



Sherburn High School

July 2017 Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Students,

The last few weeks in school have been incredibly busy. Public examinations are now over and we have turned our attention to the next generation of Sherburn High students. I have had a wonderful time over the last few weeks visiting all of our STAR primary schools to meet with Year 5 pupils. I was particularly impressed with their behaviour for learning and thoughtful questions. On the basis of what I have seen, I really do feel that the future looks very bright for Sherburn High as these young people move through to join us.

This is a bitter-sweet time for us as our Year 11 and Year 13 students come to the end of their education here. It is always immensely sad to see them go, but it is with great pride that we see them enter the 'big wide world' as well-rounded, successful, young adults. We had a superb Year 11 prom last week at Hazelwood Castle. The weather was kind to us; the students looked fantastic and conducted themselves wonderfully. We also really enjoyed the Year 13 leavers' dinner at Dintingdale Restaurant and the awards given to staff by students. Our innovative transition programme (with our Year 6 students joining the High School for three weeks) continues to go from strength to strength and we have received a lot of positive feedback from parents; thank you for your support. It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers at the English parent and student project on Shakespeare this week.

I would like to thank everybody who has been involved with the school during this academic year. We are working very hard to ensure that we deliver on our promise of, '**Achievement for All**' and that would not be possible without the commitment and enthusiasm of staff, be they teachers, teaching assistants, site staff, administration, cleaning and catering teams. I can honestly say that everyone makes a huge contribution to the success of our young people.

I do hope that you have been able to read our wonderful Ofsted report. I continue to be immensely proud of our students, staff and governors who worked so hard to ensure that the school was recognized for the **GOOD** education we provide.

Staff leaving

We have several colleagues leaving us at the end of term who have given outstanding service to the school, some over 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:

Mrs. Jane Summers Mr. Ross Towler Mrs. E. Murphy Mrs. C. Pearson Dr. M. Stephenson

I will introduce new staff to you in my September newsletter.

A date to put in your diary: **Saturday 23rd September** is our Open Day 10am to 2pm when the school will be open for prospective parents and all members of the community to meet staff and tour the school; including our wonderful new 3G pitch!

Have a great summer holiday!

Maria Williams

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'MA Williams'.

Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary

July

Thursday 25th July

School closes for Summer Holidays at 12pm

August

Thursday 17th August

A2 Results – 8:30am
AS Results – 10:00am

Thursday 24th August

Year 11 Results – 9:30am
Year 10 Results – 10:00am

September

Monday 4th September

Year 11 students return to school

Tuesday 5th September

All students return to school
Year 7 Parents' Breakfast 8.20am

Friday 22nd September

Year 13 Reports Issued

Saturday 23rd September

Open Day 10am-2pm

Friday 13th October

Year 11 Reports Issued

Governors Report

Summer term has been relatively quiet for governors. We have all just about recovered from Ofsted and it is wonderful to be able to celebrate so much positivity in all the great work going on in school.

We have spent some time talking recently with other schools in the area who all form part of the STAR Alliance (Sherburn, Tadcaster and rural schools) about the possibility of forming a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). The discussions are in their early stages and if we decide to proceed there will be a formal consultation process, but it has been very interesting meeting governors from other schools and looking at whether a MAT could benefit children across our area for the future.

We are all very excited about the forthcoming opening of the 3G pitch this month. I would like to thank in particular, our Local Authority representative governor, Bob Packham, for his time and energy in leading this project to a conclusion. It has been many years of hard work on his part to help secure the funding from Sport England, Selby District Council and the FA to allow this fantastic addition to our school and the wider community. Well done Bob!

Governors are pleased with how well the rolling on of the timetable for all years has gone, especially for the new Year 7 starters in Year 7, has gone. This is now an embedded part of the Sherburn vibe and it is wonderful to see the new starters settling in so well in their colourful summer uniform. On a personal note, it makes me so proud to be part of the development of the school with such creative initiatives led by Maria Williams. She always impresses me with the way she puts the students at the heart of everything she does and the warmth towards her from students and staff alike is a real testament to her relentless drive to make Sherburn High School the wonderful place it now is.

I wish all staff, students and parents a very happy and healthy summer break and look forward to reporting back to you all next term with all the news of the exam results!

Clare Thornton-Eckford
Chair of Governors



We welcome our new Year 7 students to the high school

Monday 3 July saw our new Year 7s begin their journey at Sherburn High School. Embarking upon a three week transition programme, all of our 146 students were raring to go. Many had come to school in their House polo shirts, meaning that they looked so much a part of our school community from the start.

After spending the first two hours meeting their house leader and taking tours of the school, it was time for them to begin their lessons. From English, to Maths, DT and Science, students have covered most lessons over the first week. It has meant getting used to having lots of different teachers, and having to move around the school to different lessons so it has been quite a learning curve and certainly a busy few weeks for Year 7. However, everyone has settled in brilliantly and are enjoying their time here before the summer break. It is also important to mention our wonderful Sherburn High School students who have often taken the time to take the new Year 7s to their lessons or to sit with them in the dinner hall at lunch time.

There is lots more to look forward to over the remaining weeks of the summer term, from team building activities, to meeting their Year 8 buddies to the showcase of student work on Monday 25th July.

It's been a great start to Year 7 and we have high hopes that we will continue to see great things from the new members of our Sherburn family.



Peter Pan Project

Year 9 GCSE Textiles students are working on a collaborative community project with Peter Pan Nursery. They will be designing and making story bags for the children at the nursery to enhance their learning experience.

Peter Pan Nursery specialises in care for children with additional needs, disabilities, illness, learning difficulties and behavioural issues, they also support children whose families are experiencing difficulties or are in need of respite and support.

The students received a visit from Melanie the Nursery Manager to learn about the nursery and share existing story bags and discuss their design ideas. Each student will be making a story bag based on a different children's story. The textiles class learnt how powerful, engaging and inclusive storytelling can be with the aid of story sacks and additional props which help all the children to be involved and included in the story.

Lorna Fassnidge, Curriculum Leader for Creative Arts said "Sherburn High School is at the heart of its community. Collaborative projects are really important to raise the students' social awareness and consideration of the needs of other members in their local community. This challenging project combines creativity and an awareness of the importance of reading and storytelling. The students are really excited to be working to a 'live' brief with a real client."



Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Do you have a daughter going in to year 8 on 26th June 2017? Please go to the following webpage to provide consent for your daughter to receive her HPV vaccinations in school: <https://onlineforms.hdfn.nhs.uk/childhoodimmunisations>

For more information please visit <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine.aspx>

or visit us on Facebook:
@childhoodimmunisations

The Big Bang Club

Summer is here at last and what a summer Big Bang Club have had! We have been enjoying peas and strawberries fresh from the plant. The hanging basket and plant sales were phenomenal and the club managed to raise an impressive £150 which went towards their summer club trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. The day was sunny and club members spent time doing a bit of tiger spotting, watching the Guinea baboons antics, catching a fleeting glimpse of the cheetah, while the lions dozed in the sunshine, the meerkats and prairie dogs kept up their patrols and the polar bears chilled out. Thank you to everyone, parents and staff alike who supported them by buying plants or hanging baskets, we couldn't have done it without you.

In other activities, club members investigated aeroplane design trying to see which plane model could fly the farthest, although we tested 7 different standard models from Jets to Mantis designs, the best plane by far was one designed by Marshall Jepson, a result of his own engineering, which flew on a straight trajectory at high speed.

Finally, we went to check out the school pond and found a myriad of wildlife lurking below the surface including several newts, some with fancy spots and crests, others much plainer.

If you have enjoyed reading about the Big Bang Club antics over the year and think you might fancy trying it out, the club will be recommencing from mid-September, meetings are on Wednesday lunchtimes at 12:30pm in the science department, and is open to Year 7 and Year 8 pupils. Look out for the posters, come along and give it a try, who knows what exciting experiments the coming year will bring.



Eurofest Competition

On Thursday 22nd June, selected Modern Foreign Languages students were invited to participate in the Eurofest languages competition at Selby College. As two of the selected students, we had a memorable experience. Participating were two German groups, two French groups and a tourist stand from each language. Between us we sold recipe cards, lollies to put on the end of pens, sweets that said 'I love you' in various languages and a multi-charger. Our tourist stands represented Madagascar and Salzburg.

Once we had our stalls set up, we took part in a role play that we had practised in an attempt to wow the judges. We then had time to go for a tour of Selby College and when we came back we received such good feedback. We went around language workshops, learning some Dutch and Italian and we found out about Switzerland.

Then it was the results, our German teams did well, each winning a category but overall Selby won. Even though we didn't have an overall win, it was still a great day. One of the teams got through to the final which was held at Leeds University.

Report by Meredith Harness and Ellie Sanderson

Mrs Mitchell added the following:

I took George Evans and Jacob Town to Leeds University to attend the regional final of Eurofest. The boys had to present a PowerPoint about their experience of Eurofest in front of four other competing schools as well as three judges. The boys were 'highly commended' for their use of French and their 'chatty' presentation style.

Unfortunately we didn't leave with a trophy but the boys did themselves and the school proud in what I'm sure was a nerve-wracking experience.



Boys will be Brilliant!

Last month saw the annual Sherbies and it was fantastic to see a record number of boys receiving nominations and awards across **all** year groups and in **all** subjects. Two of our Year 9 boys also achieved success in the recent Eurofest competition (see separate article). As you may be aware, the 'gender gap' is very much a national issue in education. A white, working class boy remains the least likely to study at University than any other group in the UK. A full breakdown of how our boys performed at the Sherbies can be seen opposite.

The progress and achievement of boys at Sherburn High School is a key priority for us. We were delighted that the recent OFSTED report recognised the progress Sherburn High is making at closing this gender gap. The GCSE progress measures of our boys in 2016 and predicted 2017 is above national average for boys, and at A Level boys and girls perform equally. Nevertheless, closing the 'gender gap' is still a big priority for the school, particularly in terms of literacy.

At home, many of you will be aware of some of the challenges supporting teenage boys with their learning can present. With both my teacher and parent hat on, I have recently been reading '*Raising Boys*' by Steven Biddulph. I would highly recommend finding time to read this if you want to better understand the inner workings of your son's brain and body.

In the meantime, here is a refresher in some top tips to support teenage boys with their learning at home:

- Promote a healthy breakfast and a drink every morning; by not eating until 10.30am we have the reaction speeds of a 70-year-old!
- Improve independence and responsibility by not doing menial tasks for him. Encourage making lists to support personal organisation; **the male mind works in a linear style**.
- The importance of **positive** male role models who are **actively involved and supportive** of his education cannot be overestimated for teenage boys, these do not necessarily have to be family to be effective.
- Challenge socially accepted stereotypes of what being a boy means; phrases like 'Man Up' and 'Take it like a Man' are not always helpful for a boy's self-esteem.
- Has he got an adequate pen to write with? Boys motor skills are not as developed as girls at school age so a suitable pen is vital for good writing.
- Make time to read together, even if only for 5 minutes a day; reading could include a comic, sports report, news article, and magazines.
- Display work, postcards, positive reports, certificates etc. somewhere prominent in the house. Boys are too easily given attention for negative reasons because they are boys; they need more praise than girls.
- Talk **with**, **not at** him about his learning.
- Short term goals, short term targets, short term rewards = boys striving for success.
- Use Show my Homework to support your son complete homework on time and to a high quality standard.

Mr D Sladen



Bramham	Harewood	Newby	Lotherton
Derek Fairclough (Art winner, Geography, House Star)	Eddie Thirsk (Business, PE winner)	Ben Powell (Art, History winner, Geography)	Harry Clague (Art)
Jack O' Rourke (Business)	Zak Bennett (Business, History)	James Platt (Business)	Josh Pawson (Business)
Ben Martin (English, Academic Achievement House)	Evan Healey (English winner)	Miles Hand (History, Business, Product Design winner)	Harry Matthews (Business)
Harry Varley (Food)	Adam Littler (PE, English)	Dan Crick (English)	Jordan Rosindale (English winner, Geography, History, MFL House Academic Achievement winner)
Charlie Dunn (Food)	Nick Bryant (English, History, Food winner)	Harry Stone (English)	Ethan Hornett (English, PE, House Academic Achievement)
Tyler Binns (Food)	Alex Warlock (Food, Textiles)	Jack Timlin (Food, House Academic Achievement)	Sam Barnett (PE, Food, Science, House Academic Achievement)
Dylan Oldfield (Geography winner)	Andrew Ransome (Geography)	Jack Foster (Food winner, PE)	Hugh Barker (Geography winner, Maths, Product Design)
Jacob Bond (History)	Jack Lowe (Geography, IT)	Bradley Fisher (Food, History, Maths)	George Tuddenham (Geography)
Max Thomas (History, Performing Arts)	Louie Newbon (Science, ICT, House Academic Achievement)	Josh Dale (Geography winner, House Academic Achievement)	Fuad Kanaa (History winner, ICT, Science)
Robert Bate (History, PE winner)	George Dean (ICT winner)	Adam Lax (Geography, MFL, PE)	Jack Harvey (ICT winner, House Academic Achievement)
Ben Dingwall (History, Performing Arts winner, Product Design)	Alex Hughes (ICT)	Kean Ward (Maths)	Will Clague (ICT, MFL winner)
Kailum Selby (ICT, PE)	Rohan Polhill (Maths)	Ellis Storton (Maths, PE, House Academic Achievement)	James Burnell (Maths)
Oliver Hayes (Maths, MFL winner, Textiles)	Kieron McConnell-Kipling (Maths winner, Product Design)	Bradley Ward (Maths winner)	Mason Harte (Performing Arts)
Alfie Gill-Webb (Maths)	Alex Beamount (PE)	Matthew Ellison Tope (MFL)	Eddie Lazenby (Science, House Academic Achievement)
George Evans (MFL, Science)	Thomas Bailey (Performing Arts)	Bradley Bailey (PE, House Academic Achievement)	Luke Hebborn (Community Award winner)
Jack Allen (Product Design)	Owen Barnes (Performing Arts winner, Science)	Alex Oliver (Performing Arts)	
Alex Johnson (Product Design, House Star winner)	Finlay Gantshuck (Performing Arts)	Ben Storton (Performing Arts winner)	
Adam Buttle (Science)	Rhys Ford (Science winner)	Sam Sprakes (Performing Arts, Science winner)	
Josh Bradley (Community Award)	Al Bell (Textiles)	Zac Oliver (Science)	
Patrick Watson (Community Award winner)			
Jake Tree (House Star)			

Post 16 News

Future Jobs - Careers advice company, Future Jobs, spent three days working with Year 12 students, showing them all the options available to them after they finish their sixth form studies. The sessions included individual careers interviews that used online testing to show students the different ways of achieving their dream job. The sessions were very successful and inspired our students to think about what they want to do after Year 13. The advisors also gave them many practical tips about applying to university and showed them websites to use when looking for apprenticeships.



York St John University Marketing Group - A group of Year 12 students volunteered their time to participate in a marketing session for York St John University. Tom Bolland, Chloe Bredesen, Elisha Stacey, Molly Barraclough, Liam Donegan, Holly Kersley and Tegan Davies (from Tadcaster) met with two members of the university's marketing team to provide feedback on their 2019 marketing campaign.

Our students were given images and slogans to discuss which they provided the university with opinions about which ones would be most appealing to potential future York St John's students. So when the promotional material for 2019 entry is released, we can feel proud that Sherburn students had an input into the final campaign.



Work Experience - The whole of Year 12 were out on work experience at the beginning of July and the overwhelming feedback has been fantastic. Students went to some brilliant placements, including Leeds Dental Hospital, a GP surgery, a number of solicitors, HR departments, primary schools, a youth work setting and design agencies. Well done Year 12 for being such great ambassadors for Sherburn Sixth Form!

Year 13 Leavers' BBQ - We said goodbye to our lovely Year 13 with a traditional sixth form BBQ. Our resident BBQ expert, Mr Ralphs, was in charge of the cooking and Mrs Barnett, Miss Oates and Mrs Trueman made sure there were plenty of snacks and drinks. The sun was out and it was a lovely occasion, made even better by the arrival of a SECOND Mr Kirby. GOOD LUCK YEAR 13!



Start of UCAS & University Open Days - Our future university graduates have got off to a flying start with their UCAS applications. All Year 12 students have registered to use the UCAS application system and many have already started visiting potential universities. So far, we've had students visit Edinburgh, Bristol, Leeds, Manchester Met, Lincoln and even Cambridge, with interest in courses including Biochemistry, Accounting, Medicine, Marketing and Sport.

Leeds University Ethics Workshop - Elizabeth Clarkson, one of our Year 12 students, was successful in gaining a place at a medical ethics workshop run by Leeds University. The workshop required students to consider different ethical scenarios, including examples such as what to do if you realise a colleague has made a mistake. All the scenarios were hospital based, so the workshop will look great on Lizzie's UCAS application to study Radiography.

The Shakespeare Experience!

On 10th and 11th July, Sherburn High School's new Year 7 students completed 'Adventures of English' as part of their transition into life at high school. Parents and Carers were invited to join our new cohort in getting to grips with Shakespeare and to learn a little about how lessons are delivered in order to get a taste for secondary English.

Through role play, students interviewed William Shakespeare's father John, explored the language, life and times of the Bard and considered why we still study Shakespeare today. Students were given the opportunity to play the witches from Macbeth and were treated to a fantastic performance of Macbeth by some of our Year 10 drama students.



One parent said "It was a fabulous morning seeing children, teachers and parents interacting", another commented "I enjoyed the insight into what the students do at High School; there was good interaction between groups. The staff made it fun for all, as well as interesting and were very knowledgeable."

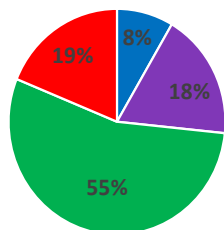
English Teacher Laura Sparrow said, "It was an absolute pleasure to see so many parents and carers supporting learning and engaging with the tasks. There was a great buzz and we look forward to welcoming parents to future events in English."



Who is leading the reading?

Lotherton have once again increased their lead over the other houses by adding 10% to their score. Harewood has lost 2% and Newby has gained 1% but Bramham has dropped significantly from 17% to just 8%; come on Bramham, give the other houses a run for their money!

Well done Lotherton, you are awesome readers!



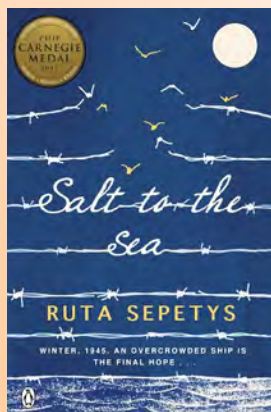
■ Bramham ■ Harewood ■ Lotherton ■ Newby

Salt to the Sea by Ruth Sepetys Carnegie Medal Winner

Refugees from Germany who were fleeing from Russia's Red Army, made a long journey to board ships near Gdansk in Poland on the Baltic Sea. The Wilhelm Gustloff, a luxury liner, one of the many ships, was built to carry 1500 passengers. At the time of boarding there were well over 10,000 people on board, mainly women and children, and tragically it was torpedoed by the Russian Navy and sank. Only 1,252 people survived. It was the worst shipping disaster ever but very little was known about it or reported.

Ruth Sepetys brought this tragic story to life for us through four main characters who made the arduous journey to what they thought was their freedom and a new life. It is a brilliant read, one that will remain in our minds for a very long time!

It is now available to borrow from the school library.



Executive Literacy Ambassadors

Carnegie and Amnesty Awards 2017

Our Executive Ambassadors have done a fantastic job of reading through the shortlisted books and discussing them each week in order to predict which books would win the prestigious awards. They and I predicted that *The Bone Sparrow* by Zana Fraillon would win the Amnesty Award and guess what, it did! They also predicted that *Railhead* by Philip Reeve would win the Carnegie Medal but they were out of luck; *Salt to the Sea* by Ruth Sepetys won with her very moving story of refugees fleeing from Germany at the end of World War Two (see synopsis below).

We all met on 19th June to watch the live feed of the awards ceremony and it was really tense waiting for the winners to be announced, we were delighted to have guessed one correctly and Ellie Sanderson did predict Salt to the Sea would win but she was overruled by the fans of Railhead... we should have listened to her!

Overall, we had a great time shadowing the awards and can't wait until next year when we will be shadowing the Carnegie and the Kate Greenaway awards so it should be very exciting indeed!

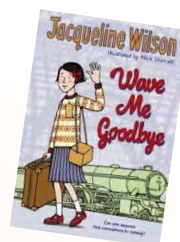
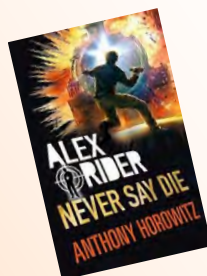


Year 7 Summer Reading Challenge

All our new Year 7 students have been set the challenge of reading five books between now and September 29th. If they complete the challenge, we hold a celebration of reading event at the end of November with lots of treats and surprises to which they will be invited.

Don't be fooled... this is not an easy challenge as students must really push themselves, they are not allowed to re-read books that they have read in primary, nor are they allowed to read books below their ability. This is where I need parents and carers to ensure that your child is getting the best from their reading experiences; read with them, to them and really get involved, you'll love it and so will they!

Happy summer reading!





Bramham House

House Leader - Mrs A Liversidge
Achievement Co-ordinator - Miss K Williamson
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Happy New Academic School Year to you all. Students are adjusting well to new timetables and continue to focus on their learning.

Year 11s are in the process of sitting their mock exams and our new Year 7 students are adjusting to the hourly move around school and varied teachers.

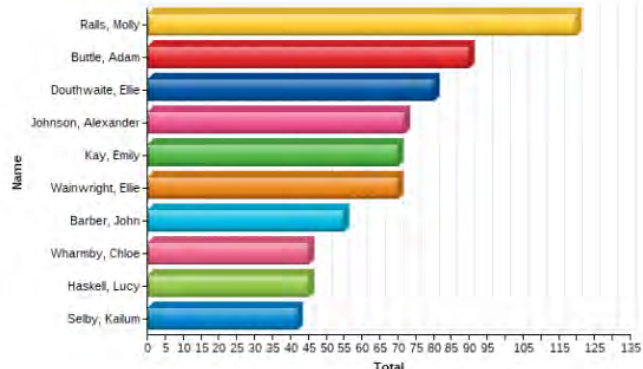
Last month saw us celebrating the hard work of our students at our annual Sherbies evening, as a house we love recognising our students hard work both inside and outside the classroom. With a heavy but proud heart we also said goodbye to our Year 11 students with the annual prom at Hazelwood Castle and our Year 13 students at their dinner dance at Dintingdales, we wish them all success in their chosen paths.

Congratulations to Harry Varley who was recently awarded York Union of Golf Clubs Junior Team Championship, Best Individual Score 2017.



Congratulations to Jasmine Bate she set a new Championship record in Hammer on Saturday 10th June at the North Yorkshire Schools Athletic Championships, also securing 3rd place in Discus and 5th place in Shot.

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



Newby House

House Leader - Mrs J Smith
Achievement Co-ordinator - Miss K Williamson
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Wow, another year has come to an end and we've now rolled over!

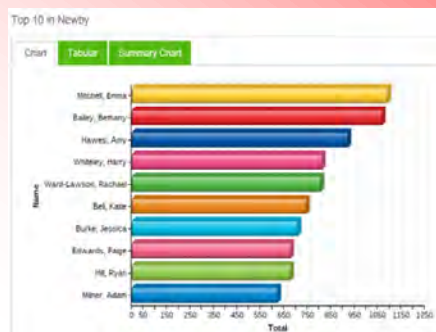
A special welcome to all our new Year 7s, it was wonderful to see you all at the market place last Monday. How happy the students were at the end of their first day, I must say they have settled in as if they have been here for weeks.

WOW, what a celebration we had at the Sherbies, congratulations to all students nominated, over one third of all Newby students!

With the exams over, I wish our Year 11 and P16 students good luck for their results in August.

Well done to all our Newby students who have finished the year on 100% attendance.

Emma Mitchell has sneaked into our Top Vivo earner spot, well done!



Another exciting trip to the **Great Yorkshire Show**.

Mrs Smith and other staff took 51 students to The Great Yorkshire Show. What an amazing day; students as always were a pleasure and the weather was gorgeous. Students were exhausted on the coach home after a very busy day.





Lotherton House

House Leader - Miss E Wadsworth
Achievement Co-ordinator - Miss K Williamson
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Our charity day in June in aid of Help for Heroes was a huge success and we managed to raise a whopping **£926.49!**

Special thanks must go to George Prideaux who carried out a sponsored silence and not only raised a massive £172 but also managed to collect every last penny in record time, well done George you are a superstar!

Special thanks also go to Maya Kakkar, Ella Butterworth, Issie Jones and Emma Bassett who took it upon themselves to hold a bake sale during the Easter holidays. They baked at Issie's house then went door to door selling their buns, raising £54.69p for their efforts. Well done girls, you are amazing!



Harewood House

House Leader - Mrs L Geldard
Achievement Co-ordinator - Miss K Williamson
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Good luck to all students who have now completed their GCSE exams; looking forward to seeing you in August for the results, enjoy your holiday.

Last Thursday was our Year 11 Prom; how lovely to see the girls in such beautiful gowns and the young men looking so dapper. It was a wonderful night at such a beautiful venue. Congratulations to Steven Shepherd & Lauren Barnett our Prom King and Queen. An excellent evening enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to all students nominated at our annual celebration evening known as the Sherbies. 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.

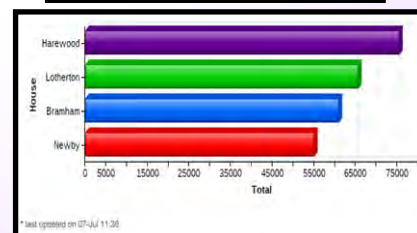


Congratulations to **Alex Beaumont** who completed his first Leeds 10k in a time of 53 minutes 24 seconds in very hot conditions. Alex ran in aid of St. George's Crypt, a charity for homeless and disadvantaged people in Leeds. Well done Alex!



Harewood held 1st place for attendance just in front of Bramham. For the 6th year running, Harewood has achieved top Vivo status, excellent!

Congratulations to Evie Bolton who earned 1223 Vivos making her top Vivo winner.



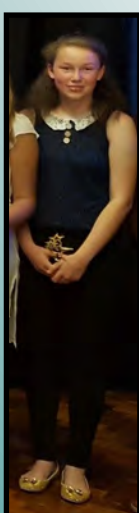
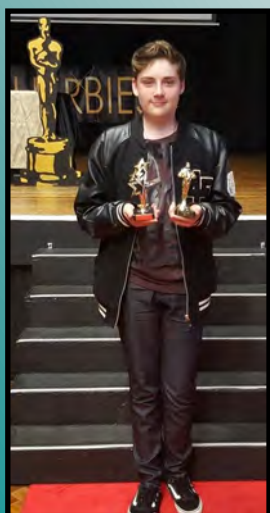
Welcome to our new Year 7 students. Thank you to Mrs. Oakes for the excellent transition students receive. Students are gaining confidence every day with the help of buddies/students, they are now finding their own way around school.

Another Glittering Occasion – The Sherbies!

Sherburn High School celebrated students' achievements in style at their 6th annual Sherbie Awards Evenings last week. Each of the four houses hosted their own evening of subject and house awards which were compered by staff and Post 16 students. Some of our very talented performing arts students entertained everyone with several musical interludes during the evenings. Lotherton House Achievement Leader Emma Wadsworth was incredibly proud, saying 'The Sherbies are amazing, they get bigger every year with more and more students being invited to attend; it's brilliant. I am so proud to be Lotherton's House Leader'.

The 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, Maria Williams, Head Teacher commented "I am so proud of every student who was nominated and would like to also thank all parents/carers for their ongoing support; this has a massive impact as recognised by Ofsted in our recent "GOOD" inspection. Thanks also go to the commitment of a wide variety of staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure these evenings are suitably amazing!"

Each year it would not be possible to hold our Sherbies without the very generous financial donations that we receive from businesses in our community, we would therefore like to sincerely thank: **Elmhirst Parker Solicitors, Emmerson Doors LTD., G R Electrical Services LTD., Rainbow Nursery School and Sherburn in Elmet Methodist Church.**





Spectacular Endings; Sherburn High Prom!

The stunning Hazelwood Castle was the location for the Sherburn High School Prom on 29th June and what a wonderful evening it was! This year's theme was 'Enchanted Forest' and the Prom Committee did an amazing job of decorating the room accordingly, it was crowned by a beautiful cake made and decorated by Madeleine Smith's mum Juliet.

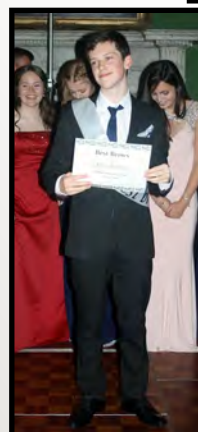
The usual parade of cars was dominated by Mercedes and Range Rovers but the most unusual vehicle of the evening was a police van! North Yorkshire Police came to the rescue of four damsels in distress when the exhaust fell off their vintage car, leaving them stranded by the wayside; it was a huge shock when the van rolled up and the girls disembarked!

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 Steven Shepherd and Lauren Barnett, both brilliant 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 and were recognised as such by Ofsted with the school's "GOOD" report.

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!"





Sporting greatness!

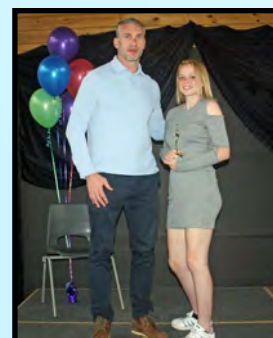
On Thursday 13th July, Sherburn High School celebrated the brilliant sporting achievements of their students with a bumper awards evening. This year the award ceremony took place in the sports hall and welcomed around 200 students and their families. The packed-out event was a celebration of the effort, attitude and excellence demonstrated by Sherburn students, acknowledging the hard work displayed in a range of sports, from Year 7 right up to Year 11. The awards presented on the night included: 'GCSE PE'; 'Most Improved'; 'Individual Performance'; 'Team of the Year'; 'All Rounder'; 'Respect'.

The PE Department recognised the wonderful contributions staff had made to extra-curricular fixtures and the school Leadership Team, who support all PE projects with energy and enthusiasm, placing great value on the impact sport has with students' physical, mental and social development.

Sherburn High School was delighted that Leeds Rhinos and England Rugby League icon, Jamie Peacock MBE, was able to present the awards and speak about what it takes to be a successful sportsman; he is a wonderful role-model for the students to aspire to. He told all present to listen to the positive people around them not the negative ones if they want to lead a successful life; a message that resonated with everyone in the room.

In honour of Wayne Isherwood, ex head of PE at Sherburn High who sadly died last summer, two new trophies were named for him and presented to the boy and girl winners of the octathlon and decathlon, Eliza Dulson and Ben Powell, competitions that Wayne introduced during his time at Sherburn. The winner of the Neal French Sports Personality of the Year Award was Year 11 student, Natalie Stephenson - Quayle. Natalie was a worthy winner for "displaying all of the values we promote in PE: resilience, determination, hard work, positivity, respect, and is a fantastic role model for all PE students. Natalie received a personalised video message of congratulations on her award from world champion cyclist and Olympic gold medal hopeful, Lizzie Armistead Deignan.

PE Teacher Neal French commented "The sports presentation evening was a great success. A packed sports hall celebrated the success of our students who were inspired by a speech given by rugby league legend Jamie Peacock MBE."



Year 13 Leavers event at Scarthingwell Golf Club

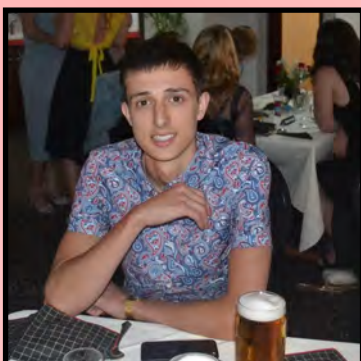
What can I say, the evening was amazing. The staff and students shared memories, stories and banter (particularly when it came to the speeches) and it was a wonderful way to say goodbye to an outstanding year group.

The evening began with a delicious three course meal, coffee and chocolates followed by speeches, awards and dancing. Some of the awards received by the students included; Longest serving, Best hugs, Biggest Lightweight, Little Miss Sunshine, Most likely to be Prime Minister and Mysterious Man. The teachers' awards (as voted by students) included;

Most Homework set – Mr Brookes,
Sore Loser- Mr Ralphs
Best Dressed - Mrs Jamieson.

We wish all the Year 13 students every success for their future - they will be missed.

Mrs Barnett
Post 16 Co-ordinator.



Octathlon and Decathlon 2017

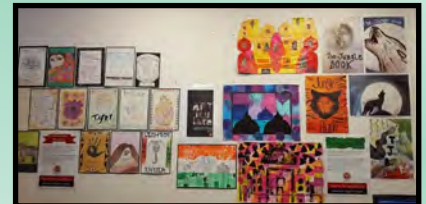
The highly anticipated and much loved Octathlon and Decathlon athletics events took place over two days on 21st and 22nd June, and the weather stayed fair...just! The students who participated put in a string of determined performances and the standard of technique, levels of effort and sense of fair play were consistently evident throughout.

The event was a huge success and it was extremely well supported by all the school staff; there were lots of smiles on show from students and staff alike, even at the end of two days of hard work! The students involved were a credit to themselves and the school. The overall boys' winner was Ben Powell (Year 8), with Eliza Dulson (Year 7) claiming the girls' prize. The PE Department would like to congratulate the eventual winners and all the students who made the event such a celebration of sport. We might even have some future Olympians amongst our competitors this year!



Community Art

As part of the Sherburn High initiative to work more closely with our community, Curriculum Leader For Creative Arts, Lorna Fassnidge, contacted Sherburn Library to ask if she could exhibit her students' work in the library. Our GCSE Art students have been studying Indian art and architecture to raise their cultural awareness and as a result have produced some amazing drawings and paintings to reflect all aspects of India. We are delighted to play a more integral role within the community and this is reflected in the closer relationships we are building with Peter Pan Nursery and the Community Library.



Articulate!

The Art Department was transformed into a gallery space on Thursday 6th July when creative work from KS4 and KS5 was displayed. Parents and students enjoyed viewing the wide range of work celebrating the outcomes from Art and Design, Textiles and Photography students.

Miss Fassnidge, Curriculum Leader for Creative Arts commented "I am proud that Creative Arts supports individuality and self-expression and the wide variety of work on display reflects this. We have some very talented students who should be extremely proud of what they have achieved this year".



Massive congratulations to our 3D Product Design classes on the completion of their AS & A2!

Mrs Jamieson would like to congratulate both the AS & A2 3D Product design students in the completion of their coursework and exams. All of our A level students have shown a vast amount of resilience and commitment to the 3D Product Design.

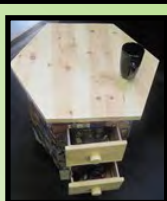
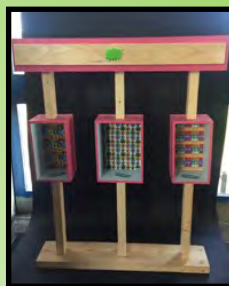
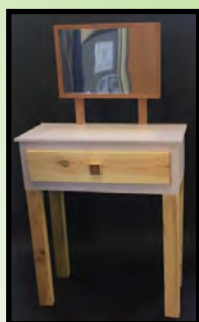
'We wish all the students lots of luck when receiving their results in August. We also wish our wonderful A2 students all the best for the future. You have been an absolute pleasure to teach over the last three years!!'
– Mrs Jamieson



Massive congratulations to our Year 10 Product Design classes on the completion of their GCSE!

Mrs Jamieson and Mrs Wrightson would like to congratulate both of their Year 10 product design classes for the completion of their GCSE. Students have shown a vast amount of resilience and commitment to their Product Design course over the last school year. Both members of staff wish all their students lots of luck when receiving their results in August.

'They have been an absolute pleasure to teach! Some really excellent practical pieces produced this year!' – Mrs Jamieson



Come Dine with Sherburn

On Wednesday 12th July, some of our Year 9, 10 and 11 students provided a 3 course welcome meal for our new staff and selected local individuals at their 'Come Dine with Sherburn' evening.

Students and staff had spent weeks in preparation for this event to make sure that it showed off their incredible skill, standard and quality of cooking and preparation that they have developed over the past three years.

The students chose to make cheese and pesto swirls for starters. Spinach and chorizo frittata with salad, home-made tortilla chips and guacamole and for dessert Mary Berry's chocolate fondant tart, served with a berry medley. Students also catered for specific dietary requirements of the guests.

Guests were served refreshments and all three courses by the students, both parties thoroughly enjoyed the event as it enabled the students to talk about what and how they had made the food.





Save The Date!



Saturday 23rd September


10am - 2pm

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