



Sherburn High School

May 2018 Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Students,

This part of the school year is always a particularly busy one. A huge amount of work is being put in by everyone to ensure that our students are well prepared for their public examinations at GCSE and A level. This includes, of course, completion of coursework and many additional 'intervention' classes (Period 6, study shack...) where students sometimes need that little extra support. It is always very exciting to see things 'coming together' and I have been impressed by the really positive attitudes shown by our students at this critical stage in their education. We are also very conscious that exams create significant anxiety for many students and we strive to support their emotional needs during this stressful time.

It is wonderful to see the young people responding so maturely to what is being offered here at Sherburn High School. What we are trying to create is a genuine team spirit here with everyone in the school, both staff and students, working together to achieve the very best results we can. As a result our current tracking data suggests that this year's grades are likely to be the best the school has ever produced!

I would like to thank everybody who has been involved with the school during this academic year. We are working very hard to ensure that we deliver on our promise of 'Achievement for All' and that would not be possible without the commitment and enthusiasm of my staff, be they teachers, teaching assistants, site staff, admin, cleaning and catering teams. I can honestly say that everyone makes a difference to the success of our young people.

I would also like to thank parents for their continued support. A strong and constructive partnership between home and school is so vital to getting the best out of the children and I am greatly impressed by the response of the extended 'Sherburn family'!

Here's to a really successful (and hopefully warmer) summer term!

M A Williams

Maria Williams
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary

May

Friday 25th May

Year 7 Reports Issued

Break up for Spring Half Term

June

Friday 8th June

Year 10 Reports Issued

Tuesday 12th June

Year 6 Parents' Evening Meeting

Friday 15th June

Year 8 Reports Issued

Monday 18th June

Bramham Sherbies

Tuesday 19th June

Harewood Sherbies

Wednesday 20th June

Lotherton Sherbies
Sports Day

Thursday 21st June

Newby Sherbies
Back up Sports Day
Year 9 Reports Issued

Friday 22nd June

Training Day—School Closed to Students
Timetable rolls on

Governors News

If the first few months of this year were busy for the governing body, it's become even busier since then.

With the sad news that Maria will be leaving Sherburn in September, a number of governors have been heavily involved in the process of finding a new Headteacher. We were looking for someone to continue the direction that Maria has set for Sherburn High, combined with the passion she has for the school, the staff and our pupils. We have found an outstanding new Head, Miriam Oakley who will commence her post in September 2018.

The work to join the STAR Multi-Academy Trust is continuing. The MAT has formed with Martyn Sibley (Maria's predecessor at Sherburn High) as CEO. The Trustees are in place with Clare Thornton-Eckford (previous Chair of Governors) in one of those key roles. Tadcaster Grammar, Monk Fryston, Tadcaster Riverside and Saxton have all joined in the first wave. The plan is for the remaining schools, including Sherburn High, to join over the next few months.

From a staffing point of view it's also been very busy. We have new curriculum leaders for English and History, a Sixth Form learning mentor and new teachers for Art and Modern Foreign Languages.

Finally, I want to send good luck to those students about to sit their GCSEs and A' Levels. I know how hard the students and staff work to ensure that each student achieves their potential.

We have had excellent results in both GCSE and A' Levels over the past few years and I hope that students' hard work and focus are rewarded, despite fundamental changes to both curriculum and mark schemes.

Mark Saunders
Chair of Governors



The Flying Lovers of Vitebsk' trip to West Yorkshire Playhouse & GCSE Drama Exam

In preparation for their GCSE written exam, our Year 11 drama students went to see 'The Flying Lovers of Vitebsk' at the West Yorkshire Playhouse in Leeds at the end of April. This was performed by Kneehigh Theatre Company and was a brilliant production about two Jewish lovers, Marc and Bella Chagall. The play follows their romantic yet tragic lives as they are forced to leave their home in Vitebsk, to embark upon a journey across Europe following the outbreak of War, escaping religious persecution and discrimination against Marc Chagall's artwork. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of seeing a contemporary and modern production that included magnificent visual imagery, physical theatre, puppetry and live music.

The GCSE Drama students have also taken their final practical performances before the written exam which accounts for 20% of their course. Eve Knowles, Jasmine Reilly, Katie Grindley and Val Praught undertook challenging and physically demanding extracts of 'Girls Like That' by Evan Placey and Connor Moore performed a monologue from 'Chatroom' by Enda Walsh. Students did a fantastic job of holding their nerve in front of an unknown examiner and Miss Dennis and Ms Jackson are incredibly proud of their achievements!



Rockschool Performance

Last term, Year 11 Music students undertook their final performances as rock stars at Sherburn High School. Ellie Mae Cameron, Bronte Straw, Lucy Work, Jack Harvey and Alex Beaumont performed their versions of 'Havannah' and 'Stitches'. We saw intimate renditions of 'Fast Car' and 'Half a World Away' by Eve Knowles, Louie Newbon, Tom Bailey, Sam Sprakes and finally the audience were rocked by Val Praught, Mason Hart and Louis Biddles performing Artic Monkeys 'Do You Wanna Know' and 'Seven Nation Army'. Over the years, this talented group of musicians have performed at many events and concerts in and around school, we wish them well with their future plans and hope they continue their musical passions! Well done!



Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Sherburn High is proud of the students who participated in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme. They all learned new skills, explored new territories, challenged themselves physically and helped others in order to gain either their bronze or silver awards. The awards were presented by Neil Forrester the Duke of Edinburgh Operations Managers, Eastern region on 21st March at Selby Abbey. This is not only a very beneficial scheme, aimed at giving students a broader perspective whilst teaching valuable skills, but is also an asset when applying for college, university and jobs! Well done to the following students who completed their awards.

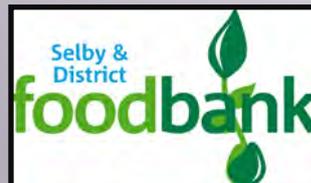
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Courtney	Brill	Ava	Dunn
Isobel	Childs		
Joshua	Dale		
George	Dean		
Ben	Dingwall		
Alice	Lawrence		
Amelia	Nicholson		
Holly	Scriven		
Kailum	Selby		
Hannah Rose	Shaw		
Alice	Slough		
Hannah	Stephenson		
Patrick	Watson		



If you are interested in taking part in next year's challenge, please contact the D of E Administrator, David Aspinal – d.aspinall@tgsch.uk

Post 16 News

As part of the Post 16 tutorials, we looked at homelessness and poverty. Year 12 watched the film 'I Daniel Blake' which is a powerful portrayal of how humiliation is endemic in the benefit system for those living with disabilities and how some struggle to gain access to the support they need during the hardest times of their lives, thus leading to poverty. As a result of this, a guest speaker from Food Bank Selby, Mark Ward, came to speak to the students to give them an insight into the good work they do. Over the next week, Year 12 organised a collection of donations for the Food Bank. They filled four large boxes in a short space of time, showing just how caring and generous our Sixth Form are. Well done.



This year, Sport Relief Day was led by Post 16. As part of the Sport Relief focus on mindfulness, they put together a series of 10 minute desk yoga exercises for students to participate in during tutorial for a week. On Sport Relief Day, they held three football challenges, a bake sale and sold hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows. The football challenges saw students trying to 'beat the goalie', complete the 'crossbar challenge' or 'kick the ball in to a bin'. The day raised £743.65 for a well-deserved cause. Thank you to all who took part and donated.

The Future Jobs team came in to Sixth Form recently and every Year 12 student took part in a careers interview. We received great feedback from the students, who found the day very beneficial and offered some direction for their future. The interviews were followed by a Careers Fair held in the Drama Studio, with over 20 stalls offering advice on universities and apprenticeships.

Year 13 have worked extremely hard in preparation for their final exams which began on 14th May, we wish them well and look forward to sharing their results in August.

Finally, we said goodbye to a valued member of the Sixth Form team, Mrs Trueman, who has left to focus on her degree in Psychology. Mrs Trueman will be greatly missed by the whole of Sixth Form.



Big Bang Club spring into action!

This half term we seem to have moved from deep winter to the height of summer in the space of a few weeks. Starting with a spring theme, club members planted seeds and took cuttings to grow plants to raise funds for a Big Bang Summer treat. A wide range of summer bedding and pelargoniums for hanging baskets and some vegetable and herb plants have been grown. The green fingered group have produced some super plants that have been sold to staff and school visitors and some beautiful hanging baskets sold to parents and staff. Watch this space, we will announce the grand total of funds raised next half term and let you know how the money was spent. Thank you to everyone who supported the club by buying plants and hanging baskets.



From the biology of growing our own food, we then tried a bit of hands-on investigation of the chemistry and physics of food by making cinder toffee and microwave meringues. Have you ever wondered how they get the holes in a Crunchy bar or why microwave meringues are so light? The reasons are quite different, if you would like to find out just ask a Big Bang Club member.

Our most recent challenge has been to make balloon powered cars; the range of designs and speeds is quite astounding, from sleek bottle cars to more boxy styles. It proved quite a challenge to get the designs right so the vehicles could propel forward with just a little wind power, but perseverance and imagination paid off. It has indeed been a varied and fun few weeks.



BBC Digital Cities Roadshow

Last month, a group of our Year 12, A Level Media Studies students spent the day at Bradford Media Museum as part of the BBC Digital Cities Roadshow.

Students had the opportunity to film and edit their own news report under the same time constraints as a BBC journalist. They were also given a talk on how to spot 'Fake News' and learn more about the issues this creates for media, society and for us as individuals.



@BBCAcademy

As the day drew to a close they were offered an insight into media and communications careers. It was a great opportunity to meet industry professionals on the day who provided valuable knowledge of the range of jobs available and routes into the industry.

Thank you to BBC Academy for inviting us to this event.



www.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk

English and Geography take on The Damned United

Whilst many of you were at home eating huge amounts of chocolate over the Easter holidays, a group of our keen footballers from Year 10 were at the West Yorkshire Playhouse watching *The Damned United*.

When @SherburnEnglish and @SherburnGeog first saw *The Damned United* advertised, we knew it was worth a visit – even if it was on a scorcher of a day in the Easter holidays!

'1974. Brian Clough, the enfant terrible of British football, tries to redeem his career and reputation by winning the European Cup with his new team. Leeds United. The team he has openly despised for years, the team he hates and which hates him. Don Revie's Leeds.' (www.wyp.org.uk)

Anyone who has read the novel or seen the film knows that *The Damned United* is not one for the faint hearted. It's a gritty Northern drama and the language is brutal at times. Mr Sladen was delighted that we had the best seats in the house when Brian Clough eyeballed him and gave him a few choice words!

We had a great day with the Year 10 footballers and were incredibly impressed that they wanted to visit the theatre in their holidays... and that they brought After Eights. If that's not the sign of a sophisticated bunch we don't know what is!



SherburnGeog @SherburnGeog · Apr 5

@SherburnGeog on the way to @WYPlayhouse *The Damned United* with @SherburnEnglish. #bitterleedsfans



Sherburn English
@SherburnEnglish

@sherburnhigh Easter theatre fun with @SherburnGeog This lot are pretty fancy - they've brought After Eights (and Hula Hoops!)



Striving for excellence!

On Wednesday 25th April, Miss Engelmann and Miss Chaplin were delighted to accompany twenty Year 11 students to the PIXL Strive for 5 Conference in Harrogate.

PIXL
Partners in excellence

It was a brilliant morning where PIXL explored ways in which to gain a Grade 5 in GCSE English Language this year. All students were a credit to the school; they thoroughly engaged in all of the great activities on offer and went away with a spring in their step knowing exactly what they need to do moving forward with their revision.

The highlight for some was being able to meet Action Jackson – a motivational speaker. We even had a sing-along on the way home to his contagious song lyrics – I think he has since become a bit of an idol!

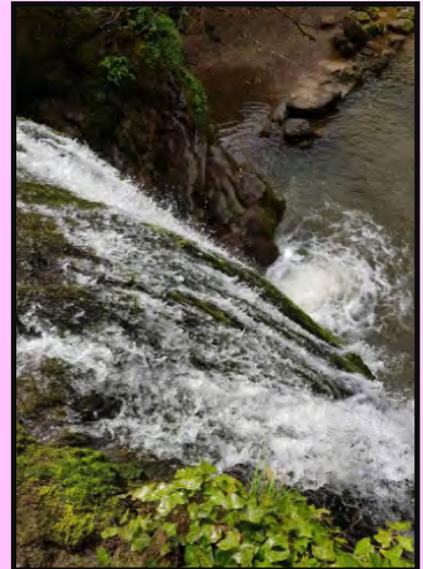
As a department, we are looking forward to sharing some of these great resources with other Year 11 students in the revision sessions over May half term!



Year 7 Invade Malham!

The Geography Department took Year 7s to Malham as part of their recent studies in lessons. Slightly different from recent years, the aim of this year was to investigate the "Characteristics of Malham as a Place", this was to enable students to develop independent investigation skills and also learn some of the key content of the new A Level. The fieldwork would then enable students to compare Malham to the students' local place.

Whilst in Malham, students needed to complete the traditional fieldwork methods such as questionnaires, photographs and environmental quality surveys, but also some modern techniques were included such as smell mapping, emotion mapping, noise mapping, re-photography using old images and the most popular, selfie mapping.

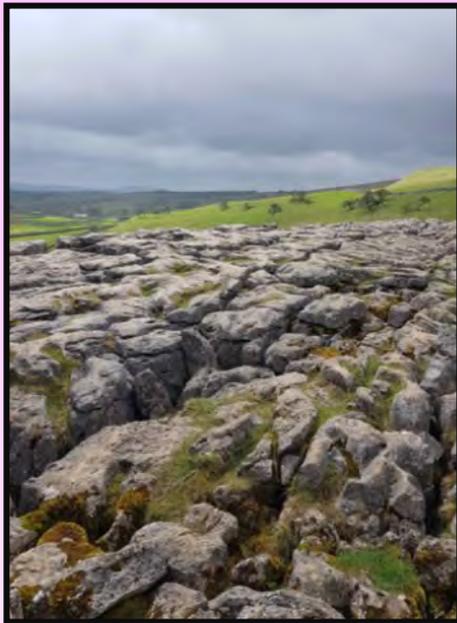


It was a great couple of days and all students were able to appreciate the beautiful landscapes of Malham Cove, Janet's Foss and also to enjoy villages smaller than our own.

Huge thanks to Mr Featherstone, Mr Sladen and Miss Marsh and also to the honorary geographers, Miss Ball, Mrs Depledge, Mrs Oakes and Mr Kirby.

Geography teacher, Mr Featherstone, commented "for once on a Sherburn Geography trip, the weather was kind. We had a bit of rain on the Wednesday but we were treated to some very nice sunshine on the Thursday. Students responded extremely positively to the new fieldwork techniques, even if it did take them a while to perfect their selfie pose."

Report by James Parkes, Year 7 student





Bramham House

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I'm proud to say that Bramham students have returned after the Easter break with positive attitudes to learning. Our older students in the House are focusing on revising towards external and end of year examinations and I am sure you will join me in wishing them good luck.

It's a busy few months to the end of the school year. We will shortly be saying goodbye to our Year 11 and 13 students as they embark upon their study leave. Bramham Sherbies are on 18th June, look out for invitations, they are in the post and our Year 11 students are busy planning outfits and modes of transport for their end of school prom at Hazelwood Castle.

As you may recall from the previous newsletter, Mrs Liversidge was hoping to increase the money raised to over £1,000 by walking the Yorkshire Three Peaks at the end of April. Unfortunately, during a training walk with Mr Featherstone on 10th April, she fell and is currently nursing a broken coccyx and slipped disc. She will be undertaking the challenge at a later date in the school year with a team from Sherburn High School but would like to say thank you to all who have donated so far as the money raised has exceeded the £1,000 target.

We've lots to celebrate this newsletter, well done and congratulations to the following students:

Shannon Bell who has been selected as the 2018 Sherburn Gala Queen.



Jacob Bond who is currently learning Japanese in Tadcaster on a Friday evening.

Kailum Selby – who has recently been nominated for the Young Volunteer of the Year Award. He has completed his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, is now working on his silver and is a committed Scout.

Elizabeth and Harry Varley played as partners for the first time on 13th May at Scarthingwell Golf Club. They entered The Marshall Trophy adult competition and came 2nd, only losing out by 0.4 points to the winners. To quote Elizabeth 'Harry is a good caddy!'



Katharine Dulson for her excellent performance in the Bettany School of Dance annual dance show 22nd – 24th March.



Robert and Jasmine Bate took part in the Yorkshire Track and Field Championships. Robert won Gold for Under 20 Triple Jump. Jasmine won Silver for Under 17 Triple Jump. Jasmine also won Silver in the Hammer competition. Outstanding performances, well done!



Newby House

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As the weather improves, it's time for summer uniform, don't you all look smart? I would like to wish all our KS4/5 students good luck with their forthcoming exams.

Exciting times are around the corner with our Sherbie Celebrations, Year 11 Prom, Year 13 leaver's party and many reward trips.

Special mentions go to our Newby students who always go above and beyond:

Katie Bell has been attending York University on Saturdays to participate in a series of six Maths Masterclasses run by the Royal Institution. Katie was nominated by the school and then selected by the RI to take part in the project with six other Sherburn High School students. The masterclasses involved different figures from industry and academia coming to talk to the students about a particular field of mathematics. For example, the first session was on some ideas in Mathematical Biology including pattern formation on animals and how to get the best strategy for a triathlon. It was a brilliant experience for all students involved and a real privilege for them to be selected to take part.

In our assembly this week we have had the privilege to watch Holly Kersley perform a tap dance routine, which was filmed for her A level PE exam, what an amazing performance Holly, well done!

Well done to all students still on 100% attendance:

Finn Brennan, Jessica Burke, Matthew Childs, Joseph Crick, Joshua Dale, Kai Edwards, Olivia Goode, Ben Grayson, Lucy

Green, Amy Hawes, Ryan Hill, Taylor Jeffries, Charlie Keedy, Emma Mitchell, Spencer Roberts, Isabel Spink, Chloe Walters, Vinny Ward, Fintan Wheelhouse, Ellis Wilmore.

With only 5 weeks to roll-over, exciting times are ahead as our students move up a year and new Year 7 join us.

We look forward to meeting them all.

Top 10 in Newby





Lotherton House

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Here we are again, the time of year most pivotal to the futures of our Year 11. We wish them all the luck in the world and know they will smash their revision to be totally prepared for their upcoming exams. We also look forward to the next couple of months and the busy term we have ahead of us. We will be celebrating our annual Sherbie awards, Year 11 leavers' assembly, the Prom and welcoming our new Year 7s during their transition period.

Looking back to last term's achievements some special mentions must go to the following students:

Paige Edwards, Newby 3 and Bethan Gray, Lotherton 1 were in a dance competition in Barnsley with Bettany Dance. The competition was notoriously difficult but Paige and Bethan triumphed and came first with their self-choreographed routine, each winning a trophy and also a large one to share! Well done girls!

On 7th March, Maya Kakkar, Lotherton 4 sat her piano exam at The Mount School in York.

On 27th April Issie Jones, Lotherton 4 and Ella Butterworth, Lotherton 4 competed in the Pontefract Music Festival. The music festival is the only one of its kind in the Local Authority District. Competitors gain experience of public performance in their own particular specialty and have the opportunity to gauge their own work against that of their contemporaries. Now in its 114th year, the Pontefract Music Festival offers the children and adults of the town and surrounding districts the opportunity to develop a whole range of performance skills. The Festival's challenge to those taking part is to encourage the ideals of dedication, determination and confidence, and give competitors the opportunity to perform in front of an audience. In return the

Festival offers professional adjudication with dedicated feedback to enhance and encourage competitors' further development of performance skills.

Congratulations to them both for their wonderful performances but a special mention must go to Issie who took home this amazing shield.



On 18th April we held our termly celebration assembly. Lotherton 6 was the form star again this time, will one of the other forms knock them from 1st place next time?

Lastly I want to say a huge well done to all of the following students who still have 100% attendance. Leoni Green, Daniel Snowdon, Taylor Drysdale, Leesha Naisbitt, Daniel Siron, Sassy Johnson, Eve Peacock, Bethan Slater, Kara Johnson, Billy Little, Henry Tuddenham, Bella Boddy, Zara Eastwood, Lucie Thomas, Amelia Spencer and Georgia Young.



Harewood House

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Harewood's Charity Day was held on 27th April in aid of Martin House Children's Hospice. Up to now, we have managed to raise £743.67 on a very very wet day. Well done Harewood!



Our year 11 and Year 13 students have already started their GCSE and A' Level exams, may we wish them lots of luck.

As we approach the end of our school year, there are only four school weeks before we roll-over on 25th June, please check the school website when buying school uniform and equipment. Our new Year 7 will be joining Harewood House on 2nd July for the start of our new school year and we are looking forward to meeting you.

We will be holding our annual Sherbie Evening for Harewood on Tuesday 19th June, invitations will be sent out in the next few days to students who have been nominated.

Congratulations to H2 Students who won best form for the Summer Term in recognition of attendance, Vivos and attitude to learning; you are awesome, keep up the good work!

In a recent Metaphor Competition **Victoria Lowe and Libby Murphy H3** won and Runner up was anonymous in H3, see the full article in Library News.

Student Achievements in and out of school:

Amy Jo Cobb – goes to wheelchair basketball and Taekwondo out of school. She has progressed to a green belt in Taekwondo. Well done Amy Jo!

Ben Warner – Is doing really well at Kick Boxing. He has competed in two matches which can be seen on YouTube. Excellent!

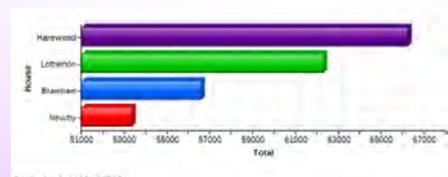
George Miller – has passed his Refereeing test and is now a qualified referee. What an achievement!

Nick Bryant – plays the trumpet and has taken part in the WW1 Commemorative Ceremony in Harrogate. Well Done!



Congratulations to our 100% attenders in Harewood, an excellent achievement:

Bissett-Walton, Ellie H1, Cobb, Amy-Jo H1, Healey, Evan H1, Bolton, Evie H2, Collyer, Timothy H2, Naylor, Keely H2, Plummer, Daniel H2, Lowe, Victoria H3, Mason, Ashley H3, Nicholls, James H3, Daulat, Kelsey H4, Henderson, Laurence H6, Kirkman-Bielby, Fraser H6, Parkinson, Kennedy H6, Garton, Isabella H7, Polhill, Rohan H7, Beck, Emma H8, Ford, Rhys H8, Holmes, Ellie H8.



NEWS REPORTERS OF THE FUTURE

In March this year, Sherburn High School students took part in BBC News School Report day. This meant setting up their very own studio space in the library and news room in ICT1. More importantly though, they worked together under pressure - as a real news team - to prepare news reports before the 3pm news report deadline.

The team, made up of Year 7 and 8 students from Mr Hunt and Miss Jackson's Tuesday lunchtime School Report clubs, published articles on a whole variety of topics including: the dangers of artificial intelligence, the school production of *We Will Rock You*, the impact of social media on students and reports about the school's Ocean Rescue Campaign. The team even reported on Brexit!

Mr. Hunt said, 'The team worked really well together and very quickly got a sense of what it might be like to work in a fast paced, pressured environment, working to a deadline. I'm very proud of what the team achieved. A huge thanks must go to the staff too, who gave up their time to be interviewed live on air'. One particular report has been picked up by North Yorkshire County Council to be used in their campaign to create greener environments in schools - so the team are really making a difference.

The reports are still available on the website to view and if you have a story or would like to join Sherburn High School's BBC News School Report club - join the team in Room 30 on Tuesday lunchtimes.



Leeds Rhinos Sky Try 9s

Sherburn High School is delighted that after three sets of qualifying rounds, both the Year 7 and the Year 9 rugby league teams qualified for the Leeds Rhinos Foundation Sky Try 9s tournament finals evening at Brigshaw High School.

The Year 7 team qualified for the cup competition. There were 5 teams in this competition. Unfortunately due to absence and injury we only 8 players compared to everyone's 9. Despite this, the players competed with great enthusiasm and tremendous skill. They lost their first three games by the odd try. In the last game they played Royds, who would go on to win the cup, and came away with a spirited draw - Brandon Lovell scoring a hat trick of tries.

The Year 9s had qualified as runners up after three gruelling rounds of rugby league played at different schools across the Leeds region. The squad were down to face Carr Manor, Corpus Christi and Brigshaw High with the top two teams qualifying for the Sky 9s Champions Trophy.

Sherburn beat Carr Manor in a closely fought first contest 2 tries to 1, then after a couple of injuries, were soundly beaten 5-1 by Brigshaw in the second fixture, before they were able to pull it back in the final game and beat Corpus 7-6 in the final stages of the last game, which meant that Sherburn qualified for the final as runners up.

In the final, the match was a much closer encounter, and both sides fought extremely hard with some brutal hits in defence and some excellent handling in attack. The watching members of the Leeds Rhinos first team squad, Ash Handley and Cameron Smith, were extremely impressed with the talent on show. Unfortunately, Brigshaw managed to score a couple of late tries to win the Champions Trophy by 5 tries to 3.

Although they couldn't quite manage to get the victory, the boys showed tremendous bounce-back-ability after the defeat to Brigshaw in the earlier rounds and they showed that they are able to compete with the rugby league big boys in Leeds such as Corpus Christi and Brigshaw.

Huge thanks must go to Ian Hardman of the Leeds Rhinos Foundation for the organisation of all of the Sky Try 9s this year.

The Year 9 rugby league squad:

Jason Qareqare
Jack Riordan (captain) - player of the tournament
Alfie Keedy
Jack Durcan
Reece Booker
Cona Fisher
Max Thomas
Luke Shann
Callum O'Rourke
George Evans
Brandon Harmer
Jake Hemingbrough

Year 7 team

Alfie Mallett (captain)
George Beal
Brandon Lovell
Jak Green
Ashton Crawshaw
Joe Pearson
Will Sanders
Prash Veerasamy



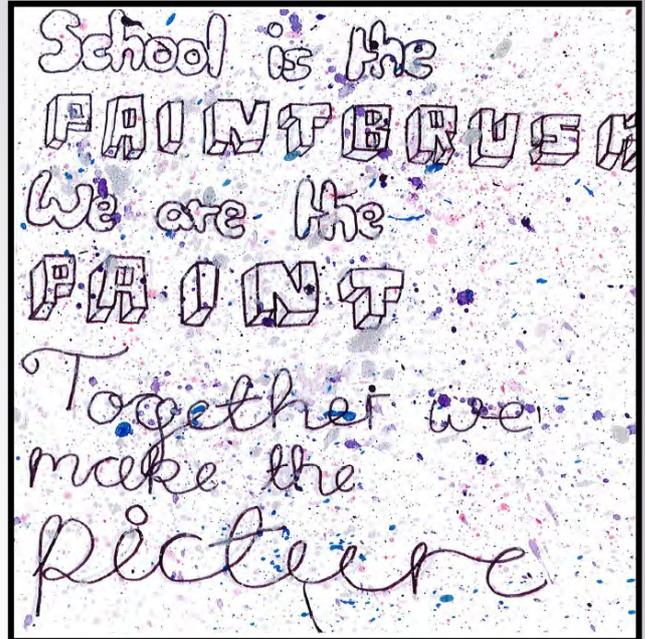
Library News

Word of the Week Metaphor competition

Each week we carry out literacy activities as part of our tutorial programme, one of which is Word of the Week. In a recent tutorial, the word was **Metaphor** so we launched a competition to see which tutor group could come up with the best metaphors about school... we had some very interesting entries, some of which were similes along the lines of *school is like a prison!* However a winner was chosen, not only for its use of language but also for its artistic creativity.

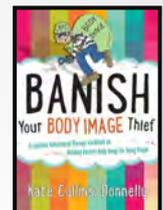
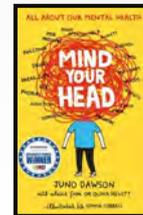
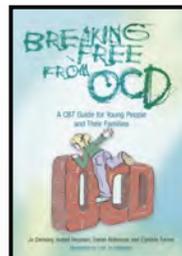
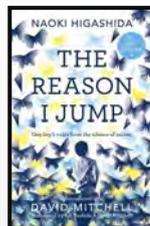
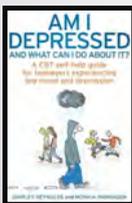
The winners **Victoria Lowe and Libby Murphy of H3** produced a wonderful piece of work (Right).

Runner Up was an anonymous entry also from H3:
School is a farm, we're fattened up then thrown into the meat grinder of life!



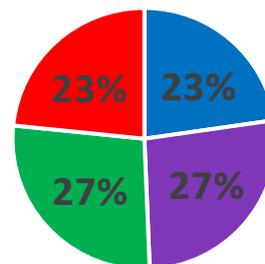
Teenage Mental Health–Shelf Help

With teenage mental health now at the forefront of the Government's, Schools and the NHS agendas, it seems fitting to draw your attention to some of the resources available in our school library to help students through some of the toughest times of their lives. North Yorkshire County Council and The Reading Agency drew up a list of titles suitable for young people to access both in school and public libraries. We have had this collection for some time and keep adding to it when funds allow. Students can access the full list via the Reading Cloud, an app that can be downloaded onto their phones, via the school network or on a home PC via the school website by clicking on the Reading Cloud icon, entering their school network username and entering their date of birth as the password in the format of (DDMMYYYY), unless they've already changed it in school. They are all available for loan and have proved to be popular with students of all ages.



Who's leading the reading?

Wow! Lotherton has lost its lead, Harewood has risen to the challenge and equalized! Harewood has increased from 25% to 27% to tie with Lotherton whilst Bramham and Newby tie once again, each gaining 2% from Lotherton's slice of the pie! At this time of year there are lots of outdoor activities taking place but don't forget it is still important to get your 20 minutes minimum reading time a day in order to stay on top in English. Keep it up and well done.



■ Bramham ■ Harewood ■ Lotherton ■ Newby

Rugby Hopefuls!

The Year 9 girls' rugby team has performed really well so far this season with two convincing wins against Lawnswood (30-4) and Brayton (28-14) and a narrow defeat to Brigshaw.

This has put the girls in a great position to possibly reach the semi-final of the Leeds Rhinos rugby tournament so fingers crossed they can go one step further!



FREE SCHOOL MEALS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Changes to free school meal eligibility under Universal Credit

The eligibility criteria for free school meals has changed. This article explains the changes and how they might affect you.

What is the new eligibility criteria?

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents or guardians receive any of the benefits below.

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

I don't currently claim free school meals – what does this mean for me?

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, submit a claim to school or North Yorkshire County Council using the Free School Meal Application form available on the school website or from the Finance Office in school. The information you provide will be used to check if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit and, if you are on Universal Credit, that your earnings do not exceed the threshold. If you claim Universal Credit, your earnings will be assessed from up to three of your last Universal Credit assessment periods.

If you are eligible, school will be notified. Your child will receive free school meals and the school will receive extra funding.

I am currently claiming free school meals – what does this mean for me?

Most people won't be affected by the new criteria. If you're currently claiming free school meals, but don't meet the new criteria, your child will continue to receive free school meals until the end of the Universal Credit rollout period. This will apply even if your earnings rise above the new threshold or if you stop being entitled to Universal Credit. The rollout period is currently scheduled to end in March 2022. Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, your child will keep their free school meals until the end of their current phase of education, i.e. primary or secondary.

Where can I get more information?

If you need any further information, please speak to a member of school finance team or contact the Welfare Team at North Yorkshire County Council schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk Tel: 01609 533405. You can also visit the DfE free school meals website: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



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