

THE REVUE

The Ryedale School Magazine



Back to our roots...

New house names which might seem very familiar



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A Big Welcome



from the Head Boy and Girl

Hello and welcome. The end of winter term brings milestones for students throughout the school: we as Year 11s have completed our mock GCSE exams, Year 10 now understand the stress of upper school and GCSEs and Year 7 have had a first taste of Ryedale life. Ryedale School is a great place to learn, the close knit community within Ryedale enables all students and teachers to interact in and out of lessons, such as the teacher-pupil football matches on Friday evenings, the numerous extra-curricular clubs and the additional academic support groups which see a large number of students working with staff and students.

As Christmas nears, the Christmas spirit echoes throughout Ryedale School, from the Christmas tree in the entrance hall to the festive labels on the sandwiches! We wish you a Merry Christmas and hope to see you in the Spring term, where we will embark on a journey to see the Wizard of Oz! Also, Year 11 will be doing the final preparations for their GCSE exams in the summer, Year 9 will choose their options, and our Jazz Band will entertain the masses in Pickering! We hope you enjoy the third edition of The Revue, and that it gives you a flavour of all of the great things going on in our school.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Tom Ayoub and Augusta Fullerton-Smith

House Reports

A Personalised Approach

I'm pleased to tell you about one of the programmes we run at Ryedale to support the learning of students. Our philosophy and a key priority is to provide a personalised approach and to intervene, support and help where necessary. A programme that helps us to deliver this has been running and developing over the last 2 years is our Aspire and Achieve Assertive Mentoring Programme. The aim of the programme is to help key stage 4 students who are struggling across a number of subjects, with issues such as organisation, homework, coursework and catching up on missed learning, in order to help them to achieve their full potential. The programme consists of pairing the students up with a mentor whom they meet with regularly. The mentors consist of all the senior leadership team and several other key teaching staff. At meetings students can discuss any issues that they have, barriers to learning, progress and develop strategies to help them move forward and achieve their potential. In collaboration with their mentor students set independent targets that are reviewed on a regular basis. This information is shared with all teaching staff and parents/carers at home to ensure that we all play our part in fully supporting the needs of each of our students.

I hope this has given you insight into the many initiatives, programmes and extra-curricular provision that we run to make our school and students outstanding.

*James Skelton,
Associate Assistant Headteacher*



Rievaulx

We aim to develop all students, creating self-esteem, determination and success. The House Captains take responsibility for the leadership and organisation of their house throughout the academic year and David Stone and Chloe Garbutt are doing a great job. This includes attending school council meetings, running house activities, and leading fundraising activities for Charity. This Year Rievaulx has joined forces with Mowbray to raise more money. There are many sporting house events throughout the year that bond all house members. Sports Captains Pete Pittaway and Hannah Crowther, have shown fantastic attributes, inspiring and enthusing the team. Previously we've had sporting success winning the Halifax Trophy in consecutive years, early house match victories this year have given us strong chance of winning the trophy in Easter.
Mr Hopkins



Byland

We began the year leading the competition for the Halifax Trophy, due to the efforts of those who participated in the sports events during summer. Our Sports Captains, Charlotte Woodfine and Jack Hall, demonstrated excellent organisational and leadership skills. We are confident that Byland will gain many more points this year and build a strong challenge for the Halifax Trophy. Our House Captains, Tom Ayoub and Catherine Beckett, have co-ordinated the election of a charity for us to support, the winner South Tees Hospital, has provided care for a number of our pupils and their families. Collections of small donations will begin in the New Year. *Mr Pullan*



Feversham

Discovery has been renamed Feversham house, however, the same principles of success through teamwork and giving our best remains the same. Our house

captains are Josie Morgan and Sam Strickland. Our Sports captains are Monica Dunne and Adam Leckenby. Under their expert leadership I have every confidence that we can continue to build upon our success of last year. Feversham prides itself at being a 'good all-rounder' as shown by winning the merit shield and sports day, rounders and tennis house matches. Our house charity is the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and they will be very grateful for every penny you can give to this life saving emergency service. Thank you to those who have collected merits and taken part in house matches, if you've not collected a merit certificate or volunteered for a house match it's never too late. I would like to give a special mention to the Year 7s who have joined us for making a big impact on the sports field and in the merit totals. Upper School also deserve praise through their continuing to lead by example. Well done! *Mr Hogg*



Mowbray

Since September, Mowbray house has been under the leadership of Poppy German and George Dunning. They have contributed to discussions on the school council looking at ways we can do more for charity and also to improve the school for all students. They have overseen the house challenge for the merit shield and along with the Sports Captains Augusta Fullerton-Smith and Will Hughes have been 'pushing' towards some sporting success. The recent name change from Endeavour has seen a refreshed approach to sporting achievement and students in Lower School in particular are making a fantastic contribution towards improving our sporting reputation. We have always aimed to contribute to charities, this year we have teamed with Rievaulx in an attempt to raise a more significant amount. As pupils at Ryedale School have always been very generous, this is a good way of making a bigger difference (not to mention bringing about another competition between the houses!) *Mr Williamson*

What a Term!

It seems a cliché to keep saying this, but it has been another incredibly busy and diverse term of activities in the Performing Arts, on the back of our successful concert tour to Paris in July. In September, we welcomed back the Pearl of Africa Choir, from Uganda, who entertained and inspired us in equal measure with their beautiful and energetic singing. The atmosphere in the packed hall for their concert was the best I can remember. We raised nearly £4,000 for them in a day, which was a tremendous effort from pupils, staff and parents. We hope to welcome them back next year for an extended stay.

Mr Moxon, Head of Performing Arts



'Allo 'Allo

This term's Year 11 production of 'Allo 'Allo was a tremendous success, both in terms of the fun had by both cast and audience at the performances, and in terms of preparing the Year 11 GCSE Drama group for their summer exam performance. Once again the quality of acting was superb, with Will Grice and Ria Williams starring as René and Edith, supported by a great ensemble cast. I am sure that the experience gained will be reflected in excellent GCSE grades in the summer.

Mr Lewis, Drama Teacher



The Wizard of Oz

Casting is complete, and what a difficult job it was! Over 110 pupils auditioned, and having so many talented pupils to select from made it a difficult job. However, I am sure that all the pupils taking part will prove their worth (led by Hannah Woodward, who is playing Dorothy) in terms of both talent and commitment. We are also producing an extra evening performance and a primary school matinée so we will all be busy!

Mr Moxon, Head of Performing Arts

Cantarla

Cantarla's term started by welcoming several new singers, and they sang a lovely service of Choral Evensong at All Saints Church, Helmsley. Their ability to learn new and complex music in a short space of time means that we can perform much more challenging material. This was exemplified by

our performance of Vivaldi's Gloria at Helmsley Arts Centre in November, with support from parents, local singers, and the Kirkbymoorside Rehearsal Orchestra. Many audience members commented on the commitment shown by all the singers, and of the lovely solo voices heard in the concert, and it is a testament to the hard work and improved standard of singing by all the pupils, led by our experienced and committed Year 12 and 13s.

Mr Moxon, Head of Performing Arts



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Talented Individuals

Two pairs of pupils have excelled in the Performing Arts through hard work in and out of school: Congratulations to Georgina Strickland (Year 8), and Laura Laycock (Year 9) for their dance exploits. Both girls attend the Yorkshire Ballet Scholarship Centre every Saturday during term-time in York. To gain this prestigious opportunity, both girls took part in a class, and the best 15 candidates were picked. The repertoire performed by the girls is material from professional dance companies, and is very demanding. This term's work has involved challenging technique classes, and repertoire from The Nutcracker,



Giselle and Sleeping Beauty, and all pieces next term are contemporary dance routines. Both girls have to work extremely hard to impress every class, as they will have to re-audition in July to keep their place for the next academic year.

Dan Potter and Alex Richards (both Year 10) represented Ryedale School in a music composition competition celebrating the 60th Anniversary of North Yorkshire National Park.

Their pieces, selected from many pieces written by the Year 10 GCSE group, were performed at the final in Danby Visitors Centre. Both boys received very complementary feedback from the renowned choral composer, Andrew Carter. They were up against tough competition, and Alex did particularly well to come second to a Year 12 pupil from another school. It is always great to hear about achievements by Ryedale pupils beyond the school gate, but we

need the help of parents to let us know what they are up to. Please email ryedalemusic@gmail.com with details of outstanding achievements, and we will try and find an appropriate way of celebrating them in school.

Mr Moxon, Head of Performing Arts

Phoenix Dance Club

On Wednesday 14th November students from extra-curricular dance clubs, the Year 9 option dance group and GCSE dance group were treated to a day of workshops with Phoenix Dance. Phoenix Dance is one of the U.K.'s leading professional contemporary dance companies based in Leeds.



Tanya Richam-Odoi put students through their paces with a rigorous contemporary technique class. This was followed by a session working on their dance composition. Students were taught a section from Phoenix's current repertoire and explored how they might develop the material. Overall a fantastic day was had in which students worked together sharing ideas in a creative atmosphere.

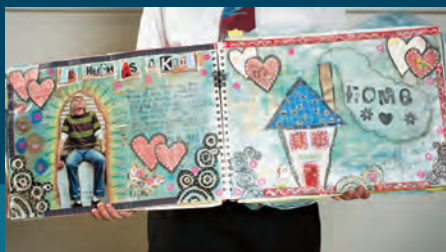
Mrs Gentry, Dance Teacher

GCSE Pupil Profile

Daisy Robbins

GCSE art is my favourite subject. I love art because of how fun, creative and expressive it can be. Throughout the 2 units we have done I have focused on mixed media and produced many pages in the style of 'Teasha Moore' an artist we studied in class.

I enjoy the variety of work, there are so many different styles and medias that it never gets boring and there are many techniques to explore. My mixed media double page is my favourite in my unit 2 book. It took me a while and is made from a variety of materials such as old book pages, magazine cut-outs, string, water colours, acrylics and glitter glue. I like this page because of the variety materials used to produce it and because of how the colours work together.



Design and Technology

The latest cohort of GCSE Product Design pupils completed their controlled assessment projects at the start of the last summer term. When the results were published in August they were, again, 'outstanding.' The photographs show a range of final outcomes for the design briefs; an MP3 docking station or a small storage unit. We are really pleased that many of these talented pupils have decided to take their studies in design further at either Lady Lumley's School, Malton School or York College, and we wish them well.

Current Year 10 pupils have been making the most of the department's new laser cutter in the production of their clocks. This £5,500 machine is making a big difference to the quality of outcomes and the speed with which they can be manufactured. For those not familiar with this equipment, designs can be drawn on 2D design software and exported to the machine which will then cut the materials using its 600w laser! Photographs of their products can be seen here. Pupils in key stage 3 are also now benefitting from the accuracy and versatility of this excellent facility.

B. Howard, Head of Design and Technology



Dance

'Creativity and Expression'

An Evening of Dance & Drama

On Tuesday 20th November the Performing Arts Department held an evening of Dance and Drama in the studio to a full house. Work from both curricular groups and clubs took part. A vast range of students, some of which had never performed to a live audience before, danced and acted with great energy and enthusiasm. The showcase involved a piece entitled "Day of



The Dead". This was a dance that was part of a collaborative topic with the Art Department, using the student's own masks and wall-hangings. Also the Year 10 GCSE drama students performed a version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" that was taken to The Shakespeare's School's Festival at The Carriageworks Theatre Leeds. This was a highly successful evening in which over 60 performers from Year's 7 to 10 shared their creative talent.

Mrs Gentry, Dance Teacher

Spring 2013

Dates for Your Diary

Year 9 Options

Information Evening

Thursday 10th January

Jazz Band Concert at Pickering

Thursday 17th January

Year 11 Reports to Parents

Tuesday 22nd January

PTA Committee meeting

Thursday 31st January

Swimming Gala

Tuesday 12th February

Year 11 Parents Evening

Thursday 14th February

End of Half Term

Friday 15th February

School Re-opens

Monday 25th February

Spring 1 Assessments to Parents

Tuesday 26th February

Year 9 Reports to Parents

Tuesday 26th February

Year 11 Photograph

Tuesday 12th March

Year 9 Parents Evening

Thursday 14th March

All Day Rehearsal for Wizard of Oz

Sunday 17th March

Wizard of Oz - Dress Rehearsal

Monday 18th March

Wizard of Oz - Primary School Matinee

Tuesday 19th March

Wizard of Oz - Production

Wednesday 20th March

Wizard of Oz - Production

Thursday 21st March

Wizard of Oz - Production

Friday 22nd March

PTA Committee meeting

Tuesday 26th March

School Closes for Easter Holidays at 3.40

Thursday 28th March

School Re-opens

Monday 15th April

SPORTS TEAMS



Rugby

We entered the Scarborough and district 10-a-side rugby tournament at Scarborough Rugby Club where Year 9, 10 and 11 from all schools in the district competed. Year 9 were grouped with George Pindar Sports College and Malton School. An excellent performance in the first game, saw us beat George Pindar 56-0 with 10 tries scored, 3 by Ryan Mintoft. Malton School was a closer game with a strong performance from Ryedale forwards. We scored two tries from Henry Wainwright and Ryan Metcalfe. A late try from Malton made it a close game, Ryedale won the group after a 12-7 victory. In the semi finals we faced Filey, Ryedale scored 8 tries, winning the game 42-0. In the final, Graham School were dominated by the strength of Ryedale's forwards and the pace of our backs. Ryan Metcalfe (2), Ryan Hamblett, Owen Hayhurst and Rory Talling all went over the try line to win the game



33-0 and become district champions.

Year 10 beat Lady Lumleys, Malton and Filey School in the group stages with Tom Thorn and Jacob Cooper playing exceptionally well throughout these games. In the semi finals we faced a strong Whitby College team, Ryedale created chances in the game, but lost 30-0 to a better team.

Ryedale's Year 11s had a very successful day with their team built on a strong, well organised defence and a pacey back line. Ryedale didn't concede a point throughout the tournament. They faced Malton School in the first group game, winning 36-0, and beat Lady Lumley's School 58-0 in the second game, with Jeremy Underwood and Jed Taylor-Brown scoring numerous tries. After winning the group, they faced Whitby College in the semi finals. Whitby tried to break down our defence but we held out and attacked in numbers peppering the Whitby line, eventually winning 36-0. In the final we faced Graham

School, producing a strong performance, winning 29-0 to become Scarborough and district champions. The whole team were outstanding throughout the tournament with every member contributing to the impressive points tally.

Year 10 Hockey Tournament Champions!

On 22nd November, Year 10 hockey team played at Caedmon in our Partnership tournament. We were nervous but up for the challenge. We played Norton, Whitby, Lady Lumleys and Fyling Hall. As it turned out Ryedale School were unbeatable and won the tournament!

Scores: Norton 0-3 Ryedale (Megan Woodward hatrick), Whitby 0-3 Ryedale (Eliza Dwyer scoring two and Emily Lockett scoring one), Lady Lumleys 0-2 Ryedale (Megan Woodward and Eliza Dwyer scoring one each), Fyling Hall 1-1 Ryedale (Paige Butler scoring the equaliser).



Netball

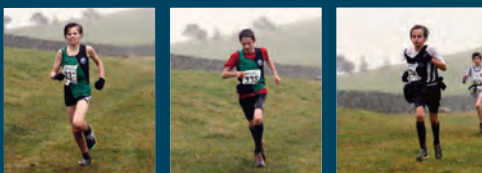
Years 9 and 11 netball teams played their respective Scarborough and district tournaments at Scalby School. With 9 teams entering the Year 9 tournament and 5 teams in the Year 11 tournament, it proved to be a very competitive morning of play. The Year 11 team played well winning 3 of their games but losing to a very strong Scalby School team, who eventually finished as winners. The Year 9 team, led well by Issy Dwyer and Alice Hall, won all of their games, only conceding 3 goals throughout the tournament and finished as Scarborough and District champions.

respectively with a strong team performance leading to another victory for the Year 7 girls. Hattie Braithwaite finished 2nd in the Year 9 girls race and Ilona Berriman finished 3rd in the Year 8 girls race. Both teams ran well together and also won their team events. Maurice Calton-Seal finished 1st, and Nathan Smith finished closely behind him in 2nd in the Year 8 boys' race. These two boys have finished 1st and 2nd in each of the 3 races this year. The Year 9 boys race finished with Tyler Hutchinson in 1st place and Keelan Simpson in 2nd. Again, these 2 boys have also taken the top 2 places in each event, this led to both the Year 8 and 9 boys winning. A fantastic season was finished in the picturesque grounds of Duncombe Park with Ryedale School winning each of the Year 7, 8 and 9 events in both boys and girls categories.

This has been an amazing feat from all of the runners involved and many will now qualify and run for the district in the North Yorkshire event next month.

Fell Running

The English Schools' fell running championships were held at Cockermouth with Ryedale School entering a boys Year 8 and 9 team. Tyler Hutchinson, Nathan Smith and Maurice Calton-Seal worked extremely hard through driving rain to claim the national team championships for their age group. Tyler Hutchinson became individual national champion winning by nearly 40



seconds, with Nathan Smith finishing 5th and Maurice Calton-Seal coming home in 28th. This was a fantastic performance from 3 exceptionally talented runners.

the Year 8 and 9 boys race, where Tyler Hutchinson dominated, finishing 15 seconds ahead of Maurice Calton-Seal, Nathan Smith and Keelan Simpson, with Ryedale holding the top 4 places in this race. Elliot Hutchinson also had a strong afternoon, finishing 3rd in the Year 7 race.

Ryedale School organised the final Scarborough and district cross country event, held at Duncombe Park. The nature of the grounds made the course extremely difficult and the uphill finish proved difficult for some runners, with many being pipped in the final hundred metres. Whitby College dominated and won the seniors' events, where Ryedale's senior girls finished in 2nd overall. Our main successes came in the key stage 3 races. Huw Davies finished 2nd in the Year 7 boys race, Ryedale's other runners finished within the top 25. Our Year 7 boys won the team event and finished as joint champions with Caedmon School. In the Year 7 girls' race, Harriett Eve and Ruth Aber continued their impressive season, finishing 2nd and 3rd

Scarborough & District Cross Country

The Scarborough and district cross country was held at Whitby in very trying conditions. Boys and girls teams in every age group entered and had great success. Following on from success in the first event at Scalby, Year 10 and 11 girls found themselves in strong positions within the race. After leading early on in the race, Megan Bell fell foul of the conditions and finished 9th, just pipped into 8th by Katie Richmond with Anna Moore finishing strongly to gain 12th place. Year 7 girls had an exceptionally strong race, with all 6 girls finishing in the top 16. Harriett Eve (2nd), Ruth Aber (4th) and Esme Hudson (8th) produced fantastic runs to lead the girls into 1st place overall. Strong performances came from Hattie Braithwaite, who finished 3rd in the Year 9 race, and Ilona Berriman came 9th in the Year 8 race. The strongest performance of the day came in

Cross Country

Conditions were difficult at the annual Richard Lucas cross country. Boys and girls entered races for 3 different age groups. The field was large with most schools providing teams. Year 7 girls produced excellent results, Harriet Eves and Ruth Aber finished 2nd and 3rd respectively, with Esme Hudson, Lucy Cawkwell and Ellie Crowther also finishing in the top 10. Elliott Hutchinson finished 4th in the Year 7 race. Years 8 and 9 ran together, with boys and girls from Ryedale finishing well.

Tyler Hutchinson in Year 9 won, Maurice

Calton-Seal and Nathan Smith from Year 8 finished 2nd and 4th with Keelan Simpson from Year 9 finishing 5th, meaning Ryedale won the key stage 3 boys event convincingly. Following on from the Year 7 girls, Harriet Braithwaite from Year 9 finished 2nd and Ilona Berriman from Year 8 finished 10th. Due to these fantastic results, Ryedale also won the key stage 3 girls event. In the key stage 4 girls race, Ryedale finished with all 4 runners in the top 20. Megan Bell (8th) and Katie Richmond (11th) were the top two finishers for Ryedale, helping them to win this event. All competitors that finished in the top 3 for their age group were given a certificate and Ryedale collected 3 of the 4 trophies on offer.

Junior Champion!

Alice Morbey, aged 13 from Kirkbymoorside was delighted to be crowned Yorkshire Gymnastics Junior Champion. The competition was at Diamonds Gymnastics Club in Halifax and included gymnasts from Harrogate, Sheffield, Halifax and Huddersfield. Alice completed a Tsukahara vault and claimed the silver on vault, silver on bars, gold on beam and gold on floor, gaining gold overall. Alice trains with Wetherby Gymnastic Club and travels four times a week to train in Boston Spa.

Food Technology

Students have been getting festive in the kitchen. Year 7 students have been busy designing, making and decorating mini Christmas cakes. Pupils have learnt a range of practical skills and developed their culinary knowledge greatly since starting in September. These Christmas cakes are a far cry from the first practical lesson - potato wedges!



Year 7 pupils enjoy the opportunity to try 'new' subject areas and are so far proving to be very talented young chefs, developing leadership and team work skills whilst working in groups to batch produce mini Christmas cakes. They have taken pride in designing, covering and decorating their cakes. All that is left is for pupils to try their own delights, that is, if they haven't given them away as a gift.

Other year groups have also been getting creative, indulging in Christmas shortbread biscuits, decorating Christmas sponges, mini mince pies and chocolate yule logs. With all this going on, alongside increased media attention in the world of food, the interest of the subject is growing. So, watch this space for the next Jamie Oliver/Nigella Lawson!

Miss Wallis



Camps International First Kenya - now Borneo

Last summer students from both Ryedale and Malton Schools took on the challenge of a lifetime in Kenya. The first part of the challenge required hard work, determination and creative fundraising towards the cost of travel and the challenge. Fundraising activities were successfully planned and carried out, from making and selling cakes to bag packing, car washing and bingo! Students flew out to Nairobi for their 4-week adventure, visiting disadvantaged communities, learning about local customs and experiencing daily life in Africa. Everyone got the chance to contribute to a range of crucial projects including construction of a new house, wildlife conservation, clearing roads and developing a tree nursery.

Students were really tested with the challenge of trekking to the summit of Mount Kenya, a daunting 16,000ft climb through one of the stunning Kenyan National Parks. This provided breath taking opportunities to observe and photograph the local wildlife. The 2012 Kenya challenge proved to be such a success that Ryedale School has just announced its next incredible opportunity to the current Year 10 students.

2014 will see staff and pupils embark on the experience of a lifetime, traveling to Borneo to experience living among traditional communities. Students will get the chance to learn about the problems and environmental challenges these communities face on a daily basis, human-wildlife conflicts and efforts to preserve these precious areas. This trip offers students the opportunity to undertake purposeful forest regeneration and experience local wildlife including time at the Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary. The entire trip will provide positive learning experiences for all involved.

Mrs McGlen



Literacy Matters!



Star's Poetry Competition Winners with English teacher Miss Atkins

According to a recent survey for the **National Literacy Trust** young people spend three times more time on 'on screen' activities, than they do reading. To help address this teachers have been reading with students, discussing reading habits and using audio books. Year 7 students have received their free **Bookbuzz** books to encourage

them to read more. We know that having good reading skills is key to making progress in all areas of learning and we are determined to teach students to read perceptively and encourage enjoyment of reading.

Year 7 students who enjoy ghost stories, were brave enough to take part in **Ryedale School Ghost Walk** in October. We found spirits haunting in music, food technology and science rooms, thanks to Year 13 drama students! The brave explorers returned to safety unscathed, and began to create their own ghost stories to enter a school competition - winners will

be announced before Christmas. Year 7 have also been busy taking part in a competition to write a Roald Dahl style story. Many have been lucky enough to have their work published in a local anthology. All Year 7 students have also written a letter to their old Primary School explaining how they're getting on at Ryedale.

Many students took part in our Stars poetry competition to promote National Poetry Day earlier in the term. There were so many fantastic entries that it was difficult to choose a winner - so we've got four! Winners received their prizes in a school assembly.

Year 8 and 9 students enjoyed a visit from local author and school governor Ian Johnson this term; he has recently had his first novel 'The Witcher Keys' published. He talked about the process and challenges of writing a book and getting it to print, as well as reading some sections of the book. Many students were inspired by his visit and we now have some budding writers in our midst!

Year 11 are beginning the final few weeks of study before their GCSE English exam in January, they are working hard. Keep going Year 11: nearly there!

Mrs Plowright, Head of English

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