



The Chronicles of Ermysted



2018-19

SUIVEZ LA RAISON



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..... Edited by Mrs K Tamsons

Headmaster's Report

Welcome to another instalment of the Chronicles of Ermysted. The past year has seen a number of impressive achievements from the pupils, ably supported in their endeavours by my colleagues on the staff and the parents, governors and alumni in the background.

The final wave of curriculum reforms arrived in 2019 and the pupils seemed to take it all in their stride. The 2019 results were very pleasing and the boys can be rightly proud of their achievements. Not only did they excel in their academic studies but they also seemed to find the time to excel in other fields, as the following pages will attest.

Once again our mathematicians and scientists performed well in the national competitions and Olympiads; our engineers received prestigious scholarships; and our musicians continued to delight audiences with their varied and wonderful performances throughout the year. The musical *Oliver!* was performed to rave reviews – one of my fondest memories of the year – and the newly formed drama club delighted local primary school children with their performance of the complete works of Shakespeare in 30 minutes! There have been trips to museums and theatres; fieldwork at the coast and in the fells; lectures and conferences; debating competitions and author workshops; trips to France, Germany and Belgium; Ski trips to Alps.

2019 saw the launch of our new school newspaper – *The Reason* – with the first editions drawing much praise. The quality of the writing and the publishing was superb and so was very pleasing that the student editors had their efforts recognised in the national student newspaper awards. The students won three awards – Best Newspaper, Best Print and Design, Best Front Page – came highly commended in two other categories – Editor of the Year, Most Outstanding Pupil. A remarkable achievement and, noting the effort and thought that went into each edition, fully deserved I would say.

Sport continues to be a strength of the school with further notable wins for our rugby, football and cricket teams. The strength of cross-country at the school is often mentioned but forgive me if I share with you another achievement from the year. At the King Henry VIII Relays, the senior team took first place, smashing the course record by over 40 seconds; a remarkable feat given the quality of the athletes who have gone before, including Sebastien Coe and both Brownlee brothers, and the 48 years that particular record had stood for. It has certainly ensured that the School enjoys a high profile on the circuit and next year's *Chronicles* will bring news of an even greater achievement.

Mr Evans

Headmaster

Senior Prefect Team



**Ermysted's Grammar School
Head Boy, Deputy Head Boys and
House Captains 2018-19**



Back row (left to right)

Balint Sido, Max Walker, Angus McMeekin

Middle row (left to right)

Bradley Gardner, Luca Marchini, Nick Brewer, Jack Steane, Tom Barrett

Front row (left to right)

Louis Horsfield, Jonathan Rampley-Sturgeon, Zeeshan Hussain, Ben Jackson



School Governors

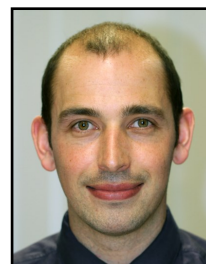
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Mr A Jackson.....	Staff Governor

Staff News



Mrs Judy Abbey The Science Faculty said a fond farewell to Mrs Abbey who left at the end of the year to go and live somewhere in Wales. As well as being an outstanding Chemistry teacher, Mrs Abbey was for a number of years Head of Chemistry, and as such was instrumental in securing outstanding results for students at GCSE and A Level. Her legendary organisational skills and up-to-date knowledge were essential in her role overseeing the dentists, medics and vet applications for many years. Her commitment to this role is greatly appreciated by the large number of Medics, Vets and Dentists that have benefited from her wisdom and honest advice.

Mr David Ellis joined us in 2017, bringing with him a wealth of experience from outside of the education sector in addition to his excellent subject knowledge. In the relatively short time Mr Ellis was with us he became an integral part of the Science Faculty, appreciated not only for his teaching but also his great sense of humour. Pinning him down on what he planned to do post-Ermysted's has proved tricky but the Lake District may be his next destination – we wish him well and will miss his dulcet tones ringing down the corridor as he enthuses about Physics in S2.



Mr Rob Ellis joined Ermysted's as teacher of PE and soon after took on a position within the mathematics department and led the EPQ qualification. During his time with us, he offered a great deal to the wider aspect of school life, including several ski trips with upper and lower school pupils and the coordination of rugby and cricket activities. He enjoyed his role as Middle School form tutor and his tutees received great care and enjoyment. Mr Ellis moved onto a promotion at Settle College where he is currently Head of PE. He also enthusiastically plays out his love of agronomy by maintaining his cricket club facilities.

Mr Lee Oliver Although he was formally employed by North Yorkshire rather than the School, Lee was known to all at the School and was regarded very much as one of Ermysted's staff during his four years here, managing the IT Network and providing technical support as well as patient advice and practical help to staff across the School. During his work with Ermysted's, Lee also oversaw the refurbishment and replacement of much of the School's IT resources during the latter part of that time.



Mr Ken Oxley 2018-19 saw another very significant retirement when Mr Ken Oxley decided to step down as Treasurer to the Foundation. Ken's involvement with the School began as a pupil in the 1950s. His commitments grew through his work with the Old Boys' Society in the 1970s and later as Clerk to the Governors and the Treasurer to the Foundation. In many of these roles he refused to draw a wage, preferring instead that the money be spent on the School and its pupils. Over the years, he was vitally involved in raising funds for the development and refurbishment of the School site. Now at the age of 80, he has decided to reduce his commitments, a bit. Let his decades of selfless work in the service of others stand as testimony to the sort of pupil that this school aspires to create.



Mrs Kate Shaw retired from employment at Ermysted's in July 2019 after more than 14 years based in the School Office. Known for her helpful attitude and willingness to assist with anything administrative in the School Office, Kate was also prominent in supporting the administration of the Duke of Edinburgh Award and serving as one of the first points of contact in the provision of First Aid to the School's daily flow of boys with scrapes and bruises or feeling unwell.

Mr Ian Douglas joined Ermysted's in 2006 as Head of Physical Education and was charged with raising the profile of rugby in particular. Soon after appointment, he led the First XV to national success at Twickenham and continued to oversee a string of local and regional successes. Mr Douglas was active in the promotion of other sports too with increased numbers participating in badminton, basketball and football. But it was hockey where he saw an opening in 2012, where he worked with a group of boys on the national stage. Ermysted's became the first state school to ever reach national finals, an incredible achievement. GCSE and A level PE went from strength to strength with more pupils enrolling, including girls from SGHS, and achieving some of the highest possible grades. After thirteen years of service to Ermysted's, Mr Douglas sought pastures new, very new. Both he and Mrs Douglas secured positions at St George's British International School, Rome, where he now calls home, overlooking the glorious Lake Bracciano and the mountains beyond.



Mr Chris Hood Another great loss from the Physics Department was Mr Hood our Physics Technician who decided to retire at the end of the year. His ability to make, mend and innovate has proved invaluable in his time at Ermysted's. Always happy to take on a challenge, whether it be repairing electrical equipment at the end of a Year 7 practical or designing a requisitions spreadsheet for the faculty, his skills will be greatly missed. We wish him well for a long and happy retirement.

New House Crests

Jonathan Rampley-Sturgeon, the School's Head Boy (2018-19), assisted the Head of Sixth Form in the commissioning of a whole-school competition, inviting students from all year groups to create crests for our four houses. Along with House Captains Bradley Gardner, Thomas Barrett, Jack Steane and Nick Brewer, who gave assemblies to their houses on the history of the founders, a number of submissions were chosen by the Senior Prefects. They had special regard for the crests having reference to the respective founders as well as the general history of the house.

The founder of the Ermysted house, William Ermysted, is held responsible for many notable acts concerning Ermysted's Grammar School, having re-founded the school after the Dissolution in the sixteenth-century.

The shell is the emblem of St. James, the patron saint of pilgrims. The building in which he re-founded the school in was the old Hospitallers' Chapel of St. James.

The black unicorn symbolises Ermysted's connection to London's Inner Temple, of which he was Master, while also serving as clerk of the King Henry VIII's Chancery. The chevron recalls his achievements as a builder, in this case the 'building' of a school which survived the ravages of time.

The motto on the Ermysted's crest is a direct quote from Ermysted: "Vertu et Discipline". The phrase comes from his 1548 will, in which he hoped that the boys of his re-founded grammar school would "be rightly educated from their very infancy and be informed or drawn along to virtue and discipline".



Hartley house is named after Edward Hartley, the headmaster at Ermysted's between 1876-1907. Under Hartley, Ermysted's moved to its present Gargrave Road site from its cramped medieval premises. Originally, just thirteen boys made the move in 1877 but under Hartley's leadership the School flourished and he eventually added the Gym and the Science Department to the school site.

The Hartley house ordinary is a red chief. It features red, silver and yellow tinctures representing excellence, fortitude, peace, sincerity and elevation of the mind. The crest features a Martlet, a bird perceived as being swift and elegant, and was used in the old Hartley family crest.

There are additionally two cinquefoils at the top of the crest. Such a symbol can be found at the centre of both the Lancashire and Yorkshire roses and is symbolic of unity in bringing both counties together. This highlights the cross-county catchment from which boys have historically be drawn, as well as Hartley’s own Lancastrian roots. The bottom of the crest features the quote ‘Puerum ad Summum’, which is Latin for ‘a boy for the highest purpose’. It comes from Hartley’s speech on Speech Day in 1877, and describes the kind of boy he sought to produce.

William and Sylvester Petyt both played important roles in the development of the school. Upon William’s death in 1707, he bequeathed the significant sum of £250 towards his alma mater. When William’s brother Sylvester, also a former Scholar of Ermysted’s, died in 1719, he left to the School the huge sum of £30,000 to form the Petyt Trust. This still provides for various educational functions, including some Speech Day prizes.



The new crest borrows heavily from the original design. The Pheon (a stylised representation of a metal arrowhead) remains, and represents dexterity, nimbleness and wit. The Crane proper is also taken from the original shield. The crane is shown holding a rock. Legend has it that cranes lived on the banks of the Nile and were preyed upon by the Pygmies. To protect themselves at night, flocks of cranes would put one bird on watch duty, and that bird would hold a stone with its foot so as to be awoken should it fall asleep. The crane with stone therefore represents vigilance.

Moto: “Qui s’es time Petyt deviandra grand” –‘With time Petyt will grow great’.

The original founder of Skipton’s ancient grammar school, Peter Toller, was the rector of Linton-in-Craven and Dean of Craven. Toller was born sometime in the 15th century and died in 1492. Sometime before his death, Toller founded the Chantry of St Nicholas to which he attached a Free Grammar School to educate the children of Skipton. Toller required in his will that the boys of the school should pray every Friday for his soul in purgatory. Founders’ Day originated from this concept, but moved away from this after the Reformation.

We now celebrate and remember the founder, and not just Peter Toller, but all benefactors.

The main symbol of the crest is the trefoil cross. This is a common heraldic device to denote his faith and religious calling. The trefoil is the cross of St Nicholas which is the chantry where the school was



founded. St Nicholas is also the patron saint of children and education. Accompanying the cross are two other religious artefacts. Firstly, the crozier, a symbol of pastoral jurisdiction, originating as a shepherd's crook. Secondly, the mitre, a tall, arched hat worn by a bishop, whose license authorised the school's initial founding.

The Toller motto is "Ego Dispono" - I bestow. This is from Peter Toller's will in which he left a sum of money to pay for ornaments and repairs at the school.

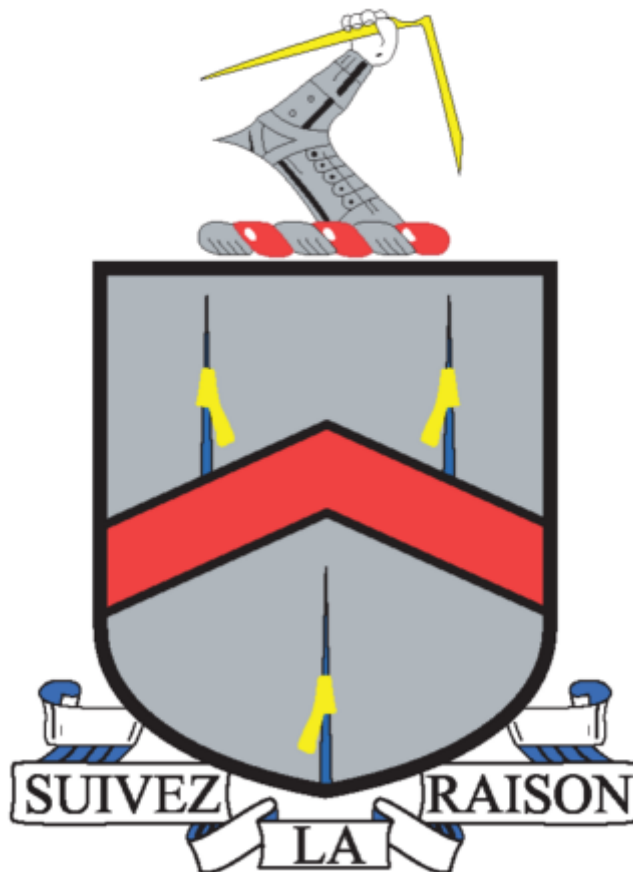
The School's main crest is William Ermysted's own coat of arms, in which the chevron represents the roof of a house. It symbolises protection and is granted to those who had participated in some notable enterprise. Thus it is appropriate for the re-founder of the school. The presence of an arrow in a coat of arms is supposed to indicate martial readiness, whereas the arm embowed symbolises a person with great leadership qualities.

The motto, "Sivez la Raison", is archaic French, generally translated as "follow reason/follow the truth"

The text above, though edited, was originally written by J.P Cannon for the school's newspaper, The Reason. He was winner of the 2019 Head of Sixth Form Prize.

The crests were chosen by J.O.F Rampley-Sturgeon, Head Boy 2018-19 and winner of the Old Boy's Association Head of School Prize, the Foundation History Prize and the Senior Public Speaking Prize. He also researched the justification for each as well as the respective heraldic symbolism, giving presentations on them to the school's governing body, the Old Boys' Society, the Senior Leadership Team and Heads of Year.

Mr Marsden



Faculty Review

Creative Arts

Creative Arts has continued to thrive this year both within the classroom and through its extensive extracurricular provision. It is difficult to walk through the corridors of Ermysted's without noticing the impact of the creative arts faculty, be that admiring the exceptional pieces of art work in the library, spotting both current and previous legends of the sports field in the refectory or walking through the quads and listening to the exceptional performances by the EGS swing band.

The DT department welcomed a new addition to the team in the form of Mr Gardiner who has motivated both his GCSE and A Level classes to achieve great success in their examinations. The addition of a 3D printer has excelled our product designing capabilities into the 21st century, allowing our students to design increasingly advanced projects. We continue to experience success in the Rotary Technology tournament in Gargrave, recording top 3 finishes for all teams and have also managed to support a number of sixth form students in their application for the Arkwright Scholarship.

The PE department continues to offer a broad range of opportunities for our students, both within the curriculum, which has seen the addition of Gaelic football and dance this year, and on the sports field. We have increased the number of golf fixtures this year; hosting the first Skipton Invitational, which saw 58 participants from 7 different schools vying for the title and also in cricket hosted the Forty Club for the first time (more on that later). Rugby and football continue to go from strength to strength, with the U16 rugby team reaching the Yorkshire Cup final, the senior rugby team winning the Keswick 7s for the second consecutive year and senior football team reaching the Harrogate and Craven area cup finals. We continue to produce representatives in a vast array of activities at local, regional, national and international level.

Food & Nutrition has seen a surge in popularity at GCSE uptake, with numbers almost doubling!

The 9th Annual inter-house Cookery Competition saw Toller take the 'Golden Rolling Pin', the standard and imagination of the menus has continued to reflect those of the industry, with some judges suggesting that the winning menu would not look out of place in a Michelin starred restaurant. There was further success in the local Rotary Young Chef competition finishing a very close runners up and the appointment of Mrs Reynoldson as F&N technician has ensured that lower school pupils experience more practical lessons this year.

The Faculty continues to pride itself on the number of opportunities our students are offered and the creative culture that we try to foster, which allows pupils to develop the confidence to express their creativity in a range of forums.

Mr Stewart

The Forty Club

The Forty Club's motto is 'inspiring cricketers to enjoy a lifelong love of cricket'. Quite a statement indeed, but given the club played its first game in 1937 and is reputed to be the largest wandering cricket club in the world, there may just be something in it. The club now plays games against more than 130 schools per annum across the UK.

New games are added to the roster where possible and this year, for example, we played against Ermysted's Grammar School of Skipton for the first time at the picturesque Bolton Abbey Cricket Club.

Bolton Abbey is a fine ground with glorious views across the fields as they roll into the distance and give way to the surrounding hillside. We were lucky to play our inaugural game against Ermysted's back in May there on a fabulously sunny day and the setting was spectacular.


The contest was equally gripping, although for a long time it looked like the experience of the senior team would see us home. 220-6 for the Forty Club looked like a decent total, but we didn't reckon on a match-winning innings from one of the schoolboys.

A 57-ball 79* from Addingham youngster Edward Croft turned the game on its head, rescuing the school from a perilous 130-6 to see them to a four-wicket win in the final over – the perfect end to an excellent day's cricket.

Needless to say, this wouldn't be an article for Cricket Yorkshire without comment on the teas. A fine spread was provided with a seemingly endless choice of sweet treats to round off the buffet. Eaten in the sunshine on the boundary edge in front of the pavilion, it served as a reminder as to why we all play this strange, quintessentially English, game. On days like that, there really is nothing better.

Even the passenger flying by quite literally over long-off in a helicopter that took off from the nearby Devonshire Arms would no doubt agree!





With the season finished, it was time for the Club's Annual Dinner, held in the most prestigious of settings in The Long Room at Lord's. Keynote speaker was none other than current MCC President and former Sri Lankan captain Kumar Sangakkara who provided a typically eloquent and thought-provoking speech.

Each of the Club's 12 Districts votes for the school that best embodied the ethos of skill and spirit that the Forty Club strives for, with one overall winner being selected from that group to be the recipient of The Forty Club Trophy.

Ermysted's was the winner of the Yorkshire & North East nomination and they were unlucky to finish a narrow second in the overall standings. The Ermysted's captain and cricket coach spent a thoroughly splendid evening at Lord's as guest of the Forty Club and, needless to say, the Ermysted's Headmaster was suitably proud of his team!

Article written by old boy Kevin Owens for Cricket Yorkshire

<https://cricketyorkshire.com/forty-club/>

Faculty Review

Humanities

In September 2018, the Humanities faculty was really pleased to welcome two new members of staff. Miss Potter made a welcome return to the RS team and Mr Barrett began teaching both RS and History. The position of History teacher became available after the retirement of Mr Howarth the previous summer. Mr Howarth first arrived at Ermysted's as an 11 year old school boy and so has had strong connections with our school for many years. His knowledge of local history and our part in the Great Wars will be missed.

Humanities Mentoring Programme

September 2018 also saw the launch of the Humanities mentoring scheme. Year 12 boys studying RS, Geography and History at A Level volunteered to use their knowledge and understanding of their subjects to mentor Year 11 students through their GCSEs.

Alex Egan attended as a Year 11 geography student and had this to say about the programme: 'I was able to boost my grade from a 6 to an 8. For anyone who's been asked to take part in a mentoring session, I urge you to attend each and everyone one you can, as it will benefit you. And for those who haven't been invited but feel it would benefit them, talk to your subject teacher to see if there's enough mentors'.

The Year 12 mentors enjoyed understanding how others learnt and hope to take this forward in their own learning.

RS Drop Down Day

This day of enrichment for Sixth Form students returned for a second year and proved to be even bigger and better!

Ethics, Philosophy and religion were discussed at a variety of workshops, including those run by The Yorkshire



Humanist Society, Oxfam and the Quakers. The Police and Crime commissioner for North Yorkshire and



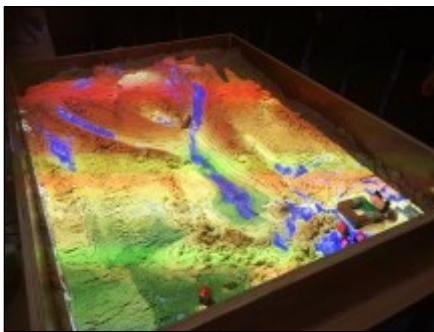
Julian Smith MP both addressed groups of students keen to tackle them on their approach to law and order, as well as climate change. Many of the boys left wanting to do more at a

local level to mitigate climate change and pledged to develop this further in our school.

Water Engineering Day

As a result of the success of their visit last year, JBA returned to run a whole day of workshops for Year 9. There were four workshops, each involving a simulation of a natural environment where water impacts upon people and where engineering and an understanding of the natural environment is necessary. These included river catchment systems where the boys could change the topography, as well as the Keswick catchment where the effects of recent flooding could be simulated.

A coastal wave tank (right) was used in one of the workshops to show the problems of coastal erosion. Students were challenged to use different blocks of wood to show how they could change the types of waves.



Using this sand box (left), the boys could change the topography in the catchment to match that of Skipton and see the impact of rainfall upon flooding. Alex Scott of JBA Trust said 'After storm Desmond of 2015 we wanted to raise awareness of what can happen and why'.



In addition to this, two geography graduates working at JBA spoke about the relevance of a geography degree in developing a career in flood management.

Local History project

During the summer term, William Danson, Luca Campana and I were asked by local historian David Nelson to help with research for his second book accounting the village of East Marton and its development throughout the industrial revolution. Mr Nelson asked us to review and update the census records he had made on the Marton area. We added an extra year of information as well as information on population change from electoral registers ranging from the 1950s until 2002. Currently we are comparing how Marton has changed over the past 200 or so years and how this has reflected national trends.

Laurie Petrucci

A Level Economics revision conference

In March, the A Level Economists enjoyed a full day conference at The Light in Leeds. Topics vital to both macro- and micro- economics were discussed.

A quote from one student: 'The day really helped me connect the 2 parts of economics and to think more synoptically'

Fieldwork

Fieldwork, yet again, played a large part in enriching the Geography curriculum this year. Year 7 enjoyed their first experience of fieldwork in Skipton, Year 8 visited White Scar caves and Swinden quarry, whilst Year 9 carried out



a geological investigation at Norber. A new piece of fieldwork was carried out at Lytham St. Annes when Year 10 students surveyed the sand dunes!

Mrs Suter

Faculty Review

Languages

The success of the academic year 2018-19 was illustrated in the hard work from students and staff alike represented in the outstanding outcomes for students in both GCSE French, German and English. Student outcomes at KS5 were equally impressive and testament to the success of the hard work by students, the curriculum design and its delivery by the English teachers.

This year has proved a stimulating and successful one as far as English enrichment is concerned. Year 11, in its entirety, went to the Alhambra Theatre in Bradford to see the Royal Shakespeare Company performing Romeo and Juliet. It is such a fantastic opportunity to be able to see quality theatre locally and Year 11 benefited from the experience of seeing their Shakespeare set text performed on stage. Year 10 and 11 were also able to see the National Theatre's production of 'An Inspector Calls' at the Theatre Royal in York; one hundred KS4 students off to the theatre on a Friday evening - fabulous!

The A Level English Literature group experienced the authenticity of The Rose Theatre and an outdoor performance of Shakespeare's Hamlet in the summer sunshine. What could be better? The performance facilitated interesting classroom discussion and the group enjoyed the interpretation of the character of Ophelia that this production presented.

Once again, KS3 pupils enjoyed the recommended books for the prestigious Carnegie Award as part of the shadowing activity spanning three weeks of intensive reading. The enrichment activity was run by Mrs McCabe and Mrs Ibbotson. This enrichment opportunity extends to all pupils and culminates in a celebration event involving lots of enthusiastic talk, debate, sandwiches and cookies! Independent reading sessions form part of our KS3 curriculum and are preparation also for the demands of independent reading at GCSE and A Level. Mrs Spouse and the KS3 English teachers have worked very hard to create new and exciting Year 9 schemes of learning in English and to use them to introduce students to the skills demanded by GCSE. New texts such as The Woman in Black and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time (play adaptation) have been introduced to enable our Year 9 pupils to begin to engage with The Gothic and modern drama; genres that are developed further throughout the text choices at GCSE and A Level.

The MFL department had a busy year with trips to Berlin and an exchange to Simbach. A large number of pupils participated in these events and the experience of different cultures and cities as well as the immersion in a foreign language is invaluable. Our pupils are privileged to have such experiences on offer and the dedication of the staff who organise these events is testament to the excellence the school represents.

Mrs Price

Theatre

Shakespeare Schools Festival



On the evening of Monday, 15 October, a group of 15 pupils from Years 7 to 13 enacted a thoroughly enjoyable and warmly-received performance of 'Much Ado About Nothing' at the Carriageworks Theatre in Leeds.


The production was the Ermysted's entry for the 2018 Shakespeare Schools' Festival, in which schools from all over the country perform thirty-minute versions of Shakespeare's plays in local professional theatres.

On the night, our play was chosen to 'headline' the evening's entertainment. Particular praise must go to the leads: Year 10 students Sam, Mattie and Abhay and Year 11 Alex, though all of the cast deserve high commendation for the effort and skill they displayed.

Huge congratulations and thanks are owed to Year 13 student Angus, who directed the play, ably assisted by co-director David.

Mr Hodgson

Overseen by student directors Angus and David, an abridged version of 'Much Ado About Nothing' was performed by 16 students from Year 7 to Year 13 at the annual Shakespeare Schools' Festival in Leeds.



Preparation for the performance began at the start of this academic year, where the students learnt the plot and characters and became more familiar with the Shakespearean language that the whole play was written and performed in. The students also added their own twist to the play by changing the comedic couple of Benedick and Beatrice to a same sex relationship, as well as changing the character of Beatrice to 'William'.

On 24 September, the students went to the Carriageworks Theatre in Leeds to take part in the pre-performance workshop, where they developed their skills of performing on-stage, such as how to stand, the use of space and how to project their voices. On 15 October, after just a few weeks of the parts being cast, the students returned to Leeds for their final performance of the show, alongside performances of Julius Caesar, Macbeth and The Tempest from other schools including Harrogate High School and Bramhope Primary.

The performance was met with high praise from the audience and Shakespeare Schools' Festival team itself for their strong grasp of the different characters and their unique twist on the Benedick and Beatrice duo. Overall, the students were proud of their show and felt it was a very worthwhile experience, as they were able to learn about a famous Shakespearean play, give their own take on it, and become more familiar with Shakespearean language, which will be especially useful for the students in their future English lessons.

Thomas Shaw

Oliver!

A fantastic time was had by pupils, parents and their families who came to support the biennial Ermysted's and SGHS production, which this year was 'Oliver!'. The show, which was entirely student led, was co-directed between the two schools. Hundreds of local primary school pupils were treated to a matinee production which was thoroughly enjoyed by both them and their teachers. The performance proved to be very popular with high demand for each of the evening performances too!

The show was very imaginatively choreographed and strong instrumentals were provided by a band made up of not only students, but also teachers (and their families!). Great technical work was also carried out by the Ermysted's Tech Team. Characters were portrayed perfectly by principals such as Nancy and Oliver, along with many others. The cast and production team had worked tirelessly on the show ever since September, and it was a real pleasure to see the show performed in front of live audiences after 7 months of rehearsals.

The show from start to finish was an absolute treat to watch and went down a storm amongst staff, students and members of the public alike. A huge well done to all those involved.

Benny Hick

Berlin Study Visit



This year saw Ermysteds' first Sixth Form trip to Berlin, giving German and History students the chance to enrich themselves in the culture of one of Europe's largest cities. For four days in April, a group of 20 Year 12s and 13s from EGS and SGHS, led by German teachers Mrs Warburton and Miss Waudby, stayed in the urban district of Prenzlauer Berg. The group travelled all around the city to learn about incredible landmarks and places, whether it was taking a tram to Alexanderplatz to see the huge TV Tower or standing at the very top of the Reichstag.

The students had the opportunity to visit many of the city's Cold War memorials, museums and monuments, such as the DDR Museum and the Museum at Checkpoint Charlie – both allowing visitors to learn about the struggles of life in East Germany. The group paid a visit to the world-famous Brandenburg Gate, as well as the nearby Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, also known as "Stelenfeld." Year 13 students were also able to see key settings from *Das Leben Der Anderen* (The Lives of Others) in person, as they had been studying the film in class. The Oscar-winning film tells the heart-wrenching story of a Stasi officer called Gerd Wiesler, who starts to sympathise with the playwright he's been ordered to spy on, Georg Dreyman. The class took pictures outside the location used as Dreyman's house, and took a guided tour of Hohenschönhausen, the old Stasi prison used for filming in *Das Leben Der Anderen*. The group learnt about the horrible conditions that prisoners were kept in and the lengths to which Stasi officers would go for a confession. Of course, there were also many chances to try Berlin's wide range of foods and cuisines. Currywurst, hamburgers, doner kebabs, pretzels, cake, coffee and much more were on offer, meaning there was a little something for everyone to try.

Overall, the trip was a huge success, with an awards ceremony on the final night, to remember the highlights of the trip. It was an exciting and informative trip that the school hopes to continue running in the coming years.

Max Bounphrey

Château de la Baudonnière

On Sunday, 7 July 2019, 16 students from Ermysted's Grammar School set off from school, to go down to Portsmouth to catch the ferry. After arriving late on Sunday night, we were greeted with hot chocolate and bed.

After an early start, we went down to the Château and got shown around the area. The place was very impressive with large grounds and lots of animals including the famous peacock (called Kévin!) and lots of rabbits. We had a fun-filled week with a huge variety of activities including archery, fencing, aéroballe and a trip to



a farm and the market, as well as an evening activity every day, such as Circus Skills and Puzzle Solving. The instructors (Animateurs) were very helpful, and we had a great time!

However, on Friday it was time to leave, and early in the morning we set off on a coach to the port of Caen, to catch a ferry back to England.



L'une des meilleures activités était le tir à l'arc parce que c'est vraiment passionnant. Une autre bonne activité était l'escrime car c'était très amusant de combattre ses amis. Le vendredi, nous sommes allés au marché. Nous avons acheté de la nourriture et certaines personnes ont acheté des drapeaux britanniques. Après

ça, nous sommes allés à une chèvrerie où nous avons appris beaucoup de choses sur le fromage et les chèvres. Aussi, nous avons nourri les chèvres et quelques volontaires ont même trait les chèvres!

Dr Heron

Simbach Exchange

Ein Riesenerfolg (Huge Success)



Although I'm usually not the most sentimental of people, it has become a sort of yearly tradition for me that as Christmas quickly approaches, I permit myself to reminisce on the many successes of the past 12 months. Of course, 2019 has brought many ups and downs, and that's something I'm sure we can all agree on, but one undeniably fantastic experience of the last year continues to stand out for me: the 2019 Simbach Exchange.

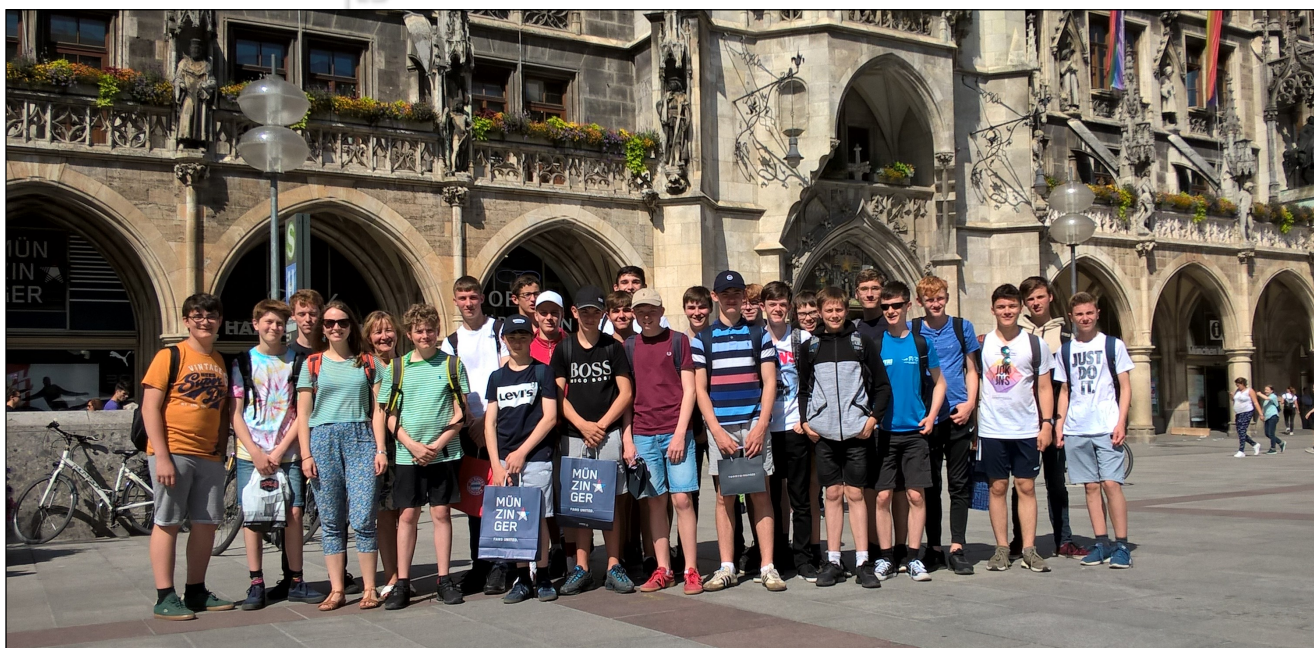
Before this year, I'd never actually been to Germany, despite my longing to. For many years I'd been interested in the language and the culture but was unable to convince my parents into holidaying there. So of course, when I heard that the school's exchange programme was running this year I was overjoyed and filled out my application immediately. I still remember that intense feeling of anticipation as I wondered intently which German student had been paired with me. I didn't have to wait long to find out the answer.

His name was Christoph, and although his interests weren't identical to my own (I was never particularly keen on Brazilian Jui-Jitsu, for example) I knew instantly that we'd get on well, and, as so often is the case, I was right. And as it turns out we have a lot more in common than I first thought: We both love 80s pop-rock; we both love horror films; and we're both pretty obsessed with playing Vier Gewinnt (or as it's known in England, Connect Four).

Of course, this was only my experience, but I have no doubt whatsoever that this sentiment was shared by all the students who took part. I never heard a single person complain about their partner and I heard nothing but praise from English and German students alike. The same can be said about the German teachers and parents, all of whom were exceptionally kind and helpful, and that really

made the experience all the more enjoyable.

The time spent with our partners didn't account for all the trip, however. There were numerous outings scattered throughout the week in both Germany and Austria that offered a real insight into the culture. I found the salt mines



particularly interesting, but I know that the highlight of the week for many was the visit to the Allianz Arena. We even got to meet the Mayor of Simbach, which proved to be an incredibly informative encounter.

To say that the week was so full of activities, I was shocked to find that we had a surprising amount of free time. This was great because it gave us the chance to take a break if we needed, or spend a little extra time enjoying the sights (or indeed the food, which I'm only mentioning in passing because it could easily make this article twice as long). And of course, we had many opportunities to practise our German throughout the exchange, in a setting that felt both natural and relaxed.

All in all, I would recommend the exchange to anyone in the future. I think that the experience was phenomenal and the skills I developed throughout are going to prove invaluable during my GCSEs and A Levels. Exams aside, however, it was still a fun, interesting, and enriching two weeks that I will almost certainly cherish as a treasured school memory. So, if you're considering applying for next year's exchange, take my advice: Apply, and you won't regret it.

Mattie Sheldon

Faculty Review

Mathematics and Computing

2018-2019 was another busy and exciting year in Mathematics & Computing. Success in competitions has continued, the faculty has been strengthened by new teaching staff, and as always results in formal qualifications have continued to be outstanding.

As the new term began in September, we were joined by our two summer signings, Miss Coombes and Mr Weaving. In addition to being a young, talented and enthusiastic maths teacher, Miss Coombes is a keen rugby player. Mr Weaving is an equally talented maths teacher, and alongside his skill in the classroom he is an ex-gymnast.



Our success in competitions has continued with both the National Cipher Challenge and the UKMT competitions. Once again, in Junior, Intermediate and Senior UKMT individual challenges we collected a large haul of Bronze, Silver and Gold medals. Students at all levels also qualified for the follow-on Kangaroo and Olympiad competitions. Of note, Oliver (above, left) scored a

perfect 135 out of 135 in the Junior Maths Challenge, to qualify for the Junior Maths Olympiad. We were also successful again in the UKMT team competitions. Of particular note, the Year 8 & 9 Junior Maths Team beat all our local rivals once again (SGHS, Bradford Grammar School etc.) in the regional final at Bradford Grammar School, to make it to the National Final of the Junior Team Challenge for the third year running.

This was the first year of the new A Level Mathematics syllabus, with paper 2 making national headlines for its difficulty; however, Matthew Bleakley rose to the challenge and scored 100%. On his journey to study



mathematics at Cambridge, Alastair Horn followed up his success in the UKMT competitions and

British Math Olympiad quest with an incredible 3 S's in his Mathematics STEP I, II & III papers. The lower sixth further mathematics group had a class trip to the famous Countdown set, where they supported Year 12's David Cowen in his appearance on Episode 7087 where he incorporated the maths words 'cone' and 'domain' in addition to demonstrating his number skills.

As usual mathematics formed an important part of the school's enrichment week and you can see our Year 7s in action building a huge pyramid as part of one of our activities, which also included hexaflexagon creation and code-breaking. Personally, I'm really looking forward to the Lego Mindstorms programming during the enrichment week in 2020.



As mentioned earlier, results have continued to be outstanding. In A Level mathematics we gained an incredible 26 A* grades. At GCSE level mathematics over half of the entries (55%) were graded as 8 or 9 – A* or better in old money! In GCSE computing a very similar number (56%) were also graded as 8 or 9, with 78% of students gaining at least a grade 7!

Well done to all the students and teachers involved in the success of the faculty this past 12 months.

Mr Justice

Faculty Review

Science

It has been another busy and successful year in the Science Faculty. Year 11 students were the second year through exams for the more challenging GCSE specifications and did extremely well. A third of those entered for the separate science GCSEs achieved the highest Grade 9, and many students meeting or exceeding their challenging target grades. All of the students should be very proud of how well they responded to the increased level of challenge.

The number of students opting to study one or more of the sciences at A Level continues to be very healthy. Year 13 students enjoyed continuing success in the third exam series of the revised A Level specifications. All of the students achieved their practical endorsement showing that they have developed the practical skills needed to continue their science studies.

The Faculty said a fond farewell to Mrs Abbey who left at the end of the year to go and live somewhere in Wales. As well as being an outstanding Chemistry teacher, Mrs Abbey was for a number of years Head of Chemistry, and as such was instrumental in securing outstanding results for students at GCSE and A Level. Her legendary organisational skills and up-to-date knowledge were essential in her role overseeing the dentists, medics and vet applications for many years. Her commitment to this role is greatly appreciated by the large number of Medics, Vets and Dentists that have benefited from her wisdom and honest advice. We also said farewell to Mr Ellis. Pinning him down on what he planned to do post-Ermysted's has proved tricky but the Lake District may be his next destination – we wish him well and will miss his dulcet tones ringing down the corridor as he enthuses about Physics in S2. Another great loss from the Physics Department was Mr Hood our Physics Technician who decided to retire at the end of the year. He will be missed greatly and wish him well for a long and happy retirement.

There were many successes in science competitions including in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge with Gold going to Seb Vereker and David Cowen, Silver to Matthew Beanlands, Sam Pilling and Matthew Kenneth, and Copper to Jonny Gill and Matthew Joynson.

Year 13 Biology students competed in the British Biology Olympiad, picking up an impressive haul of medals - (pictured, right) Sam, Will and Harrison were awarded Gold Medals. Santosh and Matthew were awarded Silver Medals. Impressive performances all round in this very competitive event.



Seb Vereker was recognised for his achievements in Physics when he was nominated for the School Physicist of the Year Award run by The Ogden Trust. The award was presented to Jack by Professor Cliff Jones, from the School of Physics and Astronomy at The University of Leeds.

As part of the Yorkshire Dales Dark Skies Festival in February, Year 11 students enjoyed a visit and talk from Colin Stuart – astronomer, author and public speaker.

In February, 37 students from Year 10 and 11 attended the Science Live lectures in Leeds, and enjoyed hearing about the research of leading scientists from a wide range of different scientific disciplines.

Year 12 biology students once again enjoyed a day of field work at



Malham in glorious sunshine, sampling the invertebrate populations of the stream and discovering that wellies only work well in certain depths of water.

To round off the year, Year 12 Chemists undertook a series of practicals as part of the 'Spectroscopy in a suitcase' visit from Bradford University.

In Enrichment Week the faculty organised a range of different activities for Year 7, 8 and 9 including extracting DNA from strawberries, making and launching rockets, and designing ways of transporting tomatoes down a mountainside (in S6).

Mr Herring

Year 7 Transition

Nell Bank Trip

On Thursday, 20 September, 119 boys plus nine staff set off to Ilkley to visit Nell Bank – or at least that was what we thought ...

We arrived with our wet weather gear (just in case) and all our snacks and supplies for the day. Thank goodness because little did we know that we were actually going to be visiting: The Nellbanian Glacier and having to ski to feed hungry frogs and bears; navigate the Nellbanian Mountain range carrying all our supplies (water, a baguette and a chicken) crossing wobbly bridges and over toadstools to protect us from unspeakable poisonous gunge below. We had to traverse the piranha infested custard, and transport all our kit, and rescue some newly hatched Nellbanian



ducklings from their hiding place. This was only part of our challenges for the day. And we just thought we were off for some teambuilding in Ilkley!

Year 7 had a fantastic day, really getting to know one another well and developing new skills along the way. Even when the rain came after lunch the boys were not daunted and continued to press on with

each challenge. The Nell Bank staff were so impressed with the boys, and there were a lot of superstar awards handed out by them (these have been entered on to Class Charts). Thank you to all the boys, and the staff for accompanying the trip.

Mrs Diccox

Whole School Cross-Country

A dry day in spite of the threatened rain and a record number of runners but no new record times at this year's school cross-country which took place on Thursday, 4 October. Plenty of fancy dress costumes and sponsorship split between a school project and The Alzheimer's Society added to the happy atmosphere on the day.

Year 7 were first to run, and tried really hard with 116 finishers. At the front we had a really good race with Finlay taking first place, Lachlan second and Sam third. Ermysted took the team award.

The Year 8/9 race saw 211 finishers. Andrew won comfortably and was 16 seconds faster than last year's winner, Alex. Oscar and Scott also made the podium, and Petyt won the House competition.

The Year 10/11 race saw last year's winner Sebastian in a tussle with Alex. Alex won the Y8/9 race last year and is still on for a clean sweep of winning in every year of his schooling as he finished only 12 seconds outside the

course record. Seb was second with Louis taking third. Hartley with six runners in the top eleven won the House competition.

In the Seniors, we had another good race. Joe pulled clear at the end before Mr Edward rolled back the years to come in third just ahead of third student Henry whose cycling exploits are clearly keeping him fit! The House competition was won by Petyt but with Hartley coming second it meant they shared the overall House Championship.

Mr Speak



The Reason

In October 2018, pupils from Ermysted's Grammar School published the inaugural edition of the new school newspaper. The publication, named "The Reason" after the School's motto, "Suivez la Raison", included a variety of content with sections from Politics and News to Arts and Sport. Pupils from across the School contributed articles and a small team of sixth formers took the initiative to raise funds for the first publication. Local businesses MC Sports and Skipton Building Society agreed to sponsor the newspaper, allowing it to be professionally printed and ensuring that the first edition sold out quickly.

The newspaper went on to achieve national success by winning multiple awards at the Shine School Media Awards 2019. The Reason won the awards for Best Newspaper, Best Print and Design and Best Newspaper Front Page. It was also Highly Commended in two further categories: Editor of the Year, awarded to founding editors Alan and Sam, and Most Outstanding Student (Shine Scholar), awarded to Harvey, the editor for the next academic year. The awards, hosted in London, included workshops in the morning from industry leaders such as Google followed by an awards ceremony in the afternoon. This year awards were presented by The Telegraph's Simon Heffer and Bryony Gordon. Ermysted's, entering the competition for the first time, saw off strong challenges from prestigious schools such as St Paul's Girls, Merchant Taylor's and City of London Day School, to land more trophies than any other school. In addition, The Reason won £1000 in prize money and three members of the editorial team will now be able to



complete work experience with the Times Educational Supplement. Judges described The Reason as "a firm favourite" adding that "The Reason has achieved in its first year what most schools take years to achieve." They were particularly impressed by the design of the publication and The Reason was the first publication in Shine's ten year history to win 'Best Print and Design', with the award traditionally going to school magazines.

The editorial team were elated on the day, with founding editors Alan and Sam stating that "a year of tireless and skilful commitment from all the team has paid off." Teacher Mr Barrett, who has mentored the pupils, was delighted, saying that "this is a deserved reward for all of the pupils' hard work. I'm particularly pleased that they already have their sights set on winning even more awards at Shine 2020 and that they want to expand, develop and improve The Reason. The future is very exciting."

Bar Mock Trial



On Saturday, 17 of November, the Ermysted's Bar Mock Trial team travelled to Leeds Combined Courts to take part in the regional round of the Bar Mock Trial competition. The day was a great success, with the students winning two out of three cases, narrowly missing out on a final spot.

There were sterling performances from barristers, Joseph, Angus, Arjan and Finlay who argued their cases impressively. Case 1 dealt with an acid attack and case 2 involved money laundering.

Witnesses Daniel, Thomas, Johnny and Luca played their roles convincingly whilst Usher Benjamin and Court Clerk Joe ensured the cases ran smoothly.

Jury members Callum, Laurie, Rhys, Christian and Bradley spent the day deliberating cases presented by rival schools and Court Reporter Max ensured that there was an accurate record of proceedings.

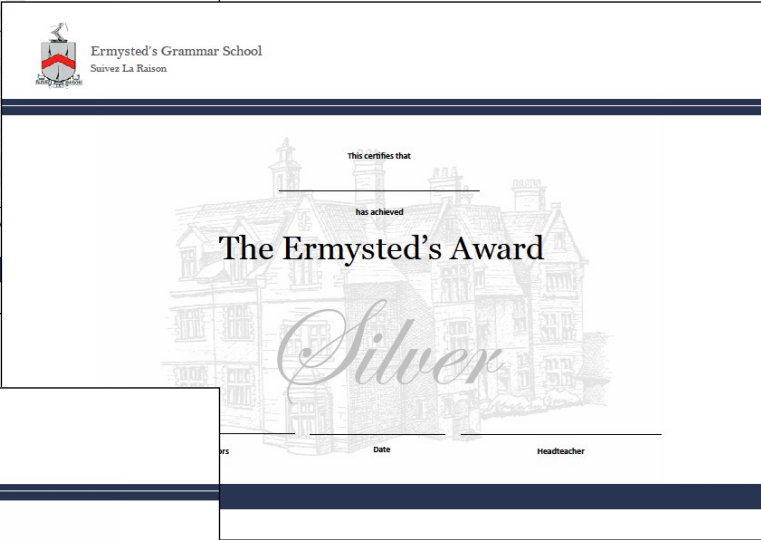
A lively account of Ermysted's performance, written by team leader Joseph, can be read in the new student newspaper The Reason.

Mrs McCabe

Ermysted's Award

Spring Term 2019 saw the launch of the inaugural Ermysted's Award for Year 8, Year 10 and Sixth Form pupils. The Award operates at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels and recognises a range of skills, achievements and experiences from school life and beyond. Pupils were briefed about the criteria and provided with examples of the types of activity which would satisfy requirements in each of the six categories. Pupils were asked to submit a portfolio of evidence to their Head of Key Stage for consideration by a panel including staff, senior pupils and governors. Presentations of 19 bronze awards, four silver awards and 14 gold awards were made at Speech Day in July.

Mr S J King



World Book Day

It was wonderful to see so many students getting involved in World Book Day in March.

A group of Year 8 Library Helpers launched proceedings with an entertaining and informative World Book Day assembly, which resulted in a very busy event. Thank you to all the students that brought books for the Book Swap and book donations. Congratulations to Oliver Mann Year 8 and Samesh Chotai Year 7, who were winners of the 21 Titles competition and to Jack Jenkinson Year 7 and George Keane Year 8 who won prizes for the Classics as a Comic competition.

A huge thank you to Alex Squires in Year 11 who ran the Photo Shop. Great fun was had by all and here are a few of his fantastic photos.

Mrs McCabe



Carnegie

The Ermysted's Carnegie reading challenge continues to go from strength to strength. A group of over 70 outstanding readers met on 18 June at the annual Carnegie lunch to celebrate their significant achievements over the three-month national shadowing scheme. It was wonderful to see so many Year 7s signing up to take part, alongside new and returning Year 8 and 9 pupils.

This year saw a new development with the launch of a national Shadowers' Award for the book chosen by the readers. To mark this occasion, we live-streamed the event from the British Library in London to the Ermysted's Library in Skipton. There was a heated reaction when 'The Poet X' by Elizabeth Acevedo was announced as the winner. True to form, our independent readers, had a different opinion, voting 'Long Way Down' by Jason Reynolds as the Ermysted's choice.



Completing the Carnegie is an achievement of which the pupils can be proud. The shortlisted books introduced them to new genres and moved many out of their reading comfort zone. The Carnegie books are thought-provoking; they challenge stereotypes and deal with diversity, inclusion and human rights issues. This has given pupils an opportunity to develop their critical thinking and debating skills as they engaged in discussions at our regular Carnegie book club meetings.

Congratulations to everyone that took part, you rose to the challenge and proved yourselves to be great readers.

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- **Librarian's Award for outstanding participation:** Reuben Nong, Year 8 and Tom Jennings, Year 7
- **First to finish all eight books:** Reuben Nong and Vincent Tetley, Year 8, Archie Morton and Tom Jennings, Year 7
- **Best Book Review:** Alistair Whitehead, Year 8, Samesh Chotai, Year 7
- **Table Top Awards:** Vincent Tetley (1st place) Ellis Fitzgibbon (2nd place)
- **Year 9 Leadership Awards:** Tom Henderson and Gabriel Benny

Mrs McCabe

National Citizen Service

Gold Award

Over the past two years, many of our students have participated in the National Citizen Service programme, which aims to develop confidence and lifelong skills for the future. This year, a huge number of students have signed up for the programme and there is even a waiting list. It is open to all teenagers aged 15-17 and nationally over 500,000 have taken part to date.

NCS is a four-phase programme designed to provide a wide range of new experiences. Phase 1 is a residential where students take part in activities such as rock climbing, canoeing and archery. Phase 2 is a chance to live

independently, learning essential life skills from local business leaders and charities, and gaining confidence in public speaking, communications skills and budgeting. Phase 3 happens back at home, where teams work on projects which benefit the local community. Last year, our students raised over £2000 for their community project. Phase 4 is time to celebrate achievements.

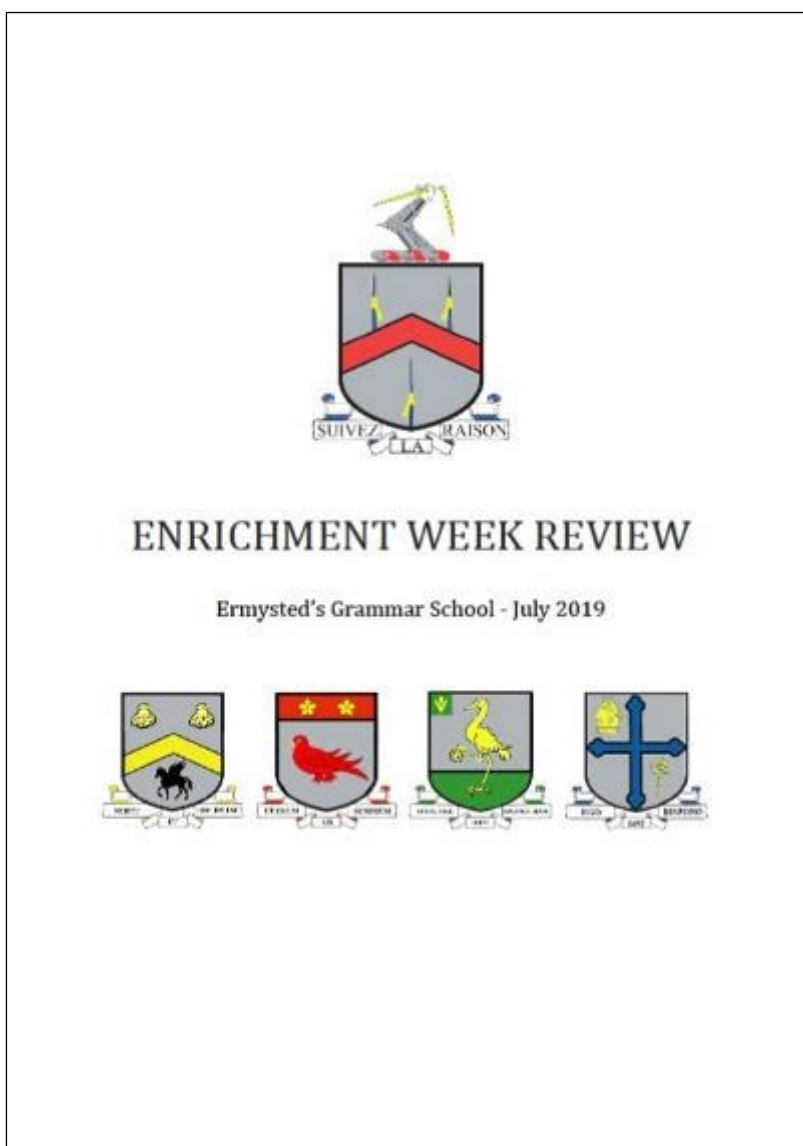
We are very proud to say that in the Spring Term, we were presented with the 'Champion School 2017-18' gold award!

Mrs Rose



Enrichment Week

For one week this term, normal timetables were suspended for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 and pupils were offered the opportunity to experience new activities, learn new skills and have fun. Pupils chose from a huge range of pursuits, including trips to Thornthwaite Activity Centre, Belgium, France and Germany, Snozone, The Depot Climbing Centre, Jump Arena, National Cycling Centre, White Scar Caves and Swinden/Threshfield Quarries, Lightwater Valley, The Houses of Parliament, Old Trafford, plus workshops and other activities at school ranging from robotics to samba drumming. A great week was had by all. Find out more in the 'Enrichment Week Review' below, created by Antony Adewummi-Jones; Mohammed Ali; Max Boumphrey; Daniel Coghill; Aiden Hall; Nheyavan Selvarajah; Thomas Shaw and Harry Smith. Click below to access the review.



Sports Day

Once again Sports Day proved to be a fitting finale to the sporting efforts of all boys at Ermysted's. The morning began with boys from all years and abilities competing in the throws (shot, discus and javelin). Sports Day is designed to be a whole school mass participation event wherein the school community can come together to applaud not only excellence but also determination and endeavour. All boys are encouraged to take part in an event for themselves and ultimately their house. Non-competing team captains in every form from Years 7-10 made sure that boys were ready to go and it must be noted that whilst all school records in the morning's throwing event remained intact, all houses in all years had a full complement of competitors. A special note of thanks must be made to Skipton Girls High School PE students who made the morning run so smoothly. In the afternoon, attention moved to the track and jumps on the top field. Student spectators and parents were rewarded with some fantastic events with some of the greatest cheers awarded to those that had put themselves forwards to compete in events where the potential winners were already well known throughout the school. A tangible sigh of relief could be felt when Alex in Year 10 (hot from competing at the English School Athletics Finals in Birmingham) did not run the 1500m (best time this year of 3:59). Suddenly an entry of four boys swelled to eight. However when he did run in the 400m, a win of 60m plus highlighted his quality. Ermysted's school records are hard to beat. It does happen occasionally but boys have to be at their peak to stand any chance, so a special mention must go to Samesh who gained the Year 7 Triple Jump record with a distance of 9.3m and Edward who broke the Y8 300m record with a time of 44.4 secs. The overall House results were as follows:-

1st Petyt with 144 points

2nd Hartley with 140 points

3rd Toller with 125 points

4th Ermysted with 121 points

Well done to all students, staff and the Parents' Association for making Sports Day 2019 another memorable event.

Mr White

Cross-Country Review

Another great season with two of our best ever results as our Seniors won at the prestigious Coventry Relays and another personal triumph for Alex Thompson who emulated his 2016 performance to win the race at the final of the English Schools' Cross-Country Cup competition. Add to that numerous fantastic individual and team performances and it really has been another 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 Freddie Marsh being runner-up in the Year 7 and 8 race whilst brothers Alex and Will Thompson won the Year 9 and 10 and Senior races respectively.

Usually one of our best events of the year was also one of the first, namely the English Schools' Fell-Running Championships, on Sunday, 23 September on the fells above Settle. Unfortunately we lost a lot of runners to late withdrawals, most notably Joe Hudson who was injured the previous week running for England. Our Year 10 and 11 team were unlucky not to gain a national title being just two points adrift but they were our only medallists on the day.

We sent teams to all four of Keighley & Craven XC races and had some notable individual performances including race victories by Will Thompson and Freddie Marsh. The Year 7 and 8s won two team events and our Seniors won the overall title.

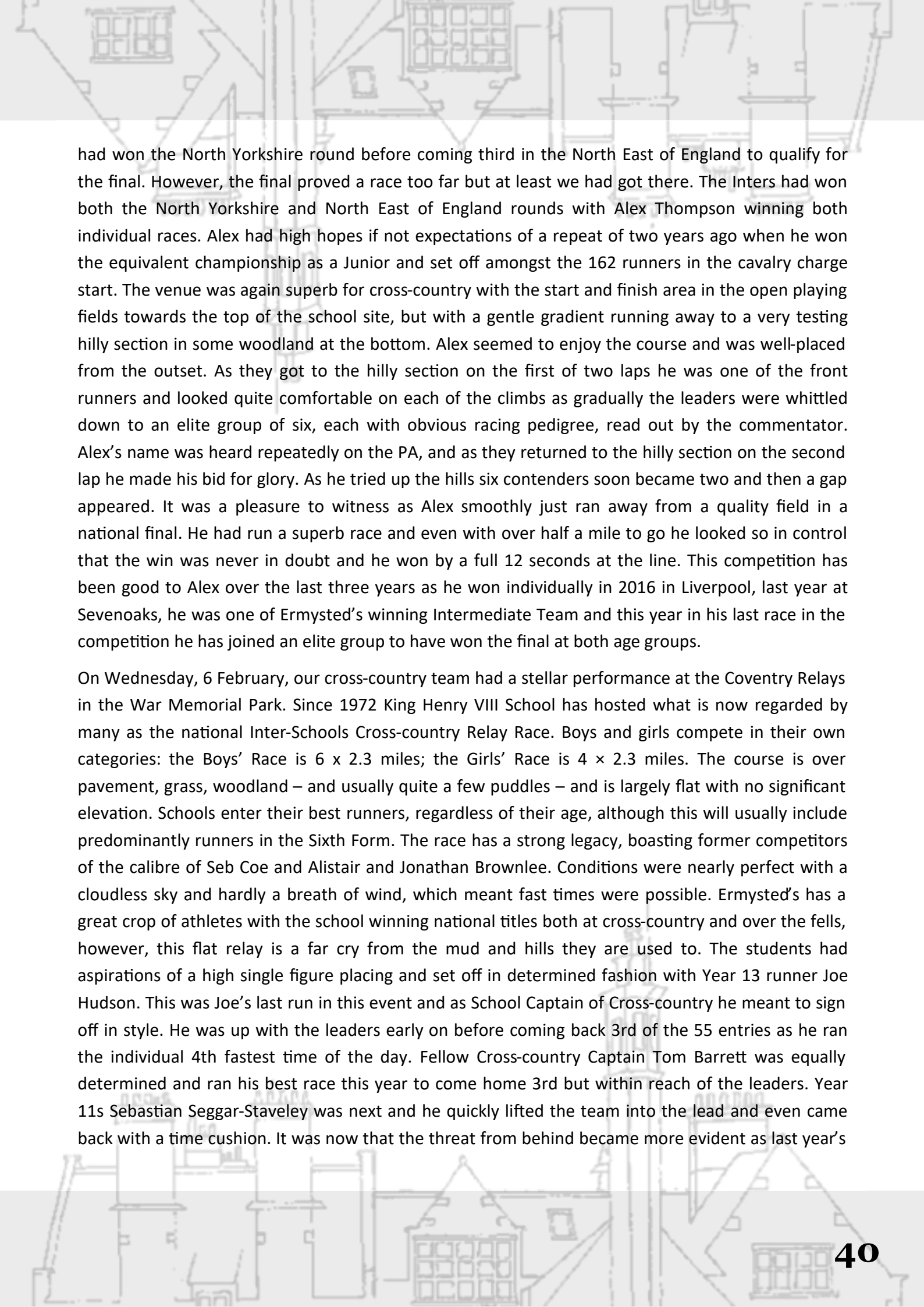
We went to Sedbergh's prep school, Casterton in October for their annual invitation event. Our team was pretty good and claimed bronze medals with Freddie Marsh leading the way in 6th.

At the Harrogate & Craven Championships, hosted by ourselves in Aireville Park, we won the two older age groups and as a result 20 athletes were selected to run for Harrogate and Craven in January's County Championships. Joe Hudson won the Senior title whilst Donnabhan Rudden and Alex Thompson claimed Silvers and Seb Segger-Steveley a bronze.

At the County Championships at King James in Knaresborough, Sam Bentham and Lachlan Wills made the Year 7 County team as did Donnabhan Rudden in the Juniors, Alex Thompson, Louis Hudson, Arthur Peel and Sebastian Segger-Steveley in the Inters and Joe Hudson, Tom Barrett, Will Thompson and Henry James in the Seniors.


We had a great turn out for our own cross-country invitation event but struggled against some strong competition in the younger races, however we did win both older age groups as Ben Rees, Hamish Wills and Will Thompson gained medals. In our relays we had the fastest individuals in the two older age groups as Louis Hudson and Sam Thom led their teams to victory.

In the English Schools' XC Cup, both of our teams again made it to the National Finals, this year at Woodbridge School in Suffolk. Ermysted's had another good run in this competition as the Juniors



had won the North Yorkshire round before coming third in the North East of England to qualify for the final. However, the final proved a race too far but at least we had got there. The Inters had won both the North Yorkshire and North East of England rounds with Alex Thompson winning both individual races. Alex had high hopes if not expectations of a repeat of two years ago when he won the equivalent championship as a Junior and set off amongst the 162 runners in the cavalry charge start. The venue was again superb for cross-country with the start and finish area in the open playing fields towards the top of the school site, but with a gentle gradient running away to a very testing hilly section in some woodland at the bottom. Alex seemed to enjoy the course and was well-placed from the outset. As they got to the hilly section on the first of two laps he was one of the front runners and looked quite comfortable on each of the climbs as gradually the leaders were whittled down to an elite group of six, each with obvious racing pedigree, read out by the commentator. Alex's name was heard repeatedly on the PA, and as they returned to the hilly section on the second lap he made his bid for glory. As he tried up the hills six contenders soon became two and then a gap appeared. It was a pleasure to witness as Alex smoothly just ran away from a quality field in a national final. He had run a superb race and even with over half a mile to go he looked so in control that the win was never in doubt and he won by a full 12 seconds at the line. This competition has been good to Alex over the last three years as he won individually in 2016 in Liverpool, last year at Sevenoaks, he was one of Ermysted's winning Intermediate Team and this year in his last race in the competition he has joined an elite group to have won the final at both age groups.

On Wednesday, 6 February, our cross-country team had a stellar performance at the Coventry Relays in the War Memorial Park. Since 1972 King Henry VIII School has hosted what is now regarded by many as the national Inter-Schools Cross-country Relay Race. Boys and girls compete in their own categories: the Boys' Race is 6 x 2.3 miles; the Girls' Race is 4 x 2.3 miles. The course is over pavement, grass, woodland – and usually quite a few puddles – and is largely flat with no significant elevation. Schools enter their best runners, regardless of their age, although this will usually include predominantly runners in the Sixth Form. The race has a strong legacy, boasting former competitors of the calibre of Seb Coe and Alistair and Jonathan Brownlee. Conditions were nearly perfect with a cloudless sky and hardly a breath of wind, which meant fast times were possible. Ermysted's has a great crop of athletes with the school winning national titles both at cross-country and over the fells, however, this flat relay is a far cry from the mud and hills they are used to. The students had aspirations of a high single figure placing and set off in determined fashion with Year 13 runner Joe Hudson. This was Joe's last run in this event and as School Captain of Cross-country he meant to sign off in style. He was up with the leaders early on before coming back 3rd of the 55 entries as he ran the individual 4th fastest time of the day. Fellow Cross-country Captain Tom Barrett was equally determined and ran his best race this year to come home 3rd but within reach of the leaders. Year 11s Sebastian Seggar-Steveley was next and he quickly lifted the team into the lead and even came back with a time cushion. It was now that the threat from behind became more evident as last year's



winner the Judd School from Kent made their move. They edged a little closer on the 4th leg but Will Thompson ran well to pass on a slight lead to Louis Hudson on our penultimate leg. Their runner was fast and caught Louis but he wasn't for giving up and stuck in limit-like to ensure the deficit was only about 10 seconds going in to the final stage. Ermysted's had Alex Thompson on the anchor leg and he is in tremendous form but is only in Year 10. The three year age gap didn't seem to be there once he set off. From 10 seconds behind to about five ahead at halfway was enough for the Judd teacher to be heard saying "It's race over, Thompson's flying". And sure enough it was, as Alex extended his lead to come back 27 seconds clear. It was then we realised just how phenomenal a team performance it was as Ermysted's broke the course record by a full 46 seconds! This was absolutely incredible bearing in mind that this event has been going for 48 years and over the same course for the last 29 years. Ermysted's 'B' Team of Arthur Peel, Joe Carnelley, Ben Rees, Jath Lee, Sam Thom and Donnabhan Rudden showed the strength in depth the school has as they were 22nd team beating most of the other school's 'A' Teams.

One of the hardest decisions of the season is awarding the Golson Shield for the best individual performance of the year. Once again we had strong competition as retiring captain Joe Hudson had a great year with several victories and won a gold medal whilst wearing an England vest. However, Alex Thompson's performances even eclipsed Joe's with his individual victory at The ESCCCup Final and his incredible achievement of winning the Club's National Cross-country at Harewood House in February.

Mr Speak

Climbing Club—10 Year Anniversary

With this year marking the 10th anniversary of the Climbing Club it has been interesting to look back through the records, Chronicles and photos of students past and consider where they are now? Has the spark of adventure remained alight in them into adulthood and has an appreciation of the outdoors helped to counterbalance the stresses and strains of life? One thing that cannot be denied



is the constant of Mrs Abbey from inception to the present. A constant that will be sorely missed as she hangs up her boots (metaphorically) at the end of this year and traverses off to climb a new route in life. There has not been a week in the whole 10 years that Mrs Abbey has not supported climbing club as an after school activity. She has instigated school trips to the Leeds Wall, The Depot and Ingleton. Without question or complaint she has retained both a first aid and climbing wall award

solely to support the club and has been trusted throughout with the keys to the kit and the safety of all students. Climbing Club is in a healthy position to continue to expand the experiences of the students at Ermysted's due in no small part to the foundations laid by the unstinting support of Mrs Abbey.

To answer my own question posed earlier the other day I was running over path from the Obelisk (Cracoe) toward Rylstone Cross having come from Burnsall when I came across parental geese with five goslings on the path. Suffice it to say they would not let me pass and a great deal of hissing ensued. As I stood pondering what to do and thinking about getting home to Embsay two heads bobbed up over the adjacent stone wall carrying bouldering mats. These two heads belonged to two ex-students of the climbing club who had returned to the area to see family from their Big City (London) jobs. Both had met up to go bouldering as far away from it as they could get in the time they had and were headed towards "high flying adored". We had a quick chat as the geese moved on but I couldn't have run home happier with the knowledge that students that I have had the pleasure to teach are still accessing this amazing countryside.

Mr White

First XI Football Review



Our First XI played a lot of entertaining football this year, Team Captain Ward himself finishing top scorer with seven goals. They were rewarded with a nice way to finish off their time at school, a cup final at Harrogate Town's ground where they were unlucky to lose 2-1 to a team that made the last eight of the English Schools' FA Cup. However this was a close game and the fact that we lost by only one goal was testament to the lads' ability. They did get some silverware as they won the match against the Old Boys, thanks mainly to a hat-trick from Newbould. The defence was really well marshalled by Turvill who had a great year and the 2018-19 season ended with a record of;

Played 12, Won 6, Drawn 0, Lost 6, goals for 35, goals against 26.

Goals: 7=Ward, 5=Farnell, 4=Gardner, 3=O'Connor, Newbould 2=Firth, Turvill, Croft, 1=Meakin, Patterson, Robinson, Wood.

Man of the Match awards: 2=Turvill, Ward, 1=Croft, Patterson, Wood, Newbould, Farnell, Gardner.

I would also like to mention the efforts and success enjoyed by the Year 13 team over their time at school, and most notably being County Champions last year. I would like to wish them all well in the future and also congratulate Year 11 leaver Charlie Wood (who was part of the final team) on his full scholarship at Bradford City's Football Academy next year (the first full football scholarship for over 30 years, maybe ever)!

Mr Speak

Farewell to the Class of 2019

In late June this year, the school held a reception for our Year 13 leavers. Parents, governors and teaching staff (past and present) were invited and it was a pleasure to see among us Messrs

Hamilton, Nabarro, and Howarth, as well as Dr Merrall, former Assistant Head of Sixth Form. The current Year 12 senior prefects served drinks and canapés and short speeches were given by Mr Evans, Mr Marsden and Johnny Rampley-Sturgeon, the out-going Head Boy. The Headmaster praised the contribution made by

parents towards their sons' success and both parents and boys went about afterwards thanking teachers for fond memories and help given over the years. Afterwards, the Year 13s joined their companions from the High School for their own dinner and dance in Leeds.



It is the first time that the school has hosted such a reception; such was its success and the warmth it generated, that it is likely to be repeated in subsequent years. Our thanks must surely go to the Parents' Association for contributing towards the cost, Dr Cloke and the Big Band who kindly provided beautiful music playing in the background, and the boys themselves who organised the event and added a premium to their 'prom' tickets to pay for the evening's drinks. The current senior prefects are already planning their own version of the evening- something to which we all look forward.

Mr Marsden

Speech Day

On Tuesday, 2 July, we hosted our annual Speech Day celebration. This year, Years 7, 9 and 12 were invited to attend, along with parents, teachers and VIP guests. The guest speaker was Mr John Wrathmell (pictured below, front left, with Mr Worts, Chair of Governors; Mr Evans, Headmaster and Mr Oxley, Treasurer to the Foundation).

The ceremony began with a welcome from Mr Worts, followed by the Headmaster's account of the year to date. As well as congratulating the pupils on their many achievements, Mr Evans took the opportunity to give thanks to Mr Oxley, who has recently retired from his role as Treasurer to the Foundation.

Mr Oxley's association with the school began in the 1950s when he joined as a pupil, and for the last 50 years he has worked tirelessly to raise funds for



Ermysted's and support the education of its pupils. Mr Oxley was presented with a gift and a well-earned standing ovation.

Recognition was given to the recipients of the new 'Ermysted's Award', along with the winners of the traditional prizes. The presentation took place this year by key stage, with intermissions for two pupil performances; a dramatic production by Sam Eaglesham and Mattie Sheldon (Year 10), and a piano recital by Josh Luxon-Robinson (Year 11).

Mr Wrathmell gave an entertaining and inspirational speech about his time at school and life after Ermysted's. It was a fitting end to what was a wonderful celebration of the year's achievements.

The day concluded with a thoughtful vote of thanks from the Head Boy 2018-19, Johnny Sturgeon, and the official handover of the Badge of Office to Sam Pilling, Head Boy 2019-20.

Mrs Tamsons

Speech Day Prizes

LOWER SCHOOL PRIZES

Marmaduke Millar Art Prize	Sam Balderstone
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Nathan Howard-Birt
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize	Matthew Connell
Mechanics' Institute Design and Technology Prize	Ali Akhtar
Petyt Trust English Prize	Adil Ali
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	Gabriel Benny
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	Rhys Worts
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	Archie Foster
Foundation History Prize	Adil Ali
Petyt Trust Latin Prize	Tom Ashley
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	Matthew Connell
Firth Memorial Music Prize	Joseph Smith
Foundation PE Prize	Niall Fitzgibbon
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Jacob Pratt
Foundation Religious Studies Prize	Niall Fitzgibbon
Lower School Computing Prize	Jacob Newby
Foundation Food and Nutrition Prize	Andrew Papai
Skipton Town Council Silver Jubilee Shield (Music)	Thomas Laycock

FOUNDATION FORM PRIZES

7E	Edward Thornton
7H	Edward Hopwell
7P	Lachlan Wills
7T	Brinley Pratt
8E	Ammar Khedapa
8H	Sam Ambler
8P	Oliver Mann
8T	Elliot Stones
9E	Paul Luby
9H	Robbie Plunkett

9P Andrew Clay
9T Gabriel Benny

THE ERMYSTED'S AWARD KS3

Bronze Sean Acornley
Bronze Owyn Applegarth
Bronze Will Caygill
Bronze Aaron Davis
Bronze Finley Farrell
Bronze Ezra Gallagher
Bronze Henry Gowans
Bronze Sandy Greenhorn
Bronze James Hannigan
Bronze Ammar Khedapa
Bronze Oliver Mann
Bronze Matthew McGowan
Bronze Bilal Naheem
Bronze Toby Noland
Bronze Reuben Nong
Bronze Will Oliver
Bronze Oscar Smyth
Bronze Alistair Whitehead
Bronze Ed Whitlam

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRIZES

Jonathan Chapman Memorial Art Prize Charlie Reader
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize Harry Dewhurst
Foundation PE Prize Louis Hudson
Foundation Chemistry Prize Ben Buckner
Foundation Design & Technology Prize Jacob Lockyer
Foundation English Prize Sebastian Segger-Steveley/Jeremy Steward
Jonathan Chapman Memorial Geography Prize Chris Faulkner
Foundation History Prize Louis Hudson

Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize.....	Jacob Lockyer
Foundation Computing Prize.....	Adith Jeyasangar
Jack Eastwood Memorial Prize for Languages: French.....	Charlie Reader
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize.....	Adith Jeyasangar
Foundation Modern Languages Prize: German.....	Roland De Lara
Edward Scott Music Prize.....	Ben Buckner
Foundation Religious Studies Prize.....	Jeremy Steward

THE ERMYSTED'S AWARD KS4

Silver.....	Bendi Bodo
Silver.....	Zayyan Mahmood
Silver.....	Abhay Nambiar
Silver.....	James Varney

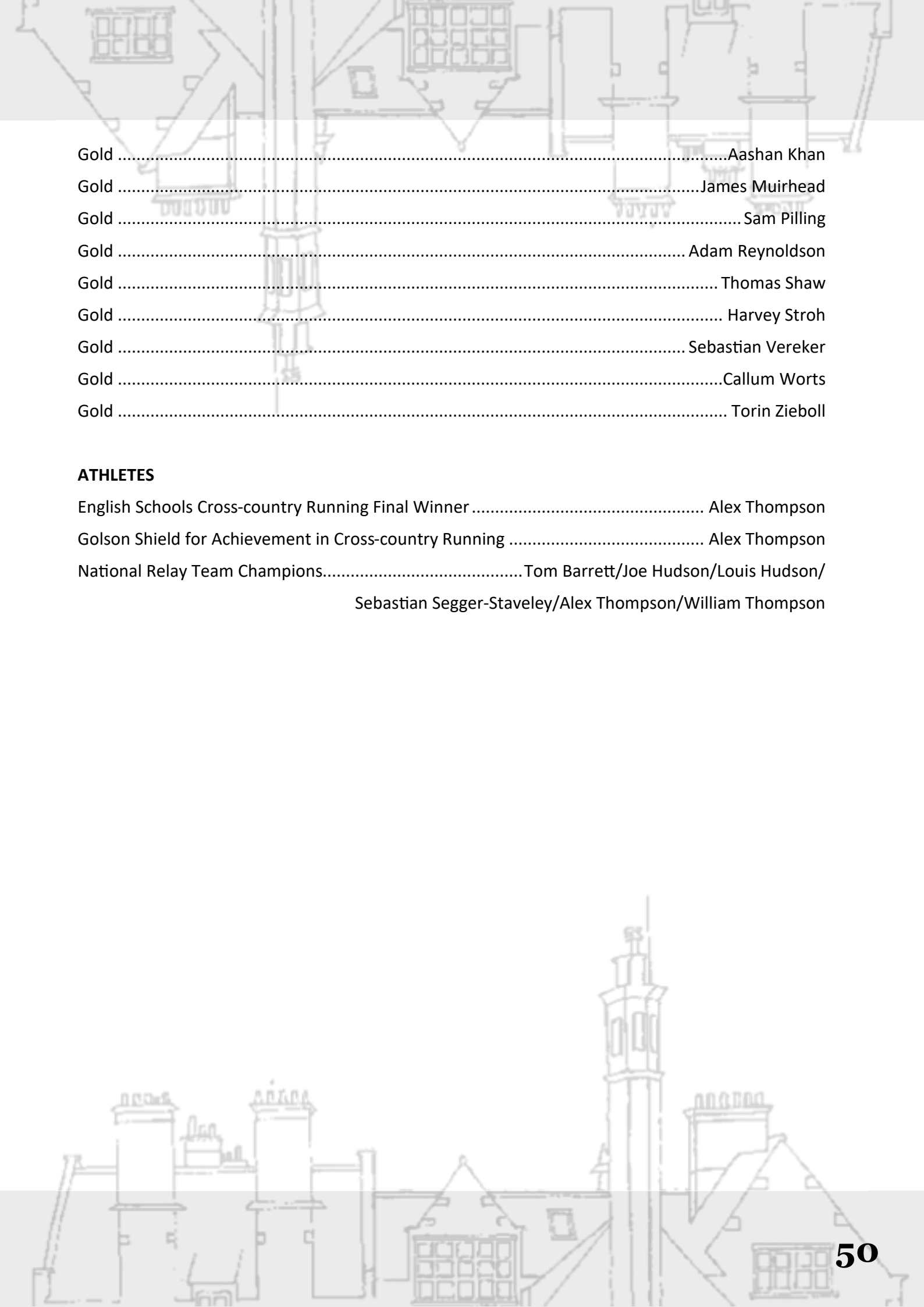
SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZES

Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize.....	Sam Thom
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize.....	Frank Watkinson
Mechanics' Institute Design Technology Prize.....	Arron Cawthray
Foundation Economics Prize.....	Harry Farnell
Petyt Trust English Prize.....	Harry Farnell
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize.....	Louis Horsfield
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize.....	David Waters
Foundation Geography Prize.....	Tom Barrett
Foundation History Prize.....	Johnny Sturgeon
Foundation Linguistics Prize.....	Jack Downs
Foundation Music Prize.....	Will Midgley
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize.....	Harry Lewis
Foundation PE Prize.....	Joe Hudson
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize.....	Jed Shepherd
Foundation Further Maths Prize.....	Matthew Bleakley/Alastair Horn
Senior Religious Studies Prize.....	Charlie O'Connor
Senior Computing Prize.....	Tim Beatham

Dramatic Society Prize.....	Angus McMeekin
Senior Public Speaking Prize.....	Johnny Sturgeon
Arkwright Engineering Scholarship	Joseph Coates/Alex Old
Senior Football Prize.....	Lucas Turvill/Dylan Ward/Charlie Wood
Fleming Essay Prize.....	William Worger
Longden Smith Prize for Rugby	Joe Myers
Jimmy Harrison Memorial Prize for Progress in Senior Rugby.....	Henry Macnab
Foundation Cricket Prize	Louis Horsfield/James Robinson
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student.....	Angus McMeekin
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student.....	Amaan Arif
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student.....	Hasan Boskani
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student.....	Thomas Broadbent
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student.....	Anish Ghosh
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student.....	Zibo Gong
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student.....	Santosh Guru
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student.....	Zeeshan Hussain
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student.....	Harry Lewis
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student.....	Duncan Marsden
Doris Altham Barker Prize for Musical Achievement.....	David Cunningham/Lucca Fairhurst/ Tom Merrall
Head of Sixth Form’s Merit Prize.....	Joseph Cannon
Parents’ Association Fortitude Prize	Rhys Heseltine
Arthur Coe Prize for Distinguished Service	Maximilian Walker
Foundation General Efficiency Prize.....	Louis Horsfield
Old Boys’ Association Head of School Prize	Johnny Sturgeon

THE ERMYSTED’S AWARD KS5

Gold	Matthew Beanlands
Gold	Joseph Coates
Gold	Daniel Coghill
Gold	Oliver Hart
Gold	Matthew Kenneth



Gold	Aashan Khan
Gold	James Muirhead
Gold	Sam Pilling
Gold	Adam Reynoldson
Gold	Thomas Shaw
Gold	Harvey Stroh
Gold	Sebastian Vereker
Gold	Callum Worts
Gold	Torin Zieboll

ATHLETES

English Schools Cross-country Running Final Winner	Alex Thompson
Golson Shield for Achievement in Cross-country Running	Alex Thompson
National Relay Team Champions.....	Tom Barrett/Joe Hudson/Louis Hudson/ Sebastian Segger-Steveley/Alex Thompson/William Thompson

Leavers' Destinations

Destination	Subject
Australia	Cricket
BAE Systems	Apprenticeship
Bangor University	German
University of Bath	Management with Marketing
University of Bath	Robotics Engineering
University of Birmingham	Economics
University of Birmingham	Computer Science
University of Bradford	Accounting
University of Bradford	Accounting and Finance
University of Bristol	English Literature
University of Cambridge	Medicine
Jesus College, Cambridge	Maths
Durham University	Law
Durham University	Chemistry
Durham University	General Engineering
Dyson Institute	Apprenticeship
University of East Anglia	Business Management
University of East Anglia	Psychology
University of Edinburgh	Chemical Biology
University of Edinburgh	Classical Studies
University of Edinburgh	Philosophy
Fujitsu	Apprenticeship
University of Glasgow	Biochemistry
University of Huddersfield	Physical Geography
University of Hull	Biomedical Sciences
Hull York Medical School	Medicine
J N Bentley	Apprenticeship
Keele University	Medicine
Lancaster University	History
Lancaster University	Mechanical Engineering
Lancaster University	Mathematics
Lancaster University	Environmental Science
Lancaster University	Economics
Lancaster University	Earth and Environmental Science
Lancaster University	Philosophy and Politics
University of Leeds	Medicine
University of Leeds	Mechatronics/Robotics
Leeds Beckett University	Marketing Management

Destination	Subject
Leeds Beckett University	Economics and Business
Leeds Beckett University	Sport and Exercise Therapy
University of Leicester	Law
University of Liverpool	Electrical Engineering
University of Liverpool	Aerospace Engineering
Liverpool John Moores University	Business with Finance
University of Manchester	Aerospace Engineering
University of Manchester	Molecular Biology
University of Manchester	Economics
University of Manchester	Medicine
University of Manchester	Economics and Finance
University of Manchester	Chemical Engineering
University of Manchester	Politics and Modern History
Manchester Metropolitan University	Business Management
Manchester Metropolitan University	Philosophy
Manchester Metropolitan University	Advertising and Brand Management
New Generation Ski & Snowboard School	Ski Instructor
Newcastle University	Geography and Planning
Newcastle University	Modern Languages with Business Studies
Newcastle University	Medicine
Newcastle University	English Language
Newcastle University	Food/Business Management/Marketing
Newcastle University	Chemistry
Newcastle University	Maths and Economics
Newcastle University	Agriculture
Newcastle University	Philosophy
Newcastle University	Economics
Newcastle University	Law
Northumbria University	Business and Marketing
Northumbria University	Psychology
Northumbria University	Engineering
University of Nottingham	Mathematics
University of Nottingham	Medicine
University of Oxford	Earth Sciences
University of Oxford	Medicine
Keble College, Oxford	Economics and Management
New College, Oxford	History and Politics
Project Trust, South Africa	Boys' Town Project
Rolls Royce	NDT Degree Apprentice
Self-employed	Musician

Destination	Subject
University of Sheffield	Aerospace Engineering
Sheffield Hallam University	Sport Exercise Science
Sheffield Hallam University	Building Surveying
Sheffield Hallam University	Psychology
Canada	Ski Instructor
University of St Andrews	Computer Science
University of St Andrews	Biochemistry
Swansea University	Applied Medical Sciences
University of Lancashire	Medicine
University of Warwick	General Engineering
University of Warwick	History
University of Warwick	Maths
Wessex Water	Apprenticeship
University of York	Computer Science
University of York	International Relations
University of York	History

Old Boys' Society

President Mr Michael Evans

Chairman Mr David Clough

Treasurer Mr Ken Oxley

Secretary Mr Stuart Clarkson

The 2018 Old Boys' Dinner was held on 8th December 2018, with former Head Boy John Wrathmell sharing stories of his time at Ermysted's in the 1990s as well as talking about his work as an economist at the Treasury and as a political adviser to the likes of Ed Miliband and Andy Burnham.



(left) 2018 Old Boys' Dinner Chief Guest John Wrathmell (centre) with Ken Oxley and Headmaster Michael Evans.

There was a good turnout from the Class of 1998, who were marking 20 years since they left school. A great night was had by all, and

Old Boys' Society funds were swelled by just under £3,000 as a result of profits, bar takings and donations made at the Dinner.

(right) Members of the Class of 1998 at the 2018 Old Boys' Dinner.

The third annual Old Boys v School football fixture took place on Friday 21st December 2018 at Sandylands, with the Ermysted's First XI retaining the shield following a 6-1 win against a strong team of Old Boys.



The Old Boys XI put in a great performance on Friday 5th July 2019 at Bolton Abbey Cricket Club, with Kevin Owens making 104 not out. But the Ermysted's First XI were just too strong for us, recording an

8 wicket victory as they made 177-2 in response to the Old Boys' score of 176 all out.



(left) – Old Boys and School football teams 2018

(below) – Old Boys XI Cricket team 2019

In golf, the Old Boys retained the AD Taylor Tankard trophy, after the fixture against the

School was tied 2-2. Our golfers missed the chance to win back the Craven Plate after a 3-1 defeat to the Old Giggleswickians. And in our Old Boys' golf tournament, the Hitchin Trophy was won by Chris Windle ahead of David Hickie in second place and Paul Mason in third. A special mention to David Hindle who got a hole-in-one on the 16th.



Our summer reunion event – Forty Years On – took place on Saturday 15th June 2019, with around 25 former pupils and masters in attendance. They

were taken on tours of the current school site, before enjoying a buffet lunch in the Refectory. Their kind contributions helped us to raise more than £500 towards our fundraising efforts.

(left) – Guests at the 2019 Forty Years On reunion lunch

Notable Old Boy successes

Herbie Farnworth (2011-16) made his debut for Australian rugby league side Brisbane Broncos.

Chris Mason (1991-98) became the regular presenter of BBC Radio 4's Any Questions.



Scott Thwaites (2001-06) finished 8th overall in cycling's Tour de Yorkshire, just 28 seconds behind the winner.

David Clough (Master 1988-2014) appeared on BBC quiz show Eggheads and also released his debut novel, Yorkie Boys.

(left) - David Clough appearing on TV quiz show Eggheads



Obituaries

In 2018-19 we reported the deaths of a number of Old Boys – a full list can be found on the Society's website. This year's obituaries included one of our oldest Old Boys, Laurence Darrah (1934-37), who died in July 2018 aged 97. Gurth Robinson (1937-42) who died in April was 92. Former Head Boy Colin Clarkson (1940-48) died in November aged 88 and Mick Summers (1942-49) died in the same month aged 86. We were also very sad to learn of the death of Sam Elliott (2011-16) in a car accident in January 2019 - he was just 18 years old.

At our 2018 AGM, the Old Boys' Society introduced a new 'roll of honour' to recognise the massive contribution made by individuals to the Society and the School over many years. A board has been put up in the school library featuring the names of our inaugural Honorary Life Members. If you would like to nominate someone for consideration to be awarded the honour, please get in touch via the website. We are looking for people who have made a significant contribution to the school through their work for and with the Society over a long period of time.

Your kind donations to our fundraising appeals this year have enabled us to continue to support the work of the school this year. Many thanks to all Old Boys for their continued support and attendance at our events – your contributions do make a massive difference to life at Ermysted's.

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

