

# FULFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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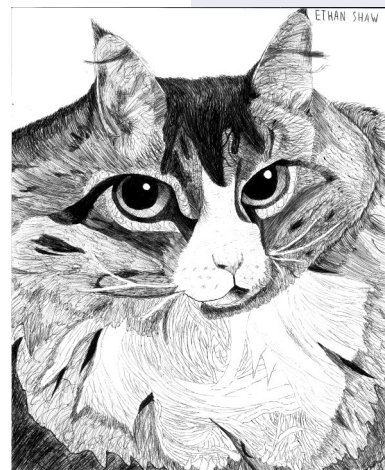
# Headteacher's Welcome

Mr S Lewis



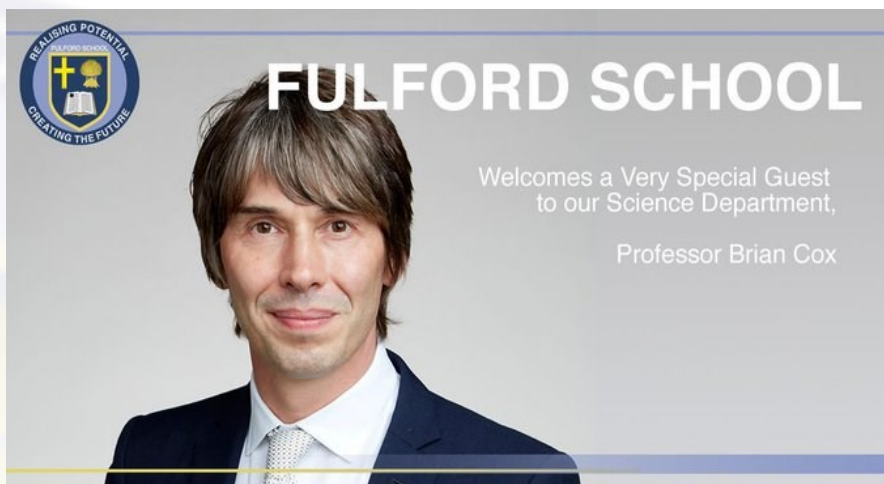
We come to the end of a school year none of us could have predicted. Our experiences of the pandemic will be different for us all and our thoughts go out to members of our community who have experienced personal tragedy.

Our school has continued to be open throughout the pandemic and it has been our pleasure to have supported the young people who have come into school each day. In difficult circumstances they have brought energy, good humour and an admirable work such as Ethan Shaw's pen drawings. I wish to thank parents and carers who have supported their children with home learning, often in challenging circumstance and of course our pupils who have shown resilience, determination and commitment to their work.



As we prepare for September, we will take with us knowledge and skills learnt over the last months. I will write separately about our return to school. It will be fantastic to see our pupils back in classrooms with their teachers. I know this may bring anxiety for some. We will of course fully support pupils on their return. Our experience of Y10 returning has been that pupils and staff quickly adapt to a new normal and teachers were delighted to see the learning and progress that had been made over the lockdown period.

Examples of a new normal can be seen amongst these pages including our virtual music concert, now on our YouTube, and the Zoom session with Professor Brian Cox. Both fantastic events which showcased our pupils creativity and enquiring minds.





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Over the holidays, we will be undertaking a number of building projects in school, including the arrival of extra classroom spaces, the renovation of existing buildings and the creation of a dedicated pupil support area that will enable us to bring together our pastoral provision and provide a pupil reception. These physical spaces will also support other changes around the school such as the change to year groups. Our Heads of Year from September will include:

Year 7 - Mr Bonsels

Year 8 - Mr Gatenby

Year 9 - Mr Lacy

Year 10 - Mr Copeland

Year 11 - Miss Chapman

At the end of the summer, the year groups will have an assembly from their new Head of Year to launch the start of a new era. We have also had a number of transition meetings and parents meetings, such as the Head Teacher's Forum, that have allowed us to communicate key information.

This term has placed demands on everyone. I would like to thank all staff who have been working incredibly hard these last few months. From the site team who have prepared the physical spaces and the admin and IT team who have kept the operations of the school to all teachers and teaching assistants who have been in school and at home ensuring the successful delivery of lessons. Everyone at Fulford has contributed to our successful functioning during lockdown. I am sure you will join with me in thanking them for their work over the year, especially these last months.

Finally, I wish you all a happy and safe summer holiday. I hope you find time to enjoy the weather and time with each other. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school in September.



Mr J Bonsels

A tall, abstract sculpture constructed from stacked wooden beams and metal pipes, resembling a stylized tower or structure. It is set outdoors against a cloudy sky, with green foliage and a building visible in the background.

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Y8 - Bea Miller for all her hard work on Class Charts



# Key Stage 4

Mr M Carson

As Y10 completed their in-school face-to-face teaching, Y9 have found creative ways to show off their achievements. Outstanding drive and commitment has been shown by these students since March (and before!). With many students taking time to pursue their interests, we wanted to share one Y9 student's learning journey.

*Albert's story:* I have really enjoyed all the Graphic Design work set by Mrs James since I have been working at home. I have learnt lots of new skills including two point perspective and explosive drawings. It has been very interesting to learn about different materials which includes smart materials and materials used in packaging, like water based inks and the use of 100% recycled water bottle plastic. This week I will finish the term off by designing and creating a tennis racket from items from my recycling box. My aim is to study to become an architect. I have found Graphic Design so interesting and because I have had the time, I have enrolled on an online course for a Diploma in Graphic Design.



Finally, it is time to say a farewell to our Y11, who last week received a video from their teachers, wishing them well in their next steps. In addition, the Y11 who are planning to return to our Sixth Form have been speaking to our Sixth Form tutors, watching videos on our Transition website and starting on the subject transition materials and completing tasks for the Enrichment. All information can be found on our website including information relating to Results Day,

which has also been sent out. It has been a privilege to work with Y11 throughout their time at Fulford, and we wish them all the very best for the future.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

**Albert Richardson for his amazing work in DT and his other subjects!**

**Audrey Kotecha for hard work in all her subjects!**

# Key Stage 5

Mrs K Jenner

The Sixth Form has been a busy place this month. Zoom lessons took place at an increased frequency of twice a week in each subject and there is a growing confidence in the use of this new technology. The new Director of 6<sup>th</sup> Form, Mrs Davies and the new Head of Year 12, Mr Gray, have also produced range of materials for Y11. On our website, Y11 can find a range of transition materials, as well as videos about life in the Sixth Form, an introduction to the tutors and the Enrichment Programme.

Y12 students have continued to look at their Next Steps. York University delivered a session on Personal Statements via Zoom and this proved to be an excellent follow up to the Progression Workshops run by the Sixth Form team last month. The Universities have provided lots of online opportunities, most offering Virtual Open Days and UCAS & Amazing Apprenticeships continue to provide excellent online guidance and virtual events.

The highlight of this term was the amazing opportunity organised for our Physics students by Mr Fogg and Ms Stabler— meeting Professor Brian Cox - the Brian Cox, who has dedicated his life to understanding the Universe! Our Zoom lesson with Professor Cox was truly inspirational and our students asked the insightful of questions. It was amazing and a superb end to the term.



“It was such a great opportunity and I loved every bit of it.” Arthur Boyce

“It was fantastic having Professor Brian Cox in a zoom lesson as it was great to see how the basic physics principles we are learning in lessons can be applied to understand more about our universe. He answered our questions very well and explained incredibly complex ideas in an easy to understand way, and inspires me to now go and study physics at university!” Luke Harbord

“Professor Cox was amazing, genuinely loved the experience!” Mahdeen Shafee

“One thing I learned is that I should pursue physics over engineering... he pursued his passion physics and would recommend that we also pursue our passions, which for me I think is physics” Toby Nuttall

“Something I learnt was just how interesting black hole research really is and how much we still do not know and have yet to find out.” Archie Tattersall

“How amazing was that! He was so nice and informative, and really helpful with giving us reading material. I am still shaking !!!” Zetta Butler



# Extra Curricular

## MUSIC

A global pandemic and school closures have not stopped our brilliant musicians and artists coming together to put on a Summer Concert. Students across all year groups, including the sixth form, have shared recordings and art work for our end of term Virtual Concert.



The concert will be available to watch on the school website, you tube channel and social media from 6pm, Wednesday 15th July. We look forward to sharing with you the excellent work that students have been doing at home, including class work, original compositions, and a range of solo performances.



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## SPORT

**Emma Bailey the presenter!** Emma has been busy setting up a coaching cricket YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVt0zqs9DYVFLErpVPaEeLw> this is how she got into cricket:



“When I was 6 years old I had to go to cricket with my brother and I always wanted to join in but I was too young! As soon as I could I joined Dunnington CC. whilst playing for Dunnington U9's I was spotted by the Bolton Percy team coach and asked to join their girls' team. The Bolton Percy coach put me forward for trials to play at District level for East Yorkshire. There is no longer a girls' team at Bolton Percy and I now play for Stamford Bridge U13's. After 2 years playing for East Yorkshire I was put forward for Yorkshire County trials. I have been given the opportunity to train on Yorkshire Pathways and play for Yorkshire for the past 3 years”.



## **Beth Hunter the hockey player, dancer, cyclist and coach!**

“Mrs Jagger, I just wanted to tell you about the sports activities that I have been getting up to during lockdown. I have been attending online zoom lessons from my dance teacher, playing hockey in my garden, going on bike rides a lot. I taught my sister to ride her bike two days ago and yesterday I taught her to set off on her own. Now she can come on bike rides with me and my parents. Finally, my mum and I have been doing coach to 5k and we are on week 8 now.”





# Extra Curricular

## **Leo Barrett- The hockey star!**

Leo plays for the City of York Hockey Club. He was also selected to play for the England Hockey National Academy playing in the North Yorkshire region. Only six players from York were selected. As well as playing for the City of Hockey under 14 team that finished in the top league of Yorkshire, Leo also played for one of York's adult teams scoring his first senior goal last season. Leo plays in the centre and is often responsible for breaking down opponent's attacks while also creating attacking opportunities. Leo has been playing hockey since he was 10 and he trains at least twice a week, travelling around Yorkshire most weekends to play in the Yorkshire league or representing North Yorkshire.



**Thomas Sheen took up cycling:** 'I did not only do my first online race, but my first ever bike race in this ride and came 63rd out of 149 people- many of who were adults! I averaged 26.9 mph and averaged 210 watts which is pretty impressive for my height (if I may say so myself)'



## **Fulford Football Club. Martin Walker got in touch to say - Girls Wanted!**

We are on the lookout for new players to join our U14's girls team (Y9 next year). I have managed this age group since they were 10 and they are so friendly, polite and talented. So much so that five of the players have been recruited by professional clubs, hence we need new girls to join the team next season. The club has just been given approval to recommence training (obviously following social distancing guidelines) so if you are interested, please drop me a message. [My e-mail address is martinwalker8@gmail.com](mailto:martinwalker8@gmail.com).



## **Ellie Scrase the Quiz Master**

The PE department would like to say a massive thank you to Ellie for her hard work in helping Miss Sweet organise the weekly PE Kahoot quizzes! Ellie has given up her own time to create loads of fantastic questions that have been used in the Kahoots. This has had a very positive impact on Fulford School as there has been over 150 students participating in the quizzes each week, so THANK YOU Ellie!

# House Update

Miss F Chapman

Mr S Lacy

Mr S Copeland

Mr P Gatenby



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With over 185, 000 positives awarded this year, it is clear that our students have worked hard! While the split between the Houses was close, there nonetheless was a clear winner. Congratulations to Athena House, led by Miss Chapman, on their emphatic win for the most positives achieved this year!

There were also some very impressive achievements by our forms. Congratulations to AO-PHK, AE-SU/SJA, AS-HW/FR and AM-JH for having the most positives in each House. Particular mention should also go to the top ten students from each year: Ellie Rowson, Beth Hunter, Max Tonkins, James Cook and Billy Beevers on being best in year for positives. Well done to all!

We have also had phenomenal achievements from a range of students and the top ten students from each year based on the number of positives include:

**Year 7:** Ellie Rowson, Lily Wells, Matthew Murray, Evie Hudson, Yasmin Sadullah, Jack Reep, Joe Naish, Naomi Demsash, Phoebe Jackson, Minori Shimoji

**Year 8:** Beth Hunter, Kiri Shaw, Joshua Pipes, Ailsa Marshall-Lagos, Anastasia Sow, Claire, Marsden, Connie Davis, Rosalyn Cunningham, Elsie Jeffery, Sophie Goldsmith

**Year 9:** Max Tonkins, Meredith Fletcher, Francesca Kent, Anna Spencer, Naina Farnsworth, Kieran Wales, Tilly Mitchell, Emily Hobson, Theo Dwyer, Lucy Bate,

**Year 10:** James Cook, Reka Ungar, Freya Popplewell, Shakirah Salleh, Matthew Jones, Alex Samworth, Will Lickley, Arthur Sturgess, Raghav Tanna, Caitlin Allembly, Sam Pagan

**Year 11:** Billy Beevers, Finnley Kriehn, Daniel Adams, Brandon Morris, Ethan Taylor, Tomas Bulmer, Ewan Davies, Thomas Healey, Ethan Bowes, Emily Sharp.

House Totals	
House	Positives
Athena	49712
Artemis	45466
Apollo	46104
Atlas	47080

Most Positives by Form	
AO-PHK	4827
AE-SU/SJA	4530
AS-HW/FR	4224
AM-JH	4100



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## Final words from our Heads of House

The numbers say it all - a landslide for Athena! It is so pleasing to see the persistent hard-work, effort and general brilliance of Athena students be rewarded with a bit of silver-ware! A special well done to AE-SU/SJA for the top performing form too. A heartfelt well done to all 317 of you in Athena who I have enjoyed working with so much this year. You never fail to make me laugh or feel proud every single day of being in school, even in the smallest of achievements. Excellence is shown not only in your work, but in your general approach to school life, your manners, your ambition and your respect to each other. Have a fantastic summer and I really look forward to seeing you all back in September!



*Miss Chapman*

Celebrating the success of all the students in Apollo House has been a great pleasure throughout the last ten years and this year has been very successful too. AO-PHK have knocked it out of the park with 4827 positives for the year—the highest total of any form in the school. The success of every student in Apollo has been amazing, 78 students managed a 100% positive ratio throughout the year, and 203 students managed to receive 92% positive or more which is brilliant. I hope we will continue to strive for this success in the coming year. As we look to the future for everybody, remember that to 'Imagine Greatness' is the first step towards success but making our imagination and goals a reality is the next step. As Mandela said: 'It always seems impossible until it's done'.



*Mr Gatenby*

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I joined Fulford School 10 years ago as Head of Artemis House and what a 10 years it's been! We've raised thousands of pounds for all sorts of charities including Cancer Research UK, Martin House, St. Leonards, Children in Need & Sports Relief . . . and had a great time doing it. We have also won the Positive Points House Cup a couple of times! We have also been the only House EVER get a grand slam, out pulling every other house, in every year group to win the summer tug 'o' war competition! Sadly, you didn't get a chance to do it again this summer – I'm sure you would have smashed it!

Well done to AM-JH who got the most positive of any Artemis form and well done to all of you for working hard and trying your best. Remember, like the Artemis motto says, "Always Aim High". Have a great summer break and good luck for the future both at school and beyond for those of you who are leaving.



*Mr Lacy*

It has been a pleasure getting to know you all this year. Your success is evident by the stunning amount of positives, which certainly gave Athena a run for their money. Thank you for all your hard work, positivity and resilience you have shown this year. Just looking in this newsletter it is clear you have all been busy and engaged over the last few months. Keep well and safe and I wish you a relaxing summer and I cannot wait to see you in September.



*Mr Copeland*

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