



# Sherburn High School

## Newsletter - February 2017



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# MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Students,

I am sure that you have seen recent press articles celebrating the GCSE and A level successes of Sherburn High students but I wanted to take this opportunity to give you further details:

**Sherburn High School is celebrating the outstanding league table success for both GCSE and A level students in 2016.**

League tables published this week place Sherburn High School as the top performing school in the area with students making more progress from their starting point in Year 7 than any other secondary school in Selby and well above both the national and regional averages.

Sherburn High School's Progress 8 score (which shows how a student progresses through secondary school, taking into account their ability at the end of primary school) of **+0.21**, making it by far the highest performing secondary school in the area. Most schools will achieve a score between -1 and 1, with 0 being average. Schools are placed in one of five bands for progress: average, above average, well above average, below average or well below average. Sherburn High School is the only school in the locality to be graded as "above average". High Prior Attaining students are in the top 9% of all schools nationally.

Sherburn High School is particularly proud of the hard work and commitment from staff with disadvantaged students who attained a Progress 8 score of **+0.03**. Nationally, disadvantaged pupils (those qualifying for free school meals) made significantly less progress on average than non-disadvantaged pupils during secondary school and the national progress 8 score is -0.38; we are proud to deliver on our motto of "Achievement for All".

Nationally, girls made above average progress, at 0.11, while boys made below average, at -0.17. However, Sherburn High School are proud that our boys continue to make above national progress: **+0.01** for boys. Girls' progress is well above average: **+0.40**.

Sherburn's Attainment 8 score of 52.14 was also well above the national average (49.9) - this is expressed as points out of 80. 75% of Sherburn High School students achieved a grade A\*-C in both Maths and English; again well above the national average of 59% and in the top 5% of similar schools. Our Maths Progress scores place Sherburn students in the top 6% of all schools. 20% of all entries were A\* or A grade. 5 or more A\*-C including English and Maths is 70% A\*-C in English we achieved 79% A\*-C and in Maths it was 81%.

At Post 16, we are very pleased at having achieved a positive progress score of +0.05 for our A level students. At vocational subjects, the average grade achieved was a Distinction\*, the equivalent of an A\* at A level. Again the school scored a positive progress measure at vocational level of +0.16; this reflects the hard work applied by both students and staff and emphasises the continued improvements students make from their GCSE results.

I would like to praise students and staff for their commitment and hard work. These results are incredibly well deserved and demonstrate to the community how good a school we are. Because of these amazing results, lots of our Year 11 students stayed on to do A Levels at Sherburn, and are continuing to make great progress. We are incredibly proud of all our students and teachers who worked relentlessly to achieve these outstanding results and we are looking forward to even higher results this summer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Williams".

Maria Williams

# Dates For Your Diary

## February

**Friday 17th February**

Year 9 Reports Issued  
**Students break up for Half Term**

**Monday 27th February**

Students return to school

## March

**Thursday 9th March**

Year 12 and 13 Reports Issued

**Friday 10th March**

**School Closed—Training Day**

**Wednesday 15th March**

Year 9 Parents' Evening

**Friday 17th March**

Year 10 Reports Issued

**Tuesday 21st March**

House Photos

**Friday 23rd March**

Red Nose Day

**Monday 27th March**

Year 10 Parents' Evening

**Friday 31st March**

Year 11 Reports Issued

## April

**Friday 7th April**

**Students break up for Easter Holiday**

**Monday 24th April**

Students return to school

**Wednesday 26th April**

Year 9 Booster Vaccinations

## Governors News

As spring approaches, Governors are in full swing analysing data from the summer's exam results and looking at current tracking. We are very grateful to James Brookes who helps to make the data understandable and ensures we can drill down into different groups of students to ensure that the school is accountable to our ethos of *'achievement for all.'*

The Governors are delighted with the progress the school is making and were especially thrilled with the publication of the recent league tables which shows that Sherburn High are now in a very strong position in comparison to other local schools. In fact, the data shows we are performing better than all other local schools in our overall Progress 8 measure. As a former pupil of Sherburn High School myself, you can only imagine how proud that makes me feel!

Governors have been in school during the last term joining in with external reviews of the sixth form, disadvantaged students and safeguarding. All these reviews have highlighted the great work which is going on, plus areas for improvement which has been most useful.

We are also busy preparing for an OFSTED visit which we anticipate will be sometime soon and quite frankly, we are looking forward to showing OFSTED why we feel the school more than deserve a *'Good'* rating. Fingers crossed they will agree!

Clare Thornton-Eckford  
Chair of Governors



## Sherburn High Gets The Green Light For Artificial Grass Sports Pitch

As previously stated in the Community Informer, planning approval for a new, state of the art, full size, floodlit, artificial grass sports pitch had been granted. It has now been officially announced that Sherburn High School has received confirmation from the Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund, delivered by Football Foundation and National Lottery Funding from Sport England's Inspired Facilities Fund, that funding has been awarded to develop the new pitch.

Partnership funding towards the project costs had already been approved from Sherburn Parish Council and Selby District Council, the total project costs being £603,831 with £245,831 confirmed by the Football Foundation and £100,000 from Sport England.

The project is being developed in partnership with the High School, Sherburn Parish Council, Selby District Council and Sherburn White Rose Football Club, and is scheduled to be open for use in summer 2017. Full consultation for this project and other sporting benefits for wider community use of the school site were undertaken in 2013, which was funded by the Big Lottery Awards for All programme.

The new artificial grass sports pitch will be used by the school during the day and open to the wider community during evenings and weekends, the facility will be available to the residents of Sherburn-In-Elmet and the surrounding villages for a range of multi sports including football, rugby training and hockey.

Sherburn White Rose Football Club will be the key Football Community Club user with other partners including the Leeds United Foundation and West Riding County FA, please contact Mr John Wagstaff at Sherburn High School if your club is interested in hiring the new facility.

Maria Williams, Head Teacher, said this was a very exciting opportunity, not only for the school but also the wider community. She stated that sports training and fixtures would no longer need to be cancelled due to poor weather and wet pitches. Ensuring that all students have healthy lifestyles and participate in sport is a key driver for the school and the proposed pitch will certainly help to realise this ambition.

Bob Packham, Parish, District and County Councillor, said 'This has been a real team effort, initially instigated by a project group with members from the school, local residents and the Parish Council, but we have also been delighted by the support of the District Council. I would particularly like to mention the guidance we have received from Gary Limbert, and his work to secure the Sports Council funding.'

Councillor Jan Marshall representing Saxton cum Scarthingwell Parish Council commented that 'This is very welcome news. It will allow both children and adults in the surrounding villages to have access to first class sports facilities. As rural residents we often miss out on such facilities so it is wonderful to have them on our doorstep. We look forward to using them.'

Gary Limbert, said on behalf of Sherburn White Rose FC, that the new floodlit artificial grass pitch had taken 3 years to come to fruition and will be a fantastic sporting facility for the School, Sherburn White Rose FC and other community sports clubs. It will take a lot of pressure away from the currently over used grass pitches at the White Rose Sports Club facility at Finkle Hill, offering a fantastic training and match play pitch.



### Language for learning!

The Modern Languages Department is proud to prepare our future teachers in the making!



On 17th February, two hundred Year 5s will be taught French by our very own Year 7,8 and 9 students. We are very keen for our young linguists to deliver six fun and interactive sessions to our Primary friends in order to enhance their linguistic capabilities and develop their leadership skills. On the day, Year 5s will get a taster of basic introductory French, learn how to express opinions, talk about their free time and sports and of course, last but not least, enjoy some delicious pains au chocolats!

We look forward to hosting this big event very soon and will deliver a full report in the next newsletter!

Ms S Sismondi  
Curriculum Leader  
Modern Foreign Languages

## Sherburn High Christmas Hampers

The annual Christmas Hamper campaign was well and truly underway during the last week of the winter term. Co-ordinator Rosie Gilbertson and the students of Lotherton 2 industriously sorted and packed food brought in by students throughout school. Each year, Lotherton 2 wrap boxes in Christmas paper to distribute to forms for them to fill with Christmas goodies, they also send little collection pots out for odd coppers which pay for fresh flowers and fruit to go in at the very last minute.

The tradition, started by Luci Davies, ex form tutor of L2, has gone from strength to strength and now with Post 16 student Rosie at the helm, it runs like clockwork! The hampers were distributed to deserving members of the elderly community through the Sherburn Visiting Scheme and on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December, Rosie, Miss Dodd, Luci Davies along with Billie Lund, Leesha Naisbitt, Sapphire Oz, Alyssa Sayers and Millie Toes were Santa's little helpers for the day as they made their Christmas deliveries!

Head Teacher Maria Williams commented, "Rosie and L2 have done a fantastic job once again, of organising and co-ordinating the hampers, we are all very proud of their continued commitment to this extremely worthwhile cause, well done! Our thanks also go to Miss Dodd and Luci Davies who gave up their well-earned holiday time to deliver the hampers."



## The Big Bang Club

Where has the time gone? Half term is upon us and it is amazing how much the Big Bang Club members have managed to fit in. We have concentrated on light, making polarising pictures and our own Newton's wheels. We have also investigated how chemicals can produce light – chemiluminescence, looked at the peculiar properties of carbon dioxide, a chemical that goes straight from a solid to a gas, missing out its liquid phases.

We have even fitted in a little time to investigate science in the food industry, making our very own cinder toffee, our old friend carbon dioxide having made another appearance as it is responsible for the bubbles that make crunchy bars so crunchy and microwaved meringues where the microwaves turn the water in the egg white into steam that expands and makes the meringues grow from the size of a marble to a crunch treat as big as your hand!

There's plenty to look forward to when we get back at the end of February as our club members embark upon their plans to fundraise for an end of year experience.



## South Milford Bonfire 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016:

Sherburn High School was very pleased this year to be able to actively support the South Milford Bonfire. The school provided on-site parking for many visitors to the bonfire with site staff and sixth form students providing excellent marshalling support; we hope that many more visitors will use the secure and accessible parking that we are able to offer next year. Friends of Sherburn High School (FOSH) set up an online volunteering facility that staff, students and parents were able to use to volunteer their support. We are very grateful to everyone who helped set up the fire, prepared food for the bonfire, helped on the night and tidied up the following day. The Bonfire was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended and the school looks forward to an even greater role next year.

Many thanks to: Alan Bentley, Luci Davies, Richard Dunn, Tina Horsey, Martin Johnson, Monica Kirk, A J Marchant, Holly Mitchell, Paul Newton, Hayley Oakes, Tony Phillips, Amanda Prime, Carl Thomas, Ben Varley, Emma Wadsworth and James Watson.

## How We Teach

If you went through education in the 1980s, then many of you will perhaps remember trying to memorise a lot of information including learning quotes off by heart. To this day, I can still quote big chunks of Hamlet and Thomas Hardy and remember the pain of reciting them over and over trying to get them to stick in my head. The new GCSEs require our Year 11 students to remember many, many things and we are delivering training to staff to ensure that our students have strategies **to make things stick**. However, students also have a valuable tool they can access (something that we didn't have!) as there are many excellent free apps that can help them with their learning and organisational skills. Three of the best apps to help them with their exams are:



Exam Countdown which helps students to schedule key dates and plan revision as well as add notes on goals and progress.



GOJIMO – this covers the main GCSE and A-level topics and provides 150,000 free questions for students to use.



Quizlet - this app runs flashcards and you can create your own and test yourself. There's even a race against the clock to drill in new knowledge.

Please talk to your sons and daughters about their revision and help them to learn their quotes by testing them regularly and asking them questions. If you have any questions, please get in touch:

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## Rotary District 1040 Young Chef Competition final

Six young chefs from across Yorkshire, Humberside and North Lincolnshire recently competed in the Young Chef District Final at Betty's Cookery School in Harrogate. Sponsored by individual Rotary Clubs, the young people taking part came from Settle, Grimsby, Sherburn, Boroughbridge, Dewsbury and York; the judges were Jenny Culver and Chris Taylor from Betty's Cookery School.

The young chefs were asked to produce a three-course healthy meal on a limited budget of £15 within a two-hour time frame. Marks were awarded for a variety of skills from choice of menu, planning and hygiene, to the taste and presentation of the meal. The standards of cooking and presentation were very high.

Our very own Hannah Buckley, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Osgoldcross and Elmet will now join district winner Rebecca Hulse and Ysobel Sheppard in the regional final in Mansfield on 29<sup>th</sup> April this year.

All competitors received a certificate and the winner's trophy was presented by District Governor Elect, Robert Morphet.

Miss Howe Design Technology - Food Teacher and Hannah's mentor throughout the competition commented, 'I feel incredibly proud of Hannah and the fact that she got through the first round was a big enough achievement but to be able to continue this success and get through to the regionals is even more of a wonderful achievement. Once again good luck Hannah!'

The National Rotary Young Chef competition final, sponsored by Filippo Berio, will be held in May and we are all rooting for Hannah to get through!

### Photographs by Brian Souter



## Craft Crew

In the lead up to Valentine's Day, we have been very creative making stunning brooches and keyrings and have been extremely lucky that Ben Lightowler's grandma donated the gorgeous felt, enabling us to make these wonderful items. The girls and boys in our club have really enjoyed being creative and even though some may have no one to give these to, they have made them for their parents.

We are going to be making Mother's Day gifts next Thursday so that will be great fun. The group size increases weekly and we are delighted that so many students love to get creative and crafty!



## Post 16 News

### Sexual Health

As we reach our second month of the New Year, what better way to start than having the Yorsexual Health Team visit last Monday! Two nurses came in to provide sixth formers with a very, VERY, detailed presentation about sexual relationships, STIS and other specifics surrounding the issue. With a mix of graphic images and rather interesting questions from the student box, the presentation, although amusingly awkward at times, did provide some information beneficial to us all. Once the serious part was over, students were allowed to take a free chlamydia test with a bonus pair of free underwear, a sperm keyring, a free safe sex pack and other party bag goodies. What fun!

### Drive Alive

On Tuesday last week, Year 12 along with Year 11 had the opportunity to experience Drive Alive, an enrichment day organised to teach students about young drivers' safety. Various workshops and presentations were set up around school, each with its own message to convey. From texting and driving, the influence of alcohol or through lack of experience, students were taught the importance of driving securely and carefully. The various presentations offered different activities to warn of the potential risks of driving through emotive and hard-hitting real life experiences. Ghastly images of accidents, paper based activities and games were delivered, all with the intent to influence serious behaviour and attitude to driving on our roads. Although difficult to watch at times, the day proved to be very informative for students and was a great opportunity for them to learn before they hit the roads themselves.



### Auschwitz 2017

Every year, an exciting opportunity arises for two Year 12 History students to travel to Poland to visit the hauntingly infamous Auschwitz for the day. Students who have visited previously have always returned voicing how rewarding yet emotional it was to visit such a movingly historic landmark. The time is approaching for this year's two lucky students to go and so to choose, each applicant had to write a persuasive piece of writing, detailing why they deserve to go on the trip. All seven applicants submitted an excellent piece, making it extremely difficult to choose who the winning two were! Unable to decide, as each student deserved it, the issue was to be resolved with the clichéd 'names in the hat' trick resulting in Ella Walton and Emily Miller being selected. Both Ella and Emily will be representing our school on the day and we hope they enjoy themselves thoroughly without forgetting to take a tissue or two!

### University visit

It has now reached the time where Year 12s should be starting to think about universities and their future options beyond Sherburn High. To help them, Mrs Barnett and other members of staff took them to visit a university fair at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester where they could visit the various university stalls to gather information. This allowed them to ask questions about specific courses on offer, pick up a prospectus and of course take home a collection of free pens and bags in true freebie spirit! Hopefully, the day proved a success and students were given an idea about what they could aspire to once sixth form is over. Whether it's university, full time work or apprenticeships, the real journey begins now!



Report by Rebecca Prideaux, Year 13

# THE DAY

USING THE NEWS TO DEVELOP LITERACY ACROSS THE CURRICULUM, IN FORM TIME AND AT HOME.



**PRESENTATION VIEW** Thursday, 28 January 2017

## Orwell's 1984 is back, and top of the charts

**NINETEEN EIGHTY-FOUR**

GEORGE ORWELL

**1984**

COMPLETE UNABRIDGED

Then and now: Orwell's work was first published in 1948.

With Donald Trump in the White House, one of the greatest dystopian novels is flying off the shelves again. We commonly say real life is 'Orwellian' — so is **1984** a good metaphor for our age?

**TDconnections**

Humans are storytellers. From the epic journey of Odysseus to the cinematic legend of Star Wars we have been partly formed by the tales we tell each other. Stories have the power to show us new worlds and to reflect the one we are living in now. That is why we have developed 'connections' in which we link great books, films and television to some of the main events and issues transforming the world around us.

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### LITERATURE

**Les marches anti-Trump jugées antidémocratiques**  
Thursday, 26 January 2017

Ce furent les plus grandes manifestations de l'histoire américaine et plusieurs milliers de gens dans le monde y ont participé. Quelle importance doit-on donner au mouvement anti-Trump?

FRANÇAIS PDF

**Desde Africa: el fútbol ilumina el mundo**  
Thursday, 19 January 2017

La Copa de África comienza mañana, tomando jugadores de élite de sus equipos europeos por hasta 6 semanas en mitad de temporada ¿Motivo de queja? ¿O genial para el juego mundial?

ESPAÑOL PDF

**Zucker ist die beliebteste Droge der Welt**  
Thursday, 12 January 2017

Eine Studie zeigt, dass Kinder heute schockierend viel Zucker konsumieren. Genau wie harte Drogen macht Zucker abhängig und verändert das Gehirn. Sollte er wie eine Droge behandelt werden?

DEUTSCH PDF

Friday, 27 January 2017

### Quiz: a week in 12 questions + Caption Competition

**caption competition!** Click on the image to submit **your ideas** and you could be our winner!

Mary Berry wins 'best TV judge' at the NTAs. Captions please!

## BBC School Report – Get Ready to Make the News!

The BBC School Report newsroom will arrive at Sherburn High on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Our team of reporters already have their pencils poised to take notes in a reporting masterclass from Ronan Loftus, our BBC mentor.

The team of roving reporters have already been hunting down the headlines in the worlds of politics, sport, television and the local area. Our investigation into Fake News has already thrown up some interesting lines to follow after a weekend of interviews with friends and family.

Keep an eye on our news page on the school website for live updates on news day.



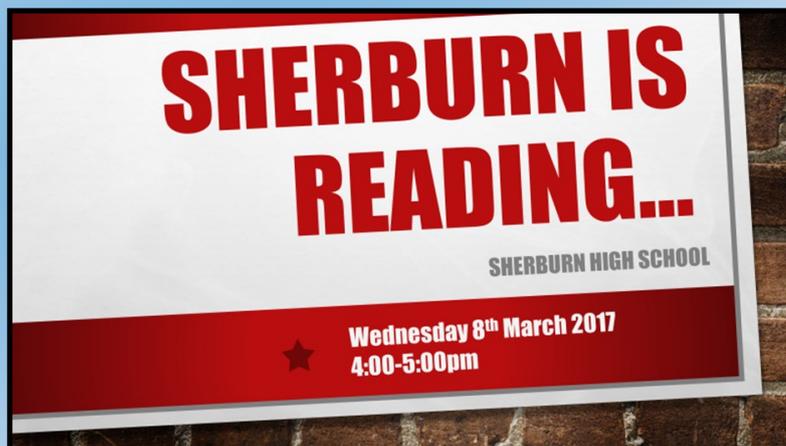
## Sherburn is Reading..

We're excited to announce our first Sherburn is Reading...event promoting the importance of reading. We all know reading is important, but it's easy to overlook why this is.

A study by the National Literacy Trust states that 'Reading for pleasure at the age of 15 is a strong factor in determining future social mobility. Indeed, it has been revealed as the most important indicator of the future success of the child.'

With this in mind, our 'Sherburn is Reading...' events have been aimed at families and students with a core focus on fun ways to engage with all kinds of texts. Choosing a book can often be a daunting task, however, with Mrs Hannam on hand you need worry no more! We are confident that every student will leave with a text they can enjoy and a knowledge of where their reading could take them next. We passionately believe in The Rights of the Reader and the importance of reading for pleasure. We will challenge you with texts that will stretch your thinking but, most of all, we want you all to be readers. And we know your parents want this too.

If you are interested in attending one of these events in the future, please get in touch with Miss Jackson [lydia.jackson@sherburnhigh.co.uk](mailto:lydia.jackson@sherburnhigh.co.uk) for more information.



## Newsletter Design Competition

We thought it was time for a new look front cover for the newsletter so a competition was launched by newsletter editor, Mrs Hannam. During form time, students put their creative talents to the test and submitted some fantastic designs for consideration. It was really difficult to choose but with the help of Mr Denny from IT Support and the office staff, a winner was chosen. Congratulations to Post 16 student, Adam Potts H7, who was awarded with a £10 Amazon voucher for his creativity.

Thank you also to everyone who entered.



## Raising Aspirations!

**Year 11 enrichment** - Two raising aspiration enrichment trips are planned for February and March, with the aim of getting our Year 11 students into top universities. The first is a workshop based event in Leeds, for students aiming for Russell Group Universities. The second is an exciting, invitation only, trip down to Selwyn College, part of the prestigious Cambridge University. The trip is aimed at raising aspirations and improving student understanding of what it is like studying at university.

**Homework support** - A select group of Year 10 students are being supported in the completion of their homework after school. Mrs Williams has made the decision to extend the working hours of two staff members to ensure that students get into good habits and they have sufficient support in order for them to excel with their homework.

**Level up!** - A select group of Year 8 students have been set a motivational challenge in order to improve their learning skills. Targeted students have been given the challenge of completing all five 'levels' of one learning characteristic by completing tasks which get increasingly harder. For example, students may be working on resilience and have to stick at a task when it gets difficult for level 1 but then have to choose a harder option in lesson on three separate occasions to pass level 3. So far, students have engaged well and are being very positive. Keep up the hard work!

Mr A Stanton  
Assistant Head Teacher





## Bramham House

House Leader - Mrs A Liversidge  
 Achievement Co-ordinator - Miss K Williamson  
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A quiet start to the new school year for Bramham students, following a much deserved break students returned with a mind-set ready for learning.

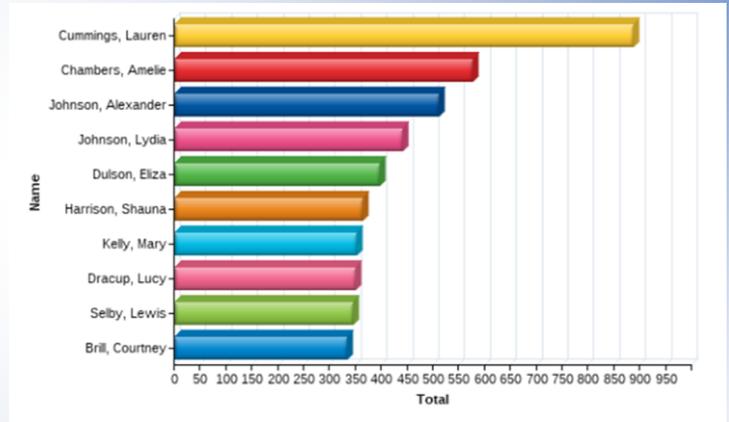
The Final count from Bramham's charity day in October saw fund raising reach £1002.88 with an additional cheque for £50 being sent to Yorkshire Air Ambulance thanks to **Patrick Watson's** help at the South Milford Santa Dash on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Students are quiet this term re their extra curricular activities. As a house we love recognising and rewarding our students' achievements, please encourage your child to speak to their form tutor or Mrs Liversidge, or feel free to drop Mrs Liversidge an email to help us celebrate their success. If they are happy to share, we will publicise in the newsletter and tweet, always with a Friday 5 and Vivos.

As for staff: Mrs Cale is busy training for the London Marathon and will be raising money for Age UK, her target is £1,800 and as a house we will be looking to support her.

A huge, well done to the 100 students in Bramham who have 100% attendance this term, a fantastic start to the Spring Term.

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



## Newby House

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There has been some amazing tracking this term well done!

Year 11 students are working hard preparing for their GCSEs, they look so smart in their Hoodies.

We had fantastic attendance at our Year 7 and 8 parents' evenings this term, it was wonderful to see you all and great to hear so many positive comments.

Well done to Year 8s in returning your option sheets, you were amazing! Newby Year 8s were the first to hand in all their option forms.

A massive thank you to our **Charity committee** who gave up their time to plan our Charity Day, we are well on the way to raising our target for another year of £1,000:  
 Abbie Page, Molly Barnett, Ellie Roper, Emma Mitchell, Ellie Platts, Chloe Storton, Libby Paige, Sarah Craven, Lucy Green, Josh Rogers, Phoebe Harmer, Katie Oldfield, Amy Ward-Lawson, Josh Falk, Ben Worsfold, Miranda Bednar, Alex Oliver.

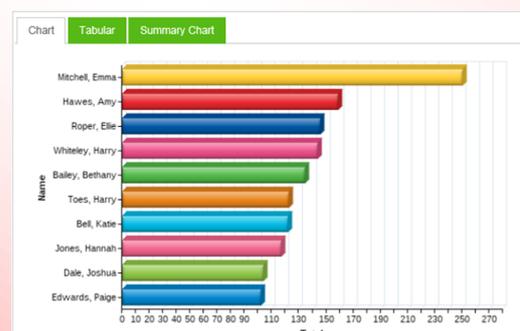


### MIA ON RADIO 5 LIVE.

Congratulations to Mia Newton in Year 7 who casually interviewed John Simpson for her English homework!

There are 19 Newby students still on 100% attendance, well done!  
 Molly Barnett, Abbie Page, James Steele, Jack Timlin, Emma Mitchell, Katie Bell, Joshua Dale, Charlie Hoaksey, Amy Hawes, Ben Storton, Cona Fisher, Lucy Green, Elizabeth Clarkson, Adam Grima, Mia Hymes, Phoebe Wigglesworth, Hannah Bentley, Joseph Crick, Carys Ward.

Vivos- well done to our top 10 Vivo earners in Newby.





# Lotherton House

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This half term seems to have been a busy one already with Year 7 and 8 parents' evenings, Newby charity day, the Year 11 mock results and our 'Healthy Body, Healthy Minds' drop down day.

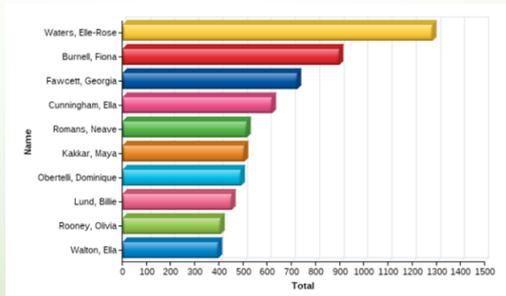
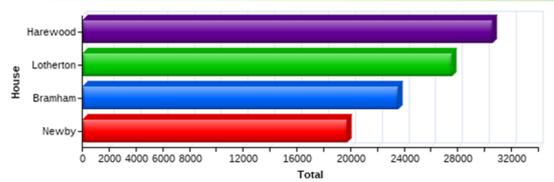
Year 11 will shortly be starting their exam preparations and we wish them all the best of luck over the next couple of months.

In other news, two of our Year 10 students, **Laura and Charlotte Purdy**, have been selected to participate at the regional England Hockey Performance Centre based at Durham University. Selection for the Performance Centre is limited to the top 24 hockey players from the region within their age group. This is an amazing achievement for both girls to have been chosen. The first training session is 13<sup>th</sup> February so more news will follow in our next newsletter.

There are 35 students who still have 100% attendance, this is amazing, well done all!

Leoni Green, Robert Harrison, Eza Izumi, Dominique Obertelli, Dan Snowdon, Charlotte Webster, Elliot Davies, Taylor Drysdale, Billie Lund, Leesha Naisbitt, Cameron Tate, Lucy Iliffe, Sassy Johnson, Isla Mackinnon-Stones, Eve Peacock, Abbie Windeatt, Gracie Coe, Maya Kakkar, Ryan Benfield, Heather Cole, Ella Cunningham, Molly Holmes, Ethan Hornett, Jessica Slater, Ella Walton, James Webster, Jack Bilton, Barney Johnson, Elle-Rose Waters, Morgan Addy, Hugh Barker, Martin Dube, Ethan Mitchell, Katie Stephenson and George Tuddenham.

Mrs Geldard has been triumphantly parading around our office over the amount of Vivos Harewood have, they seem to have overtaken us slightly! Never mind Lotherton we will be victorious, I know it. Don't forget to keep asking for those Vivos, a full week of attendance also earns you vivo rewards. As you can see we have a number of Year 7s in our top ten league table. Keep up the hard work everyone.



# Harewood House

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Our Year 11 students are working hard in preparation for their GCSE exams and with lots of commitment and determination to succeed, they are nearly there!

A big thank you to all the Year 7 and 8 parents who joined us recently for parents evening and well done to all Year 8 students for returning option forms on time.

There are 27 Harewood students with 100% attendance, fantastic!

Evan Healey, Louie Newbon, Jenson Reilly, Evie Bolton, Keely Naylor, Daniel Plummer, Kate Horsey, Ashley Mason, Nick Bryant, Emma Claxton, Natalie Elder, Francesca Fisher, Matthew Hull, Sophie Long, Kieran McConnell-Kipling, Lauren Ogilvie, Hannah Buckley, Fraser Kirkman-Bielby, Kennedy Parkinson, Alexander Barton, Edward Thirsk, Keanu Bean, Ellie Horsey, Emily Miller, Jacob Ogilvie, Hannah Stephenson, Isabel Udall James.

Vivos will be awarded to you all!

## Celebrating achievements in and out of school

**Ella Richardson**, Year 8, has been selected to play football for Leeds Girls; she also trains and captains some matches after school. Ella is going to be filmed at school, awesome!

**Edward Thirsk, Holly Bennett & Kennedy Parkinson** represented Selby District, North Yorkshire Badminton; well done.



**Hannah Buckley** came second at Betty's Cookery School in the district round of Young Chef. She is in the top three that have qualified for the next round, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April in Mansfield.

We all wish you well Hannah. (see separate article)



## Boys Achievement and Progress

Reports in the national press continue to highlight the 'gender gap' that exists in English schools. In short, girls outperform boys in school from early on in Primary School right through to university. Indeed, Prime Minister Theresa May recently highlighted the fact that a white, working class boy is the least likely to study at university than anyone else in the UK.

The progress and achievement of boys at Sherburn High School is a key priority for us. We are very proud of our boys' 2016 GCSE results. Their Progress 8 score of +0.01 was above national average for boys (-0.12) and was our best ever outcomes for boys. As a school we are continuously working hard to stretch, inspire and motivate all our boys and to support them in fulfilling the enormous potential we all know they have.

At home, many of you will be aware of some of the challenges that supporting teenage boys with their learning can present. *How can I get him to take longer over his homework? Why is he so disorganised? Why does he just grunt at me when we talk about school? Why doesn't he have more confidence in his ability?* If these sound familiar, then you may find this list of top tips helpful.



### Top Tips for Supporting 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 in his education cannot be overestimated for teenage boys.**
- **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.**
- **Boys often feel pressure to be neat in their work. Try to see through the presentation side of things sometimes. Their best work might not always be their neatest work.**
- **Make time to read together, even if only for 5 minutes a day. Reading doesn't have to be reading a book.**
- **Boys are too easily given attention for negative reasons because they are boys. Boys need lots of praise... specific praise which is deserved. Say 3 positive things for every negative.**
- **Display work, postcards, positive reports, certificates etc. somewhere prominent in the house.**
- **Talk with, not at him about his learning.**
- **Short term goals, short term targets, short term rewards = boys striving for success.**
- **Boys are very quick to give up and feel a sense of failure. Provide lots of encouragement and catch him doing something well.**
- **Forget the notion that 'boys will be boys'... 'boys will be brilliant!'**

## Progress 8 Scores

Top 10 Year 11 Boys	Top 10 Year 10 Boys Progress 8 scores	Top 10 Year 9 Boys Progress scores	Top 10 Year 8 Boys Progress scores
<b>1 = on average one grade above expected progress in every subject</b>		<b>6 = on average one level above expected progress in every subject</b>	
Alastair Gilley 1.648 George Hathaway 1.047 Jordan Rosindale 1.031 Luke Brack 0.886 Bradley Ward 0.831 Connor Sheehan 0.815 Daniel Plummer 0.647 Evan Healey 0.631 Alex Milner 0.605 Will Clague 0.547	Sam Sprakes 1.080 Jack Foster 0.818 Harry Matthews 0.605 Chris Eynon 0.569 Ben Ralphs 0.529 Corey Kavanagh 0.448 Jacob Worsfold 0.429 Jacob Oglivie 0.420 Jamie Pearson 0.348 Mitchell Collyer 0.330	Dyain Oldfield 5.14 Josh Dale 2.57 Tom Kendall 2.57 Lewis Lambert 2.57 Elijah Stone 2.57 Matthew Clayton 1.72 Aiden Rucklidge 1.72 George Dean 1.71 Finlay Gantschuck 1.71 Harry Grace 1.71	Josh Bradley 20.5 Matthew Hull 7.64 Kian Morris 5.76 Max Thomas 4.64 Jenson Reilly 3.27 George Prideaux 3.0 Harry Clague 2.5 Tom Judge 2.5 Callum O'Rourke 2.5 Josh Knowles 2.41

\*Yr7 Data not available at time of printing\*

# Library News

## Executive Literacy Ambassadors

We are delighted to announce that after careful consideration, we have now appointed twelve dedicated and eager students as Executive Literacy Ambassadors. Their role will be to work with Mrs Jackson and Mrs Hannam to promote literacy across the whole school by creating activities and challenges for form time and to represent literacy at open evenings and special events. They will also take part in fun events as a reward for their enthusiasm for reading and literacy such as Carnegie Award shadowing and the BBC School Report day in March.

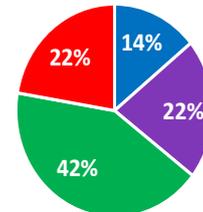
Congratulations to:

Lucy Worthington	B4
Alex Johnson	B7
Charlotte Murphy	B8
Holly Walker	B9
Hannah Stephenson	H9
Oliver Summersgill	H9
Elijah Stone	L1
Elle Sanderson	L6
Mia Watson	L6
Lucy Green	N6
Amy Ward Lawson	N7
Hannah Bentley	N9



## Who's leading the reading?

Lotherton have managed to maintain their lead over the other houses but Harewood has leapt forward to draw with Newby this half term. Come on Bramham, let's see you up there with the others next half term! Well done to Lotherton students!



■ Bramham ■ Harewood ■ Lotherton ■ Newby

## A Celebration of Reading

As a reward for being amazing readers, a select group of Sherburn High students from all year groups were invited to a 'Celebration of Reading' event in the school library in December. All students are participating in a 'Read to Succeed' scheme where they accrue stamps on a card for every book they read, these stamps accumulate and the students earn reward points called Vivos plus a Friday 5 which is a visit to the Head Teacher's office on Friday afternoon for a pat on the back. Our new Year 7 students also completed a summer reading challenge where they had to read at least five books in order to qualify for their Vivos, Friday 5 and a free book.

Our top readers over the last three years were given National Book Tokens as a reward for being outstanding literacy ambassadors; they inspire younger students to read and offer support by promoting the love of reading and offering suggestions of what to read next.

Students gathered together to enjoy refreshments, choose their free books and to be congratulated by the Head Teacher Maria Williams, Deputy Jane Summers, and Specialist Lead Practitioner for English, Lydia Jackson.

Mrs Hannam, Librarian, commented 'being able to welcome so many students to the celebration event demonstrates just how many young people are into books and it's wonderful to be able to reward them for their passion of reading; we had great discussions about their favourite authors, titles and which free book to choose, some took two because they just couldn't decide!'



"World Book Day 20", 2nd March 2017,  
what are you doing to celebrate?

Look out for our report on the big day in the next newsletter



## Year 8 Netball

Great team spirit!

At the end of last term, the Year 8s were nervous but enthusiastic about a netball game against Carlton High School considering this was our first time playing another school as a full team and it was a tough one! On the way there we were all pretty hyper as lots of us had brought sweets and treats for the journey. When we entered the school, we saw what we were up against and they seemed to be a little over competitive towards us as a team. Whilst watching the Year 7 game, we were all cheerily supporting our team and a lot of us at this point were quite anxious.

When it came to the Year 8 match, we felt prepared but extremely apprehensive, especially as we had two new players who hadn't played netball before. The Carlton Year 8 team were extremely competitive, however they played tactically and had a lot of skill. Nevertheless, we enjoyed the game, and built on our basic skills for practises to come. At the end of the game we unfortunately lost, even though, we still felt proud of our efforts. We shook the other team's hands in congratulation and set off to leave the school. Mrs Cale, despite our loss, was still extremely proud of us and we can't wait to go and play another match as we have all immensely improved recently. GO TEAM!

The Year 7 netball team also played against Carlton. They are proving to be the Year 7 team in the district to beat having only lost one game so far this season. They came away with a notable victory against Carlton and played with admirable fluency and speed and had fantastic team spirit!

Report by Lauren Attack and Katie Bell.

## 5-aside Triumph!

Mrs Liversidge took a group of Year 7 and 8 girls to play what they thought was a 5-aside friendly at Selby High School on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. It turned out that they were entered in a 5-aside tournament against Selby A and B teams and Brayton Academy.

Neave Romans captained the team to a well-earned tournament win. Amber Todd did not concede a single goal, coupled with a strong attack from Neave and Ella Richardson supported by Izzy Mitton and Mariella Bulmer whilst Danielle Gill held a key position in defence, the team were magnificent!

Outstanding team spirit, excellent football and a much deserved win. Onwards and upwards team.

## North Yorkshire Games

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February the Year 9 girls' and boys' badminton teams took part in the North Yorkshire Games badminton tournament. Both teams had qualified by previously winning the Selby competition.

The boys beat George Pindar School 5-0 in the first game, however they lost out to two strong teams from Wensleydale and Ermysted's; these two teams would go on to contest the final.

In contrast, the girls started with a defeat to Wensleydale but then beat George Pindar 5-0 to qualify for the semi-final. In the semi-final they played the winners of the other group, Ripon GS, the girls played very well to win 4-1. In the final they played Wensleydale again. Despite some great efforts from our girls they had to concede defeat to a very strong Wensleydale team. The girls were very happy to come away with a silver medal.

Boys: Brad Bailey, Kailum Selby, Eddie Thirsk, Harry Varley, Ethan Hornett.  
Girls: Jasmine Bate, Katie Hornshaw, Holly Bennett, Emily Thompson, Kennedy Parkinson.



## Opportunities of a lifetime!

This is just a flavour of some of the amazing trips that we run at Sherburn High:

Whole school ski trip to Pila in the Aosta Valley, Italy. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Post-16 descent of the Ardèche, France. Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July.

Key Stage 4 descent of the Ardèche, France in 2018 - this trip is now fully subscribed but students can be added to the reserve list.

Transition residential for new Year 7s to Bewerley Park in November 2017, more details to follow after Easter.

In addition, we also have trips organised by our Modern Foreign Languages Department to France and Belgium in July for our Year 8 and 9 students and a Year 10 trip to Paris in 2018.



## NCS- Flying Futures

The NCS team (National Citizen Service) paid a visit to school to offer Year 11 the fantastic opportunity of: *Adventure, Discovery, Action and then Graduation*, a four night residential where they experience university Life, a fund raising activity and then a graduation celebration, all for the amazing price of £50... However, Mrs Williams agreed to pay half the fee for students who continue into Post16!



## Year 11- Passport to the prom

Year 11 have been set a challenge in order to be entitled to go to the Prom. Students must have 100% attendance and no C2s or C3s in the remaining 100 days of school.

## Year 10 - 90 day challenge

Year 10 received a £5 cheque in assemblies last week - which Mrs Williams doubled to £10 off their Year 11 leavers' hoodies if they have 100% attendance until the end of the year. There will also be a reward trip for all those students with 100% attendance and they will choose the destination. There are currently 126 in all year groups with 100% attendance, which is a fantastic number of students.

# EXCITING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT THAT FITS IN WITH YOUR STUDIES AND ARE YOU 15 OR OVER?  
THINKING OF TAKING A CATERING COURSE AND NEED EXPERIENCE?

WE HAVE SEVERAL VACANCIES FOR ENTHUSIASTIC AND RELIABLE STUDENTS TO JOIN 2 OF OUR TEAMS  
BASED IN SHERBURN IN ELMET

There are several weekend roles (8 hours or 16 hours) based at Digby's Café serving Sherburn Aeroclub, with additional holiday working opportunities.

You will be involved in the preparation, presentation and service of breakfasts and lunches in a busy kitchen. You will be expected to offer exceptional customer service and be willing to 'muck in' with the washing up and clean downs. You will handle cash in this role. You don't need any experience but willingness to learn and the right attitude are essential.

The second role is 3 shifts of 6 hours (Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings) based at Sherburn Pizzas.

You will be involved in taking orders and preparing take-away food in a very busy kitchen. No serving involved but you will be required to do the cleaning and work as part of a team to ensure that food reaches the customer in the best possible condition.

Full training given and good rates of pay. Lots of additional overtime opportunities for the right candidates. You will need your own transport.

More information and an application form can be obtained from our Catering Manager, Linda Storey, on 07922 595092.



## Job Opportunity



Are you over 13, hard working and dedicated? If so the Spar in Sherburn are looking for paper boys and girls who are prepared to work Monday to Saturday mornings from 7am. If you know you can make the commitment and are interested, please contact Sue on 01977 681388 or call in and ask.  
Good luck!

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