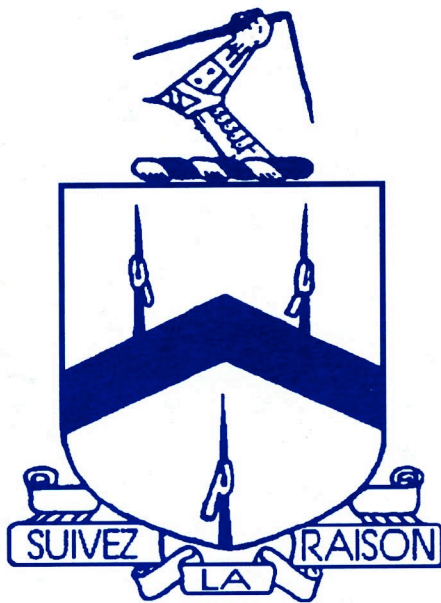


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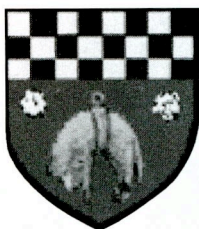
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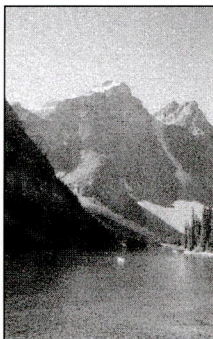
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I am Gavin Platt, a year 13 pupil at Ermysted's. Next summer I will be taking part in the YSES (registered charity) expedition to Canada, where I will spend six weeks canoeing down the Yukon. This is going to be a great challenge and will definitely have a huge impact on the rest of my life, teaching me teamwork, independence and social skills, as well as being an extraordinary, unforgettable experience.

A major part of the challenge will be raising the £2,500 needed to take part. As a result, I have placed this advert to ask if any individuals/businesses would be interested in being part of something special, helping me make this expedition happen through making any donation possible.

I hope to organize many public fund raising events and would be more than happy to help promote businesses with any banners, posters, etc., and also intend on having an online diary of my experience, where again I would be happy to include details of any sponsors.

I couldn't possibly describe the expedition in full here, so please contact me or visit www.yses.org.uk for more info on the expedition.



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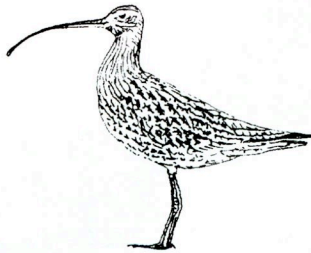
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7H	Myles Binney, Ben White
7M	Matthew Hardaker, Nicholas Busfield
7W	James Procter, Daniel Patten

Ave Mr A. Brownlee

Alan Brownlee joined the Physical Education Department in September 2004. He previously taught in large mixed comprehensive schools in Epsom & Ewell, Surrey and South Bromsgrove, Worcestershire for a total of six years.

Having initially studied at the University of St Andrews he gained his PGCE in Biology and Science and Physical Education from the University of Southampton in 1997.

Outside the school environment he can be found trying to fit into the Yorkshire way of life, either on the cricket field or hill walking with a mad Labrador and springer spaniel in tow.

Ave Miss C. Wolfenden

Miss Wolfenden joined the English Department at Ermysted's in September 2004. After graduating from Bristol University with a BA (Hons) in English Literature she returned to her northern roots to complete her PGCE in Leeds.

She spent the subsequent three years working at a city comprehensive before making the transition to leafy Skipton.

Interests include running and generally keeping fit, foreign travel, theatre, reading, wining (on occasion!) and dining.

Sithee Adj

Tradition dictates that this article should carry the heading of Vale C.I.D. Having been at the school for 31 years and 21 years respectively and never really understanding what it meant we have decided to break with tradition and write this article under a different but more appropriate title. To us this man is a living legend who has touched the lives of so many people over the last 36 years, so we have decided to tell a few tales as to what really went on “behind the scenes”. Both of us owe so much to him. We have each had relatively successful careers at Ermysted’s and this is in no small part to do with Adj. He has proved an inspiration to us both in much the same way as he has done to others, staff and pupils alike, over his time in school.

The first part of this epic journey will be told by PJW as in the early days CMG was cutting his teaching teeth at the chalk face in Wakefield. The latter part will be done by CMG. We hope this article will capture the flavour of what Adj is about.

I first met Adj way back in the dim and distant mists of time, otherwise known as the early 1970s. I was a very, very nervous PGCE student at Ermysted’s on interview for a first job. At that time I wasn’t even certain that I wanted to be a teacher let alone work at Ermysted’s. Adj of course was great, a larger than life character, a unique blend of Somerset humour set in a sort of Yorkshire dales context, and as always he knew exactly what to say to put everybody at their ease, waxing lyrical about the delights of working at Ermysted’s. What this means is that we have Adj to blame (or thank depending on your point of view) for PJW being at Ermysted’s.

Now at that time Adj was about to get married (one of the few ways of escaping the clutches of School House) although I’m not for a moment suggesting that’s why he did it and marrying Mary considerably extended his life expectancy if the accounts of his previous exploits with Wharfedale Rugby Club have any truth in them. Mrs Douglass took him in hand and he’s been a reputable pillar of the community ever since.

Since then we have shared a whole host of happy moments from the cider sheds of Somerset to the hot pots of Iceland. Adj has been a wonderful guy to work with. He has such a huge and good-natured sense of humour with an immense knowledge of all things geographical. These assets have made an incredibly popular teacher - the measure of this was illustrated by one of my Y11 set, who having never been taught by Adj was absolutely distraught when he found out Adj was retiring, in fact he almost decided to swap Geography for another subject until we told him that Adj would be coming along on the Iceland Field trip.

Of course one of Adj’s great talents is his grasp of the English Language, always knowing exactly what to say and saying it in a way that few can match. A classic Adj moment occurred during the last Ofsted inspection. He decided to go for a few audio visual aids, something that he had rarely deployed in his previous 30 odd years of teaching experience. Unfortunately, feverish preparatory work by the rest of the department had left only the red coloured OHP acetates. Undeterred, Adj closed the curtains, dimmed the lights, switched on the projector and proceeded to teach a stunning lesson on the urban geography of Skipton. A red glow pervaded the classroom. The Inspector could barely contain himself and said in his report “I have never experienced a lesson with such a richness of language” and added “But why did you have to make your classroom look like a brothel?”

Unfortunately Adj is a particularly accident prone individual. He can trip and fall over things that aren’t even there. His most famous and oft recounted “accident” came on the Paris trip about 15 years ago. We had travelled for about one hour heading for the M6 when a loud voice exclaimed “Oh fiddlesticks I appear to have left my passport at home”. A taxi was hailed and Adj left the bus, hopefully to be reunited a few hours later. As it turned out he met us on the M25 eight hours later and a three figure taxi bill. What made it worse was the fact that the taxi driver from Rawtenstall was at the end of his shift and had never been out of Lancashire before.

Another classic example of Adj being a bit unsteady on his pins occurred in Iceland. As most boys who have been on the trip know the local swimming pool has a series of hot pots which are circular and entered by a small series of steps. The pot in question had CMG, PJW and the Icelandic equivalent of Jordan in it as Adj approached. Then in the blink of an eye he was airborne only to find a soft landing (and it wasn’t one of us).

Most boys will be blissfully unaware that Adj was the Technology coordinator in school for many years. Here was a man for whom technology meant using his voice, a hard drive was something he did from Hebden every day and bytes were usually associated with food in the school canteen. Yet he did a great job.

This is typical of the man. He made things happen more often than not using his personality to win people over. He had time for people and would always have a friendly word for colleagues who were not seeing the best of a school day. At the end of each term he would deliver speeches for staff that were leaving the school. He was always able to capture the moment and illustrate their finer points. In many ways this article is an

attempt to do the same for him from two of his closest colleagues and friends.

For the record Ian Douglass started at Ermysted's in September 1968 having graduated in Geography from Durham University. He was head of Geography from 1977 to 1989. He then moved on to senior management first as 3rd Master, from 1990 to 1996, and then as 2nd Master and Senior Deputy from 1996 to 2004. While Mr Ashworth was absent Adj was acting Head Master during the Autumn term 2002.

CMG/PJW

Vale Mr Vernon Rooke

Mr Vernon Rooke joined the staff at Ermysted's in September 1970. He had attended Keighley Grammar school as a boy. At this time it was a fine West Yorkshire Grammar school, very much on a par with E.G.S.

Vernon was involved in some battles royal with us on both the cricket and rugby fields. He went on to Newcastle University to read Chemistry and continued to excel in both sports. Once he appeared in the pages of the Scotsman newspaper described as a 'veritable Adonis in the mauls'!

Whilst at university Vernon pursued his passion for motor cars spending many hours under the bonnet in the dark streets of Byker 'fettling' his latest pride and joy.

When he turned up for interview at Ermysted's he pulled up in a classic Jaguar saloon in such mint condition that even Inspector Morse would have been envious. Vernon soon settled into the life of the school forging a strong department with his friend Jimmy Harrison and later David Kelly, becoming Head of Chemistry in 1983.

His style of teaching was unique and his presence in the classroom all pervading and awe inspiring. A colossus at the front dispensing wisdom with his clipped yet perfectly enunciated delivery, deliciously embellished with exaggerated favourite Yorkshire words and phrases. His command of the subject was unwavering, his notes crisp and concise, his powers of elucidation fresh and simply expressed.

His humour and special character traits and mannerisms made him popular and unforgettable to generations of boys who many years later would repeat 'VRisms' with great glee and affection. Fines would be levied for poor work or other shortcomings and contraventions of the VR classroom conduct and performance manual. Occasionally 'big cash prizes' would be awarded for special achievements such as reciting the Periodic Table without pauses for breath.

The exam results of the department under Vernon's stewardship showed consistent excellence. His methods were traditional and proved not only durable but profoundly repellent of the numerous recent waves of teaching and learning initiatives. Vernon remained inviolate in his redoubt and even Ofsted Inspectors paid homage to his singular abilities.

Outside the classroom Vernon coached many junior rugby teams and imparted his expertise as a cricketer as a fine exponent of style and technique. His batting feats for the staff eleven go down in the annals. Vernon showed a surprising deftness of touch and élan with the bat. This was not wielded like a swirling bludgeon as the stereotype might suggest. He was also the wizard of flight, mesmerising batsmen with his leg breaks. In later years he was to be found nurturing the golfing skills of boys at the Skipton club, often leading them to trophy success.

Vernon is a character who will pass into Ermysted's folklore. A titan of his trade whose exploits will linger long in the memory. We wish him and his wife Maureen a very happy retirement. Tha's done well lad - you deserve it!

CID

Vale Mr Phil Cawood

Phil Cawood leaves Ermysted's after working at the school for 26 years having been appointed as Head of Art in 1978. He also worked in the Boarding House during his first three years at the school – a building to which he would once again return when the Art Department was relocated there and expanded from the limitations of a single room at the end of the science corridor. During the 1980s, Phil's Easter trips became a regular highlight for Year 7-9 pupils, with visits to France, Italy, Austria, Germany and Greece. 1987 included an additional 6th form visit to Moscow and St. Petersburg during the February half term break. The School Library benefited from Phil's meticulous attention to detail for a number of years until it became clear that further development could only take place under the auspices of a full time Librarian.

Phil attended Harrogate Grammar School before training to be a teacher of Art and Music at Kingston upon Hull College of Education. Additional experience was gained during the summers of 1971, 1972 and 1975 when he worked as a Camp Counsellor at Camp Caribou, Waterville, Maine teaching sailing and swimming, funded by various winter jobs back in England. In September 1974 Phil left Yorkshire to take up his first full time teaching post at Altwood School in Maidenhead, Berkshire where, in addition to teaching Art, he also had to quickly learn new skills in Technical Drawing, Woodwork and Car Maintenance. After four enjoyable years in the south, Phil was drawn back to his native Yorkshire and was appointed at Ermysted's. He has also worked as a GCSE Art & Design Moderator/Team Leader since 1997 with the AQA Examination Board and plans to continue in this role.

In the 1990s Phil combined his yearning to travel and his interest in photography on treks in Ladakh, Peru, India, Morocco, Nepal and to the summits of Mount Kenya and Kilimanjaro. On his most recent trek through Mongolia in 2002 he was accompanied by Julie and she obviously passed the ultimate test because they married the following year! Phil retired from teaching in December 2004 following hip surgery earlier in the year. He clearly intends to continue to live an active life however and has already bagged another nine Munros in Scotland bringing the current total to 165 and will shortly be trekking again in Chile and Argentina. We wish Phil and Julie all the best for the future.

Vale Mr John Wigan

Mr John Wigan retired at the end of the summer term 2005 having achieved the feat of 38 years unbroken service to the age of 60. With the present day pressures of teaching and the pattern of breaks in the continuity of service and the disinclination to go full term, John Wigan is likely to be one of the last full 'lifers'.

He is an Old Boy of Ermysted's leaving to gain a degree in Physics and Mathematics at Manchester University. After spells in teaching at Salford and Bradford he returned to Skipton to become Head of Physics at the Girls' High School. When the opportunity arose to return to his alma mater he needed no second bidding and assumed control of the Physics department for a 15 year reign.

John like his buddy Vernon Rooke is one of the true characters of the profession, a dying breed who have enriched the lives of countless scores of students. John was renowned in the classroom for his meticulous planning and attention to detail. He had a deep affection for his subject bubbling over with an enthusiasm which proved infectious. He has also been a stalwart proponent of high standards of behaviour about school and a staunch promoter of optimum performance in the classroom. Throughout he has been both an advocate and enforcer of the standards which have made Ermysted's such a great school.

In recent years John has forged an invigorating relationship with two relatively new and excellent young members of his department. Dr Tom Flynn and Mr Matt Smith have enthralled the old master with their new tricks and contemporary prowess. They in return have acclaimed the venerable maestro as an avuncular mentor and guide. This has proved a fruitful finale to a memorable career at Ermysted's, a name to be feared in the world of Paperclip Physics.

John was very popular in the staffroom, regaling colleagues with a countless stream of stories and anecdotes. [some of which were actually quite amusing!] He also had the habit of rambling on in a contented grumble about all sorts and everything as a comforting background noise that you could listen to if it took your fancy! He was a fine musician and played the tuba with great distinction both in school and for the Skipton Band. A crossword fiend, wine buff and caravaneer of repute John is used to living life to the full and now with homes in Barlick and Marbella he will be able to combine sun and Sangria with his northern roots as he and his wife Linda allocate time between their two exclusive homes. Well done Wiggy you have earned your place in the sun. Happy retirement, you will be missed.

Vale Mr Paul Whitaker

A German specialist, Mr Whitaker made the relatively short transfer from Settle to Ermysted's in January 1993, joining the staff as Head of Modern Languages. He quickly established clear systems within the department and paved the way for its growing success. With a discerning eye for the educationally useful and little time for 'window dressing', he adopted in turn what was essential with regard to National Curriculum, SATs, Curriculum 2000 and other 'initiatives', but never allowed these 'tails' to wag the departmental dog: he simply integrated them into what was already well-established good practice.

Pupils enjoyed his lessons, characterised by expert knowledge of the subject, along with his quirky humour and encouraging manner. Several Sixth-Formers have benefited from summer language courses in Germany as a result of their own achievements in German, but also of his encouragement in the first place and his persuasive style in writing well-crafted references.

Paul fully supported the annual Simbach Exchange and visited the twin town on six occasions with school groups. As a form teacher, Paul regularly bade farewell to his Year 11 groups with some celebration – often ten-pin bowling, and often with a parallel group from SGHS, similarly leaving the tutoring care of Mrs Whitaker! Paul was not only keen for pupils to do well in their languages; he also supervised, trained and accompanied the 2nd XV and the 2nd XI for several years, and, as House Master, encouraged the best from Toller (in his days not a very difficult task!).

His own cricketing skills are eloquently logged in the scorebooks of the staff cricket teams (in fact, Mrs Whitaker was frequently drafted in to ensure the record was kept straight during potentially wayward Jabberwocks' games!). Paul was always keen to join in staff social activities, but his more serious contributions to the staff were made in his period as teacher governor and in his regular pithy interjections during staff meetings, all of which we miss.

We were all saddened at the news in May 2004 that Paul was suffering from myeloma. Although he entertained hopes of returning to his post after treatment, he actually took the decision to retire early on the grounds of ill health in the spring of 2005. At the time of going to press, we are happy to report that Paul has responded well to his treatment: he has taken up again several of his earlier occupations – including gardening and marking exams! We wish him the long and happy retirement which he has richly earned.

MJ

Vale Mrs Marilyn Midgley

Marilyn Midgley first joined Ermysted's in September 1987 as a kitchen assistant in the school canteen. In the past she had been employed as an auctioneer's secretary, a role that needed many and various skills. These attributes were soon discovered by Mrs Scales, the then senior secretary, and given that there was a lack of personnel, she was asked to join the idyllic surroundings of the school office in 1992. It was a busy time in the life of the school, given that plans were in place to celebrate the founding of Ermysted's some 500 years before.

Marilyn quickly adapted to life in the busy school office and was instrumental in its smooth operation. One of her early roles was that of secretary to the clerk to governors, Mr Lionel Watson, before taking over as head master's secretary. Her knowledge of the Craven area and many of the families was a bonus to all in school and in particular to offcoundens such as our Head Master.

During her time in school, she was an active member of the Parents' Association, giving her time willingly to organise and attend various events. Her sense of humour and wit brought light relief and hilarity to the office and being a true Yorkshire lass, if she had anything to say she would say it. Boys visited 'the hatch' in trepidation and were often greeted with "what", "tuck your shirt in", or "straighten your tie."

She retired in December 2004 after seventeen years of service to Ermysted's. She joined a list of illustrious people who departed from school during this particular academic year. We wish her well in her retirement, finding time to spend with her family, to organise both the garden and her husband Clive who is relishing the opportunity of long walks in the country and enjoying the odd cocktail or two.

TLA/JK

Vale Mrs Vicky Spence

Vicky Spence retired from Ermysted's in July 2005 after 9 years of distinguished service in the English Department. A thoroughly committed and contributive member of the school community, she was a gifted teacher of GCSE and A-level whose desire for her students to achieve the best possible grades made her popular with both the boys and her colleagues. Vicky's lively sense of fun will be equally missed and we wish her the maximum possible amount of joy from her new and varied lifestyle as a member of Malham's apparently ever-growing retired population.

Vale Ms Ruth Payne-Woolridge

Ruth Payne-Woolridge left the English Department in July 2005 after an eighteen month tenure. She had joined the school at fairly short notice to help cover the unexpected departure of another colleague and her efforts during the period of her employment were appreciated by those whom she taught.

Other Staffing News

In April 2005 we were saddened at the news that former teacher Sheila Muhlemann had passed away. After a brave battle with cancer she died peacefully at home aged 58.

During the regrettable long-term absence of Mr Paul Whitaker, Head of Modern Foreign Languages, we were fortunate indeed to be able to find two colleagues who were both looking for part-time work and who were able to arrange their days so that they effectively carried out a 'job share' programme, teaching a full timetable between them.

Mrs Purdy Armstrong, a native speaker of German, came from leading another German department locally and brought a deal of experience to her teaching of classes in years 8, 10, 12 and 13. Through her thorough knowledge of suitable extension materials, she was able to provide particular help in the Sixth Form.

Mrs Julie Wood returned to teaching following a period looking after her young child. Her lessons - in years 7, 9 and 11 - were marked by apparently boundless cheerfulness, and her smile was most welcome in the staffroom!

It was a pleasure to have two such enthusiastic and capable colleagues to help us out, and the 'icing on the cake' came in the form of excellent results in the summer exams. Auf Wiedersehen!

Dr Kate Meakin joined the Classics Department on a part time basis as a result of increased demands for Latin.

In September 2004 we welcomed Ms Alison George as our IT technician. She replaced Noman who having been on a one year contract returned to his studies at Leeds University.

There were some changes in the School Office. After Mrs Marilyn Midgley retired from her post as Head Master's Secretary at Christmas, having been at Ermysted's for some seventeen years Mrs Caroline Lockyer took over this post and was joined in the School Office by a new appointment in Mrs Kate Shaw.

During the first week of the school year, Mr Phil Cawood, our Head of Art underwent an operation for a hip replacement and we were fortunate, at that late stage, to acquire the services of Mrs Angela Schofield, who had recently retired as Head of Art at a Liverpool comprehensive. As it transpired later that term, Mr Cawood resigned from his post. With Mr Matthews taking over as Head of Art, Mrs Schofield indicated a willingness to continue until Whit half-term, relieving any anxiety about the teaching of examination classes in Years 12 and 13. We were indeed grateful to her.

Nigel Kenyon continues to work part time in the Music department.

We also said farewell to Mrs Jan Simmons, our Librarian over the last 8 years. She has made considerable progress in the modernisation process of the library, in particular, the electronic bar code system.

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7E	George	Barnes	7H	Joshua	Holmes	7H	Mohammedis	Ramzan
7E	Henry	Barrow	7M	Richard	Hooper	7W	Jim	Ratcliffe
7H	Nathan	Barwick	7E	Benjamin	Howlett	7H	Husnain	Razaa
7W	Thomas	Bendall	7E	Anthony	Humphreys	7W	Frederic	Rennison
8S	Matthew	Benton	7H	Junaid	Hussain	7M	Rory	Richardson
7W	Edward	Berry	7M	Mohammed	Hussain	7E	Alasdair	Robertson
12G	Atanu	Bhattacharjee	7M	Rory	Johnson	7H	Thomas	Robinson
7M	Benjamin	Blackwell	7H	Jake	Kelly	7M	Zak	Romaszko
7E	Jacob	Bollen	7E	George	Kennedy	7E	William	Rook
7E	Joseph	Boothman	7E	Matthew	Kilburn	7H	Vahan	Salorian
7W	Daniel	Bowditch	7W	Dominic	Kimberlin	7W	Daniel	Scothern
7E	Samuel	Britnell	7E	Jonathan	Landless	12G	Anthony	Scott
8S	Ewan	Bruce	7W	James	Leeming	7H	Tausiq	Shirazi
12H	Timothy	Caswell	7H	Michael	Loadman	7W	Isaac	Shorten
7M	Luke	Chapman	7E	Samuel	Lobley	7H	Alexander	Sinclair
7E	Duncan	Clayton	7M	Myles	Locke	7H	Robert	Skilleter
12SP	Robert	Connor	7W	James	Loryman	12SP	Jonathan	Smith
7E	Alastair	Coulson	7M	Paul	Mahler	7W	Joshua	Snowden
8J	Seumas	Cram	7H	William	Marshall	7M	Herbert	Starkey
7H	William	Crisp	7E	Alastair	Massey	12WO	Matthew	Stone
7M	Lloyd	Davies	7E	Christian	Mayes	7H	Andrew	Sullivan
7M	Simon	Dawson	10HO	Aaron	McConkey	7M	Ben	Sullivan
7W	Luke	England	12H	Robert	McFee	7W	Adam	Sunnall
7M	Craig	Fairbairn	12WH	Jack	McGarvie	7W	Michael	Sutcliffe
7W	Charles	Farnes	7W	Alexander	McIntyre	7E	Robert	Swift
7W	David	Fong	7H	Oliver	McKinney	7H	Benjamin	Taylor
8S	Christopher	Garner	7H	Barnaby	McMahon	7W	Jonathan	Tomes
12WH	Andrew	Garrity	7W	Tom	Meakin	7H	Alexander	Travis
8J	Harlan	Gartland	7W	William	Mellin	7M	Ethan	Waind
7W	Joseph	Golding	7M	Peter	Messenger	7H	James	Waring
7H	Ian	Grange	7W	James	Metcalfe	7M	James	Watson
7M	Joel	Griffith	7E	Thomas	Morley	7H	James	Webster
7M	Shawn	Gubbin	7M	Akarshan	Naraen	7E	Samuel	Webster
9G	Christopher	Hague	7E	Ross	Nobes	12WH	David	Wilkinson
8S	Layth	Hanbali	7M	Jamie	O'Neill	7H	David	Willan
9G	Nabih	Hanbali	7H	Adam	Osborne	7E	Andrew	Williams
7H	Rupert	Hargrave	7M	Jake	Parker	7E	Adam	Winstanley
7E	Callum	Harrison	7H	Christopher	Pascoe	7W	Conrad	Witek
12WO	James	Harrison	7M	Barney	Persson	7W	Ryan	Womersley
7E	Nathan	Hawthorne	7M	Joshua	Phillips	12WH	Vincent	Wood Katic

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In addition to those boys taking 'A' levels in 2005 the following boys also left either during the year or at the end of the summer term:

Yr	Name		Yr	Name		Yr	Name	
11	Jonathan	Akrigg	11	Benjamin	Eccleshall	7	Christopher	Taylor
11	Michael	Bateson	12	Luke	Evans	11	Edward	Tordoff
12	Stephen	Bolland	9	Zenith	Hunt	11	Robert	Wardley
12	Robert	Booth	11	Luke	Lockwood	12	John	Watson
11	Benjamin	Campbell	8	Frans	Salokivi	11	Mark	Williams
11	Jack	Chew	11	Luke	Shutt	11	Kaifei	Yu
9	Mohammed	Choudary	12	Dean	Southworth			
11	Jonathan	Dunn	7	Adam	Stockbridge			

Public Examination Results Summer 2005

Advanced Level

Key Used:

Archaeology	arc	English Language	ea	History	hi
Art and Design	ad	English Literature	el	Information Technology	it
Biology	bi	French	fr	Latin	la
Chemistry	ch	Further Maths	fma	Music	mu
Classical Civilisation	cc	General Studies	gt	Physical Education	pe
Design and Technology	dt	Geography	gy	Physics	ph
Economics	ec	German	gn	Religious Studies	rs

(Grades A to E - Asterisks denote A Grades)

U Afzal	ec bi gt* ma	H Davidkhanian	ec* fr* gt* hi* ma*	C Ollier	ph dt ma
R Anderson	ch* ph* gt* ma* fm*	J Eyre	ch* ph* gt* ma* fm*	S Parry	bi ch gt mu
A Bailey	ch* ph* gt* ma* fm*	R Eyton-Jones	ea el gt hi	A Patankar	ec it ea gt
T Baines	ea el gt pe	S Fenton	ph dt gt ma	D Patten	bi* ch gt ma
N Banks	ec* ea gt gy*	A Foulds	ea gt hi pe*	M Paylor	bi el gt pe
O Barrett	bi* ph gt*gy*	G Foulds	ch ph* gt* ma*	R Pepper	ea* el* gt re*
J Bell	ec ea gt gy	M Fox	ch* ph* fm ma*	O Pike	dt*ph*gt*ma*fm*
M Binney	ea* el* gt hi	W Garnett	ec ea gt ma	C Pollitt	ec*gt*gt*gy*ma*
B Blagden	bi* ch gt* ma*	O Gregory	gm* ea* el* hi* gt*	L Porter	bi ch gt hicc
S Bloxham	el gt* hi rs	S Gregson	bi ea gt hi	J Procter	ea* gt* gy* pe*
M Botham	ec* el* gt* ma	A Hall	ph* ma* fm	C Reeday	ad* ph ma
R Bourn	bi gt hi rs	M Hardaker	ch ph gt* ma* fm	D Roast	ec* ph gt* ma*
N Bowker	ea el gt gy	B Harrison	ec ea gt gy	W Roberts	ea gy pe
S Bradley	ph it ma	J Hart	ec* gt gy* ma*	J Shelmerdine	el gy pe
A Brown	ph gy ma	M Hassan	bi ch rs	E Smith	el gt hi cc
R Burton	ec* gt* gy* cc	T Hassan	bi ch gt ma	A Southam	ad ea gt hi
N Busfield	ad* bi gt gy*	C Holden	ad dt* gt* ma	M Stewart	ea el gy
S Chadwick	ec* bi* ea* gt*	D Horton	bi* ch* la* gt* hi*	D Stockdale	ea el gt gy
J Chan	ea el gt hi	S Hudson	ad it dt gt	R Stow	bi gt* cc* pe*
L Charnley	ec* ch* ph gt ma*	M Kitching	ea gt gy* pe*	M Taylor	ec gt ma pe
J Cheyte	ec* bi ea gt	B Leong	la* ea* el* gt* hi*	R Thackray	ec*dt*gt*ma*fm
M Cichocki	ec* fr* ea gt ma*	R McLean	ac*bi*ka*cl*gt*hi*	M Thomas	el gt hi pe
T Clarke	ec* it ea* gt	S Manns	ea gt gy pe	J Weeden	ea el gt* cc
D Coope	ea gt hi rs*	R Marshall	pe rs bi	R Wheatstone	ea gt hi rs*
G Coughlin	el* gt* hi* ma* mu	S Maude	ea el* gt* rs	B White	bi* ch* gt* ma*
O Cowell-Smith	ea el gt cc	J Mercer	bi* ch* el* gt* ma*	J Whittock	ad*ea*gt*gy*hi*
A Craven	bi ch el gt	J Merrell	ph dt* gt* gy* ma*	C Wilson	bi* dt gt* cc
J Darbyshire	bi ph gt* gy	T Middleton	ec ph gt ma		
B Davey	bi gt* hi rs*	J Murr	ad bi pe*		

GCSE Results 2005

Key Used:

Art and Design	ad	French	fr	Mathematics	ma
Biology	bi	German	gn	Music	mu
Chemistry	ch	Geography	gy	Physics	ph
Design and Technology	dt	History	hi	R.S.	rs
English Language	ea	Information Technology	it	Dual Award Science	sc sc
English Literature	el	Latin	la		

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

T Ahmed	ea*, el, ma*, fr*, dt, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, hi
J Akrigg	ea, el, ma, dt*, bi, ch, ph
B Andrews	ea*, el, ma*, fr*, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, hi*
M Athersmith	ea, el, ma*, fr, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, it, hi
R Atkins	ea*, el, ma, fr, dt*, sc* sc*, gy*, ad, pe*
C Baines	ea, el, ma*, gn, dt*, sc* sc*, gy*, hi, pe*
M Bateson	el, ma
M Beer	ea, el, ma*, fr*, dt*, bi, ch, ph*, hi, pe*
S Binney	ea, el, ma*, gn, bi, ph, pe
M Blackie	ea*, el, ma*, fr*, dt*, bi, ch*, ph*, mu*, la
J Bode	ea, el, ma*, fr, dt*, bi, ch*, ph*, gy*, ad*
R Booth	ea*, el*, ma*, gn, dt*, sc sc, gy, ad, mu*
L Butterworth	ea*, el*, ma*, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, hi*
C Cahill	ea*, el*, ma*, fr*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, hi*
C Cameron	ea*, el*, ma*, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, hi*
B Campbell	el, ma, dt, sc sc, gy, hi
R Carr	ea, el*, ma*, fr*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, ad*
J Chew	ea*, el, ma*, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, pe*
R Clarke	ea, el, ma*, fr, dt*, bi, ch*, ph, gy, hi
M Clements	ea*, el*, ma*, fr*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, hi*
G Consoli	ea*, el*, ma*, fr*, dt*, sc* sc*, gy*, hi*, pe*
E Cowan	ea*, el*, ma*, fr, dt*, sc* sc*, gy*, hi*, pe*
R Cudworth	ea, el, ma*, gn, bi, ch, ph, gy*, hi
J Dunn	ea, ma, dt, sc sc, ad, pe*
W Dyson-Sutton	ea*, el*, ma*, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, mu*
B Eccleshall	ea, el, ma, dt*, sc sc, ad, mu
A Everett	ea*, el, ma*, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, pe*
J Finucane	ea*, el, ma*, gn, dt*, bi*, ch, ph*, ad*, pe*
K Flatley	ea*, el*, ma*, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, hi*
T French	ea, el, ma*, fr*, gn*, dt*, bi, ch*, ph, hi
D Garrod	ea, el, ma*, fr, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, hi*, pe*
O Gee	ea, el, ma*, fr, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, hi*, pe*
R Gill	ea, el, ma, dt, bi, ch, ph, gy, pe
N Green	ea*, el*, ma*, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, mu*
S Green	ea, el, ma*, fr, dt*, bi, ch, hi, pe*
J Greenwood	ea*, el*, ma, fr, dt, sc* sc*, gy, hi*, la
M Greenwood	ea*, el*, ma*, gn*, dt, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, mu*
J Grima	el, ma, gn, dt*, sc sc, ad, pe
C Hargrave	ea*, el*, ma*, fr, dt*, bi, ch, ph*, it*, hi*
C Herd	ea*, el, ma*, gn*.dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, hi*, pe*
A Hollings	ea*, el*, ma*, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy, hi*
S Hollings	ea, el*, ma*, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, it, hi*

J Humphreys	ea*, el*, ma*, fr*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, hi*
T Ingham	ea, el, ma, fr, bi, ch, ph, mu
N Iveson	ea*, el*, ma*, fr*, gn*, dt, bi*, ch*, ph*, hi*
J Kelly	ea*, el*, ma*, gn*, dt*, sc* sc*, gy*, hi*, pe*
J Kulik	ea*, el, ma*, fr, dt*, sc* sc*, gy*, hi, pe*
L Larke	ea*, el*, ma*, fr, dt*, sc* sc*, gy*, ad, hi*
L Lockwood	ea, el, ma, fr, bi, ch, ph, hi, pe*
W Maisey	ea*, el, ma*, fr*, dt*, sc* sc*, gy*, hi, pe*
J Marsh	ea, el, ma*, fr*, dt, bi*, ch*, ph*, it, ad
N Marshall	ea*, el, ma*, fr*, dt*, bi, ch*, ph*, gy*, hi
S McGaffin	ea, ma*, fr, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, it, hi
B McGee	ea, el, ma, gn, dt, bi, ch, ph, ad, mu*
C Merrell	ea, el, ma*, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph, gy*, ad
S Milner	ea*, el, ma, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph, gy*, it*
J Mitchell	ea*, el*, ma*, fr*, dt*, sc* sc*, gy*, ad*, hi*
T Mountain	ea, el*, ma, fr, dt*, sc sc, gy, hi, pe*
B Oswald	ea*, el, ma*, gn*, dt, bi, ch*, ph*, it, hi
G Pappin	ea*, el, ma*, gn, dt*, sc* sc*, gy*, hi*, la
J Parker	ea, el, ma, fr, dt*, bi, ch, ph, gy, pe,
T Pascoe	ea*, el, ma*, fr*, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, hi*
W Philip	ea*, el, ma*, fr, dt*, bi, ch, ph, hi, pe*
S Procter	ea, el, ma, dt, sc sc, gy, ad, pe
O Qattan	ea, el, ma*, gn, dt*, bi, ch*, ph, ad, hi
M Redfearn	ea*, el, ma*, gn*, dt, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, hi*
D Roast	ea, el, ma*, gn, dt, bi, ch, ph, it, ad
J Robertson	ea*, el*, ma*, fr, dt*, sc* sc*, gy*, hi*, mu*
B Robertson-Welsh	ea, el, ma*, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, hi, pe*
E Rothwell	ea*, el, ma*, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, hi*
R Scott	ea*, el, ma*, gn*, bi, ch, ph, ad, hi*
L Shutt	ea, el, ma*, fr
S Smith	ea, el, ma*, fr, dt*, bi, ch, ph, gy*, la
W Tate	ea*, el*, ma*, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, hi*, pe*
J Taylor	ea, el, ma*, fr, dt*, bi, ch, ph*, gy, pe*
I Thomas	ea, el, ma*, fr, dt, bi, ch, ph, it
W Thompson	ea*, el, ma*, gn*, dt, bi, ch, ph*, it, hi
B Thoy	ea*, el*, ma, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch, ph, hi*, la
E Tordoff	ea, ma, gn, dt, ad
F Trueman	ea*, el, ma*, gn*, dt, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, pe*
A Turner	ea*, el*, ma*, fr*, dt*, sc* sc*, gy*, it*, hi*
S Walker	ea, ma, fr, dt*, sc sc, gy, it, hi
R Wardley	ea, el, ma, gn, dt, sc sc, ad, pe*
J Watson	ea, el*, ma*, fr*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, ad, mu*
G Whitlam	ea*, el, ma*, gn*, dt*, sc* sc*, gy*, ad*, hi*
M Williams	ea, el, ma*, dt*, bi, ch*, ph, gy*, ad
A Witek	ea*, el, ma*, gn*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy*, ad*
M Woodhead	ea*, el, ma*, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, gy, pe*
K Yu	ea, el, ma*, fr, dt*, bi*, ch*, ph*, it, ad

University and College List

Destination of Year 13 Leavers

(Those that took 'A'-levels in summer 2005)

Name	Destination	Course
Usman Afzal	University of Sheffield	Economics
*Mohammed Alam	University of Bradford	Pharmacy
Robert Anderson	University of Cambridge	Engineering
Andrew Bailey	University of Cambridge	Engineering
Thomas Baines	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Applied Communication
Neil Banks	University of Durham	Economics
Oliver Barrett	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Geography
James Bell		Gap Year
Myles Binney	Royal Holloway, Univ. of London	English
Benjamin Blagden	University of Bristol	Veterinary Science
Stephen Bloxham	University of Reading (2006)	History
Matthew Botham	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Politics and Economics
Richard Bourn	University of Hull	Philosophy and Politics
Nicholas Bowker	Lancaster University	English Language
Sam Bradley		Employment (Litigation)
*John Bracken	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	English Literature
Alex Brown	University of Leeds	Civil and Environmental Engineering
Rhys Burton	University of Durham	Geography
Nicholas Busfield	Craven College	Foundation Studies (Art&Design)
Stuart Chadwick	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Economics
Jun Bo Chan	King's College, Univ. of London	English Language and Communication
Janos Cheyte	University of Manchester	Economics and Politics
Martin Cichocki	University of Durham	Economics
*Thomas Anthony Clarke	University of Huddersfield	Popular Music Production
Thomas James Clarke	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Economics
Daile Coope	University of Leeds	Philosophy
Gregory Coughlin	University of Birmingham	Law
Oliver Cowell-Smith		re- applying through UCAS (2006 entry)
Alexander Craven	University of East Anglia (2006)	Plant Biology
James Darbyshire	University of Liverpool	Marine Biology
Bryn Davey	University of Manchester	Historical Studies and Philosophy
Harmic Davidkhanian	London School of Economics	Management
Jack Eyre	University of Cambridge	Mathematics and Physics
Robert Eyton-Jones	Northumbria University	History and Politics
Simon Fenton	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Civil Engineering
Andrew Foulds	Northumbria University	Law
George Foulds	Lancaster University	Physics
Michael Fox	University of Nottingham	Physics
William Garnett	Northumbria University	Law
*William Green	Oxford University	English Language and Literature
Oliver Gregory	Oxford University	English Language and Literature
Samuel Gregson	University of Essex	English Language
Andrew Hall	Loughborough University	Mechanical Engineering
Matthew Hardaker	University of Durham	General Engineering
*Alexander Hare	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Economics and Business Management
Ben Harrison	University of Sheffield	Economics
James Hart	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Geography
Mahmood Hassan	Heriot-Watt University	Microbiology
Tariq Hassan		re- applying through UCAS (2006 entry)

Christopher Holden	Northumbria University	Design for Industry
David Horton	Oxford University	Medicine
Scott Hudson	Northumbria University	Design for Industry
Matthew Kitching	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Geography
Benjamin Leong	Oxford University	Classics
* Ben Lloyd-Evans	University of Manchester	Music
Steven Manns	University of Liverpool	Geography
Robert Marshall	University of Hull	Psychology with Sports Science
Steven Maude	University of Sheffield	English Literature
Robert McLean	Oxford University	Classics
Joseph Mercer	Oxford University	Medicine
James Merrell	University of Durham	General Engineering
Thomas Middleton	Northumbria University	Economics / Business
Justin Murr	University of Leeds	Sports Science and Physiology
Carl Ollier	Manchester Metropolitan University	Mechanical Engineering
Samuel Parry	University of Manchester	Biomedical Sciences
Ajmal Patankar	Sheffield Hallam University	Computing (Software Engineering)
Daniel Patten	University of Sheffield	Molecular Biology
Mikael Paylor	Leeds Metropolitan University	Sports and Exercise Science
Robert Pepper	Oxford University	Theology
Oliver Pike	University of Cambridge	Natural Sciences
Christopher Pollitt	Oxford University	Economics and Management
Luke Porter	University of Sheffield (2006)	Biology with Conservation and Biodiversity
James Procter	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Geography
Christopher Reeday	University of Coventry	Motorsport Engineering
David Roast	University of York	Computer Science
Will Roberts	Heriot-Watt University	Sport and Exercise Science with Psychology
James Shelmerdine	University of Plymouth	Marine Sports Science
Edward Smith	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Classical Civilisation
Addison Southam	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Marketing
Marc Stewart		Apprenticeship
David Stockdale	University of Wales, Aberystwyth	Countryside Management
Robert Stow	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Classical Studies
Mark Taylor	Loughborough University	Business Studies and Finance
Richard Thackray	University of Leeds	Law
Matthew Thomas	Northumbria University	History
Jacob Weeden	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Computer Science
Richard Wheatstone	Cardiff University	Journalism, Film and Media
Benjamin White	University of Cambridge	Medical Sciences
Jim Whittock	University of Cambridge	History of Art
Christopher Wilson	University of Dundee	Architecture

* indicates a pupil who left in 2004 and who re-applied through UCAS for university entry in October 2005

Founders' Day

Saturday 11th December 2004

The traditional Founders' Day service was held at Holy Trinity Church in the morning. Canon A.P. Botwright welcomed everybody and the main address was given by the Reverend David R Emison, Chair of the Cumbria Methodist District. The School Choir performed an Anthem entitled "This Little Light of Mine" a traditional North American Gospel. The retiring collection was made on behalf of The Parkinson's Disease Society. Jack Heald read the reading from the New Testament.

Speech Day

Friday 8th July 2005

The chief guest this year was the Rt Hon Eric Forth MP. Mr Forth became a Member of the European Parliament in 1979 and was elected to Westminster four years later. He was Minister of State at the Department for Education for three years from July 1994. More recently, from 2001 to 2003, he was Shadow Leader of the House of Commons.

Mr Ashworth's speech included the following:

The year has proved a difficult one due to a number of long term absences – see staffing.

The old swimming baths has been transformed in to new Music facilities. These were available following the Easter holiday and were formally opened, in late May, by local musician and former member of staff Arthur Butterworth.

Plans have been passed by the Council for the demolition of the San which is to be replaced by a new Refectory.

While the Technology block was under construction part of The Bottom was made into a temporary car park. It had been hoped to make this permanent but first the local council and then the Department for the Environment turned this down.

During the summer of 2004 the 1875 School Building (housing the School Office) was rewired. The windows at the front of the 1930s block were replaced in Autumn 2004. The two projects, costing £90,000 in total, were funded via the Voluntary Aided Schools Capital Programme.

The school was unsuccessful with an application to become a Specialist School in Maths and Computing. Advice from the Specialist Schools Trust suggested that we change emphasis to focus on Science with Maths. A further bid is to be submitted which, if successful, will see the School gaining Specialist Status in September 2006.

For entry in to Year 7 in September (2004) 127 boys were assessed as suitable. Of these 113 started the Year. 19 pupils left at the end of year 11 while 15 boys entered Year 12. The total in the sixth form was 172 and the overall number on roll was 653, the greatest number in the history of the school.

Changes were made to the school day. The week still comprises 40 periods, eight per day, but we have moved to a four-four split. Lunch is now an hour earlier. These changes were brought about due to increased collaboration between Ermysted's and Skipton Girls' High School. A number of A level subjects are being offered jointly giving greater choice to students in both schools.

In recognition of our commitment to promote the benefits of sport and physical activity, the School has been awarded a Sportsmark Extension Award, being one of 338 schools nationally to receive this award.

Association Football continues to develop especially within Sixth Form games with the use of the Astroturf surface at Sandylands.

Our major school fund raising focused on Comic Relief and in excess of £6000 was raised.

In the UK Mathematics Challenge which our Year 8s entered for the first time along with Year 10 students 118 certificates were awarded, with 25 at gold level, 40 at silver and 53 bronze. Through these achievements the boys raised over £1500 through sponsorship for SCAD and the Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue.

Prize List 2005**JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZES**

Marmaduke Miller Art Prize	James Birtles
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Sam Winward
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize	Mark Gregory
Mechanics' Institute Design & Technology Prize	Richard Mason
Petyt Trust English Prize	Sam Winward
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	Josh Armitage
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	James Whitlam
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	Tom Davey
Foundation History Prize	Christopher Richards
Petyt Trust Latin Prize	Christopher Richards
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	Josh Armitage
Firth Memorial Music Prize	Henry Phillips
Foundation P E Prize	Adam Yates
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Edward Wardle
Foundation Religious Studies Prize	Mark Gregory

MIDDLESCHOOLPRIZES

Jonathan Chapman Memorial Art Prize	Joe Mitchell
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Kevin Flatley
Foundation PE Prize	James Kelly
Foundation Chemistry Prize	Edwin Rothwell
Foundation Design & Technology Prize	Alex Turner
Foundation English Prize	Lloyd Butterworth
Jonathan Chapman Memorial Geography Prize	Robert Carr
Foundation History Prize	Conor Cahill
Foundation Information Technology Prize	Alex Turner
Jack Eastwood Memorial Prize for Languages	Giuseppe Consoli
Jack Eastwood Memorial Latin Prize	Giles Pappin
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	Kevin Flatley
Foundation Modern Languages Prize	Thomas Pascoe
Edward Scott Music Prize	James Watson
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Sam Hollings

SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZES

Marmaduke Miller Art Prize	Jim Whittock
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	David Horton
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize	David Horton
Mechanics' Institute Design Technology Prize	Christopher Holden
Foundation Economics Prize	Harmic Davidkhanian
Petyt Trust English Prize	Oliver Gregory
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	Martin Cichocki
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	Christopher Pollitt
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	Jim Whittock
Foundation History Prize	Robert McLean
Petyt Trust Latin Prize	Robert McLean
Foundation Linguistics Prize	Ben Leong
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	Christopher Pollitt
Firth Memorial Music Prize	Sam Bradley
Foundation P E Prize	Justin Murr
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Robert Anderson
Foundation Further Maths Prize	Jack Eyre

Gold Award at the British Physics Olympiad	Jack Eyre
Religious Studies Prize	Daile Coope
.....	Robert Pepper
Classical Civilisation.....	Christopher Wilson
Neil Townson Memorial Prize for Achievement in Geography	Oliver Barrett

FOUNDATION FORM PRIZES

7E	Ben Howlett
7H	Vahan Salorian
7M	Jamie O'Neill
7W	Thomas Bendall
8J	Andrew Cairns
8K	Thomas Woods
8L	Toby Coughlin
8S	Matthew Harrison
9G	Jonathan Green
9P	Mark Gregory
9T	Daniel O'Neill
Skipton Town Council Silver Jubilee Shield	Adam Stockbridge
Iain McLeod Memorial Prize	Christopher Chew
Paul Chadwick Prize for Fine Craftsmanship.....	Robert Carr
.....	Jack Chew
Fleming Essay Prize	Robert Pepper
Longden Smith Prize for Rugby.....	Addison Southam
Jimmy Harrison Memorial Prize for Progress in Senior Rugby	Matthew Kitching
Peter Rose Memorial Prize for Cricket.....	Tom Baines
Simon Lewis Prize for the most Promising Cricketer.....	Chris Baines
Drama Prize.....	Oliver Gregory
Philip Osborne Public Speaking Prize.....	Stephen Bloxham
Philip Osborne Dramatic Society Prize	Sam Headey
Doris Altham Barker Prize for Musical Achievement.....	Gregory Coughlin
.....	Sam Parry
.....	Michael Fox
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student	Ben White
Head of Sixth Form's Merit Prize	Richard Bourn
Parents' Association Fortitude Prize	Kevin Timmins
Arthur Coe Prize for Distinguished Service	David Horton
.....	Robert McLean
Foundation General Efficiency Prize.....	Joe Mercer
Old Boys' Association Head of School Prize	Christopher Pollitt

Music and Drama Review

Music Report

The main event of this year has been our move to new premises. The swimming pool was converted during the Spring term into a new Music School with a very large classroom, ample storage and three purpose built practice rooms. The main room is big enough to house all musical activities and the Big Band, Clarinet Choir, String Orchestra and School Choir all rehearse in it. It is acoustically designed to deaden reverberance and is an ideal sound for learning and practising new music. The peripatetic staff have been very pleased with the new rooms and seem to have a renewed enthusiasm in the building. The old san is missed by some but it was simply too small to accommodate everything.

The number of boys taking instrumental lessons has again grown and we started the year with over 140, a very healthy percentage indeed. An account of the musical events of the year follows.

Clarinet Choir

Mr. Rogerson has again produced a hard-working and advanced ensemble in his Clarinet group. We have been fortunate in being able to have players of a high standard in this ensemble and a number of them have taken Grade 8 this year. In addition we welcomed two girls from the Girls' school to the group. They played a varied programme of arrangements and original compositions at both concerts this year. They are :

Sam Parry, Joe Mercer, Christopher Pollitt, Jack Eyre, Arthur Phillips, Christopher Day, Emily Smith SGHS, Katy Brown SGHS (Bass Clarinet)

School Choir

The Senior Choir has grown – downwards! Fresh voices have begun to ring around the school as a positive scheme of recruitment was started in October amongst Years 7 and 8. As a result some 40 or so singers now constitute the choir and they made a great start in the first term taking part in the Christmas Concert, leading the singing at Founders' Day and providing music for the annual Wassail. Material has been varied and one of the highlights was our rendition of a gospel song led by our friend Tiwonge from Malawi.

They have been very willing and their performing skills have shown continuous improvement throughout the year. It bodes well for the future that there are a good core of singers who will be prepared to sing throughout their school careers.

The School Choir are :

Trebles	Altos	Tenors	Basses
Adam Sumnall	Alex McKintyre	Nathan Hawthorne	Sam Bradley
Conrad Witek	Craig Fairbairn	Robin Armour	Stephen Bloxham
Simon Dawson	Ben Sullivan	Oliver Jeggo	James Roberston
Joshua Phillips	James Watson	Tony Bickley	Michael Greenwood
Oliver McKinney	Chris Pascoe	Graham Richardson	Adrian Harwood
Adam Osborne	Andrew Sullivan	Andre Lorente-Jimenez	Andrew Enzor
Vahan Salorian	Adam Stockbridge	Chris Greenwood	Sam Newbould
Robert Skilleter	Elliott Gray-Clough	Tim Ingham	Mr. Jones
Alex Travis	Charles Holroyd	Mark Blackie	
Duncan Clayton-Stead	Joshua Beattie-Jones		
Jonathan Landless	Stephen Shackleton		
Ben Howlett			
Chris Day			
Mark Hall			
Joshua Beattie-Jones			
Williams Binns			

String Orchestra

This ensemble has again grown in size and we have been lucky to have the full range of instruments to make a very rich-sounding chamber orchestra. We gained a double bass player in the shape of Ben Blackwell and another cellist with Oliver McKinney.

The orchestra has played at both of this years concerts under the guidance of Anne Heaton and looks to have a secure future. The members of the String Orchestra are:

Violin - Luke Yates 12G, William Dyson-Sutton 11WA, Mark Clements 11WA, Christopher Richards 9G, Peter Herbert 8L, Charles Farnes 7W, Adam Sumnall 7W, Layth Hanbali 8S

Viola - Sam Bradley 13FT

Cello - Jonathan Simmons 12G, Alfie Woodland 8L, Oliver McKinney 7H

Double Bass - Ben Blackwell 7M

Big Band

Another busy year. No tour to organise, or a CD but still plenty of work to do. We spent the first half-term re-grouping and consolidating the band with new members joining in all sections. We had the two concerts to play in, introducing new numbers by the band and this year's guest vocalist from the Girls' school, Jenny Armstrong.

In April we played for a retirement function in Settle, having been invited on the strength of a gig we did there 18 months previously. In May we put on a concert at Christ Church Skipton to help them raise funds for their ambitious plans to re-order the interior. An excellent audience turned up and a final figure of £650 was made for their funds. The Jazz 'n Jive, now a firm fixture in the school calendar, ended the season on May 21st with a full turn out and a lively programme including an encore sung by Sam Parry – Tony Christie's evergreen, 'Show me the way to Amarillo'.

Sadly, we say goodbye to many members again this year, but fear not, the band looks extremely healthy and we have been asked to end the Skipton Music Society's public concert season on April 28th 2006. This concert is usually given by well-known professional jazz groups and we are honoured that they should choose us for this prestigious event.

TRUMPET 1	TRUMPET 2	TRUMPET 3
Michael Greenwood	Richard Thackray	Mitchell Hargreaves
Henry Phillips	Toby Coughlin	Adam Stockbridge
Gill Enzor SGHS	Simon Johnston	
ALTO SAX 1	ALTO SAX 2	
Hannah Beck	James Jordan	
Chris Holden	Jack Eyre	
George Whitlam	Sarah Osbourne SGHS	
Matthew Bundock		
Sam Newbould		
TENOR SAX 1	TENOR SAX 2	
Chris Pollitt	Nick Green	
Lois Mackley SGHS	Arthur Phillips	
BARITONE SAX / BASS CLARINET - Sam Parry / Katy Brown SGHS		
TROMBONE 1	TROMBONE 2	TROMBONE 3
GregCoughlin	Chris Greenwood	James Cheater
Andrew Enzor	Stephen Bloxham	Thomas Kilburn
DRUMS	Michael Fox	PIANO
	Mark Parker	Adrian Harwood
		Paul Wilson
GUITAR	Luke Yates	BASS
	Thomas Crapper	Joel Stretch
		Geoff Peacock Esq.
VOCALS	Jenny Armstrong (SGHS), Sam Parry	

Concerts

October	Big Band played at the Open Day to welcome prospective parents
December	PTA Wassail, another sell-out. Founders' Day – debut of the newly formed School Choir Christmas Concert, with our special guest star, Tiwonge.
April	Birthday party at Settle. The Big Band played for this surprise party and raised £250 in the process.
March	Red Nose Day – a workshop was given by 'Big Blast' For Year 10 and 11 pupils. They performed at lunch.
May	Christ Church, Skipton. Big Band raises £650 for the church Jazz 'n Jive - Big Band finish the concert season.

Big Blast

We were offered the chance of a visit by 'Big Tree', a Samba band based in Ingleton. The band was augmented by a DJ, a rapper, keyboard electronics and film projected to accompany the music. A presentation was given in the assembly on Red Nose Day (which also coincided with the visit of our friends from Simbach) and the hall was shaken vigorously by subterranean drum 'n bass. Following the assembly GCSE Music pupils from years 10 and 11 worked with the group to prepare a performance to be given at lunch. Two hours and many bandaged hands later they gave a spectacular performance. Chris Greenwood was the school rap artist with Rameses Booth and Nick Green on decks. Tim Ingham and Michael Greenwood became the film crew and a montage of film of the rehearsal was projected onto the stage wall during the music. An exhausting but exhilarating day for all. It was also fantastic revision for the GCSE module on 'Dance Music of the Americas'!

Christmas Concert

String Orchestra

Elgar – 'Nimrod' from Enigma Variations
Director – Anne Heaton

Guitar Duet

Thomas Pascoe / Geoff Stevenson
Sonata in A, Domenico Scarlatti

Traditional Arabian Duo

Nabih and Layth Hanbali (Lute and Violin)
Two Arabic Songs

Clarinet Choir

Gordon Jacob
Scherzetto, Pavane and Gopak
Director – Howard Rogerson

Guitar Solo

Edward Wardle
'Bolero' – Calatuyud

"Tico"

'Ntchindi' – Tiwonge Hango

Piano Solo

Gregory Coughlin

Hindemith – Praeludium

from 'Ludus Tonalis'

Choir

This Little Light of Mine
Solo – Tiwonge Hango
Thembala

Clarinet Choir

Bach – Prelude in Bb Minor
Mancini – Moon River
Directed by – Howard Rogerson

Guitar Ensemble

'Xaminer Blues'
Luke Yates, Joel Stretch, Al Simmons

'Filament'

Pocketful of Stones

Ermysted's Big Band

It Don't Mean A Thing
A Foggy Day
The Look of Love
'Tastes Like Chicken'
Jingle Bells

Easter Concert

String Orchestra – Directed by Anne Heaton
Vivaldi – Violin Concerto in A Minor, (Finale).
Op.3 No.6
Soloist – Luke Yates

Clarinet Quartet – Directed by Howard Rogerson
Scott Joplin – Ragtime Dance
Mussorgsky – Mushrooms

Guitar Solo – Ben McGee
'Voodoo Chile' – Jimmi Hendrix.
Sam Procter - Drums

Piano Solo – Sam Parry
'Sacramonte', Joaquin Turina

Clarinet Quartet – Directed by Howard Rogerson
Lionel Hampton – Flying Home
Offenbach – Galop from Orpheus in the
Underworld

*Guitar Trio – David Machin, Thomas Crapper,
Thomas Pascoe*
'Cubanita' – Trad. Spanish

Piano Solo – Greg Coughlin
Chopin – Waltz in E Minor

Choir
Hallelujah
Dream, Dream ,Dream
Swing Low

Big Band
It don't mean a thing
Mr. Zoot Suit (Vocals, Jenny Armstrong)
Indiana
Sax Solo – Sam Newbould - 'Soho', James Rae
Girl from Ipanema (Vocals, Jenny Armstrong)
'S Wonderful
Pick up the pieces

Miscellaneous

Ben Lloyd-Evans and Will Green gave a concert in the school hall. They had recently released their own CD of original songs, (which has been selling well in Borders at Leeds and was proving attractive to American parties), and the concert was a live version of the CD. They call themselves 'Feldspar' and their CD is thoroughly recommended. The money raised was put towards their expeditions to Honduras and South America. Ben and Will were leavers in 2004 and both were key members of the Big Band.

Ben was also prominent later in February when he gave a piano recital at Ilkley. He has secured a place on the Performers course at the Royal Northern College of Music and this was his first public solo recital. It was a demanding programme and played to a full house at Christ Church in Ilkley. Despite concert nerves he showed admirable prowess at the piano playing works by Debussy, Liszt and ending with two blistering performances of two Chopin Etudes.

Sam Parry and Vahan Salorian were key members of the cast in Skipton Operatic Society's production of Les Miserables in Skipton Town Hall in March. Sam took on the demanding role of Valjean.

From a Year 7 project – 'Folk music is music played by old people with beards' (does that, I wonder, include the ladies?! SG).

Luke Yates was chosen to lead the County Music Orchestra during their summer course at the end of the Summer Term. One must assume that he is therefore the best violinist in a North Yorkshire School - anyone who has heard him at our concerts would certainly concur!

SG

Sports Review

Sports Day 2005

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Overall	
House	Pts	House	Pts	House	Pts	House	Pts	House	Pts
E	108	E	110	E	81	E	107	E	406
P	85	P	102	P	71	P	87	P	345
H	90	H	68	H	79	H	68	H	305
T	68	T	67	T	108	T	82	T	325

Yr 7	100m	200m	400m
1	P.Messenger	E T.Morley	P J.Griffith
2	D.Clayton-Stead	P D.O'Neill	E J.Homes
3	A.Massey	P J.Ratcliffe	T S.Gubbin
4	R.Womersley	T A.Osbourne	H M.Kilburn
5	O.McKinney	H J.Toomes	T D.Woolin
6	C.Pascoe	H B.Taylor	H I.Shorten
7	H.Sharkey	E J.Price	E J.Metcalf
8	J.Loryman	T J.Boothman	P B.Howlett

Yr 7	800m	1500m	Relay
1	B.Pinder	T W.Crisp	H Messenger,
2	A.Sinclair	H D.Bowditch	T Clayton-Stead,
3	L.Davies	E K.Ashfaq	E Crisp, Holmes,
4	G.Kennedy	P R.Smith	P Racliffe, Tombs,
5	L.Chapman	E T.Pugh	P
6	T.Meakin	T W.Marshall	H
7	J.Holmes	H T.Ainslee	E
8	S.Lobley	P D.Scothern	T

Yr 7	High Jump	Long Jump	Triple Jump
1	B.Blackwell	E L.Davies	E J.O'Neill
2	B.Pinder	T A.Sinclair	H B.Taylor
3	J.Holmes	H J.Radcliffe	T D.Stead
4	S.Webster	P A.Robertson	P J.Tomes

Yr 7	Shot Putt	Javelin	Discus
1	A.Massey	P A.McIntyre	T D.Willan
2	J.Webster	H T.Pugh	P C.Harrison
3	P.Mahler	E R.Hargrave	H T.Hindle
4	D.Bowditch	T R.Richardson	E J.Leeming

Yr 8	100m	200m	400m
1	C.Millman	P T.Coughlin	P A.Cairns
2	R.Armour	T A.Woodhead	E D.Martin
3	A.Lorente	T S.Norton	E A.Watson
4	J.Gilchrist	E T.Styles	P A.Conroy
5	A.Phillips	P K.Corless	T G.Andrews
6	J.Holland	E O.Jeggio	H B.Saul
7	J.Midgley	H D.Charters	T N.Tolley
8	L.Stockton	H	T T.Carlisle

Yr 8	800m	1500m	Relay
1	J.Chapman	P J.Golson	E Ackers-Johnson,
2	T.Stead	P D.Sands	H Cairns, Lorenta,
3	T.Hutchinson	E T.Smallwood	H Phillips, Watson,
4	L.Hambali	H C.McCutchen	P Martine,
5	A.Collitt	E M.Figg	P
6	B.Gannon	H M.Hargreaves	T
7	P.Herbert	T D.Horseman	E
8		S.Balderson	T

Yr 8	High Jump	Long Jump	Triple Jump
1	B.Tolley	E G.Ackers-	E S.Norton
2	T.Carlisle	T A.Phillips	P T.Coughlin
3	A.Watson	P A.Lorente	T K.Corless
4	J.Midgley	H D.Moody	H B.Gannon

Yr 8	Shot Putt		Javelin		Discus	
1	A.Convoy	H	B.Parker	E	D.Wade	P
2	A.Law	P	L.Stockton	H	T.Smallwood	H
3	A.Simmons	E	J.Bullough	T	M.Stone	E
4	S.Harrison	T	T.Stead	P		
Yr 9	100m		200m		400m	
1	T.Davey	E	N.Aveyard	E	S.Griffiths	E
2	J.Peacock	T	T.Pugh	E	P.Kulik	T
3	J.Green	P	R.Carr	T	M.Gregory	P
4	B.Gill	T	A.Yates	P	W.Hall	H
5	D.Batty	P	R.Roberts	H	R.Berry	T
6	D.Pascoe	H	J.Teiti	T	D.Russell	E
7	N.Moulds	E			N.Hanbali	H
8	S.Ash	H				
Yr 9	800m		1500m		Relay	
1	L.Maude	T	J.Mountain	H	Kulik, Maude,	T
2	D.O'Neill	E	P.Woodhead	E	Boyle, Hall,	H
3	M.Boyle	H	P.Britland	T	Batty, Gregory,	P
4	B.Hodgkiss	H	H.Phillips	P		
5	J.Altham	T	S.Athersmith	E		
6	J.Bargh	P	D.Wardley	T		
7	S.Winward	P				
8						
Yr 9	High Jump		Long Jump		Triple Jump	
1	P.Kulik	T	A.Yates	P	M.Gregory	P
2	E.Cottle	P	D.O'Neil	E	B.Hodgkiss	H
3	R.Roberts	H	J.Hargraves	T	B.Gill	T
4	S.Griffiths	E	J.Martin	H	D.Russell	E
Yr 9	Shot Putt		Javelin		Discus	
1	N.Hanbali	H	B.Reece	T	W.Copper	H
2	M.Sanderson	E	S.Lov	P	R.Carr	T
3	J.Altham	T	Z.Pearson	E	S.Phillips	E
4			J.Binns	H	H.Phillips	P
Yr 10	100m		200m		400m	
1	C.Gornal	T	J.Paley	H	T.Davies	E
2	J.Fassenfeld	E	K.Dadhley	T	S.Connor	H
3	A.Brook	H	A.Turnbull	E	D.Hicks	P
4	H.Haider	T	T.Campling	E	W.Green	P
5	H.Bailey	P	D.Phillips	H	A.Nicholson	E
6	T.Heathcote	P	A.McKonkey	P	M.Parker	H
7	W.Bollen	H	J.Chan	T	S.Liu	T
8	J.Porter	E			W.Davidson	T
Yr 10	800m		1500m		Relay	
1	R.Golson	E	T.Curvis	E		E
2	J.Morphet	T	E.Dawson	P		P
3	L.Devonish	T	J.Wardman	T		T
4	P.Nicholson	E	S.Newbould	E		H
5	L.Shepherd	P	M.Thompson	T		
6	A.Enzor	H	T.Crapper	H		
7			S.Johnston	H		
8						
Yr 10	High Jump		Long Jump		Triple Jump	
1	W.Green	P	E.Dawson	P	H.Haider	T
2	S.Connor	H	J.Chan	T	A.Turnbull	E
3	J.Porter	E	M.Parker	H	D.Hicks	P
4	C.Gornall	T			C.Greenwood	H
Yr 10	Shot Putt		Javelin		Discus	
1	J.Fassenfeld	E	B.Hollings	P	D.Phillips	H
2	H.Pighills	P	S.Tipping	E	L.Shepherd	P
3	S.Liu	T	W.Bollen	H	R.Davies	E
4	S.Wade	H	A.McLachlan	T	W.Davidson	T

1st XI Cricket

The short season started well on a wet Skipton CC pitch with a three wicket victory over Leeds G.S. After a fine bowling performance from new recruit A. Battacharjee 3 – 16, R. Atkins held the middle order together with a mature knock of 40 runs. Battacharjee and captain T. Baines destroyed the Giggleswick batting order in the next match dismissing them for only 74 runs. J. Procter and N. Bowker saw the side through to a 10 wicket victory margin.

In the annual MCC fixture the school side made the visitors work hard for their 189 for 5 dec. S. Hudson and M. Taylor both bowled aggressively and deserved their fine figures. After a solid opening stand J. Procter, 62 and A. Foulds, 38 the side struggled to put together a good run scoring partnership and were left with 10 to score from the final over. Unfortunately only 6 runs were score and the match was drawn. The last match of the season was against Ripon G.S. EGS restricted the Ripon team to 85 for 8 from their overs. A poor batting display saw EGS struggle to reach the total but we were eventual winners by 2 wickets.

In the four matches the team played we won 3 and drew 1. I would like to thank Skipton CC for the use of their facilities for home matches.

Tom Baines

Wed 27th April	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Leeds G.S.	Home	2.00pm
	Leeds G.S.		100 for 8 (A Battacharjee 3-16, J. Procter 2-2)		
	EGS		101 for 7 (R. Atkins 40, W. Roberts 18)		
	EGS won by 3 wickets				
Wed 4th May	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Giggleswick	Away	2.00pm
	Giggleswick		74 all out (T. Baines 3-10, A Battacharjee 3-12)		
	EGS		74 for 0 (J. Procter 40no, N. Bowker 20no)		
	EGS won by 10 wickets				
Mon 9th May	Ermysted's G.S.	V	M.C.C.	Home	11.30am
	MCC		189 for 5 dec (S. Hudson 3-43, M. Taylor 2-40)		
	EGS		185 for 8 (J. Procter 62, A. Foulds 38)		
	Match Drawn				
Wed 11th May	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Ripon G.S.	Home	2.00pm
	Ripon G.S.		85 for 8		
	EGS		86 for 8		
	EGS won by 2 wickets				
Wed 13th July	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Old Boys XI		
	Cancelled				

Under 15 XI

The 2005 season showed a vast improvement from last season. The U15's managed to get through to the 3rd round of the County Cup this year, which I think is a good achievement and the team should be proud of themselves. The results from the matches we played show that we improved as the season went by. The whole squad showed good commitment throughout the season, training whenever possible. I think we benefited greatly from these training sessions and they helped the team create a positive attitude and a good team spirit that held us together through some tight games.

The first game we played was the first round of the County Cup, away against Giggleswick Grammar. Batting first, Giggleswick made a small total of 61 for 8. Jonny Moore (4-9) and Scott Thwaites (2-16) being the pick of the bowlers. The game turned out to be a lot closer then we thought. We won by a small margin of 2 wickets, with Harry Bailey being the top scorer with 15. The second round of the cup was played away again at Lady Lumley's Grammar in Pickering. Perhaps our best victory to date, we won by 4 wickets. David Wellock and Haz Haider did a good job in keeping a very high run rate down with figures of 3-18 and 2-14 respectively, but Lady Lumley's finished with a challenging total of 137/9. Before going into bat we weren't

favourites to win, but a quick 27 from Haz put us in a promising position after a slow start. Jonny Moore didn't let the pressure get to him when it got to the last few of overs of the match and we were behind the run rate, hitting boundaries when we needed them most. Thankfully, we pulled through and progressed to the next round.

Our third game was a friendly against Bradford Grammar. A brilliant batting performance by Rhys Davies contributed 59 to our total of 149. It was evident from the first few overs of the Bradford Grammar innings that this was going to be a tight game. Crucial low scoring over from Thomas Davies, Dan Stockdale, Richard Golson and Jonny Moore kept the run rate steady. Jonny put in yet another good bowling performance with figures of 2-33 and Richard bowled a juicy length and a tight line that earned him figures of 2-17. The last bowl of the match saw Bradford Grammar needing one run to win. Unfortunately for us they managed to hit a quick single and win. Despite the match ending our winning streak we still played exceptionally well and worked as a team throughout the whole game.

The 3rd round of the County Cup against Filey School was another close game. Filey racked up a total of 110, which was easily beatable on our home turf. Thomas Davies was the best bowler of the day. Bowling as ever a tight line he took Filey's main batsmen's wicket with a delightful bowl that had maximum seam deviation and bounce. The bowl would have counted for nothing though if it weren't for a stupendous catch by our wicket keeper Harry Bailey. At the crease, Rhys Davies got us off to a flying start with a beautiful 26 and Jonny Moore survived a mid order collapse to make 37. The collapse caused us to slip below the run rate though and we finished just 9 runs short of the total that would have carried us through to the next round.

I think everyone would agree that the 2005 season for Ermysted's U15s XI was a positive one and we can feel proud of what we have done. We owe Mr White a big thank you for putting up with us all summer and constantly organising training sessions and matches for us. It is unfortunate we can't have one more year together as a team and have one more chance to claim the County Cup. I would like to thank everyone in the squad for being so committed to the team and congratulate everyone on a good year's cricket.

Tom Heathcote

County Cup 1st Round

Tues 3rd May	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Giggleswick	Away	2.00pm
	Giggleswick 61 for 8		(J. Moore 4-9, S. Thwaites 2-16)		
	EGS 63 for 8		(H. Bailey 15)		
	EGS won by 2 wickets				

County Cup 2nd Round

Wed 23rd May	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Lady Lumley's, Pickering	Away	2.00pm
	Lady Lumley's 137 for 9		(D. Wellock 3-18, H. Haider 2-14)		
	EGS 139 for 6		(T. Heathcote 58, H. Haider 27)		
	EGS won by 4 wickets				

Wed 8th June	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Bradford G.S.	Home	2.00pm
	EGS 149 for 6		(R. Davies 59, T. Heathcote 29)		
	Bradford G.S. 150 for 7		(J. Moore 2-33, R. Golson 2-17)		
	EGS lost by 3 wickets				

County Cup 3rd Round

Mon 27th June	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Filey School	Home	2.00pm
	Filey 110 for				
	EGS 102 all out		(R. Davies 26, J. Moore 37)		
	EGS lost by 8 runs				

Under 14 XI

The season as a whole was very good but there a few disappointments. At the start of the season we won our first two rounds of the cup playing indoor matches. Then we played Giggleswick and won by 110 runs and it was a good team performance with a platform to build on for the rest of the season. Unfortunately in our next match we lost to an average Benton Park side by 4 wickets. It was a poor team performance with no one in particular to blame. The rest of the season was an improvement. The next game was our annual fixture away to Bradford Grammar. We won by 12 runs with good contributions from J. Crozier (44) and P. Midgley (31) with the bat and H. Bullough (2-10), T. Pugh (2-16) and J. Crozier (2-2) with the ball. Overall it was a good team performance. Our final game was away to Settle College which started off badly with the bat but we were eventually saved by A. Yates (54) and managed to defend a score of 97 for 6 and win by 14 runs. Overall the season was played well with a good team spirit. - John Crozier

Results

County Cup 1st Round

Thurs 21st April	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Rhodesway	Home	1.30pm
	Waterlogged pitch – EGS won indoor match				

County Cup 2nd Round

Thurs 28th April	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Ryburn H.S.	Home	2.30pm
	Waterlogged pitch – EGS won indoor match				

Wed 9 th May	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Giggleswick	Home	2.00pm
	EGS		142 for 4		
	Giggleswick		32 all out		
	EGS won by 110 runs				

Wed 16 th May	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Benton Park	Home	2.00pm
	EGS		118 for 6		
	Benton Park		120 for 6		

Wed 8 th June	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Bradford G.S.	Away	2.00pm
	EGS 123 for 2		(J. Crozier 44, P. Midgley 31)		
	Bradford G.S. 111 all out		(H. Bullough 2-10, T. Pugh 2-16, J. Crozier 2-2)		
	EGS won by 12 runs				

Mon 20 th June	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Settle College	Away	3.30pm
	EGS 97 for 6		(A. Yates 54)		
	Settle 83 all out				
	EGS won by 14 runs				

Under 13 XI

The under 13's had a much more successful year than last year. We got through to the third round of the Yorkshire cup. Also there were some very good performances from everyone who played.

The first match was against Harrogate Grammar School who we had not played before so we didn't know what to expect. We won the toss and put them in to bat on a greenish wicket. They posted a total of 97 for 6 in their 20 overs with Smallwood finishing with 2-22. It was then our turn to bat. Stead and Smallwood opened the batting and knocked the runs off without the loss of a wicket. Stead ended with 46 not out and Smallwood with 36 not out. This gave us a comfortable victory of 10 wickets.

In the next round we were up against King James, Knaresborough. They won the toss and batted first. They ended up with 110-4 in 20 overs. Jimmy Bullough with figures of 2-22. Our two openers again had a solid opening partnership of 92 until Smallwood was out for 33 but Stead and Rhodes finished it off, Stead with a score of 63 not out. We had another easy win by 9 wickets.

Two weeks later we faced the winners of last year, St Aidan's. The side also had two year sevens in the side, H Starkey and L Davis. St Aidan's had one good player and he took on all our bowlers and finished with 75 out of their 129-2. We had yet another good opening partnership by Stead and Smallwood. Until Stead was out. Then we had a mini collapse, but Smallwood stayed there and ended up with 65 not out, and we finished on 113-6. Missing out by 16 runs.

This success was down to some good team spirit.

T. Smallwood

County Cup 1st Round

Thurs 4th May	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Harrogate G.S.	Home	1.30
	Harrogate G.S. 97 for 6		(T. Smallwood 2-21)		
	EGS 98 for 0		(T. Stead 46no, T. Smallwood 36no)		
	EGS won by 10 wickets				

County Cup 2nd Round

Wed 8th June	Ermysted's G.S.	v	King James, Knaresborough	Home	2.00pm
	King James 110 for 4		(J. Bullough 2-22)		
	EGS 111 for 1		(T. Stead 63no, T. Smallwood 33)		
	EGS won by 9 wickets				

County Cup 3rd Round

Wed 22nd June	Ermysted's G.S.	v	St Aidan's, Harrogate	Home	2.00pm
	St Aidan's 129 for 2				
	EGS 113 for 6		(T. Smallwood 65no)		
	EGS lost by 16 runs				

Under 12 XI

A new and enthusiastic squad looked forward to the start of the season – a County Cup 1st round tie against Bingley G S, who conceded without a ball being bowled.

Next up in the 2nd round – Beckfoot – the fixture being twice the victim of inclement weather before Beckfoot also conceded.

So, played none, won two and into the 3rd round already – life was looking good until we travelled to Woodhouse Grove for the first real action of the season.

When stumps were finally pitched in sunshine, Woodhouse Grove chose to bat, accumulating a very gettable 79-8 in 20 overs, with Henry Barrow a creditable “4 for” and Herbert Starkey and Lloyd Davies getting a couple apiece. A disappointing run chase saw only extras and Davies reach double figures – a final total of 47 and a loss by 32, an early indication that more application was needed.

So, on to the final game of the season – away against traditional foe Bradford Grammar on their Astro turf. BGS batted first reaching a high total of 131-4 in 25 overs. Not undaunted EGS put together a highly creditable run chase (Lloyd Davies 39, Herbert Starkey 25) to cause some panic in the ranks of a very confident opposition and were unfortunate to miss out on victory by only 7 runs.

An excellent game with much to inspire optimism for future seasons.

Lloyd Davies

County Cup 1st Round

April	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Bingley G.S.	Home
	Bingley gave EGS a walk over			

County Cup 2nd Round

Wed 21st April	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Beckfoot	Home	1.00pm
	Beckfoot gave EGS a walk over				

County Cup 3rd Round

Wed 21st April	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Woodhouse Grove	Home	2.30pm
	Woodhouse Grove 79 for 8				
	EGS 47 all out				
	EGS lost by 23 runs				

Wed 8th June	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Bradford G.S.	Away	2.00pm
	Bradford G.S. 131 for 4				
	EGS 124 for 6		(L Davies 39, H Starkey 25)		
	EGS lost by 7 runs				

Cross Country

Overview

We had another very successful season with numerous individual and team victories. The most significant performance was at our most important event of the year, The Harrogate & Craven Area Championships. Here we won 4 of the 5 team titles and had 2 individual Area Champions in James Kelly and James Mountain and no fewer than 21 selected to represent the Area in the County Championships. Some of the most gratifying other events included our new Y7 students who had the first 3 home in two different races, had 6 runners make the H&C team and 4 gain County Colours. When we add to that the individual victories of our star performers and our overall strength in depth at nearly all ages it is hardly surprising we won so many team events throughout the year.

Individual victories were recorded by Alex Sinclair at Ingleton, Will Crisp at both Aireville and EGS Relays, John Golson at Aireville, Luke Maude at our Home fixture, James Mountain at the H&C championships, EGS Home fixture and EGS Relays, James Kelly at the H&C Championships and Ben Rusius at Leeds and EGS Home Fixture.

Team success was achieved by our Seniors at the Bingley, Harrogate and Craven Area Championships, Leeds, EGS Home Fixture and EGS Relays. Our Intermediate team won at Bingley, Leeds, The H&C Championships and EGS Home Fixture. Our Y9s won at the H&C Championships, EGS Home Fixture, EGS Relays. The Y7s won at Ingleton, Aireville, The H&C Championships and Settle. The H&C Championships, Bingley, the NYorks round of the ESCCCup, Skipton A.C., the Harrogate and Craven Area Championships (both Y8 and Y9 teams), Leeds, EGS Home Fixture, Settle and EGS Relays.

It is also important to recognise and thank our senior boys for their efforts this year and throughout seven successful years. Captains Joe Mercer and Luke Porter have been stalwarts of the club and much of our continued success has been due to their effort and example. Thanks also to all who have represented the school notably our retiring Y13s, Robert Stow, Andrew Hall, Jim Whittock and Ed Smith who shared in another great year.

Bingley A. C. Schools Cross-Country Challenge

The Year 7&8 team were first to compete and came in 4th. The Y9&10s won thanks to excellent packing as James Mountain, Scott Thwaites, Luke Maude and Danny O'Neill came in procession from 3rd to 6th places. The Senior race although not as well populated as the others had some talented athletes. Ben Rusius led them to victory as he also scooped individual gold. Joe Mercer 7th and James Kelly 8th being our other two scorers.

Marple Hall School Relays (27/09/04)

Our Senior team was placed highest in 5th place which was good but not fantastic. Ben Rusius did run the second fastest time of the day and most teams won certificates but no medals.

Skipton A. C. Cross-Country

This race was cancelled due to a double booking of Aireville School and the race appears to have been run for the last time. Shame!

English Schools' Cross-Country Cup, North Yorkshire Round (04/10/04)

A good team performance for Ermysted's Inter team ensured qualification for the NE of England round of this year's English Schools' Cross-Country Cup Competition as the team finished in the top 3. Unfortunately our junior team missed out. James Mountain maintained his early season form for 9th, Luke Maude confirmed his current ability in 12th, Scott Thwaites was 17th and Danny O'Neill 19th. Their total of 57 points was 34 points clear in third and ensured they progress.

NE of England Round of the English Schools' Cross-Country Cup.

Ermysted's Intermediate Team had qualified at York earlier in the year and knew it would be tough to qualify for the final. Their team of nearly all Y9s were up against bigger and older opponents but they stuck to their task and were not that far off qualifying. Our Intermediates were weakened by the withdrawal of Scott Thwaites who was cycling and Peter Kulik who pulled a muscle in his groin. However, the rest of the team had great runs. James Mountain led the challenge and came 8th which was actually a higher position than in the last round, Luke Maude and Danny O'Neill were in the 20s with Richard Golson our sole Y10 in 31st. Their team total of 87 was only 30 behind the winners but failed to make a top three position and so ended our run in this year's tournament.

Ben Rusius completes a clean sweep of records in the School Cross-Country 2004

Ben Rusius of Y12 completed an epic feat as he gained the Senior School Record in this year's event beating his brother James's time by 20 seconds. He now holds all four school records and is on course to emulate his brother James who won in all seven years of his time at Ermysted's.

Another record fell as 560 runners completed this year's event making it the largest number of participants in recent times and probably the school's history! There was also the largest staff contingent with 11 running on the day in various of the races

There was a really tight finish in the Y7 event but Danny Bowditch won the sprint finish against Will Crisp with Peter Messenger also making the podium. The Y8 & 9 race went to form with James Mountain winning for the third year in a row, Luke Maude in second with the only surprise being Peter Kulik who had a great run to beat Danny O'Neill for the podium place. In the Y10 & 11 race James Kelly went off strongly but was gradually overhauled by Oliver Gee on the second lap with Matthew Athersmith third. Ben Rusius was expected to win and did so in style breaking well clear of Mr. Edward on the second lap. Mr. Edward was second and Captain Joe Mercer was second student home for the second year in a row.

School Cross-Country 2004 Top 10 Finishers

Position	Year 7	Year 8/9	Year 10/11	Year 12/13
	Name	Name	Name	Name
1st	Bowditch	J. Mountain	O. Gee	Rusius B.
2nd	Crisp	Maude	Kelly	Mr. Edward
3rd	Messenger	Kulik	Athersmith	Mercer
4th	Sinclair	O'Neill	Thwaites	Hall
5th	Joshua Holmes	J. Golson	Marsh	Stow
6th	J. O'Neill	Woodhead	Dunn	Whittock
7th	Davies	Cairns	Witek	Porter
8th	Griffith	Hutchinson	Trueman	Mr. Speak
9th	Swift	R. Carr	Marshall	Woodkatic
10th	Ashvak	Chew	Taylor	J. Gee

Malsis Cross-Country (21/10/04)

Over 200 athletes from 12 schools took part in these races, which saw our cross-country season continue in gale force winds, on a long and wet course, but at least the rain held off. Our U13 'A' and 'B' teams performed admirably but had to settle for fourth and sixth place on the day.

Sinclair Leads a Clean Sweep at the Ingleton Middle School Cross-Country Races

Our Year 7 runners showed how good they really are when for the first time this year they ran against only other year 7s – 45 runners from 7 schools. They stormed to team victory and took all 3 individual medals. Alex Sinclair took gold as he led an Ermysted's clean sweep with Joel Griffiths taking Silver and Will Crisp Bronze. Their team total for the positions of the first 4 home was 11, only 1 point off a perfect score and obviously clear winners. Our Year 8 team couldn't emulate their junior team-mates but did show continued improvement to take the runners-up spot.

Three Team Titles and Two Individual Victories at Leeds GS (20/11/04)

Our tremendous season continued with victory in three team competitions and individual wins for Senior Ben Rusius and U14 Luke Maude.

Disaster struck our Year 7 team when the Y7 race set off 10 minutes before the scheduled start time and without any of the Ermysted's runners. Luke Maude and Danny O'Neill showed just how good the age group is as they ran well clear of the field. Luke pulled away from Danny for his first ever victory for school. John Golson finished third for another clean sweep. With the first three runners and so many others in the top ten we clearly won the team competition with a near perfect score.

In the Year 10 & 11 team James Kelly was 2nd, Oliver Gee 3rd, John Marsh 6th and Tom Mountain 7th ensuring a team victory. Our Seniors also won the team title having 4 of the first 5 runners home. Ben Rusius was supremely impressive as he destroyed the opposition. Andrew Hall showed great strength as he pulled through for 3rd, Robert Stow 4th and Luke Porter 5th completed the team for our third team victory.

Four out of Five Team Titles and Two Individual Champions at the Harrogate & Craven Area Cross-Country Championships (27/11/04)

Ermysted's had an absolutely amazing day as over 600 athletes from 20 schools took part in these races. Out of the five boys' races we won four team titles with our other team finishing as a close runner-up. In addition James Mountain and James Kelly became Area Champions with Ben Rusius being a runner-up.

The Year 7 team exceeded expectations as Will Crisp won a bronze medal and led his team to a clear victory. Danny Bowditch was 5th, Alex Sinclair 6th and Joel Griffith 11th.

The Year 8 team were runners-up this year. John Golson had his best ever run for school as he came home 4th. Tim Hutchinson 15th, Andrew Cairns 20th who both ran well and David Martin 32nd were the scoring runners.

In year 9 James Mountain regained the individual title which he won in 2002. His team were phenomenal, as Danny O'Neill in 4th outstayed his team-mates Luke Maude 5th and Peter Kulik 7th. Their total of 17 points was 48 better than the next team! Philip Woodhead 14th and Adam Yates 33rd also ran well in a field of 50 runners.

The Intermediate team were involved in another tight team finish with Settle High. James Kelly stormed home for a really pleasing victory. He had never before won a race for school and this proved inspirational to his team-mates Oliver Gee 8th, Scott Thwaites 9th and John Marsh 11th who were the scoring runners and Tom Mountain and Matthew Athersmith not far behind.

In the Senior race Ben Rusius finished second and led us to our fourth team title as Captains Joe Mercer 4th and Luke Porter 8th were separated by a storming run from Robert Stow 6th.

Stonyhurst Invitation (04/12/04)

Our Senior team raced at Stonyhurst in this highly competitive and testing race. There were 15 teams of strong cross-country pedigree from as far a field as Glasgow. Our team had a few of our seniors missing but the lads did very well mostly finishing in the top half of the triple figure entry of runners.

The course was extremely interesting (emphasis on the extreme) and consisted of 5¼ miles over mixed terrain including many a hill, dale, woodland sections, numerous stiles and a stream crossing. It was real cross-country as it used to be and all the runners will remember it fondly as a great experience and an achievement to finish

Captain Joe Mercer showed continued excellent form as he finished in the top 10. Luke Porter our other Captain did make the scoring team but the rest of the runners were all younger athletes. James Kelly 19th and James Mountain 29th showed continued good form and brother Tom Mountain had a good return to form as he finished 36th.

A Clean Sweep of all Four Team Titles at our annual Invitation Event

We took on teams from QEGS Wakefield, Silcoates, Oakbank and Aireville. The conditions were ideal for running. The ground was relatively firm and the event went very well with all our helpers deserving of great gratitude for their endeavours. Our tremendous season continued with victory in all four of the team competitions and individual victories for James Mountain (Y8/9) and Ben Rusius (Y12/13) and runners-up spots from Will Crisp (Y7) and James Kelly (Y10/11).

The Y7s were first off in a field of 40 runners. Will Crisp and Alex Sinclair challenged for victory but had to settle for the other podium places. Danny Bowditch and Joel Griffith gave excellent support to ensure our first team win.

The Year 8& 9 team continued their rich vein of form to complete another impressive team victory. From 44 runners James Mountain emerged a worthy winner leading from gun to tape. Luke Maude 4th, Danny O'Neill and Peter Kulik 6th were in great shape and clearly won another team title. Phil Woodhead and 3 of our Y7s, John Golson, Tim Hutchinson and Andrew Cairns, led the 'B' team to 4th of the 9 teams. We also had an impressive debut run from Richard Carr as he came 31st of the 44 finishers.

James Kelly had to settle for the runner-up position. Able support from Oliver Gee 3rd, Scott Thwaites 4th and John Marsh 10th ensured another team victory.

For the Seniors Captain Luke Porter had a great run in second while Ben Rusius was in fine form and led the field home. Robert Stow made the top 3 for the first time in his life, with Ed Smith completing the team victory as he came in 5th.

Aireville - Golson Wins the Y8 Race

Crisp, Sinclair & Bowditch claim all the medals in the Y7 Race

The Year 7s were our first runners in a field with 30 runners from 5 schools. They stormed to team victory and took all 3 individual medals. Will Crisp ran away from the rest of the field. Alex Sinclair had to settle with silver and Danny Bowditch took bronze. The team was completed by Joel Griffith in 5th for a near perfect score of 11 points. Our 'B' team also performed wonders as O'Neill, Marshall, Swift and Pinder (broken arm and all) beat all bar one of the other school's 'A' teams.

In the Y8 race John Golson was in a determined mood and although the lead exchanged hands 5 or 6 times John came through with a strong finish to claim the Gold. With a lap to go the team looked odds on to win but Settle came through strongly on the last lap and we just missed out by 2 points.

A Depleted Ermysted's are fourth best School in the Northern Schools' Championships

This year's event was again at Woodbank Park, Stockport and the conditions were just as cold and wet underfoot as last year. The school did really well to win awards in four out of the five age groups and a very commendable fourth place overall in the Roses Competition.

The Year 7 team had four out of the five runners who had won their Area Colours missing. It was therefore a fantastic achievement that they actually managed to finish 6th team of 25 entries and gain badges. Joel Griffith led the way in 17th with able support from Jamie O'Neill (24th), Robbie Swift (38th) and Will Marshall (55th). Billy Pinder once again showed immense commitment to run with a broken arm and finished 70th.

The ever improving Year 8 team managed to finish a creditable 8th of the 25 teams with John Golson leading the way in 19th in a field of nearly 100 finishers. Andrew Cairns (33rd), Tim Hutchinson (52nd) and David Martin (53rd) completed the team. Jake Chapman 65th and Ben Saul were their non-scorers.

For the Year 9 team James Mountain took 4th place. Peter Kulik finished like a train for 18th, Philip Woodhead 33rd and Richard Carr 41st. Their team total of 95 points was good enough for 5th team of 22.

For the Year 10 & 11 team James Kelly finished 17th, Oliver Gee 19th. Good support from Scott Thwaites 32nd and John Marsh 33rd ensured 5th place overall and badges. Richard Golson was 40th of the 61 finishers.

In the seniors Ben Rusius finished 5th. The rest of the team were all Y13 runners competing for the last time for school in a major race. The team finished in 4th position with Joe Mercer 15th, Robert Stow 20th, Luke Porter 22nd, Jim Whittock 25th and Ed Smith 30th. I would like to thank all of them and in particular Captains Joe and Luke for their sterling contributions over 7 successful years.

Ermysted's Grammar School Relays (16/03/05)

Our annual relays were well supported by teams from Oakbank, Lancaster RGS, Leeds G.S., QEGS Wakefield and ourselves. The weather stayed dry but a blustery wind and wet conditions under foot made fast times unlikely.

The U12s ran really well. Will Crisp gave the 'A' team a good lead as he came back on the first leg. Joel Griffith came back 3rd on the second leg. Danny Bowditch caught up 1 place before handing over to Alex Sinclair on the anchor leg. Alex was 23 seconds adrift but whittled the lead away to emerge from the woods just a few seconds down. A well earned team victory and our first set of gold medals. Will Crisp also won a shield for the fastest lap of the day with Alex Sinclair being 3rd fastest. Our 'B' and 'C' teams also had some fast times, most notably Billy Pinder and Will Marshall, to finish 7th and 8th of the 11 teams.

The U14s were up against 7 other teams. Danny O'Neill led off on the first leg and returned a clear leader as he ran what proved to be the 2nd fastest leg of the day. John Golson and Peter Kulik ran identical times on the 2nd and 3rd legs, both just breaking 6 minutes, but dropped back 10 seconds behind the leaders. James set off in determined fashion and timed his run to perfection as he overhauled the unlucky Leeds GS team in the run in to the finish. In so doing he also ran 3 seconds faster than Danny to take the shield for the fastest lap. Our B Team came in 6th place with Andrew Cairns running a very fast time.

The U16s had very strong opposition from Lancaster, Oakbank and Leeds. John Marsh led off well running one of the top 10 fastest times to come back in third but close to the silver medal position. Oliver Gee chased after that medal and was the next to hand over in the lead. James Kelly on the anchor ran the third fastest leg of the day to hold on by just 7 seconds to bring home our third set of Gold Medals.

Captain Joe Mercer ran his last race for school and tried to sign off on a high but had to settle for 2nd on the

first leg. Andrew Hall then ran his last race before our other retiring Cross-Country Captain Luke Porter signed off his career as he brought our team home for the Bronze Medals. Our 'B' and 'C' teams had a battle royal but Joe Mercer running a second time stole the 4th spot for the 'C' Team, where Jim Whittock was another of our Y13s running for the last time. Thank you and well done lads!

Settle Middle School Cross-Country Races

As Area Champions our Y7 team were favourites for team success. In a field with over 40 runners Will Crisp lost ground on the decent but did hold on for Bronze. In 4th was Billy Pinder with Danny Bowditch 5th and Alex Sinclair 8th, which meant we clearly won the team trophy. We also had our next four runners all making the top half of the finishers.

Our Y8 team had only two runners. Andrew Cairns ran well to finish a highly creditable 7th. Tim Hutchinson ran the race completely differently as he set off gently and worked his way up to 10th.

Representative Honours 2004/2005

Harrogate & Craven

Y7s Crisp, Bowditch, Sinclair & Griffith (reserve Holmes). Y8/9s Mountain, O'Neill, Maude & Kulik (reserve Golson). Y10/11s Kelly, Gee, Thwaites & Marsh (reserve Mountain). Y12/13s Rusius, Mercer, Stow, Porter, Hall & Whittock (reserve Smith).

North Yorkshire

Y7s Crisp, Bowditch, Sinclair & Griffith. Y8/9s Mountain, Maude Y12/13s Rusius, Mercer,

School Colours

Senior

Re-Awarded to- Joe Mercer, Luke Porter, Jim Whittock
New Awards- Ben Rusius, James Kelly

Junior

Re-Awarded to- Scott Thwaites, Richard Golson, Andrew Nicholson, Peter Nicholson, Sam Newbould, James Mountain, Luke Maude, Philip Woodhead, Daniel O'Neill, Peter Kulik, John Golson

New Awards to-

Andrew Cairns, Tim Hutchinson, David Martin, Jake Chapman, Ben Saul, Will Crisp, Danny Bowditch, Alex Sinclair, Joel Griffith.

Trophy Winners 2004/2005

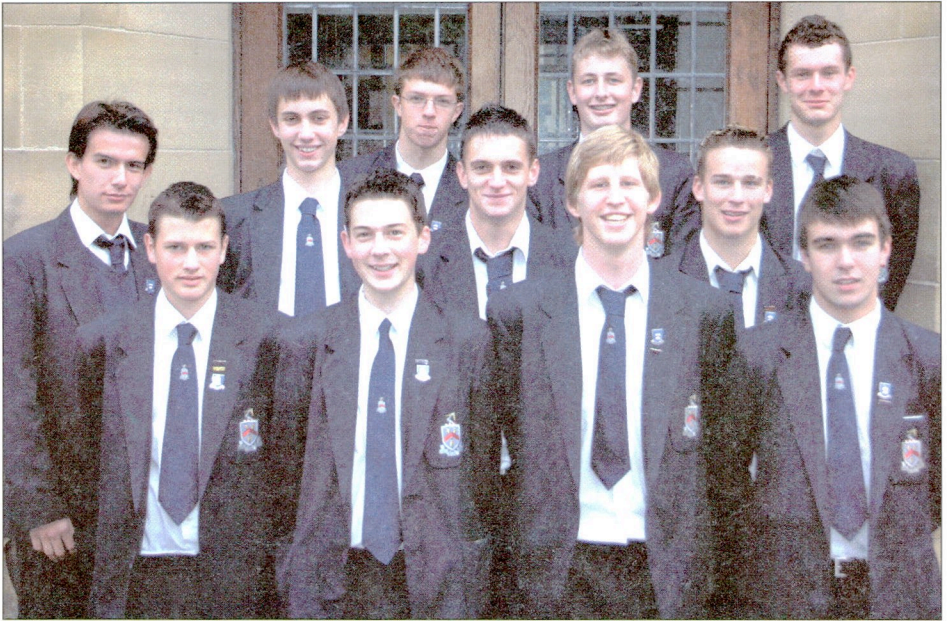
Runner of the Year	Winner	James Kelly (Y11)	288pts	Trophy & Plaque
	Runner-up	James Mountain (Y9)	259pts	Silver Medal
	Third place	Will Crisp (Y7)	258pts	Bronze Medal

Captain's Trophy

The Trophy is awarded to Will Crisp for overall dedication, contributions to the team and attendance at training sessions.

Most Improved Runner

Exceptional progress has been made by Andrew Cairns (Y8), Luke Maude (Y9), James Kelly (Y11), Joe Mercer (Y13), Robert Stow (Y13), Ed Smith (Y13) & Andrew Hall (Y13) but this year the trophy went to Danny O'Neill (Y9).



Head Boy and House Captains

Ben Leong, Luke Porter, Robert Anderson, Andrew Foulds, James Merrell, Scott Hudson, Jim Whittock
Joe Mercer, Chris Pollitt (Head Boy), Tom Baines, Jack Eyre



Ermysted's 1st XV

Will Roberts, Mikael Paylor, Tom Baines, Justin Murr, Mark Taylor, Addison Southam, Will Tate, Nick Green, Harmic Davidkhanian
Matthew Burton, James Parker, Matthew Kitching (Capt), James Henkelis, Andrew Foulds, James Finucane



1st XI vs Staff – VR's last stand



Ermysted's Cross Country Squad



Simbach Exchange excursion to Passau



Dining at Le Château du Baffy



Sixth Form Ski Trip to La Toussuire



Ermysteds Old Boys XV vs Giggleswick Old Boys XV
Sunday, December 12th 2004
(The Day after the Old Boys Dinner)

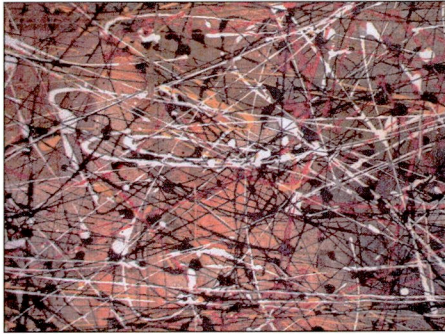
Ermysted's Old Boys XV vs Giggleswick Old Boys XV



GCSE Oil painting – James Finucane



AS Mixed media – Sam Waddington



AS Mixed media – Sam Waddington



A2 Mixed media – Chris Holden



A2 Mixed media – Chris Holden



A2 Oil painting – Chris Reeday



The New Music Room – what was the Swimming Pool



Big Blast – Workshop visited Ermysted's in April

Orienteering

21 today, 21 today we've got the key to the door etc... EGSO has just ended its 21st year and what a year it has been. Success has arrived on two main fronts. Joe Mercer has maintained his magnificent form throughout the year and not only managed to gain another England start but also gained selection for the Junior European Champs in Austria. The other success comes in the form of an award for CMG. The British Schools Orienteering Association has bestowed on him the Outstanding Services to Schools Orienteering award. An article chronicling his story from fledgling teacher-orienteer to superstar can be read below.

The season started the first weekend back with a visit to the perennial favourite Harlow Hill near Harrogate. A sunny day and relatively straightforward terrain made for a pleasant day and a gentle warm up for the more demanding challenges that lay ahead. The next event was in Sheffield at Eccleshall Woods where the school helped local club Airienteers to qualify for the junior cup final. It was at this event that CMG finally accepted that he could no longer see the map never mind read it and decided to go for contact lenses. It was to be a wise decision and one which will hopefully prolong the life of EGSO. Next it was passports at the ready for a trip to Naden Valley in Lancashire, a windswept Pennine moor with considerable evidence of mine working and close to the spiritual home of Mr Sellers. By now the new members of the club were bedding in. David Machin and Andrew Merrell were finding the new challenges to their liking. Vince Wood-Katic, a convert from the wild Northern dales, also seemed to be taking a liking to the sport and was quickly moving through the courses.

November saw the club competing at the White Horse near Thirsk, Torver in the Lakes and Dob Park near Otley. The highlight was a visit to Cannock Chase to compete in the junior cup final and help our club to 3rd place overall. Fifteen boys made the trip which proved to be a long day for all.

The winter fixtures proved challenging in terms of the weather with an event near Scunthorpe being particularly difficult. A clear day in Skipton turned into a blizzard at the event and with it the extra problems posed by paths disappearing beneath the snow. Needless to say there were some tired limbs by the end of the day. Throughout all this a hardy bunch turned up week in and week out. Jonathan Landless, Thomas Robinson, Jack Holmes, Robert Skilleter, Arthur Phillips and Robin Armour showed genuine commitment to the cause. They are the unsung heroes. Joe Mercer and Alistair Everett represented Yorkshire and helped them to success in the County champs. Joe has now gone on to pastures new but hopefully the next generation of stars is poised waiting to take over. 2005-6 promises to be a classic year with a host of top events in the local area. The notices have gone into Year 7 form rooms, a meeting has been scheduled for later this week and Stoodley Pike near Todmorden has been lined up for the first event.. but all that's for next year.

CM Gill

Orienteering Award for Mr Gill

A letter arrived from the BSOA. It set me thinking, had I failed to renew the school's membership; who could I blame this time? Surely I had given the bursar the details early enough for her to meet the deadline. I was wrong. It was actually for me, about me and it was a surprise. I had been nominated for the Outstanding Service to Schools Orienteering award and the committee had decided that I deserved it. Who could have done this to me? Who knew my secrets from almost 28 years of school orienteering? It certainly made me think as I cast my mind back to where and how it all started. I was teaching at Ossett School and felt confident enough, after a couple of years teaching, to organise a walking trip for some of the pupils. I was despatched to Bewerley Park to pick up a qualification "Navigation in the Hills", a weekend course using map and compass which would qualify me to go out into the big wide world with a group of 16 year olds. On the first evening we had a little quizlet and mysterious words like re-entrant and catching feature appeared, which much to my disgust I had never heard of. As a geography teacher I felt I knew something about maps. We were then sent out into the grounds to find our way around the centre, ending up at a pub in Pateley Bridge. This I was told was orienteering. I liked what I had seen.

Back in school I set about finding out more about the sport and pretty soon we had a small band of enthusiastic pupils willing to give it a go. Memories are patchy from these early days. Lots of schools were involved in the 1970's. There always seemed to be a long line of school minibuses full of "eager" faces. We had to pre-enter for events which came under the title of WYSL. Prior to the event we always received a flyer in the post and we duly responded with a list of entries. Where we actually went is a bit of a mystery, although I have one clear memory of running in Bretton Park near Wakefield and another less clear memory of entering an event at the Valley of Desolation but it being cancelled because of the weather. I myself never actually orienteered seriously during this period. If a pupil failed to turn up on the day I would run their course, so over a

five year period I did a variety of yellows, oranges and reds, sometimes alone sometimes with pupils. I suppose it was just about providing the opportunity for pupils to do something different.

Then I moved to Benton Park School and took my enthusiasm for orienteering with me. A club had existed previously so there was some kind of structure already in place. In particular I remember a beautifully crafted wooden box containing the compasses and whistles, each fitting within a carefully numbered space, to be returned immediately after usage. I stayed for only one year. For the last 21 years EGSOC has been the main focus of my schools orienteering. In that time I myself have become a more serious orienteer and this has clearly impacted on the pupils who have come into contact with me. On average 20 pupils each year try the sport. Some stick at it for all the 7 years they are in school eg Daniel Holmes, Nat Jones, Edward Barnard and Nigel Whiteoak to name but a few. Others try an event or two and then return to the comfort of the Sunday morning bed sheets. But it doesn't matter. The fact that they have given it a go is important. Who knows, in the future they may actually take it up again. One pupil Chris Lee never actually orienteered at school but started at university and has recently joined Aire as a result of a job in Leeds. The boys who stick at it all seem to have the same aim – to beat Mr Gill. Those that keep going eventually achieve this aim, some sooner as in the case of Joe Mercer others later. They think that it gets to me but really it gives me a great deal of satisfaction to know they have picked up the necessary skills to beat such a talented teacher-orienteer!!!

Obviously there have been many highlights over the 21 years at Ermysted's. I suppose the biggest cause of satisfaction has been the fact that we have had three internationals. The first was Simon Wherity 8 years ago, currently we have Joe Mercer and the third was Todd Oates who started orienteering at Ermysted's before emigrating to New Zealand and running for them against Australia. In school orienteering has little street cred when set against things like rugby, but no other sport can match this international success. It gives me a warm glow of satisfaction whenever I speak to the PE department. These are obviously the headline successes but schools' orienteering is more about the workaday boys who turn up week in and week out spending long periods in the forests and on the fells, never winning or even coming close to winning, but making new friends, meeting new challenges and just doing something worthwhile with their Sunday mornings. They are the unsung heroes of the sport. The hard thing is holding on to them when they get to 15 and other things kick into their lives. It is impossible to run a school club as an individual and over the last 21 years a number of other staff have given their time and assistance. Mr Speak was a convert when he first came to EGS. He was actually a runner which gave him a massive advantage over the likes of myself who was a bit more tortoise like when it came to moving over the ground. He brought systems to the sport, particularly leg analysis and split times. He got us to think about performance, evaluating successes and failures and implementing strategies to improve. Current staff at EGS will identify with this in other aspects of school life.

Mr Wherity in particular has travelled far and wide with me. The Ermysted's Big Red Bus was a familiar sight at events until scrapped a few years ago. It suffered mechanical problems from a very early age. We would have to stop every hour or so to top it up with water. On one long memorable weekend to the British Champs in Oban this proved to be a real challenge when coming back after 3 days of competition, feeling completely exhausted, it just wasn't funny. The pupils thought differently and gained great pleasure from the staff standing in the rain alongside a desolate Scottish loch pouring water into a reluctant vehicle. The current minibus almost brought an early end to my orienteering career. We have a habit of changing drivers in a lay-by just before the M6 on the way to events in the lakes. On one occasion a swooping duck had collided with the front of the bus just before the swap over. In the lay-by I jumped out and stood in front of the bus surveying potential damage while Mr Wherity stood on the driver's door to see it from the side. In doing so he accidentally knocked the handbrake off which set the bus rolling slowly forward with me trapped at the front. I didn't realise my own strength as I tried to hold it back. Needless to say the pupils thought it highly amusing. Little things like this make it all worthwhile. Mr Grady joined the club for a short while sampling the delights of a weekend away in the Lakes, until a rogue rabbit hole on Beverley Westwood brought his promising career to an abrupt end. The irony was that he spent most of his formative years in Beverley so probably knew every blade of grass (but not rabbit hole!!!) in the area. Mr Smith has promised much but failed to deliver. I think he must be training in secret until such time as he can burst on the scene and instantly "take the chequered flag".

Recently an up and coming starlet Mr White has joined the staff and has taken a shine to orienteering. He has bags of enthusiasm and gives of his time willingly. Who knows, as I slip slowly into retirement he might be the man to take over at the helm. One thing is for sure I have to end now as the new school term is just around the corner, the fixtures have to be sorted and the minibus to be booked. Another year, hopefully another group of eager pupils and a Schools Champs and JK in the local area. It should be a classic year. Watch this space.

Soccer

Results 2005

1st XI

Ermysted's G.S.	V	Leeds G.S.	Lost	1-3
Ermysted's G.S.	V	Giggleswick	Won	6-2
Ermysted's G.S.	V	Settle H.S.	Lost	2-6
Ermysted's G.S.	V	South Craven	Cancelled Due To Snow	
Ermysted's G.S.	V	Giggleswick	Cancelled Due To Snow	
Ermysted's G.S.	V	Rossett	Cancelled Due To Snow	
Ermysted's G.S.	V	Craven College	Lost	0-3
Ermysted's G.S.	V	Ripon G.S.	Lost	1-4
Ermysted's G.S.	V	Bradford G.S.	Cancelled due to Waterlogged pitch	
Ermysted's G.S.	V	Ilkley G.S.	Won	3-0
Ermysted's G.S.	V	Year 12	Y12 won	8-6

Year 11

Ermysted's G.S.	V	South Craven	Won	2-1
Ermysted's G.S.	V	Settle H.S.	Lost	2-1
Ermysted's G.S.	V	Aireville	Cancelled Due To Snow	
Ermysted's G.S.	V	Aireville	Lost	4-3

Year 10

Ermysted's G.S.	V	South Craven	Cancelled By South Craven	
Ermysted's G.S.	V	Boroughbridge	Lost	7-2
Ermysted's G.S.	V	Settle H.S.	Lost	5-1
Ermysted's G.S.	V	Aireville	Cancelled Due to Snow	

Rugby

1st XV

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts for	Pts against
10	3	6	1	121	206

Representative honours
Yorkshire Under 19's Andrew. Foulds

At the start of the school term prospects for the rugby team appeared good, however the potential was not met over the long season. A solid foundation of upper 6th formers backed up by the flare of the lower 6th form including two new intake players as well as a strong year 11 combined to form a very promising squad.

The season kicked off with a spark, beating Ripon in the opening match of the season, with half the match being played with a team of year 11s, followed by a hard fought cup victory over St Mary's Menston in the Daily Mail Cup. Although we won it still felt the team was winding up and could play much better rugby against superior opposition.

The momentum gathered in the first two matches was carried into the next match against an ever-strong Silcoates team, however the strength and skill of Silcoates was just too much and they became the first team to defeat us. A defeat against local rivals South Craven was a bitter loss and the only game in which we were whitewashed. In the second round of the Daily Mail Cup we were drawn against one of the area's top teams, Woodhouse Grove, who proved too powerful and won with the most convincing score of the season.

Despite three losses in a row, confidence was high as we kicked off against Harrogate. The first half was probably the best performance the team displayed all season, scoring 12 points to bring up an early lead. Mark Taylor's try was a good illustration of this performance, an effective short line out from the forwards delivered the ball to the backs, who performed a move straight off the training pitch to see Taylor the full-back hitting the line in space and running through to score a fantastically worked team try. Unfortunately this level of skill could not be sustained and Harrogate proceeded to bring themselves back into the game and steal the win from under our noses, a very demoralising narrow defeat. Despite a brief return from injury of star flanker AJ Connor the team could not regroup to conquer Crossley Heath, despite dominance through most of the game.

A promising draw in the Daily Mail Vase saw our 3rd win, as we beat Ripon for the second time. Next came a draw against Giggleswick. This ill disciplined match was not as close as the 5-5 score indicates, but Ermysted's lacked the finishing power needed to score vital tries. The final match of the season was in the Vase against South Hunsley. After a long coach journey this match was close and hard fought but eventually South Hunsley emerged the victor, and Ermysted's were thwarted.

The centre partnership of Will Roberts and Justin Murr performed exceptionally all season with the power of Roberts complementing the pace of Murr. Andrew Foulds supplied the partnership playing stand-off, gaining a Yorkshire call-up. Full-back Mark Taylor had a tremendous season putting in many try saving, bone crunching, one-on-one tackles. In the pack the ever-present Addison Southam and Tom Baines solidified the scrum and lineouts from second row. Young back rowers Will Tate and George Whitlam, and hooker James Finucane showed their potential and will be valuable players over the next seasons.

The season was particularly frustrating, as a losing record was not what we deserved after a season of good performances and narrow defeats. The strengths of the year 11 and 12 performances this season show promise for next season and I wish them good luck, as they deserve to do well.

Matt Kitching

1st XV Results

Ermysted's Vs.	Venue	Result	Score
Ripon G.S.	Away	Won	25 - 0
St Mary's Menston (DMC1)	Away	Won	12 - 15
Silcoates	Home	Lost	3 - 31
South Craven	Away	Lost	0 - 20
Woodhouse Grove (DMC2)	Home	Lost	7 - 51
Harrogate G.S.	Away	Lost	17 - 12
Crossley Heath	Away	Lost	38 - 10
Ripon G.S. (DMV1)	Home	Won	29 - 12
Giggleswick	Away	Drew	5 - 5
South Hunsley (DMV2)	Away	Lost	22 - 15

2nd XV

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts for	Pts against
8	6	2	0	138	90

Representative honours

West Yorkshire Under 16 Michael Beer, George Whitlam, Nick Green, Ben Thoy, Joe Grima, James Finucane

This year, the 2nd XV/under16s seasons went very well. Although the U16s were devastated to have lost the semi final of the cup, we were consoled by our successes in the 2nd team.

Although we only won 5-0 at Ripon in the opening match, we put this down to the shock of our first senior rugby game and found our feet properly the next week, beating a good Silcoates side 24-18. We followed this up with a 27-5 win at Harrogate a fortnight later but were then beaten at Crossley Heath by a good, physical side. We exacted our revenge on Heath at under 16s level however as we came out on top in a tense quarter final game, 12-8. Despite the poor semi-final, we as a team felt that the season was a successful one. We won 6 out of 8 games and played well as a team in our first senior season.

Special mention must go to the seven West Yorkshire representatives in our team: Michael Beer, George Whitlam, Nick Green, Ben Thoy, Joe Grima, James Finucane and Alex Witek. All of whom have been key elements in both teams throughout the season.

Will Tate

Ermysted's Vs.	Venue	Result	Score
Ripon G.S.	Away	Won	0 - 5
Silcoates	Home	Won	24 - 18
Harrogate G.S.	Away	Won	5 - 27
Crossley Heath	Away	Lost	37 - 10
Sherburn H.S. (U16 Cup)	Away	Won	0 - 33
Giggleswick	Away	Won	5 - 15
Crossley Heath (U16 Cup)	Away	Won	8 - 12
Richmond H.S.(U16 Cup)	Away	Lost	17 - 12

Colts Rugby

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts for	Pts against
6	2	3	1	25	121

Joe Grima Award for the 'most improved player' – James Paley
 Joe Grima Award for the 'most valuable player' – Jonny Moore

This season was hit by the cancellation of 4 fixtures, some of them against teams who we have competed with in the past. This meant only 6 games were played, of which we won 2, lost 3 and drew 1.

We started the season poorly, with 3 defeats and a draw. In the first match we travelled to Silcoates, one of the toughest games of the season. Their large pack dominated and they ran out 35 – 5 winners. We then drew with South Craven, tempers flared in the local derby and we were unlucky not to win.

Poor tackling against Harrogate Grammar cost us the game, our minds weren't switched on and silly mistakes were made. We lost 37 – 0. Our first game after half term saw us lose to Settle High School and for our final two games against Ripon and Giggleswick we needed some motivation to win. Mr Brownlee said he would "Eat his hat" if we won, we played the best rugby we have done and won 22 – 5. In the final match we beat Giggleswick 19 – 17, it was a hard fought match and a good end to the season.

Throughout the season bad turnouts at training and poor attitude were the reasons for poor performances, however thanks must go to Mr Brownlee for the effort he put in on match days and in training.

Jonny Moore

Ermysted's Vs.	Venue	Result	Score
Silcoates	Away	Lost	5 - 34
South Craven	Home	Drawn	15 - 15
Harrogate G.S.	Home	Lost	37 - 0
Settle H.S.	Home	Lost	5 - 35
Ripon G.S.	Home	Won	22 - 5
Giggleswick	Home	Won	19 - 17

Junior Colts Rugby

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts for	Pts against
10	6	4	0	302	312

Joe Grima Award for the 'most improved player' – Ben Reece

Joe Grima Award for the 'most valuable player' – Joe Altham

The season started off well with a victory over Ripley St. Thomas, a side the team lost to last season. The game was close, tied 5-5, until in dramatic fashion Harry Bullough slotted a last minute kick. The next game was against Silcoates who always prove to be a hard fixture with us down at half time 26-0 but a decent second half made the game a more respectable score of 24-31 in Silcoates favour.

Our 4th game was against South Craven after a fairly heavy defeat to Bradford Grammar. This game against South Craven was to get through to the 3rd round of the Yorkshire Schools Cup. It was a forward's game considering the wet conditions. The game was still exciting and we came through to win 31-17 and were through to the 3rd round.

The next three games were a mixture of performances with a one sided match against Upper Wharfedale where we won 54-0, with Peter Kulik scoring 4 tries in that game. Then we suffered against Harrogate Grammar with us not playing well and as a result we lost 12-30. Then we faced a large Crossley Heath side that proved too big and strong for us.

We started strongly in the half term with an easy win over Settle Middle. Then we had another local match but this time against a harder outfit of Giggleswick. This was yet again a wet day and we lost narrowly 16-18 but we enjoyed the game and hope to win the next time we play them.

Our last game of the regular season was against Ripon Grammar and we put the game away in the first half leading 30-0 due to slick handling in the backs. To Ripon's credit they didn't give up and the score finished 40-19.

The rest of our games were in the Yorkshire Cup. In the 3rd round we played Harrogate Grammar who beat us convincingly earlier on in the season but we went into the game thinking that we could match them. We did more than that we did to them what they did to us by winning 25-5 with Luke Maude scoring probably one of the most well worked tries of the season.

Our Quarter Final match was against Ashville College. This was a tight encounter with us scoring first through Ben Reece which made the score 5-0 at half time. Soon in the second half poor defence let Ashville in for a try which was converted so this meant that we were chasing the game. It was frustrating as we were camped in their 22 for a long period and had nothing to show for it. But in the last play the forwards laid a good platform to drive over. The man of the match was Josh Peacock who stole a lot of Ashville's ball and attacked their defence.

This victory over Ashville meant that the Junior Colts were in the Semi Finals of the Yorkshire Cup. Unfortunately we faced a strong and well drilled team in QEGS who had an answer to everything we did but we will not be too disheartened to losing to them 69-0 because they haven't lost since under 9 level.

Joe Altham

Ermysted's Vs.	Venue	Result	Score
Ripley St Thomas	Home	Won	8 - 5
Silcoates	Away	Lost	24 - 31
Bradford G.S.	Away	Lost	7 - 42
South Craven (Cup 1)	Home	Won	31 - 17
Upper Wharfedale	Away	Won	0 - 54
Harrogate G.S.	Home	Lost	12 - 30
Crossley Heath	Home	Lost	0 - 52
Settle H.S.	Home	Won	66 - 12
Giggleswick	Home	Lost	16 - 18
Ripon G.S.	Away	Won	19 - 40
Harrogate G.S. (Cup 2)	Home	Won	25 - 5
Ashville College (Cup 3)	Away	Won	7 - 12
QEGS Wakefield (Cup SF)	Away	Lost	0 - 69

Under 13's Rugby

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts for	Pts against
7	4	3	0	170	135

Joe Grima Award for the 'most improved player' – Alex Conroy

Joe Grima Award for the 'most valuable player' – Nick Watson

Overall Ermysted's had a good season winning 4 out of 7 games. In total they got 170 points but conceded 135, making their point difference +35. The under 13 XV had a bad start to the season losing their first 3 games to Ripley St Thomas 7-27, Silcoates 45-21 and Bradford G.S 27-7. All the team had put in a good effort for all of these matches and could not win any of the matches but that was the end of their losing streak.

Things got a lot better when we beat South Craven 46-5. This gave a boost of confidence and was a morale booster. Ermysted's picked up another good win, this time against Harrogate G.S winning 36-0. Their next match was a hard game against Crossley Heath but Ermysted's picked up another win, winning 36-26. Then the Wharfedale RUFC 10-a-side Tournament came around again for the boys. In the previous year they had won the tournament and were hoping for a repeat of last year. They won all their matches and were crowned champions again but this year would be the last time that they would be in the tournament because only the under 12 and under 13 teams were a part of the tournament. The last game of the season was against Ripon G.S and Ermysted's came out winners yet again, winning this time 7-17.

At the end of a good season two Grima awards were handed out. The Most Improved Player went to Alex Conroy and the Most Valuable Player went to Nick Watson. Overall the team played well but would have liked to play more matches. Hopefully, next season there will be a lot more matches to play. Many thanks have to go to the coaches Mr. Howarth and Mr. Blanchard.

Nick Watson

Ermysted's Vs.	Venue	Result	Score
Ripley St Thomas	Home	Lost	7 - 27
Silcoates	Away	Lost	45 - 21
Bradford G.S.	Away	Lost	27 - 7
South Craven	Home	Won	46 - 5
Harrogate G.S.	Home	Won	36 - 0
Crossley Heath	Home	Won	36 - 26
Wharfedale RUFC 10-a-Side Tournament	Away	1st Place	
Ripon G.S.	Away	Won	7 - 17

Under 12's Rugby

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts for	Pts against
6	4	2	0	102	97

Joe Grima Award for the 'most improved player' – Jack Price
 Joe Grima Award for the 'most valuable player' – Lloyd Davies

To start the season we had a difficult home fixture against the renowned Silcoates school. After a considerable amount of hard work from our coaches we fought a hard game to victory, 10-7. Both sides played some exceptional rugby, but in the end it came down to teamwork with the home side having the edge. Tries from Lloyd Davies and Peter Messenger. The next fixture, away to Bradford G.S was a hard fought game and the score 41-28 does not reflect the efforts put in on the pitch. Tries were scored by Callum Harrison, Jack Price and Lloyd Davies (2). Conversions from Davies.

When we played South Craven away, they proved to be a good team but were somewhat outpaced by a set of fit forwards and efficient backs. The forwards dominated, winning ball for Callum Harrison and Lloyd Davies (3) to run in the tries. Conversion Davies. Harrogate proved to be an excellent home fixture, the final score determined by a conversion. It was an excellent team performance and the victory was a credit to EGS. Try scorers on the day were Barnaby McMahon, Jack Price and Lloyd Davies (2). Conversions from Davies.

Crossley Heath proved to be an efficient team and used their enormous pack to great advantage. The EGS forwards did a tremendous job in keeping them down to four tries. The final score was 28-14 with the EGS tries coming from McMahon and Davies, conversions from Davies. Our final game against Ripon was to be decided by one try alone. With the posts having been vandalised the night before, there were no conversions. A battering drive from the EGS forwards was brought down 10 metres from the line, but Davies managed to pick up and finish the job. It was a good victory on which to finish the season.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank the P.E staff and Hedley and Chris from The SBS Wharfedale Academy for their work with us in our first season. The team is raring to go next season.

Lloyd Davies

Ermysted's Vs.	Venue	Result	Score
Silcoates	Home	Won	10 - 7
Bradford G.S.	Away	Lost	40 - 27
South Craven	Away	Won	0 - 22
Harrogate G.S.	Away	Won	24 - 22
Crossley Heath	Home	Lost	14 - 28
Wharfedale RUFC 10-a-Side Tournament	Away	2nd Place	
Ripon G.S.	Away	Won	0 - 5

House Rugby

The results were as follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Senior	Toller	Ermysted	Petyt	Hartley
10	Toller	Hartley	Ermysted	Petyt
9	Toller	Hartley	Ermysted	Petyt
8	Hartley	Ermysted	Toller	Petyt
7	Ermysted	Hartley	Petyt	Toller
	1st	2nd =	2nd =	4th
Junior	Hartley	Toller	Ermysted	Petyt

Rugby Colours and Grima Awards 2004

Colours are awarded to pupils who fulfil the following criteria:-

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

Under 12 - Colours - New Awards: Lloyd Davies, Callum Harrison, Barney McMahon, Jack Price

Under 13 - Colours - Re Awards: Jimmy Bullough, Nick Watson, Gavin Ackers-Johnson, Mark Hall

Colours - New Awards: Alex Conroy, Tom Heseltine, Sam Norton

Junior Colts - Colours - Re-Awards: Phillip Woodhead, Josh Peacock, Joe Altham, Peter Kulik, Harry Bullough, Jake Starkey, Adam Yates, Jesse Teiti, Rory Roberts

Colours - New Awards: Henry Phillips, Ben Reece, Edward Walker, William Copper, Dominic Pascoe, Richard Carr, Frank Carr, Sam Mason, Joseph Binns, Luke Maude

Colts - Colours - Re-Awards: Sam Tipping, Joel Stockton, James Marshall, Tom Stoddart, Jonny Moore, Sam Liu, Rhys Davies, Dominic Phillips, David Wellock, Harry Bailey, David Stockdale, Junon Chan, Ben Franks, Jake Fassensfeld

Colours - New Awards: Tom Curvis, Sam Connor, James Paley, Elliot Dawson

Senior - Longden Smith Award - Matthew Kitching, Progress in Rugby - Addison Southam

Full Colours Re-Awards: Tom Baines, Matthew Kitching, William Roberts, Andrew Foulds, Mikael Paylor, Justin Murr

Full Colours New Awards: James Hart, Chris Holden, Robert Marshall, Addison Southam, William Tate, James Finucane, James Henkelis, Jonathan Burton

Half Colours Re-Awards: William Bell, Felix Taylor

Half Colours New Awards: Tom McLean, Nick Green, Ben Thoy, Jonny Kulik, Michael Beer, Callum Cameron, Charles Hargraves, Ben McGee, Alistair Everett, Reuben Gill, Frank Trueman, Alex Witek, Michael Woodhead, Joe Grima, Rob McFee, Tom Dunbar, George Whitlam

Parents' Association Report

This year saw an increase in committee members, and we now have a great group of parents working enthusiastically to help raise money. Hopefully it will continue to thrive with new members joining this year.

Many thanks to Dee Pollitt for all her hard work over the years, her son has now moved on to university and so she has had to retire from the Parents' Association.

The major event of the year was the Autumn Ball at the Cavendish Pavilion. A superb evening organised by a sub-committee lead by Jenny Davies, the atmosphere was wonderful, entertainment fantastic and an event not to be missed in future.

The Wassail was as popular as ever; as the school increases in size the demand for tickets gets greater, it was a sell out in a few days. Music by the choir and Mr. Gregory was as brilliant as usual and the excellent mulled wine and decorations all added to a great evening.

Once again we offered a bribe of a selection box to the boys who sold 10 Christmas raffle tickets, around 300 boys managed this. I would like to thank the generosity of families who not only sold their tickets but donated prizes too.

The annual quiz evening was a great success, with several teams vying for the winning position. The general quiz went down well too.

A loud and energetic evening was spent with the Big Band beating out some popular music at the Jazz and Jive. Most people were up dancing, the bar was a sell out. (I had to rush out and buy some more beer at the interval).

The Treasure Hunt was enjoyed by determined hunters, although latecomers had to feel their way around as it got rather dark. Many thanks to Mr. Gill who set the hunt, we have had many requests to repeat this event but during the lighter summer evenings.

A wine tasting evening also went down well; with plenty of wine to taste it was definitely one to walk home from. This very social evening gave everyone a chance to have a good chat whilst trying to put a name to the wines.

The year ended with the Summer Fayre, thanks to everyone who helped. The usual stalls and entertainments were on hand: - coconut shy, greasy pole, 20ft slide, the army came with a climbing wall, and the cave rescue with a cave. Despite this we were rather disappointed with the turn out and have decided to reconsider or modify this event in future.

Thanks for all you support throughout the year, we bought 4 interactive whiteboards, recording unit, TV's, DVD players, books, curtains, furniture, repaired the kiln, and bought other smaller items.

Clare Woodhead (Chairman)

Old Boys' Society

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Annual Report

Those of you who were present at the 2004 A.G.M. held on Founders' Day at School will know that the Society is healthy and financially sound. The Income and Expenditure Account shows a balance of £9,387, while the Investment Account stands at £37,318.

As previously reported, the Investment Account assets are the result of a legacy some years ago, and have been held in reserve to assist the School in specific projects as identified by the President.

Last year I reported that the position of lady members of staff had been discussed at the 2003 A.G.M., as you probably all know members of teaching staff are honorary members of the Society.

This year, 2004, saw the first lady member of staff attending the Annual Dinner. Upon being asked near to the close of the evening if she had enjoyed herself, she commented that she had been made very welcome, and would report back to her lady colleagues. Possibly the 2005 Founders' Day Dinner will see more of the lady members of staff attending.

As was noted last year, this does not mean that Old Boys can bring their ladies to the Dinner, it remains a "members only" event, and as yet there are no female pupils at Ermysted's.

After discussion at the A.G.M. the appointment of a Chairman elect was made, Reuben Whittaker being nominated and accepted by the meeting. Also nominated at Vice-chairman elect was Mark Follows, which, if Mark is successful in being elected as Chairman to succeed Reuben, we have continuity for the 6 years starting at the 2005 A.G.M.

The election of officers was straight forward, all being re-elected un-opposed.

The School's application for Specialist School status in Mathematics and Computing. Success was, unfortunately, unsuccessful. However, the President assures me that the rejection of a school's first application is not unusual, and that a further application will have been made by the time this issue of the Chronicles is published. The school has taken advice from outside agencies to enable a more rounded bid to be made this time.

The Founders' Day Dinner was once again a success, upward of 160 members enjoyed a pleasant evening, with Hayden Lyles entertaining us with an excellent speech. Profits from the evening, all this year from the Bar and Raffle, were £1219. This sum was depleted by the loss of £178 on the Dinner tickets, caused by the need to change the caterers at short notice, due to the original supplier suffering an injury in a fall from a ladder. It was

felt by your Committee that we could absorb the loss, the first time we have ever made a loss on the ticket prices. The unfortunate caterer has been contacted to supply the meal this year, with a request to avoid ladders.

At the Dinner a presentation was made, on behalf of the Society, to C. Ian Douglass, who has taken retirement on medical grounds. "Adj", as he is affectionately known, has served the School for some 37 years and will be sadly missed. We are, however, expecting to see him at the Founders' Day dinner for many years to come.

The conversion of the swimming baths into a new Music Centre has been completed, the facilities being much appreciated by the school in general.

As reported last year the Cricket pavilion had to be closed due to it's structural condition. We still await the North Yorkshire Education Authority making a decision regards it's replacement. The only action so far from them was to send a contractor to give a price for demolishing it; the quoted price was, to quote The President, ridiculous.

The replacement of the canteen has not yet commenced. Planning permission has been obtained from the local council, we now await government approval.

On the Sports side of the Society activities, the annual rugby match against Giggleswick Old Boys is to be back on the fixture list. This match is usually played on the Sunday after Founders' Day, please watch the "Craven Herald and Pioneer" for details of venue and time of kick-off. Will interested potential playing members please contact Steve Howarth at School.

The annual cricket match against the boys continues, interested potential playing members please contact Ken Oxley.

Golf is, at the moment, the busy sport. We have the Hitchin Trophy, played for by Old Boys during May each year and we now play against the School during the Ermysted's Open competition in early July. The annual match against Giggleswick Old Boys continues to thrive, 2004 saw us retain the title, as I write this we are preparing for the 2005 match. Would golfers interested in playing in any of the above in 2006 please contact the undersigned.

A move is underway to widen the facilities on the school web-site, this report can be found there, plus some interesting new developments are planned for the coming year.

As you can see, the Society is in good health. Your Committee thanks you all for your support, if you know any Old Boy who is not a paid-up member of the Society please encourage them to join, the more subscriptions we can achieve the more we can do to help YOUR school.

Len Price.
Hon. Sec.

That's How It Was

I was born at Haworth near Keighley in September 1926 and when I was nearly four years old we moved to Burnside Crescent in Skipton. Our house was on the outside of the estate near the Eller beck which ran past the Waltonwrays Cemetery on the Carleton Road.

I went to the Christ Church School which is still there, just across Craven Street where Tesco is now. When I was ten years old I was one of the few pupils from our School who was sent to Brougham Street School one Saturday morning in February where we were all closely supervised, no talking.

The exam papers were then given out and we got started. Our teacher had told us at school to get on with the intelligence test by answering the questions that you knew the answers to, and skipping past the ones that you have to consider. Then come back to them if you have time. There were also arithmetic and English exams, all with limited times.

Anyway my parents were informed that I had passed. I did not realise at the time what an expense I was going to cause my parents. At elementary school I would have left at 14 years old but at the Grammar School it was 16 years. Also having to be fitted out with school uniforms including 'house' caps and sports clothes.

Except for special subjects like physics and chemistry, art, woodwork and physical training all the other subjects were taught in the form room. This meant that the teachers moved to the classes, which was a quicker method. The other way round could have lessons interrupted for a while by slow-moving pupils.

When I got to the Grammar School in early September the roll call was taken and existing pupils were moved to the new classrooms. So we were left, about 60 of us, split into two forms, 1A and 1B and I was in 1B.

In Form 1B we were taught French by the new Headmaster, Mr Forster. I think he was Dutch and had just been teaching in the south of England (I thought it was a public school) so our most important homework was French.

After the first year the pupils in Forms 1A and 1B the pupils were split, as a result of exams, into Forms 2A and 2B. Form 2A did Latin and Geography which 2B did not do.

Not all pupils at the Grammar School had passed the scholarship; in fact two boys from our Christ Church School were admitted on a fee paying basis after passing an entrance exam. I found out later that compared with some other parts of the country 'West Yorkshire' was very supportive of exam entrants. When I got to the Grammar School I found out that some of the pupils from Brougham Street School had been given extra lessons and told about the exams and how to cope (they did seem to produce results).

In the second year I was hopeless at trying to learn and use Latin. Partly this was due to not learning much about English grammar in Form 1B. So when I came upon English to Latin I found that the Latin word could have one of six word endings – for nominative, ablative, dative, genitive, plus two more. So after two periods of caning for 'gramma' in Latin at third year I went into 3B, then 4B and the remove form (where there were only about 14 of us and we got well on to School Certificate standard).

I passed in English Language (which you had to pass, or you would have failed School Certificate) English Literature, credits in Maths, Physics with Chemistry, French and History and Art.

I left school at 16 and began work as a Laboratory Assistant in the Dyehouse at Dewhursts Mill this was in the area where the 'Focus' DIY store is now. I was one of the line of ex pupils from Skipton Grammar doing the time from school to being called up from the forces. There was virtually no apprentice training at this time.

All males had to register for military service when reaching 18 years old, this was then later followed by a medical. So that early in November I was told to go to the Army barracks at Berwick-on-Tweed.

Another youth who worked as a gardener at the Grammar School was to go to the same place at the same time. When we got there we were split into groups of 30 each, each group to a hut, so I seldom saw him after

arrival, we did primary training for six weeks which took us up to Christmas. After I had been called up my Dad was talking to someone he knows well and he just mentioned I had gone to Berwick-on-Tweed, he said his son had just become a second lieutenant and was now also there. I had known him at Grammar School. I think he had gone to a public school, anyway he said if I saw him I should make myself known.

Anyway, it got to about a week before the Christmas break when he was the orderly officer for the day. One of the calls he usually made was to come round the dining room at dinner time asking for any complaints. This he did, and as he came along our row I stood up and talked to him, he asked what I would like to do and I said 'have some technical training' and we had a few words about conditions. My nearby colleagues were a bit dumbfounded about this, the other ones further away were asking 'what were you complaining about?'

Passing this information about what I would like to do must have worked because I was to join the REME on courses for telecommunications. I got a week's leave, then I would be on an Electronics course at Paisley Technical College in Scotland, so it looked as if my request had been granted. Some of our colleagues had just left college on A Level subjects but after a while I soon got on to it, we had plenty of time in the evening to get snacks and look over our notes, then we had to pass the exams at the end of the course.

After that we went to Measham, near Ashby-de-la-Zouche for technical training on military radios and equipment. While we were there the war ended with VJ day. It was a bit deadly for us, it was not much for us, it was mid-week, I said we had not much money, we went into Leicester and all we could do was go to a cinema in the afternoon and go back to camp after tea. What a contrast to VE day at Paisley.

After VJ day the demand for repairing radios and equipment was reduced, so we were sent on courses for other electronic equipment like mine detectors and high speed morse transmitters and receivers. This was at Brookwood near Woking in Surrey, this was on top of an electronics course we had taken at Arborfield near Reading. Later we were told in February we were to be sent to the Signals Research Centre at Christchurch, near Bournemouth for teaching us about captured German Electronic equipment. Four of us were taught about mine detectors.

All this equipment was to be put in an exhibition at Earls Court, all the visitors were people who had applied for tickets notified in some of their technical magazines. So we were sent up to London and billeted at an hotel which had been taken from a railway company. We were put on the fifth floor and there were no lifts. So we soon knew that if there was anything you wanted to take upstairs you needed to get it when you went for a meal or were going out. The exhibition was manned in two shifts. We were showed round before the exhibition opened.

One of the items near where we were working was what may have been the first audio tape recorder to come into this country. The tape was about 1" wide and about 10" diameter. The sound quality was fantastic for that time. One of the musical items that the operating pair going back to was music by Gounod.

Some of the visitors who came to us were comparing the German mine detectors to the ones they had used, others had obtained mine detectors for use in their hobby of searching for buried coins.

Another item on display was kept fairly quiet about was the German coding machine which was based on five discs mounted side by side in a rotating machine with contacts on both sides, which were inter connected on both sides in a sort of random fashion. You may have seen the television programmes about how the British highly selected teams set about decoding the machines, for us to pick up the enemy.

Just before Christmas 1946 we set off on a ship from Southampton for Bombay, so we missed Christmas but had the dinner in the Mediterranean, but we also missed the terrible snow in the winter of 1947.

In May we left Bombay and went by train to Madras, from where we sailed to Singapore because in August 1947 Lord Mountbatten returned India to the Indians. This led to a terrible number of deaths when the state of Pakistan was set up, the Indian people moved out of that area and most of the Pakistanis moved from what was now the reduced state of India.

Roy Calvert

Old Boys' News Obituaries

Maurice (Moss) Hartley (1933/38) died 27th March 2005 aged 84 after a long illness. Was Vice Captain of the 1st XV and Victor Ludurum. He came from Dent. At the outbreak of war he joined Royal Corps of Signals in North Africa, Corsica and Italy. After the war he refused to work in an office and marketed animal medicines.

Anthony Bradley died aged 91. He attended Long Preston School before winning a scholarship to Ermysted's. At 21 he took over the family farm at Mearbeck where he would eventually take his wife Hetty and bring up six children. They moved to Rathmell in 1960 then to Church Street in Settle in 1965. Retirement was forced on him at the age of 78 when his driving licence was taken off him. He is survived by his wife, five of his children, 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Kenneth Throup has died aged 89. He passed his scholarship to Ermysted's but left at 14 to help his mother run the family farm. In 1933 aged 18 he started a milk round in Skipton delivering milk in jugs left on doorsteps. He specialised in sheep breeding, in particular the Masham lamb and took the top prize a Skipton Auction Mart ten years in a row. He is survived by his brother and sister, nine children, 12 grandsons and 14 granddaughters.

Tim (TJ) Binyon novelist and critic who went on to win the Samuel Johnson Prize for biography has died. After gaining a degree from Oxford his career included publishing, reviewing and writing thrillers. He later returned to lecture at Wadham College, Oxford.

Mrs Jeanne Perry – died after a five month illness. Mrs Perry was cook at the school for 20 years, 13 as cook in charge.

Mr Richard Hartley died suddenly aged 58. He attended Ermysted's from 1957 to 1964 and was head boy in his final year. He went to Worcester College, Oxford where he gained a degree in history. He worked for the Dept of the Environment in London and was instrumental in preserving the Ribblehead viaduct as a listed building. He moved to Strasbourg in 1974 to join the Council of Europe and finally became assistant to the Secretary-General.

Rev Brian Woods died suddenly after a fall at home. From the age of 17 Mr Woods began to lead services, preach and train choirs on the Barnoldswick Methodist circuit. He then trained for teaching at Westminster College, Oxford, a Methodist foundation. He taught at various schools including Holy Family in Keighley. He was later ordained and served as a minister of Bethel Mission in St Helens while continuing to teach maths at Rainford High School.

Randall Ewart Nutter attended Ermysted's from 1937 to 1944 the last two as a boarder. He loved sport. In 1944 he joined the RAF for three years. He started teaching at Brougham Street School in 1949 and left in 1955 to become sports master at Barnoldswick Secondary Modern. In 1964 he moved to Aireville School as careers master but continued to help with all sport. He was running sporting events throughout Craven including cross country, athletics and soccer and ran keep fit classes at Aireville. He was a member of Skipton Mechanics Institute for 50 years and its secretary for 25 years.

Marriages

William Bellas married Clair Saville at the Cedar Court Hotel in Harrogate. Best man was William's brother George.

David Simpson married Elizabeth Manley at St Stephen's Church, Skipton. David is an IT consultant.

Gareth Johnson married Rachel Howard at St Michael and All Angel's Church, Somerton, Somerset. Gareth was a pupil from 1986 to 1993. He is now head of mathematics at Millfield School, Somerset.

Stuart Clarkson married Lara Schmidt making history by getting married in the main ring of Skipton Auction Mart. Stuart is now a public relations manager for Cambridgeshire Police. Stuart was Head Boy in 1998-1999.

Simon Walker married Sarah Jane West at Settle Parish Church. Simon works for HML in Skipton and plays stand off for Wharfedale. Best man was Graham Smith.

Anthony Clarkson married Katherine Watt at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Silsden. He is a telecom

research engineer. Best man was his brother Stuart.

Simon Mounsey married Sara Battersby. Best man was Simon's brother Robin.

Nicholas Muhlemann married Gry Westlie in Oslo. Best man was Paul Wildman. They will live in Sydney.

Other News

Robert Anderson obtained the highest marks in the AQA Advanced Extension chemistry examinations. He received a £100 cheque and a certificate.

(James) Paul Mason (left 1992) received a Doctorate in Engineering at Cranfield.

Ben Lay who is reading classics at Keble College, Oxford has achieved the second highest marks in Classical Mods, regarded as the hardest exam in the world by the Guinness Book of Records. He gained a first and also won the Hartford Prize for the best Latin papers. He is now classified as a scholar and can walk on the lawn in the college Quad.

Craig Peach gained a II.2 BA Hons degree in Economics from Durham University.

Ben Hibbins gained a II.1 BSc Hons degree in Biology from Durham University.

Chris Duff gained a II.1 degree in English Literature from Durham University.

Robert Jones was awarded a Master's degree in Electronic Engineering by the University of York. He is now working at Advanced Risc Machines in Cambridge, a leading UK based microprocessor design company.

Nat Jones was awarded a 1st class degree in Mathematics from Hatfield College, university of Durham.

Richard Taylor graduated from Bristol University with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science Degree.

Jonathan Taylor - having graduated from Nottingham University has now successfully completed his Pre-Registration year in Pharmacy.

Richard Hargreaves is assistant editor of the Navy News. He picked up two runner-up accolades in the British Association of Communicators in Business. One was for his coverage of the 60th commemoration of D-Day and the other was for an article on the Royal Navy's visit to New York.

David Scott - has written his first novel - The Standard Bearer set amid the buzz of the newspaper world. It is based on people he has met in Barnoldswick and other places where he has worked.

Adam Bargh - is one of only 11 people nationally to be given a scholarship from the Institute of Electrical Engineering. He is reading engineering at Christ's College at Cambridge. The Jubilee Scholarship means that he will receive £1000 for each of the three years he is at university.

Dr Simon Midgley - is now running the Craven College Centre for Rural and Equine Studies at the Skipton Auction Mart site.

David Schindler - cycled from Lands End to John O'Groats to raise £1000 to help fund an extension to the clubhouse at Upper Wharfedale Cricket Club.

Peter Mackley - spent two months in a central American jungle with the charity Trekforce Expeditions to redefine the Maya Mountain Divide. The trail is used by the Belizean Police to patrol and protect the jungle from illegal loggers and hunters. He is now studying medicine at Leeds University.

Roger Ingham was crowned ITV Yorkshire Local Hero a competition run by Calendar. It honoured those who work tirelessly in their local community.

Chris Widdison gained a 2.1 Hons in Law (EU) LLB from the University of Leicester.

Paul Jaquin graduated from the University of Durham with a Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) Honours Degree (Class II.I). This intensive four year degree provides a fast track to Chartered Engineer Status.

Richard Welch graduated from University of St Andrews with a degree in Economics.

allowed back home to convalesce under the care of his parents. On the 2 September Dr. Goodman wrote with concern to the Army Medical Board, seemingly to delay any premature return to active service.

"I find the wound over the left temple is still very irritable, especially at the external edge of the eye-lid. I find him in want of concentration of mind, with some loss of memory and frequent headaches, at times very severe. There is some insomnia, and the left eye cannot stand strong light for any length of time.

I notice he is much quieter than formerly and very depressed at this with some loss of appetite, which I attribute to shell shock."

On 9 December 1916 the 6th Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment was informed of Goodman's imminent return to duty having been passed fit for General Service by a Medical Board. Such haste in return bears witness to the manpower shortage in the British army at this stage, particularly experienced officers.

'The third time pays for all'

Eric Goodman, like four other old boys of Ermysted's met his death during the Arras Offensive of April/May 1917. The offensive started well with the Canadian capture of Vimy Ridge, but the battle soon deteriorated into the all too familiar stalemate. For Goodman it was to be the third time 'over-the-top', a prospect that filled the superstitious lieutenant with unease.

Goodman's Battalion moved up to the front from Arras, in the midst of a snowstorm, on the 11 April. At this time he was commanding 'C' Company (about 250 men), an appointment usually filled by a senior Captain but not unusual for a 2nd Lt. in the First World War. The objective of the attack was to capture a spur of the River Scarpe, south of the village of Roeux. The spur was indeed reached by a contingent of 'C' Company led by 2nd Lt. Goodman, but just as this happened, the Germans put a heavy barrage on the position. A footnote from the regimental history records that Goodman was last seen in his trench coat on the skyline, waving his walking stick and encouraging his men on.



As he was declared 'missing believed killed in action' the Army carried out an investigation. Several statements, mostly from Battalion comrades, are found in his Military Service file at the National Archive. The most graphic, and at the same time personal, account came from Private Spencer:

'He [Second Lieutenant Goodman] was blown to pieces by a shell at Arras...Some of the pieces were collected. Sgt. Burgess, the Medical Officer's orderly told me about it and could give further information. L/Cpl. Davey, the Colonel's orderly, also told me that he gave Mr. Goodman a cup of tea just before he started, and that his parting words were "The third time pays for all". It was the third time he had been over the top.'

Goodman was one of 80 casualties in his battalion on this day and for no tangible gain. The Regimental history records simply: "*It was a melancholy waste.*"

Tributes in Memoriam

His Battalion commander wrote: 'He was a most excellent officer and quite fearless.'

From School Chronicles: "*Lieutenant Goodman by his death has added another name to the long roll of those who, after winning distinction on the field of sport, have gained still greater glory on the field of battle. The Honours Board in Big School bears record to his doughty deeds...now his death has cut short another highly promising career. As he lived, so he died – the Complete Sportsman.*"

Eric Goodman's story will feature in a book – currently in writing – about Ermysted's Old Boys and masters who served and died in Great War. The researcher and author, History teacher Steve Howarth, is hoping to privately publish in 2007. Each of the Old Boys who feature on the School's War Memorial will receive a biographical profile of their School days, career and war history.

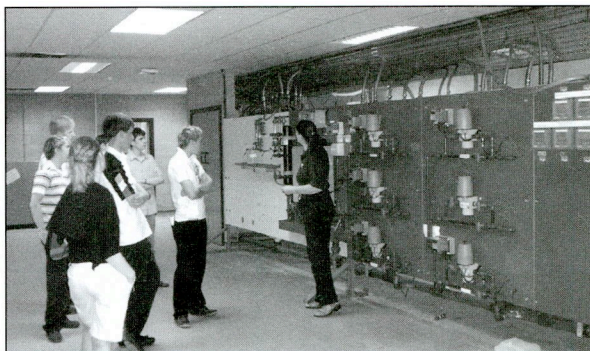
Steve Howarth would appreciate any financial help that might be offered by readers towards the cost of publishing. This can, of course, be regarded as a down payment for a copy of the book when published. Contact can be made via the School Office.

Trips, Visits and Functions

Information and Communication Technology

ICT continues to grow at Ermysted's and this year has seen the successful A Level Information and Communications technology course enter its third year.

During the second year of the A Level course students are encouraged to use the knowledge gained in the first year and apply it to wider 'real life' situations. In order to help make this transition students visited Yorkshire Water - an organisation which invests heavily in Information and Communications Technology.



The visit included a tour round the Yorkshire Water control centre in Bradford where the flow of all of Yorkshire's water can be controlled from a small number of computers. Students also visited the Water Treatment works at Headingley (above) where computer control and monitoring is employed extensively to treat up to 100 million litres of water a day for Leeds.

Fair-trade Fortnight - March 2005

For the first two weeks in March the school was involved in a national campaign to raise the awareness of fairtrade. All year groups were involved as we held assemblies with guest speaker Judy Rogers who has worked for Christian Aid in Africa and seen some of the positive impacts that fairtrade has had. Students in Religious Studies and Geography also learnt more about the fairtrade symbol and what it means.

At break and lunch times we held a fairtrade stall selling chocolate bars, Easter eggs, bananas, fruit juice and dried fruit. This was done in conjunction with Oxfam. The stall was a great success; selling out every day. By buying fair-trade pupils were guaranteeing that more money goes straight to the growers rather than the profits of larger international companies. The growers receive a fair price and have better rights at work.

Through fairtrade growers in countries such as Ghana have really benefited from the increase in income and have been able to invest in schools and hospitals and pull themselves out of poverty. By supporting fairtrade we can help them to help themselves for the long term.

Next time you are shopping for tea, coffee, chocolate, bananas, fruit juice or even footballs look out for the fairtrade symbol. They cost a little more but the benefits far outweigh this.



Nanotechnology @ EGS!

In January 2004 EGS was visited by Professor Steve Evans and Mr Joe Boote from the Molecular and Nanoscale research group at Leeds University Physics Department. This visit marked the start of a joint project with EGS in the field of Nanotechnology. Nanotechnology is a contemporary and innovative area of science. Think of nanotechnology as ‘Science of the very small’. It is a truly interdisciplinary field of science where Physicists work alongside Chemists, Engineers and even Biologists to try and produce useful technology for the future. Professor Evans and I were able to secure funding from The Royal Society in the form of a Partnership Grant. A Partnership Grant allows pupils to work with professional scientists, gaining an insight into science beyond school.

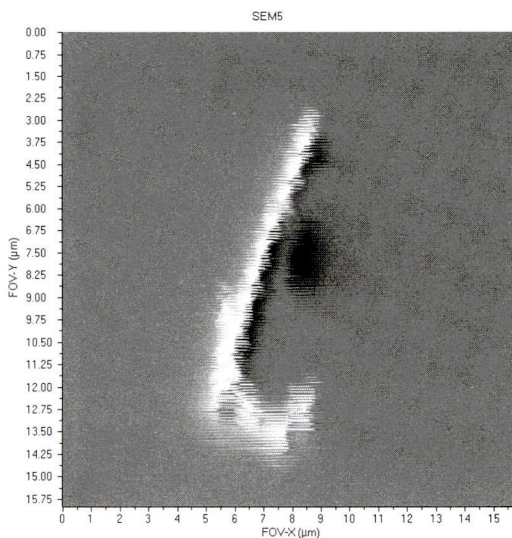
After advertising the project within school, five Year 10 pupils were selected: Robert Carr, Kevin Flatley, Michael Greenwood, James Robertson and Edwin Rothwell. The aims of the project were both scientific and educational in nature. Ultimately, it was hoped to grow gold nanowires in the physics laboratory at EGS. A nanowire is an electrical wire of miniscule proportions: 100 atoms wide and about 8000 atoms long! Whilst undertaking this project with Prof Evans and his team, it was hoped that the boys would gain an awareness of the process of scientific research and its importance to everyday life and to the development of future technologies.

Of course some training was required, and after an initial trip to Leeds University the boys were ready to make the gold nanowires. After a morning in the school laboratory we had made some samples. Of course a second trip was needed to analyse our samples and to see if we had been successful. Whilst at Leeds the lads had lots of fun extracting the gold nanowires for analysis – the procedure included spinning the poor things at several thousand rpm! After extraction, we needed to see what we had made. The boys were let loose on a machine that cost £1.2 million! - It’s a good job they didn’t break it! The image below was taken by the boys using the machine and it shows a single gold nanowire. The numbers on the sides of the image are in millionths of metres!

Success! – A nano-goldrush in Skipton! Further analysis of the samples was undertaken by James and Edwin whilst on work experience with Prof Evans and his team. Their findings showed that we had been able to successfully control the growth of the gold nanowires and produce them in large numbers. To share our results we exhibited a poster at the national Association for Science Education conference at Leeds University in January of this year. Professor Evans and I were also invited to give a talk on the project at a conference session hosted by The Royal Society.

So, the boys had successfully achieved all the scientific aims of the project. They had been thrown in at the ‘academic deep end’, working with a team of professional research scientists. Un-phased, their positive response to this considerable and ambitious challenge impressed everyone who worked with them. The boys were a credit to themselves and excellent ambassadors for the school. Prof Evans was very impressed! I hope that they enjoyed their experiences and gained many transferable skills that will help them in their future studies.

Dr T.M.Flynn



Ski Trip

Day 1 - We had to get up at 3am in the morning and for some in the party this was the first time on a plane so it was quite exciting and you could feel the apprehension of our holiday looming ahead.

It was a two and a half hour flight to Grenoble so as soon as we set off MP3 players, Gameboys, puzzles and games were out. We then had a 2½ hour coach journey around the winding roads of the mountain up to the resort. We were staying in 'La Hotel Belle Aurore'. What surprised most of us was that there was hardly any snow! Where was it? Also: 'If we are on top of a mountain, then why is it so hot?' Our parents (mostly Mums!) had been nagging us about how cold it was going to be and how we needed to wrap up warmly!

Up in our rooms the first job was to unpack our clothes but most of us ignored this rule, leaving all of our equipment in our suitcases! The rooms slept four each and had one bathroom BUT no T.V. - Shock Horror! No, it didn't really matter as we had no spare time except for in the evenings and most of them had activities set by the hotel. We had our (uncomfortable) ski boots fitted then explored the town.

Day 2 - The day began at quarter past seven, too early for some! Breakfast was the best meal of the day - croissants, cereals, toast, eggs and orange - a good selection. By quarter to nine we had all gathered outside in our groups (beginners, advanced and intermediate) and were heading for the main ski lift to take us to the slopes! For the beginners group there were two instructors, Ywun and Ian so the group was split into two halves, the 'advanced beginners' and the 'beginners' beginners'. Each group went its separate ways for the day. We tried out skiing on real snow, each time going a bit higher, and faster, than before. We returned to the hotel for lunch but as soon as we got back up there we were off. Straight up to the collection points and in five minutes we had started skiing, this time tackling new heights. The ski trip just seemed to be getting more fun by the second. After another two and a half hours skiing we dragged our weary bodies back to the hotel and collapsed on our beds. It had been a good first day and 41 heads hit the pillows completely shattered!

Day 3 - We were taken up on the slopes again but this time higher than before and on a faster lift (which a few people fell off - this happened quite frequently)! So, after many attempts, we reached a higher level of skiing after only two days. You could definitely see the improvement in the way people skied. After lunch we were taken down to a separate part of the slopes with bumps on the track. This part was extremely cool to ride over and was also extremely funny when someone came off! After this exciting ride we went up onto a higher mountain for the rest of the day, snaking down it in a line, and then going back up on the lift. We came down at the end of the day dragging our feet back to the hotel - TIRED! For the evening entertainment we went ice skating or watched a video.

Day 4 - This day was sunny again! It was an average day on the slopes, with all the groups progressing up to higher levels of expertise. In the evening for entertainment the whole 41 of us watched the video: "Bad Boys II" An awesome end to this day! We finished the video and hit the beds at half past eleven.

Day 5 - Five days into the ski trip, and three days, including today, Friday, left. Wow, none of us could believe how fast the week had gone so far; it was like time had speeded up two times faster! On the slopes it was hard to see in to the distance so we all had strict orders to follow our ski instructors slowly and steadily. In the afternoon it cleared up and most of us put down our goggles in exchange for our ski sunglasses. This day was one of the most enjoyable days on the ski trip as it set a few challenges. For the evening activity we all went to 'The Igloo', a nightclub for youngsters like us.

Day 6 - The last day of skiing, oh no! But definitely one of the most enjoyable, as we got to go on the ski lift, with the chairs! This was a big step up and the ride to the top lasted eleven minutes so this was a chance to get your cameras out and snap a few shots of the glacier. It was all very well boarding the lift, but getting off was a different matter. Some of us, me included, fell off while departing! Hilarious fun! Everyone enjoyed this. Coming down was extremely good fun as it was a long way down so we got to ski for what seemed like hours. Another bonus was that we got to go to the summit, 3330 metres up from the bottom. From the top you could see Mount Blanc, the tallest mountain in the Alps. Coming down was fun as well as the advanced group got to ski from the very top, and we, the advanced beginners, got to ski on a blue slope for the first time. This was an amazing experience, one that we all enjoyed.

Day 7 - We were to be on the coach at nine and everyone rushed around pulling clothes and suits into their bags, and asking people in their rooms questions like: "Where's my.....?" and "Have you seen my.....?" It was pure chaos really. The flight back was quite smooth.

A big thanks to all the teachers and others that helped make this ski trip happen.

Ski Trip Extra

La Toussuire, France was the destination for an additional ski trip in 2005 organised specifically for older pupils in the school during February half-term. The party, led by Mr Footitt and accompanied by Mr McMechan and Mr Blanchard, consisted of mostly sixth formers and a handful of Year Elevens and Tens. We gathered very early on the Sunday morning for the journey to Stansted airport and all went well through check-in until passing through security to the departure gates. Unknowingly (we think), one member of the party, namely AJ Connor, had a "spud gun" concealed in his carry-on luggage which wasn't a very popular ploy with airport staff!!

We eventually boarded our plane to Turin. At the other end, a two-hour bus ride took us in to France before we made the climb up the mountainside to our resort. The Hotel, the Chalet Ville de Lyon, situated a little way out of the resort but totally convenient for the skiing, was basic but fairly well equipped. We found ourselves sharing it with a couple of French youth groups (more on that later). The first evening meal was meagre, especially for hungry sixth formers after a full day's travelling but at least the bar was open. The next job was to be fitted out with boots and skis.

Mr Footitt had booked us five hours of skiing lessons per day for the next six days. The total beginners congregated in one spot while the others had a "ski-off" to separate the intermediates and the advanced. The resort was vast with over 300 kilometres of piste available to the more capable skiers and due to our half-term not coinciding with most of the rest of Britain they were reasonably quiet with little queuing at lifts.

The beginners generally made very good and quite rapid progress - well, apart from Kaifei Yu who was tentative to say the least and lacked some control. Despite a number of extremely spectacular crashes during the course of the week that included hitting a bridge and wiping out a whole family of four, Kaifei overcame major apprehension to actually ski reasonably well by the end. The intermediates' instructor was one of the coolest guys around and showed them a great time while the advanced skied for miles upon miles, on and off piste. Other notable highlights were negotiating a draglift that was fifteen metres short of 2km long and a crash at very high speed by Chris Holden where his skis came off and he actually spun through the air. On the last day the ski jumping was highly entertaining and in the afternoon there was the knockout slalom racing, eventually won by Andrew Hall.

Après-ski activities were organised as well. One evening we went ice-skating which, after about half an hour, turned into a classic ice-hockey match where Chris Holden starred once again. There was a silly-games night organised by our ski rep, Mike, which made for very good comedy. The hotel had its very own disco in its basement and on the Thursday night all hotel guests descended on it. This called for a truce between the English and the French although towards the end of the evening relations were well and truly cemented particularly by three or four of our lads!!

On the last night, there were ski presentations by our instructors with badges awarded according to how well we had progressed and after dinner, the whole party strolled down to the village to go ten-pin bowling. The competition was fierce once again and although the delivery styles were varied to say the least, everybody joined in and managed to get into double figures. As our journey home didn't start until after lunch next day, part of the morning was taken up with our own presentations. Everybody got some prize or other for whichever antic they had been recognised for over the week with t-shirts being awarded to the top skiers from each group.

All in all it was a fantastic week and many thanks being go to Mr Footitt for all of his efforts in organising a quality escape from school life for the older pupils.

Ings Sport Day

An unusually dull Monday afternoon was brightened up by the enthusiasm and smiles of pupils of Ings school as their annual sports day took place. Activities were spread across their field with teams competing for the coveted gold trophy. In the end, the 'reds' came top followed closely by 'yellows'. With the help of several willing Ermysted's lads, who helped supervise and demonstrate the various events, a fun day was had by all including parents and children. Keep an eye out for these youngsters in 2012!

Tanzil Chowdhury 12CO

Year 8 French Trip

We were told that the Chateau du Baffy was quite nice, but I wasn't expecting a massive French mansion in the middle of nowhere!!!

It was great - there was a games room with table tennis and snooker, a large garden with a football pitch up the road, and a dining room fit for kings!!!

One morning we were put into groups, given 20 Euros and told to go and buy the best French lunch we could find. Our group came back with a mouth watering arrangement! - 2 French sticks, strawberries, cherries, croissants, olives and, of course, French Cheese!! We won the competition, and got... a bouncy ball... It was good fun though!!

On Thursday at Asnelles we split into two groups, one to visit the biscuit factory and the other to do land yachting on the beach.

At the biscuit factory we cut hearts and stars into the dough and we each made our own treat. The land yachting was really tiring but you got a thrill every time you went really fast.

In the evening we started the sporting competitions, which turned out to be very good when the female staff joined in the football. Alongside football the teachers also arranged basketball.

On the Friday we went to the Sea Museum in Cherbourg, which everyone enjoyed. We had an audio tour round the biggest submarine open to the public. The rest of the sea museum was fascinating, we got to touch rays in the water, which were rough on the top but strangely silky underneath.

Later, we visited the bakery where we saw how bread was made. In the evening we went bowling, which turned out to be really cool as anyone who was wearing white, glowed.

I had a fantastic time on the French trip, and would definitely go again if I had the chance!

Josh Beattie-Jones / Mark Hall

À onze heures du soir nous sommes montés dans le car. Je me suis réveillé à quatre heures parce qu'il faisait froid. Nous sommes arrivés à Douvres à cinq heures et demie.

A le soleil brillait et il faisait vraiment chaud. Alors nous avons mangé des glaces !

Deux heures plus tard nous sommes arrivés au 'Château du Baffy' ! Il était très impressionnant! Nous avons reçu les clés pour nos chambres, puis nous avons mis nos affaires dans les chambres. Ensuite, nous sommes sortis! Les garçons ont trouvé les courts de tennis rapidement! Il y avait également une grande pelouse devant le chateau où nous avons joué au rugby et au football. Puis, c'était le dîner!

Le lendemain nous sommes allés à la chèvrerie. Nous avons écouté la dame française et nous avons regardé les chèvres. Les chèvres étaient mignonnes! Puis, nous avons goûté du fromage. C'était bon ! Plus tard nous avons été au magasin de biscuits! Nous avons regardé faire les biscuits et nous en avons mangé! Ils étaient délicieux! C'était génial!

Nous sommes allés au Musée Maritime de Cherbourg visiter un sous-marin! C'était très intéressant! L'après-midi, nous avons observé le boulanger faire le pain et après nous en avons mangé! C'était le meilleur pain! Le pain des pains! Le soir, nous sommes partis au bowling. C'était amusant!

Le dernier jour nous sommes allés au marché à Bayeux et nous avons acheté notre propre déjeuner! Nous avons organisé un concours ! Le groupe avec le meilleur déjeuner a gagné! Enfin le lendemain, nous sommes rentrés en Angleterre!

David Machin

Community Volunteers

Over the last few years pupils in years 12 and 13 have voluntarily taken part in community-based placements. This has involved contact with a wide variety of people and organisations in the Skipton and Craven area. Charities, community based organisations, care homes, hospitals and individual people have all benefited from their help.

On Wednesday afternoons pupils give their time over to conservation work, linking up with local primary schools and welfare groups to help in many diverse ways. Some pupils are placed in charity shops, others help with vital tasks such as shopping for elderly residents in Skipton. Another area of involvement is giving support to charities in administrative and I.T. based work.

The Community Volunteers began during the 2000-01 academic year with nine participants, each year since then there has been over twenty volunteers out in the Skipton and Craven community making a real positive difference to the people around them. In the coming year 2005-06 we are planning on having over thirty volunteers taking part. It has been pleasing to observe the positive work that all the volunteers have been involved in and it has been interesting to see the benefits that pupils have derived both socially and personally from their experiences in the community.

In 2004 and again this year the Ermysted's volunteering scheme has been awarded a Nationwide Award for Voluntary Endeavour. Well done to all those pupils who have taken part and made the scheme a success.

Mr Peters

Paperclip Physics

On a cold, icy January day of this year, two teams of five enthusiastic AS Physics students boarded the school minibus for the long awaited trip to the Paperclip Physics Regional Finals 2005, which were to be held all day at Leeds Grammar School. I was a member of one of those teams and after being told that our chosen topic was far more superior than was expected of us, I was hopeful of a good performance and ultimately a win. We had rehearsed the routine numerous times and had committed the lovingly written script to memory. It was as slick as it was going to be, but would it hold out against our opposition?

On arrival, it became increasingly clear that there were others less organised than ourselves. One of Leeds Girls' High School's two teams had apparently prepared a 10 minute presentation instead of the 5 minute one outlined clearly in the rules. To our horror, their Physics teacher set about editing their script for them. Our appeals were snubbed and the incriminating evidence ignored.

After a sturdy performance by our other team both of the girl's teams followed with over-simplified, paper-scripted and sometimes hazardous presentations that seemed to use more bright colours and flying popcorn to impress the judges than actual Physics knowledge.

When my team stepped up, we felt like we had it in the bag. Our in-depth research, brilliantly written script and well rehearsed acting meant that a mixture of expert facts, mild comedy and lively demonstrations seemed to many to be the winning combination. After the final group were deducted points for their wacky, yet potentially dangerous demonstrations, the giant paperclip trophy looked in the bag and the National Finals loomed.

However, one judge clearly loved her food before her Physics as the silly popcorn experiment was regarded, without doubt, as the winner! We have won so many times in previous years that it may have been politics which prevented us yet again setting off on the road to London. Second place was at the end of the day just about acceptable and we did get a good book to read! However, the Physics department were in uproar, and rightly so. I just hope that next year's group are more successful.

Adrian Harwood

Leeds University Two Day Physics Course

The course was organised and run by a wonder of a man called Dr Adolf, a rather comical fellow, who emitted a large aura of enthusiasm throughout the experience.

I did get to meet one of the judges from the paperclip physics challenges, and for the record no abuse was ever hurled, muttered maybe but not hurled. Over the few days, we did some theory, some practical and we also had a set of puzzles, which we had to work our way through and solve.

So the first day was full of practical and theory. This consisted of Astrophysics taught by “the judge”, some properties of matter taught by someone who can only be described as not altogether there, and we also learned about spin valves and super conductors. Fascinating subjects though the spin valves are they are rather hard to get your head around at first.

The astrophysics included calculating a few things about galaxies on a computer program, e.g. age etc and I’m sure we came up with a number for the age of the universe but they did differ by large amounts from one person to the next. The properties of matter were demonstrated with slime and cornflower.

Finally, in the superconductor’s part, we got to play with liquid nitrogen, which is to say the tutors had all the fun while we all looked on in awe...

The next day was full of challenges; we had to do some more calculations in the astrophysics part, which was to say the least tiring. We also had to identify four metals with a tutor who always liked to be tricky; you never could tell when he was telling the truth.

And now for the Mr Hopkins favourite, we had a mechanics challenge where we had to make some calculations and try and fire a ball bearing from a known distance and height into a very small hole, only one team managed it and it was the first team ever to be able to. Needless to say it was not mine, (I’m sure they cheated though, somehow).

The weekend ended with Stella Bradbury giving a talk on university applications and similar things, including pointers on personal statements. There were some further talks from graduates and tutors alike. Then it was a warm farewell as everyone ventured back home.

Kevin Timmins 12HO

Physics Olympiad

Every summer an International Physics Olympiad Competition takes place. This year the venue was Spain.

Each year the IOP, Institute of Physics, selects a team of five sixth form students from schools throughout the UK by means of a series of competitions (exams really) known as the British Physics Olympiad.

In these competitions less than 600 awards are made each year. Of these six came to Ermysted’s Students. Andrew Bailey, Matthew Hardaker and Michael Fox obtained Bronze II awards. Oliver Pike obtained a Silver award (and only 100 were made).

Jack Eyre and Robert Anderson were given Gold awards placing them in the top 46 students in the UK. [Ermysted’s has only ever had one gold in the past]

Robert Anderson was placed in the top 15 students and invited to Oxford for four days of intensive lectures and laboratory sessions. The continuous assessment ran throughout the four day period – from which the final 5 students would be selected for Spain.

Robert narrowly missed selection but to get this far was a truly great achievement – he was very close. He was invited (all expenses paid) to the final presentation at Carlton House in London, the headquarters of the Royal Society, to receive his final award.

Congratulations to all six students. This has definitely been the most successful year for Ermysted’s.

J. Wiggan

Geography Field Trips : Flamborough Head

It was a cloudy April morning as we congregated in room 10, preparing ourselves for our adventure to Flamborough Head and, after a briefing and fully laden with all manner of geographical paraphernalia, we set off.

Once we arrived at Flamborough Head, we were put into groups and our task was to review the levels of erosion that has occurred at various points along the coast and recording the data. Points of geographical importance included a 'blow hole' and, once we had traversed down the multitude of steps down to the beach, a stack and various caves. We learnt a whole host of information about piddocks, geology and synclines etc.

We then travelled by coach to a nearby beach where our job was to measure various beach profiles. Working in groups, were given a transect of the beach to work with. We measured the size of pebbles to see whether there was a correlation between rock size and distance along / up the beach. Long shore drift prevention measures such as Groynes were in evidence.

The data was written onto datasheets ready for later collation at school onto graphs and tables in order to look for any trends or anomalous results and then trying to explain these results. This, I believe, furthered our understanding of coastal systems and beach profiles.

This fieldtrip, in my opinion, was highly useful. It was essential in order to further our understanding of the coastal systems strand of our AS Level syllabus (after all, the physical geography exam is 1/3 coasts). You can learn a lot from textbooks but there really is no substitute for experiencing real-world geography.

Anthony Scott

German Exchange with Tassilo-Gymnasium, Simbach

The planning for the 21st annual exchange was overshadowed by the regrettable long-term absence of one of its projected leaders, Mr Whitaker. However, Mr Gregory, an experienced exchanger, agreed to be the nominated leader of the boys' contingent, ably assisted by a newcomer to the scheme, Mr Greenfield. Together with Mesdames Marshman and Pate from Skipton Girls' High School, they led the combined party of 45 pupils in the now traditional visit in October.

The programme of visits and activities followed the regular pattern, and was clearly enjoyed by all. As usual, Skipton pupils were encouraged to write up their experiences in diaries, and the Twinning Association awarded prizes to the best four, but unusually, most prizes went this time to the boys! Joint third prize was awarded to Mark Parker and Laura Dixon; second to Chris Greenwood; and Mrs Turnock, Chairman of the Skipton-Simbach Association, visited school to present first prize to James Januszewski.

The return visit in March was equally successful and enjoyable. The German group was led by three colleagues who had visited Skipton many times before: Herr Haslinger, Frau Bauer and Frau Müller-Wühr. Fortunately, Mr Whitaker was now well enough to be involved with some staff activities, and he and his wife hosted Frau Müller-Wühr, as they had always intended to do.

The Simbach contingent visited the schools, Whitby, York, Saltaire and Bradford, and Malham, and the social evening for pupils, parents, staff and all the visitors from Simbach was held for the first (and as it has turned out, the last) time at the rather short-lived Y-Bar.

This year only one Sixth Former from Skipton took the plunge and carried out a week's work experience – Chris Pollitt had an interesting placement in a primary school near Simbach. However, two Simbachers made it to Skipton during March.

It is anticipated that more pupils from next year's larger Sixth Form groups will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to gain very useful experience at the same time as greatly increasing their language competence.

MJ




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Sonntag, den 17. Oktober

Weil gestern viel los war, heute habe ich morgen viel geschlafen. Ich stehe um elf Uhr auf. Wir nach Simbach gefahren für Mittagessen in Restaurant. Die Restaurant ist Jürgen's Vater Lieblingsrestaurant. In der Woche, er ist hier jeden Tag! Ich habe Schnitzel und Pommes gegessen und es hat sehr gut geschmeckt.


Nachmittag, gehen wir nach Burg Hausen und die große Burg gesehen. Die Burg ist sehr lang - 1043m und hat zwei Museum. Die Folter Museum war schön, und es war ein bisschen Furcht erregend. Leider, die Souvenirs war mir zu teuer.

Abends, ich möchte ausgehen, aber Jürgen hat das nicht gemocht. Also, wir in Hause geblieben. Ich habe ziemlich früh geschlafen, weil ich muß früh aufstehen für die Schilbus.



Wir haben Mrs. Marshman heute getroffen.

Chris Greenwood



Herr Plank

Das Mittagessen im Englischgarten


Das Olympiastadion

Der Präsident von Bayern

An der Spitze des Olympiastadion

Valentin, Jürgen, Tom, Chris, Andrea, Eel, Helene, (?)

Sind wir die Straßen von München gewandert. Wir haben der Odeonsplatz, das Opernhaus und der Residenzplatz gesehen. In Maximilianstraße haben wir Moshammer, ein exzentrischen deutschen Modeshopper, in ihrem Laden gesehen. Wir hatten unsere Mittagessen im Englischgarten. Nach Mittagessen, sind wir mit der U-Bahn nach dem Olympiapark gefahren. Zuerst, sind wir mit dem Aufbau des Olympiastadion aufgestiegen. Hier ist meine Eintrittskarte. Es hat viel Spaß gemacht. Die Aussicht war prächtig. Man konnte allen München sehen. Die Aussicht von den Berge und von dem Olympiastadion war besonders gut. An der Spitze des Olympiastadion haben wir zwei gefeierte Persönlichkeit, der Präsident von Bayern und der Präsident von Bayern München FC, gesehen. Danach sind wir mit der U-Bahn zurück in die Stadtmitteln gefahren. Dann, haben wir in der Stadtmitteln



Olympiapark München
Der Park der Stadt

EUR 2.00

Olympiastadion Jugendliche OTJ

James Januszewski

Tag 1 – Der Anfang

Oder Tag eins nachmittag. Nach die sehr lange Reise, habe ich ein bißchen Hunger gehabt so meine Gastmutter hat eine Kuche gemacht. Es war Zitron und Schokolade Wir sind nach Simbach und ins Café gegangen. Hier habe ich meine Freunde getroffen und ihre Partner. Ich habe ein Cola getrunken. Es gab ungefähr 20 Personen weil mein Partner viele Freunde hat! Dann gehen wir nach "Simbach Park" zwei Stunde dann gehen mich und mein Partner nach Hause. Seine Haus war größer als meine aber es war nicht so groß. Ich habe kein Zimmer vor mich gahaben, so ich hate in dem Zimmer von Daniel geblieben. Sein Zimmer ist auch größer als mein Zimmer. Er hat Etagenbette gahebn, und ich habe auf dem unterster Bett geschlafen. Ich habe meinen Koffer ausgepackt dann haben wir am Computer "GTA: Vice City" gespielt. Ich gehe ins Bett um neun Uhr weil ich um sechs Uhr aufstehen muß!

Tag 2 – Ihre Schule

Ich habe um sechs Uhr aufgestehen und ich war sehr müde von die Reise. Für Frühstück, haben wir Schinken, Salami, Käse, Brötchen, Dunkelbrot, Nutella und Wurst gehabt. Ich habe Nutella über Dunkelbrot gehabt, ich habe es sehr gut geschmeckt. Dunkel brot ist ganz toll aber es ist nicht besser als englischer Brot. Es ist sehr salzig und trocken. Wir haben zur Schule auf dem Bus gefahren von die Bäckerei in Kirchdorf. Die Reise zu der Schule war ungefähr zwanzig Minuten weil

Kirchdorf nicht weit von Simbach ist. Wann wir in der Shule angekommen sind, ich habe meine Freunde gesehen. Dann haben wir in der Aula getroffen. Unsere Partner gehen zu ihre normale Fächer ins Schule und wir haben in der Aule für die Lehrer gewarten. Wann die Lehrer angekommen sind, es gab auch der Sculdirektor von "Tassilio Gymnasium". Wir haben Musik von das Band von die Schule gehört, und sie haben sehr gut gespielt, aber ich mag nicht Klassische musik (was sie haben gespielt).



Der Direktor hat eine sehr interessante Sprache gesprochen aber es war ein bißchen lang. Nach die Sproche, sind wir in ein Klassenzimmer nur vor uns gegangen und dort, haben wir eine kleine Pause ghaben. Dann haben wir in Gruppen sortiert, ich war in Gruppe eins! Wir haben diese Gruppen weil wir in zwei Stunden mit unsere Gruppe gehen. Unsere erste Stunde war Englisch mit Klasse 5. Es war sehr interessant weil sie seit nicht lang English lernen aber sie waren ganz toll und sie sprechen besser English als uns wann wir seit ein bißchen Deutsch lernen. Sie haben unsere Name, unsere Alter und unsere Stadt gefragt, alles auf English. Die Stunde war sehr gut und wir haben die Lehrerin und die Kinder gehelfen. Die Nächste Stunde was wir sind in gegangen war

The British Heart Foundation Golf Tournament 2005

The BHF annual tournament offers young golfers the chance to take part in a National Competition on a high quality course in return for raising sponsorship for the British Heart Foundation. work.

This year's competition took place on Monday 25th April at the Cleckheaton Golf Club in Bradford. The competition is carried out on a regional basis first and this was the West Yorkshire area section.

Ermysted's entered 4 teams of 3 players each and the scoring system was the Stableford points system with full handicap allowance. A player playing to his handicap would therefore score 36 points. The best two scores in each team were counted. Scores obtained were:

Team 1 Luke Lockwood 38, Will Maisey 36, Will Phillip 31, Team score 74

Team 2 James Bell 36, Rhys Burton 32, Thomas Middleton 32, Team score 68

Team 3 Edward Cowan 31, Richard Atkins 33, Tom Heathcote 42, Team score 75

Team 4 Alex Turner 27, Gianluca Consoli 35, Jonathan Taylor 22, Team Score 62

The top 3 teams went through to the second round and a score of 78 would have achieved this so our best of 75 was very close.

In spite of not progressing in the tournament it was a very enjoyable day played in excellent spirit and we were blessed by warm sunny weather.

My thanks are due to those parents who kindly gave of their time to help in the transport to and from Cleckheaton.

Total sponsorship money raised by the teams was £515 with Will Maisey being the major contributor with a fine £105 – well done.

VR

Chess Club

Swiss Chess Tournament

7 Rounds, 3pts for a Win, 2pts for a Draw, 1pt for a Loss, 0pts for Failing to Attend

This year saw twice-running champion Mark Gregory come back to defend the title that he had won in his first two years at Ermysted's Grammar School. Other notable returners were Ben Gill, a qualifier from last year, Peter Dixon, who had managed second place last year, and Jonny Baker and Dan Russell, both who had done well in last year's tournament.

The first three rounds of games were played on chilly lunchtimes in November, and saw Mark Gregory storm forward with three wins out of three, leaving him on maximum points, even after being cruelly drawn against Peter Dixon in the first round. However, he overcame this hurdle to set the pace. The only other people to stay with him were Ben Gill, winning all his games against unlucky first-years, and Jonny Baker, getting his second season off to a good start. Not far behind was first year Richard Hooper, after winning two and drawing one of his initial games.

However, the next round saw these four play each other, with Mark Gregory and Ben Gill beating Richard Hooper and Jonny Baker respectively to remain on maximum points, 12. Jonny Baker was left on 10pts, Richard Hooper on 9pts, as well as Charles Farnes, who had won all the games he had played.

And so, the face-off between the two leaders occurred in the fifth round out of seven, with the winner surely taking the Championship if he could hold on. Mark Gregory and Ben Gill played on the week before Christmas, and Gregory triumphed, giving him an early Christmas present. Gill dropped two points after his loss, on 13pts, two behind Mark on 15, with Jonny winning to go onto 13pts as well, followed by Farnes and Shaun Gubbin on 12pts and Richard Hooper on 11pts. The final two rounds saw Gregory maintain his 100% record and claim the title with 21pts out of 21. Ben Gill didn't drop any more points, coming 2nd with 19, and Baker and Hooper finished on 17pts. Other qualifiers for the MegaFinal (15pts or top of age group) were Gubbin, Kimberlin, Phillips, Kanalas, Farnes, Ingham, and Stell.

The knockout tournament was also played this year, with Gregory beating Gill in a close final. In the House Chess, Ermysted's were first, with Toller second, Petyt third and Hartley in last place.

Mark Gregory

School Notes and Miscellanea



It has been an exciting year for the Art Department with a wide range of new media choices being provided. Students have produced high quality work using paint, clay, metal, wood, glass, computer generated imagery, CAD-CAM and batik and media choices are going to broaden even further in the near future with a 3D and fabric design expert joining the department.

Years 10, 12 and 13 have had trips to Tate Liverpool during 2004-2005. This has allowed them to study works by contemporary abstract artists and attend a special exhibition showing the work of psychedelic artists. The department has also run a competition to design a mural for the boarder's dining room. At the time of writing a team of year 7 and 8 students are producing the mural based on a design by Ben Saul in Year 8. The annual art show in June 2005 was a huge success with more people attending than in past years. Guests viewed artwork whilst enjoying background music and a glass of wine. Guests and the external moderator praised 'A' level work for being of an "Art College" standard.

A number of 'A' level students achieved great success – Jim Whittock gaining one of the top five 'A' level marks in the country and Sam Waddington and Jon Simmons both scored 100% at AS level, placing them top in the country and giving themselves a very strong chance of gaining further recognition at 'A' level.

The department would like to thank all the students who have put so much effort into producing exciting and varied work this year.

MHM

Miscellanea

Before Christmas, the Inter-House Drama Festival gave an opportunity for each of the four Houses to put on a 15 to 20 minute play. It also offered all pupils in Years 7 to 9 a chance to excel whether on the stage, as a writer, director or as part of the technical team.

Our annual joint production with Skipton Girls' High School followed in April. Those who attended would have enjoyed this year's choice of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Congratulations to all who took part up whether it be up front or behind the scenes. It was apparent that all involved enjoyed themselves.

A group of students from Year 10 visited Stratford-upon-Avon in early May. They enjoyed a tour of the theatre, going behind the scenes and hearing about what is involved in bringing a production to fruition. They were then invited to an RSC performance of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* at the Swan Theatre. The event was generously sponsored by an Old Boy, Brent Garner, who lives in Stratford and wanted to give something back to the School. The experience was so positive that he intends to repeat the offer over the next few years.

For a Year 7 'Astronomy Day' a portable planetarium was constructed in the Memorial Hall.

The English department organised for all of Year 7 to visit 'Storyquest' in Scarborough, a 'King Lear' trip for Year 12 students in Newcastle and a 'Macbeth' trip for Year 9 as part of their preparation for SATs.

A Year 13 group of 21 History students visited Ripon Workhouse to carry out an investigation into the ethos of the institution.

Working in conjunction with the High School, our Classics Department took a party of Sixth Form pupils to sample the delights of Rome.

2005 Ermysted's Mock Election

While the Nation went to the polls Mr Howarth organised a Mock Election in school.

The overall turnout was high – 86% and Liberal Democrats won in every school year but one. This contrasts somewhat with both the local and national picture...

	Conservatives	Labour	Lib Dem	UKIP	Turnout
EGS	27	19	41	13	86%
Skipton & Ripon	50	19	27	5	73%
National	33	36	23		60%

50 Years Ago – 1954/1955

Head of School was G.S. Metcalfe. Captain of Football was J.A. Harrison. Captain of Cricket was Heard.

The weather was the wettest for quarter of a century and many matches had to be cancelled due to the pitches at Sandylands being water-logged.

A flu epidemic hit the school with 136 boys off school on one particular day.

The 1st XV toured Ulster. They lost two games and drew the third in poor playing conditions. The Eleven had a bad season and the cross country runners and athletes have been unusually beaten this season. We appear to be in a games slump... which provides a challenge that we hope will be taken up with energy and enthusiasm by the teams of the next few years.

The School put on a production of 'Henry V' for three nights at the Skipton Town Hall.

The Debating Society discussed "This House believes too much emphasis is placed on sport in this School". It was heavily defeated.

Mr Seivewright led the choir for their rendering of J.S. Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" in the Parish Church accompanied by the organist of Manchester Cathedral, a professional orchestra and a number of professional vocal soloists.

A newly formed Mountaineering Club held its first outing to "Simon's Seat Moors".

Longer and earlier industrial holidays took large numbers of boys away from school in the post- examination time. The sun blazed down day after day and every afternoon was games – cricket, tennis and swimming.

In the absence of the chief guest owing to illness the prizes on Speech Day were presented by the wife of the Head Master, Mrs V. Forster.

There was a school walking trip to Austria. This included the 7400ft Starkenburger Hutte. The journey was by train, staying overnight in London.

25 Years Ago - 1979/1980

Head of School was A. Crowther and Deputy was A.S. Booth.

Captain of Rugby was G.M. Towers. Head of Ermysted with School House and Captain of Cricket was C.B. Davies former Teacher of Ermysted's.

Mr Tickner arrived to teach Biology.

The death in tragic circumstances of Mr Philip Osbourne, house master of School House, was reported.

In January prompt action contained an outbreak of chicken pox in School House.

The brass band managed 11 concerts in a three day tour of the Dales.

"Children from West Craven will again be able to go to Skipton's grammar schools", revealed Roger Whittaker at Speech Day. Under the 1980 Education Act children can go to a school outside their home county and still have their tuition fees paid by their local authority. Since the local government reorganisation of 1974 Ermysted's had lost more than a fifth of its intake. In 1972, 183 of the school's 504 boys came from West Craven.

The School House camping trip was to Windermere. They borrowed the Threshfield Youth Club minibus and met a party from Lancaster R.G.S. whose boats and skis they also borrowed. The end of year trip was, for the first time, to Alton Towers.

Jack Heald was appointed Editor of the Craven Herald.

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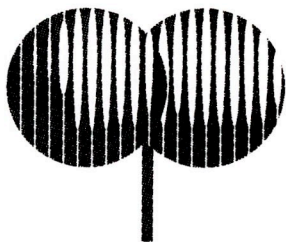
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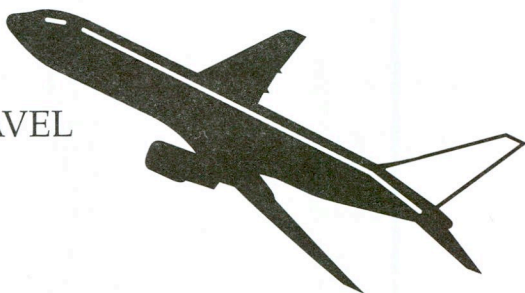
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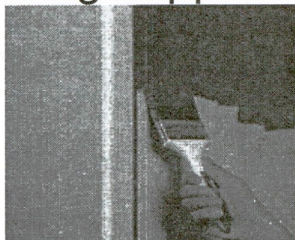
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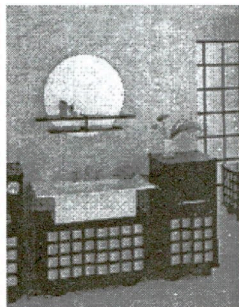
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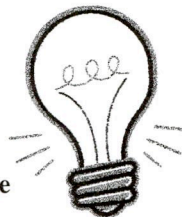
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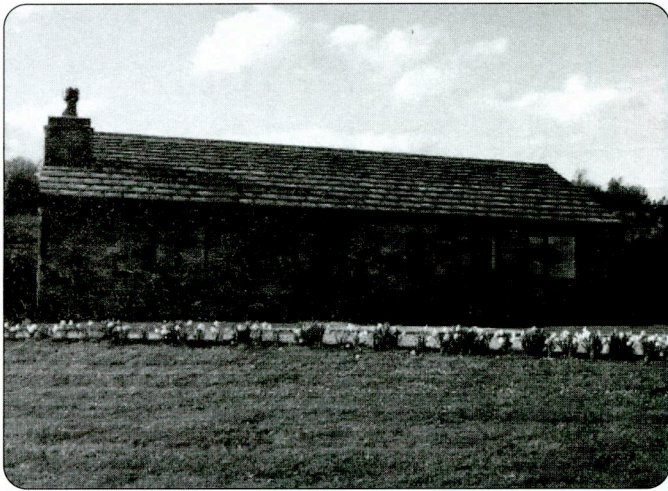


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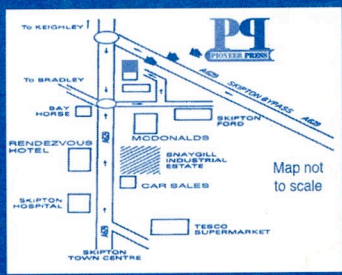
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