



Sherburn High School

May 2017 Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy summer term at Sherburn High School; not least with work starting on the 3G Pitch!

It is with much appreciation that I can let you know of our recent Ofsted visit. The report is now released and I would like to thank all parents and students for their feedback and participation. Watch this space for a soon to be shared Ofsted special.

At Sherburn High we believe that success at school is more likely if our students have the opportunity to have stimulating and exciting learning experiences beyond as well as within the classroom.

I have been reviewing all the extra-curricular opportunities which have been made available recently. I counted 76 visits, trips and activities so far, including, amongst others: Geography field visits, revision days in Leeds, theatre visits to York, Technology tournaments, University fairs, The Clothes Show at the Birmingham NEC, Life Sciences Museum trip and outdoor activities at Bewerley Park. As well as our skiing experience in February, there have also been opportunities for students to take part in foreign visits to Paris and the Ardeche in France. Not to mention the amazing "Night at the Musicals"!

This of course does not include the substantial range of weekly clubs, sporting, music and drama activities.

I would like to pay tribute to all my colleagues who, like me, believe these experiences are so important and give freely of their own time to make them a reality. It is their commitment which is so crucial in making Sherburn High School the really special place that it is.

As I write, our Year 11, 12 and 13 students are now embarking upon the final phase of their preparations for the all-important GCSE, AS and A2 examinations this summer. I speak to students frequently about the high expectations we have of them as a school and they are responding exceptionally well to the challenge I have put before them. A huge amount of effort is being placed into developing their grades with extra coursework sessions, Period 6, revision workshops and booster classes. We are also very conscious that exams create significant anxiety for many students and we strive to support their emotional needs during this stressful time.

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

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

Maria Williams

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MA Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary

May

Thursday 18th May

House and Year 11 Photos

Friday 26th May

Year 8 Reports Issued
Break up for Spring Half Term

June

Friday 5th June

Year 10 Reports Issued

Tuesday 13th June

Year 6 Parents' Evening Meeting

Friday 16th June

Year 7 Reports Issued

Monday 19th June

Lotherton Sherbies

Tuesday 20th June

Newby Sherbies

Wednesday 21st June

Harewood Sherbies

Thursday 22nd June

Bramham Sherbies
Year 9 Reports Issued

Friday 23rd June

Training Day
ACADEMIC YEAR END

Thursday 29th June

Year 11 Prom

Friday 30th June

School Closed

Governors News

Whilst Ofsted visits to school are always a stressful time for all concerned, including governors, they are also a wonderful opportunity to assess where the school is in terms of a range of measures including teaching and learning, behaviour, and leadership and management.

As governors, we analyse and reflect on these measures in our regular work but external validation of our work is always a welcome addition to support us. Whilst I am not able to confirm the outcome of the Ofsted inspection at the time of writing this, I can say that I was and am extremely proud of the way in which our students, staff, senior leadership team and governors handled the stress of the visit and the outcome reflects their hard work and dedication to Sherburn High School.

We have also been involved this term in recruiting two new curriculum leaders for Science and PE; we have been extremely impressed with the two candidates we appointed and look forward to welcoming them to the team in September.

It will now be back to "normal" governance for us and we will be looking at the final sets of tracking before the summer exams. Good luck to all our students sitting their GCSEs and A levels this summer; their hard work will, I am sure, be well rewarded!

Clare Thornton-Eckford
Chair of Governors



Sherburn High Students Make the News

Students from Sherburn High made the news in March when they took part in BBC News School Report. Working from their newsroom, students worked under the pressure of tight deadlines to publish the news by 16.00 GMT on News Day.

We were delighted to be joined by two experts from the world of journalism: our official BBC Mentor, Ronan Loftus, and Alastair Ross, a freelance Sports Journalist and Commentator for BBC World Service, RTE and others. Ronan Loftus, an Apprentice Engineer with the BBC, shared his experiences of working with Look North and shared some of the secrets of life behind the scenes. Alastair Ross delivered a series of workshops in the afternoon and trained some of our Year 9 boys in the art of sports commentary; students were able to commentate over footage from their favourite teams.

With over 50 School Reporters and Sports Commentators taking part this year, our reporting teams covered news stories ranging from Fake News, the new £1 coin, The Rise and Fall of Leicester Football Club and the Financial Monopoly in Chinese Football to the real breaking news of 'The Sherburn Squirrel'.

Mrs Maria Williams, Headteacher, was immensely proud of the work produced by students. "It's so important for our students to gain real life work experiences and, by taking part in BBC School Report, we've been able to provide this opportunity for them. It was a frantic day for those in the news room but the whole school is so impressed by the work that was produced."

Event organiser and Lead Practitioner for English, Lydia Jackson was delighted with the success of the day. "We were very excited to be part of such a fantastic project and can't wait for next year. To watch our news reports and read all of our news stories from the day, please check out the Sherburn High School BBC School Report page."



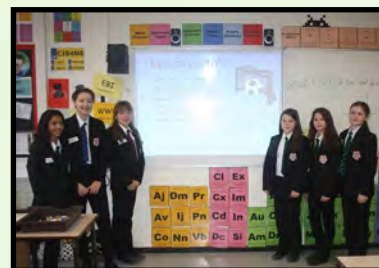
The French Connection

Friday 17th February was an incredible day for the talented linguists of Sherburn High School. The Modern Foreign Languages Department invited 200, Year 5 primary school pupils from their feeder primaries, in for the day to get a taster of how French is being taught at the school.

Years 7, 8 and 9 French linguists taught 6, highly interactive lessons to the Year 5 pupils.

Miss Sismondi, Mrs Davis and Mrs Mitchell's French learners planned, created resources and delivered amazing lessons for the day; they were really in their element at the front of the class! The Year 5s really loved being taught by high school students; they were incredibly focused and well-behaved.

Curriculum Leader of Languages, Miss Sismondi said 'I am very proud to say that our French linguists showed confidence, determination and rose to the challenge of teaching and learning. It was a real privilege to be part of this journey with them.'



Arts Award Success

We recently celebrated the achievements of seventeen of our Year 7 students who achieved the Bronze Arts Award whilst at their primary school (Athelstan Primary).

All students showed fantastic commitment to achieving this award and I was very proud to award them their certificates. We at Sherburn High and their previous family at Athelstan Primary School are very proud of them.

Well done.

Mrs Oakes
Transition Leader



The Big Bang Club- It's all fizz and pop!

The Big Bang Club have had a very varied half term. The seeds that were planted in the greenhouse in February have grown on, been pricked out and are now planted up into beautiful hanging baskets that have been sold to staff and parents to raise funds for the up-coming summer surprise.

Meanwhile back in the science labs, our interests have ranged from homemade cosmetics to making peppermint and vanilla bath bombs to lava lamp experiments.

Now to the serious science of making and testing gases, we have been investigating their uses. Do you know what kind of gas you find in a packet of crisps or which gases can re-ignite a glowing wooden splint or make a pop when you put a lit splint near them? If not then just ask one of The Big Bang Club members, they are fully clued up in all matters science!

Finally, we had a quick look into reaction times and how we can measure these, from the basic rule of catching to high tech data logging and tranquilising sheep simulations. We took into consideration if practice made a difference, if eating chocolate helped speed up reaction times and whether dizziness helped or hindered.



Prom Dress Kind Gesture

Sherburn High would like to say a huge thank you to **Maggie Holmes, proprietor of Finery Bridal, Low Street, Sherburn.** Maggie kindly donated a prom dress of choice for us to raffle, and we are pleased to say that a very worthy recipient is delighted with her gown!

Headteacher, Maria Williams, would like to thank Maggie for her generosity and is already looking forward to the prom and to celebrating with Year 11 students their commitment to Sherburn High School and hard work and dedication to their studies.

It's not too late to pay a visit to Maggie for your dream dress girls, check out her website for inspiration: www.finery-bridal.co.uk



A Night at the Musicals

On Thursday 6th April, students at Sherburn High dazzled audiences with their take on *A Night at the Musicals*. The musical spectacular included performances from *Hairspray*, *Les Miserables*, *Mamma Mia*, *Oliver*, *Mary Poppins*, *Wicked*, *The Sound of Music*, *Annie*, *Ghost* & *Matilda*. The audience were soon singing along to popular songs such as *You Can't Stop the Beat*, *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*, *Oom Pah Pah*, *Do Re Mi* and *Revoltin' Children*.

A variety of students performed a solo ranging from one line to an entire song. Students stepped up to the challenge of learning a wide variety of different songs and dance moves, which also meant many quick costume changes! As well as students performing on stage, many helped behind the scenes and as Front of House on the night.

Miss Cowley, Curriculum Leader of Performing Arts commented "A wonderful night was had by all, thanks to the hard work of all staff and students."



iCan, can you?

Motivational speaker Richard McCann paid a visit to Sherburn High last month to speak to our Year 11 and Post 16 students who are about to embark upon their final exams.

Richard, son of the Yorkshire Ripper's first murder victim, spoke of the trials and tribulations he had faced throughout his life and how he has used those experiences as a tool for always striving to be better and telling himself that he *can* do it! Richard uses a great deal of humour in his speech to demonstrate that no matter how difficult times may be, with a bit of positive action you can turn things around.

Staff and students found him to be truly inspirational and came out of the hall buzzing!

Year 11 students said:

"Emotional, inspirational, motivational!" Dominique Obertelli and Lauren Hornett

"Richard's was a very motivational life story, it was interesting to hear how he overcame his difficulties to get to where he is now." Kean Ward



Saltmine Trust

Last term, Sherburn High welcomed to school, the Saltmine Trust - A Christian Charity and Theatre Company that performs inspirational and motivational productions to students across the country.

The actors performed "Stand For It" for our Year 9 students; a story of two friends with very different lives and backgrounds but that doesn't seem to matter until they both start listening to some people with very extreme views. As the boys begin to be radicalised, the tension between them builds and they grow further apart. Will they act upon these views and what effect will this have on them and their families?



The cast of actors explored the process and effects of radicalisation and extremism, both far right wing extremism and Al Qaida narrative inspired extremism. This show and workshop, which together fit into an hour lesson, tackle this controversial issue in an engaging, respectful and thought provoking way. Students had the opportunity to text the characters during the workshops with questions about the performance, also to offer suggestions and solutions to help the friends end the rift.

Event Organiser Pui Ma, Assistant Head Teacher for Personal Development, Behaviour and Well-Being commented "It was a fantastic and engaging performance from the Christian Charity Theatre Group, who raised awareness to our students about the dangers of radicalisation in their 'Stand For It' performance'."

Rotary Young Chef Award

Following our last report, Hannah Buckley entered the regional round of the Rotary Young Chef Award at the end of April at Samworth Church Academy in Mansfield. She got down to the last 64 out of 8,000 individuals, unfortunately she didn't win but I was extremely proud of Hannah throughout this whole process. Hannah has been creative, worked under extreme pressure yet still managed to maintain a calm and fastidious approach to her menus, demonstrating her resilience and passion for cooking.

Well done Hannah!

Miss Howe

Design and Technology Teacher



A Strange Case!

On the 30th March, Year 11 were entertained by the Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, performed by the theatre company GINIFICENT. The performance allowed the students to revise the novel and also bring it to life in a new way. Students said, "It helped me to understand and appreciate the relationships between characters" and "seeing it brought to life like that somehow made it more real and more memorable." Mrs Sparrow said "It was a brilliant opportunity for students to engage in the text in a new and exciting way. The theatre company were excellent and really supported the learning we had undertaken in the classroom."

Students were able to partake in a Q&A session at the end of the performance where they asked deep and searching questions, demonstrating the impact of the afternoon. "All students were a real credit to the school and we hope that the performance supports them as they approach and sit their GCSE English Literature exams." Mrs Sparrow added.



Red Nose Day

They say charity begins at home and wow do our students and staff embrace this. Red nose day saw everyone involved in numerous fund raising activities:

- A non-uniform day
- The selling of 'the noses'
- Bramham 6 - bun stall where students and staff were vying for Miss Cowley's famous Rocky Road
- Bramham 7 - sweet stall saw a record clean out!
- Achievement Team hot dogs.
- A Red Nose Red Raffle
- Staff drew in a crowd with wet sponge throwing, Mr French remained quite dry until the end when Mrs Geldard put her money in for students to soak him
- Mr Fisher showed his goalkeeping skills off in the tennis courts, students paid £1 to take penalties

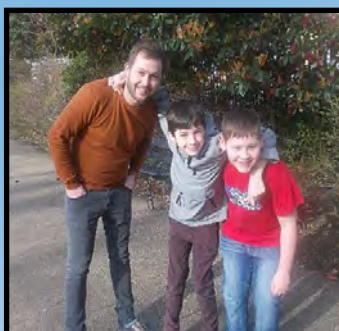
A huge well done to the students and staff involved on the day we raised a grand total of £961.24 for a great cause!



Community Spirit

Last summer, Year 8 students Luke Hebborn, Josh Bradley and a small group (Ice Warriors Return), took part in a competition organised by North Yorkshire Police. Luke, Josh and the boys had to plan, organise and complete a project within their local community of Sherburn in Elmet. The boys worked with the Prevention services, PCSOs, councillors, local businesses and members of the community, to clean and make safe the community garden. For their efforts, they won an Argos gift voucher and trampoline park vouchers but the boys were also entered into a National competition called *Crimebeat* where they attended workshops; working around the importance of community, team work and hard work. The students all had an amazing time doing this, as a result of the hard work they put in during their summer holidays, they were shortlisted to attend the **National Crimebeat Awards** ceremony!

Lots of teams from around the country entered the competition and the finalists were invited to a ceremony in London. Luke, Josh and their friends were North Yorkshire's finalists. The boys came third overall and won £500 to spend on further projects within our community. As part of their prize they got to tour London on an open top bus and go on the London Eye. All students had a Fantastic trip and can't wait to do something worthwhile in and for the community with the money they won.



Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Well done to all our students who received their D of E awards both bronze and silver at Selby Abbey recently.

Silver Awards went to Lauren Ogilvie and Ella Walton and **Bronze Awards** went to Thomas Bailey, Hugh Barker, Alex Beaumont, Robyn Cooke, Ava Dunn, Katie Grindley, Miles Hand, George Hathaway, Natalie Lilliu, Charlotte Murphy, Jacob Ogilvie, Laura Purdy, Charlotte Purdy, Hollie Walker and Lucy Work.

Headteacher Maria Williams commented, "I am so proud of all of our students who demonstrate true resilience and leadership skills; they go above and beyond in their own time to participate in expeditions and fully deserve their Duke of Edinburgh Awards - well done!"

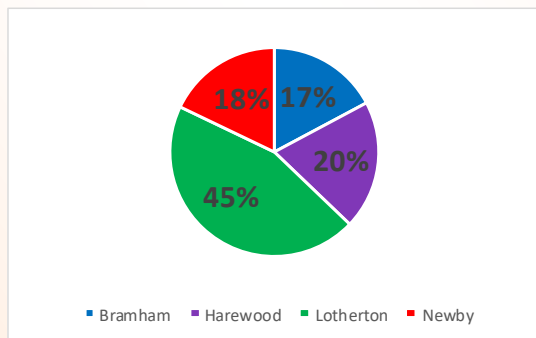


Library News

Who is leading the reading?

Lotherton have once again increased their lead over the other houses, squeezing a couple of percent from Harewood and Newby but Bramham is fighting back, increasing their percentage to 17% from 14%.

Well done Lotherton, come on other houses, fight back!



Executive Literacy Ambassadors

Our intrepid team of ambassadors has been hard at work since March, ploughing their way through the shortlisted book nominations for this year's illustrious Carnegie Medal. There are eight titles, each of which has some hard-hitting and emotional subject content but our readers are not deterred, they've been meeting to discuss each book in preparation of voting for their favourite to win the medal. Voting takes place in June and we're hoping that our choice matches that of the panel of judges! If you want to find out more about the award please visit:

www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk



World Book Day 2nd March 2017 Book Factor

In celebration of World Book Day, our grand event 'Book Factor' was a resounding success. All week in assemblies, members of staff read an extract from a favourite book; students voted each day for the most interesting and well-read extract.

There was a broad range of texts from *The Grapes of Wrath* to *Revolting Rhymes*, giving students a variety of genres to listen to and choose from.

On Thursday, World Book Day, a grand final was held in the library with each of the winners reading their extract once again. Students voted for their favourite and a winner was announced; Geography teacher Mr Sladen was voted best reader for his telling of *The Highway Rat*, a story that he reads to his young son.

Mr Sladen was a huge hit with his hilarious voices and dramatic effects, making it a fantastic end to a brilliant week of literature!

Librarian Ann Hannam commented 'In a technology driven world, it has been fantastic to see students captivated by literature; they have thoroughly enjoyed the week as have the staff involved, it's been brilliant!'





Bramham House

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Returning after the Easter break, our students are focusing on their learning in the classroom with many revising towards external and end of year examinations; behaviour is, as always, outstanding across our house which is reflected in their attitude to learning.

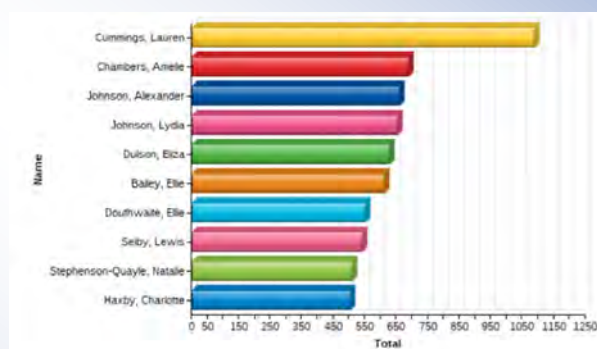
We have a busy few months to the end of the school year. We will shortly be saying goodbye to our Year 11 and 13 students as they embark upon their study leave. Watch out for invitations towards the end of May to Bramham Sherbies on Thursday 22nd June. Year 11 students have their end of school prom at Hazelwood Castle on 29th June.

Huge congratulations to Luke Brack who has been accepted at the Northern Racing College in Doncaster and The British Racing School in Newmarket, exciting times with the promise of a career as a jockey.

Congratulations to Josh Bradley who took part in the Crimebeat competition to help his local community (see separate article). Well done Josh!

A huge well done to the 157 students in Bramham who have 100% attendance this term.

Top ten Vivos so far this academic year are as follows:



Newby House

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Welcome back after a long last term and a couple of weeks break. I am sure this term will fly by; we are already into our third week with only two left to go!

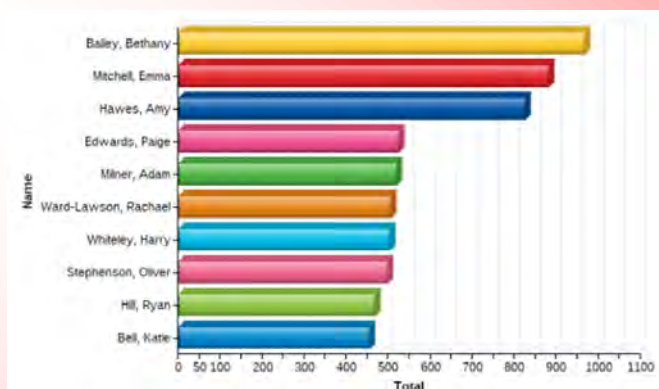
A massive well done to all students still on 100% attendance: Molly Barnett, Abbie Page, James Steele, Jack Timlin, Joshua Dale, Charlie Hoaksey, Amy Hawes, Ben Storton, Cona Fisher, Lucy Green, Adam Grima, Mia Hymes, Phoebe Wrigglesworth, Joseph Crick, Carys Ward and Elizabeth Wrigglesworth.

Amazing! Over 100 students received praise and rewards in our Easter Celebration Assembly, well done! After looking back at last year's newsletter, all I can say is Wow; Bethany Bailey is still our top Vivo earner, excellent Bethany, you are a great example to your peers!

With only 7 weeks to rollover, there are exciting times ahead as our students move up a year and the new Year 7s join us; we look forward to meeting them all.

With Ofsted behind us, we have a hectic term ahead of us. It's that time of year when we wish our Year 11 and Post 16 students good luck with their exams.

There is lots to celebrate: Year 11 leavers party, Year 11 Prom and a large number of our Post 16 going to university. Keep an eye out for all the rewards trips coming up, find them on the Plasma or Parent pay; it will be first come first served!





Lotherton House

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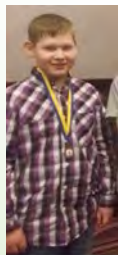


Looking forward over the next few months and to all of the events that will be taking place, I would firstly like to wish all of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students the very best of luck in their exams.

This term I have been sent some amazing news regarding my Lotherton students.

Ella Butterworth Year 7 student in Lotherton 4, on 31st March, took part in the Pontefract Music Festival, Ella was playing for her Grade 3 exam performing 'The Square Dance'

Ella won first place for her grade and instrument in the solo class, here she is performing and receiving her trophy.

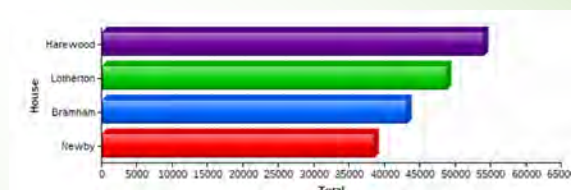


Congratulations to Year 8 student **Luke Hebborn** who took part in the Crimebeat competition to help his local community (see separate article). Well done for volunteering Luke!

The first week back after the Easter break, I was approached by three Year 7 students, Maya Kakkar, Ella Butterworth and Issie Jones all in Lotherton 4 who had, during their Easter break, baked and sold cakes, buns and biscuits at their very own mobile bake sale. The girls raised £54.69 and have very kindly donated this to our House charity, Help for Heroes. Thank you girls and well done for making a difference!

Lotherton's charity day this year will be held on 16th July and we hope to raise even more than last year so start thinking of some fun and exciting fund raising activities!

I would like to congratulate the following 26 students who all still have 100% attendance this academic year: Leoni Green, Eva Izumi, Dominique Obertelli, Dan Snowdon, Charlotte Webster, Taylor Drysdale, Billie Lund, Leesha Naisbitt, Cameron Tate, Lucy Iliffe, Sassy Johnson, Isla Mackinnon-Stones, Eve Peacock, Abbie Windeatt, Gracie Coe, Maya Kakkar, Molly Holmes, Ethan Hornett, Jessica Slater, Jack Bilton, Elle-Rose Waters, Morgan Addy, Hugh Barker, Martin Dube and George Tuddenham.



As you can see, Harewood are still storming ahead in the Vivos table but I would like to say a huge well done to the following students who consistently receive Vivo rewards for their hard work, contributions to school and attitude to learning, Elle-Rose Waters, Fiona Burnell, Georgia Fawcett, Ella Cunningham, Dominique Obertelli, Maya Kakkar, Neave Romans, Billie Lund, Lucy Dickinson and Lucie Thomas.



Harewood House

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In approximately eight weeks we will be rolling over into a new school year; where has the time gone?

Can I ask you to please look at the Sherburn High Website when buying new school uniform to make sure your purchase complies with the school uniform policy? Thank you!

A huge well done to Hannah Stephenson, Holly Bennett, Rohan Polhill, Keely Naylor, Harry Mitchell and Aimee Palmer who delivered Harewood's Charity Day assemblies to all four houses.

On 5th May, Harewood Charity day, students paid £1 for a non-uniform



day in aid of Martin House Hospice. Students also donated Vivos (last year £31.58 was donated by this method, including Year 11 who gave their Vivos as they left.) As we go to press the current amount raised is £741.60 with still more to come!

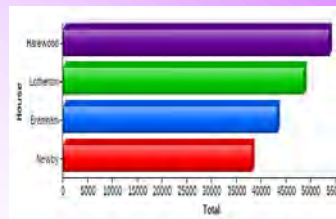
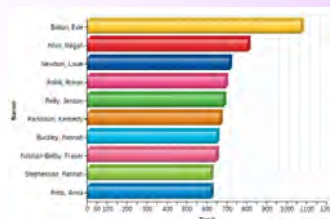
Weekly rewards still continue for positive comments, attendance and good behaviour; well done to all students who have been mentioned by



staff, I couldn't name them all, there are so many. Continue being amazing Harewood!

Vivos - Top ten Vivo earners in Harewood are:

Congratulations Harewood, at the moment, you are the top Vivo earners!



Students still on 100% Attendance: Evan Healey, Louie Newbon, Jenson Reilly, Emma Bassett, Evie Bolton, Keely Naylor, Daniel Plummer, Jamie Couper, Kate Horsey, Ashley Mason, Nick Bryant, Emma Claxton, Natalie Elder, Francesca Fisher, Matthew Hull, Sophie Long, Kieran McComnell-Kipling, Hannah Buckley, Fraser Kirkman-Bielby, Kennedy Parkinson, Edward Thirsk, Keanu Bean, Ellie Horsey, Lauren Buckley, Jacob Ogilvie, Hannah Stephenson.

A full week of attendance earns you Vivos; this is amazing Harewood, Well Done!

Malham Delights

On Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th April, Year 7 students were lucky enough to visit Malham to get first-hand experience as geographers and to view the glacial features they had studied in Geography lessons. They also investigated the impacts of tourism in the National Park. They spent their time doing surveys, graphs and (of course) having fun! They were split into two groups for the separate days. 'We thoroughly enjoyed our time' said Holly Walker.

Firstly, they spent an excitable time on a coach, for 1 hour 40 minutes through the winding country roads until they arrived at Malham National Park Centre. As they will agree, their energy was full to the point of bubbling!

Some of the Year 7s went to the village and asked people a few questions about Malham. As they just arrived, they also did some exploring; they found a stream, bridges and lots of hills.

After exploring, they set off walking towards Janet's Foss, a big waterfall with stunning views and clear blue water; this magical setting is believed to be home of Janet, the Queen of the Fairies. Lots of birds were nesting and the students sat on rocks in the water and enjoyed a nice peaceful lunch. They took soundscapes and environmental surveys and also found a money tree which was full of coppers that had been stuck in the tree as wishes, hoping to come true.

They then had to walk all the way to Malham Cove but the walk was worth it. Up and down, high and low, they had to hike to reach the stunning view of Malham Cove, an amazing vertical limestone feature which had been created by glaciers. They had to then tackle the sharp rocks running through the vast stream so they could get to the base of the Cove. Sitting on a small rock approximately 1-metre high they all had their photos taken, careful not to disrupt any of the climbers attempting to ascend the vertical sides of the Cove. Some of them looked as proud as punch.

After a long day, they set off back on the long haul to the bus. They came across cows, dogs and lots of sheep. In the middle of walking home, big chunks of hail stones fell upon the students, they were soaking. 'But it was all part of the thrill of being there' said Eliza Dulson.

Coming back home they all looked tired out, and no wonder, they had covered just over 10km! It was a great day and all students collected a large amount of data to analyse when they got back to school.

By Molly Holmes, Year 7



Ski Trip, February 2017

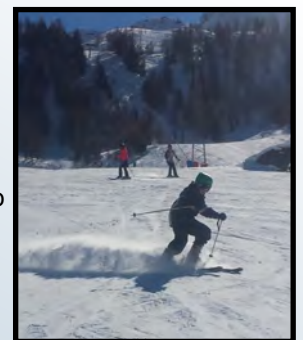
Over the February half term, students from Sherburn High School set off on a 22-hour coach journey to Pila in the Aosta Valley, Italy, for a week of skiing. The experience of the group ranged from complete beginners setting off on their first ski trip to very experienced skiers. The forecast for the week was looking very positive with lots of sunshine and warm weather.

Upon our arrival at the resort, we were all measured up for skis and boots and given the afternoon to relax and visit the local town to prepare ourselves for the long week ahead. On Monday, we were up nice and early for breakfast and ready to head to the ski lift to go up to the mountains for our first full day of skiing. We were split into four different groups based on our previous experiences so that we were able to receive the best lessons.

There were so many highlights on the slopes, in particular, seeing all the staff, including the expert Mr French, fall over at some point during the week. All students and staff made excellent progress with their skiing abilities and all had great fun on the slopes.

There was also a full après ski programme including ice cream, pizza, bowling, games night and an awards evening. On Saturday, we had our last morning of skiing before tea and then heading back home. It was an excellent week and Interski commented on how brilliant our students were over the week.

Here's to the next ski trip...



A sad farewell to a well respected art teacher

Sherburn High is very sad to announce the death of the much loved and respected ex-Head of Art, Mervyn Wilson, who died tragically whilst on a cycling holiday in Spain last month.

Mervyn joined our team in 1999 and completely transformed the Art Department with his inspirational and innovative teaching style. Students loved his sense of humour and laid back personality, allowing them to develop their own unique style through his motivational mentoring techniques. Mervyn brought in artists to inspire and support projects and took numerous groups out to the Tate Modern, Yorkshire Sculpture Park and other museums and galleries, all of which the students spoke highly of. He also instigated the annual GCSE and A'Level art exhibition, inviting parents, staff and the press along to celebrate students work. It is very telling that many of his A level students continued to stay in touch with him once they had left.

Getting involved in charity events was one of Mervyn's fortes, dressing up in crazy costumes, taking part in Rock the Quad and cycling for a variety of charities, he did it with gusto!

Mr Askins, Mervyn's friend and ex colleague who delivered a eulogy at Mervyn's funeral said 'The word legend is often used, particularly by young people to describe someone. It is often used flippantly. Mervyn was a legend. He was a hugely passionate, popular and successful teacher. Everybody liked Mervyn. He was hugely intelligent, extremely creative, he could make you cry with laughter, we will all miss him terribly.'



Work Commences on the Artificial Grass Sports Pitch

Work has now started on the new state of the art, full size, floodlit, artificial grass sports pitch at Sherburn High School with Bob Packham the Local Councillor cutting the first sod.

This would not have happened without the support from the Inspired Facilities Fund from Sport England and more locally from Selby District Council, Sherburn Parish Council and Sherburn White Rose Football Club.

The Sherburn High School and Community Sports Facilities Development Steering Group and Steve Wells Associates guided the school giving excellent advice and support during the long process and thanks go to their efforts which have now been rewarded.

The new 106m x 70m floodlit, 3G, artificial pitch will support grass roots sport in the area, be used by the school during the day and open to the wider community during evenings and weekends. The facility includes ample parking, fenced and floodlit, full size pitch and changing rooms with shower facilities and will be available to the residents of Sherburn-In-Elmet and the surrounding villages for a range of multi sports including football, rugby and hockey training. Please contact Mr John Wagstaff at Sherburn High School if your club is interested in hiring the new facility which we expect to be available for August 2017.



Girls' Rugby

The Year 9 and 10 girls' rugby team have produced three outstanding displays in their recent matches against Corpus Christi, David Young Community Academy and Brigshaw. The girls have demonstrated wonderful resilience, determination and character against much more experienced opposition. All three games have been hard-fought encounters, played in an excellent spirit and the Sherburn team continue to go from strength to strength. They have received positive feedback from the opposition staff and players for their tenacity and high levels of skill.

Saffron Farrington has led the team from the front, putting in some strong runs and Megan Smith has scored a number of dazzling tries, showing 'quick feet' and a turn of pace to evade the opposition tacklers. All the players deserve credit for the way they have represented the school and the progress they are continuing to make. Many of the team were playing competitive fixtures for the first time. Well done girls!

The squad is: Saffron Farrington (c), Megan Smith (vc), Phoebe McCulloch, Charlotte Gregson, Lucy Elder, Millie Burdekin, Chessie Fisher, Jasmine Gander, Madison Wilkinson, Rosie Cooke, Caitlin Hemingbrough, Emily Morritt, Ellie May Cameron.

Years 7 and 9 Boys' Rugby

Both of our boys' rugby teams have played tremendously well this year and are preparing to play in the finals on Thursday 11th May.

We'll give you an update of their progress in the next newsletter; in the meantime, we wish them the best of luck and know that they will be fantastic ambassadors for the sport and of course Sherburn High!



Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs

Here at Sherburn High we have a wealth of extra-curricular sports clubs to join, both at lunch times and after school: Monday is rounders, Wednesday is cricket at lunchtime and athletics after school. Thursday is rugby. We are also looking forward to the keenly contested Octathlon and Decathlon competitions in June and the Sports Day in July.

Netball

The Year 7 netball team was victorious in the recent Selby District Schools Tournament and did not concede any goals! We were also the host school to Queen Ethelberga's and won 14 – 5, go team Sherburn! The team members are: Lucy Iliffe, Lucie Clifton, Amelie Chambers, Mia Newton, Hannah Thirsk, Eliza Dulson, Bethan Kibble, Lauren Free.

The other Year 7 team have also had lots of matchplay and are thoroughly enjoying their netball; they are gaining in confidence and skills all the time. Mia Watson, Lucie Thomas, Millie Barton, Evie Bolton, Lauren Cummings, Lucy Dracup, Jessica Burke, Grace Lawton.

Our Year 8 team finished runner-up in the Year 8 tournament and has made fantastic progress, especially with attacking and shooting skills. Katie Bell, Lauren Atack, Meredith Harness, Eva Izumi, Ellie Cunningham, Alyssa Chaston, Chloe Walters.

Looking forward to next season girls!
Mrs. Cale.

Kyle Bartley pays a surprise visit to Sherburn High!

Leeds United Premier League for Girls Scheme ran a training session last month with a group of Sherburn High School girls. There was a wonderful surprise visit from Kyle Bartley, the current centre back for Leeds Utd. Leeds Utd TV were also in attendance to capture the training session on film.

Senior Achievement Leader and the school's scheme co-ordinator Andrea Liversidge commented 'What a fantastic opportunity for the girls, Kyle was an inspiration to all who met him. Aside from joining in with the coaching session delivered by Jenny and Becca, Development Coaches from Leeds United Foundation, Kyle then partook in an open and frank Q&A session with the girls. In no rush to leave the site, Kyle was more than willing to stand and talk to students, pose for photographs and sign autographs. It was a brilliant session.'



Year 9 Football

Sherburn High School Year 9 boys' football team has had an exceptional year; we have regular high numbers turning up to training. We finished second in the league, winning the majority of games and got to the semi-final of the York cup, losing to Selby. We also got to two other quarter finals, unfortunately losing them. However, overall, it was an exceptional season from the lads!

Report by Zac Oliver, Year 9

Sherburn High, in particular Mr Featherstone, is immensely proud of the boys' achievement and we all look forward to watching their progress next year, well done lads!

White Rose Cup Final

Congratulations to Sherburn White Rose U14s (Y9) who reached the finals of the Selby District Cup.

Although they didn't win, they played brilliantly, well done lads!



Post 16 News

The countdown to exams has officially begun with some exams starting as soon as 16th May, meaning that the main focus drilled into student's minds is revision. Revision is never easy and finding the time to fit it all in can be stressful so throughout the previous month, a variety of guest speakers have visited to motivate and help with revision struggles.

Guest speakers from Northumbria University gave a variety of useful methods of revision when they came to speak to students last month. Exams are a very stressful time for everyone so through sharing their own experiences of exams, the speakers gave students various methods of reducing stress and keeping on top of work. Motivational speaker Richard McCann likewise visited the school with the same intentions of motivating students and reassuring them that everything will be okay as long as they work hard. Let's hope it works!

We are pleased to announce that Year 13 students have received 182 offers out of a possible of 200 from universities, with many being 1st choice places and they have also secured an insurance offer. In addition to this lots of the offers are from Russell Group universities which are 24 of the top universities in the UK (Leeds, York, Manchester, Oxford and Cambridge etc.) which is absolutely amazing!

Our Year 12 have already begun the UCAS application process for when they move on to university next year and getting the process underway early means a better chance of achieving first choice universities.

Year 12s have also been applying to various institutions seeking work experience for when they finish their exams; not only for educational purposes, the opportunity is a great chance to improve their personal statement for university or job applications!

NYBEP (North Yorkshire Business and Education Partnership), a social enterprise establishment based in York, offered to help students with their application process either through providing helpful tips when applying individually or through assisting them in finding places. From primary schools to a Range Rover dealership, an audio development company to Leeds Teaching Hospital, there's a vast range of different companies students are visiting. Work experience starts week commencing 3rd July.

One thing is certain, those of us who are going on to pastures new will be really sad to leave our friends and teachers but we will be celebrating in style with a Post 16 leaver's dinner dance at The Dintingdale Restaurant on 7th July plus a BBQ on 26th May, a great way to say goodbye to everyone!

Report by Becky Prideaux Year 13



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Mondays 9.30am - 10.30am
DANCE BOOT CAMP

Tuesdays 9.30am - 10.30am
ZUMBA

Tuesdays 10.30am - 11.30am
LEGS, BUMS & TUMS

Wednesdays 5.15pm - 6.15pm
GORGEOUS GUNS (ARM CIRCUITS)

Wednesdays 6.30pm - 7.30pm
AEROTONE

Fridays 6.30pm - 7.30pm
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Sundays 10.30am - 11.30am
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