



FULFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JUNE - JULY 2024

Headteacher's Welcome



Honesty Empathy Ambition Respect Tolerance

As we reach the end of another academic year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the vibrant community we share.

This newsletter shows that the summer term has been particularly special, brimming with activities, celebrations, and events that have showcased the incredible talents of our students.

From inspiring performances and sports achievements, to heartfelt charity initiatives and academic milestones, we have witnessed a wealth of accomplishments that reflect the hard work, dedication, and creativity of our entire school community.

Each event has not only highlighted our students' exceptional abilities, but also strengthened the bonds that make our school such a supportive and dynamic environment.

"School's out for summer! But remember, learning never stops.

Explore, discover, and keep your curiosity alive!"



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A fantastic first year at Fulford ticked off

Year 7 have made an amazing start to their Fulford careers and have been a wonderful group of students to teach. It seems a long time ago since we were welcoming fresh-faced students into the school and trying to assure them that they would not get lost and that they would get fed at lunchtime.

We've had a great year, have shared lots of experiences and made lots of memories. It turns out that Year 7 have been awarded a massive

127,482 Positive Comments





We had so many students getting so many positives we ran out of colours for our 'STARS' notice board & had to come up with new stars, see if you can spot our rainbow, union flag and chocolate bar stars!

We've had a great end to the year visiting Fountains Abbey, having a soggy rewards trip to Flamingo Land (they were great – despite the rain) a much drier Events Day and finally raising money and getting some exercise doing our Fun Run. Our 2 top runners were Isaac Robson and Darcey Eastwood.



A brilliant year completed . . . here's looking forward to Year 8. See you in September!

Ms F Garland





Together Everyone Achieves More

The Year 8 team have been doing fantastic things in form time, during lessons and as part of extracurricular activities.

Our most recent Pledge has been understanding religious festivals with several students presenting to their forms. It has been wonderful to see students celebrating other cultures and discussing many of the shared values.

This brings to an end the 6 Pledge's that the Year 8 team have completed. We have been proud of how students have engaged in these activities and how they are developing their character skills alongside their academic studies.



Year 8 Pledges



Pledge 1: I will help my form team create our identity. **Pledge 2:** I will practise making healthy choices to be

my best.

Pledge 3: I will understand the value of money and how to use it best.

Pledge 4: I will learn about gender equality and why it is important for everyone to succeed.

Pledge 5: I will get active!

Pledge 6: I will celebrate other festivals and cultures.

HONESTY, EMPATHY, AMBITION, RESPECT and TOLERANCE





The Year 8 rounders club is going form strength to strength with students demonstrating a high level of skills!

We're wishing the students luck in their upcoming tournament.

In Food, students have been planning and then creating a meal of their choice! There have been some incredible creations!

Ms F Garland





The Year 8 team has reached over 114,000 positives this academic year so far – a truly awesome total that keeps on growing.

Here is a picture of the Year 8 star board where students get a different coloured star when they reach milestone positive numbers.

Ms Wood has been getting creative with the colouring for those reaching over 600 and 700 positives this year!







Year 8 Team Get Active Pledge finale was a wonderful event as students did as many laps of the school fields as they could to compete for their form.

Students gave 100% and showed outstanding team spirit and positive attitudes. The form tutors were very invested too!



As the year comes to an end, we are reflecting on the wonderful moments the Year 8 team have had since September and being grateful for all the great moments we've shared. In assembly our wonderful form tutors shared something they were grateful for and something they have enjoyed with their form this year. It was a joyful moment.

We look forward to continuing this brilliant journey in Year 9. As we look forward, we are reminding students that they can do hard things, and working on our personal resilience and ambition. These will be key themes for the team when we return in September.

Mrs F Wise





It's been a jam packed term with so many additional events this half-term.

A big thank you and well done to all Year 9 students who have conducted themselves so well across all these events, including Events Day, Flamingo Land, Fundraising Fun Run and the Alternative Curriculum Day where students took on the role of sports journalists.

There were some quality reports during the afternoon based on the antics from the sports field during the day, including action from Dodgeball, Benchball, Football, Frisbee and Rounders.

Fifty lucky Year 9 students enjoyed a fantastic trip to Wimbledon, seeing some big names on Court 2. We had some rain but still managed to see 3 hours of high quality tennis.

After a rather brilliant buffet breakfast on the Saturday, students then went into central London to see some of the sights and had some free time in Covent Garden.

Students have now finalised the Year 10 GCSE options for next year and I hope students are excited to get going with these in September.

We're really excited to see you all again after a restful summer break ready and raring to go!



Mr J Bonsels



It's been an incredibly busy term for the Year 10 students and there has been a high degree of focus on further raising the ambition of the year group to build on the excellent progress they have made so far.

In an unprecedented move, it was decided that all Year 10 students would attend a ten-minute interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.



York St John University

This was designed to speak with students about their highlights of the year, what can be done to support them starting in Year 11 and get an idea of their thoughts following completion of their GCSEs.



The maturity and confidence displayed by the students was excellent and there were lots of very positive comments from SLT. Further interviews will take place when the students are in Year 11 to focus more on their pathway to post-16 study.

During form time, students have been engaging with resources from different post-16 providers to explore the options available. These have ranged from more common options such as the fantastic Fulford Sixth form to smaller more bespoke providers like CAPA college of dance.

Hopefully this has helped students to see the range of options out there and it would be great if parents/carers could support with this, by having meaningful conversations at home.

Following on from the theme of post-16 study, Year 10 students had an excellent day out on Alternative Curriculum Day to Askham Bryan College and York St John University to learn about the range of courses on offer.

It was an eye-opening experience for many of them, particularly at Askham Bryan College, to see that future study doesn't necessarily have to be in a classroom, but can have a real element of practical work too. Particular favourites were the motorsport department and equine management.

At York St John, students were given a guided tour of the campus and spoke to university ambassadors about what university life encompasses.

ASKHAM BRYAN
COLLEGE

Mr P Gatenby





The Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and Prom were held on Monday 1st July and it was fantastic to spend time celebrating our time together over the past five years at Fulford.

Before the assembly started, the year group had time for shirt signing and during the assembly we took Year 11 down memory lane, all the way back to their very first visits in Year 6 on their transition days.

We shared some of their hopes and aspirations from 2019 for their new school, which included someone who was excited about having a pencil case!

Mr Smith, Mr Gatenby, Miss Knox We then watched a presentation which saw photo's from their very first day at Fulford in Year 7, which was received with joy and cringing in equal measure (I'm sure they loved it!).

The Principal Hotel hosted the Reward Prom on the evening and what an amazing event! The year group do know how to wear a suit and tie after 4 years of practice and the prom dresses were incredible!

The buffet was well-received and classically the mountain of chips eaten was like a typical day in the school canteen. Although the dancefloor was compact, they thoroughly enjoyed dancing the night away, it wasn't exactly Strictly Come Fulford but the enthusiasm was palpable.

Several students even managed to crowd surf and others were literally up in the air. It's great to see that people still go crazy for Abba.

Results day is Thursday 22nd August and we are really looking forward to seeing Year 11 on this day gaining the success they richly deserve. If students cannot make it in that day, results can be collected from the main office from the 23rd August.

A massive good luck in your future endeavours!

Mr P Gatenby



Year 11 Prom

On Monday 1st July, over 200 x Year 11 students enjoyed their Prom at The Principal Hotel in York.







Mr Gatenby



Year 11 Prom









SIXTH FORM

Mrs K Davies







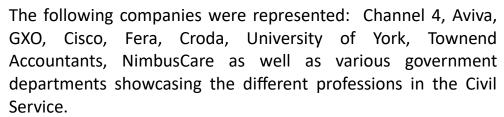


This term our Year 12 have had a strong focus on their next steps.

Early in the term students spent the day at Leeds Beckett university at the UCAS Discovery Conference encountering various universities and apprenticeship providers.

From speaking to undergraduates and collecting brochures (as well as free pens and bags!) to taking part in lectures on specific subjects, the day was full of opportunities.

In school, on the Alternative Curriculum Day we focused on developing our knowledge of careers. With nearly 20 different speakers, including parents and alumni - presenting to our Y12, students had plenty of opportunity to ask questions and begin to feel inspired about their prospective careers.







The end of the summer term was capped off with a week of work experience.

Some students helped out in school in department by assisting teachers in the classrooms, while others enjoyed placements at companies across various sectors.

Many worked in various departments at York University, some carried out virtual work experience with overseas companies and others worked in different sectors across York.

What a hugely productive and busy term!

FULFORD FUN RUN



Wednesday 18th July saw our first Fulford Fun Run, an event organised to raise funds for developments to our Resource Centre and hopefully towards a commitment to reduce the amount of single use plastic waste in the canteen.

All students in Years 7-10 and Year 12 took part in the event, which also included several staff runners.

The weather was kind and a huge amount of physical activity and fun was had!

A combined total of 4560 km was run by the school and for perspective, the country of Chile is 4300 km long!

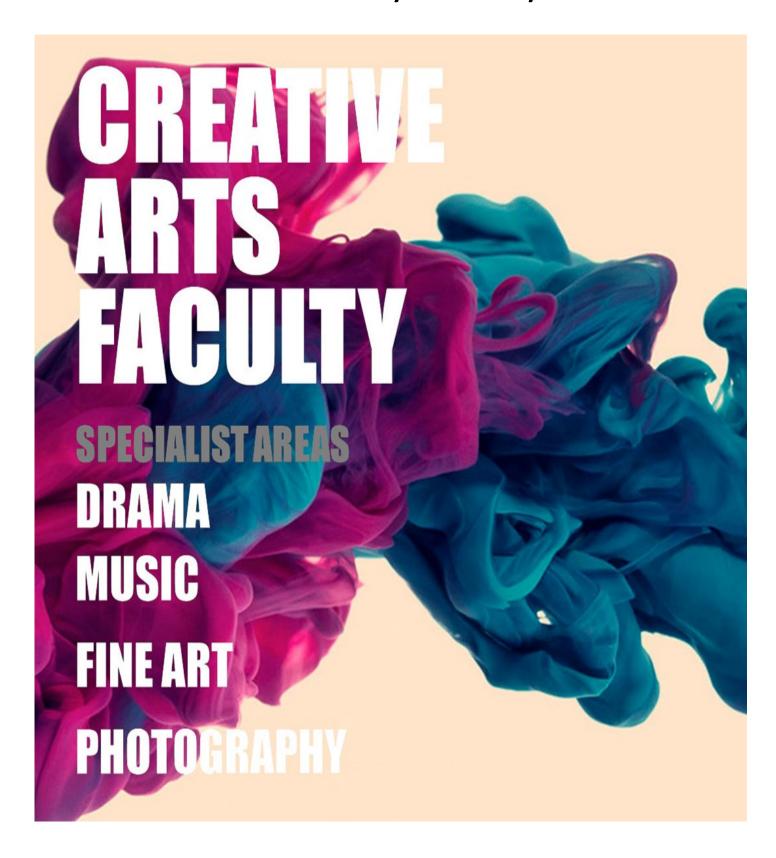
As a result of current sponsorship, we are approaching £10,463 at the time of writing! £5863 raised at the Fun Run and £4600 from events earlier in the year.

This is a phenomenal amount and we want to thanks everyone so much who have taken part and to all of those who have supported with sponsorship.

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/fulfordschoollibrary

CREATIVE ARTS FACULTY

Arts Festival 3rd July to 17th July 2024



Mr T Rigg





At the end of each academic year, we like to celebrate the Creative Arts at Fulford School by showcasing as much of the students amazing work as possible in a large scale exhibition with open evening.

This year it's bigger and better than ever. We celebrate work from every year group in school from Year 7 to Year 13.

There are drawings, paintings, clay work, lino printing, calligraph printing, mono printing, photography and installations.

On Thursday 11th July we opened the doors to allow parents and our wider school community to enjoy the exhibition along with a drama performance and musicians playing. The K-Block is transformed into a visual celebration of everything the students have achieved with us this year.

Mr T Rigg



Fulford Art Festival





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Fulford Art Festival







Mr T Rigg



Fulford Art Festival





DRAMA

Mrs Windrum





Living History Event York Cemetery

Despite the terrible weather, the Year 9 Drama Club managed a fantastic performance at the Living History event at York Cemetery.

We managed to dodge the showers and both performances were able to be held outside. The audiences commented on the commitment shown by the students as well as the informative nature of their performances.

Well done everyone!







GEOGRAPHY

Mr Hickling







It was great that over 170 x Year 10 Geography students were able to experience the delight of being in nature's classroom.

The students put their wellies on to measure the features of the streams near Malham in the Yorkshire Dales.

Dog biscuits were essential for the day not for extra nourishment at lunchtime, but to help measure velocity to assess the relevance of Bradshaw's Model.

The students then went on to complete one of the most impressive walks in the UK, stopping off at Janet's Foss, Gordale Scar and Malham Cove.

It was a great experience for all, in terms of boosting the students' understanding of the rivers topic, developing resilience and helping them to appreciate the wonderful landscape of the Yorkshire Dales.



HISTORY—BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

Ms Smith

In June we took 50 x Year 8 students to Ypres, Belgium.

This was an enrichment opportunity to extend their learning of World War One and life in the trenches. The students were fantastic throughout the duration of the trip and were brilliant representatives of Fulford School.

The itinerary was full of both historical and cultural experiences.





- * A visit to Langemark German Cemetery
- A visit to Essex Farm Cemetery & Dressing Station
- * The Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate
- * 'In Flanders Field' Exhibit
- * Hill 60 and Caterpillar Crater
- * Sanctuary Wood (Hill 62 Museum)
- * Tyne Cot British Cemetery
- * Spanbroekmolen Mine Crater Memorial Pool of Peace
- * Bayernwald (Croonaert Wood)
- * Passchendaele 1917 Museum



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Mr Jobson

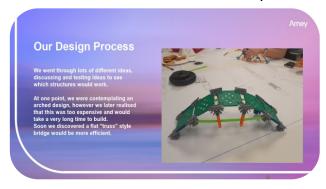


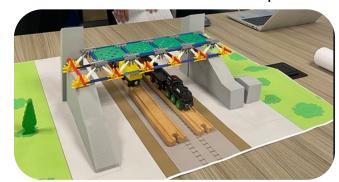


Mrs. James took a group to the AMEY Challenge Cup competition as part of the Women in Engineering event, where they were awarded first place winners!

The girls took part in an engineering-based challenge based on a real-life scenario, where they were asked to redesign an existing railway bridge in a sustainable way, sticking to set budget and causing the least objection from the community.

The girls were fantastic in the way they worked together to meet this brief and came out with an impressive solution. Well done to all who took part!





If you're interested in a career in Engineering, you might want to see the sorts of options available to you by clicking here: https://careers.amey.co.uk/

COMPUTING

Mr P Dring

Congratulations to Millie, James, Lucas, Alice, Pavi and Polly who were recognised in the 2024 <u>Code Awards</u> for <u>leadership advocating for girls in computing or designing</u> and creating innovative medical tech solutions.

We love it when students use their tech skills to make the world a better place.

2024 Winners

Digital Leadership

Commended

- RGS The Grange
- Code Inventorz
- Wilmslow High School
- · The British School Al Khubirat

Winners

- Rokeby School
- Sturminster Newton High School
- The Mountbatten School

Technical Innovator

Commended

- · Bromley High School GDST
- · King Edward's School

Winners

· Platanos College

Tech For Good

Commended

• Platanos College

Winners

Fulford School

Tech For Wellbeing

Commended

- Fulford School
- · St Josephs Catholic Primary School

Winners

 The Pillberries - King Edward's School

Tech Entrepreneurship

Commended

Fulford School

Winners

 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Communication & Collaboration

Commended

Bishop Douglass School

Winners

• Broughshane Primary School

COMPUTING

Mr P Dring



STEM Roadshow

It was great to take 30 x Year 8 and Year 9 students to the University of York Exhibition Centre to take part in the Cobham Ultra STEM Roadshow to learn about the tech that powers the America's Cup sailing competition.





COMPUTING

Mr P Dring

STEM Club



At STEM club this half term we've really appreciated Dr Real and Mr Brett's time and support as we've tried out a variety of technical roles, including Gaming Audio Technician, Water Quality Technician and Lighting Technician. You can find out which technician role is the best match for you here.

Mrs Allsops time and support as science technician in getting the equipment

prepared for STEM club activities such as making our own batteries out of aluminium foil and 2p coins has been hugely appreciated.

Well done to everyone who's everyone who's been involved in a club or competition this year.







Game Development Club has paused this half term as we welcome the Pauline Quirke Academy to plan and shoot a film that we'll premiere at a Film festival in November.

Game Dev Club will relaunch in September with a series of workshops to create your own Virtual Reality content.

SCIENCE

Mrs K Stabler

Year 7 Science Club "The chemistry of self-care"



For this year's Year 7 Science club, we have been focusing on "The chemistry of self-care".

We have been looking at the ingredients that we put into our self-care products and why we use them. We have made body scrubs, bath melts, lip balms and bath bombs.

In our final week we will be making candles and body lotion bars. The students have also learnt valuable practical skills and gained useful health and safety knowledge.





SCIENCE

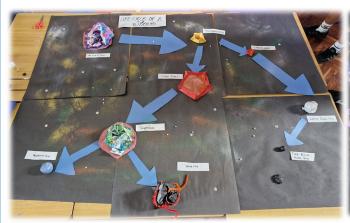
Mr C Borwell

Year 8 Physics Olympics

Last month Mr Borwell took four Year 8 students to the annual Physics Olympics at St. Peter's School where they competed against nearly 30 other schools in a variety of challenges.



Our students were fantastic, displaying impeccable teamwork and problem solving skills, coming 6th overall, an impressive achievement!





Year 10 Physics Enrichment Day

On Wednesday we held our 2nd annual Physics Enrichment Day with 96 x Year 10 students and Mr Borwell & Mrs Stabler.

They spent the day competing in teams undertaking a variety of hands on activities on the topic of Space.

The students' efforts throughout the day were fantastic, with teamwork and creativity being a highlight from all teams.

Congratulations to the overall winners, Team Perseus!

MFL

Mr A Kennedy



At Fulford we have been saying a fond farewell to our Year 11 GCSE and Year 13 A Level students.

We wish them all the best, look forward to keeping in touch with them and hope they enjoy using their language skills in the near future!

Meanwhile, the Year 12 Spanish group have been enjoying some summer tapas, bringing in a range of Spanish treats to try in a break between exam preparation activities, and also to celebrate the end of term!

This all happens as they are practising their conversational skills, of course!





competition.

Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators

One Year 12 student, Elsie Jeffery, has won a special commendation for her Spanish translation skills in a competition organised by Oxford University.

This is especially impressive as Elsie won the North East of England Prize previously, so she definitely has a fabulous talent for this!

There are different levels according to how many years the language has been studied for — we look forward to next year's

MFL

Mr A Kennedy



Year 10s have been working hard and have had their first practice oral exam, allowing them to experience what this unique assessment will be like.

We have been so impressed by the maturity and dedication shown in their preparation.

Next year sees the start of a new style GCSE exam and we've been working to prepare students for this – the Year 10s who begin in September 2024, will be the first ones to do this.



Meanwhile, our Key Stage 3 pupils have been continuing their progress with a whole range of different activities.

We always promote the 3 pillars of language learning, vocabulary, grammar and phonics and our Learning Journeys allow us to intertwine these 'pillars' and gradually build up pupils' knowledge and understanding.

While we always have students sitting exams in French and Spanish, we have also had students sit GCSE or A Level exams in a total of 7 other European and World languages this year.



We are always on the look-out for people who may be interested in volunteering their language skills.

Can you help us to inspire our pupils to want to develop their languages by sharing how languages impact on your work? If so, please get in touch.

MFL

Mr A Kennedy



As the summer break arrives, there is always a danger of forgetting what we have learned during the year and feeling very rusty when returning in September.

With languages, it is important to do a little bit often. There are so many online ways to practise our language skills now.

We know some of our students use a variety of on and off line resources to learn, as well as our own digital resource (Kerboodle), which all pupils have log in to use. Maybe try a new language or set yourself a challenge of doing a little bit every day?

If you are interested in sport, follow the Paris Olympics or check out the football headlines following the Euros or the Copa America. Or, if you are lucky enough to be travelling, do make that effort to use at least some basic phrases while away and explain you want to practice your language skills — this is almost certain to get a positive response!

In lessons, we are sharing some ideas and links to help keep the MFL momentum going during the break!

Enjoy the summer – we are already excited about the European Day of Languages in September!

Bonnes Vacances/Felices Fiestas

SPOTLIGHT ON... ULTIMATE FRISBEE



Mr M Carson



The girls at Junior Women's Indoor Nationals in November

It's been another busy season for Fulford Ultimate. We sent eleven teams to seven national competitions across the course of the year, and we finished in the top two at six of those seven tournaments!

Back in September 2023 we welcomed a new cohort of fantastic Year 7 frisbee players to the team, they have grown hugely across the year and several of them competed on the under 14 first team which reached the final of the U14 Outdoor National Championships.

The Year 8s went from strength to strength throughout the course of this academic year, developing as players and teammates and are in a very confident position to progress into the Under 17 division next year. We had a brilliant group of Year 9s join the team, too.

For the girls, we entered U17 and U20 Junior Women's Indoor Nationals in November – a very long trip to Bristol ended with a silver medal in the U20 division after a fantastic heroic performance in the final left us just short of the title.

In January, we took three teams to U20 Indoor Nationals, and some incredible individual and team performances left our first team with unwanted silver medals and our second team (comprising Year 11s playing up an age group) with a terrific top-four finish.

These two teams represent the pinnacle of performance of the frisbee teams at Fulford School, and it hasn't come easy. Many of these players attend club trainings outside of school and they had all been turning up before school to train from 7am once a week to make use of the school sports hall.

SPOTLIGHT ON... ULTIMATE FRISBEE



Mr M Carson

These Year 11s took this great performance and their unending resilience forward as they attended U17 Indoor Nationals just 5 weeks later and after inspiring determination and development across that weekend, came away as National Champions.

A first, but hopefully not last, National Championship title for Fulford.



The U17 boys team pick up their trophy and gold medals



Some of the GB players at a media photoshoot ahead of the 2024 World Championships

Around the same time, we had a large cohort of our players show huge ambition and courage to attend trials for Great Britain junior teams.

There are four GB teams in action this summer — the U17 Open and Women's teams are competing at the European Championships in Ghent, Belgium; while the U20 Open and Women's teams are at the World Championships which are hosted this year in the UK in the first week of the summer holiday.

Fulford players worked through a rigorous trial process, where the international coaches assessed them (and other trialists from across the country) on throwing and catching skills, footwork, defence, coordination, teamwork, fitness and mentality. Incredibly, thirteen players from Fulford were selected for the GB Junior teams, and we are so excited to see them represent their country this summer.

Look out for an update in September for how they get on!

SPOTLIGHT ON... ULTIMATE FRISBEE



Mr M Carson



We still had more competing to do as a team this academic year though, and as soon as exams finished, we regrouped and sent five teams to Junior Outdoor Nationals.

Across three divisions (Under 14, 17, and 20) the Fulford players competed with grit, drive and heart and fought their way to

the final in every division. Unfortunately, the finals didn't go our way but the players took that as fuel for their ongoing hard work. A fabulous finish to an excellent season.

Frisbee also exists beyond junior level. Wil Moore in Year 13 trialled and was selected for an elite, senior men's team. He competes with them at national and international club tournaments and has grown to become one of their key players.

The team is indebted to the hard work of the staff who make the club possible. Mr Carson

runs the sessions every week, and the amazing help of Ms Wood, Miss Hill, Mr Bailey and Ms Eastaugh in planning for and attending the tournaments makes all of it possible.

We will get back together as a team in September, welcome in some fresh faces, hear some stories of international competition, and get straight back to it.



Wil Moore in action for his club team, SMOG, in the UK Club Men's National Championships semi-final

PE TRIP

Mrs S Jagger

North Yorkshire Finals Year 7 State School Cricket Competition



On Monday 3rd June, Year 7 cricketers headed to the picturesque Ampleforth College to compete in the North Yorkshire Finals Year 7 State School Cricket Competition.

There were four other schools from the North Yorkshire area, with two places to compete for in the Yorkshire Finals. We had a convincing start winning our first two games, then stumbled against Acklam Grange losing narrowly to them, going into the final game of the day for Fulford Secondary School we knew we

needed to win to qualify for the Yorkshire Finals. With that determination in mind the Year 7s thumped our opposition and not only secured a place in Yorkshire Finals but also secured the title of 2nd best school cricket team in North Yorkshire.

The final was on Monday 10th June with typical awful British weather we headed again to Ampleforth with a optimistic thought of how far can we go in the competition. After a delayed start to play we eventually got going and in our first game were we were comfortably beaten by a excellent school from South Yorkshire, however this defeat tested the Year 7 players resilience and wow did they respond!

They went on to be unbeaten for the rest of the competition, reaching the best Year 7 school cricket team in Yorkshire Final and for the final it was against an old enemy, the team who beat us in the first game!

Mr Scurry said to them "it is time for revenge" and our Year 7s were focused and determined to beat them this time, however they were too strong for us and came out eventual winners. BUT we still finished 2nd in the entire county of Yorkshire for school cricket and what an achievement considering over 100 schools entered the competition.

Massive congratulations to the Year 7 team: Bertie Mittra (Captain), Tom Webster (Wicketkeeper), Ben Wilkinson, Isaac Warmington, Luke Yelland, Heidi Hemingway, Agnes Cotterrell, Emily Williams, Jacob Griffin, James Clark, Oliver Kenny.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Mrs E Foster

FULFORD WIMBLEDON

We had 20 awesome tennis players battle it out on the school tennis courts. We had music, some very talented students and of course some strawberries!

Good Play & Sportsmanship Trophy went to Ethan B (Year 7)



TENNIS TOURNEMENT



All tennis teams were in action at St Peters on a warm night in June.

Four teams and four wins!!

U13 Girls 6-0 WIN - Erin, Lucie, Ella, Emily.

U13 Boys 6-0 WIN - Max, Luca, Ethan, Sabin.

U15 Girls 3-3 WIN (won 10-6 in tiebreak shootout) - Molly, Sasha, Tess, Ruby.

U15 Boys 5-1 WIN - Dan, Caleb, Alex, Harry.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Mrs E Foster

York and District Athletics Final



It was the York and District Athletics Final in June and these are the wonderful Fulford students who made it to the finals... a fantastic achievement!



Our Y10 girls relay team who are champions for the third year in a row!

This will be their last year competing so it was a lovely way for them to finish.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Mrs F Foster



Our fabulous Year 8 team absolutely smashed the last rounders fixture of the year! Manor School hosted a tournament and even with a player down, Fulford came out on top - champions!!!

Everyone played so brilliantly and we were so proud of them! What a way to end the rounders season .

