

NEWSLETTER

Ermysted's Grammar School



Dear all

School life continues its transition back to normal, with each new iteration in the relaxation of preventative measures allowing more activities to resume.

This newsletter evidences the return of many staples to the Ermysted's diet.

Perhaps you have recently bumped into some of our pupils trekking across the Dales? The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which now allows overnight camping, has seen hundreds of pupils involved in the expeditions. Fixtures are returning to the calendar, with the Ermysted's Open and several cricket matches now completed. The pupils continue to excel in the various academic competitions and, once again, the School newspaper, *The Reason*, has achieved national recognition.

All eyes are now turning to the autumn term where we hope this awakening of the extra-curricular programme will reach its zenith. Fingers crossed for good news across the summer!

Michael Evans
Headteacher

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All participants have been taking on the challenge of their assessed expeditions and it has been great that they have been able to embrace the full expedition experience, camping out in their teams. This has been the culmination of several months of preparation which began in January with online training. This gained momentum once the boys were back in school and the teams worked hard planning their expedition routes. 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.

Thanks to all parents who dropped the boys off at the start points, where the assessors briefed the boys before they set off.

There have been over 100 boys out on their two day Bronze expeditions, and for the vast majority this has been their first real expedition experience. Each day they were out for more than 6 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, whilst some navigational errors were made, the boys worked well together and kept their spirits high. All teams showed greater proficiency on the second day. To date a number of the assessor reports have been completed and it is pleasing to read how well the boys met the challenge.

Twenty boys from Year 11 completed their 3 day Silver

expedition starting from Blubberhouses. After more than 7 hours, covering in excess of 16kms, the three teams reached their first campsite in Addingham Moorside. The second day involved routes over to Appletreewick and they finished day three at Conistone. Again the boys really stepped up, coping with really hot conditions along with blistered feet.



Twenty eight Year 10s have also completed their Silver expeditions, with two teams starting from Pateley Bridge and finishing at Blubberhouses and the other two heading in the other direction. This time the weather posed different challenges, with it raining from the start and visibility severely reduced over the moors. It proved a very tough first day for two of the teams who were out for more than 9 hours, but a thunderstorm and torrential rain through the night did little to dampen their spirits. With batteries recharged the teams made their second camp, despite it raining throughout the day, before finishing ahead of schedule on day three.



A team of six Year 13s completed their Gold assessed expedition. Unlike the Golds that completed their expedition in April this team was allowed to camp so they carried full packs over the four days. Their route took them from Addingham to Clapham via camps at Appletreewick, Kettlewell and Horton-in-Ribblesdale. They excelled on their navigation, campcraft and teamwork, and they even amended their route on Day 4 to take in the summit of Ingleborough. The weather conditions were kind to them

throughout and it was a fitting way for them to complete their time at Ermysted's.



So there is just one expedition still to go out and it involves two Gold teams from Year 12. They excelled on their practice expedition earlier in the term and are now planning to walk more than 90 kms over four days.



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. It has often been the case that the time period has been stretched out due to Covid restrictions. We would have hoped that the expedition section would be the final piece in the jigsaw but most boys still have some sections to tie up before completing their award. I can report that we do have a number of boys who have gained their full awards. At Bronze badges and certificates are ready to hand out to James Hannigan, Rohaan Chaudhury, Henry Gowans, Jamie Howarth, Boe Kennedy, Freddie Smith, Will Barker and Joseph Robinson. At Silver full awards go to Andrew Robinson, Rehan Zarif, Benedict Curtis, Tom Henderson and

Andrew Clay. For many more it is just a case of waiting for the expedition assessor reports to be uploaded, so the list of successes will surely grow over the coming weeks. Congratulations too go to Theo Sturman, Caspar Alderson, Johan Mathew and Hanzala Shahzad in Year 9 who have already gained their Certificate of Achievement at Bronze by completing the other three sections.



Mr Lane

UKMT Maths Challenge

Since Easter, boys in Years 8, 10 and 11 have completed many different UKMT maths challenges with much success. This year, all students in Year 8 had the opportunity to complete the junior maths challenge, but unlike normal this was completed online and at home. The paper consisted of 25 short problem-solving questions which gradually increase in difficulty. Of the boys who completed the challenge, 70 achieved a bronze, silver or gold certificate and of those, 7 qualified to take part in the junior kangaroo challenge, which is an excellent achievement.

Within Year 10 and 11, two boys qualified for their respective Olympiad challenge papers. These papers are made up of six questions worth 10 marks each which all require long, written, mathematical answers. Oliver Mann, in Year 10, qualified as 1 of 600 students from around the UK to complete the Hamilton Olympiad where he achieved a distinction in this challenge. In Year 11, Matthew Connell qualified for the Maclaurin Olympiad, where he also achieved a distinction, and finished within the top 100 students from across the UK. Both amazing achievements!

Well done to all the boys who completed any of the maths challenge papers this year, you have all done really well.

Miss Coombes

A Close Shave for Mrs Hopkins



Mrs Hopkins, with the help of the School, is organising a fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The Foundation works to help treat, cure and prevent Type 1 Diabetes and as well as being a great cause, it has a personal connection to Mrs Hopkins as her nephew was diagnosed with diabetes whilst in primary school.

As a way to motivate people to donate, she is planning on going completely bald and donating her hair to a charity to create wigs for people who suffer from hair loss due to medical conditions. Mrs Hopkins is planning to get this done on Tuesday 20 July at her hairdressers, documenting the whole process with photos and videos so that the students can get to see everything.

Read on for our interview with Mrs Hopkins...

Michael: Hello I'm Michael one of the deputy head boys and with me is Mrs. Hopkins. We're just going to talk about the upcoming school fundraiser that Mrs. Hopkins is organising. So tell us why we're doing this fundraiser?

Mrs Hopkins: Well it's been a while since we've done a whole school fundraiser, all kinds of things have gotten in the way. Pandemics and stuff like that so it will be really nice for us to end 2020/2021 school year with a little bit of a charity blast.

Michael: I agree, so tell us a little about what we're fundraising for.

Mrs Hopkins: I've got a charity in mind that I would like donations to go towards. Which is the Juvenile Diabetes

Research Foundation.

Michael: What makes you so passionate about that?

Mrs Hopkins: Well diabetes affects young people, this kind of diabetes, it's an autoimmune disease. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation do a lot of work to make that easier to manage and also they're looking for a cure. For me personally, it has a personal connection because my nephew was diagnosed with diabetes when he was in primary school.

Michael: So what are you planning to do for the fundraiser?

Mrs Hopkins: Oh well, we could've had a cake bake sale of course but with COVID probably not, so I thought maybe I'd cut my hair.

Michael: Oh wow, how long is your hair now?

Mrs Hopkins: Well it's not awfully long, I don't think it competes with some of the other female staff who've got long hair, quite envious really, but after a very long time its grown to this length.

Michael: How long are you planning to make it?

Mrs Hopkins: How long, you mean how much am I having cut off?

Michael: Yeah.

Mrs Hopkins: All of it. I am going to be completely bald.

Michael: I'm sure people will fundraise to see that.

Mrs Hopkins: I'd like to think they'd get behind and the opportunity to see me with absolutely no hair is something that I'm sure some of them would enjoy. (Laughs) or not.

Michael: Who's planning to cut it?

Mrs Hopkins: So that I don't have too many of those lovely blue plasters stuck all over my head. I've asked my hairdresser to do it because I don't want the hair to just end up on the floor, we're going to also donate the hair to a charity for wigs for people who are suffering hair loss due to medical conditions.

Michael: Very generous, so when do we get to see this?

Mrs Hopkins: So I'm going to do it in the last week of term, going to do it on the Tuesday. Obviously because of all the coronavirus restrictions in place, it's going to take place with just the camera, my hairdresser and my

daughters coming to hold my hand in case I cry and so that will be videoed, and we'll take photographs so that everybody can get to see it hopefully on the same day.

Michael: Good, how much are you planning to raise?

Mrs Hopkins: Well since we haven't had a fundraiser for a while. I'm hoping people will be super-duper generous and we can get into the thousands, let's make this a mega fundraiser.

Michael: that's a good goal.

Mrs Hopkins: A super way to finish the school year.

Musa: As the new head boy team we feel very passionately about this cause we really feel that the whole school, if everyone puts their efforts in, can get behind it.

Dom: As we have not achieved a fundraiser in a while, and after the tough year we have faced with covid, we think it is important to end on a high note for the year, and really get behind this cause.

Tom: JDRF are working tirelessly to treat, cure and prevent type 1 diabetes

Michael: If everyone donates we can make a significant contribution to this cause.

Musa: We hope to see everyone donating, Thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rachael-hopkins6>

Musa Majid, Head Boy 2021-22

A Strong Performance in the National Reading Champions Quiz Final

Congratulations to the Year 8 National Reading Champions team, Aaron, Jacob, Elliot and Alfie (pictured above, left), who put up a strong performance in the national final. Over 500 teams had competed to gain one of the coveted 18 finalist places. Ermysted's demonstrated their wide reading knowledge and thoroughly deserved their final place in the country's top ten NRCQ teams.

The EGS team holds the Yorkshire cup for this year, in



addition to winning £80 worth of book tokens, plus a book prize for each team member. Well done, you represented the school with distinction.

Thank you also to the NRCQ reserve team, who performed well in the heats and were on standby for the final (Hugo, Ikhlas, Taha, Teilo, Joe, and Michael, pictured above, right).

Mrs McCabe



Ermysted's Second-hand Uniform Scheme

Skipton & Craven Action for Disability is now accepting donations of Ermysted's uniform to its shops in Skipton and Crosshills - including blazers, ties, jumpers, trousers, stripey games kit, house PE kit and aprons. Please donate uniform on a Wednesday or Thursday, if possible, and ensure name tags are removed, clothing has been washed, and it is in a bag clearly marked as Ermysted's uniform. We will advertise its availability to parents of new Year 7s and 12s later in the summer, however items of uniform are available for anyone to purchase from SCAD, as an alternative to buying them new.

Chris Faulkner, Year 13

The Ermysted's Open and the Skipton Schools Open



Ermysted's welcomed Ripon Grammar and Prince Henry's to Skipton Golf Club to compete in the Skipton Schools Golf Open on Wednesday, 30 June.

The Ermysted's Open was played out in parallel to the Skipton Schools Open, on the same day with the 10 Ermysted's lads competing with each other to be crowned the Open Champion, six playing both the Ermysted's and Skipton Schools Open.

Skipton Golf Club were great as usual, hosting the event for the second time, with the Captain of the club



awarding the winners with the shields in the presentation. The weather on the day was as good as the course, great sun all the way through and the course was in lovely condition and was primed for a challenging round for all, with some difficult pin positions from the club competition help the day before.

The team format of the Skipton School Open consisted of

three students from each school combining their stableford scores to form a team score (with 108 points equating to level par for the day). Ermysted's ended up winning the Skipton Schools open on the day with our first team coming in with a combined score of 106 stableford points, with Archie getting 31 points, Mark with 35 points and Dixon with a whopping 40 points. Ermysted's did well to fend off tough competition from Prince Henry's Grammar School and Ripon Grammar School, both of which brought some sub five handicap golfers, which proved to show a high quality of golf on show.



Bobby also won the Ermysted's Open, as well being in the winning team of the Skipton Schools Open, with a huge 40 stableford points, four under par, and being on the tough long Skipton course, 40 points is a fantastic score. A special mention must also go to Haris (Year 8) who in his first competitive outing for Ermysted's scored an incredible 38 points to come third in the Ermysted's Open in his first attempt.

Overall Results 2021	
Skipton Schools Open (Team)	
Team Champions	EGS (106)
Team Runners Up	PHGS (100)
3rd Place	EGS 2 (92)
4th Place	Ripon GS (90)
Ermysted's Open	
Champion	Bobby (40)
Runner up	Jack (39)
3rd Place	Haris (38)

Archie (Captain), Year 12

Fish Hero Programme

Year 9 GCSE Food and Nutrition boys took a delivery of fresh plaice and coley kindly donated by Grimsby-based "Ish Fish", all whole so the students can practice their



filleting skills and make some fantastic dishes.

Ermysted's is one of the pioneer schools in the FISH HERO PROGRAMME promoting the cooking and eating is sustainable fish.



Mrs Taylor

Shine School Media Awards



The Reason, Ermysted's student newspaper, has achieved national success for the third year in succession at the Shine School Media Awards 2021.

The school student newspaper was Highly Commended in the following categories: Best Newspaper, Best Newspaper Front Page and Best Sustainable Initiative Leading to a Greener Future.

Each year the Shine School Media Awards, sponsored by the likes of Google, Daily Mail and General Trust (DMGT) and The Times Educational Supplement, is hosted at the Stationers Guild in London. However, due to current COVID-19 restrictions the ceremony in London was cancelled and a pre-recorded ceremony was published to announce the results.

The popular student newspaper, which is published on professional newsprint, is run by an editorial team of

sixth formers with writers coming from all year groups. Due to restrictions in schools on extra-curricular activities and year group mixing, the entirety of The Reason's production this year was conducted remotely via Microsoft Teams: a challenging, but impressive feat for Senior Editors Alex and Theo. Alex and Theo ran several virtual workshops with Section Editors to help them with the editorial process and gave regular iterative feedback on numerous drafts throughout the process.

Since the inception of the newspaper nearly two and a half years ago, The Reason has achieved considerable national success, either winning or being Highly Commended for sixteen national awards. Though The Reason did not achieve the same levels of success in 2021 as at the 2019 and 2020 awards, the feat is particularly impressive given the awards are dominated by independent schools who have considerable time and resources to devote to student publications.

Editor Alex, Year 13, said "Despite this year's restrictions, The Reason's team has worked tirelessly to ensure our continued success with the Shine awards. Working with the editorial team was a great fun and provided experience that will be valuable in my future career, from the communication skills and leadership I developed to quality assurance."

Teacher Mr Barrett, who assists with The Reason, added: "This has been such a disrupted and challenging year for our students in so many ways and so the achievements of Alex, Theo and the rest of the team are even more impressive against the uncertain backdrop of their education and lives. The Reason continues to grow in popularity at Ermysted's and this is all down to the talent, dedication and hard work of our outstanding Editorial Team and writers."

Alex, Year 13

Carnegie Reading Challenge 2021

The enthusiasm of our readers has ensured that the Carnegie reading challenge continues to thrive at Ermysted's despite the challenges posed by COVID restrictions. The library recently held its annual Carnegie awards celebration, marking the end of the three month

competition and recognising the achievements of those involved in the project.



Completing the Carnegie is an achievement of which the pupils can be proud. The 8 shortlisted books introduced them to new authors

and were thought-provoking, dealing with diversity, equality 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 book club meetings.



Excellent creativity was also demonstrated in the production of art work, models and a

cake, to represent favourite Carnegie books. The national judges awarded the Carnegie Medal to 'Look Both Ways' by Jason Reynolds, the Shadders' winner was 'Run Rebel' by Manjeet Mann and the Ermysted's winner was 'The Fountains of Silence' by Ruta Sepetys. The following Awards were made:-

Librarian's Award for outstanding participation

Samesh C Year 9 (pictured right, with Mr Evans)

Excellent effort

Ikhlas S Year 8
Aaron B Year 8
Shariq S Year 7

Excellent Creativity

Daniel E Year 7

Outstanding book reviews

Samesh C Year 9



Congratulations to everyone that took part.

Mrs McCabe



Would you like to see your artwork on posters, flags and big screens across the country? The Royal Household in partnership with the V&A is inviting young people aged 13 – 25 to design an emblem for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The deadline for entry is Friday, 16 July and you can enter online at www.vam.ac.uk/info/the-platinum-jubilee-emblem-competition. Here are some examples of previous entries:



Miss Gilbert

Cambridge Challenge

Well done to the following boys who have all just completed the chemistry Cambridge challenge exam. All boys who entered this year have been awarded a certificate.

Zak Shepherd, Copper, Hamish Wills, Copper, Hassaan Aziz, Copper, Jamie Burgess, Copper, Michael Heron, Silver, Bram Heirman-Rix, Silver, Joel Holmes, Silver.

Mr Fearnley

Music Lessons

Pupils have missed out on instrumental lessons during lockdown, and we are keen to provide everyone who is interested in playing an instrument the opportunity to start in September. Please click on the leaflet below for more details.

Dr Cloke

North Yorkshire Music Hub

North Yorkshire County Music Service
Instrumental Lessons

See website for details and discounts available

www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk

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New Head Boy Team

A new Head Boy and Prefect Team have been appointed at Ermysted's Grammar School.

As the new of the academic year approaches, a new Head Boy team made of current Year 12 students has been appointed to step into the shoes of the outgoing team.

They are Musa, Head Boy, and his three Deputies, Dominic, Thomas and Michael.

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 like to improve, 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 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."

Meanwhile, Michael said, "I believe it's very important for senior prefects to be a role model to younger students."

Thomas added that "we are looking forward to working together as a team for the remainder of this academic year and the following. We really enjoy working together." Whilst Dom stated that, "the interview process was very intense, but it gave me a greater sense of reward when I was successful and has given me insight into how competitive applications can be."

Mr Barrett

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Teams of 2 £8
 Teams upto 4 £15
 Teams upto 6 £20

Ermosted's School PTA
 Fundraiser

SUMMER SELFIE SCAVENGER HUNT

Sat 17th July 11am - 1pm
 Sun 18th July 2pm - 4pm

Upto 6 people per team
 Choose your locations for tasks
 The tasks have different point values
 Teams with most points win PRIZES

Bring Speed, Strategy,
 Creativity & WhatsApp

travel via

Skipton Music Festival

Drawing and Essay Competition

As we were unable to hold our 2021 Festival in March, this year we are holding a Drawing and Essay Competition. We would love previous entrants to Skipton Music Festival to take part, but we would also love to have entries from those who haven't been to the festival yet!

Your entry could be a drawing or a cartoon entitled "The Music Festival", or it could be some writing about music or your experience of having music lessons during lockdown. For full details visit the Skipton Music Festival website, www.skiptonmusicfestival.co.uk

Age Groups are for KS1, KS2, Yrs 7-9 and Yr 10 and above. There are certificates and small prizes to be won! Entries close on 1st September 2021.

Good luck! We look forward to receiving your entries!



Selected Upcoming Events at Ermosted's

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
PA New Families Quiz (new Year 7)	Monday, 12 July 2021	Zoom
Sports Day	Tuesday, 20 July 2021	Top Field
Year 9 Immunisations	Tuesday, 20 July 2021	Library

The full calendar of events is available [here](#).

Thanks for reading...

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