent runners-up position. Unfortunately he will not be joining his brother at Tadcaster because his team missed out on their finals place by just one point in spite of actually having a lower total than their U13's team.

The team should still be exceptionally proud of their performance in this year's competition winning in the North Yorkshire Round and coming 4th in the whole of the North East.

U13 Ben Rusius 1st, Szabolcs Sovago 6th, John Marsh 24th, James Kelly 32nd - 3rd team of 12

Luke Greenway, 46th

U15 James Rusius 2nd, Mark Ashton 9th Matthew Akers-Johnson 23rd Brendan Threlfall, 28th 4th team
Joe Mercer, 41st

Silcoates Relays

These relay races were unusual insofar as every age group ran in the same time as the others and over the same course and distance. This enabled many of our up and coming stars of the future to ruffle a few feathers of their more illustrious elders. We had seven teams in total, two of which were in the open age category and five in the U15's. The five included our 'A' team and one each from Y7, Y8, Y9 and a mixed age team.

The Seniors managed to win the whole event, gaining Gold medals in the process, with James Mason our captain of cross-country recording the fastest stage of the day and another medal for his already over-burdened trophy cabinet.

There were also storming runs from a good number of his younger team-mates, most notably James and Ben Rusius who helped their U15 team to runners-up spot behind Bradford in the U15 category. Another pleasing performance was achieved by our Y7 team, who actually finished in the top half of the 24 teams. Not at all bad considering they were 6 years younger than some of their opponents.

U18 James Mason, (Fastest individual Gold Medal)
Oliver Brewer, Chris Rusius, Chris Foster - 1st Team Gold Medals
Y11 James Viney, Charles Baxter, Matthew Brown, Zoheb Hussain - 9th Team
U15 James Rusius, Joe Mercer, Luke Porter, Ben Rusius - 8th Team (2nd U15)
Y7 John Marsh, James Kelly, Oliver Gee, Thomas Mountain, - 12th Team
Y8 Thomas Cooke, Jeremy Gee, Tom McAnespie, Luke Greenway - 15th Team
Y9 Tom Clarke, Steven Maude, Jani Cheyte, Jack Weeden - 20th Team
Mixed age Luke Lockwood, Matthew Byrne, Alex Witek, Joe Mercer - 23rd Team



Ermysted's 1st XV — 2000-2001



Men (and women) at Arms



Working for Craven Voluntary Action



The "Greenfingers" team



Hopeful Oxbridge candidates



The "London Eye" party



Example of work produced in "Club Art"



"Practising" for the Whole School photograph . . .

Harrogate & Craven Area Cross-Country Championships (25/11/00)

John Marsh and his team set the tone for the whole championships when they came home with the team trophy for the Y7 Boys and an individual Gold for John. The superb team performance of five runners in the top eleven ensures them each individually of a place in the Area Team for the County Championships in January. Their sixth runner was 15 and we even had a guest finish 17th all in a field of about 70 runners. A truly awesome performance!

Y7 John Marsh, 1st (Gold medal)
 Jack Chew 8th, James Kelly 9th, Jonathan Taylor 10th - Team Area Champions
 Edward Cowan 11th, Oliver Gee 15th, Thomas Mountain 17th (guest)

The Y8 Team had been runners-up last season. However since then they have come on tremendously mainly due to the massive improvement of Szabolcs Sovago who came fifth. Ben Rusius was his usual determined self and regained the Area Title that he won last year and Luke Greenway and Thomas Cooke in only his second outing for the school ensured another clear team victory.

Y8 Ben Rusius, 1st (Gold medal)
 Szabolcs Sovago 5th, Luke Greenway 9th, Thomas Cooke 11th - Team Area Champions
 Jeremy Gee 13th, John Simmons 43rd

The Y9 Team were not the hot favourites to win the team title. However they ran admirably to finish a very creditable 3rd place.

Y9 Joe Mercer 9th, Tom Clarke 11th, Luke Porter 18th, Jack Weeden 28th - Team 3rd place

The Intermediates team have all won area team titles but had strong opposition from Giggleswick. James Rusius led the challenge for our third team title and individual glory did not manage to overcome the age difference and had to settle for a silver medal. All of his team-mates did enough to win the race however and in so doing gained area selection.

Y10/11 James Rusius 2nd (Silver medal)
 Charles Baxter 7th, James Viney 8th, Mark Ashton 9th - Team Area Champions
 Matthew Akers-Johnson 14th, Oliver Hurst 26th, Matthew Brown 27th (guest)

The Senior event was to be another close fought battle in both the team and individual competitions. James Mason signed off in these championships in style by surging clear on the middle lap of three to add another Area title to his collection and gave the school its third individual champion. Oliver Brewer supported James marvellously to gain an individual bronze and Chris Rusius, Chris Foster and Ashley Woods made certain of another team victory to make it four out of five and an absolutely superb day for Ermysted's.

Y12/13 James Mason 1st (Gold medal), Oliver Brewer 3rd (Bronze medal)
 Chris Rusius 8th, Chris Foster 9th - Team Area Champions
 Ashley Woods 14th

English Schools' Cross-Country Cup Final, Tadcaster (02/12/00)

Our Junior (U13) Team ran in the national final of this prestigious event. Well over 400 teams from all over the country had set out in October and the best 24 teams had reached this far. We had great hopes for a high individual placing from Ben Rusius who had won the North Yorkshire round at Northallerton and the North East of England round. He now just had to beat the winners from the other seven regions in the final! The team had qualified third in the NE of England so realistically were unlikely to win but did have hopes of a top ten finish.

The race began in excellent conditions on a fast, flat surprisingly dry course. After the early charge Ben was tucked in, about 8th place. He soon moved through the field to be challenging for second, however last year's winner had stolen about thirty metres on him and wasn't going to be denied. Ben did win his personal battle for the runners-up spot, a tremendous achievement in a national final.

The team event also proved to be very satisfying as Ermysted's team overhauled St Cuthbert's who had beaten them in the previous round. In so doing they managed not only a place in the coveted top ten schools of the twenty four finalists but ended up *sixth best school in the whole of England*.

Year 7 & 8
 Ben Rusius 2nd, Szabolcs Sovago 36th, John Marsh 44th, Jack Chew, 79th - 6th of 24 teams in the Final
 (over 400 entered the competition)
 James Kelly 102nd, Luke Greenway 111th

Leeds Grammar School Relays (10/02/01)

On Saturday our Year 7 and Year 8/9 teams took part in these races which involved 11 strong running schools from as far afield as Rotherham and Manchester. We performed extremely well in the circumstances, placing highly in both age categories, in absolutely atrocious weather conditions!

The U12s had our strongest chance of glory and went ever so close. After a solid start James Kelly lifted the team to second place, albeit a long way adrift of Manchester. John Marsh then ran a superb run, which had to be a contender for the fastest stage of the day, to bring the team within only a few yards of the leaders. Then Jack Chew on the last leg stormed off and even took the lead for Ermysted's. However, his opponent never gave up and finally broke Jack on the brow of the hill approaching the finish and we had to settle for a gallant and very close runners-up spot. Quite remarkably, bearing in mind the standard of the opposition, our B team managed 6th place of the 19 teams.

The U14s didn't have a realistic chance of victory due to several reasons. The most notable being the absence of Ben Rusius and Szabolcs Sovago who were both running in the Inter-Counties championships. All the runners in this age category performed reasonably well but there was one outstanding individual performance by Thomas Clarke who lifted the team from 9th to 4th place on the final leg, overtaking 3 teams on the last hill.

Northern Schools' Cross-Country Championships 2001

On Saturday, 17/03/01, we competed in the biggest event of our cross-country calendar. Conditions underfoot were good but there was a bitterly cold wind to make the races testing. All 5 of the races involved at least 20 teams of six with the youngest age groups having over 30 teams from all over the north of England.

We did outstandingly well in this most prestigious event particularly on an individual basis. Out of the 5 races we had the individual winners in two of them. Ben Rusius who ran tremendously to retain his title in the Y8 race and James Mason our retiring cross-country captain who in his last ever race for the school signed off on a magnificent note by winning the blue ribboned senior race. This was a fantastic reward for all of the dedicated training put in by James over the years and he gained a rousing cheer from all his team-mates as he received his trophy from none other than Mr. Ashworth who had been asked to present the prizes on the day.

Badges are awarded to any top ten finisher and we had six such individuals;

John Marsh 6th and James Kelly 7th in the Y7 race

Ben Rusius 1st and Szabolcs Sovago 7th in the Y8 race

James Mason 1st and Oliver Brewer 5th in the seniors race.

In addition, we had two teams winning awards. The Year 7 team were 4th thanks to the excellent performances of Marsh and Kelly and good support by Jonathan Taylor 32nd and Oliver Gee 38th. The seniors in addition to James and Oliver had Chris Rusius in 13th and Chris Foster 29th in his last race for school. Their very low total of 48 points on another day might have won but they had to settle for the runners-up spot. The Y8 team (7th) missed out on badges by just 3 points, with the Y9 team and the Y10/11 teams both finishing 9th.

There is also an overall competition where the points for each age group are totalled to find the best schools on the day. Our previous highest position had been 4th but on Saturday because of fantastic work by all of the teams we finished third best school in the North of England.

Northern Schools' Cross-Country Championships 2001

EGS Results:

U12: John Marsh 6th, Won badge, James Kelly 7th, Won badge

Jonathan Taylor 32nd, Oliver Gee 38th, Edward Cowan 41st, Alex Witek 75th - 4th team of 26

U13: Ben Rusius 1st, Won shield and badge, Szabolcs Sovago 7th, Won badge

Thomas Cooke 55th, Luke Greenway 61st, Jeremy Gee 66th, Matthew Athersmith 80th, - 7th team of 26

U14: Tom Clarke 33rd, Joe Mercer 39th, Luke Porter 40th, Jack Weeden 47th - 9th team of 26

U16: James Rusius 18th, James Viney 33rd, Charles Baxter 45th, Matthew Akers-Johnson 56th

Zoheb Hussain 79th, Matthew Brown 92nd. 9th team of 25

U19: James Mason 1st, Won a trophy and a badge, Oliver Brewer 5th Won a badge

Chris Rusius 13th, Chris Foster 29th - 2nd team of 19

Rugby - 1st XV

The season started well enough with a comfortable victory 31 -5 over Harrogate G. S. Unfortunately we lost two key upper 6th players with broken bones who were unable to play for the next 10 weeks. The side contained many lower 6th form and Year 11 players for the remainder of the season who will all have learned a considerable amount from the season. The next match was against a well-organised Silcoates side. Their inside centre was too powerful for our defence and we ended up losing 22 -8.

A star studded Woodhouse Grove side containing 5 rugby scholarship pupils and 2 New Zealand imports were our next opposition. The side defended well and lost 33-3. Many positives were taken from our performance in particular our second half performance, which was played in atrocious conditions. Our display against Bradford G.S. was not quite at the same intensity as our previous performance and we competed well in all areas but lost 27-10 with Bradford scoring a late try in the last minutes. Against Giggleswick the side were without another three upper 6th form pupils who were on university visits. They competed well in the 1st half but struggled playing into a strong wind in the second half and losing 23-5.

During half term the rain did not stop pouring and left the fields at Sandylands totally flooded for many weeks. The only way we managed to play was due to the kind offer from Wharfedale RUFC allowing us to use their pitches. We played against Ashville College after an enforced layoff of 4 weeks and unsurprisingly looked a little rusty. We had only managed to train in the Sports Hall during this time. We lost 20-10. It was then another 3 weeks before we played again due to schools being unable to field teams and coaches breaking down on the way from Lytham. Looking even more rusty we drew 8-8 against Ripon G.S.

After Christmas we managed to fit in one match against South Craven winning 35-5 before all sporting fixtures and competitions were curtailed due to a directive from North Yorkshire concerning foot and mouth.

It was a disappointing year due to injuries, weather and opposition letting us down - all circumstances out of our control yet frustrating. Let's hope that next season will be more successful.

Representative honours

William Pickles Yorkshire U18 State Schools

Richard Hannah Yorkshire U15 Schools

Richard Head

Rugby Results 2000-2001

Date	Opponents	1st XV	2nd XV	3rd XV	Colts	Jnr Colts	Under 13	Under 12
Sat 9th Sept	Harrogate G.S.	W31-5			L34-0	L5-25	W30-0	
Wed 13th Sept	Ripon G.S. (Trial match)	Trial Match						
Sat 16th Sept	Horsforth School							
Sat 23rd Sept	Silcoates	L8-22	L0-33		L	L0-55 W41-0	W15-0	L10-20
Wed 27th Sept	Upper Wharfedale							
Sat 30th Sept	Woodhouse Grove	L3-33	L0-21		W19-15	L0-36	L45-0	L5-32
Wed 4th Oct	RGS Lancaster		W15-12					
Wed 4th Oct	Bradford G.S.				L10-58 W26-12			
Sat 7th Oct	Bingley G.S.					L0-46	W51-0	W0-26
Sat 14th Oct	Bradford G.S.	L10-27	L22-47			L	L26-55	L0-41
Wed 18th Oct	Giggleswick Half Term	L5-23	L15-22					
Sat 4th Nov	Crossley Heath							
Tue 7th Nov	Bradford G.S.	L27-3						
Wed 8th Nov	Leeds G.S.							
Sat 11th Nov	Ashville College	L10-20	L0-26		W7-5	L	L38-10	
Wed 15th Nov	RGS Lancaster							
Sat 18th Nov	Prince Henry's G.S.				W36-14	L10-34	L15-26	
Sat 25th Nov	K.E.S. Lytham					L10-36	L5-14	
Sat 2nd Dec	Ripon G.S.	D8-8						
	Played	8	6		7	8	8	4
	Won	1	1		4	1	3	1
	Drawn	1	0		0	0	0	0
	Lost	6	5		3	7	5	3

2nd XV Rugby

The scene was set and the squad was together for the first training session of the season, the only trouble was that there was a lack of confidence in the air. However, bravely lead by the ever present Nat Jones, the team was in safe hands for the up-coming season.

The team, made up of a majority of fifth formers, looked forward to the first match of the season against Silcoates. The inevitable match day nerve at the start of the season got the better of the team as a hard fought game turned out to be a disappointing 33-0 loss. With the prospect of Woodhouse Grove only a week away, the training sessions were well attended and well worked.

Lining up against a number of Yorkshire schools players, and the odd foreign star player the 2nd XV looked dead in the water. Each and every player played their heart out, to try and do the impossible and beat Woodhouse. Unfortunately, the game slipped away as the hours of practice paid off for Woodhouse, as they came out winners. The scoreline of 21-0 was an unfair reflection of the effort put in by each and every player.

The first midweek match of the season arrived against RGS Lancaster, a team that we always threatened to beat. With a full squad of fit players and an air of confidence surrounding the team the threat of victory seemed inevitable. Playing against a number of 1st XV players we claimed our first victory of the season by 3 points, with the final score ending up 15-12. With our first win under our belts, and the following weekend off, we were able to train hard for the away visit to Bradford Grammar School. 11.00a.m. came and the worst possible start shortly followed. Conceding after only five minutes the game looked like it would turn into a rout. However, with the encouragement from Mr. Wallace on the sidelines, Nat Jones rallied the team and by halftime we had let the score slip to only 32-0. The game looked dead and buried and so did some of the players.

After the half time break the tries started flowing once again however this time it was against Bradford. With some inspirational kicking deep into the corners from the newly found fly half of Charles Baxter, we camped into their half for what seemed a life time. However, playing against his old team in an unfamiliar

position of full back Nick Brushett came out of position and found himself on the end of two great passages of play to score from Charles Baxter. The first picking up a superb kick in the corner and the second coming off the side of a maul to end up in the opposite corner. With a superb kick from the touchline the game was turned on its head as Bradford were forced to defend camped on their own line. Further tries followed, and the second half belonged to Ermysted's, however the first half performance had left the game out of reach. The final score ended 47-22 to Bradford.

With numerous games left to play, only two fixtures were played due to reasons out of our own hands, with the foot and mouth epidemic and a number of teams being unable to put up sides against us we were left to play only Giggleswick and Ashville College. Despite both matches ending in defeats and the customary soaking at Giggleswick the team played to its full potential throughout. However, the final piece of the jigsaw was missing as the team failed to capitalise on superb forward play by Stuart Pollard, James Green and James Hastings-Trew. Whilst the first team kept reasonably injury free, a good halfback partnership between David Marshall and Charles Baxter was formed, which allowed Edward Green, Chris Marshall and Ian Dinning to use their power and strength to break many a tackle.

The final statistics didn't paint a pretty picture - played 6, won 1 and lost 5, however the team as whole gelled well and promises to offer a great deal next season.

Nick Brushett

Colts Rugby

The season started with much promise after the success of the team last year, which led to the winning of the Malhamdale trophy. With a new teacher in charge, great things were expected - and generally achieved!

However, the season began with a lesson in rugby against Harrogate. Although the game began well, it was clear to see who had been pre-season training. One bright spot of the game was the performance of Mikael Paylor, who proved to be a key performer throughout the season. The next game against Silcoates proved much closer, in fact one game which the team should have won but were just denied with a last minute brace of tries from the Silcoates pack. This result does not seem quite as bad due to the fact that we had key players such as Oliver Hurst missing as a result of a cross-country fixture.

The next match against Woodhouse Grove could be seen as the highlight of the season. Due to previous results not much was expected from this match but an overwhelming team spirit shone through. Richard Hannah at stand-off position played an inspirational role linking well with captain David Clements to score a breath-taking last minute try bringing the game to a suitable climax with Ermysted's winning 19-15.

The following games proved taxing as the team was hit with injuries to Tom Hoare and Mikael Paylor. However the team prevailed and went on to beat Prince Henry's comfortably 36-14, and also Bingley 26-12.

The season began to draw to a close once the Foot and Mouth began to take effect, this brought about the colts retaining the Malhamdale trophy narrowly beating the First XV. Also from this season two players represented Yorkshire, these were Richard Hannah (schools) and David Clements (clubs), both remarkable efforts.

Overall the season was a success with huge amounts of effort being put in by not only the team but also Mr Wallace who helped us all progress as rugby players.

Other key performers of the team who were ever present: Matthew Burton, Ben Bolland, Rob Hirst, James Hardacre, James Adley, Thomas Tordoff and David Eells.

David Clements

Junior Colts Rugby

Hampered by injuries to key players for practically all the season, the players worked hard and the results did not reflect the effort and commitment of the players. The opening games proved too much against some top opposition in Harrogate GS and Silcoates. A welcome victory over Upper Wharfedale proved to be the only success of the season.

With further defeats inflicted by Ashville College, Prince Henry G.S. and K.E.S. Lytham, the junior colts competed well but lack of quality possession meant that points were hard to come by. Against Bradford G.S. and Bingley G.S. (played in very wet conditions), the team was outplayed in all departments. However, there is a feeling of confidence about next year and hopefully we can improve and record more victories.

J. Procter 9T

U-13's Rugby

This season the U13's had a better year than last. They managed to record 3 victories over Harrogate G.S., Silcoates and Bingley G.S.

In the first match of the season against Harrogate we had a comfortable victory 30-0. Two weeks later the U13's kept up their winning ways beating Silcoates 15-0. The following week they came up against a good Woodhouse Grove outfit that overpowered them 45-0. The U13's then got back to their winning ways beating Bingley G.S. 51-0. The next match was against Bradford G.S. and resulted in a 55-26 defeat but Ermysted's scored more points in the second half.

After the half term break the U13's came up against Ashville College and were outpowered losing 38-10. The week after that they came up against a big Prince Henry's side and were once again overpowered, this time 26-15. In the last game of the season the U13's lost a close fought battle 14-5 against K.E.S. Lytham. On the whole this was a better season for the U13's.

W. Bell 8H

U-12's Rugby

During the school rugby season, weather had a big impact on the games we played. Because of flooding etc. there were only four games played and only one tournament played.

The matches that did go ahead seemed to be all the hard ones. The team put a lot of effort into matches but unfortunately we only came out with one win. We played Silcoates first and to say it was our first performance as a team I felt we played quite well, although we lost 10-20.

We then played Woodhouse Grove and put in exceptional effort but sadly lost.

Finally, we won a match 0-26 against Bingley G.S, but then lost against Bradford G.S who played with perfection.

Then we went to the Wharfedale tournament and against all odds we won! We won all five matches and didn't concede one try, which was an amazing performance. Everyone played to their full potential and I'm sure everyone was pleased to end with such a good result.

To end this I would like to add how much I have appreciated the support of Mr. Thackray who believed in us all and how sad we are that he has left.

Ben Thoy 7M

House Rugby 2001

Due to the water logged pitch conditions it was not possible to play any of the House Rugby competitions.

Rugby Colours

Senior

Reawarded to: Andrew Strickland, Will Pickles, Ben Smith, David Roberts

New Awards: Tom Lloyd-Evans, Wayne Fradley, Andrew Wiggan, Andrew Clements, Andrew Bode, Oliver Green, Chris Wright, Martin Gee, Duncan Macdonald, Jamie Cowell-Smith, David Hand, Alex Marcham, Toby Williams and Nathaniel Jones (for services to 2nd XV rugby)

Colts

Reawarded to: Tom Hoare, Matthew Burton, Duncan Bullock, Thomas Tordoff, Richard Hannah, Oliver Hurst, David Clements, Robert Hirst, James Hardacre

New Awards: James Adley, James Hopkinson, Matthew Ackers-Johnson, Ben Taylor, Ben Bolland, Jonathan Baker

Junior Colts

Reawarded: James Hart, Justin Murr, Robert Eyton-Jones, Chris Holden

New Awards: Robert Marshall, Robert Davy, James Procter, Matthew Kitching

Under 13

New Awards: Anthony Connor, Matthew Rhodes

Swimming

House swimming took place at Aireville Pool in July and was a keenly fought affair with five records(*) being broken during the morning. The results were as follows:

1st Petyt 78 2nd Hartley 58 3rd Toller 53 4th Ermysted 50

The Victor Ludorum prizes for individual performances were awarded to:

Junior	1 st J. Harrison (P)	2 nd T. Dunbar (T)	3 rd E. Cowan (P)
Intermediate	1 st D. Clements (E)	2 nd A. Stow (P)	3 rd D. Taylor (P)

Junior Results (years 7&8)

Event	1st	H	2nd	H	3rd	H	4th	H
Freestyle x1	J. Braine	T	J. O'Reilly	H	T. McAnespie	P	S. Headey	E
Freestyle x2	T. Dunbar	T	T. Roberts	P	B. Robertson-Walsh	H	W. Dyson-Sutton	E
Breaststroke x1	T. Dunbar	T	A. Drake	P	S. Headey	E	M. Refearn	H
Breaststroke x2	J. Harrison*	P	B. Rusius	H	M. Greenwood	T	L. Greenway	E
<i>*New record 55.84secs - previous record 1.00.25 D. Baldwin 1992</i>								
Backcrawl x1	A. Harwood	T	J. Chew	P	M. Blizzard	E	B. Robertson-Walsh	H
Backcrawl x2	E. Cowan*	P	S. Holdsworth	H	J. Dunn	E	J. Gee	T
<i>*New record 1.02.50 - previous record 1.03.88 T. Dunbar 2000</i>								
Butterfly x1	J. Harrison	P	J. Braine	T	N. Green	E	A. Connor	H
Freestyle relay	Petyt		Toller		Hartley		Ermysted	
<i>*New record 1.35.10 - previous record 1.41.21 Toller 1997</i>								
Medley relay	Petyt		Toller		Hartley		Ermysted	
<i>*New record 1.47.62 - previous record 1.54.69 Hartley 1999</i>								

Intermediate Results (years 9&10)

Event	1st	H	2nd	H	3rd	H	4th	H
Freestyle x1	D. Clements	E	D. Taylor	P	C. Holden	H	B. Taylor	T
<i>*New record 18.91 - previous record 21.10 M. Quinn 1994</i>								
Freestyle x2	R. Anderson	H	M. Eyton-Jones	E	T. Fawcett	P	P. Gains	T
Breaststroke x1	A. Stow	P	W. Green	E	B. Taylor	T	B. Bolland	H
Breaststroke x2	J. Rusius	H	D. Bullock	E	B. Lloyd-Evans	T	J. Adley	P
Backcrawl x1	D. Clements	E	P. Gains	T	C. Holden	H	M. Paylor	P
Backcrawl x2	D. Taylor	P	L. Porter	E	B. Leong	T	J. Mercer	H
Butterfly x1	A. Stow	P	D. Bullock	E	-----		-----	
Freestyle relay	Hartley		Ermysted		Petyt		Toller	
Medley relay	Hartley		Petyt		Ermysted		Toller	

Parents' Association Report

It is with great pleasure that I write this annual report of the Parents' Association for the year 2000-2001 – my first full year of office. It is with great pride that I announce a record breaking sum of money raised during this year.

Before I give you that figure I would like to thank (in no particular order) David, Judy, Angela and Claire – the officers of the committee, Marilyn, Tricia and Joanna in the office, all the committee and helpers and everyone who has either bought or sold raffle tickets, quiz night tickets, wassail tickets, served tea, helped on stalls etc. etc. Without each and every one of you making an effort we couldn't have given almost £12,000 back to school. The largest single donation was £7,000 to the computer fund keeping our promise made the year before.

A letter to the staff room asking for suggestions on how to spend the money brought a flood of ideas ranging from cushions for the hall chairs, waterproof jackets for the sports teams, picnic tables, orienteering shoes and compasses, stage blocks, IT equipment for the CDT and music departments, robot buggy kits to name but a few. The list seemed almost endless but, like the man from Del Monte, we say YES! to them all including a moving digital display board to keep everyone up to date with goings on in the school.

The year began with the formalities of the AGM with lots of new parents attending and subsequently joining the committee – their help has been invaluable. The Parents' Association provides a valuable social and financial addition to the school life – everyone is welcome.

We always try to provide a variety to suit all tastes and pockets when organising events. Many roll in on well-oiled wheels every year – the wassail, xmas raffle, quiz night, summer fayre, 200+ club – always well supported and eagerly anticipated by all.

Julian Roberts was very brave to step in to the Warburton's shoes as quiz master – once again a very enjoyable night was had by all as we puzzled over questions whilst enjoying Bizzie Lizzie's fish and chips.

The 5-s side football competition introduced last year was once again sponsored by Homeloan. It proved so popular that we doubled the entries and held the event over three nights. All the teams from last year entered again (gluttons for punishment) along with newcomers including Sweet Dreams, Homeloan and SBS. This meant it was a tough but thoroughly enjoyed competition. The victors were Law4U – our very own treasurer's team – congratulations to them and all who took part.

A tabletop sale in the school hall was suggested and duly took place in November – a different event for us but well supported. Thanks go to all who helped.

We took the plunge and held a formal Summer Ball, a first for the PA that any of us could remember. It was a huge success and raised almost £4,000 on the night. The sub-committee of five who took on the project did a magnificent job and deserve a special thank-you. They organised a superb auction and raffle, gifts on the table for everyone attending, a champagne reception and decorated the tables – not an easy job in evening dress! Thanks go to the 111 people who danced the night away at the Cavendish Pavilion – see you next time!

As ever the final event of the year was the Summer Fayre. A very big thank-you to the sub-committee who took on this mammoth task. I was celebrating a special anniversary somewhere far away so was unable to attend. However, the reports back were of an enjoyable day with all the usual attractions to keep people busy spending money.

Please feel free to contact the PA at anytime if you have any ideas for the coming year - it is never too early to start. We particularly need a main attraction for the Summer Fayre. Don't forget to look out for your yellow PA newsletter!

Maureen Wharton, Chairman, EGS PA

Old Boys' Society

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Annual Report

The Society continues to be in good heart, we have over 1850 members on our listing, unfortunately not all paying the Annual Subscription to the Society. This subscription just about covers the actual cost, plus postage, of the Chronicles.

At the Annual General Meeting, held before the Founders' Day Dinner, the Treasurer reported a balance of £7045 in the General Account, plus a balance of £28,779 in the Investment Account. This sum is the residue of a bequest to the Society from an Old Boy, and is held in reserve to assist the School in any special projects.

During 2000 the Society invested £817 in 12 new Dining tables for use at the Annual dinner, approval was given by members at the A.G.M. for the purchase of more tables this year.

The expenditure of a sum of £2000 was approved by the meeting towards the cost of new curtains for the Memorial Hall stage.

During the A.G.M. two long-serving members of the Committee, Jack Heald and Malcolm Jones, after persuasion, were re-elected to the Committee. The Treasurer and Secretary were also re-elected to their posts unopposed.

Once again the Founders' Day dinner made a handsome sum towards the funds of the Society, the majority of the money coming from the Bar takings and the Raffle. We try to minimise the actual dinner cost, usually pitching it just over the cost price, so the Society relies on the bar and raffle to increase the available funds.

During the past year the Society has regained full control of the Hartley Macintosh Award Fund, in 2000 there were 6 recipients of the award, each receiving £100.

At the end of the 1999-2000 school year Chris Davies unfortunately had to take early retirement on medical grounds, this current year sees the early retirement, again on medical grounds, of another "Old Boy" master, Tony Capstick. Your committee is sure that all members join them in wishing him well for the future.

At the annual cricket match against the School in 2000 the winners, the Old Boys, were presented with a new trophy donated by the Society. This trophy will be competed for annually.

With the loss, due to English Rugby Union regulations, of the annual Old Boys - v - School rugby match, a replacement match has been played with Giggleswick Old Boys, the match taking place on the Sunday following Founders' Day. A spin-off to this contact with Giggleswick Old Boys has been a now annual golf-match with them, followed by an excellent dinner and social evening. Currently the trophy is held by Giggleswick, thanks to two halved matches in the last two years.

Towards the end of 2000 contact was made with the Secretary by Mike Hodgson, who attended School in the 'forties and early 'fifties. He is now residing in Bermuda and wanted to make contact again with Michael Bell, the chief guest at the 2000 dinner. Apparently as well as being at school together they also served together in the army during part of their National Service.

Those of you who read last years Chronicles may remember the article from an Old Boy who has lived in Iceland since he was posted there with the Royal Air Force during the 1939- 45 war. In October a school Geography trip to Iceland is hoping to make contact with him, to present him with a small token on the behalf of the Society.

Some of you may remember that the Chairman of the Governors has been trying for some time to get the Archbishop of York as the guest preacher at the Founders' Day church service. He felt that, for 2001, he had achieved this aim, but the Archbishop could only manage December 1st which as well as being earlier than the traditional date would also have meant that University students, quite a few of whom attend the service, would have been unable to attend because the university term would not be over. Subsequently the Governors decided that the traditional date must be maintained.

If any of you have any news for the Old Boys' section of the Chronicles please let the Treasurer or Secretary have the details care of the School, the closing day for copy is usually mid-July before the end of the Summer term please bear that in mind.

Len Price
Hon. Secretary

Old Boys Visiting School During School Year 2000/01

Name	Address	Years at school
Eddie Hamlin	Micklethwaite, Bingley, W.Yorks.	1950-58
David Woolley	Guisborough, N. Yorks.	1951-56
Brian Nelson	Skipton	1945-53
J S Kenyon	Leeds	1945-53
Fred W Luther	York	1945-52
Michael Bell	Ringmer, E.Sussex	1946-53
<i>(Michael was Chief Guest at Old Boys' Dinner)</i>		
David C Ellis	Grange over Sands	1945-52
<i>(David gave the address at Founders' Day Service)</i>		
Andy Mansfield	Maidstone, Kent	1985-90
Graham Leadbeater	Les Ees, 37600 Loches, France	1947-54
Graeme Watson	Aurora, Colorado, U.S.A.	1970-78
Ronald Lord	Taupo, New Zealand	1927-32
Leonard Duxbury	Kelbrook, Lancs.	1928-33
John Rogers	Bouvard, Western Australia	1939-47
<i>(John is the son of ex-master Paddy Rogers)</i>		

Old Boys' News

- Paul Alfred Bradstock (1952-1960) who was Head Boy (1958) and attended Keble college, Oxford was made Director of the Oxford Trust and awarded the OBE in 2000. In June 2001 he was appointed Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire.
- A.D. Carr was awarded BA 2ii in Geography from University of Durham
- Simon Wherity obtained a 2i BSc in Geology from University of Durham
- Nick Mattock gained a 2i in Organisation Studies and Human resource Management from Lancaster University Management School. He is a Lance Corporal in the Territorial Army and has started training to be a Police Constable with the Lancashire Constabulary.
- Chris Duke graduated from Royal Air Force College, Cranwell in May as a Flying Officer. He is now working for the Directorate of Airspace Policy in London before he starts his professional training as a Fighter Controller in Northumberland early next year.
- Paul J. Robinson gained a 2i in Biology and Japanese Language at Manchester University
- Matthew Sheppard was awarded a Lower Second BCom Honours Degree at the University of Edinburgh
- Ben Williams graduated with LLB(Hons) from Newcastle Law School
- Paul Holland (83-90) having previously gained an MA in English has started to study medicine at Cambridge (St Edmunds College)
- Edward Stephens gained a 2i BSc degree from the University of Glasgow
- Joseph Tretton was awarded a 2i in Geological Oceanography from the University of Wales, Bangor

Marriages

- Andrew Atkinson to Pippa Gordon at Prestwold Hall, Loughborough

Obituaries

Fred Pye – 79 (1932-1938) Fred was a day boy from Long Preston and joined the Midland Bank before his war service where he gained the rank of Warrant Officer, Radio Operator in the R.A.F. On demobilisation he was promoted to Bank Manager at Wetherby and then later at Bishop Auckland. He is survived by his wife, Peggy and a son and daughter.

Out of the Archives

Jack Petty – Head Boy 1911-12

An Old Boy who had a distinguished record of service in the First World War and provided the School Chronicles with vivid accounts of his wartime experiences...

Of the Old Boys of Ermysted's who served in the First World War, the name of Jack Petty stands out. Reading through the School Chronicles of the period 1914-18, his name appears frequently. It becomes particularly prominent in the middle years of the war (1915-17) when a series of his letters are featured.

The wartime experience of Jack Petty does, however, hold other interests. Chief amongst these was his longevity of service on the Western Front and his promotion up the ranks from private to captain. That he did his service in the locally connected Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment further draws us to him. Finally, although not the only Old Boy recipient of high military decoration, he was the first to be awarded the Military Cross.



Petty was born on 24th September 1895 in Cross Hills, the son of a bank clerk. At the age of 8 he came to Ermysted's as a 'Day Boy'.

During his final year (1911-12) he occupied the position of Head Boy. The Chronicles of this era give a good indication of why this accolade was bestowed upon him. He participated heavily in school sports, most notably as the captain of the 1st XI. He had a love of music and played a prominent part in the senior Debating Society. His role in a debate about the relative greatness of Oliver Cromwell and Napoleon reveals an impressive breadth of interest and knowledge for a young man destined to have a career as a chemist.

On leaving School in July 1912, the School Admissions Register notes that he took up the position of chemist in a dye works, possibly in the Bradford area. Certainly he stayed local to Craven for the next two years as he was active in the Old Boys' Society and was evidently part of a local territorial unit – the 6th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

After lengthy training with his battalion in South Yorkshire, Petty left for France in April 1915. Soon he was to have his first taste of life at the front, in the trenches at Fleurbaix. This baptism to the Western Front was a kind one; a time of "peace and plenty" as the Craven Roll of Honour suggested. Petty's first letter back to School partially reflects this:

"All the Old Skiptonians (including myself) who are out with this battalion are in the best of health, and have not yet bothered to stop a German shell or bullet with a portion of their person. I must confess that I did not feel particularly bright when the shells were falling into the village in which we were billeted. In fact, when we were ordered to get out of the "dug-out", it seems my speed must have been so great as to strike Major Bateman, for on the same day he appointed me his "runner"."

The light-hearted, jaunty style is the hallmark of most of Petty's correspondence, particularly before 1917.

1916 was a memorable year for Petty. He had gained a commission and was, by the late summer, a lieutenant. As part of the Somme Offensive in 1916, he had seen action at a notorious point on the battlefield known as “bloody Thiepval”. Intriguingly, Petty would have been among the first British troops to witness the debut of the ‘tank’ at this juncture in the war. An article in the Craven Herald of 22nd December reported his valour and the award of a Military Cross: -

“For good service at Thiepval; Lt. Petty led one of the first bombing parties to enter the town.”

Sometime in the summer of 1917 Petty received his Military Cross from George V at Buckingham Palace.

By 1917 the trail of Petty starts to fade. The Christmas 1916 edition of the Chronicles reports that he had sustained an injury and the Easter 1918 edition reports his promotion to captain. But the prolific letter writing of early times has ceased, all for perhaps one intriguing feature in the Easter 1917 edition. Written anonymously, but baring Petty’s hallmarks, was a lengthy portrait of the Western Front entitled ‘Realities’. Although more sombre and hard-edged than much of Petty’s earlier correspondence, it has a similar eye for humour and mockery of army bureaucracy. A key clue that this is indeed Petty, is a description of the author’s own operation, which would tie-in with his afore mentioned wound.

“At last my turn comes...Three white-smocked orderlies push their arms under me and at a given word lift. “Ah – h – h. Don’t bend that knee!” They lower me gently onto the stretcher, and I am borne up the stairs and my heart bumps nervously as I proceed to ‘Get the wind up.’ Another skilled lift and I am laid on an unpleasant cold table. A small cloth is placed over my nose and mouth; and there is the sound of some liquid being sprinkled. I feel an unpleasant suffocating sensation and begin to wheeze....gradually I begin to float into space, and slide off the table. I cling to the edge but in vain. I go falling headlong into nothingness.”

The rest of Petty’s war remains largely hidden, as does his life after the war is over. The archives have, nevertheless, provided a remarkable insight into the experience of a young man living through a monumental event in history.

The Archive at Ermysted’s, presided over by former Head of History, Doug Grant, is keen to receive any information relating to the School’s past. Perhaps readers could write or pass on information to inspire future articles such as the one above. We look forward to hearing from you.

SH /History Department

Individual Contributors The Countryside Times

Are Cracks Showing In Animalism ?

Animalism's sacred Seven Commandments are suspiciously altering on a daily basis. The Seven Commandments were established after the residents rebelled against Mr Jones, the original farmer of the formerly named Manor Farm.

Clover, agricultural working horse on the farm, is reported to have noticed mysterious additions to the seven principles of Animalism. The sturdy horse has been noticed quietly complaining to some of the residents.

The pigeons, reliable sources who frequently visit Animal farm, have noticed some of the comrades looking puzzled and not amused at some of the alterations to the Commandments.

One of the Commandments stated originally that, "No animal should sleep in a bed." Astonishingly, it now reads, "No animal should sleep in a bed with sheets."

As the nation watch the events at the farm unfold, obvious glitches have appeared in the farm's principles. It has been noticed that the farmhouse, which was to be a museum, is now the residence of Napoleon, who was the official spokesperson of the rebellion.

When we approached the new spokesperson, Squealer, another educated pig, he was very quick to quash the reports of altered principles.

"No animal has changed the Seven Commandments, it's just so long since they were first established that sometimes I even forget what they stated." Clearly blaming forgetfulness for any mix-up.

We were eager to believe Squealer as his canine companions, who were at his side throughout the interview, were now staring at us, salivating to an extreme.

We then hastily put to Squealer, the observation that Comrade Napoleon seems to have taken up residence in the farmhouse, obviously showing a sign of authority over the rest of the comrades.

Comrade Squealer, clearly looking uneasy at this observation had replied, "Most of the pigs have taken up residence in the house but comrade Napoleon is the brains of our Animalism movement and it is more suited to the dignity of the leader to be in a house than a sty."

Comrade Squealer then made his apologies and hastily left the interview with his dogs, still salivating and now growling.

The cracks are now showing.

"All animals are equal," was the Seventh Commandment, but we now have evidence that comrade Napoleon is now leader. Napoleon, clearly is not equal to all animals.

Report by T. Clarke

An Account of Interviews for Biological Natural Sciences at Christ's College, Cambridge

Adam Feather 13R

I arrived at Cambridge by train on the Tuesday afternoon, and this gave me time to read through some relevant articles and prepare answers to questions on my personal statement for the following day.

My first interview was with Dr. Barker, a fellow of the college and a professor of Biology. We sat down and started by discussing the experimental science subjects available in the first year as well as details of what these could lead onto in terms of specialising in part two of the course. I told him about my interest in genetics and molecular biology, and mentioned the principles of current genetic research programmes into correcting somatic cells of bone marrow and tumours. Dr. Barker was pleased about my interest in this area, and outlined trials of the techniques in Manchester.

We briefly touched upon the topic of ecology fieldwork which I had completed a few months earlier, but swiftly moved on to some questions testing "observation and deductive reasoning," as he phrased it. Dr. Barker passed me an electron micrograph of a group of cells in the human body, but did not specify which tissue they came from. He asked me to identify three organelles, and state their functions.

We moved on to look at various objects such as fossils and sea shells which he had arranged on the table in front of me. I was asked how the organisms had developed their hard shells, and what advantage this gave them to survival.

The interview soon finished after a brief discussion about my musical interests, and my acknowledgement that the academic demands of the course would inevitably mean fewer extra curricular activities.

My next interview was with Dr. Bowkett, the admissions tutor of the college. This interview focussed on my Personal Statement, including extra curricular activities and interests, as well as my future career. Questions such as 'Why Christ's?' were asked, and I was asked about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, and how I was progressing with it. I was also asked about Modular and school exams. The hardest question posed here was about how gene therapy could prolong the lives of people. Dr. Bowkett asked me to propose some advantages and disadvantages of this. I stumbled my way to an answer with little confidence, and after a brief snigger Dr. Bowkett suggested that healthcare would be expensive and retirement ages would increase to the extent that older people would usurp jobs previously available to young University graduates. Not to be outwitted by this sound logic and unperturbed by my laughable deduction, I suggested that 125 year old brick layer workers were unlikely to replace their younger counterparts. Dr Bowkett laughed. My confidence was restored. The interview continued.

This interview was perhaps the most important of the three, since the Admissions Tutor inevitably has the final word when candidates are assessed. It was also the easiest to prepare for, and allows candidates to explain what they would bring to college life and simply to talk about themselves. The interview was also only brief, and I presented the written work which I had brought along. This included a Chemistry 'S' Level essay and an assessed Biology Coursework investigation.

Dr. Rees is another fellow of the college, who specialises in Physics. His first question was "Have you read any articles recently, which are relevant to your studies or which are of interest generally?" I immediately launched into detailed discussion about an article called "Deciphering the code of life," from Scientific American, which detailed protein synthesis and gene expression, and discussed the creation of synthetic organisms from specific orders of organic bases. I also discussed the future of Gene Therapy, and the likely progress which will have been made by structural biologists and biochemists in fifty years time. This was a particularly good idea because it prevented Dr Rees from bombarding me with hard physics problems or mentioning any of the topics I had unwittingly talked about in my Personal Statement. I was only asked one other science related question throughout the rest of the interview, and even that was relatively open ended. He asked me to discuss a topic in Biology which had 'enthused' me, so I mentioned the liver. THE LIVER???? Why on earth did I mention the liver!?!? Dr. Rees then briefly discussed my musical interests again, and the interview soon finished.

Dr. Bowkett told me to expect a letter at the end of December...

Wolfsburg 2001

Ein Kurs zur deutschen Sprache und Landeskunde

Kurz vor den Osterferien habe ich vom Pädagogischer Austauschdienst gehört, dass ich die Möglichkeit hätte, drei Wochen in Wolfsburg, Niedersachsen, zu verbringen. Das Ziel: als Deutscher zu leben, um meine deutsche Sprache und Erfahrung in so vielen Weisen wie möglich zu verbessern und neue deutsche Verhältnisse und Kontakte zu gründen.

Das Abenteuer hat am 10. August bei Heathrow Airport angefangen. Zuerst mussten wir, die britischen Studenten, einander kennenlernen und der englische Lehrer unserer Gruppe, Herr Judd, wurde vorgestellt. Wir sind um 11.50 abgeflogen und um etwa 14.00 sind wir in Hannover angekommen. Spät Nachmittags, nach einer anstrengenden Reise, konnten wir zum ersten Mal mit unseren deutschen Gastfamilien treffen. Mit dem freundlichen Willkommen der Familie Rokitta wusste ich sofort, dass der Aufenthalt mir überhaupt gefallen würde.

Am ersten Sonntag hatten wir einen Grillnachmittag und offizielles Willkommen in dem "Ratsgymnasium", das meine deutsche Schule in den kommenden Wochen wäre. In der folgenden Woche hatten wir unsere erste Besichtigungen. Am Dienstag sahen wir "Schloss Wolfsburg", der jetzt als das Museum für Stadtgeschichte dient. Wolfsburg ist eine moderne Stadt, die in den 30. Jahren als "Volkswagen Stadt" ausgebaut wurde. Dieses Merkmal schildert Wolfsburg als berühmtes Symbol des deutschen "Wirtschaftswunders" in der Nachkriegszeit und wir hatten die Gelegenheit das VW-Werk und die neu entwickelte "Auto Stadt" zu besuchen. VW ist mit 50 000 Arbeitnehmer das Herz von Wolfsburg und jeder Wolfsburgener ist von dieser Industrie abhängig. Wir haben einen ganzen Montag in dem hübschen und geheimnisvollen Harz-Gebirge im neuen Bundesland Sachsen-Anhalt verbracht.

Vielleicht der Höhepunkt war die Fahrt nach Berlin. Zugegeben mussten wir sehr früh aufwachen aber die drei Stunde gedauerte Fahrt war bestimmt eine Reise wert. Berlin hat so viel anzubieten. Man kann historische klassische Gebäude wie die Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtnis Kirche besuchen oder in ehemaligen West-Berlin, die verbundene Merkmale einer westlichen Großstadt wie "Kaufhaus des Westens" (KaDeWe) oder den Berliner Tiergarten besichtigen. In Gegensatz dazu kann man die Sehenswürdigkeiten, die in den letzten 50.Jahren Weltpolitik symbolisiert haben. Die Berliner Mauer und "Checkpoint Charlie" sind solche Beispiele. Es war komisch zu glauben, als wir durch das Brandenburger Tor spaziergegangen sind, dass 12 Jahre früher die Grenzpolizei uns erschossen haben würde.

Während der drei Wochen besuchten wir auch das Wolfsburger Theater und Kunstmuseum und es war interessant über die ehemalige Grenze zu lernen, als wir das Landkreis Zonengrenzmuseum in Helmstedt sahen. Mit meiner Gastfamilie habe ich das "Regenwaldhaus" in Hannover besichtigt, das ein Teil von der Weltausstellung "Expo 2000" war. Außerdem aßen und tranken wir in einem Brauhaus und sahen wir einen Fußballspiel zwischen VfL Wolfsburg und SC Freiburg. Leider war das Ergebnis unentschieden. Sogar haben wir wegen eines Termins mit dem Bürgermeister in der regionalen Zeitung erschienen.

Die Teilnehmer in der britischen Gruppe haben miteinander ausgezeichnet ausgekommen und in unserer Freizeit haben wir eine Reihe von Aktivitäten unternommen. Wegen des phantastischen Wetters konnten wir ein Paar Tage beim Freibad verbringen und Abends war immer viel los.

Wir hatten täglich 3 Stunden Unterricht mit entweder Herr Judd oder mit einer deutschen Lehrerin. Grammatik, Literatur und Stunden über Berlin waren die normalen Themen. Die Unterschiede zwischen Ernymsted's Grammar und das Ratsgymnasium war gewaltig. Schüler, wie gewöhnlich in Deutschland, tragen kein Uniform und sie sind täglich um 13 Uhr mit Unterricht fertig.

Wie gesagt kam ich mit meiner Familie ausgezeichnet aus. Die Oma wohnt in einer Wohnung oben und jeden Tag hat sie deutsches essen gekocht. Besonders kann ich mich an das Sauerkraut, die Gurkensalat und Bratwurst erinnern, die alle gut geschmeckt haben.

Am letzten Abend gab es eine Abschlussparty. Wir die britischen Schüler mussten die Deutschen unterhalten. Manche haben Instrumente vorgespielt, andere haben einen Sketsch unternommen. Ich selbst habe ein englisches "Pub-Quiz" gemacht. Traurig war es am nächsten Morgen, als wir Abfahrt hatten. Die ganze drei Wochen waren super und ich glaube jetzt, dass sowohl mein Deutsch als auch meine Selbstsicherheit es zu sprechen besser sind. Ich habe auch Freunden und Kontakten, die ich zuschreiben und hoffentlich in der Zukunft wieder besuchen kann.

Trips, Visits and Functions

Shaun Nixon attended the United Nations Climate Change Conference in November and was one of only two young people from the whole world to speak to the full conference. His speech is reproduced here:

Youth Representation Speech

Made to Plenary of the United Nations Climate Change Conference

The Hague, Netherlands: Tuesday 21st November 2000

Good morning everyone. I'm Shaun Nixon from the United Kingdom. I'm here today to represent the participants of the recent Youth Conference and to convey their thoughts and views to you, the delegates of CoP 6. Thanks must go to the organisers of that Youth Conference. The people behind the last few days deserve recognition for what they have achieved - bringing together young people from all over the world to sunny Holland! Not only that- but for the first time in history!

We have been hammering on the door for years. Finally, we have been let in and have been working to produce something of use to everyone here this week. The fruits of our labour, in the form of a declaration, will be distributed to you all. Please read it. Please take note. Please act.

It is vitally important that young people be involved in decisions about Climate Change, because it will affect them more than any others. Young people should also be involved in the development and facilitation of international policies, as they have different perspectives to offer. We live for today and tomorrow -not for yesterday. I am not saying we abandon our past, but that we should learn from the mistakes made in order to improve life in the future.

Young people are largely indifferent. We have far more in common than any number of Politicians you care to name. It's sad but true; we all have a tendency towards Junk Food - much to the liking of Macdonalds. We all like very loud music - no matter where in the world it was made. And we all like to dance to these horrific compositions, even if none of us can actually dance! We're all in the same boat, drifting on a sea of intolerance, traditions and censorship, yet we're buzzing with energy, enthusiasm and a willingness to change things for the better and do it now!

Action speaks louder than words, yet after 8 years of conventions, treaties and protocols, we, the young people, see hardly any real changes in the world at all. Lifestyles have not changed. Attitudes have not changed. In fact... the only thing that has changed is the Climate! And this trend is likely to continue, unless concrete agreements and decisions emerge... and fast.

During the youth conference, many people have asked, "What needs to be done? What action must there be?" Our reply is this...

Why should we need to sit around talking about what needs to be done? Surely 8 years, thousands of fancy documents and hundreds of meetings after Rio, there are plenty of solutions floating around in this ever-deepening sea of ours! Despite our declaration centring around four major subject areas, we believe the various problems associated with Climate Change are all interlinked - they cannot possibly be discussed in isolation. Obviously, there is also a need for integration of solutions, which can only be done if countries work together.

CoP 6 should be the end of the planning stage. It is no good going back to the drawing board each and every year. You need to stop being the architects and become the construction workers. Up to date, we have seen no evidence of this -and therefore recommend that Youth Participation becomes a more permanent fixture at Climate Change conferences, lessening its immense reliance on politics, history and image making.

Governments should also try to involve youth as much as possible in the implementation of policies. The education of young people is the main way to achieve this. Once people find out more about the effects of Climate Change, particularly when they are relevant to their local area, they themselves will want to act. We know this, because we see it ourselves.

The Earth is an awfully big sand pit to be playing in... over 6 billion people are relying on us to get it right, and before all those precious little bits of sand trickle away between our fingers.

Thank you.

CRAVEN VOLUNTARY ACTION

Working in Partnership With Ermysted's Grammar School

By Dee Pollitt, Volunteers' Co-ordinator at Craven Voluntary Action

In the summer of 2000, we heard that secondary schools would be required to introduce "Citizenship" into the school curriculum by 2002. As the local Volunteer Bureau, we are well placed to organise voluntary work placements in the local community, and we therefore approached Ermysted's to offer our help.

The response from the school was extremely positive and Mr Peters was allotted to work with us to organise voluntary work placements for boys entering the 6th form in September 2000. Pupils would be given the option of undertaking voluntary work in the local community on Wednesday afternoons.

At our first meeting at school, ten enthusiastic boys turned up and by September, at the start of the new academic year, the number of young volunteers had risen to sixteen.

Chris Rusius and Oliver Brewer had asked to work with older people and therefore they helped out at Carleton Court Residential Home for the Elderly. The tasks included taking the residents out for afternoon tea and for short walks, helping with making Christmas decorations and generally socialising, as well as providing musical entertainment and organising quizzes.

Matthew Maude worked at Sense charity shop. Sense raises money for people who are deaf and blind, and Matthew's tasks included serving in the shop, sorting goods and testing electrical equipment. He must have enjoyed it because he has asked to return next September! Jack Mellin and David Daw were similarly a great asset at the British Heart Foundation and the SCAD charity shops.

Primary schools were a favourite option – Shaun Nixon and David Pickles impressed the staff at St Stephen's RC School with their many skills in different subjects, and Shaun even took two assemblies. Craig Dyer and James Jackson assisted staff at Water Street CP School with ICT, arts and crafts. Parish School had the able assistance of Chris Widdison and Nick Gooch was placed half way through the year at Christchurch School, where he mixed well with the children and was a great help with their activities, especially the Teddy Bears Picnic!

Andrew Marshall, Mark Stead, Nick Gregory and Matthew Lambert opted for conservation and outdoor work and this they undertook with great enthusiasm at Play Away, a children's residential and recreational centre at Eshton Grange. There they erected fences and improved the grounds, working inside on wet days on tasks such as building bookcases and other D-I-Y. This continued until the Foot & Mouth Crisis struck, when the centre had to close because they have a small farm. The boys then moved on to clear an area of garden at Water Street School and finally spent several weeks helping the regular gardener at Abbeyfield House, which provides residential accommodation for older people, off Gargrave Road. Here they cleared woodland, swept paths and dug over the rockery.

The Alzheimer's Society provided a placement for Matthew Soulsby, who put his computer and administrative skills to good use, while Daniel Procter drew the short straw and came to work with me at the Volunteer Bureau. Daniel's tasks included updating the database of volunteering opportunities, which is uploaded regularly onto the internet, putting together our quarterly newsletter for volunteers and creating pie-charts and graphs for our Annual Report. Having a special interest in web-sites, he created a sophisticated one for the Volunteer Bureau - www.cravenvolunteerbureau.moonfruit.com) as well as advising staff at CVA how to set up their own web-sites for other projects under our management.

We are continuing the project and twenty boys are poised to enter the voluntary sector in September 2001, some being new to the sixth form and others carrying on from this year. The end of term was marked with the presentation of certificates to all the boys, by the Deputy Mayor of Skipton, Councillor Andrew Rankine, who offered his praise and congratulations.

The partnership has worked extremely well and benefits have been enjoyed on all sides:-

- the pupils have gained valuable experience and developed themselves personally;
- the school is being helped to introduce "Citizenship" into the curriculum;
- the voluntary groups and individuals have benefited greatly from the boys' assistance;
- and the Volunteer Bureau is achieving its target of recruiting more young people into voluntary work.

We look forward to working with Ermysted's again next year.

Oxford and Cambridge Open Days 2001

Interest in studying at the two ancient universities has been high in recent years, and in the summer of 2001, as in the previous year, two trips were organised for potential candidates. Although these were timed to coincide with the respective university's Science Open Days, half the participants were 'arts' students, and the College Open Days provided ample opportunity to find out about all aspects of life as a student within the various disciplines.

Messrs Gill and Jones took the first minibus contingent to Corpus Christi and St John's Colleges, Cambridge, and to Merton and Hertford Colleges, Oxford; Messrs Jones and Wherity took the second group to Trinity and Gonville and Caius Colleges, Cambridge, enjoying a marvellous second breakfast at an A1 café on the way down!

The format of the days was broadly similar in each college visited. A general introduction provided detailed information on the college itself, the university as a whole and, most importantly, on the application procedure, and it allowed students to ask any questions or raise any issues of concern; current undergraduates then led groups of visitors on tours round the college; finally, academic staff had sessions for visitors interested in studying their subjects, where detailed discussion took place on specific course requirements and content.

Glorious summer weather showed off the college buildings and surroundings at their best, and many took the opportunity in free time of visiting other colleges than the one allocated, as well as finding out what else the towns had to offer. The sampling of student life was further enhanced by being able to stay overnight in college accommodation, with rooms ranging from the poky to the palatial!

The visits were very helpful, and most participants returned with renewed enthusiasm to apply.

MJ

C.D.T trip to Glasgow

Arriving at school early in the morning the whole group looked tired, amazingly uninspired by the prospect of four hours on the school minibus. Mr Wallace and Mr Edmondson waited patiently as I rolled up last. With the minibus full, sweet supplies in place we set off. The seemingly never ending motorway led us through the English Lakes and in to Scotland, coupled with the joy of driving in central Glasgow.

We eventually found the Youth Hostel where we dropped off our bags before setting out to visit the Glasgow School of Art.

On arrival our first sight was the entrance to the main building, designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, this was a beautiful building made in sandstone and gilded with wrought iron. Greeted by the schools head of Arts we were shown a short slide show of some of the student's work. This was followed by a tour of their workshops and studios that gave us an insight in to the workings of an arts establishment.

Moving across the city we visited the Mackintosh museum called the Lighthouse due to its proportions. This tall building consisted mainly of floors dedicated to the life and works of Mackintosh, but also had some temporary displays. The first of these was a display of automotive design from the School of art. Models of cars and in depth portfolios of designs were shown which gave us an idea of what would be expected if we were to take on a design degree. The next floor was a temporary display of furniture design from students all over the world. The designs were very individual whilst maintaining a level of practicality.

After this visit and viewing the whole city from the roof we retired to the Youth Hostel. Later that evening we ate out at a nearby Italian restaurant followed by card games into the night.

An early breakfast set us up for another long day. Our first stop was the Big Idea, a science and design centre. Even though we concluded it to be aimed at the younger generation we were entertained by building our own rockets and racing cars.

Next stop was H.M.S Gannet, an airbase with which we had organised a visit. On arrival we were shown around the materials and processing workshop, the life raft and safety unit and of course the bomb and torpedo depot to everyone's delight. Moving on the role of the Seaking helicopter was explained as well as being shown the new Merlin soon to be integrated into the airforce.

Our escape from school was at an end and we returned to the minibus for another four hours of motorways. Arriving home early evening, again tired, but interested in what we had seen our trip gave us an insight into a variety of things that have proven useful in later work.

History Trips 2000-2001

This year has seen a bigger than normal number of History trips and events taking place. Invariably they enthuse the majority of students and much is learnt from these 'hands-on' experiences.

Saltaire

In November 9K took the short railway journey down the Aire valley to study the famous 'model village' of 19th century textile magnate, Titus Salt. Salt relocated his thriving worsted business from the polluted, overcrowded and volatile city of Bradford to an idyllic greenfield site on the outskirts of Shipley.

Year 9 historians were given the task of investigating the motives of this erstwhile hero: philanthropist or obsessive social control freak? There is some enticing evidence for the latter in the very design of Saltaire, such as the 'big brother'-style watch tower in the centre of the village and the self-improvement 'mecca' of the 'Institute' – designed to replace the public house as the centre of workers' social life.

9K feasted on this rich enigma -and bags of chips - as they waited on Saltaire station for the train back to School. The consensus verdict on Titus – the 'salt' of the earth!

Nazi History Conference

In March 2001 the small Year 13 A Level History set made its annual visit to Manchester to hear experts lecture on aspects of Hitler and the Third Reich. Eddy Seymour's intimate knowledge of the city centre ensured that the new venue of the 'Methodist Hall' was located in time for the first lecture.

Dr. Clarke of Cambridge University gave possibly the most fascinating talk, entitled the 'Nazi Racial State'. In the development of racist ideas Clarke identified the powerful influence of eugenics in pre-Nazi Germany. He was, however, keen to stress the uniquely extremist excesses of Nazi race policy and how its racial vision underpinned social and foreign policy.

In a lecture entitled 'The Control of Opposition in the Third Reich', Dr. Anthony Mcelligott guided us through a complex topic which has undergone much 'revision' in recent times. Amongst the various conclusions was the notion that the notorious Gestapo relied heavily on members of the public in denouncing opponents and social misfits.

Dr. Ruth Henig of Lancaster University delivered her customary clear analysis of the 'Rise of Hitler'. Central to her thesis is that the Weimar Republic – an ambitious post War experiment in democracy – had seriously lost the confidence of the majority of Germans by the early 1930s and this enabled a swift transformation to a one party state dictatorship in 1933.

Finally, Dr. Martin Housden of Bradford University argued persuasively that Nazi foreign policy was truly rooted in ideology and was not just the product of rudderless opportunism.

English Civil War Day

Knowing what a success this event had been in the previous year, Colonel Thomas was invited back to whisk Year 8 back in time to the era of the English Civil War. Armed with an array of props and a big personality, Des Thomas gave us an unforgettable 'hands-on' experience of warfare and life in the 17th century.

Having explained the causes of the War, Colonel Thomas went on to demonstrate a range of period armour and weapons. Firing the single 'Falconette' cannon on the Top gave us a real appreciation of the noise that a battle would have generated.

In the afternoon session boys enjoyed tasting typical food and drink from the time, including the omnipresent ale. The finale was a mock battle on the Top where boys enjoyed wielding pikes and muskets. In case an over-romantic image of war had been created from the day's events, Colonel Thomas made us reflect on the horrific realities of battle.

Royal Armouries, Leeds

As an introduction to the World Wars of their KS3 '20th Century World' topic, 9E and 9T enjoyed separate days at the impressive Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds.

The education officer welcomed us with a slide presentation focusing on the First World War. Boys then enjoyed handling and wearing a range of military equipment. 30 minutes later and no casualties having been incurred, Messrs. Peters and Howarth were mightily relieved to be able to announce lunch.

The afternoon's activity centred on the main museum war gallery where short films, artefact displays and 'reconstruction' actors quickly ate up our remaining time.

Pupils in the Workhouse

As part of the year 12 history course a group of fourteen pupils were taken to Ripon workhouse by Mr. Peters and Mr. Howarth to investigate the conditions that existed in these institutions, the ideas behind them and how both of these changed. The pupils were able to get a realistic feel of the workhouse and also used the extensive information and data that accompanies the experience. The day benefited from the rain miraculously holding off and allowing the pupils to see the workhouse in the historic surroundings of Ripon .

Paperclip Physics 2001

Hopes were high, as the previous year the Ermysted's team had stormed through the regional round and made it to the final, unlucky not to leave victorious. This year the school entered two teams into the Paperclip Physics competition to be held in the physics department at Leeds University, to try and convince an array of judges, that they could explain a physics concept by using objects found only in the home.

Work began just before the Christmas holidays, and by early March, both teams had virtually perfected their demonstrations, corrected their timing and the week later it would be off to Leeds. But the next week it wasn't off to Leeds. Bad weather had left the competition postponed until the week later, and left us another week to improve our acts.

The first team of Alex Dobson, Simon Pile, Chris Rusius, Craig Peach and Nick Crowley had chosen the topic of Newton' Third Law, focusing on the significance it has on the flight of a helicopter. The second team consisting of Mark Stead, Andrew Wiggan, Daniel Godden, Thomas Cox and James Horsfall were to talk about Archimedes Principles.

With the aid of Mr Wiggan's and Mr Lawson's vehicles, we set off to Leeds, with a table, some drinks bottles, coloured water, plastic cups, fans and a plastic helicopter in the boots. We arrived in good time, and immediately filled out our safety forms. Luckily our safety matches were not too dangerous, but having said that, they did allow a blowtorch on a nearby table, so we had little to worry about.

My team was first on, and although we fell a little short of our allotted five minutes, we were confident we had done a good job. The questions from the judges were challenging, but we coped, and it was left to our B team to match our efforts, and hopefully one of us would make it to the final.

They performed well, and James Horsfall kept his nerve to correctly answer one of the most difficult questions the judges had asked all competition. Their demonstrations had gone well, the only problem was trying to pull the selotape off the plastic bottles, but it was unnoticeable.

Ten minutes after the last team had performed, the judges returned with their verdict. We did not know who they would choose, but we had an idea about who were our closest contenders. A team who explained Diffraction eventually won. They were probably worthy winners, but it did not stop the term "We was robbed" being frequently stated on the journey home and reflecting on what might have been. Although we had not matched last years achievements, we gained invaluable experience and had a great time.

Year 9 “London Eye” Trip

Several months ago, a certain Mr Fryer announced his intentions to take some of Year 9 - his favourite teaching group!!! - to London on an ‘educational’ trip which in reality would give teachers and pupils a day out in our capital. To give the outing its required educational grounds, we would be taking in the Greenwich Observatory, the National Maritime Museum and the London Eye. And so this led us (‘us’ being 40 sleepy Year 9’s and 4 even sleepier teachers) to be standing on a platform in Skipton Railway Station at some abysmal hour, grumpily awaiting the GNER service to King’s Cross Station. The teachers (Mr Keane, Mr Fryer, Mr Wiggan and our own loveable headmaster) were looking suitably hellish, requiring their hourly injection of caffeine, and as the train pulled in, faces were pressed against the glass staring at the complimentary jam and biscuits available to those in first class....

...After 3 hours in economy class (contemporary brown décor, no biscuits, no jam) the train pulled into King’s Cross Station, a seething mass of bodies, briefcases and bagels. We went quickly down to the underground, paying heed to the repeated warnings from the teachers about pickpockets, and boarding a train, made our way to Bank Station, followed by a trip on the Dockland’s Light Railway to Greenwich. We came out to be greeted by warmth and strong sunlight, for the day was as fine as could be hoped for. We made our way across a square next to the River Thames. In a hollow in the square stood the Cutty Sark, the famous tea clipper, giving a stark contrast between the modern tour boats on the Thames. It was a very large ship and vaguely interesting looking but we had to make our way to the observatory. The group plodded steadily through the historic buildings of Greenwich for a few minutes before coming to a grand park adorned with trees and people enjoying the sunshine.

The park’s paths led up a hill to the Greenwich Observatory, a deeply beautiful building surrounded by gardens, its roof dominated by a large red ball on a pole (well that was what it was). In ages gone, sailors used to navigate with it, knowing that the ball fell precisely at midday. Inside the observatory were a series of rooms containing various artefacts about nautical navigation, telescopes and the Universe. We had very little time to examine the Observatory so it was somewhat of a rush. However, one of the main attractions was the feature on Harrison’s clocks, which he spent most of his life developing and making. Britain was offering a £20000 prize to any individual who could make a clock which kept accurate time while at sea. Harrison did not think he deserved the prize, saying his clocks were not good enough, but George III insisted that he receive the reward. His clocks H1, H2, H3, H4 and H5 are now on display at the Observatory, looking fantastically complicated with their many brass levers, springs and pendulums with no use apparent to those of us with no PhD in Physics.

From there we headed back through the park to a large white building; the National Maritime museum. There, there were lots of model boats, information on seafaring, exploration submarines and much more. And most popularly there was a café. The museum was interesting, and unlike at the Observatory, we had plenty of time to explore. After a couple of pleasant hours examining the various displays, we came to a room where we found Mr Wiggan playing on a submarine simulation, with a look of delight on his face. Now we realised it was time to leave the museum. Museum fatigue had by this time set in and we were ready to move on.

After another journey, we found ourselves in Westminster. The Houses of Parliament and Big Ben were to our right as we walked across a bridge towards the London Eye (the *biggest wheel* we’ll ever see). Westminster was heaving with people. The queue for the Eye seemed huge, was huge, but moved surprisingly quickly. After 20 minutes waiting, we were ready to board the London Eye. The wheel is almost stupidly outsized. It towers above the neighbouring buildings. The fourth largest structure in London (as the leaflet says) comprises of what looks like a giant bicycle wheel, on which many glass capsules are fixed to. Each capsule holds around 20 people and moves slowly enough for the trip to last around 25 minutes. The wheel moves continuously so as the doors open on a capsule, the passengers must step on it quickly or otherwise enjoy a pleasant dip in the Thames. Our group was split into two so we took up two capsules. I boarded second and waited while the capsule slowly ascended to the sky. From even halfway up the view was fantastic. The day was clear so we could see for miles around. Mr Keane began pointing out the various sights as everyone came closer to the glass. At the top the view was magnificent. London sprawled in every direction. Beautiful landmarks were scattered amongst the concrete. Trafalgar Square, the BT Tower, even Big Ben was dwarfed by the Eye. Leaving the Eye in a happy state we realised it was nearly time to go.

London had been a highly enjoyable experience. As the train left King’s Cross everyone had something to talk about. Even if it was only the prices at the Maritime Museum Café.

Maths Department

In February, Year 7 went on a Maths trip to see Johnny Ball's 'Tales of Maths and Legends' in Bradford. The show went through the history of maths with practical examples requiring audience participation, and plenty of songs!

The UK Mathematics Trust operates a challenge for pupils in Years 8 to 11. Certificates are only awarded to the top 40% that enters - 6% Gold, 13% Silver and 21% Bronze. Of the 64 boys from Year 10 who entered, 44 gained a certificate, 5 of which were gold. For the first time, we entered Year 8 pupils and they were rewarded with 67 certificates, 24 of them gold, 19 silver.

Sets one and two in Year 10 entered the Intermediate National Maths Challenge. Again many pupils gained certificates with James Rusius and James Adley going through to the Invitational Maths Challenge.

6th Form Six-a-side Football Tournament



Despite the threat of the wind and the rain causing havoc with playing conditions each team gave it their all in an attempt to knock the teachers off top spot. However, this was to be to no avail. The games were all well contested and the 0-0 draws didn't give the full picture. The game between 12M and 12W was a feast of skills and goals.

Despite having what seemed the weakest team in the tournament, 12S battled from being the underdogs to reaching the finals. Their opponents? The Staff, of course, the team that everyone had had a dig at.

With the physical prowess of Mr Hough in goals and the 'semi-professional' footballer of Mr Speak in the side it was clear to see how they had not conceded a single goal in the entire tournament. Mr Tickner, Mr Howarth, Mr Edward, Mr Hardiman, Mr Bolton and the out of retirement Mr Clough all played for the staff team at some stage of the tournament. The final was "probably the best match of the tournament" according to Mr Bolton, with only one goal, an unlucky deflection off Simon Pile, giving the staff their victory.

Will the staff win again next year? Who knows, all I can say is that it's about time someone beat them to lift the trophy!

Nick Brushett 12S

Esperanto Club

This year has seen another change in membership, as older members have gone on to higher things, and a group of enthusiastic beginners from Years 8 and 9 have accepted the challenge of learning the planned, international language.

Meetings have been mainly on Wednesdays, in the lunch break, and, despite the short amount of time available, members were soon able to hold short conversations on simple topics and to write their first letters to foreign Esperanto-speakers by Easter. Replies were received from Berlin (Germany), Quimper (France) and Kinshasa (Congo), proving a) that Esperanto is not just a figment of Mr Jones' imagination and b) that it is used internationally – the French group also has pen friends in Uzbekistan, Bosnia and Brazil.

Further, living proof was provided on May 18th, when Aleksandr Danko from Rostov-on Don (Russia) visited the school. A professional accordionist, currently working in Berlin, Aleksandr met the Esperanto group at lunchtime, to gain an impression of their ability in Esperanto, but he also joined in various German lessons, talking about his work in Berlin, and playing some amazingly good accordion pieces.

The final sessions of the school year were spent looking at the various ways in which the language is used, finding out about the hundreds of international meetings held each year using Esperanto, and discussing the financial support available for British students who would like to travel and use Esperanto abroad – as well as planning the next round of replies and new letters to be sent at the start of the holidays.

MJ

German Cultural Activities

Andorra

A group of intrepid Sixth Formers set out during late October to gain a visual impression of a play which some of them had read in preparation for the A-level exam. Frisch's 'Andorra' is an important work of the mid-20th Century, dealing with the eternal problems of the 'outsider', ostracised by a prejudice-ridden society. German students at Hull University, and some of their tutors, gave a creditable performance, certainly clarifying some issues and providing some good memory aids for the exam, but it was however eclipsed by:

The Good Woman

A minibus load of sixth-form students of German went to Harrogate Theatre in March to enjoy an experience provided by the Royal National Theatre on tour. An hour's introduction to wide ranging theatrical issues, including practical sessions, which had some EGS lads on stage, provided a background to the ensuing performance, in English translation, of Brecht's 'The Good Woman'. The show was very impressive, employing all sorts of original and up-to-the-minute techniques of 'alienation' to involve the audience in thinking through the problems presented in the play, culminating in a court room scene where members of the real, spectating public were interviewed and allowed to cast their vote, the whole being relayed by CCTV on to an on-stage screen. The young actors were bursting with energy and really managed to bring a potentially 'dry' set text excitingly to life.

Die Ehe der Maria Braun

The Museum of Film and Photography, Bradford, planned to show the film 'Die Ehe der Maria Braun', directed by Rainer Werner Fassbinder, preceded by a workshop and discussion in German. On the day of the screening, notification arrived that the film hadn't! The organisers made amends by supplying a video of the film to the schools which had booked, and several Sixth Formers remained behind after school one day in May to watch the intriguing depiction of a woman trying to make a living in post-war Germany. The complex overlaying of sounds and dialogues made the original German soundtrack at times difficult to understand, but the English sub-titles usually conveyed the intended meaning. Comments from students included: 'Der Film war interessant und unterhaltsam, aber auch sehr herausfordernd und in manchen Teilen geheimnisvoll.'

MJ

School Notes and Miscellanea

OFSTED

The school had a full OFSTED inspection, commencing on 4 December, almost six years to the day since the previous visit. The final report recorded that the quality of teaching was satisfactory or better in 98% of lessons observed, good or better in 80 per cent and very good or excellent in 35 per cent – higher than found in most schools.

The report made positive reading; it reflected well on the whole school community. One key paragraph in particular reads – “The school is very successful in helping pupils to achieve very high academic standards. Pupils acquire excellent attitudes to work and behaviour, the school building effectively on the positive attitudes that they bring with them. The school’s examination and test results at the end of both key stages and the Sixth Form place it amongst the highest 5% of schools nationally. They are consistently high over many years. Standards, taking into account the full range of work in the school, are very high. The principal factors which contribute to this situation are: good teaching (and often very good); the expectation of the school for pupils to work hard and achieve well; the eagerness of pupils to learn and their positive response to high quality teaching and ...the support that parents provide to encourage pupils’ learning.”

Fundraising

Almost all pupils participated in Red Nose Day in one way or another and just over £1000 was raised. A non-uniform day for the Indian earthquake appeal raised £764. Further activities raised money for ‘Child Victims of Crime’ and £420 was collected to benefit the British Heart Foundation. The School was presented with an award from the British Royal Legion in grateful acknowledgement of the school’s services throughout the years to the Poppy appeal – well over £700 was raised last year. On a more individual theme, Chris Foster, a Y13 student, participated in the Great North Run and was sponsored by a large number of pupils of all ages and by outside agencies. He raised £725 which has benefited the Children’s Heart Fund who last year gave Sally Slater, a young girl from Malham, a new heart.

Music

Skipton Girls’ High School and Ermysted’s put on two drama productions. The first in early February was the High Schools’ production of ‘The Sound of Music’ in which three of our Year 12 were invited to take lead roles. There followed at the end of March, the school’s production, again shared with the High School, of Terry Pratchett’s ‘Men at Arms’.

Curriculum

September 2000 saw the introduction of Curriculum 2000, which brings with it a new Advanced Subsidiary Level qualification to replace the existing AS-Levels. These new AS-Levels will be intermediate in standard between GCSE and A-Level and will be taken at the end of Year 12 with the new main A-Level papers (designated A2) being taken at the end of Year 13. In addition to these changes there is to be an assessment of the Key Skills of communication, numeracy and the use of Information Technology. It is intended that the new examinations will add breadth to the post-16 curriculum.

Sixth Form games have moved from Tuesday to Wednesday afternoon to bring us in line with the majority of local state and independent schools. This will ease some of the difficulties previously found in arranging mid-week fixtures at inter-school level. During this coming year, we are introducing the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme fast track Gold Award into the Sixth Form curriculum during Games Lessons. It will be overseen by Mr Edmondson who was actively involved in the Scheme at his previous school and by Mrs Hall, a qualified instructor at this level.

After a review of the school curriculum within Key Stages 3 and 4 the Governors approved the following significant changes from September 2001:-

- Tuesday will become a nine period day (as opposed to eight) with each period being of 35 minutes duration (rather than forty) – this will not involve any change to the length of the school day. The school week now comprises of forty-one periods as opposed to forty.
- All Year 7 pupils will study both French and German but not Latin.

Buildings

During the summer holidays (2000) part of the Sports Hall balcony were converted into a classroom teaching area for A-Level PE. This was wholly funded by the School Governors.

Work started during the Easter holidays to transform what was formerly known as the Old Gym Changing Rooms into a second Computer Room. Given the increasing expertise of Staff in terms of their own ICT capabilities, many are making use of additional technology within their own teaching and as a consequence, the demand on our one Computer Room facility has become excessive.

Craven District Council has granted planning permission for a new building on the site of the old greenhouse. The building will house additional facilities for Technology, a Computer Room and general classroom teaching. The major problem of financing has yet to be overcome and at present discussions with the LEA and the DfEE are in their early stages.

Miscellaneous

On October 6 there was a "Millennium" whole school photograph taken.

Saturday morning fixtures. A procedure was instigated in case scheduled rugby fixtures to be played on a Saturday morning were cancelled at the last minute. A telephone number was issued with a recorded message available from 8.30am to 10.00am on Saturday mornings when there was any doubt about fixtures.

The return trip to England by the German students from Simbach was cancelled due to foot and mouth.

In the Physics Olympiad Thomas White gained a Silver Medal. Bronze awards went to Andrew Green, Chris Pratt, Tom Lloyd-Evans, Ross Turnbull and Nat Jones whilst a commendation was gained by Stephen Ackroyd.

In the Lancashire and Cumbria Schools' Analyst Competition organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry Oliver Brewer, Craig Dyer and Chris were placed third overall winning for themselves a voucher and the sum of £200 for the School.

David Roberts and Thomas White were awarded Gold in recognition of their outstanding performance in the 2001 International Chemistry Olympiad. Ross Turnbull and Marcus Gleave gained Bronze certificates.

Steven Mann in Y9 was a member of the Junior Yorkshire Archery team who came a close second to Lancashire in a Northern Counties Competition.

Ben Blagdon from (Y9) beat Stuart Meakin (Y11) to win the school Chess Knockout Tournament.

James Mason, our retiring cross-country captain, was part of a four-man team who represented England in the Under 20 World Championship Uphill Mountain Race held in Bergen in Germany in September.

Oliver Brewer represented Yorkshire in the Senior boys 2000m steeplechase at the England Schools Championships in Exeter.

On November 30th 2000 Matthew Goode, off school due to illness emailed his homework, due in that day, to school. This is the first time that this has been done.

On his return to the School as a supply teacher Mr Paley was handed some 'pages' he had given some two years earlier!

Toller won the Addyman Study Cup and Hartley won the Cook Cup.

A Day in the Life of a School Secretary

Telephone conversations:

Hello my son is in Maths at present could you tell him the cat has come home.

Can you help me, what does non sibi sed patriae mean, I'm doing a crossword and I want to post it soon.

My son hasn't come home on the bus, we live in Embsay and I'm worried.

How old is he Mrs Smith?

He's 17, can you go and look for him.

My son has lost three coats, two tee shirts, four pairs of trainers, two pencil cases and a watch.

Were these items marked with his name Mrs Carter?

No of course not, do you think I've nothing better to do than sew in name tapes.

My son is desperate to come to your School...

...By the way, what do you call the school and where is Skipton?

Are you closing the School.

No madam, why?

Well it's forecast snow for lunch time.

Can I speak to the Head Master.

Sorry he's teaching at the moment.

Oh! does he work as well!

I want to put my son's name down for the selection test.

Will he be 11 in the next school year?

No he's 18 months old but the doctor said he's very bright for his age.

Hello my name is Mr Brown and I used to come to your School but you may not remember me.

Oh! When did you leave Mr Brown?

About 7 weeks ago.

I want to speak to the Head Master.

I'm sorry he's in a meeting at present, can I help you?

No, I don't want to speak to the skivvy.

Well I did work in the canteen but I've been promoted now.

What time does cricket finish tonight please?

At 7.00pm.

I want to drop something off in the office. You'll still be working won't you.

My son has just rung me, can you tell him to ring me back now.

Well it's lunch-time so I won't be able to find him.

Oh! that's alright he goes down town for his lunch you are sure to see him.

In the School Office

Andrew, why were you fighting with that boy?

Well miss I've got all this pent up anger.

Why don't you play rugby and get rid of your aggression there?

Because I'd rather kick is 'ed in miss.

100 Years Ago

January, 1901

In January 1901 the so called New Series of Chronicles started with edition number 1. (This edition is New Series No 228.) It was titled "The Chronicles of Ermysted and Petyt Journal". Before this the Chronicles was produced on an ad hoc basis but would become a more regular event – at least termly. Some terms were missed out and of course we now only publish once a year.

Edition no.1 was only 12 pages long and carried the usual cricket, sports and football results. Sports included results for throwing the hammer, putting the weight, throwing the cricket ball, hurdles and the sack race, three legged race and egg and spoon race!

In addition there was notice of the formation of the "Skipton Grammar School Debating Society". Its first debate was "That the Day-boy's life is preferable to that of the Boarder". The second meeting argued "That country-life is preferable to a town-life". The 2nd edition (Easter 1901) recalled the debate as to whether "Barlick" should be made the capital of the Empire. An advantage given was that "If an enemy were to invade the country he would have some difficulty in finding the capital".

50 Years Ago

Autumn Term, 1950

Mr M.L. Forster was head master. Head of School was P. Newton and Head of Houses were: School House J. Peel, Ermysted P.H. Whalley/P. Hicks, Petyt B.N. Lee, Toller M.G. Liddle, Hartley S. Woodcock, Craven Newton. Captain of Football was Thornton and cricket – P.Lowe.

Mr Evans arrived at Ermysted's to teach physics and P.T. Mr Haig was the new Classics master and Mr Cook was the new music teacher.

The School Notes carried the following report: "It has been a long, cold, wet dark term. On several games days football has been impossible and on many others unpleasant. Indoors we have suffered frequent power cuts and on at least one occasion laboured on in almost complete darkness until four o'clock. The electric clock has proved unreliable and the buzzers are so frequently out of action that recourse has to be taken to the old market bell in the quadrangle. This cannot be heard in the art room and workshop, consequently periods have varied in length from thirty to fifty minutes according to location."

A sale of lost property made over three pounds for the Games' Fund.

Seniors were reminded that "the privilege of discarding the cap is intended only for those who wear a blazer". On Founders' Day the Old Boys' Dinner was held at the Devonshire.

Summer Term 1951

The new General Certificate of Education examinations were sat for the first time and finished earlier than previous exams, lengthening the "dead" time for the sixth and fifth between the end of the exams and the end of term. "Most people were kept busy and interested in various ways, although the most envied were those who were allowed to go haymaking."

As part of Skipton's Festival of Britain celebrations a local history exhibition was held in the Town Hall. On show was a model of Skipton Parish Church made to scale by boys of the School under the direction of Mr Hewit.

25 Years Ago

Spring/Summer Term 1976

The first and third forms attended an illustrated lecture at Aireville School by Chris Bonnington on mountaineering.

Five-a-side soccer was "allowed to infiltrate the rugger stronghold" with 16 teams competing including two staff teams who "did not progress very far".

The portrait of Mr J. D. Eastwood was hung above the main stairs after being presented on Speech Day.

Grammar schools were under attack from the Government and Mr A.C. Coe (Chairman of Governors) was making the case for defending the School.

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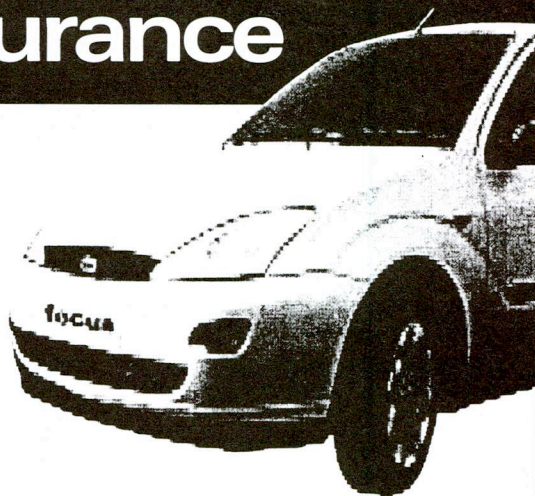
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