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Welcome

A very warm welcome to the latest edition of our whole school yearbook.

Looking through these pages, I am astounded and heartened by the amount that has been achieved by pupils, parents and staff during the last academic year. From the successful move of Year 7 & 8, to the outstanding Oxbridge results, the ongoing Master plan improvements, to an additional 40 students choosing to join us during the school year; it's been a record-breaking year in many respects.

This has also been the year that we have made great strides in bringing our two sites together under one clear identity, with a new parent app and website both reflecting our status as a 3-18 school. But there is more to do - and as we head into the new school year, I look forward to the opportunities and developments as we bring our two schools ever closer together.

Finally, whether you are reading this as a parent, colleague, governor, current future or past pupil - I hope you will enjoy celebrating the achievements of the last academic year and join me in wishing our outgoing Upper Sixth the very best of wishes for the future.

Semper ad coelestia



Gavin W Horgan MA (Oxon)
Worksop College Headmaster



Christian Pritchard MA, BA (Hons)
Prep School Headmaster

A very warm welcome to the latest edition of our whole school yearbook. Following the move of Years 7 & 8 to our College site at the start of the year, Ranby House as a 3 to 11 school, now celebrates the successes of our youngest learners to our oldest pupils in Year 6.

Capturing the achievements of every child in one publication, each year, is quite a daunting challenge! I therefore hope you enjoy the themed approach of this year's publication. The aim is to give you a snapshot of life and learning at our school and the wide variety of opportunities and experiences every child has access to. The tangible buzz of learning excitement that starts in Nursery and runs through the school on a day to day basis and is captured in the articles and extracts included in this edition.

Our children continue to grow and develop as independent, adaptable, resilient learners in all that they do and I am exceptionally proud of them all. As the oldest pupils, our Year 6 children have excelled themselves this year as Heads, Deputies, Captains and Senior Leaders of School. There is something here for everyone; I therefore wish you happy reading!

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Joe Root

The meteoric rise of a cricket superstar

2017 has been a busy year so far for former Worksop College pupil, Joe Root. Becoming a father for the first time, with the birth of Alfred William Root in January, Joe was appointed England's Test Captain just a month later. We reflect on Joe's time at Worksop College and what he's achieved in the decade since he left us.

"We first came across Joe when he scored 80 for King Ecgbert's School against us at under-15 level, said Ian Parkin, the Cricket master. "He just stood out – right from the start."

After speaking with Matt and Helen Root (Joe's parents) it was clear that Joe wanted an education that incorporated as much cricket as possible. Joe's father understood the importance of education – as a cricketer who had himself played at 2nd XI level and won the National Knockout with Sheffield Collegiate.

Joe and brother Billy (now contracted to Nottinghamshire CCC) joined the school shortly afterwards, with both being awarded a cricket scholarship – and joining as a weekly boarder meant that Joe was able to practise after school and then again after prep in the evening as well, which gave him the intensive training needed to excel.

"He practised with a real sense of purpose, which you don't see very often with 15-year-old boys," said Parkin. "Guys that age often get bored – but Rooty practised like an adult. He would just want to hit ball after ball."

"He was still small at the time so he couldn't score quickly – but he could bat all day. If we had 150 to knock off Joe would be 50 not out at the end. He felt under pressure to develop ways of scoring but we always wanted him to keep his technique because that was what would help him make it in the professional game. Around this time, he experimented with becoming a 360-degree player and used his hockey and squash skills to work on sweeps and reverse sweeps. This helped him to score as he found it hard clearing the 30-yard circle. I remember him getting quite frustrated at his lack of power!"

Joe left Worksop College after completing GCSEs, deciding to concentrate all efforts on becoming a professional cricketer – but played his first Yorkshire second team game whilst still at school, scoring a 50 against Derbyshire.

After leaving Worksop College in 2008, Joe went on to play 2nd XI cricket for Yorkshire and carried on representing England at age-group level.

"He grew physically, really quickly at this point and this caused him a few issues", said Parkin. "It played around with his weight distribution at the crease, so he had to work really hard with Martin Moxon at Yorkshire, to amend his style and stop falling over. Joe overcame his difficulties and broke into Yorkshire's first team, scoring runs at County Championship level, and then being selected for England's Lions. "It was a rapid rise," added Parkin, "and it was clear that he was demonstrating the ability to stay at the crease for long periods of time. Around this time, he used to come back to the College to pick his brother up and would have a hit on a Friday afternoon with the first team lads and help them out. He is just that kind of lad and he has never changed since really. I remember in particular one net in the indoor school and he just looked amazing. We had guys here like Brett Hutton from Notts and England 19s and Lewis Bramley who played for Lincolnshire 1st XI and he just shone. His bat looked massive and he hit every ball in the middle! He looked like a man in a boy's world, even though he was a similar age. This was the first time that I thought 'he could go all the way.'"

"Guys that age often get bored – but Rooty practised like an adult. He would just want to hit ball after ball."

Joe's Test debut quickly followed (2012) where he impressed from the start and his career statistics speak for themselves across all three formats, as well as being ranked the number two Batsman in the world in 2015.

Joe had had limited Captain experience to this point, having captained Yorkshire on the odd occasion, as well as England Lions.

"This is not uncommon in the modern era of Cricket", said Parkin. "Players rarely get to cut their teeth as Captains in County Cricket, due to the relentless international schedule. It seems that most have to learn on the job and it's clear that the ECB think Joe is the man, having been made Vice-Captain at an early age."

"The job's highly pressurised," says Ian. "But he's got a great team of people behind him and a great family."

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Exam Results

After the school's record-breaking Oxbridge offers earlier this year, results days for both A Level and GCSE students were a nail-biting event. It was good news all round though with results representing the hard work of pupils and teachers and plenty of smiles all round.

Our A Level pupils gained an extremely pleasing number of places from top universities in addition to our Oxbridge successes and Gavin Horgan commented: "We are incredibly proud of our students and what they've achieved. A Worksop College education prepares young people for life – and I know that whether it is to join one of the finest universities in the country, to take the reins of the family business or to head for a vocational route, our pupils will achieve success in their endeavours."

For one student, who has been educated at Ranby House and Worksop College, the news was particularly bright. School Captain, Maddy Foulds achieved an outstanding 3 A* grades, securing her place at Oxford University where she plans to read French and Italian.

Meanwhile, fast forward 7 days, and it was the turn of our GCSE students and certainly the results were no less impressive and there were plenty of top achievers amongst the year group. In some cases, the pupils achieved 13 grades above their predicted outcome which gives an very impressive added value and proof that the support and challenge given to students is crucial.



The Prefects of 2016-17



Coming to the College from Ranby House, Sabina Schneider, was awarded an outstanding 10* grades, and a modest Jorge Stevenson achieved 9 top grades saying "I thought I'd completely failed Spanish!". Being a twin seemed to be synonymous with top awards too, as Harry and Tom Goodman as well as Charlotte and Alex Kelham, achieved far higher grades than they were predicted and were all, understandably, delighted with their results.

Mr Horgan said: "We measure ourselves on the value we add, not meaningless league tables. The results represent the hard work of pupils, teachers and the support of parents – it is that sense of community and togetherness that creates the right culture for success."

PURPLE GOWNS

Oliver T. Dane (S)
Captain of School

Madeleine E. Foulds (D)
Captain of School

David N. Bates (T)
Vice Captain of School

Emma Cheong (G)
Vice Captain of School

HOUSE CAPTAINS AND BLUE GOWNS

Kathleen R. Robertson (D)
Charlotte Docherty (G)
William T.K. Hayman (M)
George T. Finlay (P)
Isaac B. Parkin (Pt)
Hannah E.G. Smith (Pt)
Amelia A. Wells (SH)
Samuel J. Ratcliffe (S)
James Holden (T)
Phasu Chomsomboon (T)
Nick H. Hobbs (M)
Phoebe D.K. Leach (D)
Genevieve G. Moore (D)
Abby V. O'Donoghue (SH)
Chloe F. Penty (D)
Martha J. Raymer (SH)
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New Staff

We are pleased to have welcomed over 50 new staff across both our sites this year, as well as being able to grant teaching positions to three of our 2016-17 resident graduate assistants. We are also excited about welcoming Chris Plume to our school from September 2017. Filling a newly created role, Chris will be working across both sites to build on our legacy of sporting excellence - from the foundations at Ranby House to the elite sports performers at the College. Read more about Chris on the next page.



- Kris Heeramun, *Geography Teacher*
- Caroline White, *Director of ICT*
- Reynald Guillaud, *French Teacher and Portland Housemaster*
- Adam Gutteridge, *Head of Religious Studies and PHSE*
- Ann Irons, *visiting Music Teacher*
- Elizabeth Jones, *visiting Music Teacher*
- Heather Stirling-Wood, *Modern Foreign Languages Teacher*
- Dawn Harper, *Year 5 Teacher*
- Jamie Grant, *Resident Graduate Assistant - English and Theatre studies Teacher from September 2017*
- Harry Jaques, *Resident Graduate Assistant - Music Teacher from Sep 2017*
- Mathias Mora, *Resident Graduate Assistant - Modern Foreign Languages Teacher from September 2017*
- Thomas Frost, *ICT Systems Manager*
- Leonie Case, *Resident Graduate Assistant*
- Leesa Guillaud, *Teaching Assistant and Portland Housemistress*
- Graham White, *Minibus Driver*
- William Chapman, *Minibus Driver*
- Andrew Westerby, *Minibus Driver*
- Philip Dernie, *Minibus Driver*
- David Wadsworth, *Minibus Driver*
- Gail Hopson, *Household Assistant*
- Rachel Hartley, *Household Assistant*
- Sharon Bentley, *Household Assistant*
- Adrian Taylor, *Minibus Driver*
- Neil White, *Minibus Driver*
- Glynn Brown, *Minibus Driver*
- Louise Mill, *visiting Music Teacher*
- Lauren Turley, *Catering Assistant*
- Kelly Smith, *HR Adviser*
- Rachael Spiby, *Marketing and Admissions Officer*
- Paul Cavell, *Football Coach*
- Matthew Wright, *visiting Piano Teacher*
- Tom Ambler, *Head of English and Drama*
- David Jordan, *Head of Psychology*
- Emma Scoular, *Food and Nutrition Teacher*
- Jamie Perkins, *Maintenance Electrician*
- Chris Bourne, *Maintenance Manager*
- Stacey Burton, *School Nurse*
- Neal Gwynne, *Science Teacher*
- Chris Plume, *Sports Performance Director*
- Louis Sprigg, *Groundsperson*
- Matthew Palmer, *visiting Piano Teacher*
- Edward Bailey-Hobbs, *Resident Graduate Assistant*
- Megan Lawrence, *Resident Graduate Assistant*
- Sammy Laurent, *Resident Graduate Assistant*
- Emma Gibbons, *Household Assistant - College*
- George King, *Resident Graduate Assistant*
- Dawn Burney, *School Shop Assistant*
- John-Paul Atkinson, *Groundsperson*
- Laura Browse, *Digital Marketing Officer*
- Julia Richards, *visiting Music Teacher*
- Manda Williams, *visiting Music Teacher*
- Frances Chetter, *Teacher of Spanish and French*
- Mollie Andersson, *Resident Graduate Assistant*
- Bea Sackey-Ambler, *Teacher of English (Maternity cover)*
- Henrietta Akindele, *Resident Graduate Assistant.*

Joining us from his coaching role at Leeds Rhinos - we are pleased to be welcoming Chris Plume to our team from September 2017. With a wealth of sporting experience, Chris began his career in coaching whilst still at University in Huddersfield and became the Player Performance Manager at Huddersfield Giants in 2004 until 2006.

As well as coaching, Chris has plenty of experience in the game as a player and his former clubs include Sheffield Eagles, Huddersfield, Gateshead and Hunslet. Chris will join us in our newly created, Director of Sports Performance role. Read on for more about his background and what he wants to bring to the role.

Tell us a bit about your background and career so far

Growing up in the Rotherham area, I have always had a keen interest in sport, which has strongly influenced many of my life decisions both in education and in employment. I achieved Junior County Honours in swimming, field athletics and rugby union but I focused most of my attention on rugby league, where I signed professional forms with the Sheffield Eagles in 1997 aged 15. I studied Health & Sports Studies at university, alongside playing for Huddersfield Giants, where I was given my first opportunity to coach a team. I assumed control of the clubs' Academy team before climbing the coaching ladder in several jobs culminating with six very successful years as an Assistant Coach for the Leeds Rhinos.

And so what attracted you to this role?

I saw this role as a real opportunity for me to pass on some of my experiences gained in elite sport to the young talented sports men and women at Worksop College and Ranby House. I was aware that the school has a long history of sporting achievement so was excited about becoming involved in this, and adding to the experience for the pupils at the school.

What are your first impressions of our school?

The staff and students gave me a very warm welcome, which has made me feel part of the team. From the Head through to frontline support staff, it is clear the pupils and their experience is the priority, which has created a supportive environment that encourages hard work and teamwork.

What do you hope to achieve?

I'd like to help build on the already excellent sporting and active lifestyle ethos of the school; from the foundations at Ranby House to the elite sports performers at the College. I will aim to promote a sporting culture of enjoyment, inclusion, respect and ultimately sporting excellence. I want everyone to be involved in some sort of sport and physical activity but more importantly enjoy what they are doing and reap the benefits - whether sporting success or a healthier lifestyle.

What experience will you be bringing to the role and how are you going to build on our long legacy of sporting achievements?

For the last ten years, I have been very fortunate to be involved with Leeds Rhinos. The ten years I was with the club has been dubbed the "Golden Generation" as it the most successful period in the club's history. To have played a part in that period gives me great pride and satisfaction but has also provided me with exposure to situations that few sports people and coaches get to experience. During this time, I have had experience in a wide range of coaching and sports development, ranging from teaching generic sports skills to primary school children to preparing the country's best rugby league team to competing with the best from Australia. Because of these experiences, I have good knowledge of what goes into creating successful performance, development and an enjoyable and inclusive sporting culture.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever received?

Using the notion that a person becomes best at the things they do the most, and that all people have an amount of laziness in us, the best piece of advice I have ever received came from a former colleague of mine and motivational speaker, Clive Gott. He told me that, "If you don't feel like doing something...just do something."

For example, if you don't feel like visiting the gym to work out, just go and put your training shorts on. Or if you don't feel like reading that chapter of a research book, just read the first paragraph. The chances are and the probability is that you will end up having a great workout or flying through that chapter and more. So, if you want to become better at anything you need to do more of it and that usually starts with just doing something.

To find out more about sport scholarships at Worksop College, visit wsnl.co.uk/scholarships





Academic Highlights

We take every opportunity to give the pupils hands-on experience to provide context to subjects covered within lessons, and this can be through academic school trips, or a visit to the College for the Ranby students to get introductory lectures on subjects they could study in the future.

The Year 6 Ranby pupils were delighted with a lecture from Worksop College's Head of Chemistry, Dr Young. Using spectacular demonstrations to illustrate that chemistry is all about atoms rearranging themselves, sometimes producing light, colour or sound or a combination of all, this was a fascinating introduction to the subject for our younger students.

Dr Young said: "The pupils enjoyed the coloured 'whoosh' bottles, the glow-in-the-dark luminol and the exploding hydrogen balloons. The event was interactive with some pupils helping to prepare the chemicals and some involved in building the Pringles 'atom' stack."

The same group of pupils have also been learning about rockets and aerodynamics in science. They built rockets to test their knowledge and understanding of the forces operating on them and then launched them on the back paddock at Ranby to the cheers of their peers.

And the Science Learning Programme continued for our Year 6 pupils when they had the incredible opportunity to take part in a skydiving visit helping them further their understanding of aerodynamics and balancing forces. After completing a science workshop each pupil then completed two skydiving lessons and even with a wind speed of 125Mph most of the pupils were adventurous enough to have a go at the 'high fly'.



“After completing a science workshop each pupil then completed two skydiving lessons... most of the pupils were adventurous enough to have a go at the high fly”

On Mad Science Day, Sublime Science came to visit Ranby, helping our Year 2 make slime, sweets, and experiment with air and sounds. They also conducted some wacky experiments in the classroom as well as in Art. Sublime Science is an award-winning children's entertainer whose self-proclaimed mission is: "To make science awesome for one million children!" Sublime Science is all about children having real fun doing science, being inspired and entertained (and sneaking in a bit of learning when they're having too much fun to notice!)

Our Year 8 pupils also got involved with scientific experiments, as they became the chief chemist who has to solve the mysterious case of 'Who murdered Mrs Smith?' during a visit to Sheffield University. Using flame tests and forensic chemistry techniques, they eliminated the suspects one by one and identified the poison. Dr Joanna Buckley from the University commented, "The fantastic little forensic chemists from Worksop College solved the crime perfectly."

Milton Keynes was the destination for our Year 10 and 11 Computer Science and IT pupils when they visited the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park. The main attraction of the museum was the Colossus, better known as the computer that helped to break the Enigma code in World War 2. The pupils took part in two workshops, a simple coding exercise and the Turing test - to see whether a computer can fool a person into thinking it is human. Overall, the trip provided a real-world experience for the things pupils had learnt in lessons.

For our UV1th form students, it was a record-breaking result this Spring when an impressive four students were offered places at Oxford and Cambridge universities. With a further two pupils from 2016 also being offered places, this took the result to six. The offers were across a range of subjects:

- **Nathan Barrow:** *Pembroke College, Oxford, Philosophy and Theology*
- **Huw Robinson:** *Somerville College, Oxford, Classical Archaeology and Ancient History*
- **Maddy Foulds:** *St. Hugh's College, Oxford, Modern Languages (French and Italian)*
- **William Goodall:** *Downing College, Cambridge, Veterinary Medicine*
- **William Hayman:** *Worcester College, Oxford, English Literature*
- **Martha Raymer:** *Worcester College, Oxford, History*



EYFS

The pupils of Nursery and Reception have had a jam-packed year of activities including an Easter egg hunt, forest sessions and book week.

The Reception children worked together to help raise money to adopt an animal from the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. The children decorated buns to sell to their peers and made their own posters for the event. They raised an amazing £113.46 and have adopted a giraffe and a leopard!

As a special treat, the Nursery and Reception children had their Christmas Dinner in the beautiful Old Library at Ranby House. Once the children had pulled their crackers and put on their hats they were ready to tuck into a delicious Christmas dinner, complete with all the trimmings!

In the Spring Term, Nursery and Reception classrooms were graced with the presence of Disney princesses and superheroes, as the children took part in the Disney multi-day.

The pupils in Reception went down to the Forest School for their very own Teddy Bears' picnic! The children enjoyed a lovely hot chocolate and shared their outdoor learning with their teddies.



Key Stage 1

It was an exciting first week back for the Year 1 class at Ranby House. The pupils gathered to meet some new friends in a 'Meet a Creature' workshop, designed to help the students engage and encourage interaction with the 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topic.

In the Autumn Term, Year 2 pupils took to the woods for their outdoor maths lesson. Using twigs, acorns and conkers, the pupils practised their multiplying skills.

As part of the Spring Term, children in Year 1 did an Imaginative Learning Project on London. As part of the project, called 'Bright Lights, Big City', the children were asked to create a London landmark. The pupils produced some superb pieces which were proudly displayed.

Throughout the year both Year 1 and 2 classes have been having a fantastic time in the Forest School: investigating the wonders of the woods and the creatures who call it home.

To round off their topics of Beat Band Boogie and Rio de Janeiro, Years 1 and 2 spent the afternoon showing off their musical talents to the other class. Year 1 demonstrated their learning of Call and Response rhythms using various percussion instruments. The Year 2 pupils then showed their skills as each child in the class took their turn in leading the percussion. Both classes made a procession outside, Year 1 wearing their carnival headdresses and Year 2 pupils showing off their handmade instruments. Finally, the Year 2 class demonstrated their skills on the glockenspiels and xylophones whilst the others sang in accompaniment.

As part of their exploration of Brazil, part of their Imaginative Learning Project, our Year 1 pupils made Brazilian sweets; everyone dug in with some tasty results.





Year 3 & 4

YEAR 3

Our Year 3 pupils have had a fun-filled year of educational visits, outdoor learning and artistic projects.

In the Autumn Term the pupils learned exactly where their food comes from during a 'Farm to Fork' visit guided by Tesco.

A visit to Magna took place during the Spring Term, where pupils had a hands-on experience exploring the four science and technology pavilions – Air, Earth, Fire and Water.

An overnight camp to Perlethorpe Environmental Centre was a chance for Year 3 pupils to build dens in the woods and challenge themselves to a blindfold assault course, amongst many other team building activities. Two pupils commented: "The best bit was working with my friends" and "I liked the water challenge activity; we lost lives and had to go back to the start."

The pupils visited Woodside Wildlife Park, where they saw a wide range of animals and even had the opportunity to hold some of the park's reptiles.

YEAR 4

In the Autumn Term, the Year 4 pupils planned a mountain expedition, which began with learning how to read a map. The pupils then took their learning outdoors for an orienteering activity.

A Roman soldier arrived at Ranby House to launch the Year 4 Imaginative Learning Project on Warriors. The soldier greeted the pupils in his Roman armour and began by showing the students the traditional weaponry and artefacts. After learning about the fascinating items, the Roman soldier marched the pupils to the Old Gym to act out some different Roman army tactics!

The pupils put their creativity skills to the test making totem poles for their Imaginative Learning Project about Native America.

Year 4 travelled to Whitby for a two night Youth Hostel experience. They visited the Sea Life Centre in Scarborough, investigated rock pools and created beach art in Robin Hood's Bay and enjoyed eating plenty of ice-cream! One pupil said, 'I enjoyed all of it. It was the best trip ever and I would love to go again!'

YEAR 5

Year 5 students were taken on a learning journey of Ancient origins when they found that one of their classrooms had been replaced by a 'Beautiful House' – like the ones used by the Egyptians when embalming mummies. Within the magical setting, which included authentic ancient Egyptian music and incense, the embalmers were able to preserve the young Pharaoh, preparing him for the afterlife.

In the Autumn Term, pupils took their science lesson outside of the classroom to learn about the distance between the planets.

Pupils showed off their artistic flare drawing, painting and shading creepy crawlies; there were some fantastic pieces of artwork produced!

In the Spring Term, pupils got up close and personal with some visiting creatures. With tarantulas, bearded dragons and snakes being the main sources of excitement, all the pupils joined in seeing, stroking and holding the creatures and learning the differences between them. The exploration of creatures didn't stop there, pupils also took part in a 'Mini Beast Hunt'. Making use of the Ranby House woodland, the pupils searched high and low for bugs in their natural habitats.



YEAR 6

It has been another busy year for the Year 6 pupils at Ranby House. In the Summer Term our Year 6 pupils paid a visit to Southwell, the most complete workhouse in existence. Here the pupils had the opportunity to experience what life was like for the poor in the Victorian age and reflect on how society has tackled poverty through the centuries.

Children in Year 6 were immersed in life as an evacuated child during World War 2. They learnt children's first aid, coding and message sending and ate a rationed meal! The most powerful part of the day was when the children discovered a letter 'hidden' in their suitcase, written by their parents, telling them how much they were loved and missed! The day was very real and lifelike for the children and ended with the sounding of an air raid siren, as they hid under their tables! Pupils then had the privilege of visiting the National Holocaust Centre at Laxton. They followed the story of 10-year old Leo, as he experienced the persecution of Jewish people in Germany in the 1930s, before travelling to safety in England as part of the Kindertransport.

To prepare the Year 6 children from Ranby House for their transition to Worksop College, pupils took part in the Outdoor Education Day. They enjoyed a day packed with a variety of activities designed to help children to get to know the senior school site a little better.

Y5&6 SKI TRIP

On Thursday 6 April, 15 lucky students in Years 5 & 6 participated in the 2017 Ski Trip. The journey to Switzerland involved a number of transfers using all modes of transport including trains, planes and automobiles. The highlight of the journey was the wonderful 'Snow Train' that winds up the mountains, crossing over viaducts and through tunnels with stunning alpine views.

The group included a range of abilities, from advanced to beginner, all skiing in the delightful sunshine and Spring conditions and enjoying successes in one form or the other. Whether it was completing their first jump, off piste or making it down a mountain without falling over, the pupils rose to the challenge.

Year 5 & 6



Mr Daniel Simpson
House Leader

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed Year 1 and 2 pupils to St Alban House for the first time this year. The pupils integrated into the House wonderfully and were cared for by the older children.

Our House Song this year was 'Under the Sea' from the Little Mermaid, the performance was full of gusto, the choreography was perfect and as a result we won the competition. Well done to all pupils of St Alban House, you did yourselves proud!

St Alban has had a lot of sporting success this year, winning:

- **House Swimming**
- **House Tennis**
- **Year 5 and 6 Cross-Country**
- **Year 3 and 4 Boys' Hockey**
- **Year 5 and 6 Boys' Hockey**

At Sports Day, we drew for 1st place with St Dunstan House, it was a very close competition between all Houses. As ever, a big thank you to all the staff, pupils and parents for their efforts and support and for making the day such a memorable occasion.

Throughout the year Mrs Harper, Miss Hughes, Mrs Dodd and Mrs Fowler have supported St Alban and I would like to say thank you for all of your effort.

Well done and thank you to our Year 6 House Captains, who each took on the role for a term this year: Jarran Narwal, Archie Sims, Joshua McDonald, Yvie Gilbert, Holly Clark and Emily Bailey.

We have had a great year in St Alban House, the pupils have supported each other through both challenges and success, and have done their best to live in the manner of our House Prayer:

"Lord, help us to be like St Alban. Help us to achieve excellence and embrace responsibility. To act lovingly, not for the sake of reward, but always to act with honour, respect and care for others. Amen"

All for one and one for all!

"We have had a great year in St Alban House, the pupils have supported each other through both challenges and success..."



Our first House event was the House Song competition. We produced a very good performance of the Mary Poppins Disney song, 'A Spoonful of Sugar'. The pupils showed real dedication by using their break times for extra rehearsal. Flora Thorpe dressed up as Mary Poppins and Ellie-May Wills reached the high notes of her solo part.

We battled hard with all of the House events; entering each event with determination to do our best, managing to win some. Sports Day saw some excellent individual and team performances, especially from Murray Whyte, Grace Galbraith and Luke Naylor. In the Autumn Term St Benedict won the majority of cups, giving us a very healthy and full shelf in the dining room. Overall, for the year we came second. We are currently the smallest House in terms of numbers, but we made every industry and conduct point count.

"We battled hard with all of the House events; entering each event with determination to do our best..."

We had numerous good performances on the sporting front:

- **Year 3 and 4 students came 2nd in House Swimming**
- **Year 3 and 4 girls came 1st in House Rounders**
- **Year 3 and 4 students came 2nd at Sports Day**
- **Charlotte Ashton was awarded the Year 3 Victrix Ludorum cup**
- **Lydia Priestly was awarded the Year 4 Victrix Ludorum cup**
- **The Hamilton Shield was awarded to Luke Naylor**
- **The Dane Inspire an Athlete Award went to Murray Whyte**

Thank you to all the St Benedict staff for your support of the pupils over the year. Mrs Stirling-Wood took over the running of the House whilst I was away and we thank her for keeping everything in order. Miss Harvey's energy and enthusiasm has been a real boost to the House and Mrs Payne has been brilliant in supporting the Year 1 and 2 children. Finally, a thank you and farewell to Miss Harthen, who developed an excellent rapport with the children, and could always be counted on to help. Thank you and farewell to the Year 6 St Benedict captains for the Autumn, Spring and Summer Terms; Flora Thorpe, Edward Howard, Evie Tomlinson, Callum Sipson, Ellie-May Wills and Luke Naylor.

Aim high, work hard and follow your dreams!



Mrs Nicola Wing
House Leader



Mr Mark Pymm

House Leader

We started the year off with the annual House Singing competition. The theme was Disney, so we chose, 'I'm on my Way'- from Brother Bear. The children were great and sang their very best. It was a great way to introduce the Year 1 and 2 pupils to the House system.

During Book Week, we as a House performed a poem. We decided on 'Sick' by Shel Silverstein. Each pupil performed their line perfectly, which ended a great week of literature and events.

The Autumn Term saw the House Rugby and Girls' House Hockey. The Junior Hockey team came 3rd and the Seniors came 2nd. In Rugby, we did the double, winning both the Junior Tag and Senior Rugby. In winning the Senior Rugby, we received the Kathryn Shakespeare Cup. Overall for the term, in the Allen Cup Competition for Sport we were 2nd=.

In the Spring, the Seniors were victorious in the Netball, and the Juniors came 3rd. In the Cross-Country event, we came 1st in both the Year 1 and 2 and the Junior sections. The Seniors were 3rd but overall as a House we were 1st. In the Boys' Hockey, we came 3rd in both sections of the school. In the Allen Cup, we were winners coming 1st by four points.

The Summer Term started with three early events with the House Orienteering, Swimming and Senior Cricket. We had the individual winners in the Junior Orienteering with Freya Harper and Harry Briggs-Price. In the Swimming, our Juniors came 1st and Seniors 2nd. The Cricket saw the Seniors come a respectable 3rd. The final event of the year, the House Rounders was very competitive; we finished in 3rd place.

St Columba would not be the same without the help that each member of the House staff gives. Thank you for the support and guidance you have given. I know that all of the children appreciate your work and chocolate buttons!

We sadly say goodbye to two of our Graduates who have been in St Columba this year - Miss Walsh and Mr Rodgers. We wish them all the best as they leave to train as teachers. I am sure they will take the St Columba ways and motto with them.

Having the Year 1 and 2 join our House System has been a great addition, and I have been so pleased with how well they have contributed to St Columba and what we stand for.

Many thanks also to all six House Captains: Isabel Smith, Sonny Carroll, Megan Young, Logan Greaves, Monty Stephenson and Sam Cooper. They have all done a tremendous job leading the House during the weekly House meetings, and during their reign in charge. I know you will continue to remember the St Columba House spirit.



The new academic year started with a challenge. Can we retain the All Saints Trophy for the best House that we won at the end of the previous year?

The annual House Song competition was the first inter-House event of the new year. We chose to sing 'I Wanna be Like You', from The Jungle Book and finished a very credible 2nd place.

In the sporting competitions, we did particularly well in the Hockey, where Year 5 and 6 were the winners and Year 3 and 4 came 2nd place. In the other events, we had mixed results with 3rd in Year 3 and 4 Rugby, 3rd in Year 5 and 6 Tennis and 4th in Year 5 and 6 Rugby.

The end of term awards showed what promise there was in St Dunstan when we managed 2nd place in every category, namely Effort, Work, Sport, Behaviour and in the Matthews Cup (for overall term totals). With the near misses of the Autumn Term still fresh in our minds, we set out at the start of the Spring Term to go one better. In the House sporting competitions, we managed 1st and 3rd in the Netball, then 2nd, 3rd and 4th in Cross-Country and two 2nd places in Boys' Hockey.

The end of term assembly showed the improvement we had made over the term, when it was announced that we had won both the Effort Cup and the Behaviour Cup. With 2nd in Sport and 3rd in the Work it was enough to be presented with the Matthews Cup as overall winners for the term.

The success of the Spring Term was used as a challenge for everyone to do even better in the Summer Term. A great effort saw us win the Orienteering Shield, we came 1st and 4th in the Swimming, 2nd in Cricket, 1st in Rounders and 1st overall in Athletics.

Our final assembly proved to be the most successful. It was with great pride that it was announced that St Dunstan had indeed done very well, and met up to the challenge that was issued back in September. With a clean sweep of awards, we managed to win the Work, Effort, Behaviour, Sport and Matthews Cups. This in turn meant that we did retain the All Saints Shield. A most amazing year, well done to everyone involved with St Dunstan. You should be proud of your achievements.

I would like to thank the House Captains for their efforts throughout the year: Georgia Barrett, Spencer Godley, Eliza Clough, Jayden Collinge, Elsa Buchanan and Megan Perkins.

Good luck to next year's St Dunstan House staff and captains. The last two years have been very successful. I hope you have the same success in the year ahead.

Remember - Do not let your dreams be dreams!



Mr Robert Parkinson

House Leader



Boarding

So much more than a head on a bed

Boarding in the 21st century is a 'best fit' situation", says Mrs Tilley. "In years gone by, parents had to fit around the boarding offer, we now work to fit what suits the family and individual circumstances."



Although the Independent Schools' Census 2017 suggests boarding is in decline nationally, our Head of Boarding, Clare Tilley says a change in approach and a more flexible offer means boarding at our school has never been more popular.

"The data nationally might suggest a decline", she says. "but it certainly isn't our experience - I really think the concept as a whole has changed and that's why boarding is on the up."

Mrs Tilley believes there is a better appreciation of what is on offer, from both a pupil and parent perspective, and that fundamentally, 'we've got better at explaining it.'



BEST FIT AND FLEXIBILITY

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"Across Worksop College and Ranby House, we have a huge variation in terms of family set-up, and consequently what is required, so we make our offer fit accordingly.

"From the parent who lives locally, but needs to be at their desk in London by 9am, to those who live a few hours away - and hence need the full boarding option, the key is flexibility."

"We're also seeing a far greater number of families taking up boarding who've had no experience of it in the past. They were not boarders themselves and have no family history of boarding; it just makes sense for their family set-up - whether they choose occasional, flexi or full."

"In addition, environments have changed", says Mrs Tilley. "They are far more young people focused, with more emphasis on friendships and pastoral care. Gone are the long pokey hallways and rows of beds, to be replaced with light airy spaces where young people are encouraged to personalise and feel comfortable."

This is never more apparent than at our new junior facility for Years 7&8, Portland House - where boarding has taken off exponentially and Houseparents Rey and Leesa Guillaud regularly see a 'full house'.

"For our young Portlanders, boarding can feel like a bit of an adventure - a sleepover with all your friends is an exciting thing at 11 years old!" says Housemaster, Mr Guillaud.

And over at Ranby House, Houseparent Mr Mark Pymm explains how trialling boarding from Year 2 has taken off in a big way.

"The trial evenings have proved very popular, he says. "Themed nights are a great way of introducing the boarding concept and our ever-popular 'tree-decorating and Christingle' evening was fully booked by the beginning of the first term. We have seven bookings for next year already."

Mr Pymm believes the key is variety and keeping children engaged.

"From games of 'man-hunt' to educational visits from the fire service, cinema visits to BBQs and waterslides - boarding at Ranby is fun, exciting and a world away from what people might think when they hear the word 'boarding'."

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Clare Tilley (left), Head of Boarding at Worksop College and Ranby House

COMMUNITY WITHIN A COMMUNITY

"One of the best pieces of advice I had as a young Housemistress, was to make sure I changed my outfit in the evening," says Mrs Tilley. "It might seem a simple thing, but a boarding house is a home, so while there are still rules and structure, it needs to feel different to the academic day."

"With around 27 teachers and their families living onsite - from brunches to BBQs, weekend boarding has its own little community within a community!"

"We're quite lucky in that respect," remarks Mrs Tilley. "At other schools, it can feel a little like a ghost-town at the weekend, but it's far from it here with the boarding community joining in with family life and creating even more of a home from home."

And it's this pastoral side that Mrs Tilley feels is so important.

"We work together as a team," she says. "From the bus driver who tells the Houseparent that a particular child looked a bit out of sorts on the bus, to the academic tutor who passes on information about a subject a pupil might be struggling with - the House system creates a wonderful community where everyone matters and any issues are addressed quickly and effectively."

"We try to ensure there is something for everyone," says Mrs Tilley. "So we've done everything from Nerf Wars to IT club, a wine-tasting evening to martial arts."

"We're lucky to have a really established boarders' committee who help influence what we do," she says. "From the cuisine we serve during international week to the activities programme - pupil voice is a really important part of our planning process."

17/18 AND BEYOND

"We're excited to be looking at how we roll-out younger years boarding more formally", says Mrs Tilley. "The trial evenings that Mr and Mrs Pymm organised at Ranby House went very well and we'd like to be able to expand that to offer the opportunity to more children."

"Our Masterplan programme of investment continues, and there are number of refurbishment projects planned across boarding houses for 17/18, so watch this space!"

To find out more about boarding, please speak with your Housemaster or Housemistress or email our Admissions Team on admissions@wsnl.co.uk. We also have lots of useful information on our new website, wsnl.co.uk/boarding



Katie Robertson
House Captain

The school year kicked off with the traditional Derry birthday party which included a new event, a treasure hunt, which I hope will remain as a yearly occurrence. We made new friendships which continued to develop, helping the House to grow in strength throughout the year and House Song only brought us closer together with all of our hard work during rehearsals really paying off.

Over the course of the year, Derry House has yet again excelled in every House competition and the girls gave it everything they had. Well done to all of the new pupils for stepping up out of their comfort zone and representing Derry in a winning fashion. The support and House spirit was incredible, eventually leading us to another Clumber Run victory which we thoroughly deserved. All of the girls showed great effort in training during House times but a special mention must go to Katie Taylor and Maddy Foulds for finishing 2nd and 3rd for the second year in a row. I hope to see such success continue next year, which I strongly believe it will.

This year we have raised money for our House Charity, CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young), which promotes and develops heart screening programmes and funds medical research. We held a raffle at the Derry Dinner, a cake sale and mufti-day and I would like to thank everyone who either donated or supported such events and in particular Evie Levick for her hard work as House Sacristan.

Our brilliant tutor team give so much to the House, supporting each girl's individual needs. Thank you for the guidance and always being on hand when we are in need; everyone appreciates the late-night duties and the work you do. In addition, thank you to our Housekeeper Jill who has looked after us all; we are very grateful.

My final thanks must go to both Mrs Powell and Mrs Futter. To Mrs Powell, the support you gave to not only me, but every Derry girl who has been before, has helped us get through hard times and made the fun times more enjoyable; you are dearly missed and we hope to see you soon. To Mrs Futter, you have made the transition into Housemistress of Derry as smooth as it possibly could be, taking over for the last term of the year. I wish you the best of luck and hope (but cannot promise) that the girls will take it easy on you!

My advice to the future girls of Derry is to cherish your time at Worksop College as it honestly does go by so fast. As a weekly boarder, Derry has been my second home for the past five years and I will be sad to leave it all behind.



Charlotte Docherty
House Captain

To help our new Year 9 students build up their confidence and feel more relaxed, Gibbs House started off the year with a Juniors' outing which really did the trick and helped the new girls come out of their shells.

Our House Song this year was put together through suggestions from the whole House to create our dance to ABBA's 'Honey Honey'. This was followed by a great House party, with some impressive dance moves, plenty of questionable singing and everyone eating their bodyweight in pizza!

In a change from the usual event, our House Dinner became a 1920s murder mystery themed dinner in the Library, all wonderfully put together by Mrs Smith!

Individual congratulations to Emma Cheong, our U6th academic star for achieving so many credits over the years, we are sure you will achieve your goals. Other girls who made a huge contribution to our total credits' score are Abbie Willgoose (850), Benedicta Kaufmann (740), Claire Lin (520), Alex Robertson (220) and Jenny Dickinson (170). Well done also to Ruby Chan and Claire Lin in House Photography for their advert made to help support the House Charity, Guide Dogs for the Blind.

When it comes to sports, this year has been a great one for Gibbs with the juniors winning badminton, hockey, squash and basketball. This has been an amazing achievement for the girls, with all of them putting in so much effort even if they found the sport challenging. In the Clumber Run, although we weren't the overall winner as a House, Ceri Thorman came 1st out of all the girls and Nina White was the 2nd home from Gibbs plus in the juniors, Millie Bayston performed amazingly well.

Our House Charity benefited from House collections and bake sales after school Evensongs - all the hard work of our House Sacristans, Abigail Nicholson and Jenny Dickinson. During Harvest Festival we also managed to collect a lot of food and health produce to give to shelters and homeless charities.

I would like to thank all the girls for being a part of Gibbs House, supporting it and each other, however, Gibbs could not function without Mr James and Miss Grant as they organise and support us in all aspects of our lives. Thank you to the tutor team who look after us in the evenings and support us academically, your help to the girls is greatly appreciated. To our Housekeeper Sue, and Elaine, thank you for everything you do, we know you go above and beyond for us as well as being there to keep us on track.

The year came to an end with the annual Sports Day, followed by our House BBQ, which was welcomed greatly following the busy exam season.



William Hayman

House Captain

In my time at Worksop, Mason has undergone some vast changes; a new Housemaster and Assistant and, indeed, a new location. Whilst a passion and determination to succeed has been our aim, these years have defined us as the nearly men - consistently falling just short of our target. It was our aim, this year, to rectify all of that.

Mason have found exceptional success in inter-house competitions thanks, in no small way, to House Sports Captains Nick Hobbs and Harry Brown, resulting in victory in the L'Amie Cup. There have been some exceptional individual performances: from Owen Taylor in the hockey and Ben White in Senior House Rugby to Barry Dong's buzzer-beating basket in House Basketball. And the competitive success of the House was down to the mutual devotion and teamwork displayed by everyone - and epitomised by the triumph in the Holy Grail of school competitions - the Dorm Run.

Equal success was also achieved beyond the sports field this year. Victory in the House Debating, in which Mason is traditionally strong, was a personal highlight. The team of Jake Sivner, Simon Elliott-Bateman and I achieved the sought-after win against Shirley after defeat in the final for the past two years. Martin Bergman and Rudra 'Grandmaster' Mutalik led Mason to retaining their title in the Chess competition whilst Alan Brown and Harry Beckwith achieved an unlikely 2nd place in the Inter-House Cooking.

Aside from these successes, we have striven for a happy and cheerful atmosphere within a united and welcoming House and the movie-themed Mason House Dance embodied this perfectly. In addition, our rendition of Example's 'Say Nothing' for House Song, with the inclusion of a Mannequin Challenge, was nothing if not 'sensational'.

Our ardent House Sacristan, Clemens Roettgen, has led our charitable efforts this year in aid of 'The Reading House'. The annual Santa Run and a sponsored House Read-a-thon, have helped to raise money for this fantastic cause, but our flagship event of the year was the 24 Hour Sponsored Row. With ten rowing machines our individual aim was to collectively row from Worksop to the Arctic Rim. We completed this task with 26 minutes to spare and raised over £1,000 for our House Charity.

However, none of this would have been possible without the combined effort of many key people this year. David Zeng has been a stellar Vice Captain this year, representing the House when I have not been around. Deserved thanks must also go particularly to the passion and vision of Mr Murray and Dr Koon, as well as the unending support of the whole tutor team.

In my time at Worksop, I have witnessed the journey of Mason House. It has been an insurmountable privilege to lead the House on that journey; we have gone from being the nearly men to finally succeeding in what we have been trying to achieve.



The year began with a House Outing to a local Indian restaurant which in addition to being a lovely meal served to bring us all together as more of a community.

For House Song we performed 'Goodbye Mr A' and despite the difficulties in practises, the House came together on the day and put out a fine performance. Afterwards we enjoyed pizza, socialised and had a great evening.

The House trained hard for the Dorm Run with some of the boys such as Charlie Blackmore, Joel Spencer and Nick Keast doing 20 runs. However, we were narrowly beaten and had to settle for 2nd place after Mason.

Across the year groups we have had great strength in academics, with the stand out achievement being our very own William Goodall gaining an offer to Oxford. We also congratulate the remaining Year 13 students who all gained offers to the University of their choice, including Newcastle, Leeds and De Montford.

In the Spring Term we played Inter House Hockey, which was very competitive and at the end of our 1st match against Talbot, the score was 0-0. Next we played Mason, again a very tight game, which also resulted in a draw and in the final match we played Shirley. We beat them 1-0 with a great goal from Nick Keast winning House hockey with a great effort from everyone.

In the Summer Term we had House Badminton, with some very strong players including Henry Chum and Ken Li. The Seniors fought off all competition and won all of their matches as did the Juniors, therefore overall a great victory for Pelham.

This year, with Martin Rose as our House Sacristan, we have raised money for our House Charity, Cerebral Palsy Sport and made a significant contribution to the Harvest Festival collection.

Pelham would not be the same without our brilliant tutor team. Thank you for the support and guidance you have given each and every one of us. You are always on hand whenever someone needs you, and we know that all the boys appreciate your work.

A very important person who we cannot live without in the House is Karen, our Housekeeper, who is brilliant in everything she does, making sure the House is spotless and always there for people to talk to. She is a big contribution to the House and it would not be the same without her.

The time we have spent in Pelham House has gone so fast and the memories will be cherished forever. To next year's House Captain, I wish you luck, I know you will continue to keep the Pelham spirit going. Pelham has been my second home for five years, and I will miss the House and everyone in it.



George Finlay

House Captain



Isaac Parkin & Hannah Smith
House Captains

It is fair to say that the Portlanders have had a very eventful first year, from those first few days when it seemed you would never be able to find your way, to singing in House Song and taking part in the Dorm Run. The Portland boys and girls have helped each other every step of the way throughout the challenges they have faced.

In the Autumn Term, rather than a formal dinner, we decided a disco would be more appropriate. We all wore our favourite Christmas jumpers and headed to the Churchill Hall where there was loud music, party food and flashing lights. It was an evening full of laughter as we danced to the Macarena, had a little bit of a Conga line and even enjoyed moves from Mrs Tilley and Mr Smith towards the end of the night!

For House Song, we were all very nervous and didn't know what to expect as we performed 'Pompeii' by Bastille. Nevertheless, all 80 of us got up, sang and got a fantastic reception. It was such an entertaining night and we really felt part of the College community.

We had heard gruesome tales about the Dorm Run of mud, sweat and tears and after several training sessions, we all waited at the starting line on the day and got ready for the sound of the gun. As we could not compete against the Senior Houses, we ran for our Divisions (Caribou, Muntjac, Taruca and Wapiti). Everybody tried their best and even though some had some excellent runners, everyone counted and the winning Division was Wapiti.

The Summer Term may have been a bit shorter but it certainly was busy. We had our first Portland Bake-Off, which was won by Grace Sanders and Nairne Clark for Caribou, who baked a fantastic showstopper. On the last evening of term, the typical English weather forced our first Summer Party indoors but it didn't put a dampener on the festivities: disco for the youngsters, Mr G's Pimm's bar for the parents, concert, internal prize-giving and ice-cream van for all.

The Portlander likes to travel and has had many opportunities for that this year. The Year 7s went to Castleton, Malham Tarn and Normandy whilst the Year 8s visited the Royal Armouries in Leeds and celebrated the end of the exams at an Adventure Camp.

This year our chosen charity was Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice. Along with the money we donate every week in chapel, we have had several fundraisers, the most successful being the Charity Auction which raised just over £4,700.

A huge thank you to all the tutors and staff in Portland, as well as our wonderful Housekeeper Adele. And of course, Mr and Mrs Guillaud who have been our second parents and supported all the Portlanders so much this year. It has been a privilege being House Captain this year alongside Isaac and I am grateful for all the lessons I have learnt. As Mr Guillaud said on the last day: "whichever Senior House you are joining, Talbot, Shirley, Mason, Gibbs, Derry, School House or Pelham, always remember that you were born a Portlander".



School House started the year with a house warming party to welcome any new girls and give them the opportunity to meet everyone.

As usual, House Song was a highlight of the Autumn Term, and for us a medley of High School Musical songs, which certainly had its ups and downs in rehearsal but was great fun on the night; and nobody fell over, which is always a bonus!

The House Dinner occupied its usual slot in March with a murder mystery theme creating a new departure for us and testing our detective skills to the full. Congratulations to super sleuth Rosemary Wilmshurst who emerged the winner.

A tsunami of credits and Headmaster's Commendations have hit the House reflecting the wealth and depth of talent amongst our girls. Particularly well done to Georgia Preston, Alex Turley and Rosemary Wilmshurst, who have stood out each term for their contributions. Also, congratulations to Martha Raymer on her offer of a place at Oxford to read History.

It was no surprise then, given our academic strengths, that we won the long-awaited House Challenge, sweeping aside all opposition, and well done here to Abby O'Donoghue, Martha Raymer, Eleanor Cooley and Jessica Ratcliffe for their remarkable speed on the buzzer as well as the breadth of their general knowledge.

In House Photography the task was to produce a promotional video for our Charity, Great Ormond Street Hospital. The result created by Alice Exley, Ellie Simmonite, Jessica Ratcliffe, Caitlin Wright and Stevie Kyrakidis was quite remarkable, being both innovative and thought provoking; a much deserved 2nd place, well done.

Sporting success has been sparse in the past couple of years but with great delight our campaign got off to a good start this year with a surprising 2nd place in Senior Netball which was followed by an even more unexpected 2nd place in the Clumber Run.

This year we have supported Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital with our weekly chapel collections, mufti day, Christmas hamper raffle and sale of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and in addition, we raised funds for Children in Need. Well done also to Alice Exley for her fundraising for RP Fighting Blindness. She raised a whopping £700 by having 30cm cut off her flowing locks!

We have introduced a House Council this year to ensure every girl has the opportunity to air her views and so far, this is proving very useful. Many thanks to the entire tutor team for their unfailing support and guidance throughout the year, Also, where we would be without Sue, our energetic and bubbly Housekeeper who is always there with a listening ear? We wish all the best to Mrs Beckett, Mrs Burton, Mrs Marriott and Miss Farrell who leave us this year and as Mrs Collins goes on maternity leave, we look forward to seeing 'little Collins' soon.



Amelia Wells
House Captain



Oliver Dane
Captain of School & Shirley House Member

It has been a true rollercoaster year for Shirley House and we started in fine fettle as we welcomed a varied, yet eager group of Year 9s to the team.

In the House Football, Sports Captain Lloyd Heaps led from the front scoring the majority of the goals within the competition! For the juniors, talented sportsmen Lewis Macrae and Chris Beaumont were central to our success.

On the cultural side we cruised through the House Debating prelims as the A team of Sam Ratcliffe, Ollie Dane and Joe Lippitt took on the other Houses. Debating on topics ranging from Trump's presidential election to Brexit the team mustered a well-deserved 2nd place in what was a close fought final.

Shirley has had a long-lasting tradition for its 'playful and lively' approach to House Song and this year was no exception as we were "Dancin' through the Movies". Lochlan Dudley's and Chris Waddington's re run of 'time of my life' meant this year was no exception to our reputation!

The Dorm Run has always arrived with much anticipation and this year was no exception as Ollie Dane completed his fifth consecutive victory. We have always believed that in events such as the Dorm Run, spirit and enthusiasm is as important as the results and congratulations to everyone who put in such an enormous effort.

In the Summer Term Cole Hewitt took centre stage and broke long-standing school swimming records during the House competition. In the House Cricket, we were hopeful of some good results with some excellent cricketers in both the Senior and Intermediate teams. With an excellent team performance, the Y9 and 10 boys blew away the competition and fought their way to a well-deserved victory.

As Shirley is a dedicated day house, this has always been central to its success and character, as we are supportive of each other's success in and out of school commitments. The boys never fail to give sincere support to members in so many different fields, which is one our House's greatest assets, and I feel privileged to be part of that.

This year has of course been a very special year as Mr Duckering celebrated his 5th year at the helm, fittingly marked by a video by George Wilmhurst, who also led the House to its first ever House Photography victory.

Many thanks to this years' leadership team of Sam Ratcliffe, Tom O'Donoghue, Lloyd Heaps and Alex Boyd who have all been central to our House success and good luck to their successors for 2017/18.

I would like to pass on our thanks to Mr Duckering and Mrs Christodoulou for all of their support. May we also thank Karen, our Housekeeper, who really does go the extra mile in all she does around the House.



Talbot House prides itself on supporting its members, whether it is in academics, sports or culture. This year we have really lived up to our House motto of 'Prest d'accomplir' (ready to accomplish). Each boy in Talbot has his own individual talents and when combined with hard work, we have shown how capable we really are.

The Autumn Term began with the senior boys finishing 3rd in the House Rugby with Milton Ma turning a gentle game of touch rugby into full contact. The boys then ploughed into the House Football competition with David Bates providing unity at the back to enable the team to play an impressive set of matches with pace and passion in offence. Unfortunately, we narrowly missed out by losing to our rivals, Mason.

Onto cultural events and in preparation for the House Cooking competition, Mrs Parkin was kind enough to let Phasu Chomsomboon and the boys use her kitchen. An incredible amount of effort went into this event and we were unfortunate not to win. Tom Webster led the way in House Chess, and once again he never let the House down, with Talbot tying 1st place.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the House Song competition. Attempting to teach 60 boys how to do the ever-famous Talbot step was never going to be an easy challenge, nevertheless, the fake tan was applied and Steps were reborn.

Across the year groups, we have great strength in academics, with Ted Yang, David Bates, Kash Suresh and Tom Williams racking up the credits. It's not surprising that we have done so well in the Gill Cup and I hope to see this continue on to next year! In the House Photography competition, we were awarded 2nd place as Phasu Chomsomboon, Harry Shayler, Richard Zhang and James Payne produced a short clip on our House Charity that provided a strong message.

After much training, Talbot came 3rd in the Dorm Run and although it was not the position we wanted, the boys were proud of how we came together as a House with a notable number of Talbot boys finishing in the top 20. Well done to Harri Thorman, David Bates, Max Beahan and Jorge Stevenson.

This year our House charity was Hope House, and with Riecko Parker-Cole as our House Sacristan we managed to raise £1000 at the House Dinner and other events like the mufti day. It is never an easy role and I would like to thank him personally for his hard work!

Thank you to all the tutors, Yvonne, Mr Parkin and Mr Hill for supporting everyone along the way! Your support and guidance throughout the year is immense and I know the boys appreciate your work. My advice to anyone in Talbot is to take all the opportunities presented at the College because time goes by incredibly fast! The House has been my second home for the last two years and I will miss the Talbot spirit and everyone in it!



James Holden
House Captain



Drama

Worksop College

For one week only Worksop College was packed with hustlers, gamblers, gangsters and exotic nightclub singers in the superb production of *Guys and Dolls*. It is an action-packed, high-energy musical extravaganza that has wowed theatre-goers and critics for an amazing 67 years, and our audience agreed that our students didn't fail to deliver a show-stopping performance.

"We couldn't believe how good the musical was, all of the stars were just wonderful along with the musicians, sound and lighting, stagehands and anyone else who helped bring this production forward."

*"Since seeing *Guys and Dolls* at Worksop I've bought the Hollywood soundtrack and I can honestly say, Worksop's version was better!"*

"...everyone was 'awesome' especially the waiter in Havana!"

"One week on and we are still buzzing from the play. The whole experience was fantastic."

"We had a superb evening, thoroughly enjoyed the show, the players performing their parts with such skill, enthusiasm and superb teamwork... what 'hidden' talents there are amongst Worksop College students."

"I didn't know what to expect as I don't know the show, but I found it highly entertaining, brilliantly acted, musically fabulous... I could go on."

"Congratulations for last night's performance – a real triumph."

*"We had a fab night out at *Guys and Dolls* last night. What an amazing show! Great to have a live band too."*

YE-HA

Year 3 and 4 pupils wowed audiences with their performances in the school production of *Ye-Ha*.

Pun-filled and fantastically delivered, the pupils had the audience in stitches with their clever lines.

"Absolutely wonderful," said Carol Harper, who attended the performance to see Freya Harper, who gave a wonderful performance as Dr. Cornelia Spooner. "It was a really good comedy, they were all really brave. I loved it."

The pupils performed exceptionally well, the amount of effort put in by everyone, pupils, parents, and staff really shone through. Well done everybody!



PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN

This year pupils in Year 5 and 6 took on the swashbuckling pirate adventure on the high seas, *Pirates of the Curry Bean* and it made for a thoroughly enjoyable production.

Based on the book, music and lyrics by Craig Hawes, this tale included everything that one might want from a pirate story: kidnapping, a treasure map, buried booty, shipwrecks, and of course a very talkative parrot.

The pupils delivered the songs and jokes with confidence and enthusiasm, and it certainly paid off as it was a fantastic show that showcased the talents of our Year 5 and 6 pupils.

THE ANGEL EXPRESS - PRE-PREP PRODUCTION

To round off the Autumn Term the Pre-Prep children put on a magical performance of *The Angel Express*.

Pupils acted and sang their hearts out to a packed audience in the school theatre. Well done to everyone involved, you are superstars!





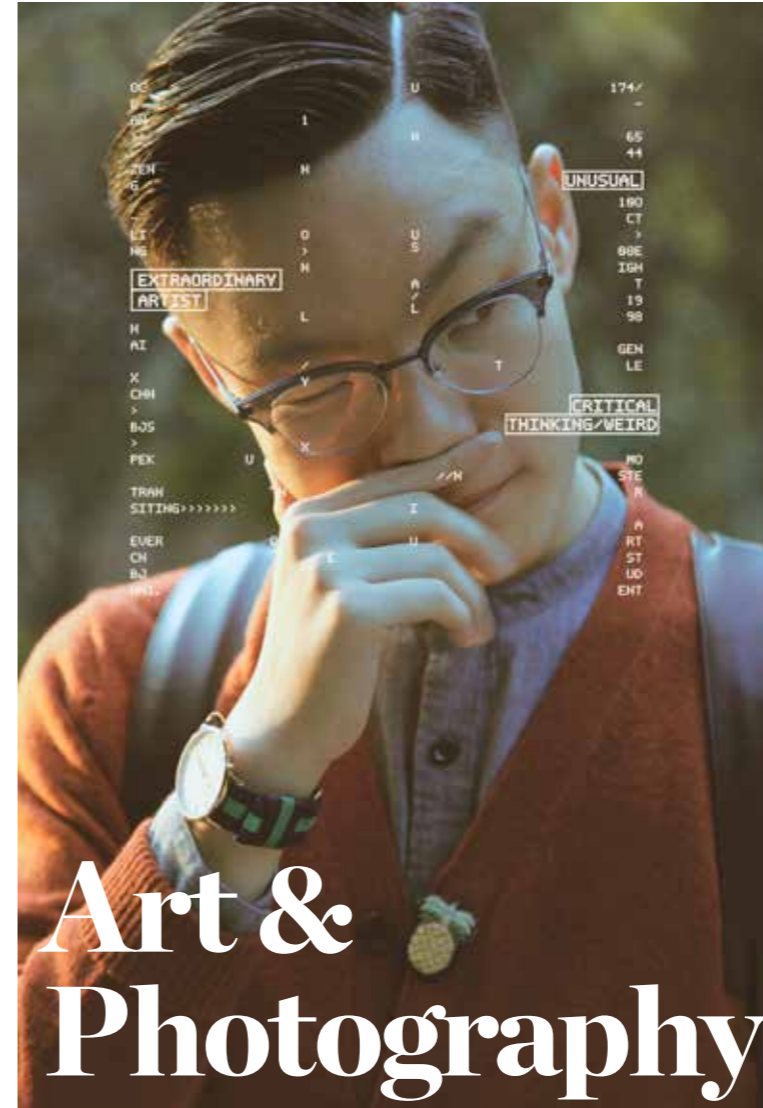
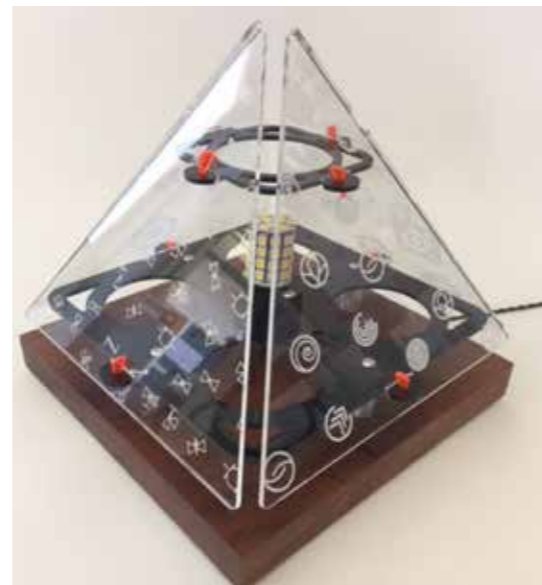
A LEVEL DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY BRIEF:

Design and produce a high quality, stylish, rechargeable Bluetooth speaker system that can be used in a variety of situations.



GCSE DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY BRIEF:

A major design museum wishes to expand its range of products on sale in the museum shop. It wishes to sell popular products influenced by major design eras of the last 100 years. Design and make a low-voltage light in the style of any design era of the last 100 years.



The academic year began with an opportunity for students to work alongside fashion photographer John Rowley, and fashion illustrator Sam Parr then taught students various techniques in her workshop in late September. In December, pupils attended the Clothes Show Live event at Birmingham NEC; the fashion show, stalls, models and dancers provided great entertainment and an insight into the industry.

The corridors of Worksop College have certainly been enhanced with artwork from all year groups, especially the 3D animal sculptures created by the Year 7 and 8 pupils. Hundertwasser gave inspiration to the Year 8 pottery work and the Year 9 pupils were inspired to produce 'creative creatures' after their visit to the Harley Gallery to see work by Julie Arkell.

Year 11 students enjoyed a trip to London; photographers took in the William Eggleston exhibition whilst Fine artists visited the V&A. The life class has continued to be well attended this year, a full house in all of our twice-termly sessions.

Our annual international art trip took us to Madrid this year; Mr Colin Paton was kind enough to be our tour guide and highlights included the Museo de Jamon and a day trip to Toledo where the Jewish, Christians and Muslims have lived in harmony for centuries. The Year 3 pupils at Ranby House have also been exploring international art and created their own Greek masks using a range of skills and techniques to replicate the traditional styles.

Potential Art Scholars in Year 6 and 8 joined us in October at the College for a 'how to prepare' for the entry, completing an 'exquisite corpse' collage. Later in the month we held a masterclass for Art Scholars at Ranby House.

The Sixth Form visited the London Art Fair and exhibitions at the Tate Modern in January, with Year 10 pupils following them down to London a few days later to see the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition, as well as taking the opportunity to photograph the city for their structures project. Year 4 pupils at Ranby House have also been exploring structures with their landscape artwork, with several students receiving a Headmaster's Commendation.

As part of April's International Pinhole Camera Day, Jon Legge returned to host a beer can pinhole cameras workshop. We managed to squeeze another quick trip in for Year 12 photographers at the end of the year to the 'Britain in Focus' exhibition at the Museum of Science and Media in Bradford.

A highlight of the year for the College Art Department was the Art Exhibition in the School Library, being in the heart of the Prize Giving action, it was well attended and viewed by more students, staff and parents than ever on the day and in the weeks preceding as well.

We have had many successes this year with three students gaining places to Central St Martins in London in Art Foundation, another taking up a place to study architecture at Manchester and others going on to study Fashion, Marketing and Promotion as well as other creative disciplines.

Ellie Simmonite won the Fine Art prize and Sam Routledge the Photography prize this year, in addition to this, mention should be made of Bethan Nicholass who gained an A* in her Photography A Level. Well done to everyone, thank you for working hard and enjoying Art as much as we all do.



Undoubtedly one of the busiest areas of both the College and the Prep School, our Music departments have again seen a constant flow of choral groups, individual musicians, bands and performers through the doors over the past 12 months as we have welcomed professionals and attended no end of external music events.

Music

Singing Evensong at some of the finest venues in the country, the College choir performed at Birmingham Symphony Hall, The Queen's College Oxford, as well as Durham and Sheffield Cathedral during the year. Singing music from a variety of composers, it is always an honour and a pleasure to participate in these services.

Meanwhile, learning from the experts is an opportunity not to be missed, and we have been delighted to host award winning ensemble VOCES8 and English conductor and composer John Rutter. Their choral workshops provided guidance on the best way to achieve a strong and blended sound, and made it an enjoyable and memorable experience along the way.

With the arrival of Y7 & 8 to the College in September, a new choral group VOX was born and in April, at the premiere of the inspirational Animal Magic concert, ten members of VOX were part of a children's chorus at the Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham. Assistant Director of Music, Charlotte Phillips said: "It was a memorable day for all of the young performers and our pupils came away inspired by the whole programme."

Ranby pupils also took part in an unforgettable concert held at Sheffield Arena in January, where they performed in Young Voices, as part of the world's largest collective choir concert. Supported by family and friends, our youngest pupils enjoyed a day to remember as they performed 11 songs and dance routines alongside over 5000 other children.

And whilst the children have been singing, the big band have been playing, as Bert's Big Band have taken their talents out of the College and performed to a very appreciative audience at the Notts County Show. In addition, the Jazz Night filled the Great Hall to capacity, where Bert's Big Band performed alongside the Alan Barnes Trio, providing inspiration to our musicians as they played with this multi-award winning saxophonist.

The level of talent at both Ranby and the College is never more evident than in competitive festivals and at the Woodard Musician of the Year Finals, Phillipa Walker and Francesca Hutson performed before a panel of judges, led by musical legend Julian Lloyd-Webber. Both soloists gave memorable performances and were honoured to receive personal feedback from Mr Lloyd-Webber himself.

At the Worksop Music Festival, the competition was fierce for our 70 performers but we were delighted to come away with several 1st place prizes in a variety of categories and age groups. There were also two choirs from Ranby, the Songbirds and VIVA!, who had a great time making music alongside other school choirs.

Ranby's annual House Singing Competition is always a treat for the audience and this year hundreds packed the Performing Arts Centre to watch fantastic performances by the four Ranby Houses. The theme this year was 'Disney' and the winning performance came from St Albans with their rendition of 'Under the Sea' from the Little Mermaid. Ranby's Director of Music, Ruth Massey said: "It was a fantastic afternoon of music, fun and healthy competition which gave our House teams a great opportunity to shine on stage."

A jewel in the Music Department's crown is its annual Concert Series and this year has certainly been no different. Attracting artists from across the UK and beyond, as well as home grown talent, this year's programme has featured some of the most exciting performers, including another return visit by VOCES8 as well as one of the most charismatic and adventurous quartets in British Chamber Music, the Villiers Quartet. We enjoyed the jaw-dropping virtuosity and sharp humour of improvising pianist, Harry the Piano and following the success of last year's production of Les Miserables, our talented pupils provided "A Night at the Musicals" with performances from a whole range of West End and Broadway productions.

2017/18 looks set to be another exciting and busy year for Worksop College and Ranby House musicians. Follow us on Twitter @WorksopMusic



(Clockwise from top) Members of VOX back-stage at Nottingham Royal Concert Hall, Evensong at Chapel Cathedral Oxford, Ranby House Choir, Jazz Night in the Great Hall,



North Notts

a great place
to work, live and visit

As one of the North Notts Envoys, Worksop College and Ranby House is proud to be part of a network that works to promote all that is great about the county we are based in.

And speaking with North Notts Place Manager Sally Gillborn, there are exciting plans in progress – all designed to help re-invigorate under-used areas, increase tourism footfall and bring additional investment to the region.

“North Nottinghamshire really is a great place to work, live and visit,” she says. “Boasting well-known attractions such as Clumber Park, Hodsock Priory, Welbeck Estate and the Chesterfield Canal, the area also has excellent communication links – be it road, rail or air. Local businesses and potential investors also have access to a talented workforce - as over 15 million people live within a two-hour radius.”

The North Nottinghamshire story began in 2014 when Bassetlaw District Council consulted with businesses, the community and young people locally and further afield. It soon became apparent that ‘Bassetlaw’ was not easy to identify as a location within the UK. And so the North Nottinghamshire name was introduced and a private sector Place Board was formed to help promote what was already in the area.

“The passion of businesses was there right from the beginning, with the work of the Place Board supported by our North Notts Envoys’ Ambassadors Scheme”, explains Sally. “Envoys are local businesses that unite to bring together their knowledge, networks and influences to promote the area locally and nationally. Regular Envoys events take place at key venues in and around the North Nottinghamshire area. Venues have included the hangar with the Vulcan aeroplane at Doncaster Sheffield airport, Osberton Horse Trials, Center Parcs as well as Worksop College and Ranby House.”

WHAT'S NEW FOR NORTH NOTTS?

“The North Nottinghamshire story has proven to be a great success”, says Sally. “Excellent relationships have been forged with local businesses and business groups - and our Envoys are informed and proud ambassadors for the area. But we wanted to take this work to the next level so had to explore what options we had to achieve this. One of these options was to look at a Business Improvement District (BID) model.”

“BIDs aren’t unique – there are over 250 already in the UK – and these are generally town, city centre or occasionally industrial based BIDs. But we had ground-breaking plans to develop the UK’s first ever area-wide, place-shaping BID.”

A feasibility study was undertaken January-March 2016 and 71% of those surveyed said that they would support a BID for North Nottinghamshire. Based on this we made the decision to forge ahead with our exciting plans and undertook 12 months of consultation with our businesses culminating in a ballot from 18th April-16th May 2017.

“Finally, on 17th May we received the news that over 85% of those voting by both business numbers and rateable value were in favour of the BID. This means that North Notts BID Ltd will commence trading on 1 September 2017, will be led by businesses to deliver projects chosen by our businesses and will bring in £3.2m of funds over the next 5 years.”

What will the BID deliver?

BUSINESS AND INNOVATION

Access to funding, business support.
Revitalise empty commercial units

MAKE SAVINGS

Make the BID cost neutral through savings on gas, electricity, telecoms etc

SAFE AND SECURE

Improve safety and security for businesses, staff and visitors

MARKETING OUR AREA

Introduce events to encourage footfall.
Promote North Nottinghamshire and our businesses

CLEAR NAVIGATION

Introduce branded directional signage and parking for locals and visitors

KEEPING TALENT LOCAL

Encourage local recruitment, increase awareness of education and career opportunities

CLEAN AND WELCOMING

Aim to keep our towns, villages and country roads clean, tidy and well-maintained

MODERN AND PRODUCTIVE

Install free Wi-Fi in main towns. Review current broadband speeds in towns and rural areas

TOURISM

Offer unique visitor experiences to encourage people to stay longer and spend more

ADD VALUE

Ensure BID services are additional to what the Council and partners provide

For more information about the North Nottinghamshire story or the North Notts BID Ltd, visit www.northnotts.co.uk



Masterplan

Developments 2016-17

It has been a busy year for the Operations Team at Worksop College and Ranby House – with in-year improvements and investment in infrastructure totalling just under £1m.

Headmaster Gavin Horgan explains why continuous improvement is a big part of the schools' ethos, both now and in the future. "We are rightly proud of what's been achieved in the last year," he says. "Our ongoing Masterplan provides a route-map for ensuring we continue to provide value-for-money and the high standards our parents quite rightly expect. From improvements to classrooms to investment in ICT, refurbishment of buildings to enhancing security, our Masterplan is an ongoing commitment to providing excellence."

As we gear up for the summer improvements, we reflect on what has been achieved by the Operations Teams, during the last academic year.

2016/17 – A SNAPSHOT

- Refurbishment of swimming pool
- Refurbishment of Pelham House
- New flooring, external decoration and kitchen for our Pre-Prep area
- New sandpit and toys for the Pre-Prep playground
- Complete surface renovation for the softball courts at Ranby House
- New fencing, CCTV and security gate to improve security for Ranby House
- Investment in electrical and fire safety at Ranby House, including emergency lighting installation in Sports Hall and PAC, plus electrical upgrades
- Re-surfacing on the driveway and athletics track at Worksop College
- Redecoration, upgraded furniture, flooring and electrics across Houses
- New waiting room, surgery and office for the Health Care Centre

In addition, as parents and pupils come back after the summer break, they can expect to see upgraded signage across both sites and a full refurbishment of the pool at Worksop College – a facility that benefits both our younger and older pupils.



Dorm & Clumber Runs

This year's Dorm and Clumber Runs were a hive of excitement. The Dorm Run, which is in its 120th year, had added anticipation as Oliver Dane (Shirley) made his final year a record-breaking event.

Last year, Oliver became only the second student in our history to win the Dorm Run four times. Previously, former pupil Jack Buckner held this record, although his wins were not consecutive as Oliver's have been. He has now become the only student to have ever won the Dorm Run five years in a row!

In the girls' Clumber Run, Year 12 pupil Ceri Thorman (Gibbs) took the top spot for the second year after another fantastic run.

This year we also had the pleasure of hosting the Junior Clumber Run, having moved the Year 7 and 8 pupils up to the Worksop College grounds this year. Tobey Baker (Year 8) was the overall winner, closely followed by Amelia Chrispin (Year 7).

The students showed their school spirit and sportsmanship throughout the day, cheering and motivating each other to try their best from beginning to end.





Rugby

Worksop College

1ST XV REPORT 2016-2017

A feeling of anything could happen was ripe as we began the season in September. Many of us had little expectation of what would become of Worksop College 1st XV as we met for pre-season. Straightaway though, there was certainly promise in what we could produce.

Our first match ended in a crushing defeat at the hands of our Argentine friends, as this highlighted our fractured structure, but also gave us a glimpse of what we were capable of once we got some momentum. This momentum was then continued with wins over King's Grantham and Hymers. Although the results were in our favour, the performances left little to be desired. We were then thoroughly put to the sword by an intelligent and disciplined High School outfit, 3 yellow cards on our part did not help one bit. The story was a similar one when Trent College were the visitors at Worksop, who again taught us a lesson with their clinical and disciplined nature. A reputation as slow starters was beginning to catch on for us. A routine victory vs Thomas Rotherham College in the NatWest 2nd Round set us up optimistically for a beneficial tour to Italy.

The tour to Italy was hugely worthwhile, as it not only brought us together as a tight-knit group, but also gave us the time to work on our weaknesses and put some structure in place. Things were looking up for the second half of the season. Another win vs King's Grantham in the NatWest 3rd Round, and a routine win against Ashville didn't reveal much as to whether Italy had benefitted us, but we knew our next fixture would hopefully do so.

A trip to Wisbech Grammar School turned out to be a hugely frustrating one. Short of a few top players, we failed to add the finishing touches to an otherwise sound performance, resulting in a group of raw, strong farmers' boys turning us over. Up next came the visit of rivals Hill House, with the added incentive of a place in the NatWest 5th Round at stake. A strong, sometimes backs up against the wall performance, resulted in a narrow 13-6 win for Worksop in front of a big crowd, spectators from both sides getting involved. A similar tale was told in the 5th Round vs Harrogate Grammar School in front of another big crowd at Worksop. Our slow start cost us once more, but our true grit and determination prevailed as we progressed into the last 8 of the NatWest Vase. The visit of rivals Mount St. Mary's, although not a knockout match, certainly had that feel to it. A strong performance saw us have the lead going into the final phases of the match, but some questionable refereeing decisions and lacklustre skill execution cost us the game right at the last.

Waiting until the 8th February for our away fixture in the quarter finals of the NatWest vs Trent was never going to be easy, for several reasons. In saying this, we had prepared well, and, with the help of four Argentinian recruits, we went into the game against a team who had trashed us earlier in the season with nothing to lose or fear. A brilliant first half, which could have been made even better but for the width of post, was not enough to stem the force of a formidable Trent outfit, who ended up winners of the NatWest Vase. A valiant effort from all the Worksop team.

And so that was that. A year which began with little to be hopeful about, ended in a disappointing but gracious defeat in the last 8 of a National competition to the eventual winners. I'd like to thank everyone involved in the 1st XV this year, and good luck for next year.

Nick Hobbs, 1st XV Captain 2016-2017

2ND XV RESULTS

The season began with the showcase spectacle and loss against the touring Argentinians, but even in this performance there were signs that this young side, of mainly Year 11 boys, would offer resilience and challenge against any side no matter how strong and talented. Our captain, Ed Armstrong, led ably all season and was well supported by Ethan Kearsley, Nathan Gooney, Joe McConville, Josh Porter, Ben Rivers, Lochlan Dudley and the ever-upbeat Jorge Stevenson who controlled games with increasing confidence at stand off.

These Year 11 boys were the core of the squad. The second half of the season brought improved consistency and it is nice to turn over King's Grantham in a return away match after our narrow loss towards the first half of the season.

The season ended with a brilliant performance full of aggression and control in what was a tense local derby against Mount St. Mary's. The team were patient, not scoring until the end of the first half after a powerful run by Josh Porter. After the break, Worksop 'turned up the ratchet' and scored two quick tries by Joe McConville and Oscar Siu, who was unstoppable at full pace. However, the Man of the Match performance was by Ben Rivers who was powerful in the line break and assured in defence. It was fitting that he scored the best and final try. Captain Ed Armstrong and Jorge Stevenson played beyond their years and were never fazed at all.

Well done - it has been an enjoyable season.

U15A REPORT

The U15's have had an excellent term of rugby this year and the team were unbeaten in the College fixtures. They kicked off the season in the true spirit of the game; they may have lacked in their ability but with some outstanding performances from Cole Hewitt, Tom Booth, Lewis Macrae they ensured their first victory of many.

Yianni Christodoulou, Chris Beaumont and Steven Mitchell pushed the team to a win in a very tough game against Nottingham High School, much to the delight of the coaches. McKenzie Brailsford and Freddy Clough showed great grit and determination right until the end with Joe Lippitt taking a hit from a Trent player double his size putting his body on the line for the team.

At the Wisbech match, Angus Vincent and Toby Sumner created many opportunities for players among the team to break the line and score. Rohan Holmes made some try-saving tackles leading to another victory.

Dominic Moyle and Dominic Leach had huge influences on the break downs whilst Ben Hill stormed through the line with resilience and did not allow the opposition one moment of rest. Yet another win for the team against Ashville. Ben Morris had some huge collisions but managed to stay on the pitch for the full duration of the match; this is the true Worksop College spirit. Charlie Armstrong and Ruben Dales cleaned up the rucks throughout and ensured quick ball for the scrum half to allow us to beat Hill House in a narrow match.

U14 REPORT

This was very much a developmental season for the U14 XV. A keen and committed group of players, the boys made great strides over the course of the season and, when competing on a level playing field, were able to implement a good level of skill and technique. Injuries were particularly cruel to the backline over the course of the season; Joe Kirby took up Christian Dujon's spot on the N/A team list at half-term, and, together with Adam Smith's long-term injury, denuded us of some cutting edge and pace. That said, the truth is we were too often overpowered up front; hopefully, the summer break will add some ballast to the forward pack.

The team was well led by the leadership group of Callum Wright, Rio Oliver, Joe Kirby, with James Davies and Tom Cooley giving able support with their contributions and intelligent play on the field. The highlight of the team's season was probably the final home fixture against Wisbech, where we edged home in a close, competitive fixture.

Following our close fixtures this year, the boys should be targeting wins next year against Nottingham High School and Ashville, as well as looking forward to a NatWest Cup campaign.

U13 REPORT

The U13's started the season with a convincing victory over Derby Grammar and expectations were high after scoring plenty of tries. The remaining fixtures, against significantly larger schools, all resulted in losses though - but with plenty of positives to be taken from each game. The team rallied together throughout the season showing admirable determination. They were brave (at times), and tackled hard (at times) despite the waves of offence from very strong opposition. Plenty of potential for the future.

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YEAR 7 REPORT

A tough first season at this level for the College's youngest members. Whilst technically proficient with ball in hand, the team often gave up size and experience to their opponents. Playing against well-established teams like Hymers, Notts High and Ashville, this season must be viewed as a foundation and a sign of things to come. The boys battled in every game and always played until the final whistle, typified by a 24-22 win against Witham Hall.

Will Booth led the team courageously from the front as Captain and as leading try scorer. Ably assisted by Ellis Macrae controlling the game at fly half and personifying defensive toughness. Matthew Haslam also deserves special praise for a number of instinctive tries from the wing. The boys must embrace the increased physicality next year and work as a unit in defence in order to cause some upsets.

SENIOR SEVENS

The senior sevens season was once again disrupted by poor weather and this lack of competition made both the North of England and National Sevens a difficult proposition against some top schools.

The first tournament at Mount was like a re-inaction of the Somme. In a tough group losses to Sedbergh and Woodhouse Grove were followed by a couple of pleasing victories against Bromsgrove and a win in the final of the plate against Hymers.

After a long journey to Birkenhead for the North of England Sevens we started with a win against Loretto but lost in the group stages against Bradford GS, Birkenhead and RGS Newcastle.

For the second year running our performance in the Nationals was very pleasing, winning our first two fixtures gave us hope but a below par performance against RGS Newcastle ended our dream of a second consecutive day of competition. The team finished the day in superb style against NatWest Cup semi-finalists Felsted, a narrow loss 22-21 was a tremendous performance and the boys deserved better.

Ranby House

U9A REPORT

It has been an interesting season for the U9A's with lots of close and competitive matches. All of the Year 4 boys have played in at least one of the matches allowing every child to gain match play experience.

Many players have improved during the season and their overall development as a team has been evident. The thing that has let us down throughout the season has been our defence.

This weakness will need to be improved on for next season in the U10's.

At the end of term assembly the following awards were made:

- **Under 9 Player of the Season:**
Harry Briggs-Price
- **Under 9 Most Improved Player:**
Lawrence Buchanan

U8A REPORT

What a fantastic season for the Under 8A Rugby team with five wins from five games. The New Rules of Play have allowed us to play tag rugby and therefore concentrate on passing, running and dodging rather than tackling. The improvement that took place throughout the term was very encouraging with all of the team contributing to the success of the team.

At the end of term assembly the following awards were made:

- **Under 8 Player of the Season:**
Cole Macrae

Outstanding performances throughout the season by Captain Nick Hobbs, Jordan Cooling, George Finlay, Justo Palazon and Alan Brown.

Commitment and effort from Ben White, Tomo Sugiyama, Alex Morris, Owen Taylor and James Holden, Roberto and Santiago held the squad together against some excellent teams. Well done lads and thanks to you all. Thanks also to Mr Axelby and Mr Parkin for their support and encouragement.

U16 SEVENS

The U16 sevens season was, overall, slightly disappointing, in that the boys never really fulfilled their potential. Injuries played their part in this, but the team took too long to adapt to the demands of the game.

A slightly farcical end to the Nottingham High School tournament meant the boys left empty-handed, and despite the scalps of Barnard Castle and St Peter's York we were unable to progress past Sedbergh at QEGS Wakefield. Rosslyn Park was the culmination of the season and here we were well-beaten by a classy Sherborne side. The boys did have the privilege of playing on the televised RE1 pitch in our last fixture, pulling together a decisive victory against The Cedars School.

Will Harding-Terry was the stand-out player, scoring a number of key tries and leading the defensive effort with some typically physical play. Lochlan Dudley provided the humour, and added another turbo-charged 50-metre sprint to his collection.





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Cricket

1ST XI

Riecko Parker-Cole stepped up to take over the captaincy for the 2017 season, and saw his side get off to a scintillating start. At the prestigious pre-season Shrewsbury Festival, Worksop beat both Shrewsbury and Millfield. This was an excellent achievement, and set the side up for a successful summer. The stars of these two victories were Nic Keast and Sam Routledge; the pair combining for an unbeaten 142 run partnership against Shrewsbury to see the side home for a 6 wicket win, and after Nic's 5-28 to run through Millfield's top order, Sam added to his two wickets to guide the side home with 18 not out for a 2 wicket win.

The side remained unbeaten against schools throughout the entire season in 50 over cricket. Patrick Delahunty scored an unbeaten 66 against St. Peter's York, after Riecko Parker-Cole had taken 4-20 in the 9 wicket victory. After being rained off whilst in a good position against Repton, Nic Keast continued to dominate. His unbeaten 101 from 96 balls was the cornerstone of the innings against Stamford, which helped secure a 33 run success. The week after he did it again at Denstone, notching up 108, and once more combining with Routledge (85) for a fourth wicket partnership of 192. This helped the side reach 278, before one of the remarkable spells of bowling from a Worksop captain. Riecko finished with the truly astounding figures of 7-2 from his 7 overs – all his victims clean bowled – as Denstone were reduced to 13-9 before ending up 38 all out.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OTHER TEAMS

Mr Baker's 2nd XI had a dramatic last-over victory against St. Peter's York, where Nick Hobbs scored a magnificent century before being controversially run-out in the final over, and with two runs required from the last ball the runs were scampered!

Mr Hill's 3rd XI were once again limited to just two fixtures, both in a T20 tournament at Denstone, where they defended 85 against Abbotsholme in the semi-final, before coming unstuck against the hosts in the final.

The U15 side had a crushing 10 wicket win against Repton, which saw Tom Booth and Alex Winiarski knock off the 136 required in just 16 overs, with countless severe blows over the boundary. They also defeated Carre's Grammar and King William's College. The U14A had a tough season, but thanks to Will Duncan's unbeaten 65 saw the side home against Carre's Grammar, whilst strong performances by James Davies and Jasper Richardson helped to beat Read School.

For the first time at the College, Y7 and Y8 cricket took place, as these year groups had joined us from Ranby. For the majority of fixtures, the games were played as previously, with an A and B team selected across both year groups. The A team managed to defeat St. Hugh's, Wickersley and S. Anselm's, as well as finishing runners-up to the hosts at the Trent 'Super 8's' tournament. Leading from the front were captain Isaac Parkin, Will Booth and Sam Meadows. The B team, or sometimes a purely Y7 team depending on the opposition, had great victories against King William's College and Wellow House, which included a match winning all-round effort from Ellis Macrae.

Once again our junior sides have provided several county players. For Nottinghamshire, Tom Booth, Alex Winiarski, Will Duncan, Tom Booth and Ella Porter have all represented the county at the relevant age group. Isaac Parkin and Sam Meadows have also represented South Yorkshire U13's.

Mr Longhurst and all staff involved in the senior teams would like to thank the boys for their commitment to cricket at the College, at a very busy and important time of year. Once again, we have had a very successful year. Well done to all!

The T20 campaign ultimately ended up in disappointment once again, with the team now falling at the last 16 stage three years running. This time, after defeating Silcoates, QEGS Wakefield and Pocklington, they came unstuck against St. Peter's York, who they had beaten only three weeks previously in a 50 over contest. Despite only chasing 103 to win, a poor batting display saw the side slump to 75-9, and despite a brave 10th wicket partnership between Dan Harris and Alex Boyd, the final wicket fell in the final over, agonisingly just 4 runs short of the target.

Matches against county opposition were mixed – Leicestershire U17 were beaten by 3 wickets thanks to a Parker-Cole 72, and Lincolnshire U17 were victorious by 16 runs despite Keast's 71 and his 4-21. The MCC match ended in a tense draw, just one wicket from defeat, and once again Mr. Longhurst's Staff Invitational XI got the better of the students with a 2 wicket victory on Prizegiving Day.

Nic Keast deservedly won Player of the Year for his outstanding all-round efforts, leading both runs and wicket charts, scoring 422 runs at an average of 46.9, and taking 24 wickets at an average of 12.38. Sam Routledge wasn't far behind with 321 runs at 35.7 and 12 wickets at 13.75. James Holden won the bowling averages with 14 wickets at 11.71. Sam deservedly was awarded his full colours for four years' excellent service in the 1st XI, with half-colours going to Riecko Parker-Cole, Nic Keast and James Holden.

Our link with Nottinghamshire Academy remained strong, with Riecko Parker-Cole representing them across the summer, including making some 2nd XI appearances. Well done, Riecko! Josh Porter, Archie Shannon and Nic Keast all represented Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Lincolnshire U17 sides respectively.

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Worksop College

Once again, we have enjoyed another outstanding season and it has been most fitting for all of the UVith and leavers amongst us, as well as being the perfect finale for my final year at the helm. I have always believed that athletics is unique in the way it inspires people to strive towards an overall team result, coupled with an individual drive to improve your personal best and try many of the different skills this unique sport offers.

In the very first week of the Summer Term, we welcomed back Notts High School to our track. The result of this fixture, in a word: outstanding. Despite the narrow defeat of the U20 boys' team, who lost by a mere 2 points, the superb outright victories for both the U17 Boys' and Open Girls' teams meant that on the whole Worksop finished on top! Two school records were also broken – Ella O'Reilly beat her own record in the shot put with a throw of 10m60cm, and Rosie Muxlow beat the existing javelin record, throwing 33m13cm.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen factors, our two other home fixtures were cancelled. However, this did not stop an elite group of athletes travelling to the HMC North competition in Gateshead. The team picked up three gold medals, three silver medals and three bronze medals. Well done to everyone who took part - a brilliant day and a great team effort overall.



We also once again hosted the Bassetlaw District qualifiers, which was another hugely successful day for our Athletics' team, winning the Y10/11 Boys' category and coming 2nd overall, narrowly missing out on the top spot by just 3 points. Two more school records were broken by Hannah Booth in the 100m, with a time of 13.00 seconds, and Ruby Bak in the triple jump, with a distance of 8m30cm. The event also saw several of our students qualify to represent Bassetlaw District at the County championships – an excellent achievement by all.

In recognition of their outstanding contribution and achievements in Athletics this year, the following students were awarded colours:

- **Half Junior colours: Amelia Chrispin and Tobey Baker**
- **Half Intermediate Colours: Hannah Booth, Nathan Gooney, Lochlan Dudley, Ed Armstrong, Ruby Bak and Bradley Whyman**
- **Full Intermediate Colours: Amelia Bayston and Jay White**
- **Half Senior Colours: Ceri Thorman, Jenny Dickinson, Phoebe Leach, Martin Rose, Alan Brown, George Finlay and Rosie Muxlow**
- **Full Senior Colours: Genevieve Moore**

It has, of course, been a great honour to have been competing for the College for the last five years and I have enjoyed the last two years at the helm. I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you - it has been one of the most heart-warming pleasures of my final year and I hope you have all benefitted from my time as Captain.

Oliver Dane, Captain of School

Ranby House

PREP SCHOOL ATHLETICS AT WORKSOP COLLEGE

Ranby House has witnessed some great performances from all the athletes, we are extremely proud of everyone who has taken part. Successful wins for the boys include the 100m, 300m, 800m and high jump and for the girls, the 100m, 200m, 800m and the shot. Lydia Priestley only in Year 4 came first in the Year 6 200m. Murray Whyte achieved a personal best in the high jump. Overall it was a splendid afternoon of athletics.

- **Year Six Boys 1st Overall**
- **Year Six Girls 2nd Overall**

National Qualifiers at Sheffield Hallam University City Athletics Stadium Results

The Ranby House Athletics team competed in National Prep School Qualifiers at Sheffield. The majority of the team were Year 6 pupils, but we also had one Year 4 and 5 as well.

The pupils were a real credit to the school and it was fantastic to see them all supporting their teammates. The whole team cheered on and encouraged Murray Whyte during his high jump event.

Four pupils, Laurence Richardson, Edward Howard, Eliza Clough and Murray Whyte all qualified to represent the North East at the National Prep School Athletics, in five events.

NATIONAL RESULTS

- **Laurence Richardson – 4th U12 Shot 7m 66 (NPB), 17th U12 Javelin – 19m 50.**
- **Edward Howard – 6th in U12 70m Hurdle heat 14.81.**
- **Eliza Clough – 11th U12 Girls' Shot 6m 67.**

GIRLS' & BOYS' SUMMER TERM ATHLETICS CUPS & VICTRIX/ VICTOR LUDORUM, 2017

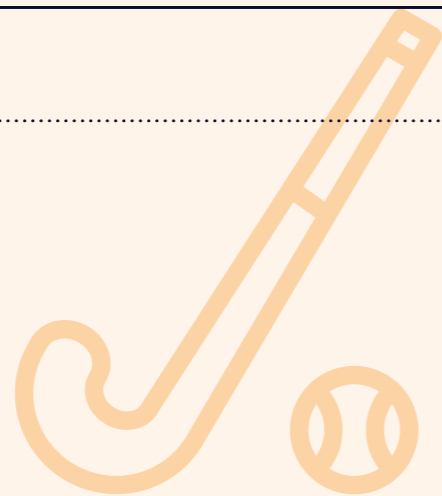
- **Year 6 Boys' Winner: Luke Naylor**
- **Year 6 Girls' Winner: Elsa Buchanan**
- **Year 5 Boys' Winner: Rupert Price**
- **Year 5 Girls' Winner: Clementine Spencer-Knott**
- **Year 4 Boys' Winner: Jack Sault**
- **Year 4 Girls' Winner: Lydia Priestley**
- **Year 3 Boys' John Brown Shield: Cole Macrae**
- **Year 3 Girls' Winner: Charlotte Ashton**
- **Hamilton Shield: Eliza Clough**
- **Bland High Jump Cup: Murray Whyte**
- **Dane Inspire an Athlete: Edward Howard**
- **O'Reilly Cup Best Athlete: Laurence Richardson**
- **Equalling a School Record : Henry Hardy**

RANBY HOUSE SPORTS DAY 2017

It was a memorable Ranby House Sports Day with some supreme efforts all round and an extremely close set of final results. One school record was equalled in the Year 3 and 4 high jump when Henry Hardy produced an impressive 1m 05 jump and the final House positions were battled for right to the very end. When the final points were totted up, it was a draw for 1st place with St Alban and St Dunstan both achieving 131 points, closely followed by 129 from St Columba and St Benedict finishing on 126 points. As ever, a big thank you to all the staff, pupils and parents for their efforts and support and for making the day such a memorable occasion.

	A	B	C	D
Shuttle Relay	4th	1st	2nd	3rd
YRS 3 & 4 Events	4th	2nd	3rd	1st
YRS 5 & 6 Events	1st	3rd	2nd	4th
Totals	131 -1st=	126 -4th	129 -3rd	131 -1st=

Hockey



Boys

WORKSOP COLLEGE BOYS' HOCKEY REPORT

The 1st XI boys' hockey side contained many fresh faces but the team managed to overcome a challenging set of fixtures to end the season with another strong overall record. Boys' hockey has also been strong in the junior years, with the U13 team making it to the National Finals – the last 10 in the country. This is a fine achievement, as it is the team's first year at the College and definitely bodes well for future years.

The side has made real progress this year, culminating in our best performance of the season in the narrow loss to Trent, a game which could have gone either way. Earlier in the season, we put in a fine display against an internationally packed Old Boys' team, and somehow relinquished a 4-2 lead to finish on the losing side. Revenging last season's defeats to Ampleforth and Denstone was something which we needed to do, and did so with ease.

Battling hard to overcome RGS Newcastle was another highlight; it certainly would have been a long journey home had we not been victorious! However, missing out on the chance to play Repton in the last 16 of the National Cup was a disappointment as nothing seemed to click for us in our 2-0 defeat at home to Stamford under the lights. The 1st XI went on to thrash Notts High School and Hall Cross by scores of 8-2 and 5-1 respectively, followed by an extremely frustrating 1-1 draw with Ratcliffe, as we dominated throughout yet a lack of composure in front of goal let us down. Player of the Season Henri Ley has controlled matches in midfield all year, whilst Dan West's individual skill and eye for goal has benefitted the side greatly. With only one UV1th member leaving the side, the team can only improve further next season and an even better set of results beckons.

David Bates, Boys' 1st XI Captain

RANBY HOUSE U11A BOYS' HOCKEY REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
7	4	0	3	27	20

Hockey is now our main sport in the Spring Term, and there have been vast improvements from Year 3 to 6 pupils throughout the season. We have been encouraged by the levels of skill and enthusiasm for the game. We are trying to play a style of hockey that will help develop hockey as a whole school. No side has outplayed us, and we have competed against some strong schools.

During the season all the boys have showed considerable improvement; we haven't had to spend as much time on learning the basics. This has also allowed us to look in more detail at movement off the ball and better distribution. At the start of the season we played St Olave's and lost 3-0. We played them again towards the end of term and won 5-1; this shows how well the team progressed during the term.

Sonny Carroll was the Player of the Season for his effort, skill and determination in all our games. Fred Cox received the Most Improved Player for his contribution and development in the U11A. He will have another season in the U11As as he is only in Year 5. George Hardy was commended and is certainly one of the key players for next year. He took up goalkeeping for the first time at the start of this season and has shown to have lots of potential.

- **Player of the Season: Sonny Carroll**
- **Most Improved Player: Fred Cox**
- **Commended: George Hardy**



WORKSOP COLLEGE GIRLS' HOCKEY REPORT

Girls' hockey had a fantastic year with our U14, U16 and U18 teams making it to the zonal round of the National Cup and the U13 team making it to the Midlands' finals.

The 1st team had a successful season with the highlights being a 3-0 victory over Gresham's School, and a narrow 2-1 win against Surbiton High School on the same day. There were further narrow victories against Trent College and a 2-1 victory over Oundle in the zonal round of the National Cup; sadly we picked up key injuries which hampered any further progression.

A few too many winnable draws against teams such as Stamford High School, Hymers College, Queen Margaret's School and Denstone College hindered what could have been a real season to remember. The 1st XI are sad to say goodbye to a large number of players this year, with seven in the UV1th moving on. Congratulations to Player of the Season Abi Speight, Most Improved Player Zara Pickles and to Charlie Robertson, Maddy Foulds and Phoebe Leach for being awarded full school colours.

It has been a great success having the Year 7 and 8 pupils on site this year, with large progress made by all having been given greater exposure to the facilities and having had a total of 40 U13 games played over a very busy season. Very promising signs for the future! Good luck to a strong U13 team going forward this year.



RANBY HOUSE U9A GIRLS' HOCKEY REPORT

The U9A team were so close to having an unbeaten season! They were very successful, only losing one game in a tournament at S. Anselm's.

The girls have made fantastic improvements both individually and as a team; showing great perseverance, effort and competitiveness. There have been some excellent individual performances including Emma Booth's excellent stick work, Lydia Priestly's tackles and defensive sweeps and Tilly Riggott and Freya Harper's goals. Isabel, Esme, Hannah, Evie and Iona all made super progress in defence and grew in confidence over the season. The highlights were beating Witham Hall 4-0 and Wellow House 9-0! The girls were on fire, with a number of girls scoring. Over the two matches, Freya scored 5, Tilly 5, Emma, Isobel and Iona scored 1.

I look forward to seeing them develop further in the years to come. An excellent start to their hockey experience.

At the end of term assembly the following awards were made:

- **Under 9A Player of the Season: Emma Booth**
- **Under 9A Most Improved Player: Matilda Riggott**

Girls

Ranby House

BASSETLAW YEAR 5 & 6 SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Once again, Ranby House played host to the Bassetlaw Year 5 and 6 District Schools' Cross Country. On a wet but warm afternoon, our 12 runners acquitted themselves extremely well. A fine run by Clementine Spencer-Knott coming 1st, beating the front runner on the home straight. Imogen Strawson was 6th, Talëtha Pritchard 7th, Freya Thorpe 12th, Isabel Smith 28th and Kate Walker 40th. The team was a fabulous 1st for the third year running with a total of 36 points.

The Boys' team gave their best. The individual positions were: Edward Howard 2nd, Sonny Carroll 8th, George Hardy 10th, Jacob Varney 11th, Rupert Price 27th and Fred Cox 38th. They scored 31 points and the boys too were Bassetlaw Champions. All those who finished in the top 12 qualified to represent Bassetlaw at the County finals.

HMC CROSS COUNTRY AT BARLBOROUGH HALL

On a chilly day we travelled to the annual HMC junior cross country held at Barlborough Hall School. These races are very tough and just to finish the race is a great achievement. We had notable performances from Luca Barrett in the U9 Boys' race finishing in 11th place (he is in Year 3) in a Year 4 race and Clementine Spencer-Knott, George Hardy both 15th place in the U10 Girls'and Boys' races. Edward Howard ran superbly coming 9th, the only Ranbian in the top ten!

HIGHFIELDS CROSS COUNTRY 2016

We travelled to one of our local schools in Newark to take part in the Highfields annual cross country. Over 240 runners took part in the U9 and U11 age groups.

The U9 and U11 Boys were both second overall as a team. There were notable performances by Lydia Priestley 5th, Ben Clarke 6th, Luca Barrett 7th, Clementine Spencer-Knott 7th and Edward Howard 5th.

S. ANSELM'S CROSS COUNTRY

This was a great afternoon of running from our cross country teams, with some excellent performances throughout. Cross country certainly looks bright for the future at Ranby! There was a fine run by Freya Harper coming 3rd in the U9 Girls' race with the team 3rd overall. Jack Sault came 4th in the U9 boys' and this helped the team come 1st. S.Anselm's and Ranby were on equal points and it was our fifth runner, Reuben Futter that gave us the victory as he finished ahead of the S.Anselm's fifth place runner. In the U11's race both teams ran and finished in 3rd place.

All the runners and teams worked very hard and our overall team scores were calculated with the Worksop College U13 teams, resulting in 2nd overall as a school. With eight schools in attendance a very impressive set of results.



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PREPARATORY SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY

There were 14 other schools in attendance at this event and the races are always fiercely contested. The Year 6 boys and girls all ran impressively with Clementine Spencer-Knott the highest placed runner finishing 7th. A most commendable achievement considering she is able to compete again next year. The boys packed well and were just outside the top three team placing. This was a fantastic way to finish off a most successful cross country season.



INDIVIDUAL HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY WINNERS -2017

Year One

- 1st Harry Cuttle
- 2nd Raymond Dalby-Rose
- 3rd Freddie Cartledge

Year Two

- 1st Alexander Hobson
- 2nd Myleene Kershaw
- 3rd Sophie Hardy

Years Three and Four Girls

- 1st Liviana Biddulph
- 2nd Rose Dutton
- 3rd Freya Harper

Years Three and Four Boys

- 1st Ben Clarke
- 2nd Jack Sault
- 3rd Luca Barrett

Year Five and Six Girls

- 1st Clementine Spencer-Knott
- 2nd Taletha Pritchard
- 3rd Imogen Strawson

Year Five and Six Boys

- 1st Edward Howard
- 2nd Sonny Carroll
- 3rd George Hardy

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

1ST	St. Columba	61.4
2ND	St. Alban	66.05
3RD	St. Benedict	69/61
4TH	St. Dunstan	76.01





Netball

Worksop College

What an interesting and varied season it has been. Playing matches in the first week of term with only a couple of training sessions under our belts, it was a tough start to the season. We often find ourselves playing against schools much larger than us and the team have shown a great level of commitment and determination. It's so pleasing to hear the coaches say things like 'they played their socks off' and 'I'm so proud of them.' This reflects the hard work that the girls put in to the training sessions and shows how it really pays off.



Ranby House

U11A NETBALL REPORT

The U11A team developed into an excellent team and should be congratulated upon their unbeaten season!

The girls' attitude, dedication and desire to win has been most impressive. One of their stand out games was against S. Anselm's. The team dominated the play and were winning up until the last 30 seconds, making it a nail biting 7-7 end score. Megan Perkins developed into a dominant GA, improving her shooting technique and movement off the ball. She scored over 20 goals for the team. Megan was an excellent Captain and worked hard to make sure all the girls were trying their best. Working well alongside Megan in the shooting circle was Nia Thorman and Holly Clark. Both girls made lots of progress and contributed highly to the scores. In defence, Eliza and Georgia were very strong, denying lots of passes into the shooting circle. Elsa turned into a very agile and perceptive Centre. She read the game well and made some intelligent match decisions. Imogen Strawson always gave 100%, she worked hard on the wing. She developed fierce and effective defending and worked hard to find spaces to receive the ball. Isabel Smith had an excellent game against St Francis. She made it very difficult for the shooters to receive the ball. Well done girls, you should be very proud of yourselves!

At the end of term assembly the following awards were made:

- **Under 11A Player of the Season: Megan Perkins (Awarded the Speight Plate)**
- **Under 11A Most Improved Player: Georgia Barrett**

Golf



This year has been a very successful season for College Golf. Training continued under the expert eye of Notts U18 coach James Thompson and results continued in our favour. Toby Edwards, William Hill and Joe Turner-Bennett strengthened the squad and William in particular went on to show outstanding potential.

This year in the HMC foursomes competition the team again played Hymer's College en route to the finals. As winners of the Northern Region the team were seeded 7th of the 8 teams at the Nationals. At a sun-baked Cotswold Golf Club the team fought hard but were beaten by Reeds, Loretto and Brentwood in their group. All the matches were close and the Worksop top pair of Eddie and Ryan went on to win the Plate competition on the final day. The finals were a tremendous event and all the young Worksop team would have benefitted from the experience.



Weekly Trackman sessions were enjoyed with James and really helped the players, especially Ryan Wright who began to realise his potential. In the ISGA, the three-person team Eddie Turner-Bennett completed the season undefeated playing number one. Ryan also excelled, particularly in the semi-final when, again, Worksop defeated Hymers College after a tense finish. Harry Beckwith also played well for the team, as did Josh Froggart but in the end, it was William Hill who deserved his place in the National Finals at Royal St George's and Princes in April.

Amongst the top 18 National teams Worksop College were a fantastic 4th after day one. Eddie was high in the individual competition after a strong 73 in high winds. Ryan was the second counting score with his seasons' best 75. To his credit William was determined to contribute on day two and he produced the round of his life at Royal St George's. A tremendous 77 under the pressure of the tournament. This was ably supported by Eddie and Ryan as the team finished 6th. The highest ever ranking for a Worksop team.



We welcome Angus Vincent to the team this term and early signs are that he has huge potential. Fabio Knapp is also a very gifted player who we have high hopes for. Toby Edwards has shown huge technical improvement this year and much is expected of him in the future.

With Eddie, Ryan, Will, Joe, Harry and Toby all playing county golf outside school the future is bright for golf at Worksop College.



Combined Cadet Force

This year has been another busy and successful one for the CCF within the College. Starting with the Year 9 pupils in Edinburgh Company through to the senior, sixth form cadet NCOs, much hard work and enthusiasm has led to some excellent progress being made.

All Year 9 pupils completed modules in first aid, camp craft and navigational skills in preparation for their Duke of Edinburgh bronze expeditions as well as doing further modules in air rifle shooting, life saving and conservation work. Over a weekend in mid-June 38 pupils successfully completed D.of E. practice expeditions, camping overnight at Walesby Forest Campsite and trekking back to the College on the second day and they will undertake their qualifying expeditions in September.

This year each service section has taken part in three separate Field Days to complement their regular weekly training programme. The RN section has visited HMS Eaglet in Liverpool and the U-boat Museum on the Wirral. They have also enjoyed two full days at Rother Valley Country Park, doing further practice and training in kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, wind surfing and sailing.

Besides their regular Air Experience Flying sessions at RAF Cranwell, the RAF section travelled to RAF Shawbury in September, where they visited the Defence Helicopter Flying School and the School of Air Operations Control. In March they enjoyed a morning visit to the Newark Air Museum followed by an afternoon visit to RAF College Cranwell. Finally, for the Summer Term Field Day they visited RAF Scampton, home of the Red Arrows and former base of the 'Dambusters' 617 Squadron. They spent the morning in the Heritage Centre before travelling to the Derwent Dam to see the site of Dambusters' practice raids.

Meanwhile the Army section cadets have spent their three Field Days honing their military and adventurous training skills in preparation for summer camp as well as taking part in a series of leadership and development activities based on the College grounds.

The culmination of the year for the Year 10 Army cadets and several junior and senior NCOs was the 7th Infantry Brigade Central Camp at Beckingham. The programme included a military skills practice and revision day which was followed by a range day during which cadets had the opportunity to fire from various positions at 100 and 200 metres and the NCOs were also able to fire the Light Support Weapon. There was also the opportunity to do some clay pigeon shooting as well as a Scorpion air rifle range.

Day three was the personal development day based at Rutland Water. Here the cadets took part in mountain biking, climbing and a high ropes confidence course as well as canoeing, windsurfing and raft building. The following days were taken up with a Fieldcraft package and a 24 hour contingent exercise on the training area. Despite the wet weather towards the end of the week, spirits were far from dampened and Worksop's cadets acquitted themselves extremely well, completing all phases of the programme in fine style.

Another highlight in the CCF year is the Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening held in March. This year we were delighted to welcome Lt Col Glyn Powell, Contingent Commander at Mount St Mary's College CCF, as our Guest of Honour. Following his address he presented the Swords of Honour and the various other contingent awards.



THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS WERE:

RN Section

Sword of Honour
Yacht Trophy
Navigator Trophy

Cdt PO Oliver Dane
Cdt PO Maddy Foulds
Cdt PO Tom Clough

Army Section

Sword of Honour
Contingent Trophy
Cubis Bayonet
Best Junior NCO
Most improved Junior NCO

Cdt Cpl Martin Rose
Cdt Cpl Jodie Wright
Cdt L/Cpl Freya Webster
Cdt L/Cpl James Payne
Cdt L/Cpl Thomas Goodman

RAF Section

Sword of Honour
Pilot Trophy
Tornado Trophy
Typhoon Trophy

Cdt Sgt Charlotte Docherty
Cdt Sgt Joel Spencer
Cdt Cpl Ceri Thorman
Cdt Cpl Christian Waddington

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Brian Biddulph Memorial Trophy (presented to the cadet making most progress towards the D. of E. Gold award)

Cdt Sgt Phoebe Leach

The evening was also the Contingent Commander's last dinner night after 38 years association with the CCF at Worksop College and 18 years as Contingent Commander. It was thus, an opportunity to thank staff and cadets alike for their support and commitment to the CCF in the preceding years. The CCF at Worksop College has been and remains extremely fortunate in having such a large number of enthusiastic and able cadets backed up and led by a dedicated, loyal and hard working group of officers. All this is underpinned by the efforts of the RSM, WO1 Boyd Smith, one of the best SSIs in the business. It has been a great pleasure and a privilege to work with them over the years and I wish them all, the CCF and the new Contingent Commander much fulfilment and success in the years to come.

Lt Col John Driver



The School has proudly had Parents' Groups for over 20 years and they play a caring and valued role in school life as well as providing an opportunity for parents to become more actively involved.

During the last academic year, both the WCPA and RPG have worked hard to raise money and be part of all major school events, making sure they had plenty of fun along the way. This is what they have been getting up to...

OCTOBER 2017: MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AT RANBY

The morning was a complete success with an endless donation of cakes and biscuits and the support of the Ranby parents. The event raised a fantastic £632.12.

OCTOBER 2017: NIGHT AT THE RACES

Ranby parents enjoyed a fun filled Friday night together at the Races.

DECEMBER 2017: WCPA CHRISTMAS BALL

The WCPA celebrated the holiday season with a fabulous 4 course meal, live music and dancing. Held in the beautiful surroundings of the Great Hall at Worksop College, it was a wonderful winter event.

CHRISTMAS 2017: RANBY FAIR AND LUNCH

The Performing Arts Centre came alive to the sounds of the Ranby House Chapel Choir and the hustle and bustle of stallholders and diners making the 2016 Ranby Christmas Fair and Lunch a wonderful success. Its success meant that the RPG were able to present a cheque to Nottinghamshire Search and Rescue Service.

MARCH 2017: STAFF V PARENTS NETBALL

The battle between Ranby House Staff and Parents was bravely fought and evenly matched but yet again the staff conquered with a score of 11-8.

MARCH 2017: ST PATRICK'S DAY EVENT

The WCPA held a Pie and Pea Supper and Quiz in celebration of St Patrick's Day.



MARCH 2017: SPRING LUNCH RAFFLE

March saw the ladies of Worksop College and Ranby House enjoying a Charity Spring Lunch at Hodsock Priory, Blyth. £300 was raised and presented to the chosen charity Homestart, Newark.

APRIL 2017: EASTER BUNNY COMES TO RANBY

It was trainers on for the Ranby children in Years 3 to 6, who enjoyed a fun morning thanks to the woodland Easter Bunny and searching for eggs all the way to the Forest School.

JUNE 2017: TENNIS DAY

The annual Tennis Day at Ranby House was a huge success with fabulous weather and, of course, some great tennis thanks to Rusty Racquets Coaching! Mrs Booth was the lucky winner of the signed Andy Murray framed montage.

JUNE 2017: RANBY HOUSE SUMMER FAIR

The RPG were hands-on at the Food Court at the Ranby House Summer Fair, with a delicious BBQ, creams teas and toasties accompanied by Pimms and prosecco, ensuring everyone had a great time.

JUNE 2017: BAKE-OFF

This year it was a Wimbledon themed Bake-Off at our annual Celebration of Success and Prize-giving and there were some fantastic entries!

JULY 2017: PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE TO NOTTS AND Lincs AIR AMBULANCE

Proceeds from the Tennis Day and Charity raffle enabled the RPG to present a cheque for £250 to Notts and Lincs Air Ambulance at the end of year Ranby Eucharist.





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