

The Chronicles of Ermysted



2015-16



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Headmaster's Report

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In March 2016 the Government published its White Paper entitled 'Educational Excellence Everywhere'. Nicky Morgan, then Secretary of State for Education, wrote 'Good schools and a well-educated population make our country stronger, fairer, wealthier and more secure, and higher standards in the classroom mean better life chances for everyone.'

I am delighted to report Ermysted's continues to be a 'good' school where our students' contributions help make the country 'stronger, fairer, wealthier and more secure' but just as important - through the opportunities they have in the classroom, on the sports field, in music and drama - our students develop those 'softer' skills of cooperation, flexibility, courtesy and tolerance which are vitally important to society.

The World Bank's education strategy for 2020 comments '... education enhances people's ability to make informed decisions, be better parents, sustain a livelihood, adapt to new technologies, cope with shocks and be responsible citizens and effective stewards of the natural environment.'

I would like to think Ermysted's students develop all these qualities and are well-prepared for whatever the future brings as adaptable, emotionally intelligent, mature, moral young men ready to make a purposeful and positive contribution to society. For this I must thank the staff, the students, their parents and our Governing Body for the work we do in partnership to achieve such success.

I am pleased to report the school continues to deliver excellent academic results and is still a force to be reckoned with in so many areas of school life. Examination results last year were extremely strong. At GCSE 97% of results were A*-C with 53% assessed at the highest A* - A grades. The Government's new performance measure, Progress 8, records the students' progress throughout their time at secondary school. Last year our Progress 8 score was 0.37 indicating the boys here, on average, scored just over a third of a grade better than students of similar prior attainment nationally. At A-Level we had a 100% pass rate with the highest grades of A*-B representing 70% of results. But the school is so much more than a mere set of statistics, our achievements cannot be boiled down to a simple set of figures, and I hope this



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year's Chronicles helps illustrate the breadth of our work here.

Throughout my tenure as Headteacher I have nurtured the school and cherished it. In return it has given me enormous satisfaction and pride. And when the paperwork and pressures of finance, staffing, Ofsted and DfE have become irksome then the company of Ermysted's students has been the ideal antidote.

I couldn't have chosen a better profession in which to spend my working life and I will hold the Headship of the school as the pinnacle of my career. I would like to thank all the staff for their continuing hard work and dedication, often in the face of difficult conditions. Lastly my thanks to our students and parents who have made the last eight years so enjoyable and whose cooperation, friendship and respect have made the task so much more enjoyable and worthwhile.

Mr Graham Hamilton





Head Boy's Report

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I am extremely proud and honoured to have become Head Boy of Ermysted's for the 2015-16 year. I have enjoyed my time at school and I am sure I'll miss it immensely once I leave and so I am happy to be ending my time at school in a position where I can do a bit for the school that has done so much for me. Ermysted's has a reputation for excellence, not only for outstanding academic performance but for amazing sporting and other extra-curricular achievements as well, and I hope to have upheld the name and participated in some of the activities that make Ermysted's so great.

Ermysted's offers a whole host of opportunities to better yourself. As well as the school's consistently great examination results, there are so many extra-curricular activities to get involved with. There are a whole host of sports teams available from ones that are engrained in Ermysted's tradition such as rugby and cross country to exciting new clubs such as climbing and basketball. Away from sports there is also the magnificent Ermysted's big band, the national Young Enterprise business team and the chess club to name a few. There is also the house cup which consists of many inter house competitions ranging from cooking to drama to football. Ermysted's offers many out of school opportunities for people who have a passion in life such as the young investors and young barrister schemes. It's certain that no matter what you like, there's something for you to get involved with at Ermysted's.

My time as Head Boy has been made infinitely easier by the hard work of the staff and prefects who don't get enough credit. They put in a lot of hours and make the school what it is. The staff go above and beyond to not only get students the best results they can, but also to make sure they are enjoying school life and getting the most out of Ermysted's as they can and the prefects put in hours of their own time to make sure that school is a pleasant and safe place to be around. I can't thank either enough for all the work they put in to ensure Ermysted's stands out of the crowd as one of the best schools in the country.

Dominic Meehan

Head Boy, 2015-16



Senior Prefect Team 2015-16



ERMYSTED'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL HEAD BOY, DEPUTY HEAD BOYS AND HOUSE CAPTAINS 2015-16



Back row (left to right):

James Ball, Owen Cooper, Max Smith

Middle row (left to right):

Isaac Culshaw, Edward Muirhead, Danny Hattam, Edward Chapman, Zohaib Asghar

Front row (left to right):

Sam Burton, Dominic Meehan, Mr A D Marsden, Ben Housley, Henry Fernandez, Omar Shah



School Governors

Mr A G Barrett	Chair of Governors
Mr A M Davies	V/Chair
Mrs T Birch	Co-optative Foundation Trustee
Mr H G Cutler	Co-optative Foundation Trustee
Mr M Robinson	Co-optative Foundation Trustee
Mrs S E Stockton	Co-optative Foundation Trustee
Mr C Worts	Co-optative Foundation Trustee
Mrs H F Adamson	Co-opted Governor
Mr J E Taylor	Co-opted Governor
Mr R G Heseltine	Representative Governor (NYCC)
Mrs J Lloyd	Parent Governor
Mr G Mallieu-Black	Parent Governor
Dr S Humphrey	Parents' Association Governor
Mrs A McGonigle	Parents' Association Governor
Dr C Merrall	Staff Governor



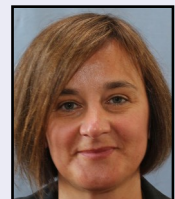
Staff News

Mr Graham Hamilton joined Ermysted's from Sir Titus Salt school in 2005 to teach English and take the post of Deputy Head. He made an immediate impact on pupils with his breadth of knowledge and the pace of his lessons and everyone else by treating all with the utmost courtesy, from governors to the pupils themselves. He formed a formidable alliance with Mr Ashworth, the Head from whom he openly admits he learnt a huge amount. On Mr Ashworth's retirement in 2008, Mr Hamilton was appointed Head from a strong field of candidates and began a series of reforms. He introduced lesson observations carried out by colleagues which accelerated the dissemination of best teaching practice through the school and introduced the Faculty system which ensured that minority subjects felt better supported. During that time, the School had to face its most challenging financial pressure for a generation. In order to keep within budget, Mr Hamilton reluctantly had to implement a redundancy programme which was completed without one compulsory redundancy of teaching staff. Furthermore, Mr Hamilton simultaneously managed to maintain academic and behavioural standards, a notable outcome for such testing circumstances. No matter what pressure he might be under, Mr Hamilton always made his time freely available and never lost his sense of easy charm. His legacy will be the foundations he laid, making Ermysted's a modern and progressive school fit for the 21st Century.



Mr Will Suter was appointed as Head of Physics in 2005. Mr Suter joined Ermysted's from Harrogate Grammar School following the retirement of Mr John Wiggan. Mr Suter then dragged his whole family along as Mrs Suter joined the Geography department, his son Matthew had seven very fruitful years and even daughter Rebecca was able to study Economics in the Sixth Form. Will was an excellent teacher and subject leader, whose results went from strength to strength under his leadership. Mr Suter leaves to enjoy a well-deserved retirement following a long and successful teaching career capped off with 11 years at Ermysted's.

Mrs Elaine Brown was appointed as a teacher of Latin in 2013. In future years she also taught RS and PSHE and worked as a cover assistant. She taught Latin to all year groups and will be remembered for her meticulous preparation and use of games in the classroom. She is now teaching a full classics timetable at the Grammar School at Leeds.





Staff News

Mr David Kelly was appointed to be a Chemistry teacher at Ermysted's in 1983. He came straight from Bristol University where he unsurprisingly studied Chemistry. Dave very quickly became a well-respected teacher and formed a long and successful teaching partnership with Mr Vernon Rooke. Mr Kelly was also in charge of the Boarding House in the late 1980s, ran a thriving school photography club, administered the 'School Fund', was a Sixth Form Tutor and became Exams Officer for a time in the 2000s. However, it was Chemistry that was his passion and countless students or 'Gents' as he liked to address them, excelled and found a life-long love for the subject thanks to Mr Kelly's love of the subject. His sons Christopher and James both had seven years at Ermysted's and James is following his dad's lead by reading Chemistry. Mr Kelly leaves school to enjoy a well-deserved retirement following 33 years of service.



Miss Amy Lamb was appointed as a full time Teacher of Art and DT in 2014. A popular and committed part-time member of the Ermysted's Art Department, she helped to provide extra support beyond what was expected for both our GCSE and A-Level students in a weekly after school Art Club. In addition to her role as a classroom teacher, she was a very successful KS3 form tutor. Well-liked by the members of her group and taking her pastoral responsibilities very seriously. Her form group still ask me how she is to this day! Unfortunately, in 2015 she became a part-time member of the teaching staff, no longer required to teach DT and in 2016 she finally left us to take up a maternity cover at South Craven School.

Mrs Rhona Compton joined Ermysted's in January 2010 as a teacher of Mathematics. For many years she taught Key Stage 3 pupils with fully prepared and inspiring lessons with a variety of activities happening. Perhaps the pupils' favourite lesson was on ratio, where she would incorporate her love of baking by baking a marvellous chocolate cake, fully iced as the centre piece of the lesson, which they ate at the end. This provided an excellent base in mathematics before the pupils progressed up the school. Mrs Compton later went on to successfully teach GCSE and A-Level maths groups, continuing her development of well thought out progression through the topics. She leaves to spend more time with family, friends and on the allotment.





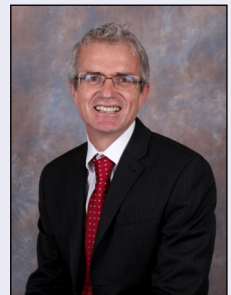
Staff News

Mr Ian McMechan joined the school in April 2003 as Head of English. His extensive subject knowledge and his experience as chief examiner were tremendous assets in this role. He was promoted to the position of Deputy Headteacher in January 2009, a position he held until September 2016. During his time at Ermysted's he was responsible for developing many areas of school life. In particular he had a real interest in Initial Teacher Training (ITT) provision and played a key role in forging links with various local providers. Over recent years he has overseen the UCAS process and has been instrumental in spearheading the School's application for the Career Mark Award – assisted by Miss Lang. During his time at Ermysted's he was highly respected by all members of the school community. He will be fondly remembered for his catch phrases including 'notionally' and 'I would rather eat my own foot'. Mr McMechan left the sometimes cloudy skies of Skipton for the sunny climes of Dubai where he has taken up the position of English teacher at an international school.



Mrs Jane Naylor was appointed as a part-time teacher of English in September 2008, having worked for many years at South Craven School and latterly as Head of English at Settle Middle School. Mrs Naylor was a dedicated classroom practitioner who gave freely of her time to support her students in their pursuit of excellence. She was passionate about all things literary and linguistic and her knowledge and attention to detail were qualities that inspired students in her classes. Mrs Naylor taught across all Key Stages in school, designing lessons that were consistently creative, stimulating and of high academic challenge. Mrs Naylor retired from teaching in August 2016.

Mr Ken Lister joined Ermysted's in January 2014 as a teacher of Mathematics. He filled the boots of Mr Footitt, teaching the Further Maths groups at A-Level. During his three years at the school he shared his passion for mathematics and experience teaching with those at the school. He had a keen eye for detail and mathematical rigour which, in the year after he left, boys would reminisce about when they made a mathematical error or spotted one in another student's work. He leaves to enjoy retirement in the Yorkshire Dales, with time for photography and cycling.





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Physical Education

2015-16 was a very different year for the creative arts subjects, as PE merged with Food and Nutrition, Art, Music and DT, and became the largest faculty in school (with regard to number of pupils taught and number of lessons taught). Mr Douglas became the new head of the Creative Arts Faculty with Mrs Taylor as his assistant. With Mr Douglas's new position, he had to rely on his faithful and supportive colleagues to assume some extra responsibility in PE, which they did with aplomb! We were sorry to lose Mr Mullins, who had been a wonderful addition to the team, but we were equally delighted to replace him with Mr Ellis, who came highly recommended by a number of sources and has proved to be a wonderful addition to Ermysted's.

On the sports field, we did not have the most stellar of seasons; however, there were some notable achievements, namely the Year 9 students winning the inaugural White Rose tournament – a competition open to schools in Yorkshire, held over a number of different festivals and culminating in a finals day at West Park Leeds RUFC, and Tom Barrett becoming the unofficial North of England cross country champion. The ski trips to both Les Menuires and Winter Park were as popular as ever with almost 170 boys skiing in early 2016.

In the classroom, sports hall and 'top field', our pupils remained as committed and cheery as ever, group sizes at both GCSE and A-Level remained high and the faculty remained a positive place to be.





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Music

In 2015, the main priority for Music was to expand teaching to whole classes rather than groups of 15, and to resource the subject for whole classes. This was done in September and whole Key Stage 3 classes were taught from then on. It was also clear that there were not enough extra-curricular music groups, and so the Training Band, Choir and Brass Group were added to the Light Orchestra and School Swing Band, and performed in the Spring Concert. They have since become regular features of music in the school, and have also performed concerts outside school.



2015 also saw the return of the 'House Music Competition' which took place in October and has since become an annual event. There have been some notable moments in this – for example, when girls from Skipton Girls' High School adopted the houses that their brothers had been in and performed in the competition.



We started to gather instruments together that could be used for class lessons, but also as a spare resource for students. So far we have accumulated two Tubas, two Euphoniums, two Trumpets, two Clarinets, a Flute, an Oboe, two Drum Kits, two Electric Organs and a piano. All of these are regularly used. It is a regular aim in music to increase the number of students having instrumental or singing lessons, and numbers at Ermysted's are positive – despite the decline in organised county music services across the country. Yorkshire is very lucky this way. Skipton Music Centre now rehearses in school (as do three other music groups), and their leader assesses the House Music Competition. Music Colours were re-instated in September 2015 and are awarded at three levels – junior, intermediate and senior, each September.



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Student conductors were put on show from 2015 so that the school's ensembles were truly about the students. Adam Hopkins, Ben Finlay (and two girls from SGHS) conducted all rehearsals and concerts, and the tradition is well established. Tom Crossley organised the Brass Group, and some have helped with the Training Band and Choir. This cascaded down in each ensemble having 'Section leaders' who are responsible not only for the group, but training junior players. Martin Wakefield trained several drummers and Laurie Petrucci has carried this on. It is still the intention to have more solo players showing examples of excellence for other musicians.

The tradition of a play or show every two years was maintained with Gatsby being staged at school – organised by students, and with participation of girls from SGHS. The Parents' Association paid for new band folders, which look really splendid in concerts!

Achievement of students continues with the progression of Adam Hopkins and Owen Norton to Leeds College of Music and Max Heaton to the Royal College of Music. We have also started the 'Coulthurst Organ Scholarship' where an Ermysted's student is awarded funding from The Coulthurst Trust to support their Organ playing. In 2016, the first scholarship went to Will Midgley.

In 2015, the school swing band had not been on tour for five years, and we were able to alter this with the visit to Simbach in 2016 of not only the swing band, but the choir, training band, brass group, and a selection of soloists. The six-day trip to Simbach was very well received (the week after Brexit) and we raised over £100 to aid their Flood Relief fund – in addition to funds raised in school. We performed two concerts, visited Salzburg, a Salt Mine and a Castle, and the whole trip was very enjoyable. It is proposed to go back in 2020 or 2021 – when there will have been almost a complete changeover of school musicians.

Since 2015, we have raised the profile of school musicians at community events and in our involvement in cross liaison events with other groups. In addition to school concerts, we have taken part in; Musicians to support Craven Trust (Broughton Hall, September 2015); Swing band workshop with HYJO and Skipton Music Centre (November 2015); Skipton Girls' High School Christmas Concert (December 2015); Cantores Olicanae (St John's Ilkley, December 2015); RAF Band visit (February 2016); Skipton Auction Mart Concert with NYMS and Primaries (March 2016); Swing Band trip to Morecambe (May 2016); 'Gardens in Gargrave' (June 2016); and the Simbach trip (June/July 2016).



Faculty Review Humanities

In September 2016 subject departments were amalgamated, where History joined Religious Studies and Psychology led by Mr Thackrah. Geography and Economics also merged to work together, led by Miss Collins.

IEA Economics Conference at Harrogate Grammar School

On Wednesday, 20 April 2016 we were invited to go to an economics convention at Harrogate Grammar. Organised by the IEA (Institute of Economic Affairs), it was a free event intended to increase A-Level economics students' awareness on current issues. For example, we were talked to about immigration, NHS, globalisation in China and also some careers advice. These talks provided insight into these issues, and helped explain for example why Port Talbot steel collapsed and why in reality it is not efficient or resourceful to keep it open. China selling its steel at low prices not only means it controls a large portion of the market share, but it is also in their interest to collapse foreign steel industries, so they have effective market control. Ideas like these that IEA helped us to explore and come up with our own interpretations of the current situation allowed us to expand our knowledge and ability on being able to interpret, analyse and evaluate a crucial exam skill of the A-Level course. On the note of exams, the immigration talk was the perfect answer to our 25 marker at the end of the unit 2 Macroeconomic exam. Overall the IEA was extremely valuable to the A-Level course, even though some of the talks were a bit dry. All provided relevant and interesting ideas which in turn helped us (I hope) to bump up our mark when it came to exams and become better economists overall.



Angus McKinney

3D Contour Models

When we were learning about reading maps, we of course began to learn about contour lines. To further our understanding, we created some models of mountains displaying their contour lines.



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First we gathered maps of mountains and hills. It was important that our maps had contour lines and heights to help build the models. We then cut out the layers of cardboard in the same shape as the contour lines. After this we could build up the models by sticking the layers on top of each other, constantly building up the model until it resembled the mountain/hill.

This model allowed us to visualise contour lines in 3D,

which we could only see previously on a flat image, so a 3D model was really useful to help us understand the purpose of contour lines on an Ordnance Survey map.

Mattie Sheldon

Tropical Rainforest Model

As homework, Year 8 were given an assignment to create a tropical rainforest. As a keen artist I took this challenge home and spent the week that followed researching the features of a tropical rainforest.

Jeremy Steward

The Vellacott History Prize

The Vellacott History Prize is an annual essay competition run by Peterhouse College, Cambridge for Year 12 students. Entrants are asked to submit an essay of between 2000 and 4000 words on one of 41 essay titles. I admit it doesn't sound like the most thrilling of activities, but it is an excellent preparation for university, requiring skills of careful research and clear argument, and it is the perfect opportunity to research a more unusual period or theme which





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isn't covered in the school curriculum. Of course, there is also the advantage of having something extra to put on the personal statement.

We had two entries from Ermysted's this year, on the questions "What did the revolutions of 1848 achieve?" (Miles Gilleard) and "Did Spain and/or Portugal decline in the eighteenth century?" (myself). Examining various aspects, ranging from the military to the economic and even the religious, I came to the conclusion that, although Spain and Portugal did not decline in absolute terms, they lagged behind contemporary powers such as Britain and so can be said to have declined in relative terms. Beginning without the foggiest idea about either of the two countries or the period in general, the essay competition was an excellent way to broaden my knowledge and also my broader understanding of historical issues.

There were over 250 entries from more than 175 schools and the judges felt that the standard was high across the board. Perhaps I overdid the research a little and all those late nights weren't strictly necessary, but I must have done something right because I received the mention of 'Highly Commended'. I was invited up to Cambridge for lunch in the college, where I received a certificate, presented by the Master of the College, Professor Adrian Dixon. Although I felt a bit out of place when on a tour of the college we were shown the croquet lawn and the deer park (which doesn't actually contain any deer – they aren't quite that posh), it was an enjoyable and useful event, as was the whole essay competition.

Andrew Loy

RS at the Movies!

Among the many popular aspects of Religious Studies were the extra sessions offered after school, during which a number of films were shown. They were all relevant to the GCSE syllabus, but too time-consuming to surrender lesson time.

We watched material concerned with the controversial and emotive topics of abortion, euthanasia, human cloning, war, oppressive governments and God's existence.

Around 20 students turned up on Thursdays between 4:00 pm–7:00 pm, eating takeaways half way through. I suspect that in years to come, these film nights will be better remembered than the proper lessons.

Mr Marsden



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Languages

Classics

The school year 2015-16 was a busy one for the Classics department. GCSE and A-Level results were pleasing. In addition, a small group of Year 10 students entered for GCSE Greek. Most students gained grade A or A*, which was a testimony to their dedication and enthusiasm. Andrew Loy also took AS level Greek. All Greek teaching was done as an extra-curricular activity.

We held trips to Pompeii and York. The Pompeii trip was designed as a taster and took place over an exhausting weekend. We visited Herculaneum, Pompeii and several sites in Naples. The weather was predictably fine. The behaviour and attentiveness of the students was a credit to the school. As usual we did a lot of walking to ensure we made the most of the time in Italy.



The York trip was undertaken during enrichment week. We looked at the Roman exhibits in the Yorkshire museum and traced the outline of the huge legionary fort.

This year we said goodbye to Elaine Brown, who has worked in the department for the last three years. She has worked with enthusiasm and energy and taught at all levels. She moves to the Grammar School at Leeds and will be missed.

English

2016 brought about some changes to the English department; Mrs White went on maternity leave in September and Mr Nabarro decided to leave teaching to return to the world of finance, leaving Ermysted's at Christmas. Mrs Naylor retired from teaching in July and Mr McMechan took up a teaching post in Dubai for commencement in September 2016. Was there anybody left, I hear you ask?



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With the support of Mrs Price, Mrs Simms and Mr Hodgson, Mr Fullerton and Ms O'Driscoll were welcomed to the fold and it was business as usual. The English department continued to inspire and outcomes for students were good.

Planning for the new GCSE and A-Level courses took up much of the focus for this year and the English team worked hard to create an engaging and challenging curriculum content for these new courses. The additional challenge of a new grading system and eight different courses running concurrently meant that many plates were spinning. All was managed seamlessly though and the basis for exciting new courses was established.

The department has run many enrichment activities and continues to furnish students with experiences theatrical, film and discursive. The Year 12 and 13 trip to Bath to attend a model United Nations conference was a particular highlight as was the Enrichment Week visit for Year 8 students to the Warner Brothers' Studio in Watford to see the film sets of the Harry Potter films.



Faculty Review Mathematics & Computing

Maths is a lot like marmite, you either love it or you hate it.

I attribute much of the success of the Ermysted's Maths Department to its ability to cater to both these 'lovers' and 'haters'. It is almost impossible for anyone to hate a subject when it is being taught by such passionate, dedicated teachers. Their time, effort and love for the subject is plain to see during their lessons and is rewarded in the results they produce year after year.

The Ermysted's Maths Department is fast becoming a synonym for success, and this year's turnover of grades has only advanced this transition. 45 A*s were awarded at GCSE with 99.1% gaining grades between A* and C. A staggeringly high percentage which serves as a testimony to both the skill and determination of the teachers, and the dedication of the pupils.

It's hard to imagine the Sixth Form managing to match the high standards set by the lower school, but they didn't just do it - they did it in style. More A*s were awarded in A2 Maths and Further Maths than in every other subject combined (the final tally was 24), and as if contributing to this impressive feat wasn't enough already - Joseph Krol received 100 UMS (Uniform Mark Scale) in every single one of his Maths modules sat in Year 12.

It's worth taking a paragraph to mention some of Joseph's other achievements. He was a recent mover from Bingley Grammar School during the six week summer transfer window and has been an invaluable signing for both the Maths Department and the school. Having found not dropping a single mark in any of his Year 12 exams to be a completely obtainable accomplishment, he topped the school in the Senior Maths Challenge and supported a team (consisting of Julian Roche, Omar Shah and Fernando Georgiou) in a Senior Maths Competition. The four finished just one mark shy of the National Final, and whilst this may have been frustrating for them, it certainly earned Ermysted's some recognition on the grand stage of British Mathematics. Needless to say, we were very proud.

The lower school, eager to build upon their outstanding GCSEs, followed the example set by the Sixth Form. The Junior Maths Challenge saw 14 gold, 25 silver and 32 bronze certificates being awarded, and the Intermediate Challenge resulted in the presenting of 11 gold, 12 silver and 25 bronze awards to Year 10 alone. A special mention is in order for Thomas Connell, who outshone the competition and secured himself recognition as one of the Top 100 Mathematicians in the country.

With government educational reform fast becoming an annual event, staffing changes are an



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inevitability in any modern school department. This year, we were lucky to welcome Mrs Ashley to the team and she was a roaring success among teachers and pupils alike - fitting in seamlessly and immediately becoming an essential part of the Maths Department machine.

On a somewhat more sorrow note, we are sorry to say goodbye to two members of staff this year - Mr Lister and Mrs Compton - although their effort and fervour for the subject will surely be remembered fondly. Replacing them, Mrs Voelcker and Mrs Dyer, two entirely new staff members who I am confident will arrive enthusiastic and willing. The new Headmaster, Mr Evans, is also a maths teacher by training and so we are eager to welcome him into the school and excited to give him the opportunity to teach his own subject alongside his headmasterly roles.

Jacob Jackson



As has been the tradition in recent years, the computing arm of the faculty took some of our most able computer scientists to York University, for a day of code breaking, artificial intelligence and a demonstration of the university's robots completing tasks, including the Gangnam Style dance.

Led by professors and PhD students, this proved to be an enjoyable and educational day out, despite the number of times Mr King stalled the minibus on the drive home.

In Computing, boys gained A and A* grades at GCSE. At AS level, the Computing Faculty achieved one of the best value-added scores in the school and were right up there at A-Level too.

Mr Justice



Faculty Review Science

Biology

It has been another busy year in the Biology Department, with students having achieved impressive GCSE and A-Level results in the summer of 2015. The large number of students who opted for A-Level Biology are studying the new AQA A Biology specification, which has replaced coursework assessment with required practicals. We were visited in January by the AQA Practical Adviser who was impressed by the high standard and variety of practical work undertaken by students.

Year 13 enjoyed a day of stream ecology at Malham, studying the invertebrate populations above and below the village of Malham (right).

In the Autumn term, the school supported the Jeans for Genes charity by wearing jeans instead of their usual school uniform trousers. Members of the Sixth Form delivered assemblies during the week highlighting the important work carried out by the



charity. The School raised over £700 to support children born with genetic disorders.

In March 2016 40 students from Year 10 and 11 attended the 'Science Live' event hosted at Leeds Town Hall. Dylan Ward wrote 'The day consisted of various talks that revolved around the Science that affects us or will affect us in the future. The scientists appearing on the day included Professor Robert Winston, Dr Kate Lancaster, Professor Steve Jones and Dr Simon Singh. All the speakers engaged the audience with their experiments and presentations. Some of the scientists really opened my eyes to how much science is needed in our future.'

Three Year 13 students participated in this year's British Biology Olympiad and Tom Aveyard and Umar Pervez were awarded silver medals.

Six Year 12 students participated in the first Intermediate Biology Olympiad in June. Nick



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Gregory was awarded a Gold medal, and Thomas Huxley, James Odor, Ben Archer, Saad Imran and Victor Haynes were all awarded Silver medals.

As part of enrichment week many members of Year 10 undertook a number of ecology related activities on two Biology field work days, including a talk on carnivorous plants by 'Wack's Wicked Plant Nursery'.

Chemistry

The Chemistry department has continued to attain excellent examination results at all Key Stages and organise a wide variety of enrichment activities, and teamed up with the Geography Department for trips with Year 8 and 9 to White Scar Caves, Ingleton Quarry and Norber Erratics.

Help sessions run for all students in all years and we thank all our Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students who have continued to work most successfully mentoring boys in earlier Key Stages. We also owe our technicians an enormous gratitude, as they do the most amazing job supporting us all within the classroom.

In October the technical team experienced a change of characters as we said a very fond farewell to Mrs Davies, on her retirement from school, and welcomed Mr Tickner to the department.

During National Chemistry Week in November the department held various events. Dr Simon Jones from Sheffield University came to talk to the sixth form on 'The Chemistry Behind Medicines', and competitions for all years ran throughout the week.

In December 2015 accompanied by Mrs Abbey and Mr Kelly, 18 students in Year 10 attended



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the Leeds University Chemnet 'Kitchen Chemistry' Christmas lecture.



In Spring 2016 the following students gained outstanding results in the Chemistry Olympiad. Gold was awarded to Omar Shah, Jonathan Markham and Dominic Meehan. Silver to Julian Roche, and Bronze to Tom Aveyard and Daniel Bates. First-rate results indeed and our greatest number of Gold achievements ever.

Visiting speakers to the department have included a number of ex-Ermysted's students. Robert Skilleter having gained a first class degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Manchester is now working for INEOS at their Grangemouth oil refinery and gave a fascinating talk on his life as a Chemical Engineer. Richard Melia, Harry Ward and Ben Jaques returned to give our Year 12 students an insight into their medicine undergraduate studies.

In March 2016, as part of Erasmus Project CSI Week by Euro4Science, students from "three corners of Europe" - were brought together. Mr Fearnley accompanied six boys from Year 9 – Thomas Merrall, Matthew Joynson, Thomas Shaw, Daniel Coghill, Nheyavan Selvarajah and David Cowen - along with teachers and six girls from SGHS, on a trip to Bulgaria to join students from Portugal. The English, Bulgarian and Portuguese students took part in experiments which were related to Forensic Science: these included blood analysis, fingerprint analysis and the use of invisible ink. As well as scientific experiments, the students went to Plovdiv (an historical



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Bulgarian city), they walked around Sofia (the city in which they stayed), and visited the houses of the Bulgarian friends they made.

In April 2016, Leeds University brought spectroscopy in a suitcase to school for a hands on session with Year 13 researching spectroscopic techniques in Organic Chemistry.

And finally - coming full circle - four students from Year 8, Theo, Ben, Ben and Jake enjoyed attending this year's Salters Festival Chemistry Challenge at Bradford University.



Physics

It has been a good year in the Physics department, with a pleasing set of results at GCSE and A-Level. Away from the classroom there have been a number of successful activities.

In December the school was invited to take a small group of students to Jodrell Bank to participate in an event celebrating the launch, from the Baikonur Cosmodrome, of Tim Peake to the International Space Station. As a result, a group of a dozen, excited, Year 8 boys had an interesting day out which included watching the launch "live" at Jodrell Bank whilst being filmed for the BBC's Newsround programme.

In mid-March Dr Gill took a group of 20 sixth form Physics students together with the Physics



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technician, Ms Rushworth, to CERN. In a packed and tiring three days they visited the Large Hadron Collider and had tours of the UN building and the Red Cross Museum. As always we are grateful to the Ogden Trust for subsidising this venture.

A number of students entered national physics competitions, with some notable successes. Joseph Krol and Omar Shah (Year 13) both gained Gold awards in round one of the Physics Olympiad, placing them in the top 150 (out of 1650) candidates. Joseph then went on to successfully negotiate rounds two and three. At an awards evening held in London, Joseph was presented with a special prize, by the Royal Society, as the Best Theoretical Physicist in the country, suggesting that he had gained the highest mark in the competition. He has now been selected to represent the UK as part of the five-man team at the International Physics Olympiad to be held in Zurich in mid-July. We clearly wish him the very best of luck! This will be a hard act to follow. In the Year 12 Physics Challenge, however, three boys, Julian Roche, Fernando Georgiou and Jacob Jackson gained Gold awards, placing them in the top 100 out of 2300. In addition, Julian's score placed him in the top five in the competition. We'll keep our fingers crossed that one of these boys will emulate Joseph's achievements next year.

Finally, three Year 12 students (Jacob Jackson; Fernando Georgiou and Stephane Trouille) gained places on the highly competitive Headstart scheme. Each of them will be spending a few days at a University in late July, immersing themselves in their chosen area of study.



Year 8 students at Jodrell Bank



Sport

First XI Cricket Review

It was a very tough season for the 1st XI cricket squad, but with some optimistic individual performances.

Comprehensively beaten at Bradford Grammar by 82 runs in the season-opening game, Bradford cruised to 175 from their 30 overs, never looking too troubled by the Ermysted's bowling. In reply, Ermysted's could only score 93 before being bowled out in the 28th over, although Year 12, Elliot Stockton, scored a fluent and confident 43. This was the first loss against Bradford in two years.



Rain curtailed the annual MCC match, although the pre-prepared sandwiches went down very well at Dr Cloke's Summer Concert.

A new opponent for the season was Queen Ethelburga's, York, who had a very strong squad, bolstered by multiple Yorkshire CCC academy players. Batting first, a slow pitch and ever slower outfield limited Ermysted's to 100-7 from their 30 overs. Year 14 student Ross McMillan pinch-hitting 36 runs. In reply, QE never looked troubled and scored quickly to win by nine wickets in the 22nd over. The opportunity to play another fixture under the new floodlight pitch at QE has been pencilled in for next summer.

A close game against Giggleswick ended in a narrow defeat in the final over. Batting first Ermysted's scored 179-5 from 30 with Elliot Stockton again proving his talent with the bat scoring a powerful 84 runs, ably supported by opener and co-captain, Year 13, Jake Greenbank with 43. The two put on a stand of 104. In reply Giggleswick lost an early wicket, but two 50+ partnerships ensured a victory was inevitable. The Ermysted's bowlers took the game to the final over with the scores tied, but a leg bye was all that was needed to give Giggleswick their first win against Ermysted's in two years.



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The following was published in the Craven Herald.

Mr Jackson

Friday 24 June 2016 – 1st XI v Old Boys XI

Ermysted's 1st XI beats Old Boys XI by 7 wickets at Bolton Abbey CC

Rain delayed the start and reduced the match to 25 overs per side. The Old Boys won the toss and decided to bat with D. Wellock and J. Wrathmell opening now in blazing sunshine. An early wicket was lost in the third over, Wrathmell bowled by Year 12 pupil H. Mahmood. This was quickly followed by the departure of four more Old Boys batsmen. 3 wickets fell with the score remaining on 29 to leave the Old Boys on 29-5 in the 10th over.

A 50-run partnership between J. Hague (23) and T. Carlisle (35 not out) provided some resistance before Hague was caught off W. Lawn. Carlisle was then supported by B. Keane with the pair putting on 29 for the 7th wicket before Keane was too 'keen' and ran himself out with the score 108-7.

The Ermysted's 1st XI wrapped up the innings bowling the Old Boys out for 115, E. Stockton with 3-12.

Rain returned to delay the start of the school's innings. When the sun reappeared, W. Lawn and J. Greenbank made a very cautious start to the school team's innings. T. Holme bowled very economically going for 1-4 in his 5-over spell. Lawn was bowled by Holme for 1.

H. Mahmood (41) took 12 balls to score his first run, but he and Greenbank then started scoring freely and took the score to 80-2 until Greenbank attempted a slog and missed a turning delivery from J. Hague to fall for 51. Mahmood mis-timed a drive and was caught with the score on 99-3.

E. Stockton arrived at the crease with purpose hitting his first ball for 6 and concluding the innings and the match with another 6. Ermysted's 1st XI won the match by 7 wickets.

Since the reintroduction of the 1st XI v Old Boys game in 2015, Ermysted's 1st XI are currently leading 2-0 with both games being played in a friendly, competitive spirit. This coming season's fixture confirmed for Friday 30 June at Bolton Abbey. Wickets pitched at 13:00.



Sport

First XV Rugby Review

The 1st XV, captained by a talismanic leader in Morgan Davies began the season brightly. We travelled to Yarm in early September for the first of two trial matches in a week and it was so pleasing to see youngsters such as Oliver Bullock and Jacob Downs making the step from junior to senior rugby with ease. Such a promising start to the season made the squad feel optimistic and a 97-3 victory over Prince Henry's Grammar School, Otley, seemed to strengthen this feeling. Unfortunately, we could not keep that tempo up, losing narrowly to St. Peter's, York in round three of the NatWest Cup and to Ripon Grammar School in the Yorkshire Cup quarter final.

As we approached Easter, the Sevens season brought real excitement. The first XV were keen to make up for their disappointing year, and with players as



strong as Davies, Will Lawn and Elliot Stockton, they felt that they could really pack a punch. Will Lawn took responsibility for the side and with hard, fit, quick and aggressive flankers like Jacob Downs and Tommy Richardson, and backs with the quality of Lawn and Otto Mallalieu-Black, the squad really felt that we could enjoy yet more success in the reduced version of the game. The season started well at the Kirkby Lonsdale School tournament, where a plucky, inexperienced side lost narrowly to Sedbergh, and the squad suffered similar heartache at the Austin Friars School tournament in Carlisle, where the team showed some excellent form to beat Giggleswick in the semi-final before losing to Ripon Grammar School in the final.

Overall, we had a disjointed season, but should look back on it with pride and be content with the development that took place.



Sport

Climbing, Football & Golf

Climbing Club Review

With the historic news, in early August 2016, that climbing is to become an Olympic sport, the growing popularity of this once niche activity within the community is hopefully assured. Ermysted's climbing club continues to offer an activity that is in many ways different to all others. Blending the physical with psychological demands of overcoming fear. With trips and competitions attended at the



Leeds Depot, the school wall being routed by well known climber Steve Dunning, climbing continues to develop and be as popular as ever.

Golf Review

Ermysted's Grammar School pupils; Henry Croft, Max Berrisford, Ryan Thornton and Danny Pethybridge made the trip up to Malton and Norton for the North and East Yorkshire Schools' Golf Championship in March. The championship is divided into a team and individual competition - with the top scores progressing to the next round. It was a blustery day with conditions definitely against the field of junior golfers but that did not put off the team of Ermysted's boys from playing some great golf. The team competed well against the other schools but finished in third, narrowly missing out on progressing to the national finals.

However, we had more success in the individual competition with Year 10 pupil Henry Croft's score of +3 making him the winner of the U16 and U18 category for the day. This meant he progressed to represent Yorkshire in the U16's English Schools' National Golf Championship, which took place at Kirby Muxloe, Leicestershire. Over two rounds Henry shot a respectable 158 (+16) over two days and came in the top 20 in a national competition. It was a great



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experience for him to compete against other nationally ranked junior golfers.

Many thanks also has to go to Mr Stewart and Mr King for the organising of the Ermysted's golf team and allowing the golfers of the school to compete with other schools, an opportunity many don't get at other schools.

Football Review

Seniors: Captain Harry McGowan's First XI played a lot of entertaining football. Matt Thompson scored 10 of the 26 goals, the team reached the 3rd round of the National Schools FA Cup and Danny Pow was selected to represent North Yorkshire. The season ended with a record of: Played 14, Won 6, Drawn 1, Lost 7.

Year 8: Captain Charlie Wood led the Year 8 team to early season glory as we won the Harrogate & Craven Area Football Tournament at St. Aidans in October. However, that early season promise wasn't really realised as we lost by the odd goal in both the National and County cups. The find of the season was Yusuf Rashid whose pace helped him score 15 of the team's 31 goals. The season ended with a record of: Played 17, Won 9, Drawn 3, Lost 5.

We also congratulated Freddie Binns, Jordan Harding and Jake Woodward who, following the North Yorkshire County Trials, were selected to represent the County. They reached the National Final (quite amazing for a county the population of North Yorkshire) playing at Nottingham Forest but going down 2-1 (after extra time).





Sport

Cross Country Review

This has got to be one of the best years in the recent history of Ermysted's cross-country. Two teams won national titles at the English Schools' Fell-Running Championships; our Year 7s won at the Northern Schools where we also won the Trefoil Trophy: four of five teams won at the Area XC Championships; and our Year 7 and 8 team were (for the second year running) fourth in the National Final of the English Schools' Cross-Country Cup competition. Add to that numerous fantastic individual performances and it really has been a superb year for the school. At Bingley in our first race it was clear we had inherited another great group of Year 7s. We won the team event with Alex Thompson gaining his first (of many) medal for school and Year 8s Joe Carnelley and Charlie Wood counting for the team. Year 7s Jath Lee and Will Atkinson were both inside the top ten, as was Year 8 Seb Seggar-Staveley meaning our 'B' team came second of the nine teams.

At the MGS relays against schools from all over the North of England, we won three of the five races. The races were all four runners doing one leg of 1 ¼ miles each and were in reverse age order with the seniors going first. We had a great start as our senior team came back first with Rob, Matt and Luke, our Thompson 'triplets' all breaking six minutes. Our Year 8 and Year 7 teams also won medals and a big shield, showing promise for their age group in the races to come. Individually Tom Barrett ran a fast time for the Year 10/11s but their team finished 6th.

During the series of four Keighley & Craven XC races we had some notable performances. There were some great individual performances as Year 7 Alex Thompson won the overall Year 7/8 Individual title and Captain of XC Rob Thompson was second overall in the senior races.

In our relays, our Year 8/9 team won with Will Thompson running the fastest leg on the day, whilst our Year 7s, Year 10/11 and seniors were all runners-up. Tom Barrett's opening leg for the Year 10/11s was the fastest of the day as was Max Nunwick's for the seniors.

At the Harrogate & Craven Championships, held over at Giggleswick, we took four of the five area team titles, an individual title and another six boys claimed individual medals. Year 7 Alex Thompson led the Year 7s to the team title as he was runner-up. The title was only secured by a fantastic finish by Hamish Wills who was our final counter in 10th. Year 8 Harvey Lewis was also the silver medallist as he comfortably led us to another team victory, whilst Louis Hudson claimed bronze. The Year 9s saw our only Area Champion as Matthew Kenneth took the title and Will Thompson claimed bronze to bring home our third team triumph. Our Year 10/11 team has some excellent Year 10s and Jimmy Lund. Jimmy pushed hard for the individual prize but had to settle for silver as Tom Barrett came back for bronze and Sam and Ben Jackson made the top ten. This gave us our fourth title out of four with just the seniors to come. The senior race was a quality individual field but for the team became a head to head race us against St Aidans. Unfortunately we missed out in the team and the chance for a clean sweep in spite of



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Rob Thompson, Ben Archer, Matt Jackson and Jacob Jackson all making the area team. In fact an astonishing 20 boys were picked in the Area teams for January's county championships.

At the County Championships in Guisborough, Alex Thompson had his best moment of the year as he became North Yorkshire County Champion, with Jath Lee runner-up and Will Atkinson fourth. Five of our Year 8/9s gained county selection with Matthew Kenneth, Harvey Lewis and Louis Hudson doing well enough to represent North Yorkshire in the English Schools event. Tom Barrett also joined that select group as a total of ten athletes made the county teams, which was a very good return on the day.

In the English schools' XC Cup, both of our teams again made it to the National Finals this year at Bedford. This year we even had teams to challenge at the head of the race. The Juniors (Year 7 and 8) had a fantastic series of races as they won both the North Yorkshire round and the NE of England round. They ran well in the final to come fourth best team in the country, with Year 7 Alex Thompson in the top ten. The Inters (Year 9 and 10) were also county champions and runners-up in the NE of England where Tom Barrett had his single best performance of the year as he became unofficial North East of England champion! In the national final they were seventh of the 24 teams (1500 had entered back in October) and Tom was 12th individually.

At the Northern Schools' Championships, there were five boys' races with about 80 entrants from 17 schools, from all over the North of England, in each one. In addition to the individual and team races at the separate age groups there are two overall competitions. We were runners-up in the Roses Trophy for overall best school and won the Trefoil trophy awarded for the lowest aggregate score over the three younger age groups. This was thanks to victory for the Year 7 team who became Northern Schools' Champions (Alex Thompson 2nd, Will Atkinson 4th, Jath Lee 11th and Hamish Wills 17th). Our Year 8 team were runners-up but Harvey Lewis had a great day as he was crowned Year 8 Northern Schools' Champion. The Year 9s were 3rd team and the Year 10/11s runners-up. This was in part thanks to a return to glory for Jimmy Lund who having won this title in Year 7 and Year 8 claimed a third victory.

Our best race of the year was probably one of the first, as at this year's English Schools' Fell-Running Championships in September, Ermysted's had another great day on the Fells overlooking the Calder Valley. This was the eighth National Championships supported by the Fell Running Association and this year, hosted by Calder Valley High School, Mytholmroyd. We again had glorious sunshine and it obviously agreed with us. It was a joy to come away with two English National Team Titles as the Year 7 and Year 8/9 Teams both won whilst the Year 10/11 team and seniors were runners-up. It was also really good to see so many parents make the long journey and witness at first hand our students receiving their well-deserved plaudits, t-shirts and medals. Those team titles were due to some superb individual performances. Pride



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of place going to Louis who was runner-up in the Year 8 race (with Harvey 4th & Arthur 13th). In the Year 7 both Alex and Jath made the top ten. In the Year 10/11 race Jimmy was 4th (with Ben 20th & Sam 38th). The seniors saw Rob 10th (with Ben 17th and Matt 23rd). The icing on the cake came when we were also awarded the 'Best Overall School' trophy.



One of the hardest decisions following the season was awarding the Golson Shield for the best individual performance of the year. Normally a high placing at a national event or winning a County or Northern Title would make you a 'shoe in' for this award. However, it is a testament to the talent of the individuals currently running for school that this year that wasn't enough. Alex Thompson was North Yorkshire Schools' County champion and 10th in a national final, Harvey Lewis was Northern Schools' Champion, Matthew Kenneth was Harrogate & Craven Champion, Jimmy Lund was Northern Schools' Champion and claimed an England vest but the winner was Tom Barrett who not only won the NE England round of the ESCCCup but also became full Yorkshire XC Champion at Lightwater Valley.

Mr Speak



Whole School Cross Country



A dry day and warm sunshine meant a lovely afternoon and fast times at this year's school cross country. Some fancy dress costumes and sponsorship towards the Sixth Form Centre all added to the happy atmosphere on the day.

Our Year 7 runners were first away and tried really hard with 106 runners all back in just over 20 minutes. At the front, pre-race favourites Alex

Thompson and Will Atkinson set off hard with Jath Lee and Hamish Wills in close pursuit. After the sprint finish the first four home were unaltered. Petyt just beat Toller & Hartley in the House Competition.

The Year 8/9 race saw another great turnout as 219 runners finished the race. Year 8's Harvey Lewis was out to make amends for not winning last year and was determined to give Year 9's Matthew Kenneth a run for his money. Harvey pulled clear in the golf course but there was a great race behind him for the other top places. Charlie Wood, Jonny Thompson, Matthew Kenneth and Sebastian Seggar-Steveley were all in close order. However, up the final hill Charlie and Jonny ensured they finished in the podium places behind an impressive Harvey. Hartley had an amazing result in the House Competition winning by nearly 850 points!

The Year 10/11 race saw Jimmy Lund run a spectacular race. He broke clear on the first lap and relentlessly stretched his lead. The ground was firm and meant he could realistically challenge the course record long held by Billy Pinder. Jimmy didn't just beat it but annihilated it finishing 28 seconds inside the previous best and nearly a minute clear of Tom Barrett in second. Ben Jackson had looked like finishing 3rd but Oliver Bullock overhauled him on the second lap. Another good turnout saw 197 finishers (not bad when the Year 10s had a soccer match in Ripon, which they won 6-0). Toller claimed the House victory.

In the seniors race, Rob Thompson defending champion was favourite but had company on the first lap as Mr Edward and Matt Jackson pushed him hard. Rob pulled clear on the second lap and won as he ran nearly a minute faster than last year! Matt left Mr Edward behind before a competitive race saw Matt and Luke Thompson in 4th and 5th just outside last year's winning time. A fantastic 197 runners finished this race making it 719 runners in all age groups on the day, another record! With Petyt, Hartley & Toller on one win each the seniors would decide the destiny of this year's contest. Hartley got their second win and the overall prize!

Mr Speak



Trip Report Simbach Exchange

Tradition was broken with in two ways for the Simbach Exchange this year. With Skipton Girls' High School not taking part, it was a party of boys only which travelled in early July to deepest Bavaria. The 25 hour coach trip was also in abeyance as we travelled in highest style by Lufthansa from Manchester to Munich.

A party of 15 boys made this initial EGS only trip. Another 2 boys were already in Simbach as part of Dr Cloke's Big Band Trip which had returned the day before. For many of the boys it was their first trip to Germany and they were immediately impressed by the vast marble palace which is Munich airport after the underwhelming spaces of Manchester airport.

We were taken by coach from Munich to Simbach on a glorious Sunday afternoon. This proved to be our only glimpse of decent summer weather until much later in the week. As usual, the tension increased as we approached town, though the boys did have the advantage that they had already met their partners during the first leg of the exchange in April in Skipton. As we drove into Simbach, evidence of the catastrophic, recent floods was all around. Even areas around the school were partly devastated, including the adjacent saw mill.

A week of day trips ensued. As the legendary Bibby's coach was not with us, we travelled mainly by train. This proved to be interesting, especially as the view of the passing landscapes was excellent from the double-decker trains. We travelled by train to both Munich and then Salzburg. In Munich we visited Bayern Muenchen's Allianzarena before returning to the city centre for some shopping time. The Salzburg trip was equally as wet as the Munich trip had been but spirits remained undampened. We hiked up to the castle from where there is a splendid view over the city and the river Salzach. The narrow streets, churches and quaint shops also proved a hit with the boys.

Everyone was getting on well with their partners and it was impressive how readily the boys spoke German, even on the trips where only the English party was present. This was further highlighted on the trip to the Koenigsee and to the salt mines when the German partners came too. A coach took us on this particular trip. The boat trip across the Koenigsee is always a highlight and this year's was no exception. It was a long day and we arrived back in Simbach.

The reception at the town hall had been held on the first day this year. The mayor fielded several questions (in German!) from the boys. Talk was mainly about the floods. Earlier in the morning, we had been given a lesson in the school focusing in Denglisch in German pop music.



Trip Report

Simbach Exchange



We returned on the following Saturday morning. It was a very early start from Simbach Busbahnhof. Everyone made it on time which is just as well as heightened security checks at Munich airport meant that we all made it onto the flight with 3 minutes to spare.

It was an excellent exchange when it had looked for a while as if the exchange's future might be in jeopardy. Thanks must be extended to my two colleagues for their huge help before and during the trip. They are the ever-cheerful Mrs Warburton and the ace photographer and explorer, Mr King.

Mr Humphreys



Trip Report

Château de la Baudonnière

Château de la Baudonnière was great socially and academically.

There were lots of different activities on offer: for example, climbing, fencing, football as well as going to the local market. All activities were fun whilst also improving our French skills, especially speaking and listening.

One of the best days was the day we went to market. By this time we had gained confidence in our French and could start to interact with the locals while buying their goods.

The Château itself was fantastic. The dormitories were clean, modern and very comfortable. When we weren't getting woken up by the sun shining through the window, we were getting woken up by the peacock, which was the Château's celebrity. The peacock wasn't the only animal there, there was a mini farm in the spare land and a very friendly parrot in the main house.

Food was made and served in the main house and was quite authentic. That alone was educational, finding out what the French eat. The food could not have been over-appreciated either. You could tell it had been prepared and cooked with care by how delicious it all was. The unexpected high level of food was certainly another one of the things that made the Château so extraordinary.

I would certainly encourage anyone to go and discover Château de la Baudonnière for themselves and I would love to go back and experience it all again.

Louis Horsfield and Dylan Ward





Shakespeare Schools Festival

Antony and Cleopatra

One of the most valuable annual Ermysted's activities has been to take part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival: an event in which schools from across the country are invited to perform a 30-minute version of a Shakespeare play, side by side with other schools in a local professional theatre.

In 2015, the Y13 student directors: Jonathan Herbert, Samuel Burton and Isaac Culshaw took on the challenge of 'Antony and Cleopatra'. It's a tragedy based on historical events and a bold choice for our school, which normally excels at comedy. Yet from the very start of the auditions, it was clear that the Sixth Formers at the helm of the production had everything under control and we were on to a winner.

We actors had picked up our scripts before the summer holidays and so rehearsals began as soon as we returned in September. The date had been set for our performance alongside three other schools: 5 November. We weren't likely to forget it. A sense of informality characterised each rehearsal, probably encouraged by the range of wacky warm-up activities into which Jonathan tried to cajole us. It was a cast that spanned Years 8 to 13, a cast filled with extrovert and reserved characters, a cast with differing acting experience, all united by our passion to perform. Through this common interest, we became close - even stretching to mutual acknowledgement in the Quad. The feeling of camaraderie was exemplified through the hashtag #antobarbus trending through our rehearsal time and describing the bromance between the characters of Mark Antony and Enobarbus and their respective actors, Matthew Paul and Arjun Patel. Some thanks must be given to Mr Hodgson for his seemingly endless knowledge of Shakespeare's language that allowed the cast to really bring the words to life, and his impassioned input into every rehearsal.

Performance day dawned and our intrepid thespian troupe turned up en masse at the Carriageworks Theatre in Leeds city for our dress and technical rehearsals. The festival directors gave their final advice and the good luck wishes were handed out; it was up to us now. What I consider to have been a very thoughtful and sophisticated take on a rarely-performed play (at least for the SSF), seemed to be a huge success. Particular highlights must include Oscar Hazell's seductively elegant turn as Cleopatra and Tipu Sultan conjuring up a wildly eccentric Soothsayer that would surely have flummoxed the Bard himself had he witnessed it.

The buzz around our performance was a real thrill and all credit must be given to those who performed for the first time: they behaved like true professionals and will now carry forward one of our most beloved traditions for years to come.

Matthew Paul



Old Boys' Society

President **Mr Graham Hamilton**

Chairman **Mr James Tiffany**

Treasurer **Mr Ken Oxley**

Secretary **Mr Len Price**

The 2015 **Old Boys' Dinner** was held on Saturday 12th December, with many Old Boys braving torrential rain and floods to make it to Skipton. This year's Dinner saw the return of real ale to

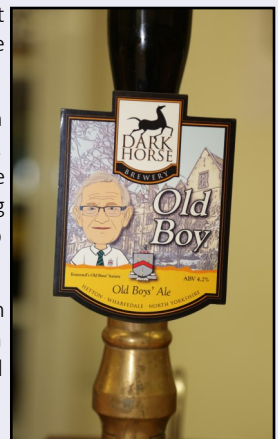


the bar, with pints of Old Boy on sale (pictured below) in brand new Old Boys' Society branded pint glasses for the first time. The guest speaker was Dan Harrison, who was at EGS 1982-89 and is now a Deputy Headteacher himself - at Sedbergh (pictured centre with James Tiffany (left) and Graham Hamilton (right)). Dan shared his memories about life at Ermysted's in the 80s as well as recalling stories of his

grandfather, the long-serving Physics master Wally Evans. Headmaster Graham Hamilton made his final speech as President of the Society ahead of his retirement in the summer, and the night concluded with the singing of the school songs - 'Forty Years On' and 'Men of the Upland'.

This year's Old Boys' Golf tournament - playing for the Hitchin Trophy - was won by David Smith for the second consecutive year. The Old Boys also played Giggleswick Old Boys at golf, with the match this year halved. Once again a very good team of young golfers from Ermysted's beat the Old Boys team at Ghyll Golf Club in the annual fixture.

On the cricket field (picture overleaf), an Old Boys XI took on Ermysted's on 24th June 2016 at Bolton Abbey CC. The school won the match by 7 wickets in a rain-delayed match, which was reduced to 25 overs per side because of the weather.





Old Boys' Society



Teams line up for the 2016 Old Boys XI v Ermysted's cricket fixture

Our biennial **Forty Years On** reunion took place on 25th June 2016 with around 50 Old Boys who left school prior to Summer 1976 attending for a tour of EGS, followed by lunch (pictured below).





Old Boys' Society

And Ermysted's got its first Olympian as Muhammad Ali (2007-2012) competed at the Rio Olympics in summer 2016, representing Team GB in the Flyweight Boxing. He was sadly defeated on points in his first fight, but can proudly call himself an Olympian - the first of many Old Boys' to represent their country at the Games, we hope!



Old Boy Muhammad Ali (2007-2012) in the ring at the Rio Olympics

Obituaries

Sadly in 2015-6 we lost three well-respected and notable former members of staff of Ermysted's. **John Wiggan** was a pupil of the school 1956-63, before returning as a Physics master 1990-2005. He sadly passed away this year, aged 69. Pupils attending in the 1950s will fondly remember **Gladney Haigh**, Classics master 1950-56, who has died aged 90. Also passing away at 90 was **Peter Clarke**, known to many generations of EGS lads as 'Nuff Nuff'. Peter was appointed school caretaker in 1939 and retired in 1985 after 46 years. A tribute to Peter written by former Headmaster David Buckroyd can be read on the Old Boys' Society website, where you will also find a full list of the Old Boys who have passed away this year.

Find out more about the Old Boys' Society at ermystedsoldboys.co.uk



Results

GCSE

Subject	Entries	Number Achieving Grade					
		A*	A	B	C	D	E-U
Art	22	1	5	7	7	1	1
Astronomy	16	1	5	9	0	1	
Biology	106	30	32	28	15	1	
Chemistry	106	34	36	27	9	0	
Computing	28	2	8	12	5	1	0
English Language	116	9	39	46	17	5	
English Literature	116	9	31	46	27	3	
Food & Nutrition	15	2	4	8	1		
French	41	8	15	10	5	3	
Geography	39	9	18	8	2	2	0
German	41	15	14	10	2		
History	40	8	14	12	3	2	1
Latin	10	1	2	4	0	3	0
Mathematics	116	42	33	38	3		
Mathematics (Further)	9	6	3				
Music	10		1	6	2	1	
Physical Education	37	1	12	12	8	3	1
Physics	106	27	36	32	11		
Product Design	9	3	4	2			
RS	47	13	20	9	2	3	0
Science (Additional)	10	0	1	5	3	1	0
Science (Core)	10	0	2	4	3	1	0
Systems	10	3	3	1	3		
116 students	1062	226	338	336	128	31	3



Results

A-Level

Subject	Entries	Number Achieving Grade						
		A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
Art & Design	4		1		1	2		
Biology	39	6	8	9	8	6	2	
Chemistry	48	11	15	8	11	3		
Classical Civilisation	2			1		1		
Computing	8		2		23			1
Design & Technology	3		1	2				
Economics	13	3	1	7	1	1		
English Language	16		3	6	5	2		
English Literature	15	4	5	2	2	2		
French	4		3	1				
Further Mathematics	14	3	5	4	1		1	
General Studies	25	8	1	5	3	6	2	
Geography	12	1	1	4	4	2		
German	5		3	1		1		
History	3		2	1				
Latin	0							
Mathematics	58	13	19	12	10	4		
Music	1	1						
Physical Education	7	1		1	4		1	
Physics	28	4	5	11	1	4	3	
Psychology	29	1	5	12	2	5	3	
RS	14	2	2	2	3	3	1	1
109 students	367	58	87	101	62	42	14	3
Excluding SGHS	342	50	86	96	59	36	12	3



Speech Day

Junior School Prizes	
Marmaduke Millar Art Prize	Reuben Burns
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Samuel Jenkins
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize	Matthew Joyson
Mechanics' Institute Design and Technology Prize	Joseph Coates
Petyt Trust English Prize	Finlay Burkinshaw
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	Shameer Zeb
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	Matthew Kenneth
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	Benny Hick
Foundation History Prize	Callum Worts
Petyt Trust Latin Prize	Thomas Shaw
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	David Cowen
Firth Memorial Music Prize	David Cunningham
Foundation PE Prize	Samuel Pilling
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Matthew Kenneth
Foundation Religious Studies Prize	Torin Ziebold
Lower School Information Technology Prize	Timothy Aldren
Food and Nutrition Prize	Joshua Cramphorn
Skipton Town Council Silver Jubilee Shield (Music)	Oliver Park
Foundation Form Prizes	
7CL	Sam Eaglesham
7GR	Daniel Bachelor
7LA	Luke McCormick-Merry
7NA	Mattie Sheldon
8GC	Thomas Daw
8HM	Sebastian Seggar-Staveley
8LB	Benjamin Oliver
8PE	Qasim Amin



Speech Day

9EM	David Cunningham
9HO	Christian Agopyan
9TA	Daniel Shackleton
9WA	Laurie Petrucci
Middle School Prizes	
Jonathan Chapman Memorial Art Prize	Manta Tatton
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Jack Mellin
Foundation PE Prize	Jack Lister
Foundation Chemistry Prize	Jacob Downs
Foundation Design & Technology Prize	Oliver Bullock
Foundation English Prize	Adam Wright
Jonathan Chapman Memorial Geography Prize	Matthew Gill
Foundation History Prize	Junayd Ahmad
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Alexander Blake
Foundation Information Technology Prize	Kian Cross
Jack Eastwood Memorial Prize for Languages: French	Jonathan Macha
Jack Eastwood Memorial Latin Prize	John Burn
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	Alexander Blake
Foundation Modern Languages Prize: German	Matthew Paul
Edward Scott Music Prize	Tom Bennett
Foundation Religious Studies Prize	Jonathan Macha
Foundation Food and Nutrition	Adam Wright
Senior School Prizes	
Marmaduke Miller Art Prize	Matthew Warrenberg
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Felix Sandoe
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize	Omar Shah
Mechanics' Institute Design Technology Prize	Jax Duerden



Speech Day

Foundation Economics Prize	Joseph Kroll
Petyt Trust English Prize	Patrick Naylor
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	Samuel Burton
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	Jonathan Markham
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	Harry Cuffe
Foundation History Prize	Henry Fernandez
Foundation Linguistics Prize	Marty Fraser-Turner
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	Dominic Meehan
Firth Memorial Music Prize	Max Heaton
Foundation PE Prize	William Lawn
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Joseph Kroll
Foundation Further Maths Prize	Joseph Kroll
Religious Studies Prize	Patrick Naylor
Classical Civilisation Prize	Felix Langley
Neil Townson Memorial Prize for Achievement in Geography	Matthew Suter
Senior Information Technology Prize	Connor Parris
Dramatic Society Prize	Jonathan Herbert
Psychology Prize	Harry Barnes
Senior Football Prize	Maximillian Smith/Harry McGowan
Fleming Essay Prize	Edward Chapman
Longden Smith Prize for Rugby	William Lawn
Jimmy Harrison Memorial Prize for Progress in Senior Rugby	Morgan Davies
Peter Rose Memorial Prize for Cricket	Morgan Davies
Simon Lewis Prize for the Most Promising Cricketer	Jake Greenbank
Philip Osborne Public Speaking Prize	Solomon Stott



Speech Day

Doris Altham Barker Prize for Musical Achievement	Patrick Naylor/Jonathan Markham/Isaac Culshaw
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student	Zohaib Asghar/Robert Britland /Onais Farooq/Rajib Haque
Head of Sixth Form's Merit Prize	Patrick Naylor
Parents' Association Fortitude Prize	Zohaib Asghar
Arthur Coe Prize for Distinguished Service	Solomon Stott/Samuel Burton
Foundation General Efficiency Prize	Aidan Lindsley/Daniel Hattam
Old Boys' Association Head of School Prize	Dominic Meehan
Golson Shield	Thomas Barrett
Athletes	
English Schools Under 12 Fell Running Team Champions	Alexander Thompson/Jath Lee/William Atkinson
English Schools Under 14 Fell Running Team Champions	Louis Hudson/Arthur Peel/Harvey Lewis (Individual Champion)
English Schools Under 16 Fell Running Champion	James Lund
Certificate Presentation Awards (Year 13—2014/15)	
Walford Evans Memorial Fund	James Barrow/Edward Bollen/Joe Clarke/Elliott Dowley/Zachary Gabri/ Charles Howcroft/Faizan Ismail/ Benjamin Jacques/Jekabs Jursins/ Christopher Kemp/Callum Leng/ Matthew Markham/Ben McGonigle/ Oliver Payton/Matthew Thompson/Jay Valentine/Lucas Xu
Hartley McIntosh Award	Omar Imran/Thomas Blanchard/Harry Ward
J W Emmott Award	Harry Blades/Thomas Blanchard/Harry Ward
Tim Oakley Fund	Xiangjia Kong



Leavers' Destinations

Destination	Subject
Aston	Optometry
Bangor	Chemistry, Clinical Psychology
Bath	Chemical Engineering
Birmingham	Modern Languages
Bradford	Engineering, Pharmacy, Optometry
Bristol	Aerospace Engineering
Cambridge	Engineering, Maths, Physical Natural Sciences
Cardiff Met	Sport/Exercise Science
Chester	Animal Behaviour/Management, Business and Marketing
Durham	Economics, Maths, Pharmacy, Chemistry
Eurotran Despatch	Full time employment
Exeter	Law
Harper Adams	Rural Property, Agriculture
Homebase	Warehouse Manager
Hull	Biochemistry
Imperial College London	Medicine
J N Bentley	Trainee Engineer
Lancaster	English Lit with Creative Writing and Politics, Computer Science
Leeds	Physics, Chemistry
Leeds Beckett	Business Management with Finance, Primary Education, Psychology
Liverpool	Dentistry
Liverpool John Moores	Mechanical Engineering
Loughborough	Chemistry, Economics, Sport, Chemical Engineering
Manchester	Chemical Engineering, Medicine
Manchester Met	English Language and Linguistics, Business Studies



Leavers' Destinations

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Meritec	Apprenticeship IT Support, Software Development Apprentice
Newcastle	Business/Economics, Economics, Zoology, Architecture
Northumbria	Marketing Management, Accounts and Finance, Economics, Psychology
Nottingham	Chemical Engineering
Nottingham	English with Creative Writing, Chemical Engineering, Veterinary Science, Economics
Oxford	Chemistry, English Literature
Queen Mary's London (Barts)	Dentistry
RAF	Intelligence Officer
Royal College of Music	Percussion
Salford	Business Management, Law
Sheffield	Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Accounting and Finance, Civil Engineering, International Relations/Politics, Medicine
Sheffield Hallam	Building Surveying, Psychology, Creative Writing, History, Law
Sofia Medical University (Bulgaria)	Medicine
St Andrews	Classical Studies
St George's	Paramedic Science
Swansea	Engineering
Teeside	Criminology/Psychology
The Ford Motor Company	IT Apprenticeship in Digital Solutions
UCL	Pharmacy
University of Southern California	Business Management
Worcester	Sports Therapy
York	Medicine, Philosophy, Maths/Computer Science
York St John	Psychology, Sport, Creative Writing

