



FULFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

APRIL—MAY 2024

Headteacher's Welcome



Honesty Empathy Ambition Respect Tolerance

As the blossoms of summer start to brighten the school, we enter a crucial period of the academic year – exam season. We extend our heartfelt best wishes to all our students as they prepare to demonstrate their hard work and dedication. Remember, this is not only a time of challenge but also a chance to showcase your knowledge and growth.

In this edition of our newsletter, we reflect on the wonderful events and remarkable achievements of the past half-term. From academic triumphs to extracurricular successes, our school community has truly shone brightly. We hope these highlights inspire and motivate you as we head into the final stretch of the school year.

Let's take a moment to celebrate our collective accomplishments and look forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

"Ambition is the path to success.

Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in "



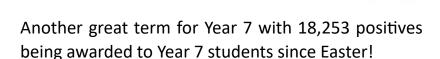
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Mr S Lacy





We have four students in Year 7 who are at the top of the leader board with over 600 (600!!) positives.

A huge well done to:

James Saunders Ally Holding

Agnes Cotterrell Conrad Davies



<u>Transition—Year 6 to Year 7</u>

It has been exactly one year since we started the transition process from Primary to Secondary school for our current Year 7 students.

It is now transition time again and our year group have been reflecting, during form time, about the journey they have taken since starting here in September 2023.

To help welcome our new students and to share some of their wisdom, Year 7 students have written letters to the current Year 6 pupils, telling them all of the great things to expect when they get here and giving their top tips!

According to Year 7, the 'best things about Fulford' are (in order):

- 1. The food (this seems to be a very popular theme!)
- 2. Making new friends
- 3. Attending the extra curricular clubs
- 4. The fun and interesting lessons.



Ms F Garland



The Year 8 have been impressing all round with their positivity, organisation and enthusiasm this half term.

Year 8's have thrown themselves into lessons and have produced really high quality work.

The numbers attending afterschool rounders, cricket and tennis has also been very impressive – what an active year group!!

Three incredible students have reached over 500 positives the academic year – a truly impressive number! Well done to Joy Olorunfemi, Charlie Thomas and Elizabeth Alexander.

The Y8 Team have been doing gender equality presentations in other form groups, presenting to other forms about inspirational women or a time when gender equality was done well.

At Fulford we are committed to being a school where our boys can be strong <u>and</u> sensitive, and our girls can be sensitive <u>and</u> strong, so that we can truly set no limits on what we can achieve. The site team even got involved in our Gender equality Assembly!





Harry Botha — Harrogate Flower Show Debut! Year 8 — 8SN









Harrogate Flower Show Debut Harry Botha - Year 8

Harry showed dedication, organisation, passion and fantastic presentation skills to pull off an outstanding stall at the show.

The event organisers, the local community, Harry's friends and family as well as the Year 8 team were super impressed and very proud of Harry's achievements!

Ms F Garland



England Gymnastics Jonah Wild - Year 8

Jonah has repeatedly show incredibly hard work and dedication and resilience to make the England Gymnastics squad!

We couldn't be prouder of his outstanding achievements.





British Karting Championship Charlie King - Year 8

Charlie King has been competing in the British Karting Championship and has been doing really well!

We wish him continued success and love to hear about his races!

Ms F Garland



Volcanoes!



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Year 8 Geographers have been producing some outstanding volcanoes as part of a homework project.









Mrs F Wise





Summer feels like it's finally here! The Year 9s have relished being able to get out on the field at lunchtime again to lap up some sun.

Harriet even decided to make some grass furniture if you can make it out in the picture!

We have launched the rewards trip to Flamingo Land this term and already have the vast majority of our year group looking very much on track for their spot on the bus! Students with less than 25 negatives from the launch date on 22nd April, will all be invited to attend.





Girls Leadership Group

The Girls Leadership Group have continued to have some inspirational meetings with some powerhouse women.

The first of which this term was with Maryam Bibi who is the

founder of an NGO called Khwendo Kor; a value-based organisation striving for resilient communities and empowering women and girls.

Her story was incredibly inspiring and the students asked some insightful questions about her and the good work she does.

The second meeting was with Dr Marilyn Crawshaw who helped establish the York Human Rights City Network alongside working at the university.

She spoke to the girls about issues such as Education, Standards of Living, Housing, Health & Social Care and Equality & Non-Discrimination.

YEAR 9 Mrs F Wise



We welcomed some visitors from Network Rail to lead an assembly to Year 9 this term.

The key messages from the assembly were about what makes a good employee, the demands of a workplace, being passionate about your choice of job and to start



thinking ahead to work experience in Year 10.

We will launch this process in around October of next academic year, so there's no harm in Year 9 students starting to think about what they would like to do during that week.

Well done to those Year 9 students who continue to throw themselves into all the extra-curricular opportunities that Fulford offers.

The Spring Concert was a fantastic example of this. We have a large number of students attending clubs and representing the school in sports fixtures, please keep this up!



We had 4 of our Y9 girls representing York & District Schools FA in a National final at Stoke City Stadium this month- Abbie Drewer, Aria Poole, Holly Battle and Hattie Formals.

A huge well done girls, we are really proud of you!

A close game that was hugely affected by weather breaks, after going 3-1 up the girls narrowly missed out on a win, losing 4-3 to Liverpool SFA in the closing seconds.

Mr J Bonsels



The Year 10 students conducted themselves superbly well during the end of year exam period which was a huge success.



Students really got to grips with the expectations and routines around sitting exams and many valuable lessons were learned. This should give them a lot of confidence and belief going into the mock exams in November, before preparing for their actual GCSE's this time next year.

Students will have received their exam papers back and been given a grade during their lessons. It will be crucial for them to reflect on these and celebrate their successes whilst looking for ways in which they can improve in the future.

If you are able to have some conversations with your child about their grades and exams, it would be an excellent way to support them going forward so they can identify maximise their potential in each of their subjects.

Following the exam period, all students watched my assembly which focused on the remainder of the term. The main message was that, even though the exams are over, students had not finished the end of the year and there were still 12 weeks of learning left before the Summer holiday.

The response to this was excellent and I am so pleased with the ambition, attitude, effort and engagement of all the students this half term.



Their attention in this final week is on work experience with the whole year group spending a week learning about the specific area of work they have chosen.

This is a fabulous opportunity for the students as they look to gain an insight into possible careers in the future. The skills and lessons learned from the week will be invaluable for future employment.

YEAR 11 Mr P Gatenby







It is time to say farewell to the Year 11 students as they come to an end of their five years at Fulford School.

The five years have been very eventful times for all of us with Year 7 being the start of the global pandemic and lockdown and then further lockdowns in Year 8.

Our students have shown great resilience to come through these trying times and continue to show that to this day.

In Year 8, all the year groups in school were in isolated 'bubbles' and students had to cope with lessons in the same room for the majority of the year. Art, Science, DT etc were taught in the same rooms in B block and A block, but again we rose to this challenge and worked together.

Some great days out with Year 11 include the Sports Journalism Day in Year 9. Visiting Askham Bryan in Year 10 where 270 students were issued clicky pens in an auditorium during a presentation. It is surprising how loud 270 pens clicking can be!

Fabulous days out at Flamingo Land in Year 9 and Year 10 as well as the visit to Alton Towers this year were thoroughly enjoyed by our year group.

Every time Year 11 have been offsite on visits, they have shown our HEART values of respect and tolerance and are a credit to the school.



Mr P Gatenby





The year group have been a valuable part of performances and plays during the last four years. Some amazing performances in Beauty and the Beast, The Wizard of Oz and Oliver! A big shout out to George Connell for his show stealing performances here, a really fabulous performance in the last two plays and bringing humour and a great sense of timing to the roles.

The Orchestra and Swing Band have been an absolute delight. I have had the pleasure of seeing them play many times and they an absolute credit to Fulford. They show dedication and passion in all

they do and never fail to impress me with their talents. Megan Saunders was asked if she is a professional musician at the showing of Oliver, which is a massive credit to Megan.

In the recent Spring Concert, there were some incredible performances from Year 11s; Yasmin Sadullah and Oliver Clarkson performed a fabulous duet and also great solo performances. Rajveer Matharu gave a great drum performance and Anatolli Didyk was sensational on the piano!

The last few months have been spent gearing up towards the GCSE exams with highly attended revision sessions across a wide variety of subjects.

The determination to succeed in the exams is palpable and the level of ambition shown by Year 11 has been phenomenal.

I wish them every success with the GCSE exams and I am looking forward to seeing the results on Thursday 22nd August.

The final celebration together will take place on Monday 1st July when Year 11 are invited back into school for shirt signing and a final assembly looking back over our time at Fulford School.

This will take place 8:50am - 9:50am with a get together in the canteen, shirt signing in the quad area (weather dependent) and an assembly in the Hall. The evening of 1^{st} July is also the Celebration Prom at the Principal in York from 7:00pm to 10:45pm, the prom is a paid event and only students who have paid for tickets may attend.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of Year 11 from the start of Year 8 and I will miss you all greatly.

I hope you all go on to realise your potential, whether you are staying on for Sixth Form or leaving Fulford for a new adventure - GOOD LUCK!

SIXTH FORM

Mrs K Davies

Year 13: Last Day of School!

Friday 17th May saw the last day for our Y13 students.

After months – if not years of preparation – the coursework has been completed, the exams have started and farewells have been said.

On our last day, students enjoyed Yearbook signing and, after the leavers' assembly, some celebratory toasts (non-alcoholic of course!) We laughed and cried and now our fabulous students are ready for the next leg of their journey.

They have been a delightful year group and we will miss them terribly. But their time has come to fly the nest and start out on their own. We look forward to finishing off the exams with the Prom on 26th June and then hearing about all of their successes in the future.







Year 12: Next Steps preparation

This term we have worked on our personal statements. As students start to decide on their post-19 pathway, they are also making use of the opportunities to build up their CV.

With plenty of speakers to help them with their UCAS applications – from Scottish Universities to Northumberland University and our own inhouse experts – Y12 have received plenty of guidance and support.

In addition, to bolster their applications, EPQ has now been launched with over 40 students having signed up for this ambitious additional qualification.

And for those looking for alternatives to university, we have organised workshops by Aviva and many have received an individual interview from one of our volunteer parents who is kindly sharing his experience of business to prepare our young people for their next steps.

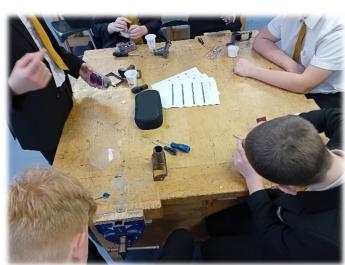


DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Mr A Jobson



We have been investigating how industrial designers plan for manufacturing products with ease of disassembly, recyclability and maintenance in mind by using the Dyson education kit, which enabled us to analyse the manufacturing methods used to make injection-moulded parts.





Year 10 students have also been using aluminium casting and metal work skills to create Sci-Fi B-movie-inspired robots. There are some brilliant pieces of work, so well done to all who made these!







SPOTLIGHT ON..... READING



Mr S Bailey

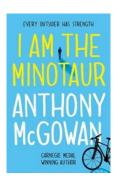


There are all kinds of ways we prioritise reading at Fulford. This is because, quite simply, there is little else that benefits children more both personally and educationally. Here is a quick spotlight on tutor time reading.

Across Key Stage 3, we have a programme of carefully selected books that are read to children in form.

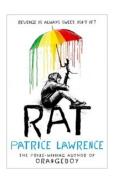
Each book links to our HEART values and carries an important message. These are read to children twice each week, followed by a discussion.

Year 7







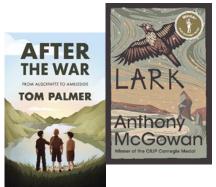


Themes touched on include finding a place of belonging, dealing with setbacks, caring for the environment, and what type of risks are work taking.

Year 8







In year 8 we consider positive and negative effects of mobile phones in our lives, overcoming things that separate people, the Holocaust and friendship.

<u>Year 9:</u> We are developing a series of extracts from celebrated literature of differing genres for tutor groups to enjoy together.



£4380.04 raised so far toward our library renovation!

An exciting range of fundraising activities will follow next half term!



CREATIVE ARTS FACULTY

We have had a very busy half term celebrating the Arts.



MUSIC

Mrs H Fletcher







On Wednesday 8th May, we held our annual Spring Concert. The concert featured performances by over 90 students including the orchestra, swing band, choir, and a rousing finale of S Club 7's 'Reach' from all performers.

The evening also featured many soloists and student bands, including many students taking part in their first school concert. Well done to all the students involved including the performers, back stage helpers, tech team, and comperes. You are all amazing!

Photos by Eleanora Sobczak, Y12.







DRAMA

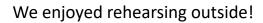
Mrs C Windrum



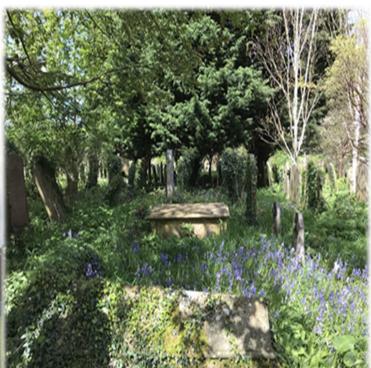


The Year 9 Drama Club have been busy preparing their performance pieces for the "Living History" event at York Cemetery on the 15th June.

After a fascinating tour around the cemetery learning about the lives of the people buried there, the students returned to school to create pieces of drama based on the events they had learned about.







DRAMA

Miss J Fergie



Fulford Drama Club

This half term, Drama club has seen 35 pupils regularly attending K002 each week.

We have been enjoying a wide range of musical theatre this term. As a team we have been scheming pranks with Matilda, trekking the jungle with Timon, Pumba and Simba, lavishing our hair up do's with Tracy Turnblad and learning the true meaning of rock and

roll with Dewey Finn.

It has been a joy to see the passion and creativity thrive in our drama studios afterschool!

This upcoming half term will involve preparation for our summer showcase. Students will be creating their own Barbie sketches as well as showcasing their scripted work they have been previously working on with Ms. Cole.

Thank you drama club for being a highlight of my teaching week.











Mr T Rigg



Year 7 Jellyfish

Students in Year 7 have been working hard to create beautiful jellyfish using a range of media types and techniques. The Jellyfish will be exhibited together in our Arts Festival in July.









Mr T Rigg









Year 8 Masks

In Year 8, students create calligraph prints using different cultures as inspiration.

These Year 8 students have research African and Māori cultures to inform their design.

Believe it or not some of these are bigger than A2 in size!







Mr T Rigg



Year 9 Graffiti

Year 9 students use acrylic paint to respond to our collective theme of Graffiti, they have looked at artists including Banksy and Ruben Sanchez to help inspire their own vibrant graffiti style work.







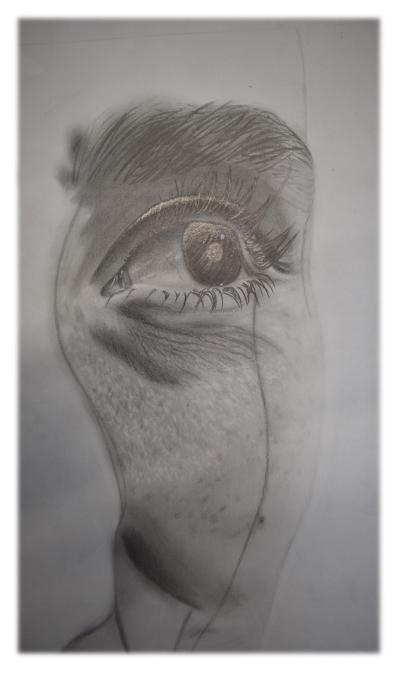


Mr T Rigg



Year 10 A3 Drawings

As part of their coursework projects Y10 have done some timed drawings to help them prepare for Y11.



By Jamie Stone



By Jess Hewson



By Ruby Dann

Mr T Rigg





Year 11 Final GCSE Pieces

Year 11 students ended their Art GCSE recently with a flourish.

Works included responses in paint, clay, collage, drawing and even installation.

Outcomes will be on display during our Arts Festival in July.



Mr T Rigg



By Sally Sanderson



By Dan Exton

Year 13 A Level Photography

Students in Photography have really shown of their diverse talents recently.

Response include projections, dark room photography, photoshop works, digital collages and even the use of drones!

Here are a selection of works from our Y13 students.

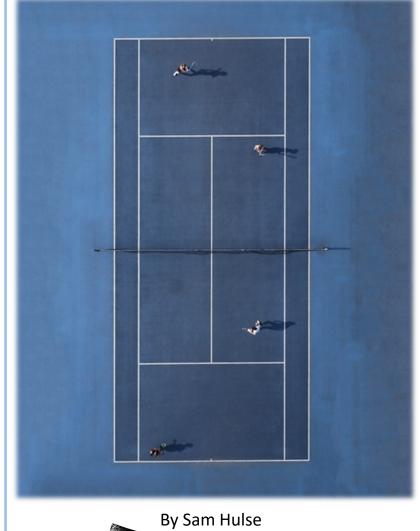


By Maria Shaw

Mr T Rigg













By Isaac Howson

COMPUTING

Mr P Dring





Well done to our team of sixth formers who coded and launched a drinks can sized satellite 1000ft into the air.

We were one of the few teams to successfully receive sensor data transmitted as the parachute descended back down to earth but we narrowly missed out on a place at the European finals.

We'll start recruiting for next year's team soon so look out for announcements on ClassCharts if you're interested in getting involved.

CANSAT

COMPUTING

Mr P Dring

OXPLORE



We are really proud of Timmy Ko, Haaris Rasheed, Henderson Ho and Ella Liu who won the top prize in the Oxford University Hackathon competition for designing and creating an app to help refugees find relatives and support in conflict zones.

COMPUTING

Mr P Dring



STEM Club

This half term, students at STEM club have been creating and coding robotic musical instruments.

Next half term we're partnering with STEM Learning to try out a range of technical career roles including Gaming Audio Technician, Lighting Design

Technician, Food Science Technician, Battery Technician and Healthcare Lab Technician.

Game Dev Club will pause after half term to morph into a film club where we'll partner with <u>Aesthetica magazine</u>, <u>Viridian FX</u> and the <u>Pauline Quirke Academy</u> to plan, shoot and edit films for a York film festival.

If you'd like to get involved in any of these activities or have an idea or suggestion for a competition or club do check the <u>details on the VLE</u> or contact Mr Dring for more information.



If you're up for a fun, creative challenge over the summer, do check out the Young Animator of the Year competition.

Anyone aged 11-18 can create a stop-motion, hand drawn or computer animation on the theme of "growth". You've got until Monday 16th September. Find out more here.

Thank you to every student who's worked hard in computing lessons this half term.

SCIENCE

Mr S Lynn





Fulford Science Week









The second running of the Fulford science week took place in the final week of the Spring term.

Staff from the department embarrassed themselves on the first day by dressing up in a Science theme to spark interest and highlight the week.

Students were given a range of activities including Firework chemistry, the use of Green chemistry, creating their own rock

cycles with wax and investigating crimes by fingerprint analysis.

We were lucky enough to have some guest speakers from the university of York (Prof Annie Hodgson and Prof Avtar Matharu) to deliver engaging and thought provoking lectures for our students.

A series of fun demonstrations took place in Science lessons showing the properties and uses of dry ice. Students also carried out a series of experiments and treasure hunts to get them active and think about the importance oof science within our everyday lives.

As a department we aim to "develop the next generation of super scientists" with highlighting its interesting and diverse natures.

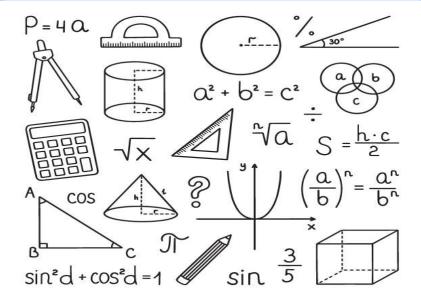
A great time was had by all - I'd like to thank everyone involved and look forward to the enhanced version 3 next year. If you would like to offer your services for next year to highlight the importance of science, please get in touch via the office/reception





MATHEMATICS

Mrs H Hughes



Well Done to all of the students who took part in the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge.

We had 123 x Year 7 and Year 8 students take part.

We had 80 students who achieved a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate.

Particular congratulations go to the twelve students whose score was

high enough to earn a place in the Junior Kangaroo follow-on round. What a fantastic achievement!

A very special well done to Haaris Rasheed and Daeun Lee who came top in their year groups.



PE TRIP

Mrs S Jaggei

Living the dream of a professional footballer



In the Easter holidays, fifty Year 9 students travelled to Salou in Spain to attend a football development tour. The tour is designed to develop skills and inspire confidence in youngsters no matter what their ability.

All students enjoyed the professional coaching and world class training facilities at the state-of -the-art Futbol Salou Sports Centre, a stadium tour and fixtures against local opposition, it was a truly unique experience!

When not training, students had use of sports and leisure facilities at Cambrils Park Sports Village complex including the gym, spa and outside pool.



Ms E Foster



Year 7 Girls Football – North Yorkshire County Cup Winners 2024



A huge congratulations to the Y7 girls football team who are the U12 North Yorkshire Cup WINNERS!

It was an outstanding match throughout and a great team performance by all. Flo was able to get the first goal within the first 10 minutes and the team were consistently creating chances in the first half.

Aphra was fantastic in goal and saved any shots that came our way. In the second half we continued to play excellent football, keeping most of the possession and creating many goal scoring opportunities... we just couldn't find that clinical edge.

However, in the final 5 minutes of the game, Flo was able to score another to make the final score 2-0.



A well-deserved win for the team and a great experience to play at QE.

Congratulations on the trophy!

Mr S Russell

Year 9 County Cup Final



Venue:

Queen Ethelburga's

School

Kick off: 1.30pm

Final Score:

Vale of York 2

Fulford School 0

The Year 9 boys travelled to Queen Ethelburgas School on Monday 20th May to play in the U14's North Yorkshire County Cup Final against Vale of York School.

The anticipation and excitement was evident as we headed to the game on the minibus.

We started very brightly and controlled the game in the first 15 minutes playing some quality football and making use of the excellent surface.

Vale started to come in to the game and only some excellent defending and goalkeeping kept them at bay. We went in 0-0 at the break. The second half was quiet until Vale started to really put the pressure on and went ahead after Lucas had saved an initial shot on target, Vale putting in the rebound.

We started to come under some pressure and a free header from a Vale corner saw them score the all-important second goal. We rallied and did not let our heads go down, made changes and threw bodies forward looking to get a goal back. We had one or two good chances but Vale held on for the win.

Despite the loss, we all agreed that getting to the final was an incredible achievement and one which every single one of the boys should be proud of. They should also be proud of the amazing team performance they put on in front of the watching crowd, myself and Mr Rosie were delighted to have the opportunity to lead them and let's hope that next year we go one better!

Mrs S Jagger



TENNIS

Our girls tennis teams in Year 7—10 dealt well with last week's warm conditions at Bootham School.

Year 7 & Year 8 cruised to a 6 -0 win overall and a narrow 4 -2 defeat for our Year 9 & Year 10 team.

A great team effort and fully deserved KitKats at the end!

GOLF

Just before Easter, seven students attended the North Yorkshire Schools Golf Championships at Ripon Golf Club.

Erin Wells (pictured) won the girls competition! Well done to Erin and all of the students who represented the school admirably.





Keep up to date with our fixtures and results on our Instagram page - @fulfordschoolpe

We have lots of excellent events going on... clubs, matches and trips... so it's a great way to see what is going on!

Mrs S Jagger



CRICKET

Our U14 Cricket team played Bootham School away. The team were captained Jack W who led the team to a fantastic victory.

James P from Year 8 managed to get three wickets in an excellent bowling performance. Max showed his level of skill with some expert spin bowling.

The Year 7 and Year 8 Cricket teams took part in a fixture at St Peters School.

The Year 7 team scored 169 from 20 overs and bowled St Peters out for 31 runs. Amazing!

The Year 8 team bowled first in their game with St Peters scoring 112.

We chased the score down in quick time and won with two overs to spare.

Well done to everyone involved - two great performances and all of our students represented the school superbly.





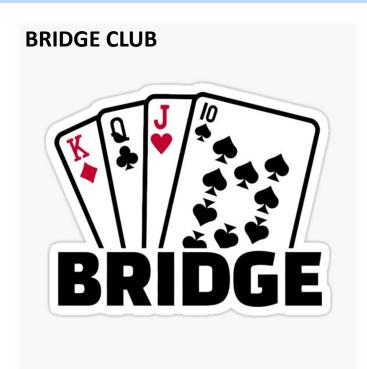


ROUNDERS

Dream teams for our first rounders matches of the season! A fun afternoon was spent at our triangular tournament against Manor and Bootham School with some cracking full rounders!

Beating Bootham was definitely a highlight and a special shout out to Year 7s Natalia and Sofia for playing up for the Year 8s!

Bridge Club and Environmental Club



CONGRATULATIONS TO GREGORY TIPTON—YEAR 10

One of our Year 10 students, Gregory Tipton, has won this year's Nora Penn Youth Award.

Gregory, who plays for the York Bridge Club has won a free place at the Ebed Junior Summer camp in Nottingham for himself and a partner of his choice together, with some bridge books.

The award will be presented at the Company AGM in June.

Congratulations also go to Levente Ungar in Year 10 who came second!



ENVIRONMENT CLUB

The Environment Club has spent eight weeks learning about local river systems and the environmental risks they face.

The project was facilitated by a PhD student at University of York and was all about how the arts can be used for social activism.

At the end of the eight weeks, the students

chose a fairy-tale, which they rewrote to include an environmental message about fast fashion and its impact on our water and wider environment.

The students chose Cinderella and performed a short production to local councillors and some representatives from local environmental projects.

Archbishops and The Mount also performed and it was a great success.

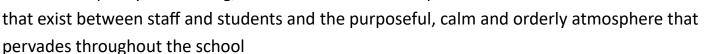


FULFORD SCHOOL VACANCIES

Mrs S Dawson

Fulford School is a great place to work and has an excellent reputation in the community and nationally for high standards in academic achievement and the behaviour of students.

If you visit Fulford School, several things will strike you. These include the quality of teaching, the excellent relationships



Fulford is a wonderful school with fabulous students and staff and outstanding support and care. It is a great place to work and offers excellent support for your professional development.

R Harris, Headteacher Fulford School

History Teacher

Full Time, Permanent
Start Date: September 2024

We are looking for an enthusiastic, capable and inspiring teacher to join our History & Politics Department at Fulford School in September 2024

Teaching Assistants

Full Time, Term Time only
Start Date: September 2024

We are currently looking for enthusiastic and committed teaching assistants to join our outstanding school.

As a Teaching Assistant, you will work closely with our experienced teaching staff to provide high-quality support and guidance to students across all key stages and subject areas.

Assistant Head of Year

Full Time, Term Time only, plus 2 weeks
Start Date: September 2024

Working at Fulford School in this important pastoral role, you will work alongside the Head of Year, and other members of the pastoral team to promote positive learning behaviour with students.

Full details of the vacancies listed can be found on the Fulford School website

www.fulford.york.sch.uk

