



# Sherburn High School

## July 2018 Newsletter



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# MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Students,

This has been a difficult final newsletter for me to write as Headteacher of Sherburn High School and it is genuinely very hard to put into words how I feel about this wonderful school.

When I arrived here in 2010, the school faced some significant challenges. For one reason or another it had lost its way. Sometimes these things happen to organisations and we weren't the first and certainly won't be the last. I saw that my job, along with the Senior Leadership Team and Governors, was about raising expectations and aspirations. It was also about building the trust of this community who really wanted a "GOOD" secondary school to be proud of.

One of my first key initiatives was to introduce Vertical Tutoring and the House system in order to embed that sense of community. At the "Sherbies", just a couple of weeks ago, I felt incredibly proud to celebrate the outstanding successes of our students in all year groups: academic achievement, attendance, behaviour, reading, participation in extra-curricular activities, charity work and service to the community. I am incredibly proud of our student leaders and love the "buzz" in school for the whole school elections for the executive council.

Sherburn High School is now often "top of the league"; last year for GCSE Progress measures and this year ranked as the top performing maintained school for A levels in North Yorkshire. Staff and students clearly have really high expectations and never settle for average; attendance and punctuality are again well above average and exclusions well below. Student numbers are the highest they have ever recently been which demonstrates the support of our local community. We are able to recruit and retain specialist staff in all subject areas; several of our staff are "Subject Leaders in Education" supporting other schools and sharing our best practice.

The North Yorkshire Teaching awards also recognised the incredible work of many staff with nominations for:

- Stephen Hunt: NQT of the year
- Carrie O'Connor: outstanding support in school: individual
- ICT team (Tim Hobson, Steve Denny, Gary Westwood): outstanding support in school team
- Chloe Harmer: Teaching Assistant of the year

And highly commended runners up:

- Laura Beardsworth: Classroom Teacher of the Year
- John Ralphs: Outstanding Team Leader of the year: Sixth Form

And WINNERS:

Maths team: Outstanding Teaching team. A huge well done to all of the maths staff – very well deserved:

- Lizzie Stockton-Pitt
- Laura Beardsworth
- Becky Davies
- Dan Kirby
- Jacqui Johnson
- Rachel Bentley
- Emma Rawling
- James Brookes
- Liz Bell

It has been an exciting and at times a hard journey and there have been, unavoidably, challenges along the way, but it has been a journey that I have thoroughly enjoyed and has brought me huge satisfaction. I believe Sherburn High is in a far stronger place than it was eight years ago. All you need to do is walk around the place to see great learning, engaged staff and students and the most amazing community spirit. The fabric of the school building may not be the newest but the refurbishment of classrooms, laboratories, toilets, changing rooms and the wonderful new 3G pitch help keep Sherburn at the cutting edge of best educational practice.

Since writing the previous paragraph, as you will know, we have suffered a devastating fire which has destroyed the gym and changing rooms. Staff, students and the community are shocked and dismayed that this should happen to our school. We cannot give enough thanks to the fire crews and other responders who worked so hard on the night and have continued throughout the following days to save our school and to ensure that we got back to teaching and learning as soon as possible. Looking at the images brings home to me just how good a job the fire crews made of containing the fire and how lucky we are to still have a functioning school!





**North Yorkshire Police has launched an investigation into the fire with North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. Anyone with information which may assist with the investigation is urged to contact North Yorkshire Police on 101.**

**Alternatively, the Force can be contacted by emailing [Cheryl.Power@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Cheryl.Power@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk).**

**The support from the local community continues to be phenomenal. Friends of Sherburn High School (FOSH) have set up a Go Fund Me fundraiser in response to all the generous offers of donations. We're incredibly proud to be part of #TeamSherburn and this wonderful community and were delighted to welcome our students back only three days after the fire.**

I always say that as Headteacher I am only as good as the people I have around me. I absolutely stick by that. I have been blessed to have worked with the most amazing people here. I cannot overstate the commitment that has been shown by all my colleagues, teaching staff, associate staff and governors to make things right here. Our successes are a testament to them all. I was delighted when Mrs Oakley was appointed as the new Headteacher and know she shares our common vision of "Achievement For All" as part of the STAR MAT.

Finally I would like to thank our wonderful students for just being themselves. Funny, bubbly, warm, welcoming, at times critical and challenging, but always a huge privilege and joy to be around. I will miss you terribly....

### **Staff leaving**

We have several colleagues leaving us at the end of term who have given outstanding service to the school, some over many, many years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all they have given to Sherburn High School and wish them all the very best for the future:

John Dunnill: Curriculum Leader History: 37 years

Neil French PE: 32 years

James Brookes: Maths and Assistant Head Teacher: 14 years

Lizzie Stockton-Pitt: Curriculum Leader Maths and Associate Assistant Head Teacher: 6 years

Donal Hale CL English, Sophie Englemann English, Lorna Fassnidge CL Art, Chelsea Palmer Art, Laura Wrightson DT and Sharanjit Kaur Business.

Have a great summer Holiday!

*MA Williams*

Maria Williams  
Headteacher

## Dates For Your Diary

### July

**Friday 20th July**

Year 12 and 13 Reports Issued

**School closes at 12pm for Summer Holidays**

### August

**Thursday 16th August**

**A Level Results Day 8.30am onwards**

**Thursday 24th August**

**GCSE Results Day 9.30am onwards**

**6th Form Registration**

### September

**Monday 3rd September**

Year 11 Return to school and Year 12 students who haven't registered for Post 16 on Results Day

**Tuesday 4th September**

Whole school return except Post 16

**Wednesday 5th September**

Year 12 Induction Day

**Thursday 6th September**

Year 13 Return to school

## Governors News

I am pleased to give you the final update of this busy academic year.

I firstly want to thank Maria and all of the staff who have worked flat out to open the school so quickly after the fire. It looked as though we could be faced with a much longer closure, so it's great to see Sherburn High up and running so rapidly. Thanks also to everyone who has offered their support to the school at this difficult time.

I would also like to bid farewell to all of the pupils and staff who will be leaving us at the end of term. We wish you all the best for the future.

I do have an update around the STAR Multi Academy Trust. We were hoping to Academise and join the Trust in August, but there is going to be a delay. We continue to work very closely with the Trust and local schools, and it is still our intention to join the STAR MAT. We are also looking to strengthen collaboration with Tadcaster Grammar and I will have more details after the summer holidays.

Finally, I would like to welcome Miriam Oakley who is joining us from Horbury Academy as our new Headteacher. Miriam was selected from a pool of very strong candidates, so the governing body are really looking forward to working with her. Miriam will help Sherburn High move from strength to strength.

I hope you all have a great summer, and best of luck to everyone waiting for GCSE and ALevel results.

Mark Saunders  
Chair of Governors





## Ernie's incredible illucinations

When Ernie's Mother and Father take him to the Doctor's worried about his unusual abilities to make his dreams come true, the Doctor doesn't seem to believe him until he is convinced of Ernie's incredible hallucinations! Ernie takes his family on an adventure to extraordinary places and invites the audience to take part in the fun and antics of his imagination. This bright, funny and wacky performance will be sure to put a smile on your face!

The KS3 Drama Club have worked super hard to rehearse for their production of Ernie's Incredible Illucinations – (it's not a typo, just say it with a strong Yorkshire Accent!) The performance took place in on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July and was a fantastic opportunity to see the amazing talent of our young performers. The money raised from the tickets will help towards improving the facilities in the Drama Studio and developing the experience of Performing Arts of Sherburn High Students.



## Sherburn High School staff WINNERS in North Yorkshire Teaching Awards:

Sherburn High School is celebrating after their Maths Department won **Outstanding Team of the year**. Maths achieves superb outcomes at all key stages, with a progress 8 of +0.71 (sig+) at GCSE; + 0.91 (sig+) at A level 12/24 students achieving an A\*. 16 students went onto study Maths, or a related degree at University. Students speak highly of the subject and the learning they receive; Maths is by far the most popular A level at Sherburn. All of the team are prepared to go above and beyond to support students, develop strong parental partnerships and community relationships through open mornings, workshops, primary liaison and evening support events. Further awards as Highly Commended runners up also went to:

Laura Beardsworth: **Classroom teacher of the year**

Laura is, in every way, an outstanding teacher. Her drive, commitment and focus are exceptional; inspiring and supporting both staff and students to do their best not just for her but for themselves. This is evidenced by the exceptional outcomes that her students achieve; 17 out of the 32 students in her Year 11 class achieved the elusive grade 9 in 2017 (this is 14% of the school cohort) and the rest achieved a grade 8.

John Ralphs: **Outstanding team leader of the year: Sixth Form**

**Ofsted commented:** "The leadership of the Sixth Form is strong. The deputy headteacher, who is currently leading the Sixth Form, has established an effective partnership with Tadcaster Grammar School so that learners have access to a wider range of courses. He has introduced a rigorous 'spotlighting' programme, which assesses learners' progress regularly."

Jacqui Johnson also recently was awarded a certificate of excellence from Pearson Teaching Awards in recognition of the work she carries out as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant.

Also nominated were:

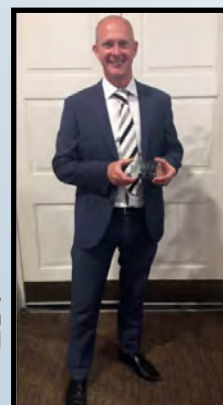
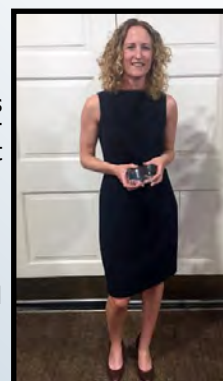
**NQT of the Year: Stephen Hunt**

**Outstanding Support in Schools: IT Support – Tim Hobson, Steve Denny, Gary Westwood**

**Outstanding Support in Schools: Non-teaching individual: Carrie O'Connor**

**Outstanding - TA of the Year - Chloe Harmer**

Head Teacher Maria Williams commented: "I am incredibly proud of all staff at Sherburn High School. The Maths department have consistently achieved results in the top 5% of all schools nationally at both GCSE and A level and fully deserve this recognition. I would like to congratulate all nominated staff and know that pupils and parents really value their hard work and commitment to Sherburn High School".





## Careers Day at Sherburn High

Sherburn High School students "got future proof" last week as part of a whole school 'World of Work Day'. Normal lessons were collapsed for the day as nearly 50 guests from local businesses and further education providers were on hand to dish out a range of advice to over 500 students. Younger students in Year 7 and 8 experienced the twists and turns of the stock market as they took part in NYBEP's 'Trading Game Activity'. The name of the game: Making lots of money. The winning team struck gold with a record breaking profit of £19.1million! Elsewhere, visitors delivered STEM based workshops to students on structural engineering, creating new shampoos, breaking the land speed record and the RAF delivered problem solving sessions. Older students had the opportunity to quiz visitors through a speed dating and careers fair event. With careers ranging from barristers to care workers, accountants to graphic designers and high court judges to make-up artists, students were intrigued by the finer details, pathways and of course the wages of our guests.

Students had a great day; Jacob Orr commented "It was fascinating to actually talk to the person who helped make the world's fastest car." After some groups made towers from Plasticine and toothpicks, Millie Elsworth's group came third with Millie remarking "It was fun building and testing out the towers."

David Sladen, lead for Careers at the school, thanked the visitors for giving up their free time. "We were really fortunate to have such a diverse range of careers on offer throughout the day, and extremely grateful for them giving up their time. Raising aspirations and providing our students with encounters with employers were our two overarching aims for the day, and thanks to them we were able to do this. We've never had so many employers in the school all at once! It is so important for young people to spend time and hear from adults from the world of work. The world they enter upon leaving school will be a dynamic one, and it is vital our students are prepared for this."



**The school would like to thank the following for their attendance: Creative Shed, Tracey Perrin Chartered Accountant, Lithos Engineering, SH Structures, Eleanor Temple, Barrister, Inch Punch Designs, Stow Family Law, Thornton-Jones Solicitors, Meadow Lodge Care Homes, AON, Golder, NYBEP, Newcastle University, York University, STEM Ambassadors from CRODA, Bloodhound SSC, RAF, WGY Engineering, Hull University, Edge Hill University, Access to Music, NCS, JLT Training, Leeds College of Building, Northern Gas and Northern Racing College.**

We are always on the lookout for setting up links with employers so please contact [david.sladen@sherburnhigh.co.uk](mailto:david.sladen@sherburnhigh.co.uk) if you would like to support the school.



## Sherburn High Students Shine as Match Officials at Otley Town AFC Festival

On Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th May, Otley Town AFC hosted their annual junior football festival at their home ground, The Old Showground in Otley. Over 40 teams from around Yorkshire and even as far north as Newcastle came down to take part in the tournaments for children aged between 7 and 12.

Six Year 10 students from Sherburn High School; George Miller, Derek Fairclough, Alex Free, Dan O'Brien, Zac Oliver and Brad Bailey were invited along to the tournament to referee the games throughout the two day festival. After recently qualifying as Level 1 Match Officials, George, Alex, Dan and Brad were keen to add to their experience, whilst Derek and Zac wanted a taste of refereeing before deciding whether or not to complete the course themselves.

Sherburn High School was delighted to receive such positive feedback from Otley Town AFC to compliment the boys on their outstanding professionalism and attitude over the two day festival – we were indeed very proud to receive the following tweet from the official Otley Town AFC twitter account:





Sherburn High recently suffered a huge fire which destroyed the entire gymnasium, changing rooms and sports equipment. In a fundraising bid to help replace the lost equipment, Otley Town AFC will be hosting a friendly between the U16s and Sherburn White Rose FC U16s – many of who are students at Sherburn High School.

**Date:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August, **Time:** 6.30pm  
**Location:** The Old Showground, Pool Road, Otley, LS21 1DY

**Entry:** By donations to the Sherburn High PE Fund

The bar and BBQ will be open and there will be a raffle. To buy raffle tickets or to donate prizes for the raffle, please contact: [TeamSherburn@sherburnhigh.co.uk](mailto:TeamSherburn@sherburnhigh.co.uk)  
**Thank you in advance for your support.**



## Summer Science at the Big Bang Club

Can you believe that the summer holidays are here? This year has flown and we have been busy at the Big Bang Club right up until the end of the summer term.

It feels that rather than slowing down towards the end, we have instead been propelled along by the amazing momentum we have built up throughout the year; with such keen members it has been as much fun running the club as taking part in the activities!

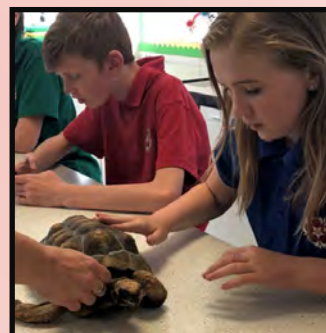
With the warm weather, we cooled things down a little, making ice cream using ice and salt, milk, a little sugar and a drop or two of vanilla essence; it took a little effort but the results were worth the wait. Then we cooled things further down to  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  with a little dry ice, demonstrating how this solid that sublimates to a gas without passing through the liquid phase was acidic, changing warm water coloured with indicator from green to red, making "smoke" filled bubbles and inflating balloons and latex gloves.

We then took to the water, discovering what lives in the school pond and on a sunny lunchtime, club members discovered newts (large and small), waterboatmen, pond skaters and leeches amongst other creatures. Then after everyone had washed their hands, it was time for a little strawberry picking from the school strawberry patch enjoyed by everyone with a little ice cream.

You would be amazed at what can be done with a plastic bottle. Big Bang Club members spent an entire session carrying out activities using them. Using pressure to produce a cloud, making a diver who descended and rose in a bottle, trying to get our heads around how to inflate a balloon that is inside a bottle. Finishing off with an amazing demonstration of alcohol burning in a Whoosh bottle, intrigued? Then checkout our twitter page @sherburnscience. Finally finishing off on a high with some show stopping rockets.

Looking back, the highlight of this half term must be the Big Bang Club special event. Regular attendees of Big Bang Club were issued a platinum ticket as a reward for their great work this year and invited to a visit from Sam's Safaris, where they were introduced to a range of exotic creatures and were allowed some hands on time with them while they learned about their habitats and habits. This event was made possible by all those who supported Big Bang Club buying plants and hanging baskets grown and made up by Big Bang Club members. Thank you so much for your support, in total we raised over £200, you have really helped Big Bang Club go with a bang!

Mrs Lonsdale, Science Technician



## Mind your language!

On 28th June, twenty two of our students participated in the annual Eurofest competition at Selby College. Students were challenged to either create a company and sell their product or represent a town or city and persuade people to visit it.

All teams represented our school very well, we had singing from Sassy and Olivia and a generous supply of cakes from 'Gateaux et co.' who won prizes for having 'the wow factor' and 'best language'.

Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages, Mrs Mitchell commented 'It was a pleasure to accompany our students this year and I'm pleased that their hard work preparing for it paid off.'





## The Baking Bunch

Nothing can stop the intrepid Baking Bunch: Leila, Ashley, Ella and Issie who held a Cake Bake Sale and raised a fantastic £175 which they are splitting 50/50 between the Church Fenton Community Shop and the Sherburn High School fund. They bake like crazy and give up their free time for such worthy causes.

Well done girls from all of us and a huge thank you too!



## Help Sherburn High Rebuild

Following the devastating fire which demolished our gym and changing rooms, FOSH have kindly begun a fundraising campaign to purchase new PE equipment. Many members of our community: parents, staff and business have so far raised a staggering £1790 in only a few days.

If you are able, please help them to reach the goal of £10,000, your help will be greatly appreciated!

<https://www.gofundme.com/TeamSherburn?pc=&rcid=r01-153073037885-9a13357c7f874cfd>

Alternatively you can make a donation via Parentpay.

## FOSH News

The Friends of Sherburn High, parent, teacher fundraising association, has had a very successful year and been able to contribute significantly to school funds. The Accessorize Evening, Gin O'Clock evening, Milford Bonfire and the Easy Fund Raising Page have seen the bank balance increase dramatically! We have already helped the Drama department and are looking forward to hearing where else these vital funds can supplement other departments within school so our children can have the resources they need to succeed and enhance their education.

Thank you for supporting the events we put on and it would be great to see some new faces at our next meeting in September. Keep up to date by checking the school website where future dates will be announced.

Katie Johnson  
Chair of FOSH



## Ocean Recue and the Big Bang Show

Last month the Sherburn High Ocean Rescue Team went to the Big Bang fair in Doncaster. We had got to the final in one of their competitions. First we had to make a prototype of our plastic invention which is on the SHS YouTube channel. Then once we were told we were in the final we had to work together in two teams to make a life size model. Unfortunately we didn't win a prize but knowing that we got to the final feels AMAZING! It was a great way to end our first year in Ocean Rescue Club. We hope our group has encouraged students at Sherburn High to reduce their plastic to help keep our oceans clean. Special thanks to Mr Featherstone and parents who helped with transport. Students who took part were: James Parkes, James Haslam, Morgan Straw, Fintan Wheelhouse, Matthew Webster and Bobby McNicholas.



## The Girl on the Train

English and Performing Arts took Y9 and 10 students to the West Yorkshire Playhouse to watch *The Girl on the Train* in June. It was truly an amazing set and performance. Our favourite moment, though, was during the interval - ordering copies of the novel to arrive next day. Matty Prime received his copy during Period 5 the following day, to his utter delight! Our students really are fabulous.

Mr Hale, Miss Dennis, Miss Jackson



## The end of an era: Sherburn High Prom!

Sherburn High School celebrated the end of high school life at the magnificent Hazelwood Castle on 28<sup>th</sup> June. With a movie theme, our students certainly didn't disappoint as they arrived in style in Aston Martins, Mustangs, stretch limos and even a helicopter. The evening wear was equally glittering; sleek, sequined and seductive just like the cast of a James Bond movie!

One of the highlights of the evening was the long awaited Prom Awards with accolades ranging from 'Best Bromance' to 'Clumsiest Person' and of course the much coveted Prom King and Queen which went to Fraser Beck and Aimee Green, both excellent students and very well deserved.

Head Teacher Maria Williams commented "Year 11 students have worked incredibly hard throughout their time at Sherburn High School and fully deserved this wonderful celebration – they are a credit to their families and to the school. We look forward to welcoming them back in the Sixth Form and are sure that their GCSE results will be outstanding and once more place the school at the top of the league tables!"

Check out our website for full range of photographs: [www.sherburnhigh.co.uk](http://www.sherburnhigh.co.uk)

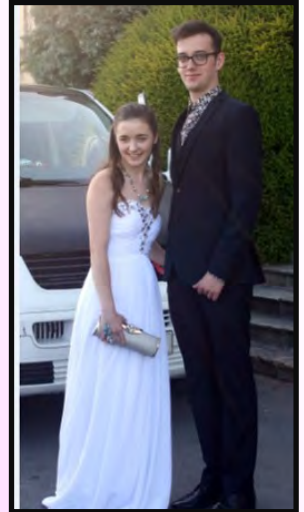


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## Bramham House

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Happy New Academic School Year to you all. Despite an interrupted start to the new year, students are adjusting well to their new timetables and continue to focus on their learning.

With a delayed start, our Year 11s are sitting their mock exams, we welcomed forty Year 7 students into our house, unfortunately their start has also been delayed but we look forward to their return.

Lots to celebrate in the house this month with an overall win for Bramham in the recent athletics interhouse tournament, a huge well done to all who competed. A fantastic team spirit with Derek Fairclough securing the house win with an outstanding run in the relay.

We said a goodbye to our Year 11s in a Sherbie and Mr and Mrs style celebration assembly, followed by an 'egg-citing' Year 11 party and finally an all-out glamorous Prom at Hazelwood Castle. We as a House say good luck to those moving onto pastures new, look forward to the return of a majority with a huge well done to all. As a house we are so proud of the young adults you have grown into.

We also said goodbye to our hard working Year 13s at Dintingdales. Such an exciting time for them all, their work ethic has been outstanding and they will be missed by us all.

Finally, we held our annual Sherbies, forty nine students were nominated for subject and house awards (some were nominated for more than one) and all deserve recognition as a nomination in itself is a fantastic achievement, only five students per house are nominated for each award. The evening saw Miss Jackson and Mr Martin keep us up to date with the England goals whilst presenting the subject awards and Mr Featherstone and Miss Kibble presented the house awards. Huge congratulations and thank you to all students, staff and parents for an entertaining evening.

Well done to the 112 students in the House with 100% attendance, let's keep this up please.

We end the term tired, but hopeful and look forward to our return in September. As a house we wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Summer break.



## Newby House

House Leader - Mrs J Smith  
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Another busy term, the summer holidays are looming! This is not the usual newsletter where I would be welcoming our new Year 7s. However the time I did spend with students and meeting parents on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July was extremely positive and I look forward to spending more time with them in the near future!

Good luck to our Year 11s and 13s with their results in August.

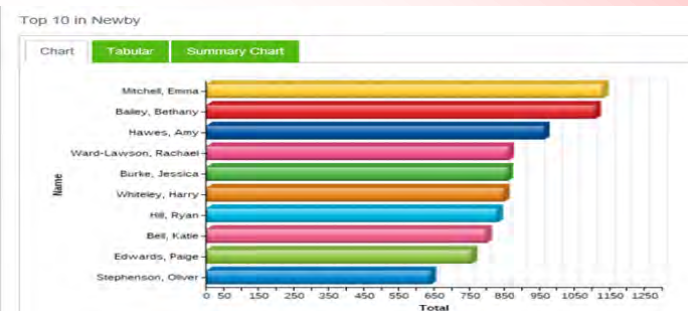
We have had some fantastic celebrations this term with the Sherbies and Prom. See separate article and our website for photos. Congratulations to all Newby students who were nominated and invited to the Sherbies. A special well done to all our winners!

**Aaron Maddock, Abbi Wilkinson, Abbie Paige, Adam Grima, Adam Lax, Alex Oliver, Alfi Keedy, Alice Slough, Ben Grayson, Ben Powell, Beth Bailey, Bradley Bailey, Carys Ward, Elenor Kent, Ellie Hudson Fox, Ellie Ann Broadbent, Ellis Wilmore, Emma Mitchell, Finton Wheelhouse, Harry Grace, Isabelle Hardaker, Issac Grima, Jack Ingham, Jack Timlin, Jason Qareqare, Jay Moore, Jessica Burke, Joe Powell, Josh Dale, Josh Snowdon, Katie Bell, Leah Walbank, Lewis Smith, Lucy Green, Luke Ford, Maddi Wilkinson, Mathew Ellison Tope, Megan Haywood, Mia Hymes, Mia Newton, Natalia Kowalska, Paige Edwards, Poppy Clayton, Ryan McLachlan, Taylor Jeffries, Millie Griffiths**

Newby had brilliant attendance at the end of the year with the following students still on 100%:

**Finn Brennan, Jessica Burke, Matthew Childs, Joseph Crick, Joshua Dale, Kai Edwards, Olivia Goode, Ben Grayson, Lucy Green, Amy Hawes, Ryan Hill, Taylor Jeffries, Emma Mitchell, Spencer Roberts, Isabel Spink, Chloe Walters, Fintan Wheelhouse.**

**We also have our end of year assembly looming; please do not hesitate to let me know of any activities Newby students might be involved in both in and out of school.**







## Lotherton House

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As we approach the summer holidays, the school is buzzing with activity. It really is amazing how resilient our students are; they have taken the recent disruption in their stride and have settled in to different classrooms and form rooms with no fuss at all. Sadly, our new Year 7 students have only managed to join us for a day so far but I look forward to seeing them all again soon and getting to know them individually. It has been wonderful meeting them so far and finding out all of their interesting facts, we look forward to having you start full time with us in September!

So having had the joy of welcoming our Year 7s, we have also had to sadly wish our Year 11 and 13 students farewell. Lotherton House will miss them and are sure they will go on to do wonderful things with their futures. The Prom this year was a massive success and all of the students who attended behaved impeccably.

Once again there were some weird and wonderful modes of transportation and the outfits were amazing, the helicopter carrying our very own Harry 'the hair' Matthews blew everyone away – literally! We are so proud of all of our students and it's a joy to see them enjoying themselves at the prom after working so hard in their exams; the results will soon be upon us and we wish the Year 11 and 13 all the luck in the world for their results day.

With various activities taking place in school and trips going out, we look forward to seeing all of the amazing photos from the upcoming events.

This term seems to have been dedicated to our musically minded students with a number sitting their graded music exams. Huge congratulations and good luck to the following:

- Lucie Thomas took her Grade 2 ABRSM piano exam this term on Monday 9th July in Harrogate.
- Matilda Nesbitt took her grade 3 trumpet exam on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in Harrogate.
- Ella Butterworth came joint second in her grade 4 class at the Music Festival which I wrote about in our last newsletter.

A huge congratulations must also go to all of those students nominated for this year's Sherbies! The rest of Lotherton House will have the opportunity to see all of the nominees and winners next week in our Celebration assembly.

Sadly, this year, the House of Lotherton is saying farewell to two of our form tutors. Mr Dunnill, Lotherton 6 is retiring and Ms Wrightson, Lotherton 4 is taking a change from teaching and is following her dreams as a professional makeup artist. Best wishes to you both, you will be missed!

I would like to wish you all a restful and safe Summer.



## Harewood House

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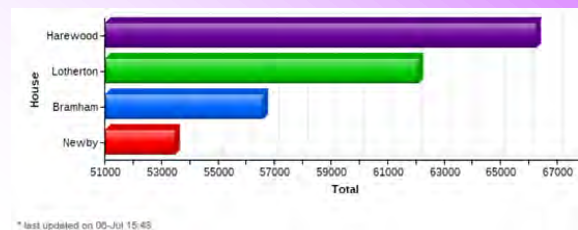


Good luck to all our Year 11 students who have now completed their GCSE exams. Looking forward to seeing you in August for your results. Have a restful holiday, you deserve it.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June was our Year 11 Prom and how lovely to see the girls in such beautiful gowns and the young men looking dapper. It was a wonderful night and excellent weather at such a beautiful venue. A Magical evening enjoyed by all.

Our annual celebration evening known as the Sherbies was held in school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Congratulations to all students nominated, it is a great achievement to be selected. This is a chance for staff to pay tribute to students who go above and beyond, well done to all the winners.

For the 7<sup>th</sup> year running, Harewood have achieved Top Vivo status. Excellent - well done all students!



Welcome to our new Year 7 who started with us on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, I enjoyed getting to know them and meeting their parents and am looking forward to seeing everyone back in school again as soon we can.

Due to the fire, it feels like a sad end to a brilliant year but we will soldier on!

Enjoy the summer holidays, I will see you all in September.



## Sherburn High's Annual Sherbies

Our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Sherbies awards, designed by the students for the students, took place over four consecutive evenings last week and marked the outstanding achievements of both the nominees and winners alike.

Each of the four houses hosted their own evening of subject and house awards which were compered by staff and students. Some of our very talented performing arts students entertained everyone with musical interludes during the four evenings with wonderful renditions from stage and popular music.

Top performing students were nominated for the outstanding achievements and contributions that they make to the school and wider community with each house nominating a 'House Star'; this is a student who has gone above and beyond in all aspects of their education and extra-curricular activities.

It's always a very difficult decision when it comes to choosing a winner from each category and Maria Williams, Headteacher commented "I am so proud of every student who was nominated and would like to also thank parents and carers for their ongoing support; this has a massive impact on students achievements. Thank you also goes to the commitment of a wide variety of staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure these evenings are suitably amazing and of course the businesses in our community who sponsor the awards!"









## We ❤️ Paris in the summertime!

Thirty seven students enjoyed a language and culture trip to Paris at the beginning of July. The group had a 5am start from Sherburn and made good time to Dover with a brief breakfast stop on the way. We even managed to see Banksy's EU art as we arrived in the port.

We arrived at Chateau de Grandes Romaine in time for dinner followed by crepe making. The Chateau was used as a France98 training camp for the Brazilian football team which was an added bonus for the England fans in the group.

Day 2 saw the group venture into Paris, brave the Arc de Triomphe in the coach, scale the Tour Eiffel, boat down the Seine and shop on the Champs Elysees. We even managed to watch half the England match from the Champs Elysees!

Students made the most of the on-site swimming pool before games and activities in the evening.

On day 3, we all headed to Disneyland Paris where childhood dreams were turned to reality with the magical setting and the chance to meet Disney favourites. By the end of the day the group gathered for one final photo to show off their Mickey and Minnie ears and a list of which characters they'd met. Mrs Barnett even got to meet Merida from Brave who showed she backs #TeamSherburn with her autograph. The live action was captured on our school Twitter feed if you don't believe us!

On returning from Disneyland, we had a quick dip in the pool to cool before 'French night' with traditional beouf bourguignon and garlic and herb escargot (snails). Most students tried snails (to the cry of 'they taste just like chicken!') and they were a big hit. After a long day of Disney, students relaxed in the grounds of the Chateau.

At the time of writing, staff were preparing to depart the Chateau for the journey home with thirty seven Sleeping Beauties. However, on our journey home, we will be visiting the World War One monument at Vimy Ridge followed by a trip to the hypermarket at Auchan to spend the last few Euros. After our visit to Disney, we feel confident that dreams really do come true...

Huge thanks to Mme Sismondi for organising the trip, Mr Featherstone for his excellent tan and to Mrs Barnett and Miss Jackson for their excellent vocal renditions of 'It's A Small World After All'.

Au revoir from the Chateau until next year!



## Post 16 News

### Year 12 Work Experience

As part of the curriculum, Post 16 must attend a work experience programme. Year 12 completed their work experience placements week commencing the 18th June. We received some fantastic feedback from the employers who were found by NYBEP who work closely with schools and businesses across North and East Yorkshire.

Dan Crick went on a placement to Park Lane Barristers in Leeds, he received the following very positive feedback; "Dan is really lovely to speak with and he is enjoying being with us so far. He is currently in on a 5 day fraud trial at Leeds Crown Court with one of our barristers, it started on Monday and is to finish on Friday. We also received some great feedback from Sue Williams, the manager of Barkston Ash Primary School where 2 of our students were on placement; Emma Beck and Charlotte Webster. She said that they were the best work experience students they'd had in years, she went on to say that they were both very enthusiastic and had been fantastic with the children.

All of the students who successfully completed their placement were great ambassadors for the school. Well done and thank you.

### Year 13 Leavers Dinner

Dintingdales Restaurant at Scarthingwell Golf Club was the venue for this year's leavers' party for our Year 13 students and what a wonderful night it was. Staff and students were dressed to impress and enjoyed a three course meal and dancing at the restaurant. Mrs Barnett did the students proud with her organisation of the event and even though she was unable to make it as she was on the Paris trip, she would have been delighted to see the Year 13 students enjoying themselves so much! After dinner Mr Ralphs made a speech and gave out awards to some of the students: Mr Sicknote, Most likely to change the world, Champagne award for sparkling personality followed by awards from the students themselves: Most legendary teacher - male and female, ditsiest person, most likely to be Prime Minister, Kindest heart etc.

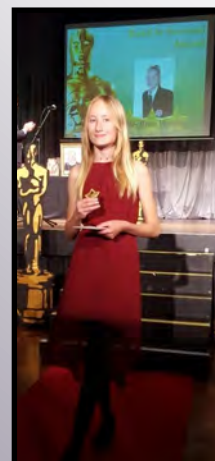
The whole evening was a huge success thanks to the Post 16 Team, especially Mrs Barnett! We wish our Year 13s every success in their exams and look forward to celebrating with them on results day (16<sup>th</sup> August).





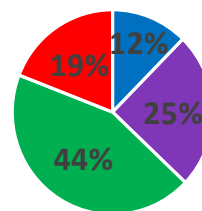
## Read to Succeed Sherbie Awards

One of the best aspects of my job is rewarding students and sharing in their reading achievements, be that either through the celebration of reading events, giving out Friday 5s or of course, at the Sherbies. I had the privilege of attending each of the Sherbie evenings to take photographs and also to witness the nominees and winners getting the recognition they deserve for working hard all year. I was particularly delighted to see Alex Johnson, my right hand man and senior student librarian, receiving an award for the service he has given to the library and each of the four Sherbie, Read To Succeed winners: Daisy Holgate, James Parkes, Elle-Rose Waters and Fintan Wheelhouse. Incidentally, Elle-Rose has now read 305 books over the last two years, I'm struggling to keep her entertained! Well done to you all, you are amazing ambassadors for reading and literacy.



### Who's leading the reading?

Lotherton has fought back this term and once again taken the lead by almost half of the pie! Harewood remains in second place whilst Newby and Bramham trail behind. Bramham must have been busy practising for Sports Day as they won the tournament! Lotherton House is crowned as the top reading house this year and I'm looking forward to analysing the statistics next year. Don't forget that reading improves our concentration and vocabulary but it also prepares us for the difficult texts that we face in our GCSEs; read for a minimum of 20 minutes each day to keep on top of your game.



■ Bramham ■ Harewood ■ Lotherton ■ Newby

Have a wonderful summer and keep reading!  
Mrs Hannam, Librarian

## Spelling Bee

We accompanied five of our fantastic Year 7 students who took up the challenge to compete against five other YTSA (Yorkshire Teaching Schools Alliance) in the spelling competition. They worked effortlessly as a team against others who were all in Year 8!

Both Chloe and Matilda then took to the stage independently to tackle some really challenging spellings - they were amazing!

Although we didn't win, a great night was had by all and Year 7 are looking forward to trying again next year...maybe after a bit more practice!





## The might of the PE Department wins through!

Sports day was a fantastic event this year and it was good to return to a day of athletics action after a two year break. The two things the PE department enjoy about sports day the most are not only the fantastic performances, but the spirit shown by our pupils in turning up to compete in the 800m during their lunch time and giving their all during each of the events. Some notable performances include Ben Powell equalling the Year 9 100m record, the close finish in the Year 10 boys relay race and the effort and determination of Harry Stone to complete the 300m Year 8 boys race, what a hero! In the end there has to be a winner and Bramham ran out clear overall winners with 1700 points, however, Lotherton in second and Newby in third had only three points between them with Harewood in 4th also only separated from Lotherton by 60 points. We now look forward to the next phase of the inter-house competitions at Christmas where the pupils will compete in Basketball, Netball, Football and Rugby.

A special mention has to go the Sherburn community and their amazing support in response to the terrible events of last week. We will come back bigger and stronger as a school and department @SHS\_PeDept #TeamSherburn







## Strawberries and cream at Wimbledon!

Year 11 students hugely enjoyed their trip to Wimbledon - Mr. French's final school trip before retirement after 32 years of dedicated service to Sherburn High School. Students were impeccably behaved and happily explained the tie breakers to Mrs. Williams!

Court two was the perfect location for a sunny day of close matches with strawberries and cream!



## York District Athletics Finals

Outstanding performances were the order of the day at the recent York District Athletics Finals at York University on 26<sup>th</sup> June. Our finest athletes competed against stiff opposition from the York area schools and recorded tremendous victories. Notable performances were: Jasmine Bate 1<sup>st</sup> in triple jump, Ellie Cunningham 2<sup>nd</sup> in hurdles, Ben Powell 2<sup>nd</sup> in 100 metres, Alfie Keedy 2<sup>nd</sup> in long jump, Eliza Dulson 2<sup>nd</sup> in shot, Josh Mclean 3<sup>rd</sup> in 800 metres, Fraser Kirkman-Bielby 3<sup>rd</sup> in 300 metres, Holly Walker 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1500 metres, with many others achieving 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> places. Well done to everyone who competed, it's an amazing achievement to make it to the finals and you richly deserve your success!



## Lesson from Auschwitz

The lessons from Auschwitz Project has been life-changing. What I have experienced as a result of the project has urged me to see those who suffered during the Holocaust less as victims and more as real people, and emphasised to me just how dangerous hate and fear can be, and how necessary it is for us all to try and spread as much love and compassion as possible to combat this hate and fear.

Before visiting the camps of Auschwitz, we visited a market square in Oświęcim (the original name of the Polish town the Nazis renamed Auschwitz), which before the Nazi invasion was a thriving community in which for the most part Jews and Christians, two different faiths, lived in harmony with each other, not just as acquaintances but as friends. A synagogue and church stood tall within the same area, and Jews and Christians would even celebrate each other's festivals. Because of this, whilst it is sobering to think that not a single Jewish person lives in Oświęcim today, it is proof to me that differences among us do not have to divide us, and can even enrich our lives.


Here are three particular aspects of the visit that really struck a chord with me.

- The displays of childrens's clothes- these garments deeply saddened me, because they reminded me of how many bright futures were robbed from children- children like my nieces and nephew- during the Holocaust.
- The corridor in Auschwitz-Birkenau in which people were "prisonified"- I believe that being able to walk the same path these people had to walk as they were "decontaminated" upon their arrival to the camp with showers and head-shaving, very publicly in front of guards and fellow prisoners, helped me to understand a little better what they may have felt- the feeling of being stripped of almost all dignity, of an identity, as if they didn't count for anything.
- The sheer scale of the two camps- it is extremely upsetting to think that so much land and effort could have been dedicated to carrying out acts of genocide and brutality.

Before departing from Auschwitz-Birkenau we were each given a candle to light and place on a memorial for the victims of the Holocaust. This was one of the most special moments of the trip for me, because like the reflection seminar that followed the trip it gave me a chance to process everything I had seen, heard, learned, and then channel it into not only paying my respects to those affected by the Holocaust, but vowing to do my utmost to spread love and peace, so as to diminish the hate and fear that fuelled the Holocaust and the atrocities associated with it. I hope to do this partly through my Next Steps project, which later in the term I am arranging along with my partner Grace Thpmas to get a Holocaust survivor into school.

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