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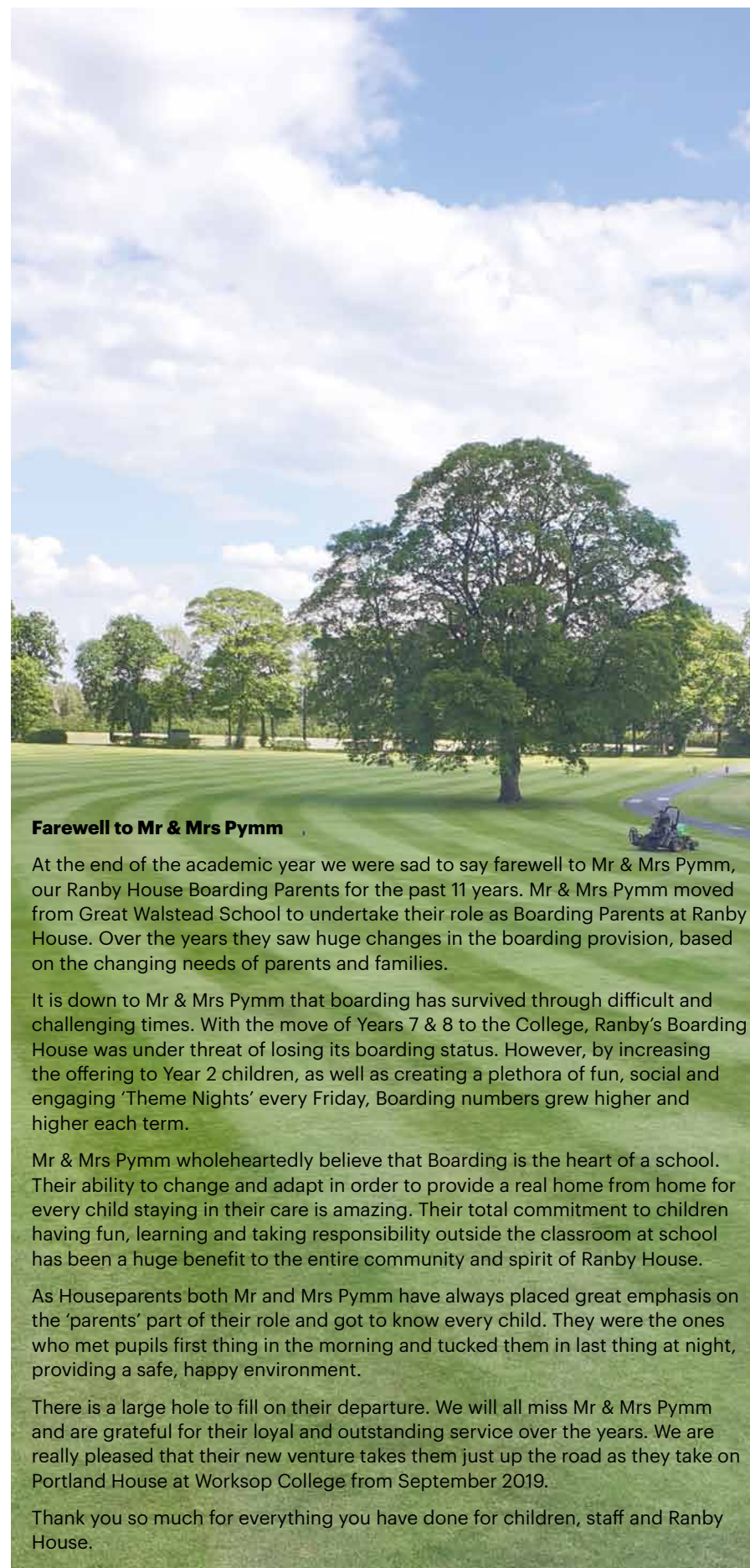
We say goodbye to our beloved Chaplain, Revd Paul Finlinson, after 20 years' dedicated service in our close-knit community





# RANBY LIFE





#### Farewell to Mr & Mrs Pymm

At the end of the academic year we were sad to say farewell to Mr & Mrs Pymm, our Ranby House Boarding Parents for the past 11 years. Mr & Mrs Pymm moved from Great Walstead School to undertake their role as Boarding Parents at Ranby House. Over the years they saw huge changes in the boarding provision, based on the changing needs of parents and families.

It is down to Mr & Mrs Pymm that boarding has survived through difficult and challenging times. With the move of Years 7 & 8 to the College, Ranby's Boarding House was under threat of losing its boarding status. However, by increasing the offering to Year 2 children, as well as creating a plethora of fun, social and engaging 'Theme Nights' every Friday, Boarding numbers grew higher and higher each term.

Mr & Mrs Pymm wholeheartedly believe that Boarding is the heart of a school. Their ability to change and adapt in order to provide a real home from home for every child staying in their care is amazing. Their total commitment to children having fun, learning and taking responsibility outside the classroom at school has been a huge benefit to the entire community and spirit of Ranby House.

As Houseparents both Mr and Mrs Pymm have always placed great emphasis on the 'parents' part of their role and got to know every child. They were the ones who met pupils first thing in the morning and tucked them in last thing at night, providing a safe, happy environment.

There is a large hole to fill on their departure. We will all miss Mr & Mrs Pymm and are grateful for their loyal and outstanding service over the years. We are really pleased that their new venture takes them just up the road as they take on Portland House at Worksop College from September 2019.

Thank you so much for everything you have done for children, staff and Ranby House.



#### Ranby House Act of Remembrance

On the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day the entire school came to a complete standstill.

All pupils and staff joined our formation of '100' on the front field, adjacent to the flag pole, and we remembered those who had fallen during the world wars and subsequent conflicts.

As we lowered the flag, Year 8 pupil Ebony Broughton played 'The Last Post'. Children aged 3 to 11 and adults stood together in silence and remembered all those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Cars coming down the drive observed our act and stopped until the flag was raised during the reveille.

This was a very moving moment. The Headmaster was so moved and proud to see our children paying their respects.



#### SCHOOL LEADERS

##### Head Boy and Girl

Oliver Bettington and Freya Harper

##### Deputy Head Boy and Girl

Joe Parkin and Isabelle Pepper

##### Heads of Chapel

Vrishin Balasubramanian and Evie Holmes

##### Head Choristers

Sophia Munro and Esme Thorpe

##### Heads of Library

Lily Barker and George Howard

##### Head of Dorm

Lily Barker



#### Ranby House Platinum Ball

#### HEADMASTER'S REPORT



Stepping into the Headship role can be a daunting prospect, with the anticipation of the 'unknown' ahead. After a summer of preparation, planning and pondering, as soon as the pupils arrive there simply is no time to look back.

Our wonderfully busy days, with learning bursting at the seams of the classrooms and facilities, is down to the enthusiasm and passion our children and staff have for learning experiences.

Back in September I tweeted one of my first posts as Headmaster. I was drinking tea with Nursery. I simply couldn't escape, and I didn't want to. These children already have the confidence to talk about whatever springs to mind: they have no need of a filter, and this makes them charming, engaging, and even challenging company. I loved listening to the children's imaginative ideas: they always have an answer to any problem, big or small, local or global.

Learning is not about imparting knowledge from one vessel to the next. Learning is not about prepping children for stressful tests and assessments. Learning is about developing people to embrace challenge, cope with failure, be curious, and work collaboratively with others.

It has been a thoroughly enjoyable year watching our pupils embrace lessons and activities, seeing pupils grow as individuals and as part of a team. Popping into the classrooms and finding out what the children are investigating or attempting remains one of the greatest privileges for a Head and always brightens my day.

I would like to thank all the pupils, staff and parents for their fabulous support this year as I, like the children, embraced challenge and change in my 'next chapter'. Ranby House continues to offer outstanding educational opportunities. It is an absolute privilege to lead this school as its ninth Headmaster.



# Nursery

What a year it was in the Nursery department! All the topics we covered were full of exciting new experiences, from guide dogs, to hatching our very own eggs, to campfires in the woods. Our first topic, 'Can I have a dog?', helped us to understand the importance of caring for animals. We had a visit from a guide dog called Joy. While Joy was in the classroom we learnt all about the important roles she will have when fully trained. Not only were we lucky enough to meet Joy, we also had the opportunity to meet Miss Oakley's puppy Luna and Mr Harper's spaniel

Bonnie: we looked at the environments they live in and how they are cared for.

In our next topic, 'Are eggs alive?', we looked at different animals and their life cycles. We were lucky enough to have our very own eggs to hatch in the classroom. Hatching the eggs was tricky: we had to make sure our 'mummy chicken' (otherwise known as an incubator) was at the right temperature and humidity to allow our chicks to grow. Nursery children were very excited to find that after our Easter break we had three new additions to

our classroom. We had to make sure our new little chicks were warm, and that they had the right amount of food and water to help them grow and develop.

Finally, we covered the topic 'Why do you love me so much?'. This focused a lot on our families and the people around us who care for us.

We had a fantastic time during our trip to Curious Kids Town: we explored different occupations, and celebrated our families by inviting them to a teddy bears picnic in the woods. We created love hearts on stones using our fingerprints.

We love our time outside in our forest so much that we wanted to show it off to our families. We invited them to three different sessions in the forest, and enjoyed sharing hot chocolate, marshmallows and popcorn around our fire. We took part in lots of exciting activities including a dinosaur hunt around the woods!



# Reception



Reception year flew by and it was jam packed with engagement and learning. We saw our Nursery selves turn into confident individuals who worked as a team, learnt together, and explored many areas of our world. Our first topic, 'Will you read me a story?', allowed us to settle into our new class and we enjoyed having parents and teachers popping in to read to us. We got to hear a variety of favourite stories and were able to bring these to life in the classroom. We then explored the idea of the dark, discussing 'What happens when we fall asleep?'. We set up night vision cameras to look for nocturnal creatures around the Pre-Prep building, and then went to space in our very own space station. We finished the topic off by visiting the local cinema to see a new film before leaving for Christmas.

After Christmas we took a very exciting ride on numerous modes of transport. We explored how vehicles move and how fast they can travel from A to B. This led us to a really exciting adventure: 'The Great Ranby Journey', a spectacular journey involving horses, a supercar, motorbike, bicycle, tractor, classic car and helicopter! We didn't switch off after this exciting adventure however, as our next topic, 'Can I switch it on?', allowed us to make friends with pupils at a school in Italy and Skype our local primary school before meeting them. We treated them to toasted marshmallows on our campfire in the woods and played games at their school.

Our final term saw even more excitement. We found out that animals had visited the school and left clues as to what they could be. This allowed us to explore the similarities and differences between animals, though it did mean that we had to search through their POO!! We then took a trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to observe the animals in real life. We saw lots of different animals and made many memories.

Our African drumming was a real hit as we painted our faces, sang and danced to the beat of the Masai people. All in all it was non-stop and we had the best time growing as individuals and making the most of this important year.

*Go Team Reception!*





# Year 1

The new recruits settled into the rhythm of Year 1 with Mrs Payne and Mrs Fowler with ease. Spending time in the woods as Reception children enabled them to really engage with their topic of 'The Enchanted Woodland'. Mud pies, den building and making tree boggarts were just some of the activities on offer.

Later in the year the children were treated to baking sessions with Julianna Di Lenardo where they made Brazilian sweets called 'brigadeiros' and the most delicious bread rolls, all linked to their topics on Rio and The Great Fire of London.

Partake Theatre Company also spent a morning with us. The children loved dressing up and recreating the events of 1666. To celebrate the end of their topic on 'Dinosaur planet', the children visited the New Theatre Royal in Lincoln to watch Dinosaur Live, and were able to get up close to the beasts that roamed the earth so many years ago.



# Year 2

As part of their 'Beachcombers' topic in the Autumn Term, Year 2 went to Flamborough Beach for the day. This involved a litter pick where they learnt about the dangers of plastics in the sea and rock pool ecology.

When LUSH cosmetics visited Year 2, they got to try their hand at making a bath bomb to take home as well as creating their own imaginative design.

Another highlight of the year was our visit to Tattershall Castle. The children learnt all about life in a castle and games that were played four hundred years ago.

Our camping experience was great: for some, this was their first night away from home. They had a fabulous evening of Manhunt with Mrs Payne and Mrs Thorpe, team games with Mr Newton, and bubble blowing on the Back Paddock. Finally, they had hotdogs and a campfire with singing before jumping into sleeping bags at bedtime.





# Year 3

It was a busy year for our Year 3 pupils. As part of the 'Traders and Raiders' topic the children visited the Jorvik Viking Centre and The Dig in York; we travelled by train from Retford, which was very exciting! We travelled back in time to 975 AD in a time capsule, before embarking on a tour of a reconstructed settlement, complete with 'interesting' smells and sounds. Despite getting soaked on the walk back to the train station we had a fantastic time and it was a valuable learning experience.

The pupils furthered their exploration into Vikings at the Viking Day at Perlethorpe. They were led by a resident 'Perlethorpe Viking' and were immersed in the lifestyle of a child during the Viking Age in Britain. They had the opportunity to experience Viking games and crafts.

Mr Brown kindly invited us to his farm Pollybell Organics, where the pupils saw the vegetables growing and harvested before going on a tour of the processing plant. They enjoyed looking at the labels for different supermarkets and taking home a delicious bag of organic vegetables.



At Magna Science and Adventure Centre, as part of the 'Mighty Metals' project, Year 3 explored exhibits themed around Air, Earth, Fire and Water. They loved reading the story of 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and they produced some excellent creative work to accompany the topic.

In the Summer Term the children visited Woodside Wildlife Park as part of their 'Predator' topic: they saw various predators, watched a live animal show and were able to handle a snake and a lizard. They thoroughly enjoyed dissecting owl pellets and identifying the bones and skulls, which gave them an insight into the elements of the food chain.

Towards the end of the year, the class returned to Perlethorpe for an overnight camp, the highlights of which were mini raft races on the river and the bat walk complete with bat detectors.

The class loved sharing their PowerPoint presentations on subjects of interest throughout the year and they grew in confidence and worked co-operatively on many practical topics and projects.



# Year 4

Year 4 pupils had an exciting and enjoyable year of learning both inside and outside the classroom. In the Autumn Term, the pupils aimed high by walking up Mam Tor in Derbyshire to engage with their Imaginative Learning Project 'Misty Mountain Sierra'. This was followed later in the term by a visit to Conisbrough Castle and lots of role play to learn about 1066. It was great to see the pupils extending this to their own play times too!

A Roman soldier visited in the Spring Term to show the pupils Roman armour and weapons and again to engage them in role play to learn about battle tactics. The Spring Term's topics also gave pupils an insight into geographical and tourist features of the USA.

To celebrate the end of their Year 4 studies, the children travelled to Norfolk for a two-night residential experience. To complement the Summer Term's topic of 'Blue Abyss', they visited the Sea Life Centre in Hunstanton, the lifeboat in Cromer, and Castle Rising. The most fun was had playing on the beach, swimming in the sea and eating ice-cream! A super end to a busy year.





# Year 5



Year 5 had a fantastic year of discovery through their exciting topics. The Autumn Term began by meeting the 3,500-year-old 'mummies' at Sheffield Museum, before handling Ancient Egyptian artefacts in our 'Pharaohs' study. Our science-based 'Stargazers' topic then allowed pupils to design, build and fire their own pressurized rockets at the National Space Centre and write some fabulous news articles on the lunar landing.

Studying the fate of Anne Boleyn took us back in time to the 16th century where drama required the pupils to totally immerse themselves in the moment; unsurprisingly we had 14 volunteers to play the executioner... The subsequent letters of plea from Anne to Henry VIII were excellent.

At the end of the Spring Term we handled a variety of reptiles and arachnids as a stimulus to create our own beasts in DT – the jumping bugs

really tested our soldering and electrical skills.

Our Summer Term was equally rewarding, as we grew from seed a variety of flowers and vegetables for our own school allotment. Pupils studied farming practices at both national and international levels, and had first-hand experience of the carrot industry by visiting the FreshGro factory. We enjoyed reading 'The Secret Garden' in English lessons and, again, the pupils' poetry work was beautiful.

Our amazing year concluded with a most memorable residential trip to Hollowford, Castleton. The pupils' resilience and sheer determination to step outside their comfort zone never ceases to amaze the staff; the leap of faith is always the ultimate test of inner strength, and it is a real pleasure to watch the children grow in confidence, hour by hour. What an amazing year of fun we shared!



# Year 6



It was another extremely busy, yet fabulous, year for our eldest children, and they were superb leaders and role models for the younger children. Year 6 threw themselves into their topic-based learning with highlights being the Wild Woods boarding evening, iFly skydiving, Forest school, the end of year production, and the bushcraft residential trip.

Autumn topics were 'Frozen Kingdom' and 'Hola Mexico'. Pupils learned about the perilous Arctic and Antarctic explorations, created beautiful Arctic-inspired paintings, sampled Mexican food, and were visited by Chief Big Nose, the Maya Chief.

In Spring the World War Two topic sparked everyone's imaginations through our class book, 'Letters from

the Lighthouse'. We even tweeted the book's author, Emma Carroll, who regularly commented on the beautiful work that the pupils had produced. The highlight of this topic by far was the WW2 day where children decoded secret messages, identified enemy aircraft, experienced a rationed lunch and were evacuated!

Our Summer Term class reading book was 'The Explorer', and through this book the topic 'Welcome to the Jungle' came to life. We were so impressed with the quality of the beautiful creative writing, poetry and artwork that was produced. Year 6 are very proud of their topic books.

With a jungle-themed topic there was of course only one play to perform... 'The Jungle Book'!





# Boarding fun

This was another very good year for lots of children who decided they would like to give boarding a go. We really enjoyed creating a buzz in the house, and were delighted that so many children chose the boarding way of life. Year Two in particular embraced the opportunity to discover the benefits, and many of them were regular boarders throughout the year.

Boarding encourages pupils to be independent, adaptable and resilient, taking safe and controlled risks. Boarders need to develop their whole person, academically, emotionally, socially, spiritually and physically. We hope to send them off to their next stage in life as well-rounded, responsible young people.

Our Autumn Term started with the traditional mass game of Manhunt, followed by lots of special Friday night

events. The Christingle and Christmas Tree Decorating night was, as usual, sold out in a matter of days – it is so popular!

In the Spring Term the visit from the Meerkats was a big hit. Our big event in the Summer was the giant water slide – another great success. We were lucky with the weather and even though there was a little chill in the evening air, it did not stop the adventurous boarders enjoying themselves and having a super fun-filled event.

We also had a visit to Portland House at Worksop College with a delicious barbecue of sausages, burgers and a donut to fill us all up. Then the highlight of the evening was 'Portland's Got Talent'. They certainly have! We were entertained with songs (Shallow, Pineapple Pen), a magic trick, bad jokes, other sketches, and a finale of Frozen from all the Portland House Boarders.

A great boarding house is a real team effort: a massive thank you to all the staff who did so much for the boarding by helping out during the themed evenings and at other times when on duty, entertaining the children. Our graduate student had so much fun that he stayed for two years! We were blessed with the mighty presence of Edward Bailey-Hobbs and wish him well for the future. Our Head of Dorm, Lily Barker (Year 6), also played a vital role in making sure new boarders were able to settle quickly into the routines, and she proved a key person to talk to if things went wrong.

We now move up to the College to start a new chapter in our lives. Ranby House has been and will always be a special place for us: a unique school, where our own children enjoyed all it has to offer. We take many special memories with us to Portland House.

**Mr and Mrs Pymm**



# St Augustine's Chapel

## Baptism, confirmation and first communion

During the year Kingston Beard (Year 5) and Esmé Thorpe (Year 6) were baptised, and six members of Year 6 were confirmed at the service in Worksop College Chapel. Five members of Year 5 received their First Communion at the special service in May 2019.

## Special events

**13 September 2018:** Inauguration of Mr David Thorpe as Headmaster by the Senior Provost

**5 October 2018:** Founders' Day Eucharist at Worksop College

**11 October 2018:** Harvest Eucharist – gifts to Sheffield Cathedral Archer Project and Retford Foodbank

**29 November 2018:** Christingle Service

**7 December 2018:** Choir sings at the Macmillan Carol Service at Welbeck Abbey

**14 December 2018:** Carol Service

**1 February 2019:** Candlemas Service



## The end of an era

I began my work as Chaplain at Ranby House in 2011 when the Chaplaincies of Ranby and Worksop College were merged. There have been challenges, certainly, but also wonderful opportunities for the two communities to work together. Continuity between the two sites has also been much improved. Many thanks to Miss Ruth Massey, Director of Music, and Mr Matthew Wright, Organist, for the outstanding music in our Chapel this year. I am grateful to all have who supported me in the project of working together as one school and pray that these foundations may be built upon in the future.





# House reports



## SAINT ALBAN

"All for one and one for all!"



**HEAD OF HOUSE:** Mr Simpson

**HOUSE CAPTAINS:** Jake Booth, Ben Clarke, Hannah Cox, Sophia Munro, Beatrice Parnham, Isaac Parnham

**HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR:** As part of the introduction to our house singing Abba Song, 'Supertrooper', Jake Booth dressed up as a stormtrooper. He was supposed to enter the stage to the 'Star Wars Imperial March'. Unfortunately due to technical issues the music failed to play, leading to awkward silence and a panicking Miss Massey in the audio booth. Our house leaders remained calm and simply restarted the skit. When the music failed to play for a second time, Mr Harper gamely attempted to 'sing' the theme tune. Jake walked out to riotous laughter, waited for the audience to quieten down and then made them all laugh again when he told them that he was a Super Trooper. The rest of the house then produced a barnstorming performance of the song, and the house singing victory was in the bag.

**HOUSE STARS:** Joint winners are our Year 1 children who dressed up as the members of Abba, wigs and all, and the 'su-pah-pah troo-pah-pah' boys who threw themselves into the performance with such fierce commitment that Mrs Tilley had tears of joy running down her face.

**IF ST ALBAN WAS AN ANIMAL, IT WOULD BE...** a butterfly: when we join the house in Year One we may be shy and reserved but over time we emerge from the protective and supportive cocoon of our housemates to spread our wings and fly off to new adventures at the end of Year Six.

**IF ST ALBAN WAS A SUPERHERO, IT WOULD BE...** The X-Men: individually we're all special, together we're unstoppable.

## SAINT BENEDICT

"Good, better, best; never let it rest,  
Until our best is better, and our better's best!"



**HEAD OF HOUSE:** Mrs Wing

**HOUSE CAPTAINS:** Jessica Aldred, George Howard, Joe Parkin, Lydia Priestley, Matilda Riggott, Esme Thorpe

**HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR:** Winning most of the awards in the Autumn and Spring terms, resulting in St Benedict winning the Saints' Shield for best house overall for the academic year.

**HOUSE STARS:** Rose Dutton and George Howard were our musical stars. Rose won the Basil David Cup for her commitment to music. Lydia Priestley and Joe Parkin were our sporting stars. They also won the Sportswoman and Sportsman of the year awards.

**IF ST BENEDICT WAS AN ANIMAL, IT WOULD BE...** a pack of wolves. We are very sociable, support each other and work hard together to achieve the best results we can. Through success and failure we learn.

**IF ST BENEDICT WAS A SUPERHERO, IT WOULD BE...** the Incredibles as we all bring our own unique talents and strengths to the House, whether they be personal, sporting, musical or academic. The House staff have done a brilliant job of supporting, nurturing and developing the pupils. Thank you to Mrs Payne, Miss Harvey and Mr Bailey-Hobbs.



## SAINT COLUMBA

"There is more in you than you know."



**HEAD OF HOUSE:** Mr Pymm

**HOUSE CAPTAINS:** Harry Briggs-Price, Isabelle Pepper, Isobel Simpson, Bella Steele

**HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR:** In the Spring Term, in all the sports we were very successful, winning the House Swimming, Year Three and Four Bench Ball and Year Five and Six Boys' House Hockey. The Years Five and Six netballers also got us valuable points coming second. Our Years Three and Four mixed hockey team secured second as well. This meant we were overall winners of the Allen Trophy for the term. In the Summer Term I was so proud of all the house for all their achievements. We were first for Work, Effort, Orienteering, Sports Day, overall Sports winners and the Matthew Cup. This shows how far we have come since the Autumn term – simply awesome!

**HOUSE STARS:** Our industry points stars were Samuel Smith, Theo Bezoari-Oldfield, Lucy Broughton, William Harper, Kingston Beard, Eliza Simpson and Freya Harper. Our music star was Eliza Simpson. Effort awards were given to Sam Riley, Elliott Riley, Edward Broughton and Alexa Biddulph. Our Full House Award Star was Freya Harper.

**IF ST COLUMBA WAS AN ANIMAL, IT WOULD BE...** an elephant as it is strong, intelligent, loyal to the group, and unstoppable.

**IF ST COLUMBA WAS A SUPERHERO, IT WOULD BE...** Ironman, because we are caring souls who always get on well with others and want to help people. However, when needed we can deliver a solution quickly and effectively.



## SAINT DUNSTAN

"Choose to be the best version of you."



**HEAD OF HOUSE:** Mrs Stirling-Wood / Mrs Bezoari

**HOUSE CAPTAINS:** Emma Booth, Ronnie Chafer, Iona Clark, Louie Coen, Reuben Futter, Lara White

**HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR:** House Tennis as we came first and Sports Day as several Year 6 children achieved personal bests: Tamia Chirinda (javelin), Emma Booth (hurdles), Lily Barker (discus), Reuben Futter (200m), Iona Clark (shot).

**HOUSE STARS:** Xander Hawke because he is proud of his success and progress in cricket. Luca Barrett because he's consistently achieved high weekly points for the house. Lara White and Tamia Chirinda for their wonderful performance in the end of year play. Emma Booth for her super achievement in the Bebras ICT computer challenge and achieving hockey captain. Ronnie Chafer for most improved rugby player of the season. Iona Clark for her superb hockey achievements in and out of school.

**IF ST DUNSTAN WAS AN ANIMAL, IT WOULD BE...** a horse because they are intelligent creatures who are fast learners and overcome obstacles that get in their way.

**IF ST DUNSTAN WAS A SUPERHERO, IT WOULD BE...** Captain America because he is strong, intelligent and helpful to those in need. This represents our House.





# Drama

## A Miracle in Town!



## Beauty and the Beast



## The Jungle Book





# Music

Every Ranbian spent plenty of time on the stage this year, whether in a starring role in one of our shows, accompanying their fellow pupils in musical performances, showing off their skills in our popular Teatime Concert series, or strutting their stuff in the House Singing Competition.

The Performing Arts Centre has a reputation as a venue bursting with fun and self-discovery, and this year was no exception. With over 75% of children learning at least one instrument, the PAC was buzzing with children working hard on their chosen instruments.

Musical highlights of the year included a public concert at Doncaster Museum, some fantastic performances from our Pre-Prep pupils in the Old Library, carol singing at Retford Market, and of course the trip to Sheffield Arena for Years 3-6 to take part in the Young Voices festival.

We smashed our exams with a 100% pass rate and 15 Distinctions, and several children had great success at the Workop Music Festival.

**Basil David Music Cup:** Rose Dutton

**Pacey Choral Cup:** Esme Thorpe

**Music Industry Cup:** Vrishin Balasubramanian

**Drama Cup:** Isaac Parnham



# Art & DT

Some fabulous pieces of Art and DT were created this year, ranging from carefully crafted clay work by Reception children, to Yummy Roman Rocky Roads by Year 4, to motorised bouncing bugs by Year 5, to fantastically sculpted Mexican masks by Year 6. The year ended with our annual Art Exhibition where every child across the school, from Nursery to Year 6, produced a canvas painting. These were exhibited in the main entrance hall to celebrate the achievements of all pupils.





# Rugby

## Under 8

Although this was their first experience of playing in matches against opponents from other schools, the U8 team rose to the occasion and took the challenge in their stride. All the boys represented the school and were a credit to themselves and Ranby House, both on and off the field. They always gave 100% and were quick to spot opportunities to score. With an unbeaten season, the future looks very bright for these boys. The staff would like to thank all the parents who supported the U8 team on the touchline.

**Player of the Season:** Freddie Cartledge

**Most Improved Player:** Thomas Kemp



## Under 9

It was a good season for the U9s. Lots of players improved during the season, showing huge commitment and a real desire to learn. Many of the players are clearly keen to play good rugby in the future at Ranby House and we look forward to seeing them develop into solid all-round players. Thanks must go to the grounds staff for a superb playing surface, the kitchen for match teas, and parents for all their support, even when it was very cold!

**Players of the Season:** Thomas Alcock & Alexander Hobson

**Most Improved Player:** Thomas Henderson

## Under 10

What a season for the U10 rugby teams! The U10As enjoyed considerable successes. At their best they played a high tempo game with superb handling skills and purposeful aggression and physicality when needed. Notable victories came in the triangular and quadrangular festivals played at Ranby House. Against Lincoln Minster, the boys contested every ball, tackling and 'jackaling', ripping from hand and rucking over. In possession there were many passages of play where the ball was moved wider into space, after drawing in a defender, and the defence was moved across the pitch to create space on the opposite wing – just what we had been working on! Great job, boys.

**Player of the Season:** Luca Barrett

**Most Improved Player:** Xander Hawke

## Under 11

An enjoyable season of rugby with some very steep learning curves for the boys along the way. The first fixture against Oakham was touch only. Without tackling the boys enjoyed passing the ball and running. The session was useful to coach players on positioning, passing and defensive lines. It was not until the mini festival at Ranby that the boys were reacquainted with tackling. This was a disappointing performance, with only a few boys wanting to get involved. The confidence had gone and there was no desire to get involved. Tackling and rucking were the main

focus... and this theme continued throughout the season. During training, confidence was built up and skills developed, getting used to the physical elements of the game. Unfortunately, our next tournament was touch, as other teams were not safe to tackle. We showed much better supportive play and the passing was greatly improved, compared to the first game.

We then had a trip back down to earth with very physical games against Witham and Westbourne. The boys worked hard, but their heads dropped with little possession in the game.

In the next tournament the boys displayed better tackling and rucking techniques. Wins over Grace Dieu, Burton Hathow and St Anselm's were well-deserved.

The highlight of the season was the return to St Hugh's in a mini tournament. The boys displayed their best rugby against St Hugh's and Wisbech, both tough opponents, with lots of physicality to the game. Ranby played well throughout the matches and had to keep working for every point: a missed tackle resulted in the opponents scoring.

The season ended on a low at Hill House, where the rugby played by the team was not their best and we resorted to relying on Joe Parkin to weave his way through the opponents' defence, rather than work as a solid team.

Overall, an enjoyable season with more wins than losses, but the boys need more resilience and a determined attitude on the rugby field to be at their best.

**U11A Player of the Season:**

Oliver Bettington

**U11A Commended:**

Joe Parkin, Vrishin Balasubramanian

**U11A Most Improved Player:**

Ronnie Chafer



## Under 9

A very good hockey season for the U9As, with successes in most of our fixtures. All players improved during the season, showing huge commitment and a desire to learn. They played some great hockey and we look forward to seeing these girls develop and progress in the coming years. All the Year 4 girls represented Ranby in the U9A team. The girls had a close game against Hill House, drawing 3-3. Sophie Hardy was a dominant and influential player in our matches, using her improved stick skills well in the shooting circle to score many goals over the season. Phoebe Dutton and Neve Franse developed into an effective defence, denying a number of attempts at goal.

**U9A Player of the Season:**

Sophie Hardy

**U9A Most Improved Player:**

Phoebe Dutton

**U9B Player of the Season:**

Lucy Broughton

**U9B Most Improved Player:**

Laranya Bhojwani

## Under 11

The entire U11 squad demonstrated outstanding progress over this term. Players showed great commitment and determination to improve their skills, with many joining local clubs and some even being selected to play for their county.

Towards the end of the season, the girls became better at holding positions on the pitch, allowing for the ball to be worked around the pitch as a unit, with players anticipating direction and timing runs, resulting in some slick, impressive team hockey. These exquisitely timed runs from the likes of Lydia Priestley, Matilda Riggott and Bella Steele teamed with accurate and forceful passes from strong midfielders Freya Harper and Charlotte Ashton proved to be a force to be reckoned with.

It was wonderful to witness the entire team committing to attacking play as a whole unit, with defenders joining the

# Girls' Hockey

attack to pile on pressure to all opposing teams. Excellent strikes at the top of the 'D' from Freya Harper meant that runs from Matilda Riggott and Emma Booth into the attacking circle became a regular, high pressure threat to any opposition.

The B team made pleasing progress. We made good use of tournaments and festivals to develop our playing style and many girls had the opportunity to represent the school. At the start of the season we struggled to score but with hard work in training, we addressed this later in the season and were far more keen to compete for the ball in open play.

Staff would like to thank all the parents who have supported the U11s on the touchline.

**U11A Player of the Season:**

Lydia Priestley

**U11A Most Improved Player:**

Isobel Simpson

**U11B Player of the Season:**

Rose Dutton

**U11B Most Improved Player:**

Charlotte Ashton





# Boys' Hockey

## Under 9

The U9 hockey squad made the most of access to the astro-turf at Worksop College and the indoor sports hall at Ranby House to hone their individual skills. Whether it was a Year 3 boy being introduced to the game for the first time or a Year 4 club level player their approach was to work hard to improve stick skills and collective team play. The U9 teams enjoyed festivals where they were able to play with children from other schools in a round-robin format. Memorable moments included the U9As racing into a 5 goal lead at Derby Grammar where it seemed that every attack resulted in a shot on target, and the final game against St Anselm's. This was the culmination of the boys' hard work on maintaining possession and shooting early and with power, and resulted in an impressive 6-4 win.

**Year 3 Player of the Season:**  
Freddie Cartledge

**Year 3 Most Improved Player:**  
Joshua Briggs

**Year 4 Player of the Season:**  
Thomas Alcock

**Year 4 Most Improved Player:**  
Oscar Sims

## Under 11

We have been encouraged by the levels of skill and enthusiasm for the game this term. During the season, all boys showed considerable improvement. We have not had to spend as much time, as in previous years, on the basics. This has also allowed us to look in more detail at game play, tactical awareness, movement off the ball and better distribution. Jack Sault, who captained the side, galvanised the team and scored many goals from the centre forward position. Thanks go to all the boys, Mr Simpson, the grounds staff and the catering team at both Ranby House and Worksop College, who all played their part in making this another enjoyable season.

The U11B boys enjoyed a fantastic unbeaten season of hockey, scoring 20

goals without conceding any. The boys worked hard as a team all over the pitch and played some lovely passing hockey. We dominated two schools to such an extent that we switched our defenders for our attackers mid-match; the result was that we scored even more goals in the second halves. The best results for the team were our 7-0 win at Derby Grammar and our 11-0 victory against St Hugh's. As many of the squad are Year 5 children, we have great hopes for next year's matches.

**U11A Player of the Season:** Joe Parkin

**U11A Most Improved Player:** Herbie Cartledge

**U11A Commended:** Jack Sault, Luca Barrett

**U11B Player of the Season:** Vrishin Balasubramanian

**U11B Most Improved Player:** Reuben Futter

**U11C Player of the Season:** Jake Booth

**U11C Most Improved Player:** Ben Clarke



# Netball

## Under 11

The team made very good progress as the season rolled on. The girls developed their assertive side and fought hard to keep possession of the ball by using different methods of dodging. The girls were introduced to more set plays and tactics. This enabled them to outwit the opposition numerous times during games. Freya Harper demonstrated her versatility on court by being able to switch effortlessly between Centre, Goal Attack and Goal Defence positions. She was a key player in the team, gaining many interceptions. Lydia Priestley and Charlotte Ashton became a strong unit in attack and supported each other well. In defence, Sophia Munro and Freya were a strong combination and made life hard for the other team's shooters. Emma Booth, Isobel Simpson and Esme Thorpe were good mid-court players, connecting the play from defence to attack.

The highlight of the season was beating Hill House and coming second in the St Anselm's Netball Tournament. Thank you to Lydia who captained her side well. She was supportive of her teammates, helped with training and warm-ups, and encouraged all the girls to play their best.

**U11A Players of the Season:** Lydia Priestley & Freya Harper (Speight Plate)

**U11A Most Improved Player:** Bella Steele

**Commended:** Charlotte Ashton

**U11B Player of the Season:** Hannah Cox

**U11B Most Improved Player:** Jessica Aldred

**U11C Player of the Season:** Lara White

**U11C Most Improved Player:** Jasmine Rushin

## Under 9

For some players, this was their first term of Netball. All girls developed the ability to lose their markers when they had possession and defended well when the team lost the ball. Throughout the season, all girls displayed some lovely linked passes, particularly Alexa Biddulph, Sophie Hardy and Lucy Broughton. This meant that we had plenty of scoring opportunities, as these girls not only worked the ball up to the opposition's shooting circle, but supported on the edge whilst Ranby's shooters looked for the goal.

Annabelle Ross's confidence to shoot from anywhere in the 'D' improved throughout the term, and she demonstrated exactly why it's worth trying to score from anywhere, with superb goals, often from a distance.

Each Ranbian played with great spirit. As the team's confidence and skills improved, all players began to display exciting periods of play, dominating possession. By the end of the term, the entire squad showed an excellent knowledge of the rules of netball and played with determination and versatility, often switching to play in a variety of positions.

**Year 4 Player of the Season:** Alexa Biddulph

**Year 4 Most Improved Player:** Myleene Kershaw

**Year 3 Player of the Season:** Annabelle Ross

**Year 3 Most Improved Player:** Lucy Broughton





# Cricket

## Under 9

It was a mixed season for the U9A team with at times very good cricket played. However, we weren't consistent enough in all our games. Accurate bowling and aggressive batting against Wellow House gave us our first win. After half term we played a good Hill House side who restricted us to very few runs due to their line and length and dominant fielding: a game we lost heavily. Our fielding was good in patches, but a lot more work is needed on this next season. Batting improved and although we can play good cricket shots, they lack power. In our final match of the season we beat Burton Hathow. Although the batting performance was a little disappointing, the bowling and fielding was outstanding. Three good catches helped to secure the victory.

As the boys have been hearing from the staff all season – catches win matches.

**Player of the Season:** William Harper

**Most Improved Player:** Heath Cawkwell-Stansfield

## Under 11

Despite fixture cancellations due to rain there were several highlights during the Summer Term for the U11A team, including some impressive individual performances with the bat and the ball. A super partnership between Hardy (44) and Styring (36) saw Ranby House post 126 runs for 3 wickets in a 16 over match against Burton Hathow. The control of the Ranby bowlers restricted the opposition to 51 runs with no fewer than three players taking a wicket maiden. The season also included a narrow

1-run loss to Barlborough Hall and a development game against a Worksop U12 side featuring several 'A' team players. Considering this year's U11A team featured many players from Year 5, there is great potential and much to look forward to next summer.

**Under 11A Player of the Season (Tim Denniff Cup):** Oscar Styring

**Most Improved Players:** Edward Broughton, Henry Hardy

**Commended:** Reuben Futter, Herbie Cartledge



# Athletics

## Prep School Athletics

The season started off with the annual Worksop College Prep School athletics competition. As well as achieving many personal bests, the team gained lots of experience. It was a clear win for the U11 team, with first and second place in most events.

## National Prep Qualifiers

The National Prep School Qualifiers were again held at the Keepmoat in Doncaster. Five pupils qualified to represent the North East at the National Prep School Athletics at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham, in seven events. Congratulations to: Freya Harper, Harry Briggs-Price, Lydia Priestley, Lily Barker and George Howard.

## Sports Day

How lucky we were with the weather on our Sports Day! The forecast was not favourable, and it looked at one stage like we would have to postpone it. However, the rain held off and although we had a brief spell of drizzle the event went ahead. The final points from Years One to Six were totalled up, and it was St Columba who were overall winners. Thank you to all the staff, pupils and parents for their efforts and support.



## Athletics Awards

**Yr 6 Girls Winner:** Freya Harper

**Yr 6 Boys Winner:** Harry Briggs-Price

**Yr 5 Girls Winner:** Charlotte Ashton

**Yr 5 Boys Winner:** Cole Macrae

**Yr 4 Girls Winner:** Sophie Hardy

**Yr 4 Boys Winner:** Thomas Henderson

**Yr 3 Girls Winner:** Annabelle Ross

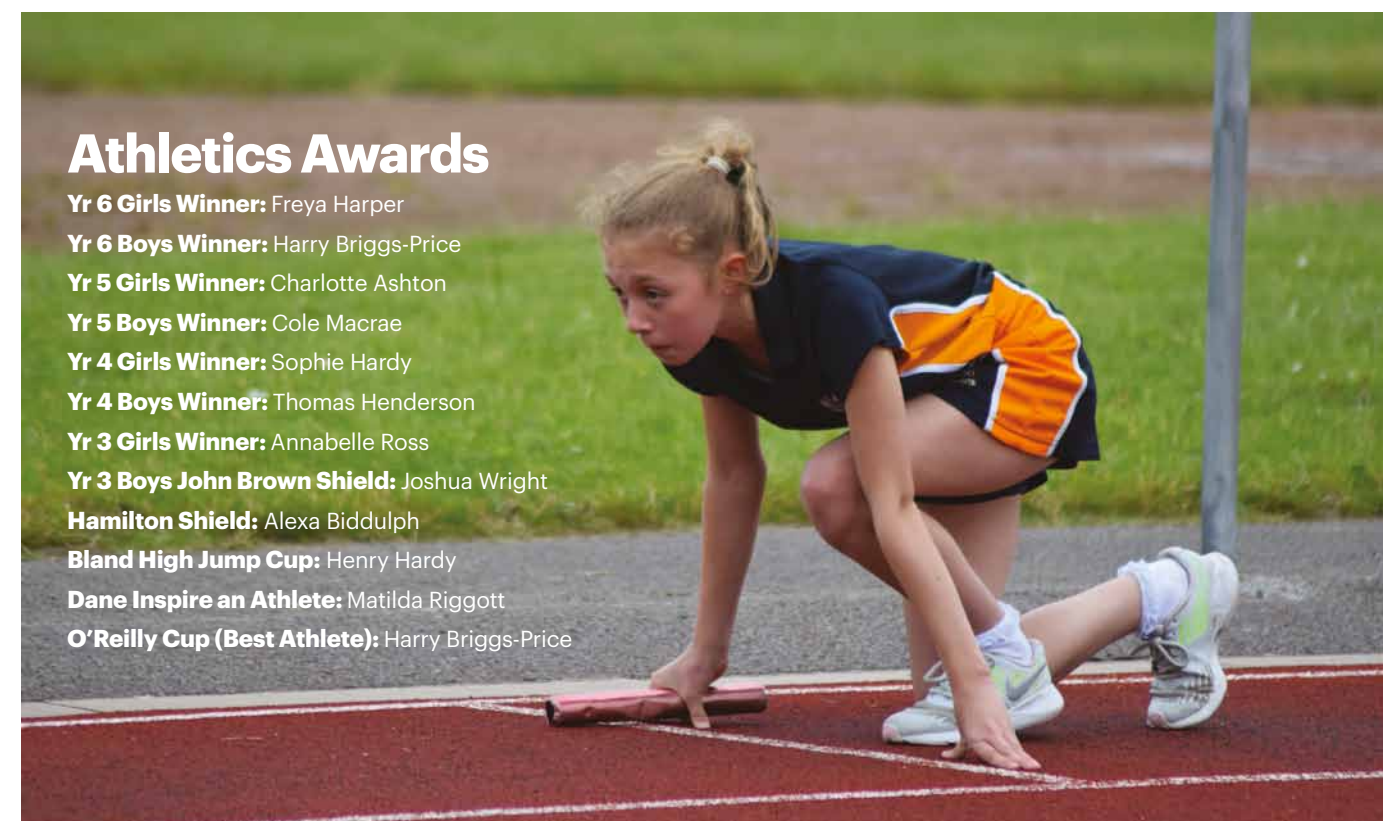
**Yr 3 Boys John Brown Shield:** Joshua Wright

**Hamilton Shield:** Alexa Biddulph

**Bland High Jump Cup:** Henry Hardy

**Dane Inspire an Athlete:** Matilda Riggott

**O'Reilly Cup (Best Athlete):** Harry Briggs-Price





# Rounders



## Under 11A

Players in this squad developed an outstanding level of clever, tactical play. When fielding, decisions were made swiftly, focusing on limiting the score of the live batter. The team constantly played with efficiency and focus, learning early on that one lapse in concentration can lead to a severe loss of points. Isobel Simpson led by example throughout the term, scoring some clever and well timed rounders. This squad was not short of 'big hitters,' with Freya Harper, Lydia Priestley, Esme Thorpe and Isobel Simpson often striking the ball to places their opponents were unable to get to in time to stop the rounder. A development of knowledge led to cunning batting from all the squad, enabling them to consistently gain the maximum score available to them per bat. Emma Booth, Hannah Cox, Isabelle Pepper, Matilda Riggott and Sophia Munro all demonstrated slick and focused fielding, alongside an impressive display of catches!

**Player of the Season:** Freya Harper

**Most Improved Player:** Charlotte Ashton

**Commended:** Emma Booth, Lydia Priestley

## Under 11B

The girls grew in confidence over the season and started making better decisions when fielding. Lily Barker became more accurate and consistent with her bowling. Hannah Cox played very well at second post, getting a number of girls out and preventing scoring opportunities. Liviana Biddulph improved a lot over the season in backstop. She knew what she had to do in set play situations and began to cover fourth post instinctively. Jasmine Rushin, Lara White and Rose Dutton made some very good stops and threw the ball into second post to prevent a number of half rounders being scored. Evie Holmes and Tamia Chirinda made good progress with their fielding and batting skills. Willow Rushin impressed with her effort and determination to improve and demonstrated a really committed approach in her training sessions. Bella Steele and Jessi Aldred improved their batting stance and swing which enabled them to have more regular contact with the ball and more opportunities to score, which was great to see.

**Player of the Season:** Hannah Cox

**Most Improved Player:** Willow Rushin

## Under 9

The U9 Rounders team greatly improved in both skill and confidence throughout the season, given that our youngest players were completely new to the game. Following an initial loss to St Hugh's in their first match, the girls worked hard to improve their catching and to take risks when batting in order to score. Their second meeting resulted in a win, through sheer guts and determination, by half a rounder. Elliott Riley at backstop and Sophie Hardy as bowler have become a force to be reckoned with when fielding. Isabella McDonald has tried her utmost to improve her batting and catching confidence all term and was voted most improved player. Sophie Hardy consistently demonstrated her high level of ability to read and control the game when both batting and fielding. A great performance from all our girls – well done!

**Player of the Season:** Sophie Hardy

**Most Improved Player:** Isabella McDonald

# Swimming

Our school swim team had a number of very successful performances this year. The HMC swimming Gala in Leeds is a tough competition, however, it is a fantastic event and a super venue. They achieved first place at Nottinghamshire County Council's Schools Swimming Gala. Charlotte Ashton came second in the IAPS regional swimming competition at Stamford Endowed School, missing out on the National Finals by a very small margin. Charlotte has been working very hard on her swimming out of school and achieved her first County time in Front Crawl. Our two swimming captains, Evie Holmes and George Howard, did a great job at helping to organise and support their swim team.

**Cox Cup for Excellence:** Charlotte Ashton

**Commended:** Evie Holmes & George Howard



# Cross Country

## Bassetlaw winners for the second year running!

The Bassetlaw Years 5 & 6 District Schools Cross Country was held at Ranby House for a fourth year. It was a glorious afternoon of running, with the sun making it a very warm day. There were eighteen schools taking part with almost 200 runners in total. It was certainly going to be a very competitive event. Lydia Priestley was the first Girl Ranbian home in 6th place, with Matilda Riggott in 16th, Liviana Biddulph 22nd, Bella Steele 28th, and Freya Harper 32nd. The team came a creditable 3rd with a total of 72 points. In the boys, Joe Parkin won the race with a magnificent performance leading from start to finish. He was backed up by Luca Barrett in 8th place, Edward Broughton 36th, Jack Sault 45th, Reuben Futter 68th, and Henry Hardy 81st. They scored 90 points and also came 3rd. Lydia, Joe and Luca also qualified to represent Bassetlaw at the County finals as they came in the top 12 in the races. Overall, Ranby House were the winning school when the scores were combined.

## Witham Hall

On a very autumnal afternoon, the Ranby minibuses headed off to the Witham Hall Cross Country meet. It was our first time entering teams into this event. The course was a demanding one with a high standard of runners throughout. Over 250 runners took part this year over the U9 and U11 age groups. We had some very keen and young competitors who never gave up and showed true Ranby House spirit. Notable performances were from Sophie Hardy, Harry Cuttle, Lydia Priestley, and Joe Parkin who came 2nd in his race. However, every person in all the teams played a part.

## HMC at Barlborough Hall

On an extremely wet afternoon, we attended the annual HMC Junior Cross Country held at Barlborough Hall. These races are regarded as one of the premier cross-country events for independent schools with a demanding course, featuring a very steep hill. Over 300 runners took part this year over the U9, U10 and U11 age groups. There were some particularly fine performances from Sophie Hardy, Raymond Dalby-Rose, Harry Cuttle, Luca Barrett, Charlotte Ashton, Liviana Biddulph and Joe Parkin. Joe was our highest placed runner overall, coming a magnificent 3rd place.

## Highfields

Over 300 runners from fourteen schools took part in the U9 and U11 races. The U9 Boys were our best placed team, coming 2nd. Sophie Hardy was again our top U9 Girl, finishing 12th. In the U11 Girls, Lydia Priestley was 10th and Liviana Biddulph 14th. There were notable performances in the U11 Boys, with Joe Parkin 5th and Luca Barrett 9th.

House winners 2019

1st St Benedict  
2nd St Columba  
3rd St Alban  
4th St Dunstan

### Year 1

1st Jessica Morris  
2nd Laurence Bluff  
3rd Charlie Parker

### Year 2

1st Theo Bezoari-Oldfield  
2nd Kabir Sawhney  
3rd Anna Kemp

### Year 3 and 4 Girls

1st Sophie Hardy  
2nd Neve Franse  
3rd Nina Swierczynska

### Year 3 and 4 Boys

1st Harry Cuttle  
2nd Thomas Henderson  
3rd William Harper

### Year 5 and 6 Girls

1st Lydia Priestley  
2nd Liviana Biddulph  
3rd Rose Dutton

### Year 5 and 6 Boys

1st Joe Parkin  
2nd Luca Barrett  
3rd Joshua Moopin







# THE COLLEGE





## HEAD'S REPORT



As I began my year as Acting Head I thought deeply about the footprint I wanted to leave behind me. Naturally I wanted to hand over a school that was seeking to thrive and where everyone worked collaboratively to encourage and support our young people. Above all I wanted to drive the thought that 'care' would be integral to all that we do: for to care about people is absolutely the greatest way to make a difference. Schools are about people.

It has been a hugely rewarding and enjoyable year, and that has been down to the amazing support that I have received. The year has been wholeheartedly a team effort. The support and nurture within the community, whether that be individually or collectively, is not simply handed from staff and parents to our young people but so often it is reciprocated. I have been grateful to have been able to be Head through a year when there are so many talented, sparky and fun young people to work amongst. This year's Upper Sixth have had an enormous impact on the school. The prefect body and the purple gowns, Jorge, Ella, James and Freya, have been dynamic, driving and incredibly impressive: when you have the privilege of working alongside such capable young people you know that the future should be pretty bright.

I believe that at Worksop we are acutely aware of what it means to be human. We have a fundamental appreciation of how important relationships are, and how they have to be cultivated. We recognise that each child is the product of a set of experiences and that the people involved in shaping these experiences, both at home and at school, have an enormous weight of responsibility: this is something that we do not shirk, nor do we take it for granted.

Dr Price is incredibly lucky to be taking over the role of leading such a wonderful community: he knows this, and I know that he is the right person for the job. I wish him every success and joy.



## PURPLE GOWNS

### Captains of School

Ella O'Reilly (D)  
Jorge Stevenson (T)

### Vice Captains of School

James Recaldin (P)  
Freya Webster (G)

## BLUE GOWNS

Lucy Ambrose (SH)	James Payne (T)
Edward Armstrong (P)	Nancy Pei (G)
Helen Baddiley (D)	Joshua Porter (S)
Isabelle Boocock (G)	Emilie Pymm (G)
Harry Goodman (S)	Chloe Sanders (G)
Thomas Goodman (S)	Oscar Steiner (T)
Charlotte Kelham (SH)	Jay White (T)
Emily Kilford (SH)	Thomas Wilkinson (P)
Joe McConville (S)	Bryan Wong (T)
Emily Marshall (SH)	Emily Zehetmayr (D)
Rudra Mutalik (M)	

## 'We will remember them' – Archives evening

11th November 2018 was a poignant moment in history as we celebrated 100 years since The Armistice was signed, signalling the end of the Great War and four harrowing years for many brave soldiers and their families. Sadly, for 93 of our students, their lives were taken all too early as they died in battle or were declared missing in action. To honour our boys who paid the ultimate sacrifice serving our country, we hosted an archives evening focused on Worksop's history during this period.

Hosted by our Archivist Wendy Bain, the event took place at the base of the library stairs. Adorned with a breathtaking poppy installation created by our Year Nine students, the library steps provided a centrepiece for the evening, whilst enlarged pictures of some of our soldiers around the room gave gravitas to the event. The evening began with an incredibly moving recital from the school choir, who descended the library stairs in darkness with only candlelight to lead the way. They

gave a beautiful rendition of 'We will remember them' by Douglas Guest, a performance not to be forgotten by those who were present.

Through the generosity of the Parents' Association we were able to fund the reproduction and reframing of 45 images of our soldiers from the school archives. The photos had been stored in the archives for many years and were in need of restoration. Wendy's vision was always to bring our boys' to life and honour their memory on a daily basis here at the school. We were able to unveil the new photographic exhibition that is now housed on the library stairs, a fitting tribute for just some of our many brave OWs.

It was then time for a talk by Wendy, a lady whose passion and dedication to preserving Worksop's history is evident to all. She took the audience on a historical journey as we stepped back in time to 1914.

Wendy guided us through those difficult four years, touching on the

lives, and in many cases, last words of our soldiers. Interwoven with an historical account of school life during the period, the talk was a perfect mix of sadness, sorrow and hope for the future from a tightly knit school community, an ethos that is still very much in evidence here today.

The evening concluded with refreshments in the library, giving guests the chance to peruse some of the wonderful artefacts we have. A beautiful display set of drawers can be found at the base of the library stairs containing many photos and artefacts from this period, including OW J.F.W McNaught-Davis' revolver which was used in the trenches, and an original bugle from the OTC (Officer Training Corps).

The event was a perfect way to honour our heroes. When you're next on your way to the Library, please take the opportunity to admire this tribute to our fellow pupils.

## International Women's Day 2019



Undoubtedly, the world has become more equal – with opportunities for women far exceeding those afforded to generations gone by. But there's still more to do – and on IWD we came together with women across the globe, with a focus on #balanceforbetter; a call-to-action for driving gender balance across the world.

*'With determination I have reached where I am today as one of the strongest leaders in the school.'* Ella O'Reilly

*'My aim is to learn more about how to assist women in less developed nations to gain their basic human rights.'* Lauren Shuker

*'Our generation should continue to raise awareness of equality all over the world.'* Akari Yanagimachi

*'Some amazingly brave, determined women fought hard to help give us the opportunities we have today: women should never forget that.'* Mrs Tilley



# Derry



As always, the Derry girls started the year with the Derry Birthday Party, a great opportunity for the girls to get to know each other and to welcome the new students.

Having chosen this year's House Song, 'Wannabe' by the Spice Girls, everyone involved was very enthusiastic and had a great attitude towards rehearsals; this showed in the strong and enjoyable performance on the night.

An event that the girls look forward to every year is the Derry Dinner, which predictably did not disappoint. We would like to thank not only the performers on the night who gave some lovely entertainment, but also the kitchen staff as well as the organisers of the raffle.

Sporting wise, the Dorm Run as an event helped to bind the House with all the girls training together with a positive attitude, and Sports Day is an opportunity for the House to end the year of House competitions on a high.

Throughout this year, despite not necessarily enjoying huge success across all aspects of house sport, the Derry girls had high spirits and were always keen to get involved. This particularly showed in this year's Dorm Run where the girls were not fazed by the challenge of 'Fred's Hill' for the first time in the school's history. I was extremely proud of the girls and the grit and determination they showed on the day.

Derry showed their cultural strength in the House Photography Competition this year, with the team of Imogen Bennett (Y12), Helen Wong (Y10) and Poppy Qureshi (Y9) who put together an excellent portfolio and went on to win the competition.

Success throughout the age groups highlighted this strength further, with the junior House Challenge team winning the competition, the senior House Debating team reaching the final, and the House Music team finishing second in the competition.

One noteworthy achiever in the House has been Year 10 student Alicia Barrett, who has been performing exceptionally in the outdoor karting sphere, significantly so in May, when she raced as the only female driver among 32 others, and won!

This year Derry chose to support 'Bliss' as our House Charity, a charity that is close to our hearts and works to help babies born premature and sick. For this cause, we raised money through a bake sale, a mufti-day and a raffle at the Derry dinner. Thank you to Imogen Bennett for her work this year as House Sacristan, helping us to raise money for this important cause.

On behalf of the House, I would like to thank Miss Phillips along with the tutor team not only for their organisation and academic support but also for creating an environment which always catered to the needs of the House. It is important that we appreciate the hard work of Erica our Housekeeper, without whom the House would not run as smoothly. Finally, I would also like to thank the Upper Sixth, who have continuously supported me throughout the year.

I know that my five years at the school have been amazing, thanks to the girls of Derry House. I understand I am not just speaking for myself when I say that I have enjoyed every memory and opportunity that I experienced while being a member of this unique community. I wish the girls next year the best of luck and I am confident that Florence will do a fantastic job of being House Captain.

**Helen Baddiley**  
House Captain



The year got off to an exciting start with an influx of new girls into the House. Gibbs were extremely successful in their House Song endeavour in which we performed '5 Colours in Her Hair' by McFly, choreographed by Freya Webster and excellently executed by all of the girls.

House Dinner was a highlight as we were treated to performances on the piano, violin and voice by Renit Tsui, Madison Chafer, Francesca Hutson, Akari Yanagimachi and Grace Sanders.

The first year of the girls' Dorm Run was a victorious one for Gibbs House: as a team we retained our title from the previous year, winning by over 200 points. Individually, Alma Steiner (Y10) came 2nd and Talia Parish (Y10) achieved 3rd place. We continued our success by winning a number of sporting events both junior and senior; orienteering and hockey were particularly notable.

In the cultural events we took first place in house DT and house cookery with Issy's cheese scones and chutney winning over the judges. I hope that our winning ways continue next year! 2019 brought the return of House Drama and Gibbs went out in full force, placing 4th due to impressive performances from the

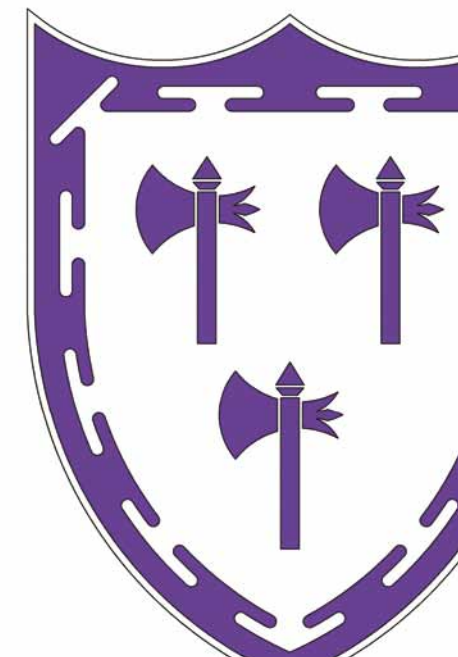
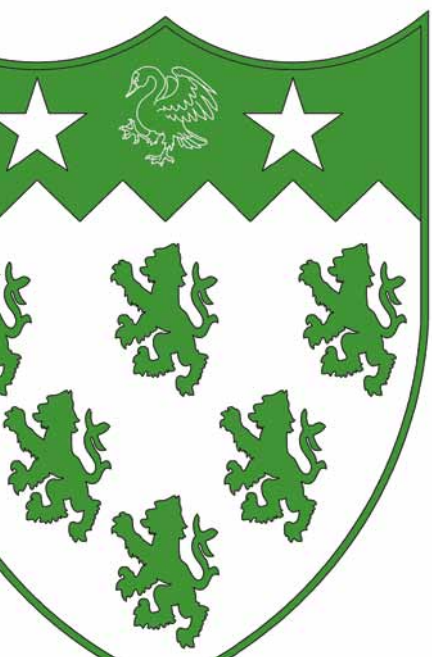
performers and those behind the scenes. Amelia Bayston has led the way as our House Sacristan this year, collecting money for our House Charity 'Sponsor a Girl'. Along with the weekly collections, Amelia also organised the shoe box appeal which sends Christmas presents to children who would normally receive none. Ellie Smith and Amelia also led the way in organising a GB versus Europe charity hockey match in aid of CPS Sport, which not only raises money but brings together the community.

Thank you are in order to the tutors who have done a brilliant job this year, particularly Mr James and Miss Grant who are excellent at organising the House and ensuring everything runs smoothly. Also, a huge thank you to Sue and Karen our Housekeepers, who look after us and keep the House in tip-top shape. I will miss you and all your support greatly.

I wish the best of luck to all the girls next year, particularly to Amelia Bayston who will take on the role of House Captain. I urge all the girls to get involved in the House as much as possible as it has been one of my favourite parts of my five years at Worksop and I will miss it immensely.

**Emilie Pymm**  
House Captain

# Gibbs





# Mason



The famed Mason House Dance came around quickly this year, and it gave the boys a great opportunity to bond with the new House members – it was an ecstatic vibe as always!

Our highlight of the year was definitely the House Song; we chose 'Word Up!' by Cameo. A massive thanks to the Upper Sixth, led by Elliot Stephenson, for the choreography. If it was a choreography competition, I think even the other Houses would agree on who would have won!

The Patchett Supper is our equivalent of a House dinner – a black tie event for the Sixth Form, with guests from other Houses as is our tradition. It was an amazing occasion with great food on offer and a vibrant atmosphere throughout the night.

The Summer Social was a great way to end the year; we had stone baked pizzas and a performance by The Publics. Our social attracted much of the Upper Sixth from the other Houses, thanks to live music. We have Elliot Stephenson, Harry Beckwith and Josh Porter to thank for that. It is just a shame we were not celebrating the successes of Sports Day. Speaking of which, we had some great individual performances throughout the House but unfortunately we were not able to live up to the Mason reputation in the tug of war. As usual, a great showing and massive support from the House.

Our House Charity this year was the Donkey Sanctuary, and through weekly collections and other events, we have raised a significant sum that will go towards the organisation. Thanks to Moritz Reifenhauer, John Mecheril and Jerry Wong for being the House Sacristans. We also contributed greatly to the Harvest Festival, and for that I would like to thank the House for their charitable endeavours.

Some people think that being in a House is all about winning cups, but we have proven that it's not silverware that makes a good House, it's the people. Although we didn't win the competitions, we did build a House spirit that is rivalled by no other. We had a good showing in events we knew we couldn't top, and the boys put in their all regardless – I commend you all for that.

I believe that it is the people that define a house, and this year would not have been possible without the amazing tutor team that guide us in all that we do. I would like to thank them for all of their efforts. I would also like to thank Denise and Emma, who are always around for us whenever we need them, even for the most trivial things.

My time as House Captain has come to an end but my memories of this great house will live on. To next year's captain, I wish you good luck, and I do hope the spirit of the house will continue!

**Rudra Mutalik**  
House Captain



Pelham always has been, and will continue to be, a special place for everyone. The past year has solidified this, yet at the same time it has also mixed things up dramatically.

The year started with House Song, and Pelham decided to perform 'Call Me Maybe', by Carly Rae Jepsen. We practised hard, with many a rehearsal in the theatre, or wherever we could find, and produced a great performance. We decided to keep the outfit guidelines relatively flexible, and the sixth form were incredibly enthusiastic and creative, producing some brilliant costumes. Thank you to the whole house for the effort put in, it definitely showed.

In sporting events we performed admirably, with the juniors doing very well in hockey, football, rowing and

swimming, the last of which we won. The seniors also did very well in rowing, which we came second in – great team spirit was shown by the House!

However, the largest sporting victory was, of course, the Dorm Run. We won, due to both incredible individual and team efforts, which meant that we got to take an actual trophy, rather than the wooden block. The team trained hard, with early morning and lunchtime runs being well attended. Very well done to Alex Bett, the first Year 9 in, Tobey Baker, the first junior in, and everyone else who put out incredible performances to secure us the win.

Alongside our Dorm Run win, we were also a cultural powerhouse this year. We came first in debating, senior house challenge and music, with strong



# Pelham

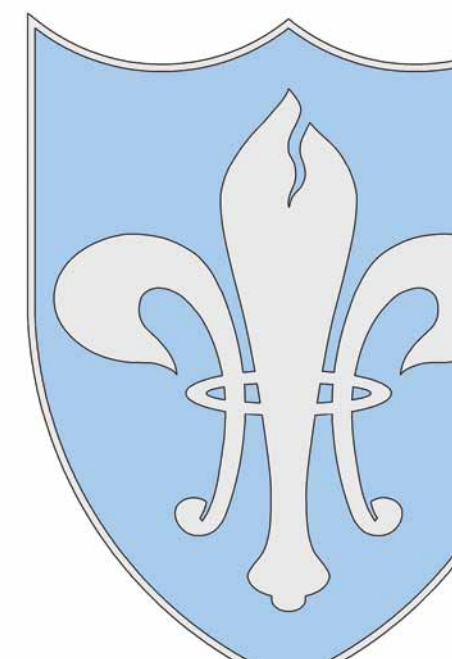
performances in most other events. I have to give a special mention to James Recaldin, who was incredible in both debating and challenge, and to everyone else who put in the effort and helped us to do so well this year.

We had the annual charity dinner again, and we decided to link up with School House this year to support our charity 'Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw'. We raised a fantastic amount of money for a really good local cause through this event and our weekly chapel money. Thank you to Moritz Schmees for his great work as a House Sacristan, and good luck for your new role as Captain of School.

A special thanks to all the teachers for your hard work, both as tutors and in the evenings. Thank you to Linda, our Housekeeper, who has gone above and beyond the call of duty, making sure the House is in a liveable condition. Thank you to Mr Franse, my Housemaster of five years, in two different houses, who has guided me the whole way. Thank you to all of the Upper Sixth, it's been a great experience.

Finally, to the next House Captain, I wish you the best and I hope that you will lead Pelham to another successful year of being the best House in the school.

**Thomas Wilkinson**  
House Captain





# Portland

We are a very sociable house: Portland organises fun days out called 'Super Sundays'. These are social events which encourage students to spend time with each other outside of a normal school day and help them to get to know each other better; it also helps new students to settle in. Most of the Portlanders board on the Sunday night which is also a good way of getting to know each other.

This year's House Song was a huge success for Portland House. We performed Michael Jackson's famous track 'Thriller'. It was spectacular as we all dressed up as zombies with face paint and had an amazing time.

Many Portlanders worked extremely hard, especially in their academics: Max Poynor and Rose Williamson achieved an outstanding number of credits and HMCs.

The Division Taruca won most of the sporting events, including rugby, netball, hockey and cricket.

Portland's chosen charity was Sheffield Children's Hospital, and students helped raise money for this special charity by selling numerous cakes and raffle tickets. Portland pupils contributed well to the Harvest Festival by bringing into school lots of food and supplies. Huge thanks to our House Sacristan, Edward Howard, who encouraged many members of the House to give money to this worthwhile charity.

We had a really great sports team. Tom Smith was a great addition to our rugby

team as last year he played rugby for the year above. It was great to see Year 7 players join our Year 8 teams. A special mention must go to Year 7 student Ollie Booth, who helped the Year 8 team in rugby and hockey, captaining the under 12A/13A team.

Dorm run this year was amazing, particularly as some of the boys started the race running in the wrong direction! But that didn't stop Jake Biggin from winning the race. Taruca ran a solid race with four of them coming home at the same time, which secured them the victory.

A huge thank you to all of the tutors who make Portland House such a success. They always support the Portlanders, whatever the situation. Another big thank you to the lovely lady who is always in the background but who makes the biggest difference in the House: Adele is amazing and looks after us all so well, from cleaning the house and making toast to being a friend to talk to when we need it.

The biggest thank you goes to Mr & Mrs Guillaud. You have been such an important part of our lives in Portland: many of us see you as second parents, and you have always been there for us. You will be missed terribly, and we wish you all the very best for the future.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our time as House Captains of Portland. We have learnt so much from taking on this very important and rewarding role. To next year's House Captains, we wish you the very best and hope you look after the House well and carry on the Portland life.

**Joshua McDonald & Georgia Barrett**  
House Captains



We started the year with House Song, performing 'Man! I Feel like a Woman' by Shania Twain. Putting the House Song performance together was an experience to say the least... having the choreography and the lyrics come together in the end was an amazing feeling. Two of our youngest members were on the front row, as they showed constant enthusiasm and commitment in rehearsals and especially in the live performance.

House Dinner was also a very enjoyable night with 100% attendance from the School House girls and tutors. This year our theme was 'Casino Night', giving the Upper Sixth a chance to lead some casino games, where every year participated and thoroughly relished the moment. Rest assured, not all casinos need money!

School House's main aim this year was to create a really positive and vibrant House spirit, along with coming together as a house. We are not the strongest in the sporting field but, no matter what happened, the 'Schoolies' stayed calm and battled through, even when the odds were against us. Overall we had one team placed first, junior swimming – a great effort girls, and 11 second positions including the Dorm Run – a fine achievement by all who participated.

We had such a good attitude towards running this year and this showed in the result. We had four girls finish in the top 10 which was a huge success. Amelia Chrispin in Year 9 was placed 1st out of every girl running: this was incredible and was celebrated by the house afterwards. Another Year 9, Amelia Smith, came a very creditable 4th. Our School House sports captain, Lucy Ambrose, came 8th and Charlotte Kelham, vice-captain of house, 10th. We have some exceptional runners this year but this result also came from the determination and resilience that each member of the house showed in training throughout the term but in particular on the day of the competition.

Other achievements that we were proud of this year included coming 2nd in Senior and Junior Rowing, Senior Cycling and Senior Rounders. We may have not have won many events, but School

House gave 100% effort, and we could not have asked for anything more.

As a girls' house, our charity this year was Nottinghamshire Women's Aid, which provides refuge and help to victims of domestic abuse. Every member of the house donated money each term; we also held a bake sale and a charity dinner this year. The dinner was joint with Pelham House – it was a huge success as there were many happy guests at the end of the night and substantial funds were raised.

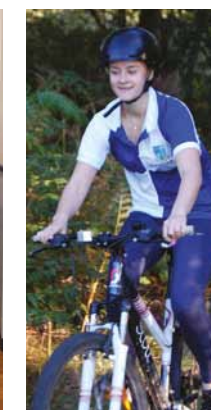
School House would not be the same without the brilliant tutor team that we have had this year. On behalf of all the girls in School House, I would like to thank the tutors for helping in house time, especially in the Dorm Run training, as well as motivating and guiding the house when necessary. A huge mention to our hHousekeeper Sue who welcomes every girl with open arms and a big smile. Sue is amazing at keeping the house clean and tidy as well as supporting the girls individually and the house as a whole.

Not forgetting Mrs Parkinson and Mr Axelby for mentoring the 6th form to become the good leaders that they are today and showing the younger years the values of the school as well as in house.

I am honoured to have been the School House Captain, due to the devotion and dedication from each member of the house. This is because they are such kind and intelligent girls. If I could give any advice to the girls in house, it would be to cherish every moment of school, because it really does go by so fast. Get involved in house activities and make the most of the advice on offer. School House has been mine and many of the Upper Sixth's home for five years now and I will miss the house and everyone in it.

**Emily Kilford**  
House Captain

# School





# Shirley

Shirley's House Song continued the tradition of a mash-up, along with some first-class choreography. Our dance included performances from The Bee Gees, George Michael and Britney Spears.

A fair all-round summary of our participation in house sport is 'unusually fantastic', as it is the first year in my five years where we have dominated house sport competitions. Ironically for once we are not leading the way in the Culture Cup, which is usually our forte!

In the summer term, the leavers got a great send off at Shirley's end of year party. This involved some exquisite street food, along with a sports game that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

For certain, the key highlight for Shirley this year is that we dominated in key competitions like House Hockey, House Football and even, surprisingly, swimming. We trained hard for most House competitions. Our juniors practised badminton at lunchtimes, and our seniors went to the fitness suite in their spare time to perfect their rowing technique for House Rowing. Our Juniors shone when they won House Cricket, with key performances from James Blackburn and Jasper Dennison. We also triumphed in House Hockey with a key performance from Zain Davenport.

The Dorm Run was a particular highlight as we beat the curse of always coming last, finishing third with some excellent



house spirit from Haris Davenport and Sam Meadows. As a fitting tribute to all this dedication we walked away with the coveted L'Amie cup.

It is difficult not to mention the success of the 1st XV as they beat off all the competition from top schools, to get through to the Nat West Semi Final. In total Shirley had 7 boys feature in the Final which was more than any other house.

Off the pitch, some students shone in the classroom, excelling in their academic work consistently: this is true for James Blackburn who received numerous commendations.

We sat down for our annual house dinner in the Easter term. We invited all the tutors and other members of staff that have been involved with Shirley. We also invited two representatives from Bluebell Wood, our house charity, where my Sacristan, Mckenzie Brailsford and I presented a cheque for £1,000.

We also raised money through weekly donations from the boys, a raffle and a whole school Mufti Day where students could wear a bit of blue.

Shirley's tutor team have offered excellent guidance, advice and encouragement to the boys whenever they need it throughout the year and deserve a huge thank you from all the boys in Shirley House. Mr Baker has done a remarkable job in his first year as Housemaster. Thank you to Mrs Christodoulou who is a vital part of Shirley House.

Personally, my time in Shirley has gone quicker than I would have wished. It is a place where I have made life-long friends and unforgettable memories. I would like to wish next year's House Captain good luck: I know that you will do a fantastic job and you recognise the special house that it is. If I had to end with a message to all the boys of Shirley House, it is that you do not truly realise how fortunate you are to be in the position you are in until you have not got the support around you that is offered so much within the house. You should take the opportunities within house with open arms and embrace it as you will learn a lot.

**Harry Goodman**  
House Captain



# Talbot

Talbot hit the ground running as we started the new year. With the addition of the incoming year 9s, who integrated and got involved faster than in any other house, the first term of sporting events (notably the junior cycling and rugby) were taken by storm as we had a strong side for our junior matches; this was obvious from the very beginning. The seniors, lead by a strong cohort of Upper Sixth, have had a very impressive year, coming up with one of the best house song performances where we 'sang' and 'danced' to Katy Perry's 'California Girls' and 'Hot 'n' Cold'. With sporting wins in senior cycling, 2nd place in Senior House Challenge and a spot in the semi-finals of House Debating I'm sure you can agree it was a great first term for Talbot.

In the second term, we continued the winning theme by bringing home the senior basketball and senior badminton, but these were not the biggest highlights of the term. The success of the annual House Dinner cannot go unmentioned. This year's event (which was mostly organised by the year 11s, despite them having their GCSEs!) allowed us to raise over £1,500 for our chosen charity, Aurora Wellbeing Centre in Worksop. It was also the term of the Dorm Run where in recent years Talbot has not enjoyed many successes. But this year we were able to pull together and come agonisingly close to victory, taking 2nd place with only a 43 point difference.

As the summer term began, and Year 11 and the Upper Sixth went on exam leave, the House wouldn't have kept running without the sterling effort from the Lower Sixth who stepped in to fill the gaps. By way of sport, the summer term brought victories in the senior swimming and orienteering, and a very close and nail-biting bowl-out in the cricket allowed us to take 2nd place.

Throughout the year we won many cultural events, leading to 'The Crown' retaining the Culture Cup. House Business and Drama both need a special mention. In the House Business competition we were able to raise over £1,300 for the new school gym – a feat that was achieved by cycling the distance (on electric bikes) from John O'Groats to Land's End which was

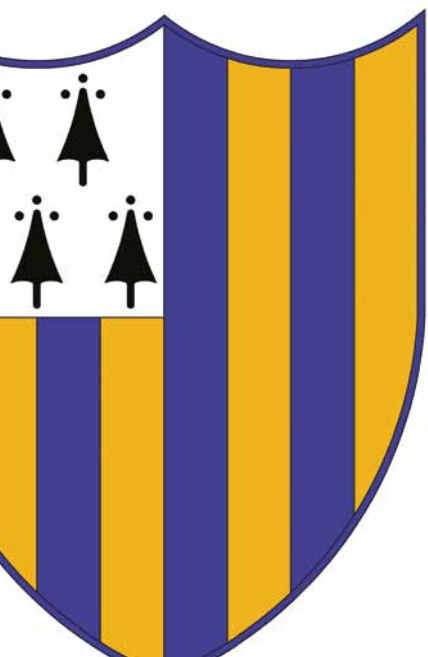


completed in around 15 hours – the boys were all very supportive and it was fantastic to see everyone step on a bike and give it a go. House Drama made a reappearance this year and our performance of 'Little Red Riding Hoodlum' was a sight to behold. Between our Upper Sixth and Year 11 being on study leave and lack of time to practise, the week before was spent in the art department making sock puppets to narrate our story and turning the Talbot common room into our own stage. The boys really came out of their comfort zones, and we saw performances from people who you wouldn't expect to take part – with some comedy ad-lib, cross dressing and last minute learning of lines it certainly was a 'class effort' all round and landed us a highly respectable 2nd place.

The year has not only been a successful one for Talbot but also a very emotional one, with Mr Parkin stepping down as Housemaster after seven years. I would like to thank him for all he has done for the House, the sense of community he has created, and the family he has given me in my five years here; I wish him every success in the future. To our Housekeeper Yvonne, the House really wouldn't be (or look) the same without you – the work you do for the House and the boys does not go unnoticed. To the tutor team, thank you for doing an amazing job in House as well as doing your own roles during the school day.

There will continue to be changes in Talbot in the coming years, as there have been during my five years, but its heart and core values will never change. I would like to wish Mr Hill all the best as he takes over as Talbot Housemaster and I am certain that the House will be in safe hands. In my very last House assembly I began the new tradition of 'crowning' the incoming House Captain. I would like to wish Dom all the best for next year and I am sure 'The Crown' will continue to be the best House! To the boys of Talbot, Sing loud, Sing proud! #UTC

**Jay White**  
House Captain





# Academic success

## A level

With a 100% pass rate and some stunning individual results, our school saw a 9% increase in A-C grades on the previous year and a 7% increase in pupils achieving A and A\* grades. 55% of university destinations of College students are Russell Group universities.

Students will be attending 14 different Russell Group universities, including Oxford, University College London and London School of Economics, Durham, Bristol and Edinburgh, and they will be studying a huge variety of courses, ranging from Chemistry, Computer Science and Criminology, Medicine, Neuroscience and Physics, to Classics, Economics and Politics and English Literature, Law, Modern Languages, Music and Philosophy!

Captains of School Jorge Stevenson and Ella O'Reilly gained places at LSE to study Mathematics, Statistics and Business and Exeter to study Geography. Amongst other things, Jorge was part of our highly successful School 1st XV. Ella was Captain of Hockey and part of the England player pathway.

Vice Captains of School, James Recaldin and Freya Webster are now at UCL reading The Ancient World and Edinburgh reading History. James was a key cog in the school musical scene, not least in our production of 'Les Miserables', and Freya was Captain of Netball.

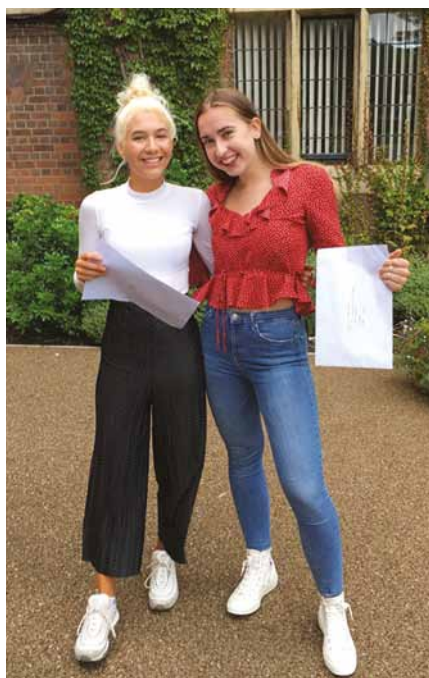
Eddie Turner-Bennett will study Accounting and Finance at LSE. Eddie, one of our golf scholars, played for England and reached 6th place in the European junior golf rankings. Nancy Pei, another School Prefect and able musician, including with her native guzheng, has a place to study Chemical Engineering at Manchester University.

Results day was a particularly special one for Izzie Boocock as she celebrated her 18th birthday and found out she was off to Coventry University to study Dietetics. Charlotte Kelham has gone to Bristol University to study Neuroscience. Emily Marshall was over the moon with her results, the A,A,B opening up lots of options for her when she returns from

a volunteering position in India, raising awareness and support for Women's Rights. Rugby player Will Harding-Terry gained a place at the University of Nottingham to study Criminology. Earlier in the year, Will was selected to represent his country as part of the England Counties U18 squad travelling to Ireland, and his academic results were the 'icing on the cake'. Oliver Cordingley (A\*,A,B) has plans for a future in Law, having already been offered a position at Irwin Mitchell.

from Mrs Tilley

"Our results have improved across the board. As a non-academically selective school, I believe our pastoral support and individual approach is what helps our pupils achieve their potential. We are as proud of those who have achieved the very top grades, as we are of those who have improved on their predicted marks through sheer determination, hard work and the support of their parents and teachers. It has been my pleasure to watch them grow and achieve and I can't wait to see them back as Old Worksopians."



## GCSE

Despite changes to the GCSE grading system and reportedly more difficult exams, students took it all in their stride, with just under a 10% increase on 2018 for those getting the very top grades of A\*, A and 7-9 (equivalent to A\* and A).

Thomas Williams achieved five 9 grades, four 8s and an A\*. Thomas, who is in the Choir and Orchestra, as well as a keen actor, is now studying Biology, Chemistry and Maths A levels. Amazingly, Thomas took Computer Science as an additional GCSE, doing just one lesson per week and achieving a Grade 9.

On results day we caught up with Finn Parker, who joined the school in Year 10. He was a 'bit overwhelmed'. Finn's five 6s, one 5 and two 4s means he got the results he needs to continue his chosen subjects at A level. Joining Finn in his excitement was Georgia Preston, the proud recipient of an A\*, two 9s, two 8s, three 7s and a 6.

Joe Hutson, the eldest of three children at the College, was very pleased with his grades. Achieving two 9s, four 8s, two 7s and 6, Joe has gone on to study Maths and Physics. Swimmer Lucy Gratton was overjoyed with her results. Achieving five 8s, a seven, two 6s and an A grade, Lucy is studying Business, PE and English Literature. Aiofe Schneider celebrated an A\*, one 9, an 8, two 7s, three 6s and a 5.

The school has recently appointed Sarah Dalby as Head of Key Stage 4. Now responsible for the academic achievement of Years 9-11, Miss Dalby is looking forward to building on the results of last year:

'My focus will be on preparing pupils as they move through the school to be fully equipped for the challenges of their examinations and their future careers. I will be working with House teams, tutors and subject leads to identify skills and weaknesses, champion success and encourage students to push themselves to achieve beyond what they think they are capable of.'

## Chaplaincy Team

- James Recaldin and Freya Webster (Joint Prefects of Chapel)
- James Payne (Prefect of Sacristy)
- Josh Porter (Chapel Warden)
- Tom Goodman and Ellie Smith (Head Servers)
- Tom Wilkinson (Sunday Sacristan)
- Oliver Cordingley (Thurifer)

Sacristans: Imogen Bennett (D), Amelia Bayston (G), Moritz Reifenhauer, John Mecheril and Jerry Wong (M), Moritz Schmees (P), Edward Howard (Pt), McKenzie Brailsford (S), Lauren Shuker (SH), Dominic Leach (T)

## Baptism & Confirmation

We were pleased to baptise Max Davis, son of Claire Davis (née Richardson) OW, and Lottie Carnall-Margetts (LVI).

Eighteen members of the College Community were confirmed: one member of staff at a service in Southwell Minster in November 2018; 16 pupils and one member of the extended community at the College Confirmation, led by the Rt Revd Tony Porter, Bishop of Sherwood, in May 2019.

## Chapel Choir

Many thanks to Mr Timothy Uglow, Director of Music, Miss Charlotte Phillips, Assistant Director of Music, and Mr Matthew Wright, Organist, for leading the Choir this year. In addition to singing at the regular weekly Eucharists, the choir also appeared at Southwell Minster, Ripon Cathedral and Durham Cathedral, and worked with two renowned ensembles: Voces8 and the Choir of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

## Guest Speakers

- Canon Brendan Clover (Senior Provost)
- Revd Bob Whittaker (Former Chaplain, Ranby House)
- Mrs Ann Hickman (British Legion)
- Revd Amanda Lees (Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham)
- Revd Richard Hanniford (Curate, St Anne's, Worksop)
- Mr Roy Collard (Former Headmaster)



# Chapel life

## Weddings

30 Dec 2018: Andrew Appleton and Jamie Grant (Staff)  
16 Feb 2019: Rory Smee (OW) and Emma Rigby  
22 June 2019: Libby Gray (OW) and William Hamilton  
29 June 2019: Emily Armstrong and Simon Millett  
24 Aug 2019: Harriet Ulliyott (OW) and James Lilley

## College Charities

Derry	Bliss
Gibbs	Plan UK
Mason	Donkey Sanctuary and Berlin Homeless
Pelham	Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw
Portland	Children's Hospital Charity, Sheffield
Shirley	Bluebell Wood Hospice
School House	Nottinghamshire Women's Aid
Talbot	Aurora
SCR	Macmillan Cancer Support

**"This is my final report as Chaplain after 20 years. I am grateful to all those who have faithfully contributed to the life of the Chapel in that time, and who, by supporting me, have furthered the Kingdom of God in this place. May every blessing be upon all those entrusted with the task of moving this work forward in the years to come."**

**Revd Finlinson**





# The great outdoors

## Skiddaw House Reading & Walking Retreat

Over the Easter break, a group of students and staff headed off on the annual walking and reading retreat. The group went off-grid as they walked the Cumbrian Mountains to reach the highest and most remote hostel in the UK, Skiddaw House. Skiddaw House is completely inaccessible by road, so the group carried all their belongings and food supplies on the three mile walk. The retreat provided great practice for the upcoming expedition to the Spanish Pyrenees in July.

## St Cuthbert's Way

An intrepid team of students and staff took to the hills in 2019 to run St Cuthbert's Way. The group started bright and early at Melrose Abbey, before enjoying the breathtaking views and beautiful scenery along the way. At the end of day one, the team, which consisted of five students, four staff members and two dedicated parents, had completed an impressive run. Despite the sore legs, the group finished the 45 mile run on Sunday afternoon in just a day and a half. Head of Outdoor Education, Mr Will Robinson, said: "We completed 75km through glorious countryside in the Scottish borders, for many, their best yet – a remarkable and memorable experience."



## Pyrenees GR11

GR11 is one of the most beautiful hiking routes in Europe and a group of senior pupils enjoyed marvellous weather during two weeks walking and climbing on a triangular route in the Spanish Pyrenees. Staying at 'Refuges' each night, seven members of the College choir entertained fellow travellers with some of their favourite music from their extensive repertoire.

## Year 7 Outdoor Education

On Tuesday afternoons Year 7 head over to the far reaches of the school: tucked away in the forest at the back of the 1st XI cricket square they are joined by a group of staff who enjoy the outdoors and all the challenges it brings. New to the timetable the previous year, outdoor education has proven to be a great success with the whole year group. The students accept and take on many new and different challenges, have a go at various activities that they wouldn't normally encounter, bond as a year group, and form stronger friendships. Improvised shelter building, starting and building fires, cooking in the outdoors and team games are just some of the activities that take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Thanks go to the staff for their imagination and support, and to the pupils for realising and understanding that we don't offer failsafe activities but activities where it is safe to fail.

## Year 8 Outdoor Education

Also on Tuesday afternoons Year 8 participate in activities that are geared more towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, preparing for an unaccompanied expedition at the start of Year 9. The DofE Bronze expedition takes place in early September and we walk to Walesby from the College and back again. Students are trained to be self-sufficient for a period of 48 hours. The training prior to the expedition consists of map reading, cooking outdoors, erecting tents, rucksack packing, weather forecasting and first aid. These accomplishments lead to further opportunities within the College as the Edinburgh Company not only prepares our students for their journey through the DofE award scheme at Bronze, Silver or Gold, the skills and experiences acquired are regarded as a pre-service year for the Army, Royal Navy or Royal Air Force in our Combined Cadet Force, which starts in September of Year 9.





Scientists and engineers have revolutionised our world. They've cured diseases, transformed communications, and sent mankind to the depths of the oceans and into space. Science, Technology and Engineering jobs are expected to grow at double the rate of other occupations, creating 142,000 jobs between now and 2023. But despite their vital importance, the UK has an annual shortfall of at least 20,000 engineering graduates.

In 2018-19 the Science department ran a variety of STEM events across all year groups. STEM activities provide hands-on and minds-on lessons for the students to help create critical thinkers and increase science literacy. They enable the next generation to develop a passion, hopefully inspiring them to pursue a career in a STEM field.

Alongside all the events highlighted here, students also enjoyed a CERN trip, STEM roadshow, Celebrity Hospital, Allied Health Professionals, Rolls Royce Workshop, Biology in Action, Science in Action, Spectroscopy Workshop, Year 6 STEM Day, Epigenetics, PCR, National Space Academy, Raspberry Pi, iFlyworld, and the Senior and Junior Mathematics Challenges. The ICT department took part in the Bebras Challenge which was also opened up to Ranby House for the first time with amazing success. Bebras is a computational thinking challenge that requires students to solve problems based on themes computer scientists face on a daily basis.

The Maths Department organised a Year 12 trip to Cambridge for a day of inspirational mathematics lectures. The DT Department led a trip to AMRC in Sheffield for Year 12 and 13 students to explore many different aspects of the engineering industry. There have also been many events at Ranby including 'What happens when I fall asleep?', 'The frozen kingdom' and 'Can I have a dog?'.

We even managed to shoehorn in a Christmas theme at the end of the Autumn term, with Miss Dalby, Mr Breheney and Dr Young delivering 'The Christmas Lecture'. Each presented a talk about the Biology, Chemistry and Physics of Christmas. Students were able to think about three deep questions: 'Why is there always room in your stomach for Quality Street?', 'How many Brussels sprouts would it take to light a Christmas tree?' and 'What chemical would make Rudolph's nose glow so bright?'.

# STEM

science  
technology  
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mathematics

## Brain Day

Our Sixth Form Biologists and Psychologists enjoyed a visit from Dr Guy Sutton of the University of Nottingham to deliver 'Brain Day'. Students participated in a series of university style lectures, computer workshops and a sheep brain dissection, to introduce them to how subjects are taught at university, as well as to inspire and engage them in the world of neuroscience. Students learnt about the effect of drugs on the brain, Alzheimer's disease and schizophrenia. Through a series of fascinating case studies, they were encouraged to think about whether there is such a thing as a criminal brain.



## Who Murdered Mrs Smith?

Year 8 pupils took part in the 'Who Murdered Mrs Smith?' event at the University of Sheffield. This gave them a hands-on look at forensic testing and a chance to carry out science investigations in a university science laboratory. The pupils had to complete a series of chemical tests in an attempt to find out which of the suspects murdered 'Mrs Smith'. After carrying out different flame tests to identify which metal compound had been placed in the salt shaker to poison her, it was then down to our team of young forensic scientists to remove the innocent suspects, through fingerprint analysis and chemical precipitation analysis, and work out which suspect was guilty!



## Zoolab

The Year 8 STEM presentation on Biodiversity gave pupils the opportunity to handle some unusual animals. Anya from Zoolab, the UK's number 1 animal handling experience company, educated the students about the diverse variety of animal species on the planet. Anya brought with her a Madagascan hissing cockroach, a giant African land snail, a giant African millipede, a tarantula, a domestic brown rat, a frog, and a corn snake. As each animal was introduced, Anya explained about their specific characteristics, unusual features and habitats. The students had the chance to ask questions to gather information about each animal for their fact file booklets. The great thing about the Zoolab visit is that you get to see the animals up close. We were allowed to touch and hold the animals, a prospect that unnerved a few squeamish students, but most were brave enough to gently poke, stroke and handle the scaly, tickly, prickly and furry little critters! Following this was a memorable Maggot Grand Prix, for which the students had to carry out an investigation to see what conditions would make the maggots move faster. The time taken for them to race 25 nail-biting centimetres was recorded. The excitement was clear, with lots of cheering, happy winning shrieks and a few disappointed grumbles! The students were also given information on careers which would see them working outdoors with animals and plants, in the fields of Biodiversity and Ecology.



## Shell Bright Ideas Challenge

Year 9 students got involved in the 'Shell Bright Ideas Challenge 2019': they had to come up with an idea that would create more clean and affordable energy and make future cities more energy efficient. There were 15 teams and each team presented their 'Bright Idea' to the whole of Year 9 and to a panel of staff judges. The judges were looking for creative solutions and evidence of teamwork, as well as the quality of research and presentation. The runners up, in fourth place with a score of 19 points out of a possible 24, were Jake Kirby, Olly Mason, Zain Davenport, Josh Sanderson and Leo Rogers with their Bright idea of a Greenhouse Roof Garden. In third place, with a score of 20 points, were Olly Wild, Matthew Varney

and Seth Tamlyn with their Bright idea of a Portable Electricity Source. In joint first place, with scores of 22, were Chloé Simpson and Amelia Chrispin with their Air Pollution Cleaning Drone, and Paige Hawkins and Emma Wright with their Electricity Generating Bicycle.



## Lower Sixth Science Lecture

The Lower Sixth Science Lecture is a new competition that was launched in October 2018. Students studying Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Psychology were invited to enter: the challenge was to give a ten-minute presentation about any science topic of their choice. Thirteen students entered, and five students went through to the final. Renit Tsui, Amy Wu, Joe Lippert, Phasin Chomsomboon and Charlie Armstrong then had to present their topic to an audience of their peers and the judges, Mr Kitchen and Dr Gutteridge.

Upper and Lower Sixth pupils – and not just sciences students – came to support their friends as they battled it out to be crowned the winner. Joe spoke about explosives, Phasin about anti-matter, Renit about dreams, Amy about schizophrenia, and Charlie about black holes.

Between each lecture, students from the audience were allowed to ask questions – with the laughs of the night being for Will Harding-Terry's questions, 'Joe, if you could be any explosive what would it be? Charlie, if you could go into a black hole, who would you take with you?' Students and staff then adjourned for refreshments in the Sixth Form Centre, whilst the judges chose the winner.

In a build-up similar to the X-Factor final, Dr Gutteridge and Mr Kitchen spoke about the courage of the students to stand up and speak in front of such a large audience of their peers. Mr Kitchen said that the entire experience was 'first class super-curricular' before announcing Renit as the winner and presenting her with the star trophy. Well done to all who took part both as competitors and as the audience.





# Sixth Form

A few years ago, in one of those priceless conversations over lunch, a young Physics teacher suggested memory had become obsolete. Ever open to new ways of thinking, I took this to my first afternoon lesson. A Year 10 boy promptly challenged it with the profound observation, 'We are our memory'.

I listen carefully to what pupils have to say. This year, my four tutees, and the other Upper Sixth historians, in synthesis with my own musings, have provided fodder for many a Sixth Form Assembly. Hearing, mental toughness, expect the unexpected, self-criticism, productivity, the primacy of manners, the love of learning, the evil of entitlement, 'Eat Prunes'...

That Year 10 boy was hitting at the core of identity. I'm proud of the fact that the Sixth Form Centre has grown organically out of the context of the School's identity: overlaying, not replacing, the Houses, within, not separate to, the main school building, and with more than a

nod to the School's history, especially in Bert's and the whispers from those Common Room photographs. The Voluntary Communion in the Supervised Study Room, the school's chapel prior to the current Chapel opening in 1911, is a particularly fine 'memory'.

I'm also proud of the fact the Sixth Form Centre has moved with the demands of 21st century life. The flying squad, as Adam Gutteridge defined the Sixth Form Leadership, has pioneered PRE to master the challenge of returning to linear A Levels in an instant world, and SSN to give a crucial context of balance amidst rapid change. I hope also that the Centenary of the end of the Great War and the 75th anniversary of the D Day landings has bred some perspective.

David Jordan has done a splendid job resurrecting and broadening the Sixth Form lecture series. Sam Baker has trod that delicate balance between careers, apprenticeships and universities. The Sixth Form Tutor Team has woven its

magic in that un-vaunted, un-public manner which breeds much of the best 'educating'. A stream of teachers have gently supervised and taught. Others have worked tirelessly behind the scenes, including Sallie Wan, Kate White, Diane Matthews, catering, reception, operations, ICT, alumni, marketing, and, last but by no means least, Karen.

From September, for the first time, the School will host a Sixth Form who have known no pre Sixth Form Centre days. The new leadership, under Andrew Axelby, will guide them into the challenges of their ever-shifting future, whilst, I am sure, not losing sight of our 'memory'. The Bible and Shakespeare cover it. Failing that, Life's Little Instruction Book is about £2.39 online. OWs David Coote and Marcus Smith summed it up in the Summer Term: 'humility with authority' and the mindfulness to 'stay in the present'.

As an extremely celebrated human who oozed generosity of spirit said to me at the end of the few hours I was once privileged to spend with him: 'a million thanks'.

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# Classics

Classics at Worksop College is all about discovering the world of the ancient Greeks and Romans. What, I hear you say, does that have to do with life in the 21st century? Well, by studying these civilisations, whose language and culture have permeated every walk of life for centuries in the western world and beyond, we can stimulate thinking about matters that are extremely relevant today: are there divine forces that control the universe? Will we be remembered after we die? These are just some of the questions that arise from studying Greek poetry and drama. How should governments function? What better way to explore this question than by looking at the Romans, who had local authorities helping them manage their empire. What's the point of learning Latin? Develops English literacy, enhances cultural understanding, improves job prospects, enjoyment... the list goes on and on! Latin is a language that never died – it's eternal.

It's with these thoughts in mind that I took over from Dr Koon, the previous Head of Classics at the College, in January 2019. I'm very ably assisted by Mr Jeremy Foulds and Dr Adam Gutteridge, both of whom bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Department. Every Year 7 and 8 pupil has the opportunity to learn Latin which has been a great success. It's brilliant to see the light bulb moment in a pupil when they make the connection between English and Latin words: '...but culina in Latin sounds like culinary which they talk about on MasterChef all the time!'. I have had some Year 8s come to an after-school Greek Club this year and they were thrilled when they could write their name in Greek. We were also recently awarded a £400 grant from the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies and £400 from the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies to expand our library so I have been buying lots more books about the Greeks and Romans for the pupils to delve into!

We have run trips to Nottingham (6th form study day), York (museums and Minster) and most recently the epic Troy Exhibition at the British Museum in London. I also took three Latin A Level pupils down to Ranby House to

introduce Year 5s and 6s to Greek myths and Latin. All three pupils did a great job dressing up as Romans and getting involved with the lessons, which the children loved!

We currently have pupils studying Classical Civilisation and Latin A Level (Classical Civilisation is listed on UCL's list of preferred A Level subjects and it is also listed on Trinity College, Cambridge's list of Generally Suitable Arts A-levels). We encourage our 6th form cohort to attend Latin and Ancient History summer schools and apply for various essay writing and translation competitions, as well as making use of the Classics library which holds a variety of books and DVDs. Recently, pupils from the Department have gone on to read Classics or Ancient History at several Russell Group universities including Oxford: we are proud of our students and what they have achieved and I look forward to sharing my love of the subject with many more pupils from Reception to Year 13.

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# Food & Nutrition

## Senior House Cookery

Four houses battled it out for the coveted title of 'House Cookery Competition Winner 2019', supported this year by the School of Artisan Food.

The School also kindly offered to donate the stichelton cheese for the competition.

We were delighted to welcome Katy Fenwick as one of the judges. Katy is a leading lecturer on cheese-making at the School and led a recent hands-on activity when our Y10 GCSE students made their own Reblochet cheese as part of their learning about dairy foods.

Mason, Talbot, Gibbs and School House battled it out in the tense final. Souffles, biscuits and quiche were whisked, rolled and baked to demonstrate technical skill and each culinary creation showcased the qualities of stichelton.

Gibbs House clinched the title with their Stichelton and Walnut Biscuits served with Fig Chutney and Stichelton Crisps - the chefs were Olivia Payne and Sophie Stokes. Katy highlighted their 'simple yet elegant appeal' with 'especially impressive stichelton crisps'.

Book prizes for the winning team were also donated by the School of Artisan Food.



## Junior House Cookery

All pupils worked very hard - the teamwork was excellent, there was plenty of humour to balance the difficult moments, and there are some very talented chefs in the making.

- 1 Tom and Ed  
*Leek, Cheese & Bacon Muffins*
- 2 Holly and Amelia  
*Lemon Muffins*
- 3 Daisy and Eve  
*Raspberry & White Choc Muffins*
- 4= Finn and Reeve  
*Blueberry Muffins*
- 4= Jake and Rose  
*Neve's Fairy Cakes*



# Design & Technology



## A Level

Students work closely with a client to identify a real-world need for a marketable product. Using the iterative design process they used all of their knowledge and skill to produce the exceptional prototypes shown below.



Harry Preston: user-friendly barbecue



Jay White: hotel lounge chair



Tom Goodman: public seating



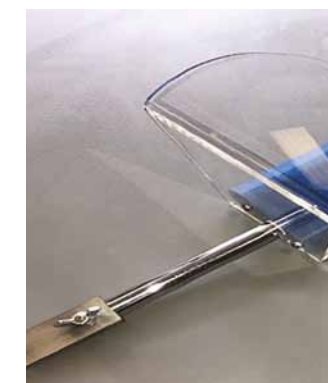
Rio Tsui: small living spaces - coffee table



Harry Goodman: outdoor chaise longue



Dillon Sharp: adjustable chaise longue



Isaac Priestley: wood turning chisel

## GCSE

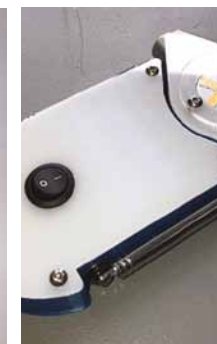
With a new course at GCSE level pupils are given the opportunity to base their coursework projects on Contextual Challenges set by the Exam Board. The pupils chose to identify a design opportunity by 'Supporting Developing Countries' or 'Addressing the Needs of People with Disabilities'. As the projects are pupil-led and follow the iterative design process you can see that there is a huge range of responses in the prototypes that they made.



Ben Cundy: fuel efficient stove



Alex Evans: solar power bank



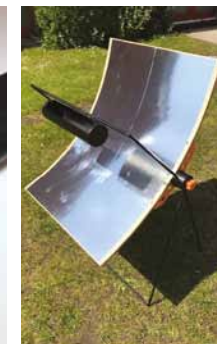
Abigail Bean: solar rechargeable multifunction lamp



Joseph Hutson: solar battery pack



Ned Lincoln-Davies: walking stick torch



Benedict Murray: solar cooker



# Geography

## DESTINATION MOROCCO

The Geography department ventured to Morocco in the Easter holidays with 18 College pupils. After a delicious lunch upon arrival in Marrakech, pupils went on a caleche (horse-drawn carriage) ride around the local area before their first visit to the famous souks. The hustle and bustle of the local markets proved to be a real eye-opener.

The next day we left Marrakech for the much more sedate Imlil. Sitting high in the Atlas Mountains, this allowed a more reflective setting to think about the various geographies surrounding us. On the journey to Imlil, we stopped by a state of the art Water Museum as well as an Education4All boarding school in Asni. This school has given girls in rural Morocco a chance to regularly attend school and tackled many of the issues affecting girls in developing regions of the World. Our students remarked that education is something which we 'take for granted' whilst others 'desperately strive for it'.

Geographical themes were discussed each evening to support exam preparation whilst also challenging pupils' perceptions of Africa as a place.

After a rivers field study day we heading back to Marrakech. Some shopped, others sat in a cafe sipping mint tea, whilst others simply took in the sights of snake charmers and performing monkeys.



**Year 6 Teacher, Mr Simpson accompanied the group to Morocco and was inspired to launch a fundraising challenge at Ranby House.**

"During our time we travelled into the High Atlas Mountains, where very few girls from the rural communities get the opportunity of continuing their education beyond primary school. Secondary schools, mostly several kilometres away in larger towns, are not accessible to them because their parents can't afford to pay for lodgings or transport near secondary schools, or they feel that focusing on providing a secondary education for their sons is more important. In Morocco, half of women can't read or write and in the area we visited up to 83% of women are illiterate.

When we visited the boarding house in Asni, we were following in the footsteps of Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, who had visited a couple of weeks earlier. This organisation runs 5 boarding houses next to secondary schools where girls from mountain villages can stay during the week in a safe and well-resourced environment. The results are astonishing, with more and more girls moving on to study at universities.

I spoke to the children in assembly about the work I saw the charity carrying out. I set the children the challenge of raising enough money to pay for one girl's education for a year. The cost is 800 pounds. By a strange coincidence, if we were to lay 1p coins in a line for a mile, their value is £791.83. We therefore created a Ranby House Coin Mile, and the pennies poured in!"



# *¡Hola Málaga!* Spanish

The Spanish department had great pleasure in taking 14 students to Malaga, Spain in February 2019 as part of their extra-curricular program. Miss Chetter organised and led the trip. Students were involved in various exciting cultural activities and visits, and experienced authentic language communication and interaction in a fun and relaxed environment.

The itinerary included a visit to the Alcazaba, Gibralfaro castle, El Teatro Romano (an ancient roman theatre), The Picasso Art Gallery, El Centro Pompidou, and the beautiful cathedral where we went up to the rooftop to view the whole of Malaga in its glory. There was browsing and shopping time built into the busy schedule so everyone could explore the marina and main shops on La Calle Larios.

In the evenings students were treated to dinner in a central restaurant overlooking the main square, a Tapas tour and a Flamenco show. Mrs Platt-Hawkins accompanied the trip as the Art and Photography expert and also to help supervise the lovely students that took part:

Verity Booth  
Ellie Hallam  
James Hinchliffe  
Francesca Hutson  
Elian Khehra  
Oscar Ma  
Grace O'Reilly  
Lilly Parker  
Leo Rogers  
Adam Smith  
Ben Smith  
Will Stinchcombe  
Amber Walton





# Music

Any Director of Music of a thriving musical institution such as ours has to seek and create opportunities for its pupils. However, I am pleased to report that in 2018-19 some wonderful opportunities were offered to us 'on a plate', perhaps on the back of previous successes. Two of these, involving the BBC, were especially memorable.

Early in the academic year we were invited to record some hymns for 'Songs of Praise'. The short notice and the fact the filming took place during half term meant that not everyone could make it, but a good portion of the choir made their way to the Albert Hall in Nottingham to record hymns under the direction of Ken Burton, whose gospel music arrangements the choir has sung on numerous occasions. During the evening session we recorded 15 hymns which had been arranged for trumpet, timpani and violin as well as organ. These hymns were broadcast by BBC1 across multiple episodes during the spring of 2019 and, as you would expect, were available on iPlayer for some time after that.

Our second media adventure was to produce a professional quality video to launch the Music Department's YouTube Channel. For this Mike Hamilton, an experienced videographer, visited us with his cameras and microphones and we were able to capture the glorious sound the Chapel Choir was making during this particularly strong year. In the course of this session we were able to produce two videos which can now be found on YouTube: the first is of the Chapel Choir singing 'Hail, Gladdening Light' by Charles Wood and the second ensemble to be featured was the Saxophone Quartet (Charlie Armstrong, Tom Wilkinson, Austin Chu and Mr Partington) who performed 'The Lone Ar-Ranger' by Philip Butall.

The third opportunity emerged as part of the choir's tour to Guernsey. Since the

proceeds of the concerts the choir gave on this tour were to be given to the host churches' funds, they were particularly keen to publicise the events as well as possible. One of the churches had contacts at the BBC and arranged for us to feature live on the Jenny Kendall Tobias Show on 1st July 2019. During this hour the choir sang items from our concert repertoire, as well as Happy Birthday to my youngest daughter, Lucy - which helped to make up for my absence on her birthday! During the programme Jenny interviewed us at length about the work of the choir and tried to extract personal confessions from some of the singers. Unsurprisingly no one was too keen to incriminate themselves live on air and we managed to divert the presenter onto safer topics.

This radio broadcast was just one of the amazing opportunities the tour to Guernsey provided; there were also non-musical highlights, such as the boat trip to the island of Herm and visiting Victor Hugo's House, and also the chance to collaborate with another choir. Earlier in the year, the Chapel Choir had given a concert with the choir of Gonville & Caius College Cambridge and VOCES8, but with this tour came the chance to sing with Guernsey Youth Choir, which was motivating in all sorts of different ways, not least because the members of the choir were the same age. It is not possible to give a full report of the tour here; however, the choir would like to offer its sincere thanks to Dominic Leach's Grandparents, Mr and Mrs Lloyd, for their exceptionally generous sponsorship of the tour.

The Head of Choir this year was Sabina Schneider, who proved to be a particularly fine leader in many ways and was notable for her promotion of Music within the College Community via her announcements in Thursday morning assemblies. She led at all home events, as well as the usual trio of cathedral visits. This year the choir sang Evensong at Southwell Minster, and the cathedrals at Durham and Ripon.

Our leading instrumentalists tend to identify themselves each year through their successes in music examinations

and the Worksop Music Festival, as well as through their solo performances. This year fifty students entered the competition, and many entered multiple classes giving a total of 139 entries from the College overall. The educational benefit the pupils receive from this process is huge and, whilst being a winner is not what entering such a festival is entirely about, we were nevertheless delighted that the committee wished to invite a number of our students to perform at the Winners Concert. Special congratulations go to Ruben Dales and Sebastian Madigan for being awarded additional category prizes at this concert. Probably the most coveted prize of the festival, the Rotary Club of Worksop's prize for 'the most promising instrumentalist under 19 years' was awarded to Bryan Wong.

Part of the reason for the Chapel Choir's strength this year is the number of people who have attained Grade 8 standard of their instruments - this obviously had a great impact on the orchestra too. They are: Josh Porter (guitar), Jerry Wong (piano), Edward Armstrong, Sebastian Madigan, Josh Porter, Philippa Walker, Emily Zehetmayr (singing), Edward Armstrong (trombone), Sebastian Madigan (tuba) and Emily Marshall (violin). In addition to this three pupils took the Associate of the Royal Schools of Music (ARSM) diploma. Emily Zehetmayr led the way, followed in the next term by Ruben Dales and Bryan Wong, and all three of them gained exceptionally high marks.

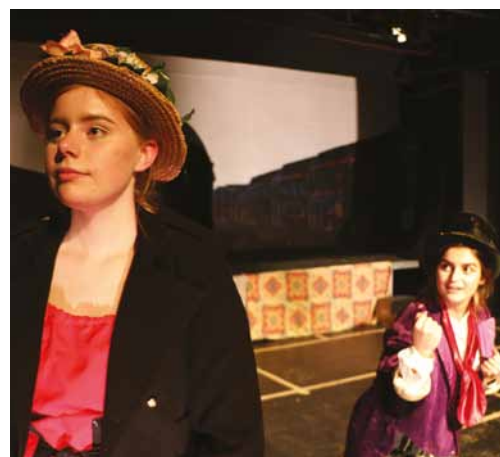
In addition to saying goodbye to many of the aforementioned wonderful musicians, there were also three members of staff who left at this time whose contribution to the Music Department was very significant. Eleanor Cooley (OW, School House 2018) fulfilled the role of Graduate Music Assistant from January 2019 during her gap year. As well as being an excellent singer and violinist, her administrative support was extensive. Ellen Clifton was really a member of the English department but managed to be in more ensembles than some music scholars, and was especially appreciated as a trombonist. Finally, and most significantly of all, Paul Finlinson retired after 20 years as Chaplain. I cannot thank him enough for his support of Music at the College, especially during the twelve years that I have worked with him.

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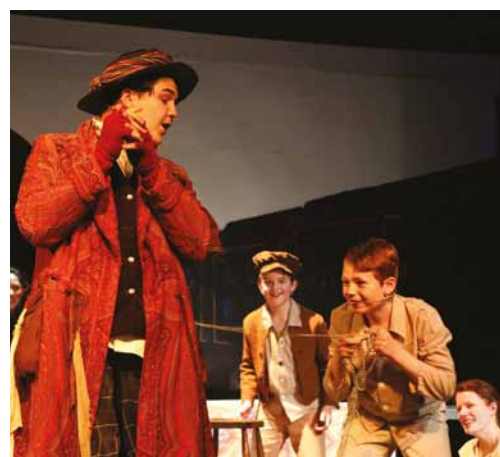


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# Drama: Oliver!



This was the first year we performed a play involving a cast all the way from the Year 7s in Portland to the Upper Sixth. A play with such iconic numbers as 'Food, Glorious Food' and 'Consider Yourself' was difficult to bring together within the space of a term but we all pulled through to produce three incredible performances before the end of February half-term.

With such a large play comes a large principal cast, which featured students of all ages. For most of these students, it was their first performance as main characters at the College. Mentions must go to Emma Tonge (Bett), Grace O'Reilly (Noah) and Nicole Renton (Charlotte and Mrs Bedwin), all performing with speaking parts in the play. The roles of Mr and Mrs Sowerberry were undertaken by James Payne and Grace Sanders. This was also James' last year performing at Worksop after four years of dedication to the Drama department.

A slight re-casting saw Ruben Dales playing Mr Bumble with Widow Corney being portrayed by Emily Zehetmayr, who made the cast, and the audience, laugh with their comical performance of the song 'I shall scream' – you couldn't imagine a better duo.

Helen Baddiley, concluding her time performing at Worksop, played Nancy, giving us a heartfelt performance of 'As long as he needs me'. Her partner in Crime, Bill Sikes, was doubled by two other members of the Upper Sixth Form (Josh Porter and Joe McConville) on alternating nights, who each commanded the stage. Fagin was played by Dom Leach with astounding control of the character that made us follow Fagin on his emotional journey throughout the play.

Oliver and The Artful Dodger were also doubled roles: Oliver by Christian Aldridge and Poppy Halsall while Max Poynor and Ruby Bak each played Dodger – and each in their own way, too. Three out of four of these pupils were new to the College. As with Josh and Joe, they had to swap with each other, so they got less rehearsal time in total but it must be noted that all four (six!) performed fantastically on their respective nights.

And finally, the Chorus. Senior Deputy Head Mr Halsall always says 'the chorus can make or break the play' and he cannot be more correct than in this show, with many of the big vocal numbers being performed by the younger members. Vocal solos were also allocated to many of the younger chorus members throughout these ensemble numbers. It takes a lot of courage to stand on that stage, even for the more experienced people, so starting at such a young age (for some of whom it was their first performance) it will be great to see them start to take on more principal roles in the future.

The play could not have come together without the Senior Production Team. With two of our mentors being appointed Acting Head and Deputy Head, there were some times that some of the staff were unavailable. Having said this, thanks must be given to Mr Halsall and Miss Grant for co-directing the play (and with the minor matter for Miss G of a wedding to organise in the middle of it all); to Mrs Tilley for patiently but imaginatively choreographing all the numbers, and to Miss Phillips for training us vocally and then conducting our band. The time and effort they put in is unfathomable to us as the cast as we don't see half of what goes on to make a successful production – but we do enjoy the benefits of it.

It can be safely said that this show was an incredible experience for everyone involved and not one to be forgotten. As we said goodbye to Upper Sixth Formers Helen, Emily, James, Josh and Joe, we were also saying goodbye to Mr Halsall after his unending dedication to all aspects of the plays throughout his time here. He inspired and impelled us all to perform at our best and has showed us how to take on the characters we are asked to perform on stage. As is said every year, in the last couple of weeks it can sometimes feel like we will never be ready for opening night but, as usual, we put all our combined efforts in to perform to the best of our abilities – and the audiences seemed to like what we did.

Thomas Williams (Y11, Talbot House)





# Art & Photography

The Summer Exhibition on Prize Giving day took on a new refreshed format: large A1 prints for A level and GCSE work, A2 and A3 prints for Year 10 and Year 12, which were displayed along the cloisters, showcasing the breadth of individuality and variety of techniques, ideas and inspirations explored by our students this year.

In addition to this display of work there was a private viewing in the weeks preceding this of Y13 and Y11 photographers' and artists' work. Each student presented their sketchbooks, essays, PowerPoint displays, developmental pieces and final outcomes in both Photography and Fine Art. Students of note include Oliver Cordingly (Fine Art), Akari Yanagimachi (Photography & Fine Art) and Will Hickton (Photography) in Y13, and in Y11 Alex Evans (Photography) and Georgia Preston (Fine Art). In addition to this The George Wilson Painting Prize was awarded to Mathilda Graf von Hahn Y12, somebody to definitely keep an eye on in the future!

Oliver Cordingly (Art Exhibitionist) explored forms of 'Illustrating Architecture' and 'Line' in his two Y13 projects, both exceptionally researched, skilfully developed and creatively realised into stunning final pieces; Oliver's illustration of St Cuthbert's Chapel is available to purchase.

Akari Yanagimachi took both Photography and Fine Art at A level. During the course she explored 'Texture in the Landscape' and 'Portraiture' in Fine Art, and in Photography she 'Captured Sound' in her conceptual imagery, as well as producing exceptional 'Macro Photography' of flowers. Akari goes on to study Media and the Arts in Japan.

Will Hickton took Photography at GCSE and A level, honing his skills and ideas. A professional photographer in the making, Will moves on to Sheffield Hallam University to study Photography. His nightscape of Tower Bridge is pictured opposite.

At GCSE Georgia Preston (Fine Art Scholar) and Alex Evans (Photography) have shown commitment, skill and tenacity. In combination with many

other challenging subjects they maintained a super work ethic, showing focus in lessons and giving of their best in independent study. In addition to this their attendance at clinics and afterschool Art Clubs is noteworthy.

To support our students further beyond their timetabled lessons the Art School is open throughout the school day, afterschool during clinics and priority times and late into the night on a Thursday. We have also had Sunday openings for GCSE and A level students, which have been very popular.

In addition to these opportunities, trips and workshops have been arranged: In January Y10 Fine Artists visited York and Fountains Abbey as part of their 'Structures' Project while Y10 Photographers took a walking tour of Sheffield street art and graffiti. Y10 Photographers also visited the Butterfly House in Anston as part of their 'Animals' project, taking super photographs of meerkats, otters, chipmunks and lemurs. Y11 travelled to London, Fine Artists visited the National Portrait Gallery and V&A; while the Photographers took a walking tour along the Thames, taking advantage of the skateboarding park on the Southbank and visited The Shape of Light exhibition at the Tate Modern as part of their Movement project. A level students headed for the London Art Fair at the Business Design Centre in January, where they viewed a medley of contemporary and Modern British and international art in order to fuel their own art investigations.

Emily Straw and Sophie O'Horan visited us in the Autumn Term, Y11 Fine artists participated in an acrylic painting workshop, exploring the work of Ewing Paddock in their experimentation. Georgina Durdy also visited the Art School, working with Y9 Art students; taking inspiration from sweet and chocolate packaging, they experimented with applique, stitching and other textile techniques.

Y9 artists were also instrumental in creating the superb poppy installation that cascaded down the library stairs for Remembrance Day; this took on added significance this year as the centenary of the culmination of World War I.

The Christmas competition was open to students throughout the Prep and Senior School. A wealth of exiting entries were received into the 'Christmas in 24 images' competition - winners were Amy Booth (Y3), Megan Young (Y8) and Akari Yanagimachi (Y13).

As part of the annual House Challenge our Photography Competition was 'Seasons of the College'. Derry House came 1st; their combined panel of 8 images was skilful and creative. Pelham came 2nd; their panel was thoughtfully presented. Gibbs came 3rd, again great presentation. Individual awards were presented to: Poppy Qureshi (Y9 Derry), Helen Wong (Y10 Derry) and Ben Morris (Y12 Pelham) for their significant contributions. Special mention also went to Henri Gavins (Y9 Shirley), Harvey Wigham-Bowness (Y10 Shirley) and Phasin Chomsomboon (Y12 Mason) for individual photographs.

Over the year stunning artwork has been produced by students from Y7 to Y13. I am grateful to the students who have embraced their lessons, completed prep tasks, entered competitions and engaged fully in the opportunities available to them through clubs, workshops and trips. I am so grateful to Mrs Halsall for her continuing support, professionalism and talent within the Art Department and look forward to the new academic year and new developments.

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**Tower Bridge image by Will Hickton**







# Rugby

## 1st XV

**Played 16, Won 12, Drew 1, Lost 3, Points For 599, Points Against 201, Points Difference 398**

After a number of key departures, an expansion to our exchange programme gave us quality and depth. It gave players time to develop and learn from others, which allowed the group to gain momentum. Either side of half term we played our best rugby with outstanding performances against Birkdale 55-0 (in 50 mins) and RGS Worcester 39-10. The Nat West Vase run very quickly took centre stage and home matches against Bolton (won 59-7), Austin Friars (won 44-14) and Bishop Vessey's GS (won 15-3) saw us progress to the semi-finals for the first time.

What an occasion, at a packed out Allianz Park, the home of the European champions. Many memories spring to mind: the planning and practice match on 4G at Doncaster vs Hall Cross, the captains run, the home dressing room, the captains try and a spirited first half. Against a bigger side we didn't take a backward step during the first half and turning around level was a huge achievement and showed unbelievable character. Unfortunately in the 2nd half Samuel Whitbread scored early and the momentum of the game was against us, and we lost to the eventual winners 27-10. A huge thank you to all the parents and friends who came down to support. A special thanks to captain Will Harding-Terry, who went on to represent England counties U18s on a two match tour to Ireland, and for the huge support from his parents Michelle and James. I wish all the lads the best for their future careers whether playing socially or representative rugby.

A School Cap was awarded to Will Harding-Terry.

Full Colours were awarded to: Will Harding-Terry, Joe Barnes, Nick Egget, Jorge Stevenson, Ed Armstrong and Josh Porter.

Half Colours were awarded to: Isaac Harris, Joe McConville, Harry Preston, Conor van Jaarsvelt and Drew Bennett.

Senior sevens took a back seat this year but a mixed team had an amazing experience staying at the Lensbury, Teddington and punching well above our weight in the National Sevens at Rosslyn Park, eventually finishing 2nd in our group. Huge thanks to Alex Rimmington, Ed Armstrong, Josh Porter and the rest of the squad for their effort and commitment against all the odds.

## Under 16s

It was a slow start for the U16s, who struggled to get any real momentum in the season. However, there were positives and some outstanding performances in all the matches played, particularly the last game against Ampleforth, which was by far the most impressive team performance and resulted in a good win. Stand-out performers were Joe Kirby and Oscar Ma, improving massively throughout the season.

## Under 15s

The team grew in confidence and skill level over the year and a number of players will progress to senior rugby. Charlie Clarey led the backs with aplomb and was our most consistent player, ably supported by Ben Tomlinson, Toby Edwards, Jasper Dennison and James Blackburn.

## Under 14s

**Played 10, Won 4, Lost 6**

We had a good season with a talented group of lads. The players showed real

promise for future years. Stand-out players were Will Booth, Jake Kirby, Leo Rogers and Josh Sanderson. Colours were given to Will Booth.

Coach Cam said it was good season showing real promise for future years: a talented group of lads.

## Under 13s

A huge step forward in terms of performance if not results from the U13 team this year. After a warm-up match against Denstone, the boys made a flying start to the season with three consecutive wins against St Hugh's, Derby Grammar and Wellow respectively. The boys showed dogged determination in defence coupled with attacking flair and pace with ball in hand. Moving forward, the boys must focus on line speed as this was highlighted in close losses to Wisbech and Ashville. There's much to look forward to as new additions bolster the returning boys for the coming season.

## Under 12s

**Played 5, Won 2, Drew 2, Lost 1, Points For 155, Points Against 90, Points Difference 65**

Congratulations to all the squad on a great season: they all showed a willingness to learn and improve their skills, individually and as a team. Player of the Season went to the boy who put in an outstanding performance throughout and showed early leadership qualities: Ollie Booth. Most Improved Player was Reeve Wilson, who improved his personal skills and game awareness hugely: he never gives up and is relentless.





# Boys' Hockey



We welcomed a large number of new faces to the 1st team this year, with some big shoes to fill. They also had the toughest fixture card in a long time, having entered Tier 1 of the National Cup and therefore playing Repton, King Edward VI, Oakham, Warwick School, Trent College and QEGS Wakefield in the North Pool. We managed a 3-1 win away against King Edward VI. Against Warwick, it was an incredibly close and hard fought match with chances going begging at either end; however, a last minute goal for Warwick gave them a 1-0 win. The other highlight from this competition was the 4-4 draw against QEGS Wakefield. This was a real thriller with the lead changing hands three times during the game. Jacob Wolf, Haris Davenport, Michael Muhlem and Harry Goodman scored the goals, aided by an incredible individual performance from Patrick Delahunty. These results were enough to secure 5th place in the North Pool – a tremendous effort.

Blessed with a strong Year 10 and 11, there were high hopes for the U16 indoor team in the Midlands finals played at Aldersleigh Leisure Village, and the team did not let up. In the group stages they beat King Edward VI 3-0, narrowly losing to Trent 3-2 and beating Loughborough Grammar 6-3, putting them in the Semi Final against Repton.

We led 2-1 going into the final stage in this closely fought encounter. The boys played impressively with 2 superb goals from Carl Negtegaal. Unfortunately, we conceded an unlucky penalty corner in the dying seconds, only for Repton to score the equaliser and then win on penalty strokes. An unfortunate result but what a game!

The U18 indoor team started strongly, comfortably beating Warwick School 6-3 thanks to 4 goals for Jacob Wolf, 1 for Patrick Delahunty and 1 for Michael Muhlen. Unfortunately we failed to make the Semi Final after losing to Oakham and Trent in the final game of the group stage.

The U15s managed wins against Hymers and St Peter's and two draws against Denstone and Hill House. However, the U13s and 14s were not quite as successful, having a tough year, but still managed a few wins against Hymers, Witham Hall and West Bridgford.

Our OWs must be congratulated on their successes this year, with highlights including: Adam Dixon being unveiled as the England and Great Britain Captain; Tom Sorsby making his debut for Great Britain and establishing himself as a regular member of the team; Oli Willars and Sam Ward continuing to represent Great Britain, and the four of them helping to secure Great Britain's place at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Dan West was selected for Great Britain U21s and won the Sultan of Johor Cup in 2018. He has also retained his place on Great Britain's Elite Development Programme. Martin Rose was selected for Scotland U21s and won European gold in Division 2, securing promotion into Division 1.



# Cricket



## 1st XI

The 1st XI entered the 2019 season led by Archie Shannon, and went down to the pre-season tournament at Shrewsbury in high spirits. Agonising losses to the hosts and Millfield, both going down to the penultimate ball, were followed by a thrilling tie against Worcestershire CCC Academy. This positive start against such strong opposition buoyed hopes for the year despite the results, and this was backed up with wins against Sedbergh, Leicestershire U17, Repton and Denstone – amazingly the only four completed one-day fixtures of the term itself – the other being a crushing defeat at the hands of an incredibly strong Old Worksopians side!

The highlight of those fixtures was the 266 run win at Repton, where Ruben Senekal scored 186 from just 109 balls, including a ridiculous 14 sixes. His partnership of 278 runs with Patrick Delahunty took just 32 overs; Patrick also notched a magnificent century of 114, followed up by Josh Porter taking a brilliant hat-trick in his figures of 6-30.

The T20 Cup saw us beat Queen Ethelburga's, Pocklington and RGS Newcastle, before falling to our bogey team St Peter's York, at the North-East final stage, for the third consecutive year running!

Rain ruined many matches, including the MCC fixture. Thankfully the weather was beautiful for the end-of-term Woodard Festival, this time hosted at Bloxham School. A superb all-round team effort led to victories against King's Taunton, Hurstpierpoint and the hosts, meaning we brought the trophy

back home with us. On difficult wickets, five wicket hauls in each match from Josh Porter, Oliver Blackburn and Isaac Harris set the tone for three comfortable victories. A fitting end to an excellent season.

Full colours were awarded to Archie Shannon and Josh Porter, with halves going to Ruben Senekal, Jacques du Toit, Patrick Delahunty, Oliver Blackburn and Isaac Harris.

## Other teams

Rain decimated the seasons of our other teams, in one of the most frustrating early summers in recent years, after one of the driest winters of all time. Exactly half of these fixtures fell victim to the weather, either cancelled before play or being abandoned part way through.

The 2nd XI enjoyed victories against King's Grantham and Wickersley in the limited cricket they played. The 15As were one of the luckier sides in terms of getting matches played, and they had one of the results of the year in beating Nottinghamshire U14 thanks to star performances from Isaac Parkin and James Blackburn. They also defeated Repton with Sam Meadows smashing a quickfire half-century.

The 14As were the unluckiest, only completing two of their nine matches. Will Booth struck his first hundred in their win against Carre's Grammar. The Colts (14/15B) also were victorious against Carre's, with Simon Mounde having an excellent match. The 13/12As had a narrow win against Repton 14Bs and beat King's Grantham, and ran both Foremarke Hall and Witham Hall close in excellent matches. Finlay Brailsford,

Henry Styring, Lucas Khehra and skipper Ollie Booth were all leading performers in a strong side that bodes well for the future. The 13/12Bs had an epic tie against Witham Hall; Laurie Hutson taking the final wicket, caught by Jake Franse, to spark joyous scenes! Again their matches were whittled away by the weather.

## Key achievements

**1st XI:** T20 North-East finalists, Woodard Festival 2019 winners

**Oliver Blackburn:** Yorkshire U19

**Alex Winiarski:** Nottinghamshire U17

**Isaac Parkin:** Nottinghamshire U15

**Sam Meadows and James Blackburn:** Yorkshire U15B

**Will Booth:** Nottinghamshire U14

**Ella Porter:** Nottinghamshire Womens 1st XI, U17 and U15

**Henry Styring:** Nottinghamshire U12

### OWs

**Joe Root:** 2019 World Cup winner with England

**Samit Patel and Liam Patterson-White:** Nottinghamshire CCC

**Billy Root:** Glamorgan CCC

**Brett Hutton:** Northamptonshire CCC

**Tom Keast, Nic Keast and Dan Freeman:** Lincolnshire CCC

**Richard Kettleborough:** Umpiring at the 2019 World Cup, on the elite panel once again



# Dorm Run

The Dorm Run has a reputation for providing a mixed bag of weather, and the 2018 event didn't disappoint. However, there was one significant change to the event – the girls said goodbye to the Clumber Run and took on the Dorm Run route for the first time ever.

## Portland Run

The afternoon began with the Portland Run and the Year 7s and 8s ran with determination. In first place was Year 8 student Jake Biggin with a time of 17:21. Year 7 pupil Ollie Booth took second place, followed by Sonny Carroll (Year 8) in third.

**1st:** Muntjac  
**2nd:** Wapiti  
**3rd:** Caribou  
**4th:** Taruca

## Girls' race

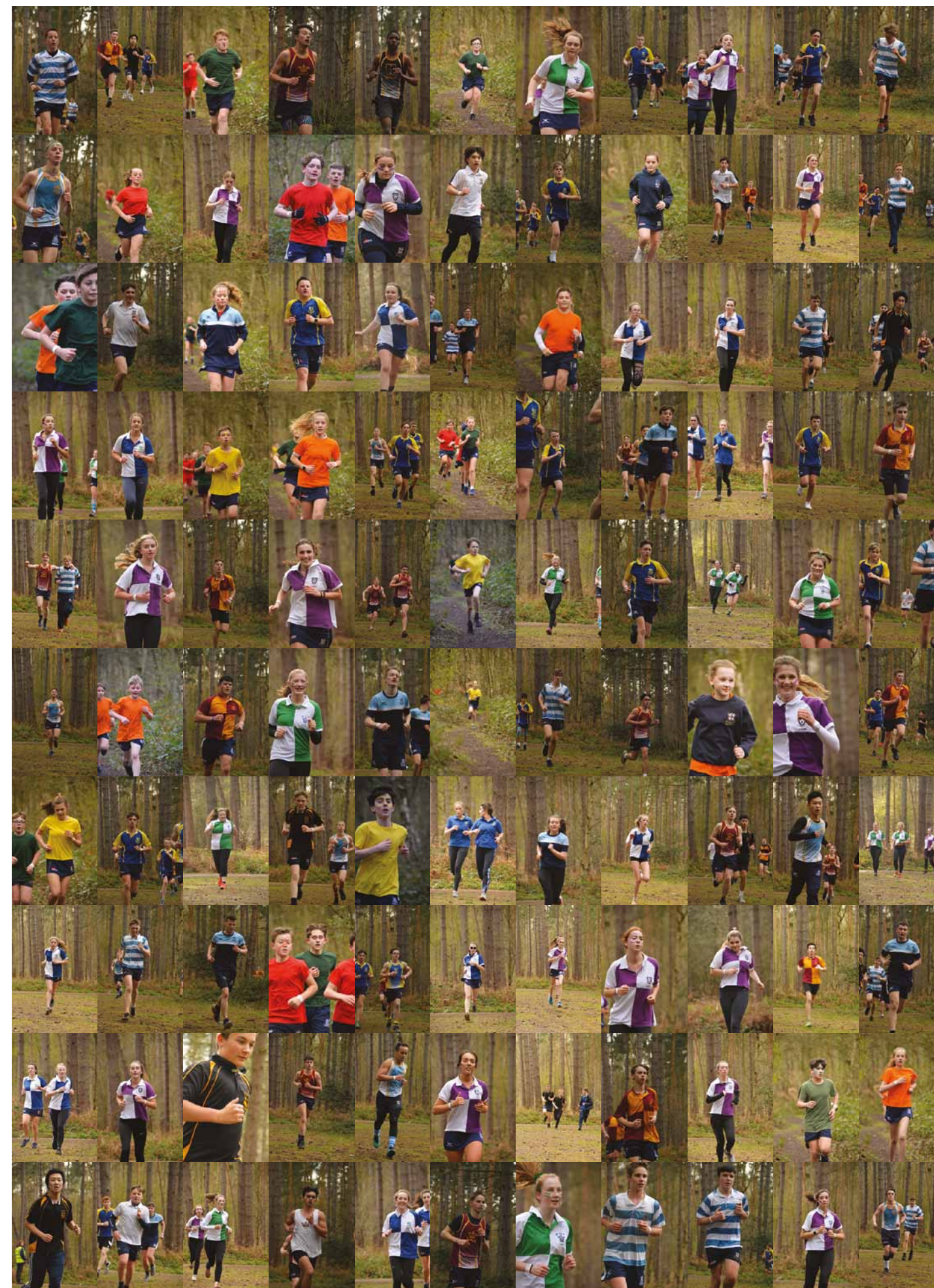
Year 9 student Amelia Chrispin came in first place with a time of 24:05. Alma Steiner (Year 10) came second place, followed by Talia Parish (Year 10) in third.

**1st:** Gibbs  
**2nd:** School House  
**3rd:** Derry

## Boys' Race

The boys' run closed the event with Year 11 student Harri Thorman taking first place with a time of 22:23. Haris Davenport (Year 13) came second, followed by Jakob Wolf (Year 13) in third.

**1st:** Pelham  
**2nd:** Talbot  
**3rd:** Shirley  
**4th:** Mason





# Tennis

## Senior Girls

A year of wholesale changes meant that new pairings and players were called upon for much of the season. Led by Lizzy Alcock, the girls showed a great enthusiasm to play despite the weather ultimately deciding numerous fixtures before a ball was hit. Tia Saxelby shone in her debut season at the school, and contributions from Sabina Schneider, Ellie Smith, Ella O'Reilly, Helen Baddiley and Freya Webster provided the team with a balance of power and accuracy. Some tough fixtures await next year as Worksop College enter the LTA National Schools tournament for the first time in recent memory.

## Senior Boys

The story of this year's season was largely centred around the weather, which either forced fixtures to be cancelled or otherwise created challenging playing conditions. Despite this, the lads powered on but were met with opposition that were simply too strong, physically and technically, for them to overcome. McKenzie Brailsford and Dominic Leach struck up a new partnership which will hopefully solidify into next season, and they were supported with strong performances from Max Dannhof, Felix Bonani, Laurenz Tingart and Phasin Chomsomboon. A special mention to Freddie Beales and Daniel Recaldin for making their debut against Pocklington even though both boys are in Year 8. Possible stars for the future.

## Intermediate Girls

(U15 & U14)

Most certainly the age group to keep an eye on, Worksop's multi-talented ladies took to tennis in the summer term and gave their hockey sticks, goggles and horses a rest. It is imperative that these girls continue to play amongst their other commitments as real progress was made this year. Each year group has a solid foundation of ten ladies to select and develop over the coming years. Although limited by matches this year, stand out performances from May Meikle, Emma Tonge, Nairne Clarke and Poppy Qureshi should ensure a strong tennis pathway for years to come.

## Junior Girls (U13 & U12)

The College's youngest pupils are still developing their technical skills at this stage. Regular coaching sessions with school and Caunton Tennis Club's coaches should pay dividends in the long run but the girls need to play regularly in order to compete in fixtures. Ebony Broughton, Daisy Parker and Rose Williamson are amongst those who deserve a special mention.

# Golf

It was another successful golfing year for Worksop College during 2018-19. An event highlight of the year was the ISGA (Independent Schools Golf Association) competition, in which both our teams made it to the Regional Final, to battle it out for a place in the National Finals at Royal St George's. The A team achieved a triumphant victory, with Toby Edwards, Will Smith and Ryan Wright representing the College.

The team also performed well in the HMC Foursomes event, narrowly missing out against the strong team at Rossall School.

Golf at Worksop saw some exciting developments in 2018-19. The completion of the new Golf Analysis Room with Trackman took place in November, following a successful fundraising day held at College Pines Golf Course in September.

Upon completion of this project, as a PGA Professional, I began to deliver coaching to our pupils both at elite and at beginner level. At the annual Old Worksopian Golf Day, Catering Manager Simon Youngs and I represented the College on the Lindrick golf course. It was great to see so many OWs gracing the beautiful course.

Despite many of our A and B team members departing in June, we restructured the teams and are excited by the prospects of the year to come.



# Sport hall of fame



Breanna Chamberlain: Swimming



Joe Barnes: Rugby



Alicia Barrett: Go-karting



Amelia Chrispin: Triathlon



Cole Hewitt: Swimming



Kate and James Walker: Swimming



Will Harding-Terry: Rugby



from Mr Baker, Head of Rugby

"We are all very proud of Will Harding-Terry. He achieved the greatest accolade at the end of the Autumn term, receiving a School Cap after playing for the 1stXV on 48 occasions over three years and scoring over 100 tries. Will is a testament to the fact that hard work and perseverance will pay off in the end and I hope he can inspire other pupils at the College to strive to reach their potential and achieve their dreams."



# Duke of Edinburgh

## Gold

After careful organisation and planning, 13 students bravely embarked on the Gold Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition. On the first day we soon realised that close contour lines did not mean a steady stroll in the countryside but, when it counted, team members always pulled through for each other. The groups faced some arduous challenges but overcame them with grit and determination, setting an example for future candidates.

By the last day, we'd navigated the Peak District, cooked several meals on Trangias and pushed ourselves to the limit, all in preparation for the qualifying expedition.

We really couldn't have done it without the knowledge and support of both Mr

Payne and Mr Smith and I'm sure the motto 'leave only footprints, take only photos' is something we will all live by.

**Tia Saxelby**

## Silver

A small group of year 10 students decided to take on the challenge of the Duke of Edinburgh Silver expedition after completing our Bronze award. We headed off into Derbyshire to arrive at our first campsite in Edale. After a lengthy debate over which way the tents should face, we were finally set up and ready to cook our first meal for the night. The following morning we had an early start due to us all being awoken by the sound of snoring tents – no names mentioned!

However, this meant we were all up and ready to cook a fuelling breakfast for the day ahead consisting of a delicious sausage sandwich, the perfect way to start the day. After eating breakfast, we packed up and headed on our journey to our next campsite. We faced some challenging hills, but the positive attitude of the group motivated us all to reach the top and be awarded with the stunning view. When we arrived at Hardhurst Campsite we again worked together to set up our area. The night consisted of a game of football and some deep conversations and, of course, food! We all felt exhausted so we headed to bed in need of a good sleep. However, this evening not only was there snoring, but a donkey that clearly didn't want to go to bed. The following day, we were all excited to get on our way. Our last day was the most challenging. We faced a very steep, long hill but, without a doubt, we all completed it with the help of each other. This expedition not only gave us a once in a lifetime experience, but also the chance to witness an array of beautiful Derbyshire views. I think that there is only one word to sum up the expedition: 'team'. None of us could have completed it without each other.

**Talia Parish**

## Bronze

Bronze award is the start of our journey through the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. The planning stage took up a lot of the experience. However, it was well needed and I don't think we would have completed the expedition without it. The walk to Walesby was challenging, but made worthwhile by everyone getting the chance to take in some amazing views across parts of North Nottinghamshire. One of my most memorable parts of the journey was how close everyone became in the group. We really enjoyed sitting with other groups, sharing funny moments from the day and the brilliant time we all had.

**Scarlett Stephenson**

## Royal Navy

This year the Royal Navy section has seen great progression with cadets learning a broad range of skills from map reading to sailing. I would like to thank Mr Partington and the other members of staff as well as all senior cadets, who have put in the time and effort to make sure the section is as successful as possible. Outside of CCF time, several cadets were also lucky enough to visit and even briefly sail HMS Explorer, a patrol vessel in the North Sea. On top of this the section has had two enjoyable field days at Rutland Water. Finally, I wish all cadets another fulfilling year in the Royal Navy section.

**James Recaldin (Y13)**

## Army

It has been a strong year for the Army section: we have moved to entry in Year 9 and had a very enjoyable annual camp at Nesscliff with a large number of cadets in attendance. Our senior cadet, James Payne, has passed Army Officer Selection Board and is heading off to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and then on to a gap year commission offered by the Army.

Our Parade evenings on Mondays have created new leadership roles, with our senior cadets taking charge of more aspects of the younger students' training, promoting greater responsibility for our leaders of tomorrow. We have recruited new officers and instructors to our contingent and within the section which is strengthening and widening the opportunities for all the cadets. A thank you must go to the senior cadets for the part they have played and the adult volunteers for their interest and enthusiasm.

**Maj SJ Payne**

## Royal Air Force

It was great to see the cadets from the RAF section getting involved in more varied activities this year. Monday night training is taking shape as the students from Years 12 and 13 are leading more of the activities under the watchful eye of the officers. The syllabus continues to develop and improve, covering aircraft recognition, drill and leadership. The section has recruited a new officer this year and is looking to expand its ranks with this continued offer of support for the section and contingent. There was greater participation in flying this year, mainly due to the weather conditions being in our favour. Our students headed off to RAF Cranwell – some for the first time with rather anxious looks on their faces! After the experience of taking the controls for the first time sitting alongside the pilot, the nerves were completely dispelled and the enjoyment and adrenalin kicked in. Hearing one student say after the experience 'It's been my life goal to fly a plane and I have done it today' is really encouraging to hear. I'm looking forward to seeing the section go from strength to strength.

**Maj SJ Payne**

# CCF





# Farewell



**Colin Pauk** gave just shy of 40 years' loyal and dedicated service to the school. Starting out in the kitchens, he left earlier this year from the role of Enterprise Manager where he oversaw the vast – and growing – Lettings programme and a whole array of other roles. Colin was a bit like the human equivalent of that kitchen drawer where everything is kept: he knew where the key for the hidden cupboard that was only opened once per decade was kept and the name of the person who built it! In short, he was at the heart of College life and equally dear to the College's heart.

**Ellen Clifton** joined the teaching staff as part of the increasingly successful Graduate programme. In a short space of time, she has been an essential part of life in both Portland and Gibbs, together with teaching an array of lessons from English to EAL, Classical Civilisation to Religious Studies. She has organised theatre and cinema visits to enrich and enhance the curriculum as well as going to Normandy with the Y7s. Her enthusiasm, sense of fun but also her total reliability will be sorely missed as she leaves to undertake further professional training at Durham University.

**William Harvey's** contribution in the year he has been with us has been widespread. His passion for sport, notably rugby, has infused all that he has done and enthused all those with whom he has come into contact. From his Biology teaching to his role as Assistant Housemaster in Mason House, he has challenged and supported; we wish him well as he moves to Reigate Grammar School.

**Rey & Leesa Guillaud** were the inaugural Houseparents of Portland as a Year 7 & 8 House. Together with James Smith, they devised the 'deer-based' Divisions, created the 'Commander' roles, weathered the challenges of a radical re-structure of the school and enjoyed the highs of the undoubted benefits having those year groups at the Senior site has brought. Rey also taught French and found time to encourage

the 6th Form band 'The Publics', while Leesa taught in the Learning Support department and covered a maternity leave at Ranby. We wish them every success as they return closer to family in the South and posts at The Prebendal School in Chichester.

**Sam Baker** was brought to the school in January 2014 to revive, support and challenge the teaching of Economics and Business Studies and along the way she has organised the Y11 into Sixth Form transition programme, the Peer Listeners, Careers and been Assistant Head of Sixth Form. In short, she has been busy! She leaves to take up promotion to the post of Deputy Head at Ackworth School.

**Paul Finlinson** has, with barely a word of repetition, given homilies, sermons and prayers at school services for 20 years. For the last half of that period, he has also been Chaplain to Ranby. Through a deep care for the young people at the heart of this community, both now and well after they have grown up and left, and for his colleagues, Paul has supported candidates through confirmation preparation, through their marriage ceremonies and the births of their children, through bereavements and sadnesses as well as through the daily offices of work and study. With a prayer, a kind word, or sometimes with a beer and some crisps, it is a truism that Chapel is the central experience of so many of the community and that, owing to the longevity of his service but also because of the way he has done things, Paul is integral to that experience. He looks forward to what we think of as retirement but which he insists is work in the Diocese of Europe: in the Black Forest, in Spain or Italy, God is everywhere; and so, too, might Paul be some Sunday soon! May God be with him and Rosemary in this new, exciting venture.

**Nicholas Kitchen** has instilled generations of College pupils with a profound understanding of History and so much more. Over very nearly 40 years, he has been tutor, teacher, erstwhile Head of Department,

Housemaster of Portland (with a particular enthusiasm for the Dorm Run!) and inaugural Head of Sixth Form, lecture-series host, rugby coach and cricket coach. There can be very few, if any, families (not just pupils) who have not been in contact with him, at the very least via email but more likely in a much more influential way. A fine-wine connoisseur, a Francophile, a UCAS guru, a theatre buff, an accomplished pianist, there is little that escapes his notice or which does not get jotted down in some enigmatic calligraphy on a tiny corner of a well-used, repeatedly-folded sheet of A4. 'Supportive yet challenging' might have been invented by him: only a fool would try to offer anything but the most watertight of rationales for an absence, omission or oversight as they are brought face-to-face with reality and then supported to success by his determination. In a broad-ability environment, young minds have been championed, cultivated and clarified; and it is typical that 'retirement' contains plans for plenty of activity.

**Tim Halsall** arrived at the College in September 2004, fresh-faced, eager and excited to be taking on his new challenge as Housemaster of Portland. In true Halsall fashion he instilled his sense of passion and humour into every moment, swiftly learning to adapt to the various challenges of supporting, leading and, in his words, 'being father to' 50-plus teenage boys. As a former chorister it was no surprise that Tim joined the Chapel choir, rarely missing a rehearsal or performance despite increasing responsibilities as Deputy and then Senior Deputy Head. A hugely talented actor, Tim's contributions to College drama, in particular College musicals, have been immense, and rehearsals will not be half as much fun without his range of accents, quips and energy. He is the very essence of a school master in the best sense of the word: he is passionate about passing on his great love of English Literature, Language and Drama; his lessons are always energetic, informative and challenging; he gives of his time selflessly. In short, he will be missed.

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