

The Chronicles of Ermysted



2016-17



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Headmaster's Report 2016-17

It is my great privilege as the new Headmaster to provide you with a review of 2016-17. It has been a busy year, but a good one. I've enjoyed getting to know the school and its wider community. Over the course of the year, the students have provided us with much to celebrate.

The 2017 results were good, very good; the best for several years, with 72% of A-Level grades at A* to B and 67% at A*/A at GCSE.

Once again, the value-added scores show that students in this school do much better than similar students elsewhere. The DfE now places Ermysted's in the top 12% of schools for value-added at both GCSE and A-Level.

The destinations of the 2017 leavers were particularly impressive, a roll call of the most-competitive and well-respected institutions in the land: eleven students went to Oxford or Cambridge; fifteen gained places on medical courses; our star cellist won a place at the Royal Academy; and elsewhere nearly all students met their conditional offer or were accepted on to their chosen course.

I am delighted, therefore, for the students and for the parents and staff who worked so hard to support them last year.

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of my predecessor, Mr Hamilton, and the other staff who have since left the school, who did so much to support the students in the years before. Such a performance does not result from one year of effort but accrues over the whole of the students' education at the school.

As a relative new comer to the school, I have been struck by the kindness and warmth of those I have met and by the strength and breadth of the Ermysted's community. Few schools enjoy the strength of support that this school receives from its parents and network of former students. So much in the school would not happen without their generous and enthusiastic support.

This was brought into sharp focus for me when over one hundred volunteers turned up to help decorate and renovate the school during the year. Such a simple thing, but the transformation put a spring in everyone's step and is still drawing gasps of surprise from visitors twelve months later.



Headmaster's Report 2016-17

The following pages provide a wonderful overview of life at the School and proves that an Ermysted's education extends far beyond the classroom. From the sports field to the stage to the debating chamber, our students have performed well throughout the year, upholding the School's traditions and enhancing its reputation wherever they go. As many a visitor to the school is heard to comment: our students remain the school's best advert.



And so, as I look forward to the coming year, I am optimistic and I'm excited. This is a wonderful school, a wonderful community and I feel privileged and honoured to be a part of it.

Mr Michael Evans

Headmaster



Head Boy's Report 2016-17

Firstly, I would like to say how much of a privilege it has been to have been Head Boy of Ermysted's – a place that has offered so much to me and to countless other students. Being able to represent such an outstanding school was an honour, a unique experience from which I have learned a lot. I hope through this role I have given something back to a school I have been so lucky to have attended.

There are many things I will miss about Ermysted's and it is almost impossible to list all of them. However, what I can say is I have made great friendships and thoroughly enjoyed the experiences I have had at the school. After spending seven years with such a friendly and close group, it is sad to leave it behind, but I do have some great memories which I will cherish for long after I have left Ermysted's. As for the staff, I could not fault the quality of teaching at the school. The effort that goes into helping students reach their potential is remarkable and this is certainly something I have come to appreciate now that I have left. The school goes beyond academics and teaching; there are plenty of extra – curricular activities which students are able to participate in – there is drama, cookery and chess just to name a few. I am proud to have represented some of the school's sports teams such as the rugby and athletics team. I truly believe Ermysted's offers something for every type of person, no matter what their interests may be. Personally, I will miss the House System, which (in the lower years particularly) creates a great sense of healthy competition between year groups. Boys can participate in a variety of competitions such as dodgeball, cross country, drama and rugby in a bid to win the all – important house cup. Some of the boys I met in my Year 7 House, I stayed friends with all the way through Ermysted's and I am sure we will continue to stay good friends even now we have left. This gives some idea of how close a community Ermysted's is.

My role has involved a number of duties, from showing parents and students around at open days, to public speaking and organisation of the prefect team. I have taken pleasure in every aspect – it has been a gratifying job and a role which I have been more than proud to have fulfilled. Although difficult at times, I have enjoyed the responsibility. However, my job would have been impossible were it not for the work of the Deputy Head Boys, House Captains and all the other Prefects. For their efforts I am extremely grateful. As I move on to a new chapter in my life, I will look back on my time at Ermysted's fondly.

Michael Plunkett

Head Boy, 2016-17



Senior Prefect Team 2016-17



ERMYSTED'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL HEAD BOY, DEPUTY HEAD BOYS AND HOUSE CAPTAINS 2016-17



Back row (left to right):

Tom Crossley, Jed Boye, George Maloney

Middle row (left to right):

Miles Robinson, Jacob Jackson, Morgan Sword, Nick Gregory, James Parker

Front row (left to right):

Harry Taylor, Matthew Jackson, Mr A D Marsden, Michael Plunkett, Jonathan Holland



School Governors

Mr A G Barrett	Chair of Governors
Mr A M Davies	Vice Chair of Governors
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
Dr S Humphrey	Co-optative Foundation Trustee
Mr J E Taylor	Co-optative Foundation Trustee/Co-opted Governor
Mr R G Heseltine	Representative Governor (NYCC)
Mrs J Lloyd	Parent Governor
Ms S Butt	Parent Governor
Mrs H F Adamson	Parents' Association Governor/Co-opted Governor
Ms S Trelease	Parents' Association Governor
Dr C Merrall	Staff Governor



Staff News

Mr Andrew Hopkins joined Ermysted's as Assistant Teacher of Mathematics in 1995. During his long service at the school he has served under four different Headmasters and supported thousands of students to reach their potential. He rose through the ranks to Head of the Mathematics and Computing Faculty and, in an example of impeccable timing, his final year in charge resulted in the strongest set of results to date. Over the years, Mr Hopkins has worn many hats and contributed to the success of the school in many ways. His passion for photography continues to be reflected in many of the wonderful images now hanging up around the school and it is to this pastime that he will turn his full attention in the coming years. The roll-call of students, past and present, who contacted the school to congratulate Mr Hopkins on his retirement, speaks to the high-esteem in which he is held. He will be sorely missed by staff and students alike.



Mr Spencer Bailey joined Ermysted's in 2014, initially on a short-term supply contract before permanently taking over the helm of the Economics department. In his three years at the school, Mr Bailey was a popular and successful teacher who oversaw the introduction of the new A-Level syllabus and enabled consistently high levels of performance in the subject. He leaves to take up a position at a school close to his home and we wish him every success.

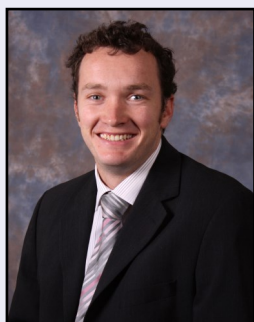
Mr Julien King was appointed as a teacher of Physics in 2008 and was co-opted on to the Senior Leadership Team in 2010. He led on Teaching and Learning within the school, doing much to support the use of evidence-based pedagogy and was a strong advocate for Assessment for Learning. He introduced GCSE Astronomy into Year 9, recruiting a good number of volunteers each year and producing some remarkable results. He leaves to take up a new post at another school and we wish him all the best.





Staff News

Miss Yvonne Lang was appointed as School Librarian in 2012 and soon after additionally took on the role of Careers Coordinator. During her time at the School she made a tremendous impact on students' enjoyment of literature and established the annual Carnegie Book Shadowing Scheme as one of the largest such programmes in the country. She leaves to take up a new role in the educational services sector and we wish her every success.



Mr Iain Thackrah joined the school in 2008 as a teacher of Religious Studies. During his time at Ermysted's he rose to the position of Assistant Head of the Humanities Faculty. He was instrumental in introducing Psychology and Philosophy to the school and was a keen supporter of the co-curriculum, leading numerous trips and sports groups. His high-level of expertise in the sport of Ultimate [disc] was well utilised and offered pupils a change from their traditional sporting diet. He leaves teaching to take up a new challenge in industry and we wish him every success.

Miss Heather Potter was appointed as a teacher of Religious Studies in 2011. A popular and committed member of staff, she gave freely of her time whilst at the school and supported many pupils to achieve their full potential. Most recently she assumed responsibility for the Extended and Higher Project Qualifications, enabling a broad spectrum of KS4 and KS5 students to enjoy the demands of this popular programme. She was a keen supporter of the co-curriculum, supporting trips far and wide, and helped enrich the curriculum with several initiatives such as a lunchtime yoga club. She leaves for a promoted post at another local school and we're sure she will be incredibly successful in her new role.





Faculty Review Creative Arts

Physical Education

2016-17 was another busy year in the PE department at Ermysted's: Mr Stewart was promoted to Assistant Head of the Creative Arts Faculty and with this he assumed the day-to-day running of the PE department, and oversaw planning for the new GCSE and A-Level courses. We brought about changes to our KS3 curriculum in order to create a more balanced experience for the students and, like every other year, there were fixtures galore. Generally, success is measured by progress or by the winning of trophies, but this year we experienced a different kind of recognition when we were placed in the 'Top 100 State Schools for Sport' in a poll run by School Sport Magazine. By achieving this accolade, we have reached the top 2% of sporting state schools in the country. Criteria for the competition is based on 20 different sports and more than 120 national competitions, with emphasis placed on the range of sport offered and the size of the competitions entered. What makes this achievement even more remarkable is that the competition measures the achievements of all state schools. When you consider that, as a single sex school, we can only gain recognition in those events available to boys, the students and staff who commit their time willingly and freely really do have a lot to shout about!

PE isn't just about winning titles, however, PE is about motivating pupils to be the best that they can be and our philosophy remains firm: if pupils leave Ermysted's with at least one activity that motivates them, creating life-long athletes, we have succeeded. I would like to think that we achieve this at Ermysted's.

We are very proud of the positive atmosphere which exists in PE, where all students are encouraged to be the best that they can be. We continue to have representatives in both individual and team sports at local, regional, national and international level. Regardless of ability, to all our performers, congratulations on your achievements and thank you. We are very proud of you.

Food and Nutrition

Food and Nutrition continues to be a popular part of the curriculum...

Highlights of the year were; Year 10 taking on the "Love Food, Hate Waste" Challenge, where the boys, in one hour, prepared, cooked and served Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread, Thai Green Curry, Spicy Sausage Meatballs, Yorkshire Curd Tarts, and Chocolate and Fruit Pastry



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Pockets with Whipped Cream. Here they are (below) proudly wearing their new GCSE aprons



and hats provided by Verner Wheelock.

We must also congratulate the winners of the 6th Annual inter-house Cookery Competition: Nathan Howard-Burt and Alex Oliver (Year 7).

Josh Cramphorn (Year 10) was

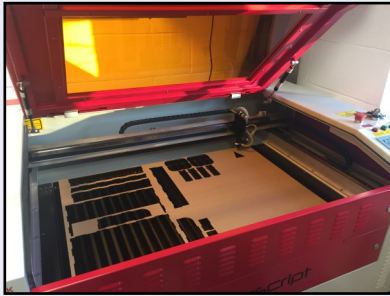
runner-up in the Rotary Young Chef Craven heats, and Ethan Kirkby (Year 10) competed in the Teflon Diamond Challenge in London.

Finally, here are some photos of Year 8 and Year 9 (left to right) bread and pizza-making (Food Science); a brave student taking part in the 'I'm a Celebrity' insect-eating challenge (Alternative Proteins) and making their own fresh pasta.





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Design and Technology

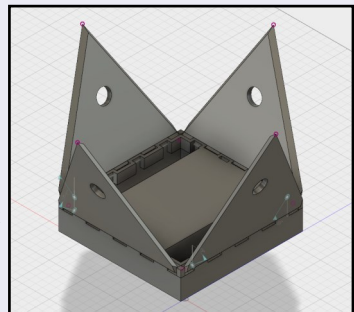
Leading the future, the DT department has once again excelled itself allowing students to push the boundaries of design. In the past few years, it has come a long way with new technology revolutionising manufacturing processes. Our newest addition being the laser cutter, kindly purchased by the Ermysted's Parents' Association.

Being the only department with cutting edge technology (pun intended), DT is becoming a favourite with students. Year 7 students have been making full use of the new laser cutter producing Christmas decorations. We are now able to cut shapes with pinpoint accuracy in a fraction of the time it would take by hand. At A-Level, I'm also making full use of this equipment.

Why did I pick Design and Technology?

Building and testing my own creations has long been a passion which likely stemmed from playing with Lego as a child. Since then, DT has allowed me to progress further, making ever more complex machines.

Year 7, 8 and 9 was merely a warm-up, allowing me to get to grips with the machinery available. For GCSE, I was making my own circuit boards from scratch, even exploring double sided boards. Now that I'm at A-Level, I've been exploring 3D printing, which allows me to make complex 3D shapes. It's even possible to print a working gearbox without the need for assembly! Technology like this is what drives on my passion for engineering. Consequently, I currently aspire to study Aerospace Engineering at university. After that, who knows where I'll be? Hopefully enjoying my time at a top ranking engineering firm.



Above is the casing for my A-Level project, modelled using 3D design software (CAD).

Arron Cawthray



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Music

This year we continued our work to raise the profile of music in school by starting a joint orchestra with Skipton Girls' High School, with the aim of running a group of 20 to 25 players.



The tradition of a play or show every two years has been maintained with a production of Orpheus (left) in March 2017.

Of lower profile, perhaps – but just as important are the commencement of the new GCSE and A-Level syllabi in the last year. Numbers on these courses are up from last year. We have also purchased 'Tech' equipment (such as a Mixer and Cubase Software) to support the technical pathway available at both levels on the new spec. With the support of Mr Oliver, Music Tech at Ermysted's is consistently available at a high level.

Achievement of students continues with the progression of Ben Finlay to the Royal Academy of Music. Current GCSE and A-Level students are also intending to either study at Conservatoires or do HE courses involving music in some way – Music Journalism at Huddersfield, for example.



Over the past few years, we have been working to raise 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: a Swing Band Concert, raising £500 for charity (Hetton Methodist Chapel, October 2016); the SGHS Christmas Concert (December 2016); Christmas entertainment at the Keelham Farm Shop (raising £60 for the Parents' Association)



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and at Morrisons (raising £950 for the Parents' Association); a string workshop for EGS/SGHS by Mrs Evans (January 2017); a charity concert in aid of MS (February 2017); a Swing Band Concert at Hetton Chapel, raising £700 for 'Bloodies' (April 2017); 'Gardens in Gargrave' (June 2017) and Addingham Gala (July 2017).



New ideas for the future include hiring out the sets of vocal and choral music we own (as a library), mentoring trainee teachers, starting a 'Battle of the Bands' competition, perhaps an individual music competition and doing a full Music Theatre show in school next year. Of course all of the above are ongoing as well as new projects and there is always room for new groups. Now we have three teachers in school who can and do teach classroom music (as well as our team of 10 peripatetic teachers). Suddenly we have much more of a Music 'Team'.

Dr Cloke



ERMYSTED'S SWING BAND 2016





Faculty Review Humanities

The Humanities Faculty was formed in September 2017 led by Miss Collins, to make up a faculty of six subjects: Geography, History, Religious Studies, Economics, Psychology and Government and Politics. Our faculty really 'rocked' where we also studied AS Geology as an enrichment subject.

Ermysted's Young Enterprise Team: White Rose

"Young Enterprise has been a challenging experience for me. Being sales director I have learnt how to organise events gaining more experience as the competition went on. Also I have improved my communication skills when speaking with the customers. I have learnt valuable experience of running a company. Although Young Enterprise was hard at times, I would definitely recommend it." **Sam, Sales Director**



"Young Enterprise has provided me with many attributes that I can follow on later on in life. These include organisation, teamwork and confidence. This opportunity allowed me to improve my confidence as I was someone who would get nervous talking to strangers. Overall I feel my Young Enterprise experience has allowed me to not only learn about business but also improve vital skills which will be needed in the future." **Roshan , Human Resources Director**

Visit to Rome

The RS department underwent significant change at the end of 2017. Mr Thackrah (who also taught Psychology), who joined the school in 2008, departed to begin a job in the world of business; Miss Potter, who arrived in 2011, was elevated to Head of Department at Giggleswick



Faculty Review Humanities

School. They will both be missed and the School wishes them well. They are replaced by Mrs Spencer who came up to Yorkshire from Lincolnshire.

Mr Marsden and Mr Llewelyn led a trip to Rome in the October of 2016, accompanied by Miss Lang, the then librarian. As well as seeing places of classical interest, the group of 30 visited the Vatican and the main churches, including St John Lateran, which the group voted the most impressive.



Three boys went off to study the subject at university - Max Misaljevich reading Philosophy at Durham, Dougie Thompson reading theology, also at Durham, and Sam Wootton, Philosophy at Liverpool.

Iceland 2017

The biennial Geography Iceland trip began at a bridge between continents – a small wooden footbridge suspended over a deep fissure containing nothing but rock and black sand. The bridge stretched between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates, bridging the ever-growing gap between them that spews newly-formed igneous material. From there, our



journey led us across the lava fields of the Reykjanes peninsula, where we got ourselves drenched in the masses of sulphurous steam that poured out of the vents in the ground, amidst hot pools of simmering mud. The evening of the first day of our stay took us to the geothermally heated pools of the Blue Lagoon, where we lounged in the mineral-rich hot pools before heading to the hotel.

The second day took us behind and over waterfalls such as Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss. The weather was said to have been the best seen in



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Iceland for a good long while and this was evident from the view of the distant Westmann Islands seen out across the sea.

We followed the popular tourist route known as the Golden Circle, along which lay the glacier Myrdasjokull and the legendary volcanoes Katla and Eyjaffajallajokull; and the massive geothermal power plant of Hellisheidi where vast amounts of energy are produced from stores deep in the Earth. We saw the massive waterfall named Gullfoss, named for the gold colour that it takes on when it captures the sun's rays, as they refract off the glacial sediment carried by the water. The monolithic cathedral with its simplistic architecture, in contrast to the modern Harpa building, constructed out of thousands of glass prisms, showed us the great range of cultural diversity that is present in Iceland's capital.

To wrap up, the Iceland trip of 2017 was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will endure long in our memories. With two of the greatest teachers to share the trip with, and a guide who shared her wealth of knowledge with us while laughing and sharing in our happy memories, the trip was certainly one to remember.

Aamir Rafiq and Jayan Dhillon-Downey

English Civil War Presentation – Colonel Granville Thomas

Pupils in Year 8 studied the English Civil War. To enhance their understanding of the topic Mr Des Thomas visited the school and re-enacted the character of Colonel Granville Thomas. He explained the development and use of the equipment and weaponry used on the battlefield, and the pupils were able to handle the artefacts and see them in operation.



(Above, left) Colonel Thomas explains the loading and use of English Civil War pistols. (Above, right) Pupils see the use of a musket and an artillery piece called a falconette.



Faculty Review Languages

Classics

Pass rates in the classics department were very good this year. At A-Level, all grades were A-C. Andrew Loy gained an A* in A-Level Latin and A in A-Level Greek. Most students gained A* in GCSE Latin.

In addition to subject teaching we helped to run the joint RS/Classics trip to Rome. This was an excellent trip and took in the major classical and ecclesiastical sites in Rome. We had the misfortune to experience an earthquake one day, which slowed down our progress, but did not stop us making it into the city for an unforgettable night visit to the Capitoline museum.



Rome from castel Sant'Angelo



Mr Llewellyn, Miss Lang and Mr Marsden by
the Tiber

English

The academic year of 2016-17 saw some consolidation in the English department staffing. Mrs Spouse joined the school as Assistant Head of the Languages Faculty in September 2016 from Skipton Academy and Mr Fullerton took up a full-time position as a teacher of English.

The English department merged with the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) interim faculty to become the Languages Faculty, proudly boasting a medley of French, German, Latin, Classics and English expertise. Mrs Price assumed the role of Faculty leader with Mr Humphreys and Mrs Spouse as Assistant Faculty leaders. Exciting times!

The Languages Faculty has established itself as a team of energetic professionals and this year



Faculty Review Languages

have produced consistently outstanding teaching and learning within the faculty. Reformed GCSE and A-Level courses in English came to fruition and were examined in the summer exams. The new 9 – 1 grading system was realised in GCSE English Language and English Literature. This has been a busy time for all subjects in terms of planning the curriculum and adjusting to the demands and 'rigour' of the new courses and ways of assessing them.

Outcomes for students have improved significantly though and credit goes to both students and teachers for all their hard work. Headline figures for GCSE English Language are 100% Grade 4 and above and 61% Grades 7-9 and these have contributed to the improved whole school headline progress figure. Results at GCSE in German were outstanding with 92% achieving grades A* and A and were similarly impressive in GCSE English Literature, French and Latin.

At A-Level results across the Faculty were excellent, particularly in English Literature, French and German and these subjects continue to attract students and inspire many to study the Arts at degree level.

MFL

We were delighted by the recent GCSE and A-Level results in MFL. Noteworthy were the outstanding results for French at A-Level and in German at GCSE level. Numbers opting for French or German remain very healthy and could be boosted further when the EBacc is implemented at Ermysted's.

A very positive development has been the arrival of Year 12 and 13 Germanists from SGHS. They receive all their A-Level tuition at Ermysted's. This has added an edge of authenticity to oral discussion in the foreign language. They have settled in well and appear to be enjoying their lessons with us.

We continue to employ Foreign Language Assistants in the department and Philip and Anny were very popular with the boys this year. They helped to promote the use of the foreign language in the languages corridor where many boys choose to speak in French or German outside of the classroom itself! In the course of the year the MFL corridor was redecorated in white and red and displays were updated. The splendour of the displays ranges from the forthcoming German election to pupils' poetry in the foreign language and others! It is now an attractive space in which to teach and learn.



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As ever, there were many visitors to the department. Notably, the German department hosted an Initial Teacher Training (ITT) student, Miss Kate Pickup. She worked successfully with classes from all age groups. Another ITT student is expected again in the coming year. All visitors to the department always comment on the boys' willingness to speak in the foreign language, which is music to the ears of the MFL staff. Recently, Dr Heron has moved over to teach in the French department, forming a formidable team with Madame Lagrange. Mrs Warburton and Mr Humphreys continue to deliver the German lessons with gusto.

The Simbach and Château de la Baudonnière trips both went ahead this year and reports on these are available further on in the publication.

As numbers learning foreign languages continue to decrease nationally, we are pleased that we are still able to buck this trend. Foreign languages are supported hugely by the management team of the school and the great efforts of pupils and teachers in the MFL department which underpin our success are recognised.

Mrs Price



Year 10 and 12 students at Château de la Baudonnière, March 2017



Faculty Review Mathematics & Computing

It has been a busy year in the Mathematics & Computing faculty with new teaching staff, boys successful in a variety of different competitions, and as always many outstanding results across the faculty at both GCSE and A-Level.

As the new term began in September, there were new faces to make a change from the old ones, and we were fortunate to see the department strengthen through the addition of very experienced maths teachers in Mrs Voelcker and Dr Dyer.

As always, the maths department was hugely successful in the UKMT maths challenges. In Junior, Intermediate and Senior challenges we collected a large haul of Bronze, Silver and Gold medals. Boys at both Junior and Intermediate levels also qualified for the British Maths Olympiad. A particular highlight was the performance of our Year 8 and 9 team (pictured below), who reached the National Final of the UMKT Junior Team Challenge in London, where they performed well in the company of the best schools in the country.



Junior Team National Finalists 2016-17



Faculty Review Mathematics & Computing

At the end of the summer term we said a fond farewell to Mr Hopkins, who after some 20 years of service retired. Mr Hopkins received a standing ovation from the students and will be missed by staff and students alike.

Perhaps in anticipation of Mr Hopkins's imminent departure, the Year 11 and Year 13 boys produced a truly outstanding set of results. At A-Level there were numerous As and A*s. In the new 9-1 GCSE, 29% of boys achieved the very top grade of Grade 9, and 82% gained at the very least a Grade 7, which is the equivalent of an A grade in old money. A fitting thank you and good bye to Mr Hopkins (at least in the guise of Head of faculty, as you may still see him around school as a photographer).



Mr Justice is very much looking forward to the challenge of taking over from Mr Hopkins (but without a camera around his neck).

In Computing, many boys achieved A* and A grades in their GCSE Computing, and as always our best students achieved A grades at A-Level.

Mr Justice



Faculty Review Science

Biology

It has been another bumper year in the Biology Department, with students having achieved impressive GCSE and A-Level results in the summer of 2017. Year 13 students who took their exams in the summer were the first cohort through on the new A-Level specification, and were clearly un-phased by the six hours of terminal exams. All students successfully passed their practical endorsement. Students in Year 10 started a new GCSE specification that saw the replacement of controlled assessments with a series of required practicals.

Blessed by glorious sunshine, Year 13 enjoyed a day of stream ecology at Malham, studying the invertebrate populations above and below the village of Malham, and applying their statistical skills to analyse the data collected.

In A-Level lessons, students undertook a number of challenging practicals more commonly undertaken at undergraduate level including using restriction enzymes to cut up DNA molecules, and loading and running electrophoresis gels. These practicals required a high level of manual dexterity and the use of micropipettes to transfer very small volumes of liquids, often prompting the cry of 'but there's nothing in the tube'. A steady hand was required to load the samples into the gels.

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 nearly £700 to support children born with genetic disorders.

As part of enrichment week, students in Year 10 undertook a challenging enzyme practical that involved extracting and purifying phosphatase enzymes from mung beans, centrifuging the extracts and using a colorimeter to measure enzyme activity.

Three Year 13 students participated in this year's British Biology Olympiad. This involves competing with students from across the country in two online exams, answering challenging





Faculty Review Science

questions on topics based around and beyond the A-Level specification. Tom achieved an impressive Silver Medal, and Saad and Sagar were awarded Bronze Medals.



The Department was once again supported generously by the Parents' Association who funded the purchase of additional microscopes for use in all key stages. To allow Year 10 students to carry out one of the required practicals, a number of eyepiece graticules for use with microscopes were also purchased.

Chemistry

At the end of the 2016 academic year, the Department bade a fond farewell to Mr Kelly after many years of outstanding service to chemistry teaching at Ermysted's. His chemistry expertise and sense of humour will be greatly missed by both students and colleagues, but supplies of cake in the department will last significantly longer!

Students studying Chemistry at GCSE and A-Level have once again achieved excellent exam results as a result of the hard work of students and the support that they have received from teachers and fellow student mentors. Year 13 were the first cohort to complete the new A-Level specification. All students passed their practical endorsement and rose to the challenge of the six hours of exams at the end of the course. Year 10 students started a new GCSE specification that replaces the coursework component of the outgoing specification with a set of required practicals. The Department continues to offer a wide variety of enrichment activities outside of lessons and a 'practical-rich' programme in all key stages. This is only



Faculty Review Science

possible through the skill, dedication and organisation of our science technician team.

In May 2017, four students attended the Salters Festival Chemistry Challenge at Leeds University with Mrs Abbey and Dr Sobala. This involved a series of challenges to test the



practical and team work skills of the students.

Fourteen Year 12 students attended a practical skills day at Leeds University in June, accompanied by Mr Greenwood. This gave students an engaging and exciting insight into studying chemistry at undergraduate level.

The Department benefitted from the generous support of the Parents' Association, purchasing additional sets of melting point apparatus for use in A-Level practicals.

Year 13 students again enjoyed considerable success in the Chemistry Olympiad with Julian Roche awarded a Gold Medal, Ben Archer a silver medal and James Kelly a Bronze medal. Students in Years 10 – 12 also competed in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge with Thomas Merrall and David Cowen from Year 10 achieving impressive Copper awards and Syed Bukhari, Matthew Hayes and Samuel Grant from Year 12 also achieving Copper awards.



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Dr Gill accompanied 14 Year 10 students to a Chemistry at Work day at York University as part of enrichment week. The students participated in a number of workshops highlighting the applications of chemistry in the workplace. Workshops ranged from a Grand Prix accident investigation to the role of turmeric in the dyeing of fabrics.

Physics

The end of the 2016 academic year saw a number of changes in Physics. We said a fond farewell to both our Physics technician, Ms Rushworth, and our Head of Physics, Mr Suter. We are very grateful for all of their hard work and contributions to the Department over the years.

We welcomed Mr Hood, an experienced science technician, into the Department.

The Year 13 students who sat their exams in the summer of 2017 were the first cohort through on the new A-Level course. Although there are a number of changes to the A-Level, these have clearly not adversely affected the performance of students who achieved an impressive set of results. Year 10 students started on a new GCSE specification that set out a series of required practicals in place of the controlled assessments of the outgoing specification.

The Department benefitted from the generous support of the Parents' Association, purchasing cathode ray oscilloscopes to be used across the key stages.

It was another successful year in the Physics Olympiad, with Julian Roche (Year 13) being awarded a very impressive Gold Medal in the 2017 competition. He recorded a very impressive mark that ranked him in the top 50 nationally. In addition, he entered the Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad in January and, once again, produced an excellent mark obtaining yet another Gold Award demonstrating that he is one of the strongest students taking the paper. Fernando Georgiou and Jacob Jackson also performed very well on the Physics Olympiad paper and were both awarded Silver medals.

Thirteen of our Year 12 physics students sat the AS Physics Challenge this year to compete against nearly 2500 students from across the UK. The Physics department is very proud of the success achieved by our students. Well done to Edward Stretton, Ethan Sanderson, Matthew Dopson and Alex Blake who all achieved the Silver award ranking them in the top 11% nationally. Nachiketha Nyalapogula, Kian Cross and Oliver Bullock all secured the Bronze 1 award and Jonny Macha and John Burn achieved the Bronze 2 award.



Faculty Review Science

Eleven of our students sat the junior version of the Physics Olympiad competition – the GCSE Physics Challenge. This is an hour long theoretical paper open to able young physicists designed

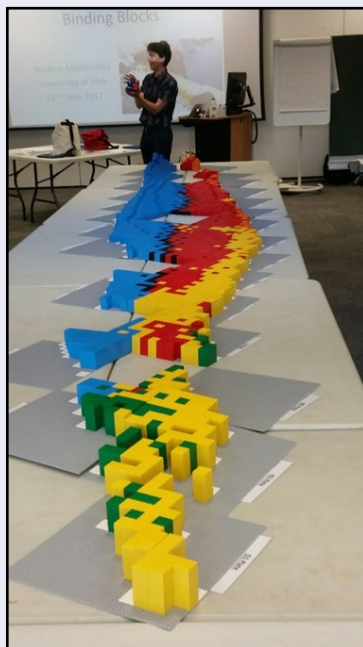


to test their understanding and problem solving skills. This is a challenge for able students which allows them to test their knowledge with stimulating questions and

compare their attainment with students from all over the United Kingdom. Four of our Year 11 students, Matthew, Alex, Jamie and George, achieved an excellent Silver award which ranks them within the top 10% nationally. Alastair, Matt and Thomas achieved a Bronze 1 award which places them in the top 15% nationally and Balint achieved a Bronze 2 which ranks him in the top 17.5% nationally. A special mention should go to both Matt and Thomas who sat the competition a year early and so performed remarkably well.

We took all of the Year 12 students to a Nuclear Physics masterclass at York University. The students constructed an N-Z plot using Lego (pictured) and learnt about the CNO cycle in nuclear fusion reactors. This was a valuable experience as the content is closely linked to the A-Level specification.

Matthew Dopson in Year 12 was awarded the Senior Physicist of the Year award at a prestigious ceremony at the University of Leeds hosted by the Ogden Trust. An impressive achievement indeed.





Sport

First XI Cricket Review

With the introduction of linear A-Level qualifications it meant that the 1st XI cricket season could last longer than historically as the Y12 students were available for selection for the entire season and the Y13 students available until exam leave began.

As part of a recent tradition, Bradford Grammar School was the first opponent of the season. In an EGS first innings that was briefly halted due to 'snow stops play' a total of 126-6 from 30 overs was set with contributions from Jack Lister (34), captain Elliot Stockton (32) and a 1st XI debut for Year 10 Joe Holderness (20). Bradford won by 5-wickets but the winning run was scored in the final over due to restrictive bowling and three key wickets from Freddie Binns.

Friday, 28 April was the annual match against MCC played at the picturesque, if very cold, Bolton Abbey CC. MCC, managed by Old Boy Tom Smallwood, declared in the 42nd over with a very challenging total of 190-4. The skill, expertise and guile of the MCC bowlers proved too much for the Ermysted's batsmen as they were bowled out for 96, losing by 94 runs.

Giggleswick hosted an enthralling match which they ended up winning by 18 runs. Batting first, the hosts posted 179-7 with George Maloney taking three wickets. In reply an excellent 2nd wicket partnership worth 87 runs between co-captains Haroon Mahmood and Elliot Stockton looked to have put Ermysted's in a dominant position to win the match, but when Mahmood (66) and Stockton (39) both fell within two overs the momentum swung towards Giggleswick where they bowled tightly and reduced scoring opportunities. Ermysted's finished on 161-4 from 30 overs.

Queen Ethelburga's was a new opponent for this season and their squad of county-standard players proved to be too tough. With a depleted squad, Ermysted's were bowled out for just 32 in the 15th over. QE triumphantly won within 3 overs without losing a wicket.

With a full-strength team, bolstered by talented Year 10 debutants, Ashville College, another new opponent for the season, hosted a match played in warmth and sunshine – a rarity. Batting first, the hosts capitalised on the dry, quick outfield and favourable batting conditions and amassed 219-5 from 30 overs. In reply, Year 10 Sam Pilling confidently saw out challenging bowlers with a new ball and scored an impressive 59 whilst seeing his batting partners fall quickly around him. Ermysted's could only score 135-6 in reply and lost by 84 runs.

The final game of the season, and a favourite with all involved, was the Old Boys' game. Played at Bolton Abbey CC, the Old Boys' team included numerous Head Boys and former 1st XI captains. Players travelled the length of the country for the match which was played with the expected level of competition and with the obligatory 'encouraging' of the opponents. The 1st XI batted first and posted a very competitive score of 187-4. In reply, the Old Boys lost wickets at regular intervals with the opening three batsmen contributing 6 runs between them. When the final wicket fell in the 30th over the Old Boys were 37 runs short of the total. The result meant that the 1st XI have won all the matches since the game was reinstated in 2015, but not that we are counting...



Sport

First XV Rugby Review



The season started with a trial match against Ripon Grammar of which many new faces were on show and it was reassuring to see players making the step up from junior to first team rugby. The first competitive game that the boys encountered was in the first round of the NatWest Vase against St Aidan's. With powerful carries from Captain Morgan and attacking danger from Matt, as well as a good team performance, the lads recorded a 50-0 victory to enter the next round against Prince

Henry's. The next round was far less one sided but of similar outcome. The teams persistent attacking play and defensive passion saw Ermysted's win 15-0. After this game the team began to meet more challenging opposition. First came a very strong Sedbergh second team and their strength could be seen by the score. This gave the boys a realisation that they would have to improve as a team in order to compete with such opposition.

The following game was the third round of the NatWest Vase against Silcoates. Once again they were met by a strong side and were on the end of another defeat. The cup run was over. After a few weeks without a game Ermysted's came up against Sedbergh seconds once more. This game showed a vast improvement on the subsequent meeting and although the team lost, many positives could be taken from the game. The final 15 a side game was against Harrogate Grammar in the Yorkshire Cup quarter final. The game was met by atrocious weather conditions which didn't favour Ermysted's playing style. The game was very tense and saw both teams take the lead at different points. However, the last word was said by Harrogate as they took the victory with only a few points to separate the sides.

Despite the end of the 15 a side season the team could now look onto 7s. The first tournament came at Giggleswick for the Kirkby Lonsdale 7s. The Ermysted's boys were really excited to put the weeks of training into action and this was clear from the outset when we secured a 31-28 victory against the much fancied Myerscough Rugby Academy from Preston. Defeats against Queen Ethelburga's College and Bishop Burton College followed, but the boys rallied against QEGS Penrith, where outstanding performances from Elliot and Rory resulted in a 36-7 victory. Sadly, Ermysted's missed out on the chance of silverware despite finishing joint second with 3 other teams.

The final tournament was held up in Keswick. In spite of fantastic nail-biting victories against the hosts and Cockermouth School, defeats against both QEGS Penrith and Dame Allan's meant that the squad finished third. This tournament marked the end of the season. Whilst the season was free of silverware, there will be many happy memories to take away as well as a good base to build on for the following season.

Rory Macnab



Sport Football & Tennis

Football Review

Seniors: Captain Jacob Jackson's First XI played a lot of entertaining football, Alistair Harvey bagging 17 and Matt Thompson scoring 10 of the 61 goals, with the team reaching the 3rd round of the National Schools FA Cup, where they lost out to Matlock on penalties. Jordan Harding, Freddie Binns and Jake Woodward were selected to represent North Yorkshire.

There were some talented footballers and it was a shame that they didn't leave school playing in a final but lost out in the semis in both the Harrogate and Craven and County cups. They did get some silverware as they won the inaugural match against the Old Boys, a fixture we hope to maintain every year from now on.

The season ended with a record of; Played 18, Won 11, Drawn 2, Lost 5

Year 9: Captain Charlie Wood led the Y9 team to Runners-up in the Harrogate & Craven 6-a-side tournament at Rossett in September. However, that early season promise wasn't really realised as we lost early in both the National and County cups. Charlie Wood, Yusuf Rashid and Harry Rowe were top scorers whilst keeper Harry Johnston excelled at the other end. Harry ended the season being selected for the Harrogate & Craven Area Team.

The season ended with a record of; Played 14, Won 6, Drawn 5, Lost 3



Tennis Review

In August 2017 Thomas (right) won the U14s Singles title of the Yorkshire County Tennis Championship, the tournament that closes the season and happens simultaneously in every English county.

The photograph shows Chris Day, president of Yorkshire Tennis and Thomas with the trophies given on the finals day, 2 September 2017.

During the summer, Thomas was victorious at The Ilkley Open and The Winchester Babolat Open, both of which are G3 tournaments.



Sport

Harrogate and Craven U16 Cup Final

Year 11 Football Team Crowned Harrogate & Craven Champions In Their Last Week Of School



Supporters enjoyed a high excitement game in the U16 Harrogate and Craven final as St John Fisher School played Ermysted's Grammar School.

After controlling the opening 20 minutes, St John Fisher broke the deadlock after a zipping cross was tucked away from 6 yards out by the striker. Ermysted's began to get a foothold in the game, with multiple shots and a worthy, albeit unsuccessful, penalty claim coming later on in the half. However, strong defending from the Harrogate team saw them reach the break with their 1-0 advantage intact.

Ermysted's started the second half the better of the two, and quickly levelled the score as Eddie delivered a 20 yard pass behind the last defender which Harry reached and took around the keeper. Ermysted's took the lead soon after as Bradley passed the ball to Harry on the edge of the 18-yard box, who hit a low left-footed shot past the outstretched keeper's hand. However, St John Fisher soon regained the lead after two well worked goals the defence could do little about. Multiple injuries hindered the team from Skipton, and they entered the final 10 minutes with no substitutions. Against the run of play, Dylan and Tom linked up on the right hand side, which ended with Dylan dribbling into the box and being brought down. The result was a penalty, which Dylan took and calmly slotted into the bottom right corner. As the game looked like it was going to extra time, Eddie once again received the ball and played a lofted cross over the defence and onto the head of Louis, who smashed it into the roof of the net. Despite St John's best efforts, solid defensive work from Luca and Sam ensured the score line stayed at 4-3 and Ermysted's took the silverware.



Sport Cross Country Review

Another vintage season to add to the recent excellent tradition 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, 4th 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 were going to have another good season as we had inherited another good group of Year 7s. We won the team event in all three categories with Alex Thompson (Y8), Will Thompson (Y10) and Jimmy Lund (Y12) all gaining Silver medals.

At the MGS relays against schools from all over the North of England, we won two races and came 3rd in another but couldn't field a team in either of the older age groups. 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. Our first team away was the Year 9 team which ran well, with Sebastian and Charlie running the joint second fastest legs on the day. The Year 9 team won as did the Year 7 team who had newcomer Donnabhan running the fastest leg of anyone on the day. Our Year 8 team picked up Bronze medals.



During the series of four Keighley & Craven XC races we had some notable individual performances, including a race victory by Jimmy Lund. However, due to a clash with the Area championships and a cup football match the school only went to two of the four events so couldn't count in the overall competition.

In our Relays, our Year 8 and 9 team won with Alex Thompson running the fastest leg on the day, whilst Tom Barrett's opening leg for the Year 10 and 11 team was also the fastest of the



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day as he led his team to victory and a set of Gold Medals. The other two age groups finished as runners-up to gain silver medals.

At the Harrogate & Craven Championships, held over at King James School, Knaresborough, we won all five of the boys area team titles for the first time in the event's history. As a result, 17 athletes were selected to run for Harrogate and Craven in January's County Championships, five of whom won medals with Jimmy Lund winning the Senior event.

In the English schools' XC Cup, both of our teams made it to the National Finals at Formby near Liverpool. This year we had both teams challenging for honours and Alex Thompson in the Year 7 and 8 race had won the NE of England round at Middlesbrough. Alex seemed to have his race head on and led the field out of the school grounds onto the sand dunes where most of the race was run. His nearest company at this point was team-mate Will Atkinson who was in second place just five yards adrift, with Will Hugill on his shoulder. They ran one large lap of relatively flat but undulating terrain and when they came back into view the race was still well and truly on with just a second or two between the leaders. Alex Thompson still held a slender lead but in the remaining half mile he drove on relentlessly pulling away for a relatively comfortable victory and an awesome end to the calendar year as he won a National Title. The Year 7 and 8 team finished 7th and then came the Inter team. It had finished 4th nationally last year but all of this year's team were at the lower end of the age group. Although they ran well, the team had to settle for 9th place this year.

At the County Championships in Ripon, Donnabhan Rudden just missed out on a medal, finishing 4th with Andrew Robinson and Rohan Smith making the County team. Harvey Lewis won bronze in the Junior (Year 8 and 9) boys' race ahead of a quartet of school-mates Louis Hudson, Sebastian Seggar-Steveley, Arthur Peel and Charlie Wood. In the Inters, Sam Jackson and Will Thompson both made the Area team as did Seniors Jimmy Lund and Alex Ashby. In addition to these Area representatives, Alex Thompson and Tom Barrett got guest spots in the Inter-Counties match at Kirby Stephen and did well enough there to represent North Yorkshire at the English Schools' Championships.

A fantastic haul of five medals was won by Craven athletes at this year's English Schools' Cross Country Championship, which is the most eagerly anticipated event of the winter for young athletes. The best athletes in each of the 45 Counties in England compete for the honour of being the best in the Country. Entry to the event is by virtue of athletes being selected by their County, only eight runners are allowed to compete, with the first six finishers in each team counting towards the team competition - finishing positions are added up, and the team with the lowest score wins. This year's event was held at Norfolk County Showground in Norwich. Four of the medals were Silver and won by athletes in the Year 8 and 9 boys' race. Ermysted's had four of the eight team members in this age group and all of them made the scoring team of six runners. The boys were led by Alex Thompson who was 3rd in the Inter-Counties



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Championships. However, the race included runners from the year above and was therefore a bigger test. Alex had a great run and came 13th with his school-mates Harvey Lewis 26th, Louis Hudson 48th and Seb Seggar-Steveley who was 52nd for a total of 172 which was just behind Surrey and gained those precious Silver medals. The other medal was even better as it's colour was Gold! The Senior boys' race saw Jimmy Lund come 76th to help his North Yorkshire Team to a low total of 208 points, which was 40 points clear of Hampshire to give them Gold medals and a national team title.

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 were two overall competitions. Ermysted's was runner-up in the Roses Trophy for overall best school but won the Trefoil trophy awarded for the lowest aggregate score over the three younger age groups. Ermysted's Year 9 have fantastic strength in depth and Sebastian Seggar-Steveley improved with each race and was challenging from the start. A measure of Seb's improvement over the year was his 3rd place finish when compared with last year's 17th. Seb had great support from Harvey Lewis 5th, Louis Hudson 7th and Arthur Peel 10th for a superb winning score. The Year 8s had the outstanding Alex Thompson leading the charge and he lived up to form to run away from the rest of the field for a clear victory and a good start for the team. He had excellent support from his team as Will Atkinson finished 7th, Hamish Wills 11th and Ben Rees 14th. Unfortunately their total of 33 points was just 1 more than the winners and they had to settle for runners-up. Our other three teams came third.

Our best race of the year was the English Schools' Fell-Running Championships in September, held on the Howgill Fells above Sedbergh. This was the ninth National Championships supported by the Fell Running Association and was hosted by Sedbergh School. It was a joy to come away with the Year 8 and 9 and Year 10 and 11 team titles, 3rd place for Year 7 and runners-up for both Louis Hudson (Year 8 and 9) and Tom Barrett (Year 10 and 11). 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, tee-shirts and medals.

One of the hardest decisions of the season is 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, this year for the first time ever we had a winner on the National Stage. For his victory in the English Schools' Cross-Country Cup Final Alex Thompson won the award.

Mr Speak



Whole School Cross Country



A dry week and warm sunshine meant a lovely day and fast times at this year's school Cross-Country event. Some fancy dress costumes and sponsorship towards the school playing fields and CALM all added to the happy atmosphere on the day.

Our Year 7s were first away and tried really hard with 112 runners. With six home out of the first ten, Petyt won the House competition. The Year 8 and 9 race saw only 160 finishers, as two classes (including last year's winner, Harvey Lewis) were doing Geography Fieldwork. Our congratulations go to Alex Thompson, who claimed a new school record! Hartley won the House competition. The Year 10 and 11 race saw another good turnout, with 198 finishers. Ermysted claimed the House victory. In the Seniors race, a fantastic 207 runners finished, making it a total of 677 runners in all age groups on the day. Hartley claimed the House victory and became overall House Cross-Country Champions for 2016!

Mr Speak





Sports Day

21 Year Old Records Fall

There is a great deal of debate regarding the future of classically styled “sports days” in Educational settings. Some quarters argue, quiet rightly, that headlines such as the above foster the notion that individual endeavour means nothing unless you are a winner. That taking part can actually lead to alienation from lifelong activity for the majority. And that the notion of the few winners and the many losers will persist.

With circa 300 young men actively participating in 12 events across four year groups, Ermysted's continues to champion a new breed of sports day. A day where winners are placed alongside, but not above, the athletic effort that all House team members commit towards the overall goal of House success. Just taking part gains a House point, so everyone adds to the total. Everyone is free to do their best and achieve success that will persist in their own memories and pub chats with friends made at school for years to come. The records broken were indeed special and no onlooker could argue about the supreme athleticism and dogged determination needed to overcome records that few envisaged ever being superseded.



Success of a whole school event can be measured in many ways not simply through results analysis. The crowd of onlookers demonstrated exemplary attributes. Well behaved, supportive and considerate from first to last in races, no litter or injuries. In how many schools would a piece of string keep boys back from a track that is within reach? In how many schools would boys genuinely cheer for those that would never pertain to be athletes but are still willing to stand up and be counted? In how many schools would boys come back on time at the end of a break time without fault or constant reminder? In how many schools would boys offer to put things away at the end even though the end of the school day looms?

Mr White



Sports Day

Results

Year 7	
Petyt	46
Ermysteds	38
Toller	27
Hartley	24

Year 8	
Hartley	46
Toller	36
Petyt	29
Ermysteds	24

Year 9	
Hartley	54
Ermysteds	35
Petyt	28
Toller	13

Year 10	
Hartley	46
Petyt	35
Ermysteds	27
Toller	26

Overall House Results	
Hartley	170
Petyt	138
Ermysteds	124
Toller	102



Trip Report Simbach Exchange

Although the exchange has been running for decades this was the first time we had chosen to travel via P&O North Sea Ferries; whilst this still meant travelling overnight the journey included the luxury of cabins, on board entertainment and, of course the not-to-be-overlooked 5-course dinner and full English breakfast buffet!

On arrival in Simbach nerves got the better of our boys, who, despite the lengthy journey, seemed reluctant to get off the coach and meet their host families, who were waiting eagerly in the school car park! After the initial shyness, however, everyone left to enjoy the rest of the weekend together.

The Sunday granted the pupils the opportunity to spend some quality time with their partners and their families.

They enjoyed a wide variety of activities, ranging from a high wire adventure course to a medieval



fair and couldn't wait to report back to us about their experiences when we met up again on the Monday morning in school. The pupils got a real taste of life in a German school, with a 7.45am start at our partner school, the Tassilo Gymnasium! First we were welcomed by the Headteacher Edgar Nama, before visiting lessons in a range of subjects and year groups. The morning continued with a walk into Simbach itself, where we were the guests of honour at a reception given by the Mayor in the town hall, who could not emphasise enough the importance of maintaining strong links between the Skipton and Simbach and, to that effect, each boy was presented with a small gift from the Twinning Association. The boys were also given the opportunity to practise their German, by asking questions. Afterwards there was just time to visit the newly refurbished Local History Museum, where the boys learned of the devastating floods which occurred in the town last year.

The Tuesday saw us journey out to a salt mine over the Austrian border and then take a lake cruise on the Königssee, with breathtaking views, after lunch. This was many of the boys' favourite day and they all thoroughly engaged not only in the activities provided but also with



Trip Report Simbach Exchange

the information they were supplied. We went to the Allianz Arena on the Wednesday, home to the famous Bayern Munich Football Club. The pupils all asked excellent questions as they were given a guided tour around the stadium and showed real interest in how the German stadium differed from ones they'd seen at home.

On the last full day we went to Salzburg, visiting the fortress on the hill before enjoying some free time to walk around and explore this beautiful city more independently, an opportunity which was gratefully and respectfully taken.



Our stay culminated in an evening reception by the lake where drinks and a buffet of traditional Bavarian fayre with all the host families was kindly provided by the Tassilo Gymnasium. At this event the bond between the two schools was more evident than ever before, as groups of German and English students enjoyed their final evening together. At the end of the evening the restaurant owner couldn't speak highly enough of our boys; they had shown their appreciation of the food (- in some cases returning for seconds and even thirds! -) and behaved impeccably.

After fond farewells on the Friday morning we headed back up to Rotterdam – how quickly the week had flown! The boys were excited to recount their adventures to family back home and could be forgiven for being a little boisterous. However, their behaviour was as commendable as on the outward journey, and indeed throughout the entire week, each one of our 27 Year 9 and 10 pupils having proved a real ambassador for Ermysted's and the partnership between Skipton and Simbach! Thank you, Boys!

Mrs Warburton



Trip Report

Château de la Baudonnière



On 12 March 2017 we embarked on the bus for the scenic journey to Château de la Baudonnière, a sub-mansion in the district of Normandy.

From the moment that we entered the building that evening, everything (yes, EVERYTHING!) was said and done in French! Activities over the week included Archery (tir à l'arc), Bread Making (fabrication du pain) and Aeroball (aérobball), which is a game similar to basketball, but on a

trampoline. And yes, of course, all the explanations for these activities were done in French! We all really enjoyed every single one of these activities, they were really fast paced and a lot of fun!

When Friday came, it was sadly the time to say “Au revoir!” to the Château and the amazing staff who set up and ran all the superb activities. When we arrived back in Portsmouth, I think it is safe to say that we were all relieved to be speaking English again, but our French had improved massively over the course of the week. This trip is easily one of the best available in school, and a big ‘Merci’ goes to Madame Lagrange and Monsieur Heron for organising this trip, it was fantastic!



Benny Hick



Trip Report

Thornthwaite Residential



Thornthwaite residential camp was enjoyed by the Year 7 boys. The first half (7H & 7T) of the week had a rainy Tuesday, yet they must be commended for getting stuck in to the activities: mountain biking, climbing, raft-building, orienteering and a water fight! The second half (7E & 7P) were luckier with the weather and enjoyed the sunshine. It was great to see the boys outdoors, learning bushcraft, gathering round a camp fire and experiencing fencing, in an action-packed three days.

Dr Needham



Trip Report Bewerley Park

This year, 63 Year 9 students and six Ermysted's staff took part in the annual trip to Bewerley Park Centre for Outdoor Education, near Pateley Bridge in Nidderdale. The boys followed in the footsteps of pupils who have been attending the week-long course for the last forty years at the centre.



Pupils took part in many outdoor activities such as climbing at Brimham Rocks, exploring various cave systems near Selside in Ribblesdale, mountain biking in Gisburn Forest, a canoe journey along the River Ure and abseiling and gorge walking at How Stean where the boys had a surprise visit from our Headmaster, Mr Evans.

For the pupils there was plenty of fun and adventure to be experienced whilst taking part in new and exciting activities.

These often required commitment, endeavour and resilience and allowed many of the boys to surprise themselves when they realised how much they could achieve. Pupils were continually encouraged to develop leadership qualities and grew in self-confidence and self-respect as the week went on.

As well as the outdoor activities, pupils took part in the daily life at the Centre; working with others on activities, completing communal jobs, and looking after the centres and their own personal belongings. This helped to foster independence and responsibility, not only for themselves but for others in our group.

For some the visit will be the most memorable learning experience in their school career, providing, for many, their first time away from home and a chance to see and experience the world in a different way.

Thanks to all the boys and the staff who were involved in making the trip such an enjoyable success.

Mr Edward





Shakespeare Schools Festival The Merchant of Venice

On Thursday 3 November, the cast spent an enjoyable morning at The Carriageworks Theatre in Leeds acting alongside the Shakespeare cast from Woodhouse Grove School. Our boys had the opportunity to watch their dress rehearsal before they took over the stage for their own technical rehearsal in order to perfect the light and sound effects. They then proceeded with their smooth-running dress rehearsal, impressing the directors from the theatre. After a return to school, the cast were glad of the opportunity to polish their performance and develop one of the more tricky scenes using the very insightful feedback we had from the professionals, all before we congregated again at the theatre.



The evening included performances from three other schools with South Craven and Guiseley Schools joining us. It was great to see so much talent from the young people in our area and having the opportunity to watch four very different plays in one evening.

The boys were congratulated on their excellent characterisation and use of voice.

The directors Andrew Loy and Zitian Harper did a great job in leading the cast in the production, aided by our assistant directors, Matthew Paul, Arjun Patel and Luke Gonnella.

Mrs Hopkins



Enrichment Week

For one week in July, normal timetables were suspended for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 and students were offered the opportunity to experience new activities, learn new skills and have fun. Students chose from a huge range of pursuits, including trips to Thornthwaite Activity Centre, Bradford Science and Media Museum, White Scar Caves and Swinden/Threshfield Quarries, the National Coal Mining Museum, The Depot Climbing Centre, Old Trafford, Westminster, Chester Zoo, Lightwater Valley, Lancaster Castle, York, Snozone and Log Heights, plus workshops and other activities at school ranging from astronomy to yoga. A great week was had by all. Here are some photographs of what went on...





Old Boys' Society

President **Mr Michael Evans**

Chairman **Mr James Tiffany**

Treasurer **Mr Ken Oxley**

Secretary **Mr Stuart Clarkson**

The 2016 **Old Boys' Dinner** was held on Saturday 3rd December, with popular recent master William Nabarro returning to share his thoughts on teaching, following a long career in the financial services sector to which he has now returned. The new Headmaster Michael Evans made his Old Boys' Dinner debut as President, and we welcomed back newly-retired staff Graham Hamilton and Dave Kelly for presentations in thanks of their service to Ermysted's. A tribute to Chris Greenwood was made by former classmates and fundraising in his memory for the Campaign for Living Miserably raised £500. There was a large turnout from the Class of '96, who returned 20 years on from their outstanding A-Level results, still the best ever in the history of Ermysted's.



Pictured above (left-right)

Ian Douglass, James Tiffany, William Nabarro and Michael Evans at the Old Boys' Dinner



Pictured left

Members of the Class of '96 return, 20 years after the school's best-ever A-Level results



Old Boys' Society

The inaugural Old Boys v School football match (yes, soccer!) took place on 8th January 2017. The first ever game of its type in the school's 520-year history saw a slim 4-3 victory for the Ermysted's team. We plan to make this a regular fixture, with the match due to take place on the afternoon of the Old Boys' Dinner in December each year going forward.

Andy Holmes was the winner of the Old Boys golf tournament, held this year on 22nd May at Skipton Golf Club, so is the recipient of the Hitchin Trophy. Old Boys also faced the Giggleswick Old Boys at golf on 21st June where they were defeated; while in an outstanding achievement for the Old Boys the golf match against the Ermysted's School team was tied this year.

At cricket, once again the Old Boys took on the School at Bolton Abbey CC on 30th June. Last year's leaver Morgan Davies and recent Head Boy Izaak Beck provided a youthful look to the Old Boys' XI, but they couldn't achieve victory against a strong Ermysted's side, who ended up winners by 35 runs.



Teams line up for the 2017 Old Boys XI v Ermysted's cricket fixture

Following a number of requests from attendees, the decision was taken this year to turn the **Forty Years On** reunion lunch into an annual event, rather than every two years. The 2017 event took place on Saturday 10th June with older Old Boys coming to school for a tour and lunch, and an opportunity to catch up with old friends and masters. We hope that this event will continue to now take place annually each summer.



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Attendees at the 2017 Forty Years On reunion lunch

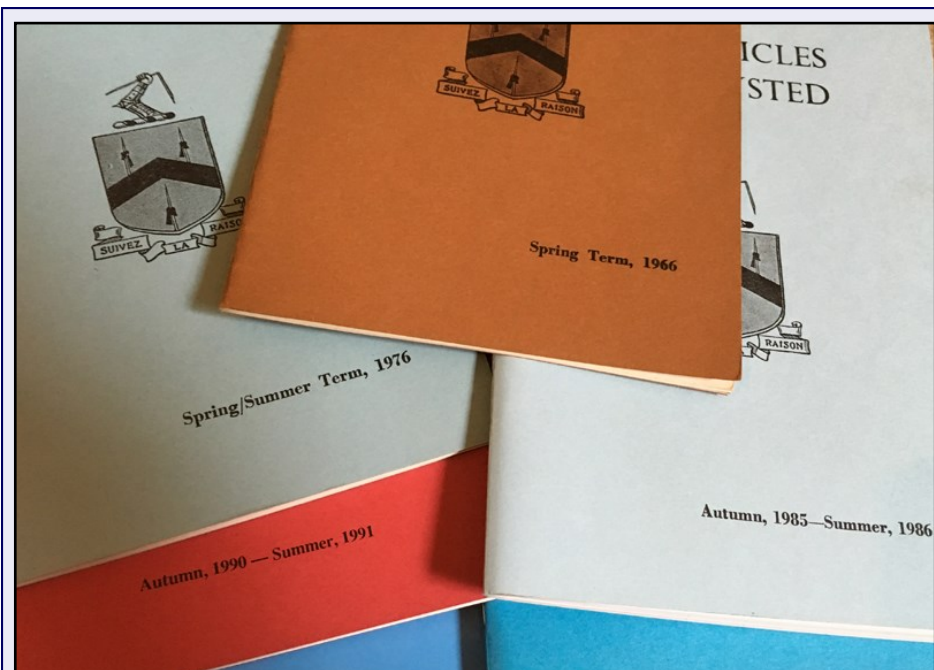
Our fundraising efforts in 2016-7 focused on the furnishing of the new Sixth Form Centre at school. More than £5,000 was raised by the generosity of Old Boys, parents, staff, governors and friends of the school through the **Dedication Wall** project. The panels were installed in time for their unveiling on Founders' Day in December 2016.(pictured right).

The Old Boys' Society website now includes some digitised copies of *The Chronicles of Ermysted*, as part of a project to convert the entire archive of editions to PDF. We are also adding other content of interest, such as recordings of dramatic society productions and also archive video footage of the School Cross Country and Sports Day from both 1935 and 1970 - they make fascinating viewing! The website also now has an online shop where you can buy ties, cufflinks, pin badges and more.





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Obituaries

In 2016-7 we were incredibly sad to have to report the death of a former Head Boy, Chris Greenwood, who attended Ermysted's between 2001 and 2008. Chris took his own life, aged just 26. Tributes were also paid this year to EGS stalwart Mike Bingham, a Biology master 1963-1996 and also Second Master under David Buckroyd 1989-96. Mike passed away aged 80. Former Old Boys' Society Chairman Peter Armitage (2000-03), who was at school 1939-45, died in his late 80s And we also say goodbye two of our oldest Old Boys - Doug Varley was 96 and a pupil 1931-36; while Wing Commander Richard Summers OBE died aged 95. Dick Summers was at EGS 1935-39 before going on to fly with the RAF, most notably as one of 'The Few' from the Battle of Britain in the Second World War. A full list of the Old Boys who have passed away this year can be found on our website.

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	2		1	1			
Astronomy	14	6	5	3			
Biology	108	27	45	30	6		
Chemistry	108	45	36	25	2		
Computing	28	8	6	11	3		
Food & Nutrition	11	2	4	4	1		
French	43	9	18	12	4		
Geography	40	20	13	5	2		
German	37	22	12	1	2		
History	56	13	26	9	7	1	
Latin	7	5	1				1
Mathematics (Further)	23	14	6	2	1		
Music	4		2	2			
Physical Education	31	3	6	11	9	2	
Physics	108	47	35	21	4	1	
Product Design	11	1	5	2	1	2	
RS	37	8	15	12	2		
Science (Add & Core)	12	1	6	5			
Systems	35	8	11	8	7		1
114 students	9	8	7	6	5	4	3-1
English Language	12	23	37	24	14	4	
English Literature	16	16	30	31	17	3	1
Mathematics	33	33	28	16	4		



Results

A-Level

Subject	Entries	Number Achieving Grade						
		A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
Art and Design	1					1		
Biology	37	5	11	9	6	5	1	
Chemistry	52	15	12	12	4	6	2	1
Classical Civilisation	5			2	3			
Computing	7		2	1	2			2
Design & Technology	4		3			1		
Economics	33	3	9	14	6			1
English Language	5		2		2	1		
English Literature	20	2	7	7	3	1		
French	4		3	1				
Further Mathematics	9	8				1		
Geography	16		5	8	2	1		
German	5		3	1	1			
Government & Politics	4		2		1	1		
History	15		7	4	4			
Latin / Greek	3	1	1		1			
Mathematics	66	16	24	12	10	2	2	
Music	1		1					
PE	5			2	2		1	
Physics	29	8	6	3	6	4	1	1
Psychology	16		1	10	4	1		
Religious Studies	14	2	2	2	3	3	1	1
Total (113 students)	348	59	103	89	59	26	7	5



Speech Day

On the afternoon of Tuesday, 4 July, Ermysted's Grammar School hosted its annual Speech Day. Years 7, 9 and 12 were invited to attend, along with parents of prize winners, teachers and VIP guests of the School. It is an opportunity for the School community to celebrate the success of its pupils.

The guest speaker this year was Professor Blake Morrison (pictured below with Mr Barrett, Chair of Governors and Mr Evans, Headmaster).

An old boy of the school, Morrison lived in Thornton-in-Craven and attended the school from 1962-69. He studied English Literature at Nottingham University and UCL, leaving to become the literary editor of *The Observer* and *The Independent on Sunday*. Morrison became a full-time writer in 1995 as well as trying his hand at poetry and poetry criticism. He has written



autobiographies, plays, libretti, and works for television. His most famous volume of literature is arguably his memoir 'And when did you last see your Father?'; transformed into a film of the same name in 2007, starring Jim Broadbent (as Morrison's father) and Colin Firth (as Morrison himself). Morrison became a Professor of Creative and Life Writing at Goldsmiths College, London in 2003 and in 2006 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Arts from Plymouth University.

The Senior Prefect Team



Speech Day

Junior School Prizes	
Marmaduke Millar Art Prize	Harry Dewhurst
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Harry Dewhurst
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize	Arthur Peel
Mechanics' Institute Design and Technology Prize	Sebastian Ma'Har
Petyt Trust English Prize	Ben Buckner
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	Gabriele Tankard
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	Chris Faulkner
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	Ben Waterworth
Foundation History Prize	Louis Hudson
Petyt Trust Latin Prize	Gabriele Tankard
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	Adith Jeyasangar
Firth Memorial Music Prize	Ben Buckner
Foundation PE Prize	Louis Hudson
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Chris Faulkner
Foundation Religious Studies Prize	Jeremy Steward
Lower School Information Technology Prize	Alex Squires
Food and Nutrition Prize	Jack Formoso
Skipton Town Council Silver Jubilee Shield (Music)	Josiah Wood/Alex Oliver
Philip Osborne Public Speaking Prize	Sebastian Ma'Har/ Jeremy Steward/Jake Parkinson
Foundation Form Prizes	
7E	Rhys Worts
7H	Nathan Howard-Birt
7P	Andrew Clay
7T	Benedict Curtis
8E	Bram Heierman-Rix



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8H	Jack Thornton
8P	Alfie Butler
8T	Ibrahim Chowdhury
9E	Leon Bowler
9H	Jeremy Steward
9P	James Clay
9T	Charlie Reader
Middle School Prizes	
Jonathan Chapman Memorial Art Prize	Lucas Watt
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Santosh Guru
Foundation PE Prize	Harry Farnell
Foundation Chemistry Prize	Benjamin Jackson
Foundation Design & Technology Prize	Jed Shepherd
The Paul Chadwick Prize for Design Technology	Louis Verity
Foundation English Prize	Johnny Sturgeon
Jonathan Chapman Memorial Geography Prize	Jack Steane
Foundation History Prize	Johnny Sturgeon
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Jamie Macdonald
Foundation Information Technology Prize	Santosh Guru
Jack Eastwood Memorial Prize for Languages: French	Zeeshan Hussain
Jack Eastwood Memorial Latin Prize	Angus McMeekin
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	Thomas Connell
Foundation Modern Languages Prize: German	Balint Sido
Edward Scott Music Prize	Will Midgley
Foundation Religious Studies Prize	Robbie Campbell
Foundation Food and Nutrition Prize	Robin Schofield/Frank Watkinson



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Senior School Prizes	
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Sam Pink
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize	James Kelly
Mechanics' Institute Design Technology Prize	Fernando Georgiou/Tom Crossley
Foundation Economics Prize	Thomas Everett
Petyt Trust English Prize	Smith Middleton
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	Max Misaljevich
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	George Maloney
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	Ben Speak
Foundation History Prize	Andrew Loy
Senior Latin Prize	Andrew Loy
Foundation Linguistics Prize	Harry Taylor
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	Andrew Loy
Firth Memorial Music Prize	Ben Finlay
Foundation PE Prize	Matthew Thompson/Luke Thompson
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Julian Roche/Jacob Jackson
Foundation Further Maths Prize	Julian Roche/Jacob Jackson
Senior Religious Studies Prize	Max Misaljevich/Douglas Thomson
Classical Civilisation Prize	Zitian Harper
Neil Townson Memorial Prize for Achievement in Geography	Jack Brennand
Senior Information Technology Prize	Wilf Askins
Dramatic Society Prize	Fernando Georgiou
Psychology Prize	Yasin Ali
Senior Football Prize	Brandon Yip/Alistair Harvey
Fleming Essay Prize	Edgar Tate
Longden Smith Prize for Rugby	Elliot Stockton
Jimmy Harrison Memorial Prize for Rugby	Morgan Sword



Speech Day

Peter Rose Memorial Prize for Cricket	Elliot Stockton
Simon Lewis Prize for the Most Promising Cricketer	Haroon Mahmood
Doris Altham Barker Prize for Musical Achievement	Toger Christiansen/Martin Wakefield/ Fernando Georgiou/Tom Crossley
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student	Sagar Sanadi/Nicholas Gregory/Andrew Bayliff/James Parker/Tom Huxley/Will Tench/Saad Imran/Harry Jackson-Smith/Rhys Mould
Head of Sixth Form's Merit Prize	Angus McKinney
Parents' Association Fortitude Prize	Niall Azam
Arthur Coe Prize for Distinguished Service	Tom Crossley
Foundation General Efficiency Prize	Matthew Jackson/Jed Boye
Old Boys' Association Head of School Prize	Michael Plunkett
Golson Shield for Achievement in Cross Country Running	Alex Thompson
Athletes	
English Schools Under 14 Fell Running Team Champions	Louis Hudson/Harvey Lewis/Sebastian Segger-Staveley
English Schools Under 16 Fell Running Team Champions	Tom Barrett/Matthew Kenneth/William Thompson
Certificate Presentation Awards (Year 13—2015/16)	
Walford Evans Memorial Fund	Humza Ashiq/Anand Badiani/George Ellis-Slater/Christopher Hoole/Joseph Jackson/ Aidan Lindsley/Dominic Meehan/Sohail Ramzan/Thomas Richardson
Hartley McIntosh Award	Samuel Burton/Felix Sandoe
J W Emmott Award	Jonathan Markham/Patrick Naylor
Tim Oakley Fund	Joseph Krol/Omah Shah/Samuel Coleman



Leavers' Destinations

Destination	Subject
Amicale Cycliste Bisontine	Professional Cyclist
Bangor	Geography Science, Zoology with Conservation, Ecology
Birmingham	Economics, English, Medicine
Bradford	Chemical Engineering, Economics, Mechanical Engineering, Psychology
Bristol	Economics, English
Bulgaria	Medicine
Cambridge	Engineering, Medicine
Cambridge Clare College	Engineering
Cardiff	Biomedical Sciences
Coventry	Aerospace Technology, Economics, Mathematics
Cumbria	Forest Management
Durham	Mathematics
Durham	Archaeology, Chemistry, Economics, Geography, Mathematics, Philosophy and Politics, Theology and Religion
East Anglia	Film Studies and English Literature
Construction Industry	Employment
KMPG	Apprenticeship
Kone	Apprenticeship - Engineering
Landis Lund	Apprenticeship - Engineering
Tabology	Computing Degree Apprenticeship
Exeter	English Literature
Glasgow	Earth Science, Film and TV Studies
Hartpury	Equine Science with Therapy
Heriot-Watt Edinburgh	Engineering
Huddersfield	Science
Hull	Physics



Leavers' Destinations

Destination	Subject
Imperial College London	Mathematics, Medicine
Keele	Accounting and Finance, Law
Kent	Politics and International Relations
Lancaster	Biology, Chemical Engineering, Economics
Leeds	Economics, Medicine
Leeds Beckett	Psychology
Leeds Trinity	Psychology
Liverpool	Business Economics, Medicine, Philosophy, Philosophy and History
Liverpool John Moores	Accounting and Finance, Pharmaceutical Science
Newcastle	Biochemistry, Chemical Engineering, Computer Science, History, Mathematics, Marine Biology, Medicine, Politics and Economics, Psychology
Northumbria	Accounting and Finance, Economics, Psychology
Nottingham Trent	Business Studies
Oxford	Ancient and Modern History, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages, Medicine, Philosophy and German, Physics, Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Queen's Belfast	Medicine
Royal Academy of Music London	Music
Scotland Rural College	Countryside Management
Sheffield	Civil Engineering, Geography, Psychology
Sheffield Hallam	International Business
Skipton Building Society	Apprenticeship
UCL	Neuroscience
Warwick	English Literature
York St John	Game Design, Media Production

