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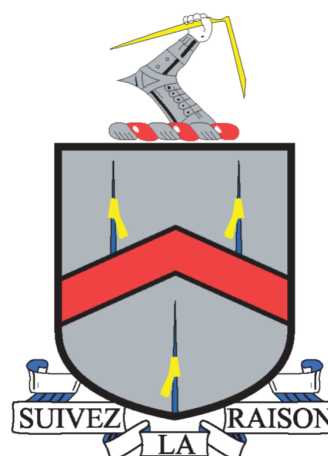
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Pictured: Pupils testing out our new bouldering facilities in the Sport Hall, May 2022

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Headmaster's Report



2021-22 saw a tentative return to 'normal' life at the school. The autumn term was blighted by further absences of staff and pupils, driven in part by Covid isolation guidance but also the coughs and sneezes that we had done so well to avoid in the preceding two years.

It was great to see the school hallways return to life and our extracurricular programme awaken from its enforced slumber. The following pages will attest to the enthusiasm with which the pupils embraced these new activities, perhaps fortified by a sense that we must never take such opportunities for granted again.

Gradually the restrictions were eased and the preventative measures unpicked. Some of the changes endured, with everyone commenting on the reduction in crowding enabled by the split lunchtimes and the higher levels of confidence with IT, for staff as well as for pupils. Some changes will not be missed, however. The staff were relieved to return to their classrooms, with the pandemic pattern of staff travelling to the pupils reversed to its normal direction, and the rigid seating plans within classrooms relaxed.

Recognising the appetite for extracurricular activities, plans had been made over the summer to saturate our programme with new and exciting opportunities. New ensembles were created and many of the pupils represented the school for the first time in fixtures. DofE activities continued apace, with the doubling up of cohorts during the pandemic taking time to work through the system.

The examination cohorts returned to external GCSE and A Level examinations, aided by modifications to the papers and grade boundaries to compensate for the disruption of the pandemic. Centrally mandated contingency measures, such as additional high level control internal assessments, crowded the school calendar but the pupils coped admirably with the demands and pressures. Comparisons with previous years are impossible, but rest assured the pupils produced remarkable performances in the summer and we are ridiculously proud of them all.

The end of the year saw us bid farewell to some popular and well-respected colleagues and welcome the next wave of Ermysted's stalwarts to the staff.

My thanks to the pupils for making the school such a wonderful place to work; thanks to my colleagues for their dedication to the pupils and their hard work and effort throughout the year; thank you to the Parents' Association and the Old Boys' Foundation for their financial and social contributions; and thank you to the governors, who give so generously in support of the school.

Let's hope the years ahead are free from further disruptions!

Michael Evans
Headteacher

Staff News

This year we welcomed...

Mr R Burns Caretaker
 Mr J Carnelley Finance Assistant
 Miss C Doyle Science Technician
 Mr M Gosling Teacher of PE
 Ms P Hofman Behaviour & Attendance Officer
 Dr J Huerter MFL Assistant
 Mrs R Jackson Teacher of Mathematics
 Mr P Manley Exams Officer
 Ms R Moule IT Network Manager
 Mrs K O'Leary-Hall HoF Languages
 Mrs K Shaw School Secretary
 Mr J Steward Science Technician
 Miss J Swaddle Teacher of History

And we said farewell to...

Mr F Islam IT Network Manager
 Mrs A Jennings Cover Supervisor
 Miss V Johnston Teacher of Biology
 Ms A Killip Teacher of Physics
 Mr S Lane D of E Coordinator
 Mrs L Whittaker Exams Officer



School Governors

Mr C Worts Chair of Governors
 Mrs J Lloyd Vice Chair of Governors
 Mr A M Davies Foundation Trustee Governor
 Mrs D Swiffen Foundation Trustee Governor
 Mr H G Cutler Foundation Trustee Governor
 Dr S Humphrey Foundation Trustee Governor
 Mr S Clarkson Old Boys' FT Governor
 Mr S Flanagan Foundation Trustee Governor
 Ms S Trelease Parents' Association FT Governor
 Mr J Burton Co-opted Governor
 Mr A Hart Co-opted Governor
 Mr B Garner Local Authority Governor
 Ms V Anderson Parent Governor
 Ms L Tuck Parent Governor
 Mr C Baker Staff Governor



Head Boy Team

From September 2021, Musa Majid, Head Boy, and his three Deputies, Dominic Holland, Thomas Edward and Michael Heron, stepped into the shoes of the outgoing team.

The four successful appointees had to pass a series of challenging tasks and interviews. An original field of 26 applicants for the position was whittled down to 16 after a teacher and student vote.

The final 16 students had to deliver a presentation on an area of the school that they would improve, were they to be successfully appointed, before responding to a series of questions from the Sixth Form Pastoral Staff and two of the outgoing Senior Prefects. They were also tasked with the challenge of an 'in-tray' task where they were given a folder of the typical tasks of a Head Boy and asked to prioritise them.

The highest scoring eight students were then put through two gruelling interviews: the first was conducted by the outgoing Head Boy Team; the second was conducted by the Sixth Form Pastoral Staff and a selection of outgoing Senior Prefects. Both interviews covered the students track records both in and out of school and their suitability for the job.

Newly appointed Head Boy Musa Majid said, "I'm looking forward to the year ahead and want to succeed in my duties by making a meaningful impact in the year ahead. I want to do the best I can for the school with the help of the Deputy Head Boys after a challenging year."



(Pictured left to right)

Thomas Edward , Musa Majid , Michael Heron, Dominic Holland

Faculty Review: Creative Arts

The Creative Arts Faculty felt the turbulence of the previous two years more than most, with the disruption and restrictions imposed on both practical lessons and the extracurricular provision and inter school competition. The faculty entered the 2021-22 school year with one focus..... Let's get back to what we do best, creating as many opportunities as possible, to allow our students to experience competition, the arts, performing or creating. I would like to think the Creative Arts have achieved this over the academic year, outlined below are some of the highlights from the year!

PE

The PE department welcomed Matt Gosling into the fold, as a newly qualified PE teacher and an expert football coach, we have high hopes for the growing provision of football in the lower school. The PE department also welcomed the support of Old Boy Joe Carnelley (working in the finance team), who shared his knowledge and experience when supporting both the cross country and athletics teams this year.

There was also a significant development in the PE department's facilities, with the installation of a bouldering wall around the perimeter of the sports hall, allowing all lower school pupils to now experience climbing as part of their PE curriculum, thank you to the Friends of Ermysted's for their considerable investment (£16,000) in the PE curriculum.

Away from school, current and past Ermystedians have experienced a range of sporting successes to name a few; Jacob Cox and Tawseef Ali were selected to play for Bradford Schools in football, Freddie Brown and Alex Thompson were selected to compete in the English School Athletic Finals for Yorkshire, Ben McParland, Caleb McConville, Joe Hayes and Ollie Macnab all represented Yorkshire in rugby, Rohan Smith competed for England in swimming at the World School Games, Old Boy Matthew Ramshaw made his senior team debut for England Hockey and Herbie Farnworth made his senior team debut for England Rugby League.

Music

Although by the end of 2022 we were clear of Covid, groups in music were still getting back together. We had started with groups of eight in the summer of 2021, and although in this academic year we had full groups - there had been a break in their continuity - and they were just starting to put that together. This was the first year we had had a concert since December 2019 - at Christmas 2021 - although we had had a 'virtual concert' the year before and we really went into gear with the production of Ladykillers - which was a riot. We ran trains across the hall (pictured below) - literally and we involved 51 students and 5 members of staff in the show. Ladykillers raised the equivalent of the year's concerts - although the summer concert had to be cancelled. It was outside on what proved to be the hottest day of the year - with literally a plague of greenfly.



The year was strange for students as well. Although we had the largest group of GCSE students since before 2015 (When Dr Cloke started), none of them went on to do A Level - despite having four grade 9s in the cohort of 17. In 2021-22 we had four A Level students - Sam Theodosius, his sister Izzy, Hugh Murray, and re-sitting student Lizzie Choyce. All did very well, and 'gelled' nicely as a group - they went busking in Leeds at the Christmas - for example. Sam and Izzy had joined the school(s) as sixth formers - just after Covid. They joined a school where there was almost no music, and they took part (with Hugh and Lizzie) in the re-starting of the groups after Covid. In all, 2021-22 was a happy and productive year for music - which showed our relief at the freedom of restrictions.

The Ladykillers poster was produced by an Art student. It shows the faces of the actual actors on it.

Design and Technology

The DT Department has continued to push through developing and enhancing the curriculum for Lower School pupils and through the GCSE and A Level courses. The exam courses have a high degree of cross-curricular learning which touches on Maths, Sciences, Geography and Economics in addition to other subjects like RS with moral and social implications high on the agenda. One of the most prominent areas is environmental impact and conservation of resources, alongside renewable technologies. We have worked hard to develop projects and opportunities for Lower School pupils to develop their practical knowledge in these areas. Through the enrichment week project where pupils develop wind technology, through to the new Year 9 repurposing project where GCSE



pupils explore how pallet wood can be redesigned and repurposed into something useful and sustainable.

The curriculum in Year 7 and 8 has been completely refined to develop Computer Aided Design and Computer Aided Manufacture options for both year groups.

The after effects of the pandemic are still being felt in D&T, where practical skills and experience were heavily impacted. Pupils have been working hard to build up their knowledge and

skills using the projects available to them. The 2021-22 GCSE cohort still managed to produce some very high quality pieces of design work with models and prototypes demonstrating good practical ability and technical understanding, we also had a record eight students get through to the interview stages for the prestigious Arkwright Scholarship, demonstrating the high calibre of candidates in Year 11 - two pupils were ultimately successful in gaining their scholarships to take them through their A Level studies,

Gregory Nattress and Oscar Smyth. All eight candidates have the opportunity to participate in the network of scholarship benefits from lectures, newsletters and opportunities to explore the world of engineering. The A Level cohort of 17 students, produced a wide range of demanding and exciting projects from fully functioning drones to self-built laptop devices, mechanical solutions to recycling and even a model demonstrating electric powered shipping.

The future for D&T is exciting, with GCSE and A Level industry and university visits planned for the whole cohort, and the return to full projects, rather than scaled back prototypes for the non-examined assessment and making the most of our former pupils coming in to engage and enthuse students to go on to study in the field of engineering, industrial and product design and architecture in the future.

Art

The end of year GCSE and A Level art exhibition was held on Tuesday 5 July 2022 – this coincided with open evening. It was a busy and exciting event and a real celebration of the pupils’ hard work. The art work this year was very diverse – from fashion design to painting, sculpture, photography, sound, video, digital illustration and drawing. Here is a selection of images from the exhibition....



Faculty Review: Languages



The new Head of Languages Faculty, Mrs O’Leary-Hall, started in September 2021 following the retirement of Mrs Price. Mrs O’Leary-Hall introduced a new A Level English Literature specification as well as introducing new texts into the Key Stage 3 curriculum.

The French department also welcomed Mr Blades, an ex-pupil who will be teaching both French and Latin.

English

The best thing about school being back to normal post-Pandemic was that the library was open again; the past two years saw library lessons being reduced to book boxes being delivered to the classroom. Mrs McCabe was delighted to welcome pupils back to the library and welcome both years 7 and 8 to the library for the first time. In order to try and make up for lost reading time, we introduced Accelerated Reader into years 7 and 8. The pupils demonstrated their love of reading for pleasure racking up an impressive 39, 192, 588 words in the first three months. They also quizzed on 604 books

and 90 students joined the prestigious 100% club. In addition, some Year 8 and 9 pupils participated in the National Reading Champions Quiz which was held online – the quiz is a national literature competition which celebrates and rewards reading for pleasure. Both teams demonstrated that they were widely read and displayed an impressive literary knowledge and their enthusiasm created a fantastic atmosphere.

The other wonderful thing was being able to conduct drama productions again. Year 10 were treated to a dramatic production of Jekyll and Hyde in November 2021; this was performed by The Pantaloons and involved just two actors on stage.

In addition, Mr Hodgson oversaw the production of Hamlet as part of the Shakespeare for Schools Festival. The boys performed in Leeds Playhouse in February 2022 and then performed again for year 8 who were studying the play in their English lessons.

Ms Davies started up the Debating Club again this year. In March 2022, for the first time in two years, Ermysted’s

had the pleasure of hosting the Youth Speaks - a Debate competition which is organised and run by the Skipton Rotary club. The event involved entrants from Ilkley Grammar School, Giggleswick and Ermysted's Grammar School. Ermysted's entered groups which spoke on a range of topics including "Professional Athletes are Overpaid" and "Artificial Intelligence is a Threat to Humanity." You can read more about this on the next page,

Modern Foreign Languages

Unfortunately, Covid still got in the way of the traditional exchange programme and foreign trips, but they will be back on the schedule for next year.

In the spring term, Year 12 boys studying French were invited to the Girls' school to attend a 'Club de français'. In mixed teams they took part in activities such as cultural quizzes, translation competitions, group discussions around curriculum topic areas and are fully immersed in Francophone music. Ermysted's then hosted the girls studying French and enjoyed a range of activities to boost confidence and deepen their appreciation of French culture and society.

In May 2022, Year 12's Niall Fitzgibbon won Round 2 of the Oxford German Olympiad. Niall wrote a blog post in German about an inspiring quotation, and explained how it might inspire others to make the world a better place. Next year, he plans to go to university to study German and Arabic.

Year 10 pupils were also introduced to an Italian conversation course as part of their Enrichment programme. Mrs Warburton has been making links with Italian music and food.

Latin

One of the most exciting events of the year in Classics saw Mr Llewellyn and Mr Blades set out to construct the Lego version of the Colosseum. At 9036 pieces this was no mean feat and took hours of concentration. This will be displayed in the Latin classroom.

During Enrichment week, Year 7 were involved in a Greek Theatre session. Mr Llewellyn taught the Year 7s how to speak in chorus, explaining the importance of moving and speaking in tandem, before they performed their own version of Ted Hughes' interpretation of Orpheus.



Faculty Review: Humanities

After the disruption of two lockdown-interrupted academic years, it was great to return to a normal year for the Humanities faculty. This meant clubs, trips and other forms of enrichment could relaunch properly, whilst the faculty mentoring scheme could return. It was a delight to see Year 12 pupils mentoring so many Year 11 RS, Geography and History students at lunchtime for much of the year.

With the retirement of the ageless legend that is Mr Peters in summer 2021, the Faculty welcomed Ms Swaddle to the History team. Her dynamic teaching style, scholarly subject knowledge, quick wit, and relentlessly high standards for spotless spelling and punctuation have added a great deal to the History Department and pupils have consequently benefited much from her dedication to their learning.

We hope you enjoy reading the following articles written by students and staff involved in some of the events, enrichment, trips and general life of the Faculty.

History

The History team were delighted to launch several new initiatives to the school. These ranged from a complete redesign of the Year 7 and Year 8 curricula to ensure they were more scholarly, to new trips and talks.

In the Autumn Term, Year 8 heard from an exhibitor from Bancrofts Museum on the impact of the Industrial Revolution on the local area. Pupils were able to draw on their in-class learning on the Industrial Revolution in Britain (and specifically Saltaire) by examining the impact that mills and factories had on the lives of local men and women in Yorkshire.

In the Summer Term, Year 9 enjoyed a day trip to the Royal Armouries in Leeds. This helped bring to life much of what pupils had learnt in their GCSE Warfare Through Time course. Pupils attended a carousel of workshops throughout the day, from trying on armour and wielding weapons, to having a tour through the various battles they have studied (eg. Agincourt, Naseby, the Somme), a Tudor battle re-enactment and a self-directed study in

the galleries. Pupils much enjoyed the opportunity to visit the gift shop and purchase foam swords, which no doubt were put to good use.



Finally, we had several entrants in the Sixth Form to university essay competitions. This included Sam Eaglesham and Joshua Lloyd, who entered essays on the history of political thought and the Irish Question respectively. Though we did not win anything this year, the boys much enjoyed preparing their work.

Geography

Fieldwork

The Geography team were delighted to be back out on fieldwork. During enrichment week year 8 visited White Scar Caves, 'The Longest show cave in England!' Pupils were able to learn about the formation of the underground limestone features, such as Stalactites and Stalagmites. Hearing the rushing water at their feet



pupils explored the caves, ending up in the cavern.

Year 8 pupils then went on to visit either Swinden or Threshfield Quarry to learn how limestone provides economic benefits. At Swinden, pupils visited this working quarry to understand how rocks are extracted. At Threshfield, pupils learnt about how quarries can be restored and returned to a more natural environment.

Year 9 – Career enrichment day working with Yorkshire Dales National Park



Pupils were given the opportunity to work with a ranger to help build a footpath. This was an essential task to restore the erosion and muddy path. Another workshop focused on measuring the height and diameter of trees, to learn about Woodland management. Despite the heat, everyone had a superb day.



Religious Studies

Pupils taking Religious Studies this year participated in some exciting enrichment opportunities. A group of Year 9 students visited local Churches during Enrichment Week. They enjoyed a tour around contrasting styles of Churches and engaged well in Q&A sessions with local clergy, learning about the history and theology of different Churches. In addition, an old boy, now a doctor, visited the A level group to talk about Medical Ethics and the ethical issues that he faces day to day. This was, of course, very applicable to pupils considering medicine, but also offered all pupils some interesting philosophical dilemmas,

Finally, Joe McNutt delivered a Q&A session on Christianity with Middle School students that was thought provoking and engaging. To add to the exciting enrichment that took place, the department also enjoyed some outstanding results, showing the subject is in very good health.

Economics

Visit by Professor Dr. Stephen Millard, Bank of England, December 2021.

In December 2021, the School was pleased to host a visit by Professor Stephen Millard, Deputy Director of the Bank of England's macroeconomic modelling and forecasting division. Professor Millard came to speak to the seventy Year 12 and Year 13 students studying A Level Economics as part of the Bank's Economics in Practice programme. This is a scheme to help 16–18-year-olds better understand the work the Bank's economists do on monetary and financial policy, the skills they develop, and the various career pathways available in central banking.

Professor Millard was supervised for his PhD by the Nobel Laureate Dale Mortensen at Northwestern University, whilst his research areas include labour economics, macroeconomic modelling and forecasting, the macroeconomics of climate change and monetary theory and practice.

Aware the Y13 students had completed specialised sections from the A Level specification on financial markets, commercial bank operations, central bank operations and monetary policy and banking regulation, Professor Millard tailored his presentation accordingly. During his presentation, he provided the students (and the teacher) with useful insider views on these issues for them to use to improve their own knowledge and understanding, such as the monetary transmission mechanism, macroprudential regulation and stress testing commercial banks to assess the banking system's capital adequacy and resilience to adverse shocks.

Students were keen to take advantage of Professor Millard's invitation for questions. Their range of questions capably demonstrated their research into the views of different schools of economic thought, including the Neoclassical, New Keynesian, Post Keynesian and Modern Monetary Theory schools. Questions to Professor Millard covered topics such as the redundancy of the money multiplier model of money creation, exogenous and endogenous money creation, debt deflation, the purpose of bond sales, the role of quantitative easing and its implications for monetary sovereignty as well as the threat to the state's fiat

currency from cryptocurrencies. Professor Millard was visibly pleased at the standard of technical questioning he received and afterwards commented how much he enjoyed the challenge of answering them.

The students greatly enjoyed Professor Millard's visit and their applause following the vote of thanks was warm and effusive. In the weeks following Professor Millard's visit, several students made use of the information from the presentation in their written responses and class discussions.

Politics

Ermosted's pupils have always had a keen interest in Politics and no more so than over the last few years with Brexit, lockdown, the Ukraine War and the cost of living. Numbers of pupils taking A-Level Politics, therefore, were incredibly high. A number of pupils participated in exciting work experience opportunities related to Politics, with Bobby Dixon campaigning in the Batley and Spen By-Election and Jack Midgley completing work experience for Maggie Throup, the then Vaccines Minister, in Westminster the week that Boris Johnson resigned as Prime Minister.

Year 12, led by mastermind Jacob Newby, relaunched the annual Mock Election with much success. The election was dominated by intrigue, with candidates attempting to draw links between the national political picture and the locality. The outcome was a hung parliament, though the UK Communist Party, led by campaign strategists Theo Francis, Niall Fitzgibbon and Tom Henderson, were victorious with popular policies that included abolishing the 'hierarchical' prefecture structure, compulsory 'editorial guidance' of The Reason, and equal grade redistribution. Campaign front-man Adam Sains delivered a series of impassioned speeches in assemblies, whilst Petur Benedickz enjoyed his role in the party's PR campaign. The Conservative and Liberal Democrat Parties underperformed, whilst Labour, led by strategists Bobby Dixon and Benedict Curtis finished a respectable second. UKIP and The Green Party were also represented. Beyond the campaigns, numerous pupils offered their support by counting votes, assisting with poster design and policing election day to ensure that electoral fraud was non-existent.

Faculty Review: Mathematics & Computing

September 2021 began like a much more normal year, with the abolition of zones and teachers teaching in their own rooms again (in 2020-21 students remained in zones and were taught mainly in one room, visited by teachers).

Maths gained two new rooms, with Miss Coombes and Mr Weaving taking over the Latin block. The maths corridor line up with Mr Onoszko, Mrs Ashley and Dr Needham was completed by new recruit Mrs Jackson (replacing newly retired Mrs Hopkins). The computing duo saw Mr King teaching in S10 and Mr Aqab in IT1.

Lessons returned to normal with more interactive tasks, catching up any gaps in knowledge and supporting pupils.

This year the UKMT Maths Challenges were incorporated into the House Competitions for the first time, with the top 30 in each house in Year 8 to score in the Junior (20 Gold, 20 Silver, & 20 Bronze). It was the top 13 to score in the other two competitions. The Intermediate challenge (10 Gold, 17 Silver, & 25 Bronze) saw Samesh Chotai competing in the Hamilton Olympiad and Oliver Mann

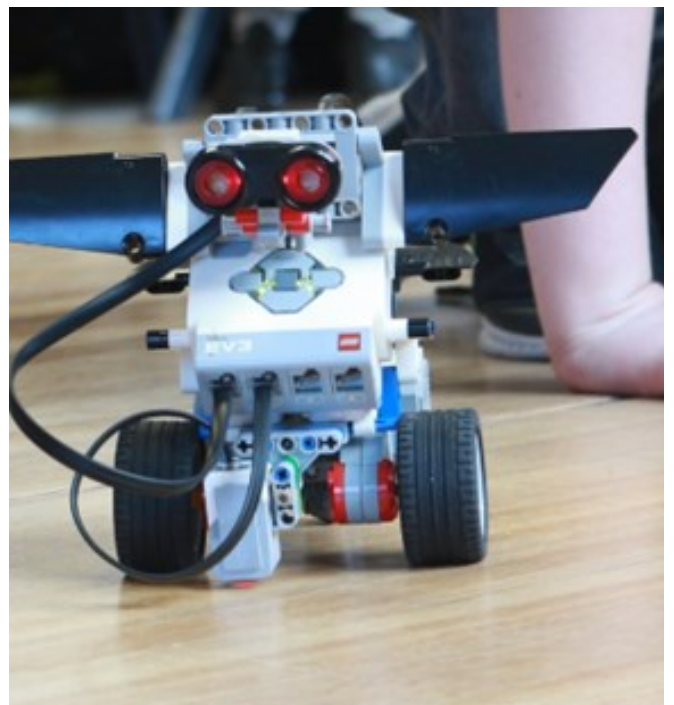


achieving a merit in the Maclaurin Olympiad. In the Senior challenge (6 Gold, 14 Silver, & 19 Bronze) three pupils qualified for the British Maths Olympiad – Matthew Connell in Year 12 (distinction), Elliot Halliday Year 13 and Daniel Batchelor (distinction).

External exams returned, and pupils were well prepared, following a series of internal assessments and performed well in GCSE and A levels. Computer Science continued its run of improved results over a number of years.

Challenge	Position	House	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total Points	House Points
Junior Y8	1 st	H	5	6	9	1879	125
	2 nd	P	7	2	10	1872	75
	3 rd	T	4	6	6	1759	50
	4 th	E	4	6	7	1698	25
Intermediate Y10/11	1 st	E	5	5	3	1016	75
	2 nd	P	3	2	8	915	50
	3 rd	H	2	5	5	868	35
	4 th	T	0	5	7	785	20
Senior Y12/13	1 st	E	4	3	4	942	75
	2 nd	H	1	6	3	840	50
	3 rd	P	1	3	6	816	35
	4 th	T	0	2	6	661	20

In enrichment week Y9 pupils finished the year with an exciting STEM Day, where in small teams using lego and ipads they designed, built and programmed an autonomous vehicle to complete tasks. Great team-work and good problem-solving skills were evident as they got stuck into the task and showed their competitive sides.



Faculty Review: Science



This academic year saw a return to relative normality following on from the covid disruptions. We were pleased to return to regular practical activities without having to quarantine equipment between lessons. Years 11 and 13 did face some changes as they prepared for their final exams, being given some information about topics that would be included. Results at both GCSE and A level continued to be strong with some very impressive individual achievements.

The year saw a number of changes to the staffing of the faculty. We said fond farewells to Vicki Johnston and Amanda Killip and we wished them well with their future plans. Jeremy Steward finally left Ermysted's Grammar to start his medical studies, having been our physics technician for the year. Jennifer Castle-Miller and Ryan Gardener were recruited to join the science teaching team in biology and physics respectively. Catriona Doyle joined our wonderful technician team.

Students in the middle and upper school continued to enjoy success in national competitions, with Nathan Howard-Birt achieving a gold medal in the Biology Intermediate Olympiad and Michael Heron achieving a gold in the Chemistry Olympiad. Three silver and four

copper medals were also awarded in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge.

Pupils enjoyed a variety of science activities as part of enrichment week including making rockets and seeing a birds of prey demonstration.



Year 10 and 11 pupils attended a GCSE Science Live event in Bradford and heard talks from a number of eminent scientists. Year 12 biology students enjoyed a day of field work at Malham in the sunshine. We also had a number of guest speakers on a range of topics including medicine and careers in the pharmaceutical industry.

Year 7 Transition

Early in September our new Year 7 pupils embarked on a journey to Nell Bank, an activity centre located in Ilkley, where children get to experience a range of outdoor activities and get to know each other better. A great day was had by all!



At Nell Bank, we completed a series of fun activities throughout the day. After getting there, we walked up the hill to the sheltered area. They welcomed us to Nell Bank and introduced us to our group leaders for the day, then we got stuck in to the first activity of the day. To complete the activity, we had to cover holes and pour water into the tubes from the bucket wasting as little as possible in order to retrieve the rubber duck. Our next activity required us to cross the 'poisonous ice' in a pair on wooden planks and put the ball in the frog's mouth at the end. Our team lost by a few points. Our final activity before lunch was orienteering. This was probably my least favourite activity of the day. After lunch, we crossed the Piranha infested custard swamp and I loved this one so much. We worked very well as a team as we had more people on our team than the other teams and still managed to win the prize. Our final activity was the obstacle course and we spilt the least amount of water. Overall, I had a great day!

Thomas B, 7H



On the 24th of September, Year 7 got to go to Nell Bank. There were lots of team building activities for us to do, such as the 'Custard Crossing' where we had to use a limited supply of equipment to cross 'piranha infested custard,' the 'Nelbanian Mountain Range' where we had to carry a litre of water in our teams around an obstacle course, and the orienteering, just to name a few. I personally enjoyed Nell Bank. I found it an amazing teambuilding activity for all and a good chance to communicate with each other and make some great friends. I would recommend this activity centre for all schools and other communities for bonding and friendship.

Hanzalah A, 7P

Nell Bank was really fun. The staff are really nice too. We did lots of activities like duck rescue, Custard crossing, Orienteering, The obstacle course and a frog & bear one. My favourite was the obstacle course. We had 100ml of water, chicken and a baguette and we had to transport it across the obstacle course but whoever was holding one of these couldn't move. This activity got me talking to many people that I wouldn't usually talk to, and I also got to know more people too. All of the activities required multiple people working together so if you were trying to do it on your own, it wouldn't work. I liked how all of the activities had a story. Like custard crossing was custard infested with piranhas. Duck rescue had the endangered Nellbanian duck that had fallen asleep and got stuck in the pole at night. I thought that Nell bank was great and I think that lots of others did too and it was a fantastic start to Ermysted's! Thank you for taking us!

Harry H, 7H

Youth Speaks—a Debate



For the first time in two years, Ermysted's had the pleasure of hosting the Youth Speaks—a Debate competition which is organised and run by the Skipton Rotary club. The event took place after school in the library on Thursday 3 March 2022 and involved entrants from Ilkley Grammar School, Giggleswick and Ermysted's Grammar School. Ermysted's entered two groups of Year 7 pupils to the intermediate category (Year 7-9) Lennan R, Sidaarth C, and Rishi H spoke on the topic "Professional Athletes are Overpaid" whilst Zach H, Dylan R and Kai ML presented their debate on "Artificial Intelligence is a Threat to Humanity." Hanzalah A, acted as reserve and provided excellent support both before and during the event. The senior category was

represented by Gurdith S and Amey T in Year 11 and Aaryan A in Year 12, debating on the topic "Nature versus Nurture." The groups were formed from the School debating clubs that are held at lunchtime, and the pupils put in considerable work in their own time to plan, write and perfect their speeches.

The event was very well attended and all the pupils performed superbly under challenging circumstances as they faced a live audience and a panel of eight judges. They were also filmed throughout their debate and were expected to stick to the time limit. Each pupil in the group spoke for a five minute duration, and one pupil had to respond to an impromptu question asked by a member of the panel. The pupils needed nerves of steel!

A buffet at the end of the competition provided pupils and staff an excellent opportunity to socialise and network with the other schools, and parents and Rotary club guests enjoyed speaking to the pupils. Meanwhile, the judges faced the difficult task of making a decision. Ilkley Grammar School and Giggleswick won the team cups for the intermediate and senior categories respectively, and Sidaarth C and Aaryan A won best speaker's award for their respective age category. The representatives of the Rotary club commented on the impressive standard and confidence of all of the pupils representing the three schools. Our teams did Ermysted's proud; the general consensus was the entrants were all winners!

Mock Election



On Friday, 25 March, pupils took part in a Mock Election. They voted for their choice from four candidates, each from Year 12, who earlier in the week participated in a hustings, held as assemblies, for every year group. The candidates represented real political parties, each with their own policies and parody to simulate a real-life election in our own school. The parties were also able to produce propaganda, in the form of posters and manifestos, which were displayed in various locations around school.

The Mock Election is intended to give pupils of all ages an opportunity to participate in democracy, so that they may understand and use this privilege after they leave school and become eligible to vote. The Election encouraged students to consider arguments from all sides and all parties, before coming to their own conclusions about who they think should be elected.

The candidates were as follows:

Adam Sains, the Communist Party

Benedict Curtis and Bobby Dixon, the Labour Party

Nuno Gagic, UKIP

James Protheroe, the Green Party

After an exciting day of election fever, students pooled into the Memorial Hall to vote, where they were registered by Year 12 Civil Servants. They then marked their ballot and put it into a real ballot box used in

elections, provided by Craven Council.

The results are as follows:

Communist Party: 38.6%

Labour Party: 29.3%

UKIP: 16.7%

Green Party: 6.5%

Spoiled Ballots: 9.0%

The turnout was 62.0%.

Bar Mock Trial



On Saturday, 26 March, the Ermysted's team once again went to Leeds to take part in the Bar Mock Trial. After Covid enforced a year-long hiatus on the competition, schools from across the North of England eagerly made the trip to Leeds Beckett University to fight it out. It was an event which saw students pitted against those from other schools, playing every role in the court from Barrister to Court Clerks. The Ermysted's team put in a valiant effort but despite receiving commendation by one judge, we narrowly missed out on the final. Hopes remain high for further progress next year...

Special thanks must go to all who participated - Dominic H, Aaryan A, Abhay N, Hugh M, Ben H, Musa M, Oliver P, Rehan Z, Theodor R, William M and Benedict C, in addition to Mrs McCabe and Mrs Rose. Thank you also to Barristers Mrs Swiffen, Mrs Williams, Mr Sutton and Mr Pickles for their guidance and support.

Benedict C, Year 12

Duke of Edinburgh



The culmination of several months of preparation which began in January 2022 with the training programme which covered map skills, expedition safety and first aid, the Countryside Code, preparing a menu and route planning was the final challenge of the assessed expeditions. The mapping tool on the eDofE website enabled the boys to devise route cards which broke each day into a number of segments and calculated the distance, altitude gain and duration of the walk.



A total of fifty four boys set out on their two day Bronze expeditions, and for the vast majority this has been their first real expedition experience, camping out overnight. Each day they were out for more than six hours, navigating routes in excess of 14kms, centred around Wharfedale. About

half the boys set up camp near Appletreewick and the rest at Kettlewell. Once tents were pitched the boys were able to cook their meals on the camp stoves. The assessors kept an eye on the teams, offering useful tips when necessary. Bronze is a massive learning experience and the boys were judged to have worked well in their teams. All teams showed greater proficiency on the second day. It is pleasing to read the assessor reports which reveal how well the boys met the challenge.

For the thirty two Year 10s tackling their three day Silver qualifying expedition, two teams started from Pateley Bridge and finished at Blubberhouses, whilst the other three teams headed in the other direction. Routes were challenging, but rain through the first night did little to dampen the spirits. Teamwork and skills developed over the three days and all teams managed to finish ahead of schedule on day three.

Twenty members of Year 12 completed their Gold assessed expedition. Full credit to all three

teams who chose to round off their DofE expeditions in the more testing environment of the Lake District. Each team planned their four day circular routes starting from Windermere, with one of the teams choosing to wild camp for one night. Teams encountered changeable weather, which tested them further. The feedback has been very complimentary about how the boys conducted themselves throughout. They showed excellent campcraft and navigation, working brilliantly in their teams.



The expedition section is just one of four sections (five at Gold) that the boys work through to gain their full awards. Assessor reports from volunteering, physical and skills sections reflect the determination and commitment the boys have put in over several months.

2022 brought an end to my three years of managing the award scheme at Ermysted's so I thank the vast number of staff who have supported me during this time, and wish my successors, Mr Allen and Mr Stubbings, all the best as they take over the reins of this wonderful scheme, which sees the boys develop in so many ways. Also thanks to all parents who have encouraged their sons through the various challenges and dropped them off and picked them up at the end of the expeditions.

Mr Lane



World Book Day 2022



This year's World Book Day took place on the 3rd of March. It was a special 25-year celebration day, themed around the words 'You Are a Reader'. The World Book Day team state that 'children of all ages will come together to share the joy of reading for pleasure.'



This year at Ermysted's, many World Book Day themed events were hosted in the library and around school. There was a book quest treasure hunt, a book swap with 200 books being brought in by students and a prize raffle for everyone participating. There was also a photo booth with many fun costumes and props based on book characters to have your photo taken with. It was great to see so many students in the library enjoying this wonderful occasion.



Book Quest Winners: Team Billy Higgins and Shariq Saboor, Team Aaron Brady and Ikhlas Saboor. Raffle winner: Ted Chambers-Lee

Thank you to Aston Burdett photographer, the library helpers, and all the students that took part.

Ted Chambers-Lee, Year 8



Cross-Country Review



Another superb year for Cross-Country with many excellent performances as we got back to a virtually full season of running. The season's stand-out performance was the English Schools' Fell Championships in September where we won an incredible three out of the four national titles as George M became a national champion and Tom H was runner-up. In the Cross-Country Cup all three teams won the North Yorkshire round, Our Inters won the NE of England round and individually Alex T was 4th in the final. The Area XC Championships saw us win four of the five age group titles with George M and Alex T both winning not only the area title but also both going on to win their county titles.

Our season started in fine style at Bingley when our new Year 7s showed their class to come 2nd, 4th and 6th in the Year 7 & 8 race and win their team award. Tom H's individual win helped his team to victory and our seniors were runners-up. Two other local events happened in September as we won the Year 7 & 8 team at Casterton (Sedbergh's prep school) and Ewen W won individually as his Inter team won at St. Aidans.

Historically one of our best events of the year is the English Schools' Fell-Running Championships, this season held on Sunday 26 September on the fells above Settle. This was the first event when the Year 7s were only against their own age-group. George M showed his quality even on a national stage winning the race and

leading his team-mates Will P and Will O to a team title. Tom H led the Year 8 & 9 team to victory as he was runner-up with Dan R running a blinder to come 7th and Ewen W completing the team in 15th. The Year 10 & 11 race again saw EGS runners at the sharp end of the race. Sam B, Dougie S and Lachlan W were all around 10th place on the climb. That close packing was to prove decisive in the team competition when Sam B came back 7th, Dougie S 9th and Lachlan W 12th for our 3rd team victory. Ermysted's only had track star Alex T running in the Seniors who managed a creditable top ten finish. The team race was won by Harrow School showing the true national nature of the races and underscores just how impressive a performance it was from Ermysted's to win the other three boys titles.

The National Cross-Country Cup had a much due change in format as Seniors (Years 11-13) were added to the long established Junior (Years 7 & 8) and Inter (Years 10 & 11) age groups. Our Junior team won the North Yorkshire round at Aireville Park but missed out on the final as they only managed 5th team at Middlesbrough in the North of England round. Our best team was the Inters who not only won at Skipton but also in Middlesbrough before finishing 8th of the 27 teams in the final. Lachlan W having a great run to finish 12th. Pride of place though went to Alex T who was in the lead group in the final before coming 4th individually. This competition has been good to Alex over the years as he won individually in 2016 in Liverpool, was one of Ermysted's winning Intermediate Team in 2017 at Sevenoaks and regained his individual title in 2018 at Woodbridge, but the hat-trick was not to be. His team finished 20th which might not sound brilliant but was pretty good when over 500 schools entered back in September.

At the Harrogate & Craven Championships, hosted once more by Giggleswick, we had one of our best overall school's performance as we won an amazing four out of the five team events, collected seven individual medals including both George M and Alex T won their individual races. These races involved over 400 runners from 17 secondary schools from as far afield as hosts Giggleswick and Queen Ethelburgas near York. The races were on a



testing course of undulating grazing land incorporating some stiff climbs but also benefiting from a start and sprint finish on the pancake flat lap around the school playing fields, which made for excellent viewing for spectators. There was a lot to run for with individual titles, medals for the first three and trophies for the best school in each of the five age groups for both boys and girls. However, the main reason for the races is that they are a starting point for the Individual English Schools' Cross-Country Championships as the best runners are selected for the Harrogate & Craven team for the County Championships from which the team for the National is selected. Ermysted's had 18 runners selected for the Area representative teams in the County Championships. These included gold medalists; George M (Year 7) and Alex T (Year 12/13), silver medalists; Ewen W (Year 9) and Dougie S (Year 10/11) and bronze medalists; Will O (Year 7), Tom H (Year 9) and Sam B (Year 10/11).

Subsequently at the County Championships at Middlesbrough, our Year 7 showed their real class as George M won gold, Will O claimed bronze and Will P made the County Team. Tom H, Ewen W and Dan R all made the County team for Year 8/9. Five runners from Ermysted's made the County Year 10/11 team; Dougie S, Tom H, Ewen W, Lachlan W and Samesh C. Then in the Seniors, Alex T won gold as Robert M and Andrew R made the County Team.

In the smaller scale local races we had some great individual and team results. We sent teams to three out of four of the Keighley & Craven XC races and had some notable individual performances including a race victory by Lachlan W. The Year 7/8s and Year 9/10s won two team events each with the Seniors winning their final

race as Year 13s!

At this year's King Henry VIII Relays they were celebrating the 50th anniversary of the races and as such put on an Old Boys race before the main event. With five of the fastest seven times Ermysted's dominated the event. Matthew Watson who left Ermysted's at the turn of the century beat all comers with renowned Triathlete Jimmy Lund 3rd and Ilkley Half Marathon Champion Joe Carnelley 4th. In the actual relays we were a creditable 12th of the 44 teams with Alex T running the 4th fastest time.

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 Alex T won both Area and County titles However, George M was awarded the shield for mirroring Alex's area and county triumphs but going one better by winning the English Schools National Fell Title to boot!



International Schools Federation World Schools Cross-Country Championships

The Senior Cross-Country team of Ermysted's Grammar School had been selected as the English Representative in the International Schools Federation World Schools Cross-Country Championships. They were picked to race in English vests in the biennial event to be held at the ski resort, Štrbské Pleso, Slovakia in April 2020.

The team was initially contacted, along with a small number of schools of proven pedigree in running, and asked to say why Ermysted's should be selected. This team have been awesome in terms of running throughout their time at school with a glittering array of awards. In Autumn 2017 as an U15 team they won the English Schools' Cross-Country Cup Final at Sevenoaks in Kent. As it was the English Schools' Athletic Association who were selecting the team to represent England this will have gone a long way towards our selection. However, more recent success in winning the King Henry VIII Relays in February of this year will have cemented their selection as this is widely accepted as a schools' national cross-country relay event.



This was fantastic recognition of the students' ability as they have been picked as the best senior boys' team in the whole of the country. Equally it is a tremendous honour for the school who are really proud of the school's achievements over the years in terms of cross-country running and consider this to be a wonderful

validation and reward for many years of hard work and dedication by both the boys and coaching staff.

There would be some significant costs involved in the trip, mostly flights and accommodation, and the whole school cross-country team has been involved in some fund-raising. On Wednesday 11 December the Ermysted's Cross-Country Team attempted to run the distance of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal on 2 treadmills.

43 runners took part in the event staged at Skipton's Sandylands Gym covering a variety of distances. Each of the six selected athletes ran a good turn of up to one hour but a lot of the younger boys from school also embraced the event both running and collecting sponsor money in support of the team. Mr Speak and Dr Needham who are often seen out in all weathers training with the boys also did their turn to ensure the full 205km distance was covered. The run was staged as though one team started in Leeds and the other ran from Liverpool making the meeting point the halfway distance somewhere between Burnley and Blackburn. In fact it didn't take as long as expected as the teams who set out at 7.30 am met after just 8 hours 5 minutes and 53 seconds. This was a decent average speed of just over 12.5km/hour which was not at all bad bearing in mind all of the changeovers.



As well as the treadmill challenge the boys also raised money by using the school driveways for each of the two weekends of Skipton's Christmas Market and by writing to local firms in the hope that some might support the

team financially as they do need to fund their own flights, accommodation and even purchase their own England kit for the trip.

Unfortunately then COVID hit! The team, school and everyone involved was devastated when the event was cancelled due to the pandemic. Clearly many people were far more badly affected than us but it did mean we had lost our chance to represent our country on the world stage. However, having raised the money to go and having got all of our England kit, we were determined to give the lads the chance to race in their England kit. Joe C organised most of it and we decided on a race in Berlin.

So in the summer of 2021 we raced in Berlin at their city centre 10km race. We had a slightly augmented team as the World Schools Championships age groups no longer applied and so we invited Joe H and Tom B who had been instrumental in our initial selection aboard the flight. We had a fantastic time in Berlin doing some sight-seeing and making some tremendous memories as we ran, cycled and scooted around the city centre in the days before the main event.

The race came and the two Joe's led our challenge but the entire squad placed really highly in the 5000 or so finishers, whilst running some really fast times; Joe H 15th 31:00, Joe C 30th 32.06, Alex T 69th 33.38, Louis H 74th 33.52, Arthur P 80th 34.01, Tom B 134th 35.40 and Seb S 202nd 37.26. Anyone who has done a 5k park run will know how impressive these times were for double that distance! We easily won the U20 team event and so were champions in an international event! What a ride for the lads involved and we were so pleased that as a parent said they got to wear their England kit 'in battle'!

Well done all of you and it was tremendous you got to race in your England kit. A big thank you to Joe C for organising everything and Joe H for organising us all while we were there. You've been an awesome team and it was a fitting way to round off your efforts for school. Good luck with all your futures in running and in your careers.

Don't be strangers and do let me know of all your achievements. Stephen (aka 'sir').

Mr Speak



Athletics Review

For the Athletics Schools' Cup National Final, the boys travelled down to Aylesbury, Oxford. The team scouted out the track the night before the event and had a team dinner at Pizza Hut. Sprints were high on the minibus with the boys setting themselves their own targets for the next day. Our aim was to continue to improve on our total points score.

On the morning of the event the boys tucked in to the hotel breakfast and made sure they had enough energy for the day ahead. We arrived at the track looking the part, thanks to the quarter zips funded by the Old Boys and started to soak up the atmosphere. The team walked the track and made note of where their events would be taking place.

As in previous rounds we started on field events with the high jumpers Freddie B and Benjamin H leading the way

with 20 points between them. As in previous rounds we were not as strong in the field, and this showed against the experienced schools from the South of the country. After lunch and a pep talk we went into our track events full of confidence. The Ermysted's boys more than held their own in these events and created some upsets along the way. Freddie B once again showing his sprinting prowess in winning the 100m in a time of 11.4s scoring 29 points. Several other boys contributed with excellent scores over 20 as well, Ali J in the 200m, Tom H a year younger in the 300m, Nathan H with a 10s PB in the 800m, Sam B in the 1500m and Benjamin H in the hurdles.

The boys represented the school brilliantly and competed with their heads held high. The result was an improvement on their regional round score by 30 points and their first round score by 79 points.



Football Review

Lower School

The Ermysted's Lower School football season has come to a thrilling close, as young athletes displayed unwavering resilience and exceptional talent on the field. Overcoming the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, these dedicated players delivered commendable performances, leaving an indelible mark on the local football scene.

Following a prolonged hiatus due to Covid restrictions, the Lower School football teams witnessed an overwhelming turnout for their training sessions after school. Like seeds dormant during winter, the eager students sprouted into a vibrant force, fuelled by their love for the game. Their commitment to honing their skills and bouncing back from adversity was nothing short of awe-inspiring.

In an extraordinary display of determination, the Year 7 team embarked on an inspiring journey, leaving a trail of victories in their wake and reaching the semi-finals of the competition. Their unwavering teamwork and synchronized moves captivated both opponents and spectators. The Year 7 team's success serves as a testament to their hard work and dedication.

Equally impressive were the achievements of the Year 8 team, who fearlessly embraced the challenge of competing in three different cups throughout the season. They adeptly adapted to the demands placed on them whilst juggling these fixtures, showcasing their positional versatility. Their unwavering passion and relentless pursuit of victory earned them well-deserved respect from their competitor despite not progressing to the finals of the competition.

Not to be outdone, the Year 9 team delivered a season to remember, reaching the quarter-finals of the Area Cup. Like a well-oiled machine, their consistent performances and strategic gameplay demonstrated their maturity and deep understanding of the sport. Their journey was a testament to their perseverance and the collective efforts of staff and players, as they blazed a trail of triumphs and unforgettable moments. Additionally, the Year 9 team distinguished themselves by coming runners-up in the fiercely contested area 7-a-side tournament. Their outstanding performance in the tournament showcased their resilience and ability to rise to the occasion.

Despite the disruptions caused by the pandemic, the Lower

School football teams admirably maintained a rigorous game schedule, playing a match every fortnight. This regularity served as a relentless heartbeat, keeping their competitive spirits alive and allowing them to flourish. The players honed their skills and developed a deep camaraderie that propelled them forward with unwavering determination.

Further highlighting the talent within the Lower School teams, several players had the honour of representing their district. Edward Fraser, Will Farrell, Aidan Wright, Jacob Cox, and Alex Collins proudly donned their district colours, proving themselves as exceptional ambassadors for both their school and the sport they love.

As the season concludes, the Lower School football teams can reflect on their achievements with pride. Their ability to overcome adversity, bounce back from a disrupted period, and deliver outstanding performances is a testament to their character and love for the beautiful game.

Looking towards the future, these talented athletes are destined for even greater accomplishments. The Lower School football program serves as a shining example of resilience and passion, inspiring generations of young athletes to pursue their dreams and push beyond limitations.

Congratulations to the Year 7, 8, and 9 teams on their impressive performances, and eagerly anticipate their continued success in the seasons to come.

First XI

Ed Chadwick and Luke Newbould shared the captaincy and their team played some entertaining football. However, they were usually second best on the score sheet. The season started well with a 3-2 win at home to Garforth Academy in the English Schools FA Cup but our run was short lived as Roundhay beat us in the next round.

We had all too brief runs in the Harrogate & Craven Cup as we lost to King James and lost to Bootham School in the County Cup. We even fluffed our one chance of Silverware as the Old Boys evened up the contest with a 7-2 mauling to make it 3 matches each in the overall Head to Head.

2021-22 Season:- Played 6, Won 1, Drawn 0, Lost 5, goals for 11 goals against 22.

Thornthwaite Residential

A fabulous week was enjoyed by Year 7, all spending 3 days and 2 nights residential at Thornthwaite. The trip was packed full of activities, including rock climbing, mountain biking, archery, raft building and fencing. Everyone spent a night under canvas and a night sleeping in dormitories. Alongside their woodland ecology studies, the pupils built friendships with each other, spent time away from home, with many particularly enjoying a water fight in the hot weather, forming memories that will last forever.

Dr Needham



Speech Day 2022



On Tuesday, 5 July, we hosted our annual Speech Day celebration. This year, Years 7, 9 and prize winners from all year groups were invited to attend, along with parents, teachers and VIP guests. The guest speaker was Dr Motaz Qadan (pictured above with Mr Worts, Chair of Governors and Mr Evans, Headmaster).

Dr Qadan graduated from Ermysted's in 1997 and went on to become a cancer surgeon at Harvard University in the USA. The ceremony began with a welcome from Mr Worts, followed by the Headmaster's account of the year to date. The presentation took place this year by key stage, with intermissions for two musical performances from pupils, Tomasz McCormick (Year 7) and Caleb Shaw (Year 11). Dr Qadan gave an inspirational speech about how he came to study at Ermysted's, his time at school and life after leaving.

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 2021-22, Musa Majid, and the official handover of the Badge of Office to Benedict Curtis, Head Boy 2022-23.

FORM PRIZES

Skipton Mechanics' Institute Form Prize 7E.....	Jayden Booth
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Form Prize 7H	Daniel Hood
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Form Prize 7P.....	Alec Skelton
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Form Prize 7T.....	Rishi Hebbar
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Form Prize 8E.....	Freddie Whittam-Burrows
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Form Prize 8H	William McDonnell
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Form Prize 8P.....	Sam Shoard

Skipton Mechanics' Institute Form Prize 8T.....	Tom Henderson
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Form Prize 9E.....	Mason Turner
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Form Prize 9H.....	Aaron Brady
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Form Prize 9P.....	Hugo Murray
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Form Prize 9T.....	Nicholas Weekes

LOWER SCHOOL PRIZES

Marmaduke Millar Art Prize.....	Frankie Smith
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	William Fitton
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize.....	Nicholas Weekes
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Computing Prize	Cameron Macintyre
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Design and Technology Prize.....	Aaron Brady
Petyt Trust English Prize	Rowan Box
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Food and Nutrition Prize	Daniel Reid
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize.....	Michael Benny
Skipton Mechanics' Institute History Prize	Ikhlas Saboor
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize.....	Joseph Greening
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	Nicholas Weekes
Petyt Trust Latin Prize	Alfie Swinton
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize.....	Alfie Swinton
Firth Memorial Music Prize	Hugo Murray
Skipton Town Council Silver Jubilee Shield (Music)	Tomasz McCormick
Skipton Mechanics' Institute PE Prize.....	Daniel Ridehalgh
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Charlie Caygill
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Religious Studies Prize.....	Alfie Swinton

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRIZES

Jonathan Chapman Memorial Art Prize	Henry Hall
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Amey Tripathi
Foundation Chemistry Prize	Ammar Khedapa
Foundation Computing Prize.....	Caleb Shaw
Foundation Design & Technology Prize	Cassian Chandler

Foundation English Prize	Alistair Whitehead
Foundation Food & Nutrition Prize	Joseph Thomas
Jack Eastwood Memorial Prize for Languages: French	Ammar Khedapa
Jonathan Chapman Memorial Geography Prize	Will Oliver
Foundation Modern Languages Prize: German	Joseph Thomas
Foundation History Prize	Sean Acornley
Foundation Latin Prize.....	Max Hudson
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize.....	Oliver Mann
Edward Scott Music Prize	Caleb Shaw
Foundation PE Prize	Will Caygill
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Oliver Mann
Foundation Religious Studies Prize	Talhah Amin

SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZES

Foundation Art Prize	Jack Thornton
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Michael Heron
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize.....	Michael Heron
Senior Computing Prize.....	Daniel Batchelor
Foundation Cricket Prize	Toby Meynell
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Design Technology Prize.....	Alfie Butler
Arthur Coe Prize for Distinguished Service	Dylan Rowley
Dramatic Society Prize.....	Mattie Sheldon
Foundation Economics Prize	Fintan O'Regan
Petyt Trust English Prize.....	Logan Lombard
Fleming Essay Prize	James Varney
Senior Football Prize	Edward Chadwick
Senior Football Prize	Luke Newbould
Parents' Association Fortitude Prize	Alfie Butler
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize.....	Jack Thornton
Foundation Further Maths Prize	Daniel Batchelor
Foundation Further Maths Prize	Harvey Merrall
Foundation General Efficiency Prize	Luca Curini
Foundation Geography Prize.....	Ruben Francis

George Bottomley Memorial German Prize.....	Sam Eaglesham
Old Boys' Association Head of School Prize	Musa Majid
Foundation History Prize	Sam Eaglesham
Foundation Linguistics Prize	Jath Lee
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize.....	Mattie Sheldon
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student.....	Hassaan Aziz
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student.....	Adi Hussain
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student.....	Samee Sarfaraz
Head of Sixth Form's Merit Prize.....	Bram Heierman-Rix
Foundation Music Prize.....	Sam Theodosius
Doris Altham Barker Prize for Musical Achievement	Bram Heierman-Rix
Doris Altham Barker Prize for Musical Achievement	Hugh Murray
Doris Altham Barker Prize for Musical Achievement	Oliver Park
Foundation PE Prize	Ethan Brewster
Skipton Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Daniel Batchelor
Foundation Politics Prize	James Varney
Senior Religious Studies Prize	Mattie Sheldon
Longden Smith Prize for Rugby	Caleb McConville
Jimmy Harrison Memorial Prize for Progress in Senior Rugby	Ollie MacNab
Jimmy Harrison Memorial Prize for Progress in Senior Rugby	Ben McParland

ATHLETES

Golson Shield for Achievement in Cross Country Running	George Marsh
English Schools National Fell Running Champions.....	George Marsh
English Schools National Fell Running Champions.....	William Oakden
English Schools National Fell Running Champions.....	Will Pease
English Schools National Fell Running Champions.....	Tom Hooper
English Schools National Fell Running Champions.....	Daniel Ridehalgh
English Schools National Fell Running Champions.....	Ewen Wilkinson
English Schools National Fell Running Champions.....	Samuel Bentham
English Schools National Fell Running Champions.....	Douglas Segger-Staveley
English Schools National Fell Running Champions.....	Lachlan Wills
'Overall Best School' at the English Schools Fell Championships trophy	Alex Thompson



The Ermysted's Award

In the summer term we recognise the achievements of many of our pupils who have gained an 'Ermysted's Award'. They each receive a smart enamel pin badge and a shiny certificate. The Ermysted's Award is organised so that pupils in Year 7 & 8 aim for Bronze, Year 9 & 10 are eligible for Silver and Year 11 & 12 go for Gold. Evidence of achievements is spread over both years and the award itself is claimed via submission of a portfolio of evidence, usually at Easter. Pupils had to show evidence of substantial and sustained contributions under six headings; Academic, Service in School, Cultural, Skill, Physical and Community. Although called the 'Ermysted's Award' for a reason, this year, due in part to lockdown, we looked favourably on any evidence which might have demonstrated commitments outside as well as those for school. The following boys submitted successful portfolios this year and received their respective awards:

Bronze: Harris Birch, Oliver Brady, Ted Chambers-Lee, Callum Draper, Daniel Edmondson, Jamie Edwards, Ellis Frankland, Emre Frankland, Bilal Hassan, George Hodgson, Zulqurnain Ismail, Austin Joseph, Haaziq Khan, Shariq Saboor, Edmund Sellers, Sam Shoard, Louis Sturman, Areeb Taj, Barnaby Turner, Charlie Tutty, William Walker, Freddie Whittam-Burrows, Mackenzie Williamson, William Wood-Robertson.

Silver: Samesh Chotai, Joseph Davies, Hashim Ditta, Toby Francis, Nathan Joseph, Archie Morton, Theo Sturman, Edward Thornton, Joshua Tywang.

Gold: Sam Balderstone, Gabriel Benny, Benedict Curtis, Nuno Gagic, Bilal Ismail, Andrew Robinson, Spencer Weald.

Sports Day

“An athlete cannot run with money in his pockets. He must run with hope in his heart and dreams in his head”, Emil Zatopek

After many years in education, I didn't think I would ever wake to the welcome sight of Emsay crag shrouded in an early morning mist and the outside chance of a light sprinkling of cooling rain and temperatures in the 20's as a positive. This week may go down in History as Coningsby reached the dizzying temperature of 40.3 degrees and we all must consider the effects of planetary warming, but for many of the boys who took part in sports day today they have formed their own lasting memories for this historical week that will last longer than the now dissipating heat.

Throughout the proceeding week school had heaped contingency plan upon plan to ensure that sports day in the fullest form possible would go ahead. In the end meteorological web sites and cooling winds from the north ensured that the tried and tested plan of a full day of House based competition could go ahead.

Sports day is put on every year as a celebration event for all of the pupils in school. On Tuesday afternoon the PE dept worked in the searing heat to organise the sporting arena. To turn our little patch of brownish green grass into an athletics amphitheatre is no mean feat. Standing on the top field ready to head home I looked out on the Cononley Moors over the roofs of Skipton and hoped that like the hills that surround us, it would all be there the next day. On arrival at school I headed to the top where some boys were already congregating with a football. I asked them if they could help by leaving and without a question they did. It really does lift the heart when boys give back without question. Throughout the day there have been countless examples recounted by colleagues where the young men of the school have helped this event to go ahead. From helping to transport equipment, sharing kit with friends, filling in for those not in school and especially giving full and heartfelt support for those boys who although may not be gifted sportspeople have been willing to have a go.

Athletics, under the guidance of Mr Stubbings has undergone a resurgence this year, with boys competing at district, county and at the English Schools level. Allied to the continuing input for Cross Country and fell running from Messrs. Speak and Needham the high end of athletics is booming. Last year we reported a bumper year with two records broken. This year a further one, the 400m for Year 9 was smashed by Tom Hooper (39 seconds (Toller)). Earlier in the school year the following records were either broken or created by athletes in district or county events: Will McDonnell Year 8, 80m Hurdles 15.3 seconds; Ben Horsfield Year 10 80m Hurdles 12.5 secs; Nathan Joseph Year 10 300m 42.0 seconds, George Marsh Year 7 1500m, 4 mins 58 secs, Oliver Hardcastle Shot 9.89m and Freddie Brown Year 10 100m 11.4 seconds (the latter competing alongside Alex Thompson, Year 13 at the English Schools Athletics finals at Sport City Manchester in June). A big thank you must go to Alex for all he has given to athletics in school and we wish him well as he heads to University in the USA on an Athletics scholarship.

As I have regaled in previous years the high achievers rightly deserve applause for the dedication they put in to reach such dizzying heights. But it is the many that take part in sports day that are the true heroes. We have several running, jumping, and throwing superstars in school. To know that you are entering an event for your house where the probability of positional success is limited demonstrates a truly strong character trait that has to be both recognised and applauded. With many schools moving away from competitive sport it is humbling to observe that the family at Ermysted's, students and staff, get behind this event and make it the success it is every year.

To all of the boys who took part and supported others thank you.

