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Welcome

Welcome to your 2017-18 edition of *The Workopian*, giving you a snapshot of the highlights and achievements of the past year.

Worksop College and Ranby House were as busy as ever, and we saw some outstanding achievements across academia, music, art and sport. Our Captains of School for 2017-18, Clemens Roettgen and Ceri Thorman, did a sterling job of leading the Prefects and representing the College. We wish them, their fellow outgoing Upper Sixth students, and all leavers the very best of luck as they move to pastures new.

We said farewell to Headmasters Gavin Horgan and Christian Pritchard in June 2018. They will be greatly missed and we wish them all the best at their new schools. This edition of *The Workopian* celebrates the future as well as looking back on our achievements: we have welcomed David Thorpe into the role of Prep Headmaster and Clare Tilley to the role of Head. You can find out more about them both on pages 6 to 9.

I hope you enjoy reading through the memories of 2017-18 as much as I have enjoyed putting them together. We all look forward to great achievements in 2018-19.



Rachael Short
Marketing & Admissions Officer



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Prefects

WORKSOP COLLEGE

PURPLE GOWNS

Captains of School

Clemens Roettgen (M) and Ceri Thorman (G)

Vice Captains of School

Eleanor Cooley (SH) and Martin Rose (P)

HOUSE CAPTAINS & BLUE GOWNS

Alan Brown (M), Huw Brown (S), Thomas Clough (P), Jenny Dickinson (G), Fraser Dudley (S), Kathryn Egan (D), Alya Elba (SH), Nicholas Keast (P), Evie Levick (D), Riecko Parker-Cole (T), Tomo Sugiyama (M), Stefan Taylor (P), Christian Waddington (S), Dan West (T), Jodie Wright (D), Ted Yang (T)

RANBY HOUSE

Head Girl and Boy

Grace Galbraith and Jacob Varney

Deputy Head Boy and Girl

Fred Cox and Khushi Haldipur

Heads of Chapel

Rosie Murch and Max Poynor

Head Choristers

Henry Bluff and Otilie Brown

Heads of Library

Rania Delaimi and Katie Wall

Student Councils

Both the College and Ranby House have vibrant, proactive Student Councils. Members are elected democratically, and their actions and decisions have an important practical bearing on the school year. Here's what our Councillors got up to in 2017-18.

The remit of the College's Council was to work towards bridging the gap between pupils and staff. The result was a standardised set of rules within classrooms, so that all pupils know what they can and can't do in lessons. The Council also worked closely with the Catering staff to clear up some confusion with the menu boards in the dining hall; they are now user friendly and it is clear which options are available.

Early in the Summer Term the Council held a charity hockey match, with efforts spearheaded by Ella O'Reilly and Freya Webster, in which Great Britain went up against Germany in aid of EFDS (English Federation of Disability Sport). A total of £361 was raised for the cause.

The year ended with the School Council holding a BBQ for the Year 11 students after their examinations. A vast array of sporting activities was on offer, including rounders, volleyball and football. With the help of Mr Robinson, Mr Partington and Mrs Tilley on the BBQs, the chicken kebabs, halloumi burgers and sausages were cooked to perfection. They were gone just as quickly as they were cooked! Overall it was a successful evening. There was a

strong sense of community as the whole school gathered together in celebration.

Every two weeks Ranby House's Council meet to come up with fundraising ideas and ways to improve the school. Alongside the well-established Council fundraisers of Poppy Cake sales and Christmas Jumper Mufti Day, the Council organised a Fire Safety Boarding event. This involved Retford Fire station responding to a fire in the boarding house and rescuing a member of staff who was fast asleep!

One area for improvement identified by the children was that there were not enough activities to complete when the weather is too bad to play outside at break times. The Council asked pupils for suggestions of games and activities, bespoke to each year group, and funding was granted by the Ranby Parents' Group to provide 'wet play activity boxes'. Four football training goals were also funded by the Council for use in the outdoor playing spaces.

An important area for the children to discuss was our Learner Profile – what we want our children to experience through their learning. The pupils worked through the document and made it much more 'Child Friendly'. The document now provides personal goals and objectives for pupils to achieve in order to obtain their Headmaster's Commendation.



A-LEVEL

It was celebrations all round as the class of 2018 received their results. A Levels have changed radically in recent years: explicitly harder, with more subject content to learn, less predictable questions in the examinations that are taken at the end of the course rather than as modules during it, and a reduction in the proportion of marks earned from coursework. Our pupils have adapted to the demands with commendable aplomb. Nationally, the number of pupils achieving top grades has fallen so the fact that our headline statistic has remained pretty much the same is to be welcomed: around 70% of grades achieved were between A* and C. That doesn't tell the full story either: with an overall pass rate of 96.1%, an impressive 24 subjects achieved a 100% pass rate.

Behind the numbers, though, it is people that matter. Ted Yang achieved 3 A*s and 1 A and will be going to study Physics at Imperial College London. Joining Ted in his success is Abi Speight who is heading off to University College London to study Neuroscience – Abi achieved 2 A*s and an A.

Katie Doncaster is bound for Durham University to study Anthropology, armed with 2 As and 1 B. Huw Brown (3 A grades) was also celebrating; although he had secured his place at St Andrews to study Classics, he subsequently decided to re-apply to study at Worcester College, Oxford. "I'm really sad

to go, but am very excited for the next step," he said. Huw started his educational career at Ranby House and results day marked the end of 13 years at the school, where he has also been a prominent member of the music department, starred in several plays and played plenty of sport.

GCSE

Just to prove how resilient our pupils and staff are, at the same time as managing the changes to A Levels, they have also been undertaking new-style GCSE courses. Similarly more demanding, many of them have also earned a new way of being marked, moving away from letters (A* – G) to numbers (9-1). 9s are supposed to be exceptionally rare, awarded only to students who perform exceptionally, and effectively being the equivalent of an A**!

Joseph Lippitt therefore had reason to celebrate after receiving two A*s, one A, and six 9s. Sarah Handley, who joined us three years ago, couldn't believe her results after achieving two A*s, one A, four 9s, one 8 and one 7.

"When I opened my results the first thing I saw were all the 9s – I was totally overwhelmed as I thought I would only get one! I'm so happy; my results are definitely better than I expected. I found the exams hard, so to say I have come out with these results is fantastic." Sarah has gone on to study Chemistry, Maths and Biology at A-level.

Hard work and dedication paid off for Lauren Shuker, who achieved two A*s, one A, three 9s and three 8s. Eleanor Smith was also celebrating, after receiving one A*, one A, four 9s, two 8s and one 6.

As well as overhauling the grading system, the content and scope of the exams themselves have been made much tougher, with entrants sitting between 20 and 25 papers on average. Overall, students achieved a 97% pass rate and a pass rate of 83% across the highest grades.

Clare Tilley said: "I am really proud of all our GCSE students; this has been a nerve-wracking time for everyone including staff and parents. The new grading system has had an impact on results nationally, but our students have performed exceptionally well. I am proud of their hard work and of our staff for their dedication and ongoing support. It is what makes our community so successful in so many ways."

Tim Halsall, Deputy Head – Academic



Exam Results



She is the first female leader in the history of Worksop College. Meet Clare Tilley as she chats about community, care, and the importance of saying 'thank you'.

Graduating from university in 1985, Clare joined global aid charity Raleigh International, crediting the three months she spent in Chile as some of the most eye-opening and rewarding experiences she's ever had. Returning from the expedition, Clare joined Westonbirt in January 1986 and admits that the girls' boarding school was quite the culture shock for a young state-educated woman.

"Although very different from what I had been used to, it was clear from the outset that education within the independent boarding sector suited me well," says Clare. "The sense of belonging, of hard working staff and pupils, of Christian spirit and charity and, of course, of fun, all proved an intoxicating mix. My abiding memory of the place is of lively pupils and a beautiful campus (so good for the soul); a place where my enthusiasm was nurtured and colleagues were prepared to mentor me supportively – giving me lots of opportunities to develop my skills and abilities: this is something that I aim to replicate in my leadership approach. As a new, inexperienced teacher, my enduring memory of my first Head of Department was that she was committed, driven and had very high standards and that she never let me leave on a Saturday without thanking me for everything I had done during the week: not once. That left a lasting impression.

"Growing up I came from a community where almost everyone knew each other and where they looked out for one another," she says. "There is something incredibly powerful about community. About people from all walks of life, backgrounds and abilities coming together to support each other to be the best they can be. That really is the Worksop way, something that struck me immediately on my very first visit one rather gloomy February day. I entered what seemed at the time a beautiful but slightly daunting building and found a tangible sense of community and of respect amongst its members. It may sound rather twee but this immediately created a sense of 'coming home' and it has been home for the Tilley family ever since. It makes me incredibly proud to be asked to lead this organisation."

Part-way through the new term and the school is fully immersed in embedding its new value statements and a service standards charter – Clare explains how this will be the 'blueprint' for the organisation and what can be expected going forward.

"Our values are a code for the way we behave," says Clare. "They are what we expect from each other as colleagues, as well as what we expect from our pupils. They underpin everything we do, from our recruitment processes to our teaching, our business decisions to our appraisal methods. And our service standards are a part of that. We want

everyone that deals with us, in any capacity, to receive a service that reflects our values – our charter is a way of ensuring that happens and creating opportunity to deal with it if we don't get it quite right."

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What kind of leader can we expect and what will Clare bring to the role?

"We will continue to strive to ensure our pupils achieve the very best," says Clare. "Our strength as a school lies in finding out what each child excels at and nurturing those skills to create resilient, adaptable and independent learners. We are proudly a broad-ability school, adept at nurturing those for whom academia comes naturally and supporting those for whom it does not; we are proud of our artists, athletes and musicians and of all those who contribute by making life just a little better for everyone, not only for themselves. Pastoral care and community are at the heart of what my team and I are passionate about and we will continue to make that our focus.

"As a leader? Colleagues, parents, pupils and Alumni can expect commitment, stamina, loyalty – and above all, a love for the job. As members of staff we must never lose sight of the fact that it is a privilege to see so many young people develop, both academically and as human beings. We should always remember the impact that our own behaviour and attitudes can have on the young people in our care. The piece of advice that influenced me the most as a young teacher came from an early mentor who said that people may not always remember what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel. In the classroom and the boarding house, on the sports field and in the examination room, from Nursery 1 to Upper Sixth Leaver and beyond to OWs and parents, this is something to keep at the heart of how we nurture, support and guide each other.

"I'm truly excited by this new phase in my own 'learning journey' and am looking forward to travelling it alongside all of you."

You can reach Clare by emailing head@wsnl.co.uk or calling 01909 537100

Get to know our Heads

In September 2018, David Thorpe became the 9th Head Teacher of Ranby House School. We talked to the former Deputy Head about how he first got into teaching and why he firmly believes in the values and ethos of the school.

David's first interest in teaching came back in 1997 whilst helping his then girlfriend, and now Mrs Thorpe, prepare for a Design & Technology lesson as part of her primary school teaching degree. David was taken aback by the huge amounts of energy and enthusiasm shown by the children during that lesson, and he felt an inextricable pull towards teaching.

Upon completing his Bachelor of Science Degree at Bath Spa University College, David completed a PGCE in Primary Years (7-11). "I loved the course and took the first teaching job I could in order to put my training and my own enthusiasm into practice," says David.

"In 2000, I started out covering maternity leave in a Cambridgeshire primary school and was then lucky enough to secure a full-time class teacher role, as well as being subject co-ordinator for Sport and Information Communication Technology (ICT). My love for sport and the exciting new developments in technology at that time led me to the independent sector, where there was more freedom in the timetable to explore and experiment with new ideas and concepts."

In 2004, David moved to King's College School in Cambridge, a co-educational independent school for children aged 3-18. Starting as Director of IT, David took on more leadership responsibilities during his time there and became Head of the Middle School (Years 5 & 6).

After nine enjoyable and rewarding years, David was ready for a new challenge and moved to Ranby House as Deputy Head in 2013.

So what is David's favourite thing about the school and what attracted him to Ranby House?

"The Christian values and ethos of the school are deep-rooted and have been upheld throughout the years," he explains. "It is by no means draconian, but having such values teaches our children the importance of respect, honesty and forgiveness."

"The children are fantastic, with a real desire to learn. They are very proud of their school and all

the opportunities we provide. This is down to the hard work, imagination and total care from all our staff, who support our children throughout their learning journey and reinforce our Growth Mindset approach. Pupils at Ranby House have amazing facilities and opportunities throughout their time here to be pushed out of their comfort zone, try something new, deal with failure in a positive way and celebrate each other's successes.

"Our House system gives children wonderful pastoral scaffolding, encouraging the forging of friendships and creating role models across the year groups," he explains. "As the icing on the cake, the Boarding House gives staff and pupils the most wonderful setting to interact and enjoy time with each other outside the classroom."

David describes his leadership style as 'supportive' – he has a genuine desire to help colleagues achieve their best and he hopes this comes across in the way he directs his staff.

"As a leader I am keen to develop and support other people to achieve their very best," he says. "I know it sounds like a cliché, but I genuinely like to help people and enjoy seeing others experience success."

David credits some of his leadership style to the 11 years he spent as an on-call firefighter for the Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue service.

"It was incredibly rewarding," he says. "Over the years I spent with them, I was promoted to Crew Manager and learnt how to approach, manage, resolve and reflect on a complete range of emergencies and difficult situations. The training I received in that role prepared me to deal with so many situations. It also taught me the value of life itself and the importance of enjoying and making sure you get the most out of every opportunity and experience that comes your way."

"My focus is to ensure every child continues to thrive," David says. "I want our children to experience as many opportunities as possible, to develop their independence, resilience and adaptability. I believe in the education we offer here and want as many children as possible to experience it first-hand."

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Farewell

Summer 2018 saw the departure of our two Headmasters. We also said farewell to several much-loved members of teaching and support staff. We wish them well in their future endeavours.



GAVIN HORGAN – TRIBUTE FROM THE CUSTOS

When I was a boy at Ranby the Chaplain, Father Hugh Pickles, taught us to “work hard, play hard and pray hard”. Obviously the Headmaster was not there at that time but at some stage the message must have reached him. In his six years as Headmaster of the College and Ranby he has certainly done that.

The outward signs of hard work at the College are well known. We have Mason in its new attractive and well equipped home. To my mind there is the even greater achievement of the substantial restructuring and refurbishment of the main building with the Library and the 6th Form Centre as the flagships. Years 7 and 8 have joined the College and are now firmly part of the fabric, with other exciting plans for the school’s development well underway.

Perhaps more importantly, rigorous attention to academic standards and pastoral care by and inspired by the Headmaster has borne fruit. Oxbridge is clearly within reach for some students but that is only part of the wide range of impressive destinations of our leavers. The Headmaster has also provided an outstanding example and marvellous encouragement in taking up the challenge of the great outdoors, most notably in Greenland and on the St Cuthbert’s Way.

But what is all that if the College is not a happy place for our students, our staff, our parents and even our Governors? The Headmaster has placed great emphasis on the way we all behave to those around us, with Chapel at the centre of what we do. I think that we are justly proud that from that foundation our students leave the College as rounded individuals, ready and equipped to make a worthwhile contribution to the wider world.

The Headmaster has been a great ambassador for the College in Woodard, the Headmasters’ and Headmistresses’ Conference and locally at Worksop Priory Primary School and Gatehouse Trust. We and they will miss him greatly as a man of Faith, Unity and Vision. We wish Gavin, Alison, Frederick and Hester all happiness and success at Millfield and beyond.

CHRISTIAN PRITCHARD – TRIBUTE FROM DAVID THORPE

Throughout his six-year tenure at Ranby House, Christian Pritchard was an exceptionally dedicated Headmaster. His office door was always open – he somehow always managed to make himself available to colleagues and pupils alike. With a cool head, an ability to think through problems quickly, and a ‘can-do’ approach to just about everything, Christian offered wise counsel and ready solutions to challenges. Christian oversaw many positive changes at Ranby, not least the development of the ‘Learner Profile’ scheme, which rewards children

for demonstrating the core attributes of Resilience, Adaptability, and Independence. In a fitting tribute given at Speech Day 2018, it was my great pleasure to present Christian with his very own golden Learner Profile badge.

Never one to be beaten on enthusiasm, Christian challenged himself and others, through debate, imaginative ideas, initiative, and leading by example, to ‘be the best we can be’. At some point during the last six years every member of the Ranby community will have witnessed examples of Christian’s sheer exuberance for life, from pursuing his interest in magic tricks to entertain children, to providing musical accompaniments in school productions (even composing rap songs) to name just two. We encourage the Ranby community to have a go, take risks and make mistakes, promoting FAIL – First Attempt In Learning – as a positive learning experience. Christian led from the front in this respect, although it is a source of much regret that the unicycle proved a challenge too far.

Learning and pastoral care at Ranby were overhauled under the leadership of this man, with the highest levels of respect, integrity and fairness embedded in every decision. In times of change Ranby has always maintained its strong Christian values in a safe, respectful and nurturing environment. Christian’s vision was to ensure that each child leaves the haven of our school as strong, independent young minds, ready to embrace the challenges of the future. We are proud to have known Christian as both a colleague and a friend.

Jonny Anderson joined the College as Deputy Head and teacher of Geography in 2011. He was tireless in his work for the school throughout his time with us. The role of Deputy Head is often a thankless one and Jonny’s tenure was defined by principled sensitivity in his interactions with all. In addition to the myriad routine responsibilities, he undertook to add some consistency and order to the working day of the school, while also overseeing the allocation of departmental budgets and the building of the new Mason House. The last few years have been a time of great change at Worksop College and Jonny helped to shape that change. He has taken up the headship at Merchiston Castle School in Edinburgh.

Wendy Bain: aesthete, firecracker, zealot, teacher, tour sherpa, director extraordinaire, linguist, Irish dancer, housemistress, schoolmistress, confidante, Christian, mother... and an inspiration to generations of young women. Wendy has been a towering figure in the lives of so many pupils in her service to the College. Her great legacy is thousands of men and women who have been enriched by her wise counsel and ferocious appetite for literature. As one OW put it so perfectly, “I often find myself finishing a book and wanting to spend an hour and twenty minute double period talking to you about it...” Wendy ended her teaching career in 2018, but not her association with the school – we are delighted that she continues to explore and inspire as curator of the Archives.

Sharron Berry joined Ranby House in September 2013 as the School Nurse. During her time at Ranby she became a great friend and confidante to staff and children alike. Never one to say no, she threw herself wholeheartedly into Prep School life and her duties extended way beyond that of a School Nurse. We wish Sharron well in her new role at St Paul's Cathedral School in central London.

Bill Chapman joined us as a minibus driver in September 2016. He later took on additional responsibilities for coordinating the bus fleet. Bill's 'Petrol Head' knowledge ensured that the fleet was always well maintained, clean and tidy, whilst his passion for the job meant that requests were dealt with efficiently whenever he was awake! We wish him all the best in his retirement.

Emma Collins arrived as Miss Kelvey but, despite the name change, her love of Literature never altered. Her expertise was in Arthurian Legend, a subject in which she inspired many an A level student. Beyond inspiring minds there, she broadened them in her instigation, alongside Sam Koon, of the Book Club, a group that delighted in eclectic, weird and wonderful texts – or just wild interpretations of what might otherwise have seemed innocuous classics. Motherhood finally put an end to the long commute, the appeal of a part time role at a school much nearer home proving too strong.

Lisa Ellis joined us to teach Biology in January 2018; she moves to Jersey to teach alongside her partner and we wish her the very best.

Harry Jacques joined us in 2016 as a Graduate Assistant in the Music department. He was involved in all areas of school life from dawn until dusk – he was so inspired by what he saw in his first year that he chose to qualify as a teacher with us in his second year. We wish him every success in his career.

Kathryn Koon, sometimes known as Mrs Dr Koon to distinguish her from her husband, made a distinctive contribution to the Classics department. Adept at intriguing the youngest pupils and killing the most recalcitrant pupil with kindness, she was a keen advocate of theatre trips, a member of the College chapel choir and a generous provider of cakes to the SCR.

Sam Koon left us after 8 years' service to become Head of Latin and Classics at Haileybury, and they are fortunate to claim him. Numbers of Latinists and, in particular, Classicists within the school and studying at university increased under his leadership, enthused and impassioned by his love of his subject.

Stephen Madigan joined the College as Head of Physics in 2014. A pioneer of gadgets and electronic wizardry within his pedagogy, he inspired and nurtured pupils of all abilities with care in that role, and as a rugby coach or at

concerts and theatrical performances alike. A well-earned retirement beckons.

Paddy Murray was appointed as a History teacher and Housemaster of Mason House, roles in which he was a vocal, determined champion of his pupils. The sporting prowess of Mason boys was emphatic, notably in their determination, stemming from Paddy, to keep the Dorm Run crown, but cultural participation flourished too. Thus Paddy tried to shape a generation of Worksop boys into Mason Renaissance Men.

Alicia Price's support and influence extended far beyond those she saw in the classroom as a teacher of Economics and Business Studies. Having joined us in 2013, she was also a Sixth Form Tutor and the teacher in charge of Careers, arranging the enormously successful and beneficial Careers Fairs.

Zoë Pritchard showed a great passion while working with the youngest children in our Pre-Prep department. Throughout her teaching, whether it be inside the classroom or outside in the woods, the child's interests and needs were at the forefront of every activity. Her energetic nature led to fun and engaging lessons that all children loved. Not only was she extremely caring towards the children, her compassion spread to the needs of the staff. Zoë was always there to give guidance and support where needed. Beachborough have gained an extremely hardworking, passionate, kind and caring colleague.

Geoff Storey served the College loyally for an unparalleled 45 years before his retirement in 2018 – and the congratulatory applause from the staff and pupils in his final assembly would happily have matched that duration! One of Geoff's first roles was to ring the bell that woke the boys in their Dorms. More recently, his contribution was to the Porter and Maintenance teams, where nothing was ever too much trouble for him.

New teaching staff 2018–19

William Harvey • Assistant Housemaster of Mason & Teacher of Biology

Robert Hewett • Housemaster of Mason & Teacher of Physics

Helen Lane • Assistant Housemistress of Derry & Teacher of Humanities (from Jan 2019)

Georgina Gill • Head of Latin and Classical Civilisation (from Jan 2019)

Faizan Nawaz • Teacher of Business and Economics

Adam Newton • Reception Class Teacher

Currently, just 3 % of those who teach two-to five-year-olds are men. We speak to our new Infant Teacher, Adam Newton, who discusses why he thinks this is, as well as what he aims to achieve in his new role.

Tell us a bit about your background and career so far

At school I participated in a variety of sports. I achieved county status in both athletics and football and decided to concentrate on athletics, following in my father's footsteps. This led me to coaching athletics to the visually impaired in Leeds. Whilst coaching, I realised how wonderful it was to see how the children loved to learn, how they enjoyed being taught new things and how open their minds were to new ideas. I started coaching athletics more often and at the English Institute of Sport with a range of athletes.

Whilst at school I decided that teaching was the career I wanted to pursue, so I started to gain experience working across both Primary and Secondary. To grasp a greater understanding of Primary, I worked as a teaching assistant for a year. I am immensely grateful for this experience as it allowed me to not only develop a love of teaching children aged 4-11, but allowed me to gain an understanding of the importance of teaching assistants and how they are used in the classroom.

From there, I did my teacher training and taught in every year group across Primary. Within my teaching in state schools, I have prepared children for SATs and have been involved in government and interschool moderations. I have currently found a year group in which I am thriving. Early years is a place where I feel comfortable and have a great understanding.

What attracted you to the role at Ranby?

The values and ethos of the school are the same as my own. I want to instil in the children a love of learning and make sure they are proud of themselves for themselves.

And your first impressions of our school?

Wherever I go I make sure I look at a number of different areas in a school. Teachers and teaching assistants are the most important. I feel if I can see that the teachers are happy, then they are working in a good environment. This directly affects teaching ability, and the capability to teach, following the aims and ethos that made them go into teaching. Children are the second, they show with their



smiles the pride that they have in their learning. Both these things were present when I initially visited the school.

According to government statistics, just 15.4% of nursery/primary school teachers in England are male. Why do you feel the percentage is so low?

Having spoken to a lot of male teachers, it is interesting to see their point of view on the matter. Nearly all of them stated that they felt they would struggle with confidence initially. Teaching early years pupils requires a different outlook. They also cited a lack of enthusiasm and patience when teaching the youngest children. Stereotypes are also a factor. Many parents are surprised when they see a male in early years, and often question how a man is going to look after their small children like a woman does. I have worked hard to change the opinions of parents, and feel that they have all, children and parents alike, enjoyed their time with me.

Why is it important to have male teachers in early years education?

I feel it makes a massive difference to a child's progression. It allows children to experience a different style of teaching and have different role models to help create balance.

What do you hope to achieve in your role?

I always strive to be the best I can be and aim to continue with this ethos. I want to progress my career as far as possible whilst making sure I am confident and capable in the job. I want to inspire children and teachers alike.





Early Years

Every day in our EYFS department brings joy and new adventures. Our youngest pupils had a jam-packed year, from learning about Diwali, to making pancakes and hunting down Easter eggs!

As part of our youngest children's Imaginative Learning Project (ILP), Nursery pupils attended a special banquet in a castle built by the staff. Our brave young knights, princesses and dragons enjoyed themselves and tried to pull the magic sword out of the stone (in the middle of the table)! The day ended with a special viewing of the film *The Sword in the Stone* in the theatre.

Reception pupils went on a trip to North Leverton Windmill as part of their ILP. They were able to explore the workings of the windmill, and climbed the steep stair to the very top. They saw how flour was made and brought some back to Reception to make their own bread.

At Christmas time, the EYFS pupils tucked into Christmas lunch and had a special visit from Santa himself. Everyone had made the 'nice list' this year and received a special present.

In the Summer Term the Pre-Prep pupils invited Mr and Mrs Pritchard to a farewell tea party. Students had the opportunity to give Mr and Mrs Pritchard a very special send off, whilst tucking into some delicious sandwiches and cakes.



Years 1 & 2

In the Autumn Term, Year 1 went down to the woods, hoping for a big surprise! As part of their 'Enchanted Woodland' project, the pupils scoured the woodland, identifying all the creatures and forestry they could find.

Later in the year, the solar system came to Ranby House as our pupils had the opportunity to visit an inflatable planetarium, to learn about the planets and stars that exist within it. Year 1 investigated a mysterious UFO crash-landing on the school grounds... The children tried to find ways of communicating with other life forms in space by making buzzers and light bulbs glow. They also had fun measuring the distance their balloon rockets travelled.

Year 1 pupils also put on their dancing feet to a samba beat, dressed in carnival clothing as part of their ILP 'Rio de Vida'. One highlight of this topic was making Brazilian sweets during design and technology lessons. As part of the Year One 'Dinosaur Planet' ILP, the children travelled to the Palace Theatre in Newark for a breathtaking 'dino live' show. Some of our children were lucky enough to get up close to the dinosaurs

on the stage. As usual the children's exemplary behaviour during the trip was noted by members of the public.

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 Sublime Science visited Year 2, they got to try their hand at various science experiments including sweet making, tornados in a jar, catching bubbles, and finding out about sound waves – before creating their very own gooey slime!

Year 2 children also took part in a camping experience. 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 Pritchard, and bubble blowing on the Back Paddock. Finally, they had hotdogs and a campfire with singing before crashing into sleeping bags when the sun went down.

Years 3 & 4



YEAR 3

Year 3 kicked off the Autumn Term with a trip to Chatsworth Farmyard and Adventure Playground, where the children had the opportunity to handle guinea pigs and learn the rudiments of lifting water using an Archimedes Screw. They also visited Jorvik Viking Centre in York, travelling by train from Retford, which was very exciting! Pupils 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.

During a visit to Pollybell Organic Farm, the pupils saw the vegetables growing and harvested before going on a tour of the packing and processing plant. They enjoyed cooking and eating the vegetables at home. At Magna Science and Adventure Centre, as part of the 'Mighty Metals' project, Year 3 explored exhibits themed on Air, Earth, Fire and Water.

In the Summer Term the children visited Woodside Wildlife Park as part of their 'Predator' topic. They thoroughly enjoyed dissecting owl pellets and identifying the bones and skulls, which gave them an insight into the elements of the food chain.

But it's not all fun and games! Year 3 enjoyed learning about the properties of 2D shapes in a practical maths lesson. Each group had a hands-on experience using straws, peg boards, elastic bands and toast! The ultimate problem solving came with investigating 'Toast Tangrams.'



The year ended with camping at Perlethorpe. Highlights included mini raft races on the river and a bat walk complete with bat detectors.

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.



Years 5 & 6

YEAR 6

We began the year with our 'Frozen Kingdom' topic, learning about the polar regions of the world and how early explorers tried to reach the South Pole. Children used GIS to plot the routes Scott and Amundsen took, and even had a go at using computer modelling to see if they could accurately pack enough food supplies for such a journey. Their understanding of the survival skills were put to the test in the school woods during Survival Evening.

'Hola Mexico' was the children's next project: they learned about tourism and celebrations in modern-day Mexico, and compared them to life in the time of the Maya. To aid their transition to secondary school, they spent an afternoon at Worksop College carrying out a series of geographical tasks with the College teachers.

The Spring Term was devoted to studying 'A Child's War', learning about what it was like to be a child during the Second World War. An Evacuee Day demonstrated the challenges faced by many children in Britain during this period. Studying the Holocaust and the Kindertransport gave the pupils an understanding of the life of Jewish children and families in Mainland Europe. A visit to the National Holocaust Centre, where the children met and listened to a Holocaust survivor, allowed them to realise that History is real life, rather than just tales from the past.

During the Summer Term, the children studied life in Victorian Britain, as well as preparing for their joint Year 5 and 6 school production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, which was a roaring success. The children also enjoyed their Bushcraft Survival week residential, their Leavers' Meal and disco, and a number of transition events to prepare them for the next phase of their education.



YEAR 5

In the Autumn Term, Year 5 were in for a really gory experience when they visited Weston Park Museum to learn about the Ancient Egyptians as part of their 'Pharaohs' topic: mummification, making shabtis and Egyptian jewellery was just the beginning. Later in the term, our pupils were transported into space through our visiting planetarium, Wonderdome, which truly brought the story of Neil Armstrong to life!

It was all things Harry Potter when they visited the College to take part in a morning of Drama, Art and Music at the start of the Spring Term. Pupils had the opportunity to make their very own Hedwig out of clay and create their own music to a Harry Potter-inspired soundtrack - complete with triangles, xylophones and maracas. In the drama workshop, students acted out scenes from one of the Harry Potter books, while the others guessed what scene and book they were from.

As part of their exploration into Tudors, the pupils paid a visit to Temple Newsam Estate in Leeds. The group toured the Tudor-Jacobean house and immersed themselves in its 400-year-old history, even performing a traditional Tudor dance to Greensleeves. Year 5 pupils thoroughly enjoyed a visit from 'Meet a creature', to kickstart their imaginations in their Beast Creator topic; designing and building bug hotels in the Ranby grounds created real excitement towards Easter.

Pupils enjoyed being immersed in developing their outdoor learning space in the Summer Term and growing their mystery seeds for the school allotment. Visiting the Howards' Carrot Factory allowed the children to see first-hand the effort required to get our produce from farm to fork. A fantastically varied and exciting year!



Mr Daniel Simpson
Head of House

CAPTAINS
Laura Bradley
Fred Cox
Poppy Davies
Talëtha Pritchard
Joseph Simpkin
Kate Walker

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed the new Year 1 pupils to St Alban. The older students quickly took them under their wing and in no time they were fully integrated into the House. This process was helped by all Year Six children taking responsibility for leading a ‘Buddy Group’ during the year. A number of these children were also selected to be House Captain for a term. They all took on these roles with pride.

We started the year attempting to defend our title in House Singing but despite our performance being full of gusto, we were unsuccessful. Unfortunately, this set the tone for the remainder of the Autumn Term, where our performances in house sporting competitions did not meet our high standards of previous years. We also managed to finish the term in last place in the House Effort Cup!

“It was another great year in St Alban House. The pupils supported each other through challenges and successes.”

We began 2018 determined to improve, and worked hard to increase our effort in all aspects of school life. It was therefore a great source of pride that we managed to raise our standards to be awarded the House Effort Cup in the Summer Term.

In addition to strong individual performances representing the school, we also had success within House sporting competitions, winning: Year 3 and 4 Orienteering

- Year 5 and 6 Orienteering
- Overall Orienteering
- Year 1 and 2 Sports Day

I would like to thank the staff who continued to be a great support to St Alban House: Mrs Dodd, Mrs Fowler, Mrs Harper, and Miss Hughes.

Overall, after a slow start, it was another great year in St Alban House. The pupils supported each other through challenges and successes, and continued to do their best to live in the manner of our House Prayer:

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

All for one and one for all!



We were very busy with House events this year. In the Autumn Term, we had the House Singing competition. We chose ‘Consider Yourself’ from the musical *Oliver*. We nailed the performance with everyone in time on the gestures and the music. We were awarded House winners for our performance, which was very exciting!

This year, Year 1 and 2 pupils had their Sports Day as a House competition for the first time. They worked very hard and felt proud to be able to contribute to the House scores. St Benedict House has competitive students and we were regularly in the top two.

Our individual House Industry winners were Rose Williamson, Lydia Priestley, Charlotte Ashton, Joseph Foster and Evangeline Chrispin. St Benedict were also the overall House Industry winners, securing the Ranby House Work Cup. We were the House Conduct Winners for the Summer Term and were awarded the Clive Anderson Work & Conduct Cup and the Matthews Cup.

Henry Bluff was awarded the Pacey Choral Cup and was praised for his hard work in his singing and music throughout the year. Rosie Murch was presented with the Chapel Prize.

Our sporting successes include winning the Year 5 and 6 House Swimming, Netball, Tennis and Sports Day. Breanna Chamberlain was commended for her excellent achievement and hard work in swimming this year, making the IAPS National Finals at the London Aquatic Centre. Rose Williamson was crowned Sportswoman of the Year. She worked really hard all year and made fantastic progress.

The students worked really hard to gain as many positive points for our House as possible and were awarded the Ranby Saints Shield, for being the overall winners of everything combined over the year.

Thank you to all our House staff who supported the students throughout the year: Mrs Payne, Miss Harvey and Mr Bailey-Hobbs.

We wish the Year 6 leavers all the very best for the future. Our Year 6 students were brilliant buddy group leaders and role models to our younger students. We will miss you next year, and hope that you leave with memories to be cherished forever.

The new Year 6 students will step up to the mark, I am sure!



Mrs Nicola Wing
Head of House

CAPTAINS
Freddie Beales
Breanna Chamberlain
Rosie Murch
Daniel Recaldin
Henry Styring
Rose Williamson



Mr Mark Pymm
Head of House

- CAPTAINS**
Alexie Alambritis
Christian Aldridge
Rania Delaimi
Laurie Hutson
Alexandra Pyle
Katie Wall

St Columba started the year off with the annual House Singing Competition. The theme was songs from the musicals so we chose a very catchy number, ‘Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah’. The pupils were great and sang really well, enjoying performing in front of an audience. It was a great way to begin the year and we came 3rd overall.

The sports competitions in the Autumn Term included Tennis. We tried hard and finished 3rd. We won the Junior Touch Rugby competition and were 2nd in the Senior Rugby, missing out to St Benedict on points difference. The senior girls were 2nd in the Hockey. Overall for the term in the Allen Cup Competition for Sport, we were 2nd by just two points; so close!

The Spring Term was one where we were very proud of all the House. How well we improved, moving up from 4th place overall, to joint 2nd. Freya Harper was an inspiration to the whole school and the House as she received a Full House award. Not an easy thing to get, certainly after only two terms of the academic year.

In the Spring Term’s sporting events we were very successful, winning the House Cross Country, with Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 all winning their age groups. We also came first in the Year 5 and 6 House Hockey. The Year 5 and 6 netballers also achieved valuable points, coming 2nd. Our Year 3 and 4 mixed hockey team secured 2nd as well.

This meant we were overall winners of the Allen Trophy for the term.

The Summer Term was as packed as ever with lots of fun activities and events. The big House event was Sports Day and we were overall winners – fantastic. Both Freya Harper and Isobel Simpson received Full House awards. Lucy Broughton won the I3 Music Cup and Christian Aldridge was the Basil David Cup winner. Lily Davis won a gold award in her individual conduct – well done to all!

In the Orienteering competition we came 3rd. In the Swimming, our Juniors were 1st and Seniors 2nd with St Columba 1st overall. The Cricket saw the Seniors come a wonderful 1st. The House Rounders was very competitive and we were awesome, winning overall by just one rounder!

We sadly said goodbye to our Graduate, Miss Lawrence, who was in St Columba this year. She contributed to the House massively with her enthusiasm, encouragement and musical expertise in the House Signing Competition. We wish her all the best as she leaves to train as a teacher. Many thanks also to all six House Captains who did a tremendous job leading the House during the weekly house meetings and during their time in charge. Also, thank you to all the Year 6 Buddy Group Leaders and all leavers this year – I know you will continue to remember the St Columba House spirit.



This was an exciting year for St Dunstan and despite not winning all the trophies we would have liked, I was thoroughly impressed with how the pupils maintained their positive approach and continued to do their very best.

Pupils made a concerted effort to gain every point they could and behaved impeccably to avoid negative conduct points for their House. It is lovely to see how supportive the older children are of their younger peers and they have been a credit to themselves.

Throughout the year, we came in 2nd place for the Overall House Achievement award; I know the pupils are keen to improve on this next year and win the trophy! The House also came 2nd in the House Singing Competition, where we sang the Dr Seuss number ‘Green Eggs and Ham’. We practised relentlessly and even smashed real eggs on Max Poynor in the live performance!

It was a good year for St Dunstan with regard to House sports. Although we did not achieve the accolade of first in any overall event, we worked tirelessly and really showed grit and determination. Sports Day saw the House come in 4th place, but there were some outstanding running performances from Guy Buchanan and Laurence Isherwood, as well as a personal best for Jake Franse in the high jump. The team spirit and encouragement from everyone in the House was fantastic.

“I am incredibly proud of the resilient attitude that St Dunstan have shown this year...”

St Dunstan would not be what it is without the dedication and hard work of the House Captains. In the Autumn Term, Eden Nicholls and Ned Brown set the bar high with their excellent work. They were followed in the Spring by Max Elliott and Laurena Kumar-Lee, who carried the House forward. In the Summer Term, George Hardy and Otilie Brown ensured that we celebrated House successes at every available opportunity. It was with sadness that we said a fond farewell to four of the children from our House this year (excluding Year 6): Holly Tucker, Tess Buchanan, Guy Buchanan and Lawrence Buchanan – we wish them continued success in their new schools.

I am incredibly proud of the resilient attitude that St Dunstan have shown this year, in the face of being pipped at the post by other Houses. Their determination to improve their performance is commendable and I could not be more proud to be their Head of House.



Mrs Heather Stirling-Wood
Head of House

- CAPTAINS**
Ned Brown
Otilie Brown
Max Elliott
George Hardy
Laurena Kumar-Lee
Eden Nicholls

Boarding at Ranby House



If Ranby's boarding house had to be summed up in three words, they would be FRIENDSHIP, CARE, and FAMILY. If we were to add a fourth, it would have to be MANHUNT.

Those unfamiliar with this last word need only chat to one of our many boarders, who will enthuse about the game until lights out and beyond. To adults it looks very much like a game of hide and seek, but it seems to be so much more than that to the children. By hiding, hunting and tearing around together, the children forge deep bonds which we hope will last a lifetime.

Under the watchful eyes of Ranby's Houseparents, Jo and Mark Pymm, Ranby's boarding house is thriving. Mark is a man of action: with whistle in mouth and a proper Sergeant Major's holler on him, he directs each evening's menu of fun and games with a glint in his eye and a clear love of his role. This is matched by Jo's no-nonsense approach to nurturing: whether the problem is a missing sock or a child's nervousness about boarding for the first time, Jo quietly and efficiently takes care of all the children's needs. And after that first night of nervousness, we guarantee that no child ever looks back!

Boarding at Ranby has seen a real influx of children 'giving it a go'. Year 2 boarding was introduced in 2017, and this has continued to be very popular. These pupils are some of the biggest supporters of the boarding facility and they are only six years old!

Particularly exciting boarding activities last year included a very special visit from Retford Fire Station staff. The fire brigade nearly didn't make it, as they received a callout just as they were coming down the drive. Luckily for us, they were stood down and were able to come and give the boarders a talk about staying safe at home. Students got the opportunity to use the hose and look inside the fire engine. In a thrilling twist, the children discovered a 'casualty' (a dummy wearing a superman cape!) in a smoke-filled room. Following the dramatic rescue, the children settled down to their usual 'privs' – a calming hot chocolate before lights out.

Boarding at Ranby House has seen a huge influx of children 'giving it a go'.

The great weather allowed the boarders plenty of outside play in the Summer Term. Ranby boarders saw out the year in style, as they got the opportunity to use the giant water slide – a great success with a full boarding house.

Special thanks to Megan Lawrence, Mollie Anderson and Edward Bailey-Hobbs, our hard-working and dedicated graduate students. We are so very grateful for all their help and support and wish them all the best as they move onto the next stage of their lives.

To find out more about boarding at Ranby House, visit wsnl.co.uk/boarding





Evie Levick
House Captain

This past year as House Captain in Derry has certainly been my most memorable; it was another year of great achievements by all members of the House across all areas such as academics and music, as well as personal achievements by the girls outside of school.

For House Song this year, we dressed up in black and red and sang loud to Ricky Martin's 'Livin' La Vida Loca'. All of the girls did an amazing job at learning the lyrics and dancing to the beat.

As always, our annual Derry Dinner allowed us to raise money for our House Charity 'Farms for City Children', along with other contributions throughout the year, which could not have been done without Helen Baddiley as our House Sacristan.

It goes without saying that Derry is home to a very close-knit group of girls, and I will miss them all dearly and the relationships we share with one another, as well as with our tutors. We will all miss Mrs Futter as Housemistress, but will be excited to welcome a new year with Miss Phillips as Housemistress. I am confident in Helen Baddiley's abilities to take on the role of House Captain, and I wish her the best of luck.

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All of us who will not be returning next year are leaving behind a family, of which we will always be a part, and always welcomed back to; this would not exist without the kindness and generosity of our tutors, especially our Housekeeper Jill, who is always available for a chat and keeps us company, along with her constant work in-house to support us. As well as this, Mrs Futter and Miss Phillips have always been there for us, whether it be to provide a listening ear or some much needed advice.

Needless to say, I will miss Derry and the family I have been a part of for the past five years. Most of all, I am proud to say that I have been the House Captain of such kind and intelligent girls.



Jenny Dickinson
House Captain

The Autumn Term flew by very quickly, finishing with House Song; Gibbs performed 'Tik Tok' by KE\$HA. After many weeks of practice, we definitely pulled it off! This was then followed by a very enjoyable House party, with pizza, music and lots of dancing.

This year our chosen House Charity was 'Mary's Meals'. The charity collects backpacks containing items that young children like or need. We also raised money for and made significant contributions to this year's Harvest Festival. Our House Sacristan, Freya Webster, put a lot of effort into this and for that I am grateful.

As always, Gibbs remained high in the Gill Cup ranking based on academic credits achieved over the year. Individual congratulations to Madison Chafer who scored over 1,000 points. Other Gibbs girls who made a significant contribution were Amy Briggs (950), Aoife Schneider (700), Henan Feng (340) and Freya Webster (350). Also, a huge well done to Issy Boocock and Grace Sanders who secured 2nd place in the House Cooking Competition.

"...every girl put in a huge amount of effort, no matter how much they were struggling..."

We achieved great success in many sports events throughout the year. We were victorious in winning the Clumber Run title, with the top three individuals all coming from Gibbs House – well done to Ceri Thorman (1st), Talia Parish (2nd) and Chloe Sanders (3rd). We also won the Senior Netball, Senior Swimming, Senior Rounders and Junior Basketball. This was an amazing achievement for all of the girls in Gibbs; every girl put in a huge amount of effort, no matter how much they were struggling.

Gibbs would not be the same without the Tutor Team. They keep everything within the House running smoothly, putting in so much effort and commitment to Gibbs. I'd like to thank them for all the support they have given. Our Housekeepers Sue and Elaine are absolutely amazing and I can't begin to explain how grateful we are. They have put so much work and dedication into making sure the house is tidy and organised.

I'd like to thank all the girls of Gibbs House for making my time here so special, especially my last year. Most of all, Gibbs would not function without Mr James and Miss Grant. They put an incredible amount of time and energy into making sure we are the best we can be. They organise and support us in so many ways.

The time I have spent in Gibbs has gone so fast and the memories I have made and the people I have met are just unforgettable.



Alan Brown
House Captain

We kicked off the year with the House Song. Mason House is quite well known for its tried and tested approach, starting practice three or four days before the event... and this year was no different! Saying this, I am very proud of the dance we actually produced, given the lack of talent in the Year 13 group!

The Dorm Run was a highlight for the House; we showed that hard work and determination pay off when aimed at a common goal. The House's goal was to maintain the title of Dorm Run winners for two years in a row and we succeeded. All that training was worth it, boys!

Another highlight was the Mason Summer Social. The Year 13s, Mr Murray and Dr Koon made it a special occasion for all leavers. A great touch was home-made pizzas prepared on Mason lawn.

This year, Mason were proud to have two prefects, myself and Tomo Sugiyama, and also the Captain of School, Clemens Roettgen. Mason students were also core members of the Choir throughout the year and also featured in several lunchtime concerts. Jerry Wong was further established as the school's student photographer.

Alongside these cultural achievements, Mason House has always a good share of first and second team players in the main sports.

This year's House Charity was rather a special choice: as opposed to choosing an organisation or illness, we chose to support St Cuthbert's Chapel in the College, which certainly means a lot to almost every pupil whether religious or not.

A big thank you must be said to our Housekeepers, Denise and Karen, who since arriving at the start of last year really did change the House for the better. One small example is that they both prepare toast and drinks for the boys at break time – what a treat! Also, Mason would be a completely different environment to the current family-like attitude without the committed team on hand to aid us in any and every situation. This is mainly driven by Mr Murray and Dr Koon who will be massively missed by the boys next year. We hope they enjoy the next chapters in their lives.

Captain of School and Mason House member Clemens Roettgen says: "My time in Mason House has gone too fast. The relationships and friendships that I made with pupils and staff will last forever. Nothing is more important than the experience and memories you make at school. Always remember: being in a boarding house is not a one-year commitment, it is a journey and every Year 13 student creates a legacy that we leave behind."



Every House likes to think they are the best. Housemasters and Housemistresses will have certain views on what will make each year successful, and their criteria for success change year upon year.

In my opinion, these movable criteria depend on the characters of the Sixth Formers in each House, and this is one of the challenges that we face. Our aim is to create an identity within a House that everyone subscribes to and can identify with, that can stand the test of time, and that truly becomes the standard for future boys.

We are the strongest musical House. There were great performances by many of our boys during the year and the House band gained momentum under the guidance of Mr Breheney. House Song was a great achievement; it brought the House together and showed the whole school what teamwork and compatibility can achieve.

We may only have won a few events this year – Senior Rugby, Senior and Junior Swimming and Junior Badminton – but this was enough to keep us in the running for the L'Amie Cup.

Every single boy in Pelham House gave their all in every event, and this lifted our House spirit, which enabled us to never give up and carry on pressing for the cups.

The House Charity Dinner was a huge success this year and we raised very close to £1500. The House did themselves proud and all who attended had a fantastic evening. Callum Bonny, Will Hickton and Stef Taylor all did a great job in the kitchen, providing delicious food. Tom Clough, Tom Potter and Oscar Sui worked wonders at the bar, making sure everyone was happy and topped up. Nic Keast was a tremendous host, making sure performances ran smoothly, as well as keeping the raffles and auctions in competitive order. Special thanks to Tom Clough who has been Mr Reliable in organising reports and helping to set up the House committee.

I would like to thank the Tutor Team who have all played their part in helping develop and mould the boys of Pelham into upstanding citizens who are equipped to face the challenges that life will throw at them: Mr Longhurst, Mr Breheney, Mr Jordan, Mr Holterman and Mr Appleton (who will be tested in Derry House next year). A special thanks to Linda, our Housekeeper, who does a huge amount for the House. She has the patience of a saint! Finally of course, I would like to thank Mr Franse, who is always there for us and is a great support to all the boys in Pelham.



Nicholas Keast
House Captain



Paige Hawkins and Will Booth
House Captains

This was Portland's second year at Worksop College as a Junior House, and it's fair to say that it was a whirlwind of a year.

In the Autumn Term, we greeted the new Year 7 & 8s, helping them to not get lost like many of us did last year! Later in the term, the whole House took part in the Dorm Run. We raced in our divisions (Caribou, Taruca, Muntjac & Wapiti). It was tough but enjoyable, and we all managed to finish. During the Christmas break, some Portlanders embarked on a ski trip to Pila, Italy. Everyone who went loved the trip and had a great time.

For House Song, we decided to perform the 'Grease Megamix'. Everyone wore amazing costumes, with Will Booth and Ella Porter dressed as Sandy, and Seth Tamlyn and Paige Hawkins dressed as Danny.

As a treat for the Autumn Term, we had our Portland Christmas Jumper Disco. We had loud music, wacky lights, good food and lots of laughter and dancing – it was great!

This year the school introduced a junior theatre production, *The Lion King*. All Portlanders were able to take part either by creating animal masks with Mrs Platt-Hawkins and Ms Richardson, learning how to program the lights and making

the microphones work with Mr Partington, or singing and acting to bring the play together with Miss Grant and Miss Phillips. This play was a big hit!

The Summer Term soon came around, and we had lots of trips including a history trip for the Year 8s to Newark Civil War Museum before examinations. After our week of exams, the Year 8 students were taken on an adventure weekend to Whitemoor Lakes and the Year 7s were taken to Normandy.

Our chosen charity this year was St Giles School, in Retford. We raised a total of £3100, which is an amazing achievement for us all.

The Portlanders wouldn't have been able to have this great year without Mr & Mrs Guillaud and all the Portland House staff, who have been there for us every step of the way and have been our second family. Adele is the most amazing housekeeper a Portlander could wish for – thank you for looking after us. On behalf of the rest of Portland, we would like to say huge thank you to all of you, for getting us through this long year. We've had the best time being Portland House Captains, and we are very grateful to have been given this opportunity. We will always be Portlanders, because as Mr Guillaud says:

"Always remember you were born a Portlander, no matter what your future House may be."



This year has been the best year I've had at Worksop College. Everyone in the House has bonded so well and the House spirit has been incredibly positive. The House has really pulled together and we have created a strong support system. The new Year 9 students have integrated extraordinarily well into the House.

The events that have taken place over the past year have provided everyone with memories they are unlikely to forget, especially the School House Dinner. The performances from each year group had clearly had a lot of time and effort put into them. It was a rare experience for each year group to participate in karaoke, which proved how the House has become closer over the year; I hope this carries on in the future.

In the Autumn Term, we took to the stage to perform 'Nine to Five' by Dolly Parton. It was a lot of fun putting together the dance routine and everyone made such a great effort.

I am sad to leave Worksop College but I am very thankful for all the help and support given to me, especially from School House staff and tutors. Although I may be leaving, I will always be here to support the House and help when needed.

I'd like to make special mention of our Housekeeper Sue, who is like a mum to me and all the other girls and is a strong asset of School House. Also, I want to thank Mr Axelby, who has stepped forward on various occasions for the betterment of the House. Finally, I'd like to thank Mrs Parkinson for being the voice of reason when I needed it and taking into account the opinions of the House.

I'm very proud to have been School House Captain, as in my opinion it is the most welcoming and friendly! Although I will miss School House dearly, as it is my second family, I know it is in safe and capable hands with Emily Kilford. I would like to thank all Worksop staff and pupils for everything. I will miss you all!



Mirren Allan
House Captain

"The events that have taken place over the past year have provided everyone with memories they are unlikely to forget..."

House reports | Shirley



Fraser Dudley
House Captain

It was a great start to the year for Shirley House. We welcomed some very lively Year 9 pupils, some incredibly nice Year 12s bolstered the ranks, and we were confident of a positive year. Although we have rarely been able to win some of the House Competitions outright, we always give it our best and are always competitive.

The Sixth Form Curry Evening was very popular this year. Even though some questionable menu choices (Josh Potts!) meant that several glasses of cooling refreshments were required, everyone made it into school the day after.

The formal House Dinner was ditched by popular demand and we used the opportunity to hold a House Charity fundraising BBQ. Joe Barnes and Ollie Case took control of the griddle and kept everyone supplied with burgers and bangers!

With the busy summer timetable and several other competitions running during House Time, it proved tough to get in the required practice for Sports Day. Everyone stepped up to the mark, however, and there were some excellent individual and relay team performances. Even our 'Tug of War' team put up a valiant performance against the boarding house heavyweights (I am sure that the teatime puddings helped them out there!)

Across the year groups we have great strength in academics and, with the likes of Huw Brown and Joe Lippitt, it is hardly surprising that we have continued to feature prominently in the cultural life of the school.



The House Photography competition is a cultural highlight of the year and we were awarded joint 1st place through the efforts of George Wilmshurst and his team.

Harry Goodman, the House Sacristan, did an excellent job of encouraging the boys to contribute generously and organise fundraising events in support of our charity RP Fighting Blindness.

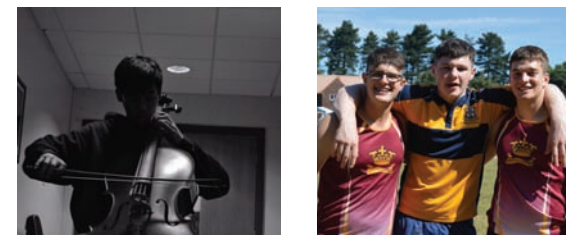
Our committed tutor team do a fantastic job guiding us through our academic journeys, especially Mr Duckering and Mrs Christodoulou. Thank you for your dedication, as well as Karen our Housekeeper who keeps us organised and deals with our mess!

The time we have spent in Shirley House has been hugely enjoyable and the memories and friendships will be cherished forever. Mr Duckering is taking a well-deserved rest and stepping down as our Housemaster. He will be a tough act to follow!

To next year's House Captain Team, I wish you luck. I know that you will help Mr Baker to continue to keep the Shirley spirit going and ensure that it remains the welcoming place that it has become.

If I may offer one piece of advice to the boys in Shirley: get involved in all that goes on in this fantastic House. Don't wait to be asked – volunteer!

Talbot | House reports



Riecko Parker-Cole
House Captain

What a year it has been! This year was without doubt the highlight of my time at Worksop College. I have to say, I wouldn't be the person I am today if it weren't for Talbot House. There have been many challenges along the way, for both myself and the House as a whole, but what is important is how we all come together to combat those challenges.

This year, we had many new Talbotians from the UK and overseas, but the integration was smooth and unnoticeable, which makes me really proud to say I'm a part of this.

We've taken part in a number of events: we sang and danced away to 'Blame it on the Boogie' by The Jackson 5 for House Song; we were suited and booted for the Talbot House Dinner; and we got hands-on at Rhubarb Farm to support our House Charity.

Congratulations to Talbot chefs Bryan Wong and Tom Williams, whose main course clinched first place in the 'House Cookery Competition'.

The icing on the cake was winning the Culture Cup and the L'Amie Cup (for house sports). The sports trophy has taken over 20 years to find its way up the Talbot stairs again, and I am so thrilled that we did it this year.

Leaving Talbot House and becoming an OW will be a difficult thing for me, as I know I am leaving the security and unity that Talbot brings – this comes from Mr Parkin, Mr Hill and all the Tutors.

Talbot will be in safe hands with Jay White taking over next year. He is Talbot through and through, and knows exactly what the House is about.

I will be leaving Worksop College, but I know that I will always be a part of the Talbot family and will of course be visiting at a later stage to see the progress it has made!

Finally, I just want to say a massive thank you to all of the staff and pupils who have contributed to make my five years at Worksop College the best years of my life; they have been five special years I will never forget.

It's been a blast!

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Chapel

Our two chapels are the lifeblood of the schools. By worshipping and singing together, we have a united faith which supports the whole community and fulfils a vision of care for everyone throughout their time at Ranby and Worksop. This is especially evident in our united Founders' Day service each October.



ST CUTHBERT'S CHAPEL

Chaplaincy Team 2016-17

- David Bates (Prefect of Chapel)
- Abby O'Donoghue (Prefect of Sacristy)
- Alan Brown (Chapel Warden, Head Server)
- Danyal Rossaro (Sunday Sacristan)
- Will Hayman (Thurifer)

Sacristans 2016-17

Alex Boyd (S), Jenny Dickinson (G), Evie Levick (D), Abi Nicholson (G), Riecko Parker-Cole (T), Clemens Roettgen (M), Martin Rose (P), Hannah Smith (Pt), Maisie Waring (SH)

Chaplaincy Team 2017-18

- Martin Rose (Prefect of Chapel)
- Huw Brown (Prefect of Sacristy)
- Emilie Pymm (Chapel Warden)
- Tom Goodman (Head Server)
- Tom Wilkinson (Sunday Sacristan)
- Alan Brown (Thurifer)

Sacristans 2017-18

Helen Baddiley (D), Rafe Cawkwell-Stansfield (Pt), Harry Goodman (S), Emily Kilford (SH), James Recaldin (P), Jorge Stevenson (T), Freya Webster (G), Max Wintergerst (M)



ST AUGUSTINE'S CHAPEL

Heads of Chapel 2016-17

Edward Howard and Amelia Wright

Heads of Chapel 2017-18

Rosie Murch and Max Poynor

CONFIRMATION & BAPTISM

The support given by the rest of the school to those being confirmed is a striking feature of our community. The Chapel stands at the centre of our values; confirmation provides an opportunity for our pupils to develop both their participation in the life of the community and in their own journey of faith.

The Bishop of Sherwood, the Rt Revd Tony Porter, confirmed 40 members of the College community in 2017 and 2018. Twelve pupils were baptised.

First Communion is an important event in the lives of a number of Ranby pupils. 26 of them chose to take this step in the last two years.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Particular highlights of the school year were the Harvest Festivals, Ranby's Christingle Service, stunning Christmas Carol services, a Candlemas Service which included a candlelit procession around the Ranby Quad, the Founders' Day celebration, and the Commemoration Service on Prize-giving Day.

CHAPEL CHOIRS

The Chapel Choirs at Ranby and Worksop enhance our services each week, with musical settings and anthems always sung to a high standard. In addition to Chapel commitments the College Choir sang Evensong at Sheffield and Durham Cathedrals and at Queen's College, Oxford, and Ranby Choir sang at the Macmillan Carol Services in Welbeck Chapel. Many thanks to organists Harry Jacques and Matthew



Wright, and to Directors of Music Ruth Massey at Ranby and Timothy Uglow at the College.

GUEST SPEAKERS

We are always delighted to welcome guest speakers to our Chapel services. Highlights of the last two years include the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan (Dean of Southwell), Canon Brendan Clover (Provost), Revd David Gough (St Anne's Worksop), Nathan Mulcock (student from St Stephen's House, Oxford), Revd Dan Inman (Queen's College, Oxford), Revd David Ridgeway (Vicar of Castor, Peterborough), Revd Lucy Cleland (Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwell), and Revd James Pacey (OW, Curate of Hucknall).

A proud moment came when Sir John Peace, Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, presented members of the Lower Sixth Community Service team with the County Community Service Award 2018.

WEDDINGS

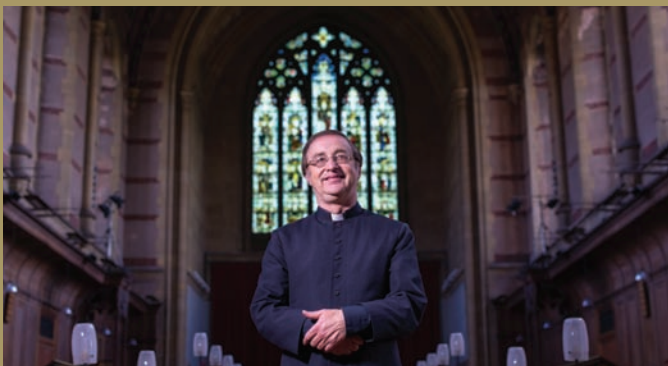
We celebrated the weddings of Lauren Round (OW) to Andrew Windsor. Amelia Brock (OW) to Chris Trem (OW), Conor Smith (OW) to Fran Withers, Zoe Balkwell (OW) to Richard Gill, and Corina Cato (OW) to Thomas McMullan. In 2016 we were delighted to celebrate the wedding blessing of Steve Breheney (SCR) and his wife Maria in the Chapel.

COLLEGE CHARITIES

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| • Derry | Farms for City Children, Cardiac Risk |
| • Gibbs | Mary's Meals, Guide Dogs for the Blind |
| • Mason | Chapel Refurbishment, Reading Agency |
| • Pelham | Save the Children, Cerebral Palsy Sport |
| • Portland | St Giles Retford, Bluebell Wood Hospice |
| • Shirley | RP Fighting Blindness, Prostate Cancer UK |
| • School | Freed Beeches, Great Ormond St Hospital |
| • Talbot | Rhubarb Farm, Hope Community Services |
| • SCR | Rainbows Hospital, Bassetlaw CVS |

Total including all additional fundraising: over **£ 33,500**

Paul Finlinson, Chaplain





Music: the College

Summing up the major musical events and pupil achievements of the year in one report is never an easy task. It is impossible to mention individually all the brilliant performances that have been given in the regular Friday Lunchtime Series. Such performances breathe life into the soul of our community, lifting us above mundane or repetitive tasks. Supporting events by being part of the audience is also important, whether this be for a professional event or for someone in your house and it has been pleasing to see an ever increasing number of people doing just that.

Our two flagship ensembles are the Chapel Choir and the College Orchestra, both of which have been on fine form this year. For the past year, the Head of Choir has been Eleanor Cooley who has been a particularly good role model to the less confident younger members of the choir (if only they could have seen how her confidence developed over the last five years!) This year she exceeded her own expectations in giving solos with orchestra in Bach's Magnificat at the Feast of Christmas Music Concert as well as singing beautifully the soprano solo in Blessed City by Bairstow at our annual Prize-giving event. The Leader of the Orchestra is currently Emily Marshall. She showed everybody how the violin should be played in a vivid performance of Vivaldi's Violin Concerto in A minor, RV 356 with Camerata.

It was a bumper year for theatrical music-making too. A Night at the Musicals was dominated by members of the Schola Cantorum but it was great to see some less frequent performers involved such as Tom Cooley and Seb Willars – perhaps it was the draw of the flash mob performance during the interval which involved jumping onto the dining room tables? (I am assured suitable precautions were taken to avoid damage!) This was followed by My Fair Lady in the Spring Term (where Ruby Bak and James Payne who played the lead roles were utterly superb) and The Lion King in the Summer Term, which provided an excellent opportunity for the members of VOX to develop their vocal skill as well as a chance for those in lead roles to excel.

During this year we have probably hosted the best season of professional concerts the College has seen. The season began with the History of Music according to Mike Hurst. Mike was an original member of the Springfields and his visits are remembered as much for their amusement value and anecdotes, as for their educational content. Other top names have included: Red Priest, VOCES8, and David Briggs who amazed us by improvising the entire soundtrack to the silent movie, Phantom of the Opera. We were also very pleased to welcome back Nathan Barrow OW, who gave an Organ Recital just a few days before he took up the Organ Scholarship at Pembroke College Oxford. Other Concert Series events included our annual Jazz Night and the Lent Term Choral Concert, at which the choirs sang Stanford's Songs of the Fleet and Rutter's cantata The Gift of Life.

It is pleasing that each year brings with it a number of examination and competition successes. Particular congratulations go to Eleanor Cooley (voice), Dominic Leach (voice), Martin Rose (clarinet), and Josh Porter (drum kit) who all successfully passed Grade 8 in their instruments this year. Participation in the Worksop Music Festival was exceptional this year. Pupils from the College entered over 120 classes and won 30 of them. Of these, six pupils were invited to participate in the Winners' Concert held at the Crossing Church; they were: Ruby Bak, Ruben Dales, Dominic Leach, James Payne, Philippa Walker and Emily Zehetmayr.

Over the last five years, the Music Department has been blessed with the presence of a Graduate Music Assistant; for the last two years this has been Harry Jacques. During this time Mr Jacques has been observed in a variety of roles from Gibbs House duties to shooting with the CCF. However, it is as an organist for the chapel services and a tenor in the Chapel Choir that he will be missed most. During his second year with us, he completed his PGCE and so it was natural for him to seek a full-time role. We therefore congratulate him on his appointment as Organist and Teacher of Music at Oakham School. I hope that he, as well as all the musicians who are leaving this year, will stay in touch. It is always very good to see OWs returning to watch or even participate in our concerts.

Timothy Uglow, Director of Music, Worksop College



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Ranby House musicians enjoyed another jam-packed year. 125 children played at least one musical instrument, and several dedicated souls played as many as four! The Performing Arts Centre grew ever busier, with children dashing to the practice rooms at break times to work on their pieces or create new music.

SINGING TOGETHER

In time-honoured tradition, we began the year with the House Singing Competition – our four Houses had only two weeks to prepare a song from a Musical. Our guest judge Miss Phillips presided over the competition, pronouncing St Benedict triumphant with their rip-roaring rendition of ‘Consider Yourself’ from Oliver! The House Singing is a great opportunity for the Houses to learn to work together early in the year, with our older pupils in Year 6 helping and mentoring the brand new recruits to the four Houses in Year 1.

WORKSOP MUSIC FESTIVAL

We had tremendous success at the Worksop Music Festival, winning every group category we entered with Distinctions. The Choir gave a superb rendition of ‘It don’t mean a thing if it ain’t got that swing’. 75 individual entrants competed and parents showed up en masse to provide lots of moral support. The Festival was buzzing this year, thanks to the infectious enthusiasm of the Ranby musicians.

CHAPEL CHOIR

The Chapel Choir shone – its 50 members gave their all throughout the year and the staff are incredibly proud of them. Henry Bluff and Ottilie Brown were splendid Head Choristers and truly led from the front. Our annual Choir Trip was a very special one: we visited Peak Cavern in the Peak District (affectionately known as The Devil’s Arse, which some choristers found highly amusing!). Following a tour of the cavern complex, the choir gave an exclusive concert to parents in the Great Cavern. This was swiftly followed by copious amounts of ice cream on the way home.

Another highlight for the Chapel Choir was recording a choral CD – possibly the first in Ranby’s history (at least I can’t find any purely

choral CDs in the archives!). With repertoire ranging from Benjamin Britten to our very own, much loved Mr Foulds, we now have a lasting memento of this splendid vocal group. CDs are available from the School Office for £10.

CONCERTS GALORE

Our informal Teatime Concert series was popular, with 180 performances across the year. There were particularly memorable performances from Christian Aldridge (percussion), Sathvik Balasubramanian (piano), Evangeline Chrispin (piano), Amélie Bing (voice), George Hardy (saxophone), Rosie Murch (saxophone), Year 6 String Group, and Alexa Biddulph (violin).

For our Christmas Concert this year, Years 3 to 6 did something slightly out of the ordinary and performed a glitzy musical, Lights, Camel, Action! Each class took on a different scene: from disco dancing Stars in Year 5 to a very impressive set of Funky Camels in Year 3, every child sang and acted with festive gusto.

Babar the Elephant came to Ranby on a bright spring morning: our Pre-Prep children enjoyed making elephant masks before being treated to a concert performance. The children sat spellbound as Mrs Jones played the piano and Miss Massey narrated the story of the little elephant who went to the city.

All of Ranby’s musicians took part in the Non-Stop Music Festival, the brand-new musical event of the Spring Term. The children performed one after another for an incredible eight hours, almost without stopping!

Many of our musicians are budding composers, as demonstrated in the Young Songwriters section of the Summer Concert. Particular congratulations to Noah Connelly (choral anthem: ‘Up and Down the Mountain’), Nina Swiercinska, Raymond Dalby-Rose and Niamh Sutherland, who performed their excellent compositions in concerts this year.

SMASHING EXAM RESULTS

The Summer Term saw an outstanding set of results in music exams: 15 Distinctions, 10 Merits and 2 Passes. Particular congratulations go to high scorers Vrishin Balasubramanian (100% ABRSM Grade 1 music theory), Cole Macrae (95% Rockschoool Debut Drums), and George Howard (139 out of 150 ABRSM Grade 2 Singing).

END-OF-YEAR AWARD WINNERS

Basil David Music Cup

Christian Aldridge (Year 6)

Pacey Choral Cup

Henry Bluff (Year 6)

Music Industry Cup

Lucy Broughton (Year 2)

Music Festival Outstanding Performance

Rose Dutton (Year 5)

Pacey Drama & Music Cup

Max Poynor (Year 6)

Ruth Massey, Director of Music, Ranby House





Drama



A KING IS BORN

Christmas started early in Pre-Prep, with children working hard on learning their lines and songs for their Nativity play, *A King is Born*. The children really got us in the Christmas spirit and performed well to a packed audience. The snowmen in particular melted the hearts of the audience, and they were joined on stage by 'The Star of Bethlehem', 'Three Wise Men' on rather lifelike camels, and... Scooby Doo!

WHAT A KNIGHT

Pupils in Years 3 and 4 took a trip back to Camelot for their hilarious musical adventure telling the tale of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table on Camelot's craziest quest. The pupils worked hard to learn their lines and delivered them with confidence and enthusiasm. Their acting skills, along with the catchy songs and the corny jokes, made the two performances entertaining for everyone. Once again, it was a great team effort from scenery to costumes and lighting.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Years 5 and 6 ended the year with what Mr Pritchard described as "quite possibly the best Ranby show ever!" Henry Bluff took the title role to stunning effect, Max Poynor found his inner Elvis as Pharaoh, and Clementine Spencer-Knott (Potiphar's Wife) gave an outstanding performance. Every child in Years 5 and 6 took part, and embraced learning this challenging piece with great energy. Congratulations to all who took part, particularly the Singing Narrator team. It will be a difficult act to follow!



LION KING JR

Our vision with *The Lion King Jr* was to involve as many of the Portland pupils as possible in all facets of the production – from acting and headress production to publicity, design, and sound & lighting operation. The *Lion King* cast and crew of over forty Portland pupils took their



audiences on a vibrant and unforgettable journey through the African savannah, which will live long in the memories of the packed audiences and the pupils themselves. From Timon and Pumbaa's one-liners to Mufasa's emotional death scene, this show had something for all, even those who played pieces of grass! Here's to the next Portland production... Hakuna Matata!



MY FAIR LADY

The senior school's production of *My Fair Lady* was a massive success. Sixth Form student and star of the show Josh Porter gives us a rundown of the production.

From the start, we knew *My Fair Lady* would be a challenge as the teachers and cast had never managed to do a show this demanding in such a short space of time, having given early rehearsals over to the 'Night at the Musicals'. Special mentions must first go to Ruben Dales (Freddy), Huw Brown (Pickering) and Helen Baddiley (Mrs Pearce) who all took significant

roles in the play and spent hours working hard to nail lines and characterisations. Huge credit must be given to James Payne and Ruby Bak (Professor Higgins and Eliza Doolittle) – both had significantly larger roles than anyone else in the production. They were regularly spending lunchtimes in the theatre running lines and worked incredibly hard to put on a fantastic show. Finally, the chorus were tremendous: they might not have had as much line learning to do, but we would not have been able to put on the show without them. Many hours were spent learning harmonies, learning how to dance – waltzing in particular – and trying to get a half-decent cockney accent!



Art & Photography

With stage design projects, trips to London and outstanding pieces at the Prize-giving exhibition, we've seen some of the best artwork yet at the College!

The school production of *The Lion King* took up many of the Year 7 and 8 art lessons and after-school clubs. The pupils should be proud, not only of their performances on stage but their construction and decoration skills beyond the stage.

Art and Photography students enjoyed a wide array of trips and photographic opportunities. Year 11 Photography students took a trip to London early in September, exploring 'Motion in the City', capturing the hustle and bustle of traffic, pedestrians, street performers and the odd pigeon in their images. They visited the 'Treasures of India' exhibition at Getty Images Gallery as well as an exhibition of photography by Gregory Crewdson at The Photographers' Gallery.

In January, Year 10 Fine Art and Photography students took to the streets, exploring the architectural wonders of 'The Walkie-Talkie Building', 'The Gherkin' and of course the Lloyd's Building. Students captured a range of exciting images of these buildings as well as close-up shots of decay, road markings, graffiti and historical buildings such as The National Gallery and the lions in Trafalgar Square. The fourth plinth caused much discussion: what does the elongated thumb represent? Is it a big thumbs-up or a comment on contemporary life and how the use of technology has the potential to change our physiology?

Photographers visited the Taylor Wessing Photographic Portrait Prize exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery, while the Fine Artists visited the permanent portrait exhibition. From there we travelled on to the Natural History Gallery and V&A. Photographers enjoyed the delights of the annual Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition, while Fine Artists visited various collections at the V&A, including ancient Chinese ceramics.

We were back in the city again later in January with the Sixth Form. The London Art Fair, in its 30th year, is an exhibition of contemporary and historical artwork, across all media, from galleries all over the work. It gave students the opportunity to experience art forms and ideas they had not been exposed to before. From video and sound installation, photography, sculpture, print, drawing and painting, there was something for everyone.

Students have also had trips locally in the Summer Term; Year 10 Photographers visited the Butterfly House in Anston as part of their 'Animals' coursework project and Year 12 students had a trip to Leeds Arts University Open Day. The BA degrees in Photography, Fashion and Marketing and Fine Art particularly enthused students.

In addition to Kathryn Egan's piece (left), there have been a number of artwork highlights: Rosie Muxlow's freestanding A Level Photography installation, combining her photographic images of dereliction taken across Lincolnshire, Nottingham and South Yorkshire with barbed wire and a steel barrier. Daisy Wong's paintings of the figure in architectural spaces used unusual perspectives and fisheye lens effects in her outcomes; her consistently excellent painting skill demonstrated throughout her A Level course won Daisy the Wilson Painting Prize.

The Art exhibition at Prize-giving is a great celebration of the successes achieved throughout the year. Students taking Art and Photography in Year 7 to Year 13, each had at least one piece of artwork in the exhibition; this reflects the high level of skill, ambition and creativity we have seen in the Art School. The variety of personal outcomes by the students across all year groups has been a joy to share in.

My thanks go to the students for trusting us to lead them on their creative journey. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Halsall and Ms Richardson for their hard work.

Helen Platt-Hawkins, Head of Art, Worksop College



Ranby Artists

Paintings and drawings by Art Scholar Kathryn Egan were a major highlight of the Prize-giving Art Exhibition. Her large oil painting of a proud coal miner was the culmination of months and years of hard work, commitment and depth of learning, alongside her natural ability. Kathryn was awarded the Fine Art Prize.



Design & Technology



Over the year, our Design & Technology students were tasked with designing some very challenging pieces of work. Our A level students were set the project of building a chair, whilst our GCSE pupils got to try their hand at designing a low-voltage lamp.

A LEVEL DESIGN BRIEF

Regarded by most as a utilitarian everyday product, the chair passes most people by without consideration of the designer and the complex process he/she has undertaken to realise his/her design intentions. In fact, the humble chair is regarded by Product Designers as a 'rite of passage' into the design world. Designing a chair is a complex balance of creativity, ergonomics, engineering and economics.

As a young designer, you are asked to identify a gap in the market where you can design and develop a prototype that would be a viable design.

GCSE DESIGN BRIEF

A major design museum wishes to expand its range of products on sale in the museum shop. It wishes to sell popular products influenced by major design eras of the last 100 years.

Design and make a low-voltage light in the style of any design era of the last 100 years.

Tuesday 9th January 2018 marked the inception of the Sixth Form Centre, quite a turning point in the history of the College. There was a tangible buzz about the place as sixth formers bustled in to explore its varied environments: individual responsibility and decision-making in action.

Conceptually, the Centre is designed, firstly, in both its physical form and its ethos, to bridge the gap to life beyond Worksop College. Secondly, it overlays rather than replaces the Houses that constitute the heart of the College, thereby enhancing 'community'. Thirdly, in looking to the future within the context of a continuum from the past, in essence, it represents organic growth.

The Centre is within the main school, on the site of what was previously Shirley House, with a wonderful vista overlooking the Quad. The House crests adorn the entry staircase. The School Values adorn a wall within. Study possibilities range from the supervised study room, through a large unsupervised area and a small seminar room, to the cafeteria-style Common Room, not to mention the School Library parallel to it. Recent returning OWs grasp the extent to which the Centre encapsulates the 'feel' of the university environment in which they now find themselves.

Some fun was had in its making. A fireplace was uncovered, subsequently restored to its former glory with all its welcoming warmth on winter evenings. We ruminated over Helen Platt-Hawkins' creative artwork, ultimately emphasising the imitative arches. Historical memorabilia was transferred from Bert's: the sign, the bell and the price list. A number of wonderful Expedition photographs project a sense far beyond the immediate. The Examinations Officer is in situ, as, for the most part, is the Head of Sixth Form, and a member of the teaching staff in the supervised area, creating a synthesis between student and staff again more reflective of life after school.

Matthew Allen (OW 1980-1985), Professor of Small Animal Health Surgery at the University of Cambridge, officially opened the Centre on Thursday 1st March. OWs, parents and outside lecturers have already graced its halls. We even have a Worksop College Sixth Form mug!

Gratitude is significantly due to all who have contributed, in inception, planning and operation, especially, and over-archingly, Gavin Horgan, alongside the Sixth Form Leadership team of Sam Baker, David Jordan, Adam Gutteridge, Sam Koon and Sarah Dalby, as well as Ian Barnes and Leila Gold and their respective teams. Last, but by no means least, thanks go to Roy Collard for creating the role of Head of Sixth Form back in 2004.

Semper ad Coelestia, although perhaps we also need a Sixth Form motto...

Nicholas Kitchen, Head of Sixth Form

The Sixth Form Centre



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Sport report: Workso College

Girls' Hockey

The girls' 1st XI had an incredibly successful season, especially given that they had lost nine members of the squad from the previous year. They finished the season with six wins, four draws and three losses. Had we been more clinical in front of goal, this could have easily improved. Some of the big victories along the way were against some of the country's most prestigious hockey schools, such as Surbiton Grammar School, Oakham, Bromsgrove, Hymers and Pocklington, in what was a very tough fixture card, but the girls proved their worth.

The U14s and 15s had a difficult season and I am sure the U15s are looking forward to moving into the senior teams and the U14s to gaining more of the success that this talented group deserve.

The U13 teams had a good year, making massive amounts of progress. Particular credit to the U13As who made it through to the Midlands Finals.

Special thanks to Abi Speight who, after serving in the 1st XI team for five years, finished her Workso career by captaining the team and was awarded a well-deserved school cap for her achievements and commitment to the sport. Abi is a superb role model for the younger players moving up the ranks of the College teams.

Andrew Appleton, Head of Hockey



Sport report: Workso College



Full Colours were awarded to:

- Katie Doncaster, Abi Speight

Half Colours were awarded to:

- Ella O'Reilly, Emilie Pymm, Freya Webster

1ST XI

- Player of the Season:** Anna Haake
- Most Improved Player:** Amelia Bayston

2ND XI

- Player of the Season:** Jenny Dickinson
- Most Improved Player:** Jorja Metcalf

U15A

- Player of the Season:** Georgia Preston
- Most Improved Player:** Nicole Renton

U14A

- Player of the Season:** Grace O'Reilly
- Most Improved Player:** Amy Briggs

U13A

- Player of the Season:** Emma Wright
- Most Improved Player:** Ella Qureshi

U13B

- Player of the Season:** Georgia Barrett
- Most Improved Player:** Elsa Buchanan

U13D

- Player of the Season:** Ebony Broughton
- Most Improved Player:** Elia Allan

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- U13 County Champions**
- U18 County Champions**
- U18 coming 2nd in the Oakham Tournament**
- U16 Indoor Team competed in the Midlands Finals**

Sport report: Workso College



Netball

With the initial squad selections taking place at the beginning of the season, games soon got underway. The teams quickly gelled with their new coaches and began to develop their game play. Unfortunately the Spring Term's weather was often against us: the bitterly cold winter weather and several inches of snow meant that several matches had to be cancelled.

Our 1st and 2nd teams attended the pre-season training camp at Loughborough University. This was a great experience for the teams and included a campus tour, a coaching session from a Loughborough Lightning player, a Q&A session and a strength and conditioning session in their 'Power Base' gym.

The 1st team went through some changes early on. With new members moving up to replace those lost, a new captain and a new coach, the newly formed team started well with a 22-18 win against the OWs. Under Katie Doncaster's outstanding captaincy, they went on to win their next three games, with the winning streak halted by Trent College. With many more wins than losses under their belts, the team continued to go from strength to strength and had a successful season.

Across the board, we saw a mix of results in 2017-18. Although we faced some tough competition from schools much larger than us, our teams continued to persevere. Alongside our 1st team's impressive number of wins, other teams achieved strong results:

- **U14A won 13-10 against Trent College**
- **U13A won 15-8 against Denstone**
- **U12A won 14-8 against Oakham**
- **U12B won 18-6 against Witham Hall**

Special thanks to all team coaches – I'm always impressed with your level of commitment and positive attitudes. Particular thanks to Ally Haycock (1st team coach), as it was her first season with the College and a successful one too!

Full Colours were awarded to: Katie Doncaster

Half Colours were awarded to: Jenny Dickinson, Abi Speight, Freya Webster

Sport report: Workso College



1ST TEAM

- **Player of the Season:** Freya Webster
- **Most Improved Player:** Emilie Pymm

2ND TEAM

- **Player of the Season:** Ceri Thorman
- **Most Improved Player:** Lizzy Alcock

U15A

- **Player of the Season:** Abigail Bean
- **Most Improved Player:** Tianle Li

U15B

- **Player of the Season:** Amelia Parker
- **Most Improved Player:** Catalina Mattheis

U14A

- **Player of the Season:** Grace O'Reilly
- **Most Improved Player:** Ava Bavington

U14B

- **Player of the Season:** Grace Sanders
- **Most Improved Player:** Amber Narwal

U13A

- **Player of the Season:** Ella Porter
- **Most Improved Player:** Ella Qureshi

U13B

- **Player of the Season:** Charlotte Booth
- **Most Improved Player:** Kinara Pritchard

U12A

- **Player of the Season:** Nia Thorman
- **Most Improved Player:** Eliza Clough

U12B

- **Player of the Season:** Amelia Wright
- **Most Improved Player:** Elsa Buchanan

Lisa Gill, Head of Netball



Rugby

1ST XV

The 1st XV had a strong winning streak: in 15 matches they won 12 and lost 3. The season started with the pre-season camp at Loughborough in early September; the team then went on a six match unbeaten run, with the most impressive win being against Nottingham High School 50-12. We underperformed against Trent, which was a disappointing loss but a trip to Leeds Rhinos once again focused minds and we got back on track with a win over Birkdale away in the NatWest Vase. This set up a tie away at Hill House where we came back from 12-0 down to grab a draw and go through on the away team rule, with an outstanding last-minute finish by Tom Booth.

There was a great deal of development both individually and collectively throughout the season. The U16s contributed hugely with some great performances by Harry Brown (unbelievably consistent and very often the best player on the pitch or close to M.O.M in every game), Alex Rimmington (a hat-trick on debut) and Tom Booth.

From Year 12, Will Harding-Terry continued to be an unstoppable force and leading try scorer; he furthered his individual successes through NLD U18s/U20s and attended a Midlands trial a year early. Joe Barnes performed consistently well and developed his representative honours with the Nottingham Academy. Tom Bell was always reliable and one of the first names on the team sheet: he recently captained Yorkshire U17s against Sweden. From Year 13, Connor Shaw had a positive influence in the pack and the gym. Fraser, Bill, Stefan and Tomo were hard-working and always worthy contributors.

Finally, Captain Alan Brown was awarded a full school cap for his outstanding contribution to all aspects of rugby throughout his time at the College. His positive attitude, leadership skills and support to pupils and staff throughout his time here have been exemplary. Outside school, he represented the College with great distinction at county and regional level at several age groups. His obvious excellence is underpinned with a desire to develop himself and teammates with a Never Say Die attitude, often pulling his teammates along to achieve success in trying circumstances.

Full Colours were awarded to:

Bill Briggs-Price, Alan Brown, Will Harding-Terry

Half Colours were awarded to:

Joe Barnes, Tom Bell, Tom Booth, Harry Brown, Fraser Dudley, Conor Shaw, Tomo Sugiyama, Stefan Taylor, Ben White

U15

The Under 15s had a successful season, the highlight being a strong showing in the NatWest Vase where they reached the last 16. Unfortunately, an untimely dose of influenza ravaged the team which left us understrength against a good Pocklington side. A highlight of the season was what turned out to be the group's sole away fixture – a trip to the Isle of Man! Here, the boys played two tough fixtures against King William's, the home of OW CJ Smith esq., and Castle Rushen. A win against the hosts after a tough game was hard earned, but Castle Rushen the next day was a bridge too far. Joe Kirby and Callum Wright shared the captaincy duties this season with aplomb, and it has been a pleasure to see the group build on last year – continued progress is expected next year, with a visit to Rosslyn Park 7s something very special to build towards.

U14

The U14s had a difficult season, lacking team cohesion and collective responsibility early in the year. Most of the players and especially the team showed some development but there is clearly more to be done. The team rallied towards the end of the season, showing admirable determination and some true grit. Plenty of potential for the future as they will be underestimated as a team.

U13

The U13s are much improved from last year, closing the gap on Hymers and beating Ashville, a team they lost heavily to last year. A particular highlight was beating Mount St Mary's with a combination of U12 and U13. Another highlight was sticking it out in the Isle of Man despite being massively outgunned – they didn't shirk the challenge when others may have. Attacking prowess has improved and our ability to retain the ball has developed along with our physicality in the ruck. Positive signs for next season as we move to 15 a side with an influx of new players working with established teammates.

U12

A tough first season at the College. The boys were close in a few games but lacked the determination and overall teamwork to secure the victory. Our strengths are that we

have some wilful runners and strong attacking options. But we have a lack of defensive cohesion, meaning space was available for our opponents to exploit.

SENIOR SEVENS

We took a large squad to the Pocklington 10s and showed some excellent performances and victories over larger schools, losing narrowly to Durham 7-5, then beating Hymers 7-0, Mount 19-14 and Ampleforth 7-0.

The Hill House Sevens was a clear highlight. We once again started slowly losing to the hosts 22-12 but then bounced back to beat Hymers 24-14, Bradford GS 27-12, and Durham 24-19. The performance in the final was stunning, beating Hill House 24-0 to become cup winners. The fact that the team were so disappointed we didn't win our group at the National Sevens once again demonstrates how far the school and the team have developed and showed the potential we had to go really far in this competition.

U16 SEVENS

The U16 Sevens have been an amazing group of players, who performed superbly well at a number of large tournaments such as the RGS Newcastle 7s, beating Newcastle 26-5, Barnard Castle 24-0, Stonyhurst 46-0, St Peter's York 44-12, Durham 22-17.

The Pocklington 7s saw another outstanding display by the U16s, beating the hosts 26-5, Durham School 26-5, and Barnard Castle 36-19 before losing to the eventual winners, Sedbergh (again!) 22-5. It was highly impressive to see the squad pick themselves up in the final match to beat a physical Woodhouse Grove team in the last of their matches 12-5.

At the National 7s at Rosslyn Park we started slowly against a much improved St Peter's, but then showed great character to still qualify as group winners after a series of impressive high scoring wins against top opposition. This effort did take its toll in the final knockout match against Dulwich College. The players, staff and parents were gutted and exhausted, but what a tremendous season.

We are truly proud of everyone's effort and some great memories were made by this group of highly talented players. Special mentions go to Harry Brown, Tom Booth, Alex Winiawski, Angus Vincent, Alex Rimmington, and Santiago Leupold, who all played the majority of fixtures at the National Sevens.

Richard Baker, Head of Rugby

Cricket

Riecko Parker-Cole continued his reign as 1st XI Captain into the 2018 season, which started a couple of months earlier than normal with our tour to Cape Town and Paarl.

A tough five matches ensued, against schools far bigger than us in the midst of their own season and on their own patches. We were defeated in four matches, with a sole, brilliant victory against Bishops, thanks to great innings from Nick Lowe and Josh Porter. These extra matches were welcome, as when April rolled around we lost the Shrewsbury Festival alongside four other games due to the inclement spring weather.

Once the sun started to shine, the 1st XI had a mixed season, recording victories against Repton, Stamford and Ampleforth, but being defeated by Trent and Denstone. In the National T20, we once again fell at the same hurdle to the same opposition – losing in the North-East final to St Peter’s York. The Woodard Festival was hosted at home this time around – excellent wins against Hurstpierpoint and Bloxham meant that our agonising one-wicket defeat off the penultimate ball to newcomers King’s College Taunton saw us finish second behind them.

Josh Porter was awarded Player of the Year for his 356 runs and 19 wickets, and Dan Harris was the Most Improved Player with his 21 wickets. Full school colours were deservedly awarded to Riecko Parker-Cole and Nick Keast, and half-colours to Nick Lowe and Josh Porter.

The 2nd XI managed excellent victories against Trent and Denstone with Isaac Harris and Dillon Sharp featuring with half-centuries. The 3rd XI didn’t manage a victory this season but played more games than in previous years. The 15A side was led by Will Duncan’s runs with contributions from James Davies and Will Stinchcombe. The 14As had superb wins against Trent and Denstone, mainly thanks to runs and wickets from Isaac Parkin, Freddie Haslam and Sam Meadows – the latter plundering a century in the win against Wickersley.

The Colts side managed their first victory in two seasons with a stunning comeback victory by 1 run against Denstone. The 13/12A side was powered by Will Booth’s runs as he led them to victories against Denstone, S. Anselm’s, Witham Hall and Wellow House. The 13/12B won off the last ball against Wickersley and had an encouraging season all around.



REPRESENTATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Riecko Parker-Cole** – Worcestershire CCC 2nd XI and Academy
- **Nick Keast** – Lincolnshire CCC (10 wickets in the victory against Cambridgeshire in the Minor Counties Championship) and Leicestershire CCC Academy
- **Josh Porter, Tom Booth and Alex Winiarski** – Nottinghamshire U17
- **Archie Shannon** – Derbyshire U17
- **Will Booth** – Nottinghamshire U13
- **Ella Porter** – Nottinghamshire EPP, Nottinghamshire U13 and U15 girls
- **Isaac Parkin and Sam Meadows** – South Yorkshire U14

HIGHLIGHT

Josh Porter’s 85 not out from 52 balls in the 1st XI victory at Repton – with four required from the final delivery, Josh smashed it straight down the ground to the boundary, to launch wild celebrations from the visiting team.

Neil Longhurst, Head of Cricket

Boys’ Hockey

It was another successful and all-round exciting year for boys’ hockey. The U13s put their talented team to good use by reaching the Midlands Finals and winning the Denstone invitational tournament, along with other big wins coming against the very strong Witham Hall and Notts High sides. This, combined with the performances of the U14 team, promises a bright future for Worksop. Wins for the U14 side include the prestigious Rugby, Denstone and Notts High.

The 1st XI year was inconsistent, with highs including the national plate performances and some fantastic results against Rugby School, Rossall School and Sherborne, mixed with the lows of losing to Stamford School on strokes after being 5-1 up, and the high hopes for the indoor competition ending in disappointment after the unfortunate cancellation of the Midlands Competition due to adverse weather conditions.

A highlight of the year included Dan West being selected to represent England U18s and Martin Rose being selected to represent Scotland U18s, where they competed against each other instead of picking up prizes on Prize-giving Day. A special thanks to Clemens Roettgen and Martin Rose who not only served as 1st XI goalkeepers for three years but also contributed to helping to develop our younger goalkeeper Kentaro Tsukamoto. Thank you to Seb Willars for his honourable service as Captain of the 1st team and for his commitment to the team over the last three years.

1ST XI

- **Player of the Season:** Haris Davenport
- **Most Improved Player:** Will Hickton

2ND XI

- **Player of the Season:** Harry Goodman
- **Most Improved Player:** Dillan Sharp

3RD XI

- **Player of the Season:** Dominic Moyle
- **Most Improved Player:** Kentaro Tsukamoto

U15A

- **Player of the Season:** Max Beahan
- **Most Improved Player:** Isaac Priestley

U14A

- **Players of the Season:** Freddie Haslam & Sam Meadows
- **Most Improved Player:** Hamish Robinson

U14B

- **Player of the Season:** Pepe Roig
- **Most Improved Player:** Sean Ko

U13A

- **Player of the Season:** Hugo Price
- **Most Improved Player:** Hernando de las Bárcenas García-Valdecasas

U13B

- **Player of the Season:** Jake Biggin
- **Most Improved Player:** Callum Sipson

U13C

- **Player of the Season:** Oliver Mason
- **Most Improved Player:** Theo Wild

U13D

- **Player of the Season:** Elian Khehra
- **Most Improved Player:** Seth Tamlyn

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **U16 Indoor Team finished 2nd at the Midlands Finals**
- **U16 Indoor Team competed at the National Finals at Whitgift School**
- **U13 reached the Midlands Finals**
- **U18 1st team reached the finals stage of the National Plate competition at Lee Valley**
- **U18 1st team finished 3rd in the National Plate**

Andrew Appleton, Head of Hockey

Sport report: Worksop College



Dorm & Clumber Runs

Despite the wind, rain and mud that seems to be ever-present at the Dorm Run, this year the annual event went off without a hitch.

The Portlanders were up first, and after their warm-up, the race began. The mud and puddles provided some challenging obstacles, but the Year 7 and 8 students were determined to finish. In first place was Year 8 student, Amelia Chrispin – with a time of 17:48.8. Battling it out for second place were Zain Davenport and Alex Bett; it was Alex who came in second, with Zain coming in third place.

Next up was the girls’ race. This was the last ever Clumber Run, as from 2019 the girls will run the same Dorm Run route as the boys. It was Year 13 student Ceri Thorman who came in first place with an impressive time of 19:25.5. Ceri was followed by fellow Gibbs girls Talia Parish (Year 9) and Chloe Sanders (Year 12) – who all did their House proud.

The event ended with the boys’ race, and after some questionable warm-up methods and a rendition of ‘Sweet Caroline’ from Shirley House, the race began.

We were also pleased to be joined by Old Worksopian and former Head Boy, Ollie Dane – who started the boys’ race. Pelham House student Martin Rose came in first place with a time of 22:40.0, Year 10 pupil Harri Thorman came in second place and Haris Davenport came in third.

CROSS COUNTRY

Another successful season saw Amelia Chrispin winning the individual title (placed 1-2-1) for the Open Girls. She was ably supported by Chloe Saunders and Ceri Thorman.

Sport report: Worksop College

Having taken over the reins of swimming in 2017/18, I was keen to move our performance forward by building strong links with Worksop Dolphins and giving students access to full-time coaches.

INDEPENDENT ASSOCIATION OF PREP SCHOOLS (IAPS) NATIONAL SWIM FINALS AT THE LONDON AQUATIC CENTRE

Students from Ranby House took part in the Independent Association of Prep Schools (IAPS) National Swim Finals at the London Aquatic Centre.

Year 6 pupils Breanna Chamberlain, Jake Franse and Kate Walker competed in the final after excelling in the regional round of the competition at Repton School. Jake achieved 7th place, Breanna 9th and Katie 10th place out of 20 finalists, and Jake and Kate both broke their personal best times. As Nicola Wing, Head of PE at Ranby House, said: "This was a super set of performances. They did themselves and Ranby House School proud."

GREAT NORTH SWIM

Thousands of swimmers descended on Brockhole on Windermere for the UK’s biggest open-water swimming event, the Great North Swim, in the Lake District National Park.

Myself, Lucy Ambrose (Year 12) and Vilem Horak (Year 11) were among the swimmers taking part in the 5K outdoor swim. The sun shone as Pelham House student Vilem came in sixth place out of 467 swimmers with a time of 1:12:42. I came in 26th out of 467 and School House pupil Lucy came an impressive 34th with a time of 1:21:37.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

There was success for Cole Hewitt at the Nationals in the 100m butterfly when he achieved his personal best of 57:53 seconds, a Notts County record.

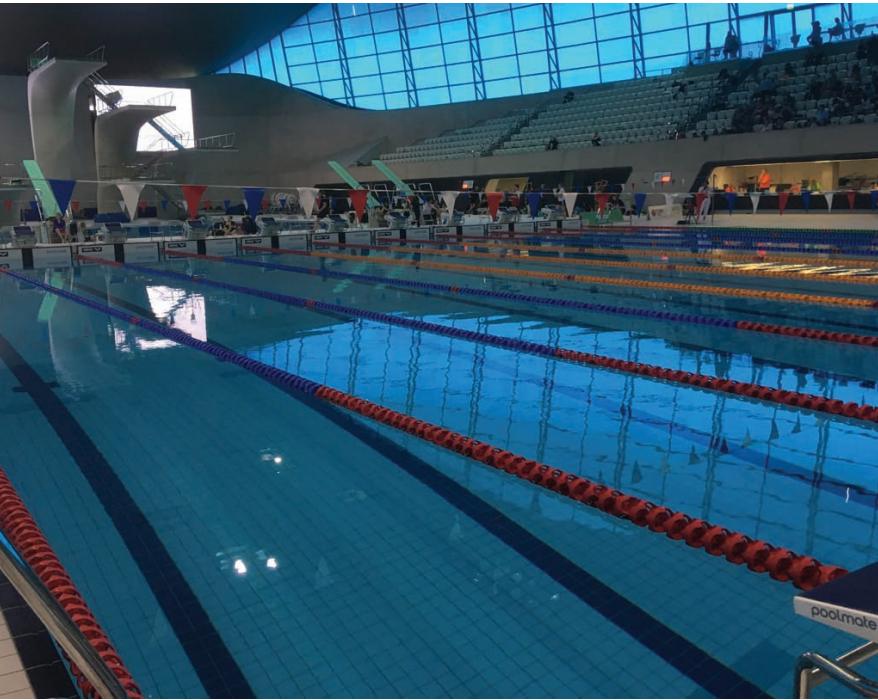
At the British Championships, Cole was just off his personal best for the 200m fly and just missed out on the final. After the British championships, Cole is swimming at the USA Nationals in Richmond, Virginia competing in the 100m and 200m butterfly.

At the Nationals, Matthew Pavier came in 13th in the 50m backstroke.

Lucy Gratton qualified for three events in the British Summer Championships: 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly. To qualify for this event, you have to be in the top 24 in your age group in Britain. On the 50m butterfly Lucy went in 23rd place and came out 14th and finished 13th in the 50m freestyle, moving up two rankings.

The following week, it was the National Summer Meet for English swimmers. Lucy qualified for two events: 200m individual medley and 100m backstroke and qualified in 2nd place.

Trevor Franse, Head of Swimming



Swimming

Sport report: Worksop College



Tennis

U12 & U13

At the start of the season our U12 and U13 girls were up against a strong Hymers team and suffered a heavy loss as a result. The girls fought hard for every point and the overall score was not reflective of how close some of the games were or how well the girls have come on this season. But it leaves us with plenty to take away and to implement next year, namely a more aggressive style of play which would have had the opposing team on the backfoot from the start. The girls enjoyed their tennis this season and will be able to take this forward next year when we will seek to develop their accuracy and confidence in their game.

BOYS

We enjoyed plenty of memorable tennis from this talented team this season, with skills augmented by regular visits to our coach James at Cauntton Tennis Club. The highlight of the season was beating old foes Nottingham High School, but the main feature was the passion and team spirit – these boys love their tennis. Dedication from old timers Rossaro, Brown and Roettgen has been much appreciated over the years – don't let it all drift away.

SENIOR GIRLS

Worksop Girls 1st team started brightly with a 6-3 win over Denstone. Returning pairs of Katie Doncaster & Abi Speight and Sabina Schneider & Lizzy Alcock provided continuity whilst debutants Johanna Bloehs and Luisa Triebel provided added depth to the team. Worksop's first pair were a force all season, Katie Doncaster impressing with her ground strokes throughout. Following on from this came the challenge of Pocklington School. Against some deceptive players and on courts where the ball stayed low, the girls struggled; falling behind quickly and unable to catch up, they eventually succumbed 3-1. After two matches were cancelled by the opposition, Worksop were raring to go against St Peter's. Despite the enthusiasm, Worksop again failed to adapt to the opposition courts. Despite close rubbers, Worksop finished the season with a disappointing loss. For next season, Worksop should focus on adapting to different playing conditions and seeking to win in unfamiliar surroundings.

The second team played only two fixtures but were highly successful, winning both games on countback. Firstly, against Denstone the girls made a slow start as a lack of chemistry saw Worksop behind early. After some 'coaching on the fly', the girls simplified their game and produced a stunning comeback with Valentina Bellmann and Arina Abramova beating the first pair, Worksop winning the match 26-25 on countback. It was a similar story against Pocklington as the girls fought back to level the match. With players returning next year, the hope is that Worksop will be able to build on a good foundation.

Will Robinson, Head of Tennis

Sport report: Worksop College

Golf

A slightly disappointing year for the golf team in 2018. After qualifying for two National finals in 2017 this year the team lost to Rossall in the final of the HMC and to Oakham in the semi-final of the ISGA. Both these matches were close and the results hung in the balance until the final putts were holed.

On an individual level, William Hill triumphed in the Notts Schools Championship, so much so that the Worksop team also won the team event. Eddie and Joe Turner-Bennett joined William at Woodhall Spa in July at the team championships.

It has been good to see some new players at the College this year, with Will Smith pushing for a place in the team next year. Toby Edwards has improved as a ball striker and we watch his results with interest over the Summer. The B team experienced matches against Uppingham and the Northern U15s at Formby, but on both occasions were blown away by strong gales.

Throughout the year, training has continued with trackman being used under the watchful eye of James Thompson, the Notts U18 coach. Optimism abounds as we have 5 players who are current



Notts U18 players and all remain at the College next year. The measure of how well a golfer is progressing is whether they can beat Catering Manager, Mr Youngs. A very rare event.

John Turner, Head of Golf

Rounders

The U12 and U13 teams had a good season, which began with wins against St Hughs, Wellow House and Foremarke. They then came up against some tougher opposition. Winning the first three games of the season gave the team the strength and motivation to push forwards.

Megan Perkins was our top scorer of the season and Flora Thorpe was selected as 'player of the match' by the opposition on more than one occasion – well done, girls!

With excellent commitment to developing their skills and match play, the squad really improved their game. Thank you to the coaches who helped develop the teams.

Lisa Gill, Head of Rounders



Rugby

U8

A fantastic first season of competitive rugby! The boys worked hard in training and were keen to develop and improve their skills. Their communication as a team became tighter as the season progressed and they became stronger at driving the ball forward. The boys were a credit to themselves and Ranby House, both on the touchline and in the matches. They worked hard in the games they played and were quick to spot opportunities to score. With an unbeaten season, the team's prospects are looking superb.

- **U8 Player of the Season:** Alexander Hobson
- **U8 Most Improved Player:** Heath Cawkwell-Stansfield

U9A

What a super season 2017 was for the U9A team, with six wins gaining them an unbeaten season. Many players improved during the season, showing huge commitment and a desire to learn. They have played some great rugby at times and we look forward to seeing these boys develop into a good team in the coming years. I was delighted that every Year 4 boy represented the school during the season.

- **U9 Player of the Season:** Cole Macrae
- **U9 Most Improved Player:** Edward Broughton



U10A

The U10 team made fantastic progress over the term by working hard in training and applying the skills learned in match situations. Initially the focus was on attacking play and developing rucking skills, so the team maintained possession. By utilising the pace and strength of new players Joe Parkin and Louie Coen, and following the leadership of Oliver Bettington, the Ranby U10 team enjoyed great success and learned from their two defeats to tough opposition. The second half of term saw much improved team play, with each member of the squad working on skills that made the team more effective. Increased bravery and improved technique in the tackle and a stronger and more collective approach to organising the defensive line made us more difficult to beat.

- **U10 Player of the Season:** Joe Parkin
- **U10 Most Improved Player:** Reuben Futter

U11A

During our first two fixtures there was too much complacency. Despite winning at Grace Dieu, the boys were not tested until they played St Hugh's. However, the 'wake-up call' came at the Stamford Rugby Festival, where the boys played against a number of quality teams. They realised they could not win a team sport by playing as individuals; from that moment training became more focused. The next fixture at Witham Hall ended in defeat, but the boys displayed better quality rugby and their desire to win was evident throughout the match. The following seven fixtures were all wins. The best display of teamwork was against Highfields, where despite mixing up the players and imposing restrictions of play on Ranby's team, Highfields failed to score. During the Rugby Festival at Ranby, progress was evident. We played St Hugh's for the second time, beating them quite convincingly. The last fixture was disappointing and did not reflect the boys' ability. Overall, an enjoyable season of rugby with a squad of competitive and sports-minded players.

- **U11 Player of the Season:** Fred Cox
- **Commended:** Henry Bluff, George Broughton
- **U11 Most Improved Player:** Max Poynor

Heather Stirling-Wood, U8 Rugby Coach
Mark Pymm, U9 Rugby Coach
Jeremy Harper, U10 Rugby Coach
David Thorpe, U11 Rugby Coach

Boys' Hockey

U9

The boys in Years 3 and 4 worked very hard throughout the Spring Term to develop both individual hockey skills and team play. The U9As played to a very high standard throughout the match against Derby Grammar. They created numerous scoring chances and converted an impressive eight goals! The boys worked so well as a team and took on an unselfish approach, with many playing out of favoured positions in the second half to further their development.

A very good platform has been established and these year groups will surely go on to be very successful if they maintain their current approach.

- **Year 3 Player of the Season:** Thomas Alcock
- **Year 3 Most Improved Player:** Daniel Dawson
- **Year 4 Player of the Season:** Luca Barrett
- **Year 4 Most Improved Player:** Alfie Todd



U11A

It has been an incredibly encouraging year the team are clearly going in the right direction, in terms of hockey development. They've had some good wins and lots of goals scored. However, unfortunately the weather has certainly spoilt more of our matches being played with two having to be cancelled. During the season, all the boys showed considerable improvement in their passing skills, developed as more skilful hockey players but now need to refine some of these skills. Intelligent movement of the ball and better distribution will result in better hockey. Hockey can be a simple game and to be effective we need to keep possession of the ball.

- **U11A Player of the Season:** Fred Cox
- **U11A Most Improved Player:** Rupert Price
- **Commended:** George Hardy, Daniel Recaldin



U11B

Due to inclement weather, a number of matches were cancelled. Fortunately, we were able to participate in an Inter-Schools Tournament at St. Anselm's, where we competed against five schools, finishing a creditable 4th, beating two schools' A teams into 5th and 6th places. The boys have made great progress this year, developing both their skills and their standards of gameplay. The standard of hockey was high and there was a lot of competition for places, with players from Year 5 fighting their way into the team.

- **Under 11B Player of the Season:** Freddie Beales
- **Under 11B Most Improved Player:** Henry Styring

Jeremy Harper, U9 Hockey Coach
Mark Pymm, U11A Hockey Coach
Dan Simpson, U11B Hockey Coach

Girls' Hockey

U9 HOCKEY

Our beginner hockey players in Year 3 were supported and guided by the more experienced Year 4 girls throughout the season. They worked hard in the training sessions to further develop their skills from Uni-Hockey in Pre-Prep; this prior understanding of dribbling and spatial awareness was invaluable in their first game on astro at Lincoln Minster.

The team gelled well and held their positions to win 5-0 with Sophie Hardy scoring a hat-trick! Charlotte Ashton attacked confidently to score two goals. Later in the season, the girls took part in a tournament where they beat Wellow House by pressing hard in attack. A good first goal for Willow Rushin, the further two goals came from Charlotte Ashton for a 3-0 win. We had a much closer game against St. Hugh's; a lapse in focus allowed St. Hugh's to score the first goal. The girls then stepped up and really tried their best, resulting in Ranby scoring two goals to win the match. We deserved to win the tournament – well done girls!

- **U9A Player of the Season:** Charlotte Ashton
- **U9A Most Improved Player:** Eliza Simpson
- **U9B Player of the Season:** Sophie Hardy
- **U9B Most Improved Player:** Tess Buchanan



U11 HOCKEY

The girls enjoyed a successful season, making excellent progress throughout. Hockey Captain, Grace Galbraith, led by example, setting the bar high for the future captains of sport. Grace, Rose and Freya all joined local Hockey clubs, impacting positively on their progress. All girls improved their stick skills and the strength of their passes, meaning they could work the ball around the pitch, and opposition, effectively.

Every girl displayed commitment to being the best that they could be, ending the season with some strong performances in matches against other schools. If they continue to apply themselves with the same level of determination, I have no doubt that they will have another successful season next year.

I would like to thank all the parents who have supported the U11s at fixtures.

- **U11A Player of the Season:** Rose Williamson
- **Commended:** Grace Galbraith, Khushi Haldipur
- **U11A Most Improved Player:** Breanna Chamberlain
- **U11B Player of the Season:** Esme Thorpe
- **Commended:** Iona Clark
- **U11B Most Improved Player:** Sophia Munro

Rebecca Harvey, Head of Girls' Games
Sarah Johns, U9 coach
Dan Simpson, U11 coach
Nicola Wing, Head of PE



Netball

U9A NETBALL

The majority of the U9 squad consisted of complete beginners, and so the girls spent the beginning of the season mastering rules and positions. Through festivals with the local prep schools, the U9s enjoyed getting to grips with this challenging sport. Charlotte Ashton and Lily Davis put in hours of shooting practice, to ensure they had a good chance of finding the hoop should they gain possession in the opposition's 'D'. Jasmine Rushin supported the younger girls through their first term of netball. All girls had the opportunity to play in all positions, meaning they had developed into very versatile netballers by the end of the Spring Term. As a complete beginner, Sophie Hardy impressed the coaching staff with her determined and rapidly developing skills, earning her the player of the season award. Neve Franse displayed some strong footwork, with Phoebe Dutton and Tess Buchanan standing out for their strong defensive performances.

- **U9A Player of the Season:** Sophie Hardy
- **U9A Most Improved Player:** Lily Davis



U11A NETBALL

The team gelled quickly and worked effectively together; overall we had some very pleasing performances. Freya Harper, Lydia Priestley and Sophia Munro moved well in the circle to create space to receive the ball for shooting opportunities. Rose Williamson, as Centre, made good passing decisions and tactics to move the ball up the court. Rosie Murch and Clementine Spencer-Knott marked their players well and improved their dodging skills to become more effective. In the defensive circle, Rania Delaimi and Kate Walker denied a number of shooting opportunities through good marking and vision. Rania improved a lot over the season and grew in confidence.

The highlight of the season was beating St Hugh's and S. Anselm's. The girls had a close game against St. Peter & St. Paul's, just clinching the game 3-2. Rose Williamson captained the side well and was brilliant at helping with equipment and getting the girls warmed up.

- **U11A Player of the Season:** Freya Harper (Speight Plate)
- **U11A Most Improved Player:** Rania Delaimi

Nicola Wing, Head of PE
Rebecca Harvey, Head of Girls' Games



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Cricket

U9A

The U9A team have had a great season winning all their matches. Some accurate bowling throughout the season helped restrict the opposition. The fielding has been good at times, but more work is needed next season. Batting throughout the whole team has improved and we started to play some impressive cricket shots with great power. The final match of the season was our most impressive; it has to be one of the highest ever totals I have seen in an U9s cricket match. We batted with a purpose, bowled with precision and fielded like eager cats. A great team performance with all the players contributing to a successful afternoon and a great way to end an unbeaten season!

- **Under 9A Player of the Season:**
Henry Styring
- **Under 9A Most Improved Player:**
Xander Hawke

U11A

The U11A cricket team have thoroughly enjoyed a series of 'roller-coaster' matches. The fixtures against Birkdale, Witham Hall and Worskop College were cricket at its very best, as they were incident-packed close encounters!

This Ranby House U11A cricket team have been a special group of players and a pleasure to coach. The boys all worked hard for each other and put the team before individual glory. That said, in each match different players made major contributions with the bat through building strong

batting partnerships to establish a platform for the team, scoring well-crafted 50s at opportune times or accelerating the run-rate to build large totals and add scoreboard pressure. The work with the ball was also key in the matches won. Players bowled economically to frustrate the opposing batsman, key wickets were taken to break opposing partnerships and the effort in the field to minimise scoring opportunities, take catches and create run-outs was crucial to the team's success.

- **Under 11A Player of the Season:**
George Broughton
- **Under 11A Most Improved Player:**
Joseph Simpkin, George Hardy
- **Commended:**
Fred Cox, Henry Styring

U11B

We were fortunate with the weather this season, and have only missed one match. The boys made super progress this year, winning four of their five games. We have made great strides since last year in developing our skills in all areas of batting, bowling and fielding.

- **Under 11B Player of the Season:**
Oliver Bettington
- **Under 11B Most Improved Players:**
Joe Parkin, Vrishin Balasubramanian

Mark Pymm, U9 Cricket Coach
Jeremy Harper, U11A Cricket Coach
Dan Simpson, U11B Cricket Coach



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Athletics



PREP SCHOOL ATHLETICS

We started off the athletics season with the annual Worskop College Prep School Athletics Competition. The U11 boys did particularly well and we were eventual winners of their age groups, there were some great performances from all the athletes and a number of 1st place results: Rupert Price 1st 100m (NPB) & High Jump (NPB), Freddie Beales 1st 200m, George Broughton 1st Shot, Rose Williamson 1st Shot. A splendid afternoon.

NATIONAL PREP QUALIFIERS

The highlight of the athletics season is the National Prep School Qualifiers. This year it was held at the Keepmoat in Doncaster. Three pupils – Rupert Price, Harry Briggs-Price and George Broughton – all qualified to represent the North East at the National Prep School Athletics.

NATIONAL RESULTS

- **George Broughton:** U12 Shot – 11th 6m 93, U12 Discus – 6th 22m 08
- **Harry Briggs-Price:** U12 Javelin – 15th 17m 27

SPORTS DAY 2018

After the postponement of Sports Day due to inclement weather just before half term, we had to wait until the very last week of term – and what

a scorcher of a day we had! There were some supreme efforts all round and a close set of final results. One new school record was set in the Year Five Shot Putt with Harry Briggs-Price throwing a very impressive 8m69. This would have also beaten the Year Six record! For the first time the final totals also included the Year One and Two Sports Day results. When the final points were totted up, St Columba were overall winners.

GIRLS' & BOYS' SUMMER TERM ATHLETICS CUP & VICTRIX/ VICTOR LUDORUM 2018

- **Yr 6 Boys Winner:** Rupert Price
- **Yr 6 Girls Winner:** Clementine Spencer-Knott
- **Yr 5 Boys Winner:** Joe Parkin
- **Yr 5 Girls Winner:** Lydia Priestley
- **Yr 4 Boys Winners:** Guy Buchanan, Cole Macrae
- **Yr 4 Girls Winner:** Charlotte Ashton
- **Yr 3 Boys John Brown Shield:** Hector Foljambe
- **Yr 3 Girls Winner:** Sophie Hardy
- **Hamilton Shield:** Rose Williamson
- **Bland High Jump Cup:** Rupert Price
- **Dane Inspire an Athlete:** Harry Briggs-Price
- **O'Reilly Cup Best Athlete:** George Broughton
- **New School Record:** Harry Briggs-Price – Year Six Shot (8m69)

Mark Pymm, Director of Sport



U11A

The girls had a successful season overall. Rose Williamson became more consistent with her bowling, and Kate Walker made some good tactical decisions. Grace Galbraith stepped in for backward hits to secure the ball at second post and stopped a number of half rounders from being scored. Rosie Murch captained the team well. She was organised with equipment and made sure all the girls knew what they had to do and where they needed to be. Rosie made good progress on second post and got a number of players out. In the outfield, Freya Harper, Lydia Priestley and Breanna Chamberlain stopped and returned the ball with reasonable success. Grace Galbraith made a couple of brilliant catches and Emma Booth used her gate stop to prevent the ball from going past her on a number of occasions.

Many players improved during the season showing huge commitment and desire to learn. They have played some great rounders at times and we hope that the girls continue to develop their skills in the coming years.

- **U11A Player of the Season:** Rose Williamson
- **U11A Most Improved Player:** Emma Booth

U9A

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. It was only fitting therefore, that their second meeting resulted in winning, through sheer guts and determination, by half a rounder. Niamh Sutherland at backstop and Charlotte Ashton as bowler, have become a force to be reckoned with when fielding. Isabella Macdonald has tried her utmost to improve her batting and catching confidence all term and was voted most improved player. Our player of the season was voted due to her high level of ability to read and control the game when both batting and fielding – Sophie Hardy.

A proud performance from all our girls – well done!

- **Under 9 Player of the Season:** Sophie Hardy
- **Under 9 Most Improved Player:** Isabella MacDonald

Rebecca Harvey, Head of Girls' Games
Nicola Wing, Head of PE



BASSETLAW YEAR 5 & 6 SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY WINNERS

The Bassetlaw Years 5 & 6 District Schools' Cross Country was held at Ranby House for the third year in a row. It was a superb afternoon of competition with the sun shining brightly. Talëtha Pritchard was the first Ranbian girl home in 3rd place, with Lydia Priestley 18th, Livianna Biddulph 19th, Clementine Spencer-Knott 21st and Kate Walker 27th. The team was a fabulous 2nd with a total of 61 points. The boys' race started soon after with the team working well. The individual positions were, Joe Parkin 5th, George Hardy 12th, Jake Franse 13th, Rupert Price 18th, Jacob Varney 20th and Louie Coen 24th. The boys' scored 48 points and were Bassetlaw champions. All pupils who finished in the top 12 qualified to represent Bassetlaw at the County finals. Overall, Ranby House were the top school with 109 points.

HMC CROSS COUNTRY AT BARLBOROUGH HALL

It was a tough afternoon of Cross Country at Barlborough Hall but no one gave up. There were notable performances from Sophie Hardy who came 19th in the U9 girls' race and Luca Barrett who came 4th in the U9 boys' race. Lydia Priestly 15th and Joe Parkin 10th impressed in the U10 age group. In the U11 races Clementine Spencer-Knott was 21st and Jacob Varney 12th.

HIGHFIELDS CROSS COUNTRY

We travelled to Newark to take part in the annual Highfields Cross Country. Over 350 runners from 14 schools took part in the U9 and U11 age groups. The U9 boys were superb and won their team event, with the U11 girls coming 2nd. There were notable performances by Luca Barrett 3rd, Sophie Hardy 14th, Clementine Spencer-Knott 10th and Joe Parkin 10th.

Mark Pymm, Director of Sport

S. ANSELM'S CROSS COUNTRY 2018

This was a wonderful afternoon of traditional Cross Country running from our teams, with some excellent performances. There was a fine run by Luca Barrett coming 2nd in the boys' race. The rest of the U9 boys grouped well allowing the team to come 1st overall. Sophie Hardy came 4th and Tess Buchanan 5th in the U9 girls and the rest of the team again grouped well helping the team to come first overall – four of the team are in Year Three, so have another go at the same age group next year! In the U11s races both teams ran well, coming 3rd. The notable performances were from Joe Parkin 3rd, George Hardy 4th and Clementine Spencer-Knott in 4th.

PREP SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

What a relief it was to have a lovely warm afternoon for Prep School Cross Country; especially as it followed a week of arctic conditions. In the U11 girls, Clementine Spencer-Knott was 11th and ran the entire race with just one trainer! This was due to it being trodden on at the start and coming off. In the U11 Boys' Joe Parkin was a credible 8th. The U11 boys were 3rd in their age group. Overall Ranby House and Worksop College were crowned the champion school.

INDIVIDUAL HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY WINNERS 2018

Year One	Year Three and Four Boys
1st Theo Bezoari-Oldfield	1st Luca Barrett
2nd Kabir Sawhney	2nd Hugo Truscott
3rd Anna Kemp	3rd Hector Foljambe
Year Two	Year Five and Six Girls
1st Joshua Wright	1st Clementine Spencer-Knott
2nd Raymond Dalby-Rose	2nd Liviana Biddulph
3rd Freddie Cartledge	3rd Talëtha Pritchard
Year Three and Four Girls	Year Five and Six Boys
1st Sophie Hardy	1st Joe Parkin
2nd Niamh Sutherland	2nd George Hardy
3rd Tess Buchanan	3rd Jake Franse

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

1st	St Columba	63.78
2nd	St Alban	69.79
3rd	St Benedict	70.12
4th	St Dunstan	79.05

Duke of Edinburgh

Expedition season



I have been impressed with the commitment to the Expedition section shown by the College students. Seven groups at Bronze, two at Silver and one at Gold for both practice and qualifying expeditions shows a healthy commitment to the scheme. Staff at the College have given freely of their time to support the expeditions, for which I'm extremely grateful.

Mr SJ Payne, DofE Manager



Gold

As the first Worksop College team in four years to go after the prestigious Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, our group faced some steep challenges to puzzle out by ourselves, without the readily available wisdom of past candidates. As a result, we had come to rely on one another implicitly by the time we'd completed our training days and practice expedition, having hauled each other out of peat bogs and streams, and unanimously reached delirium finding our way out of the thickest fog we're sure the Peak District's ever seen. By the time we set out on this summer's qualifying expedition, we'd learned that going both uphill and downhill during a leg did not equal a flat stroll through the countryside, that

positive mental attitude and grit are worth everything, and that attempting to cook a steak dinner on Trangias, in the dark, after a 20k mountain day is the opposite of a recipe for success. The staff's enthusiasm was incredibly helpful too, from our leader Mr Payne's wisdom and experience to Mr Smith's rendition of 'Country Roads' over the radio during the final stretch. We faced our fair share of adversity and calamity, but the stunning views and sense of achievement afterwards made everything worthwhile, and an experience to treasure.

Sabina Schneider

Silver

After a month of planning and preparation, 13 Year 10 students embarked on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition. They travelled to the White Peak, starting their journey from Grindon. Their route took them north through valleys and around hills to their first campsite at Crowdecote. Both groups made it in good time and set up their tents, and half an hour later you could smell the chicken curry cooking! The next day, the weather was beautiful and we were rewarded with stunning

views from Chrome Hill. After a few more hours in the blazing sun, the students were pleased to find that their final campsite, Gradbach Scout Camp, had warm water and showers. After a good rest the groups then started their final day. We climbed the Roaches and just after midday we had completed their Silver qualifying expedition and enjoyed an ice cream from the local visitor centre.

Tom Cooley

Bronze

Taking on the challenge of the Bronze Award is the start of the journey through the DofE experience which will hopefully end up with a gold award. It was good to see so many keen and enthusiastic candidates at the start of the season who worked hard on their expedition planning in preparation. Their walks took them to Walesby for the practice and to one of the most

beautiful parts of Derbyshire, Dovedale on the qualifying expedition. The most memorable part of the Bronze season was seeing the students demonstrate incredible resilience during the unbelievable heat throughout the practice expedition to Walesby.

Mr Payne

Taking command of the Combined Cadet Force here at Worksop College is an exciting prospect for me; I'm looking forward to the future and what it has in store. I have received a warm welcome from the officers and cadets and very much enjoyed my first two terms. I must thank Lt Col John Driver for his years of committed service to the contingent and also his support during the handover process. It was fantastic to have Lt Col Driver as our guest of honour at our annual dinner where he shared fond memories from his 21 years of service.

Maj SJ Payne, Contingent Commander

NAVY

This was a great year for the Navy section in CCF. Activities ranged from camp craft to orienteering to sailing to rope work. The NCOs took on a more active leadership role than in previous years which allowed the section to gain more of a sense of community and purpose. A highlight of the year would be the sailing excursions to the lake at Rother Valley and seeing cadets' sailing ability improve from in the first week almost capsizing to competent and proficient sailors.

James Recaldin

ARMY

The Army section enjoyed a very productive year, supporting our Cadet Expansion Programme School, taking part in field days and also a very enjoyable camp at Nesscliffe. The Elizabethan School spent the year with us, taking on the knowledge of how to run a contingent. The officers rose to the challenge and adapted to their new positions. The new cadets from the school participated in all activities and performed exceptionally well, especially at Camp.

Our Army Camp saw cadets from Worksop and the Elizabethan go to Nesscliffe, Shropshire. The camp provided us with a very comprehensive package where cadets were fully involved from morning to evening. The cadets were successful in small bore shooting, gaining an award, and also in a team competition shoot. Best of all, we came third in the Gun Run and received an award presented at the end of Camp. Congratulations go to all cadets involved.

Maj SJ Payne

ROYAL AIR FORCE

The RAF section covered new areas of training, taking on a more Tri-Service approach, looking into basic army field activities and enjoying water sports at Rother Valley. Flying was unfortunately curtailed on many occasions due to inclement weather; some cadets did get into the air on a couple of occasions. The cadets also looked at shooting and the principles of marksmanship, and are looking forward to using the new target rifles in the future. Leadership plays a large part in the CCF and many enjoyable leadership activities were run by the officers and senior cadets. A thank you goes to the NCOs, who worked closely with the officers to make the Monday evening parades enjoyable.

Mr J Bayston, OC RAF section



Combined Cadet Force



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