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# FULFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Headteacher's Welcome



**Honesty**

**Empathy**

**Ambition**

**Respect**

**Tolerance**

I would like to welcome you to this terms newsletter by expressing my sincere thanks for how we have all supported each other to ensure we have had a really successful and purposeful year.

In the pages of the newsletter you will read about the fantastic events and achievements that have happened in our school this year.

Our biggest achievement is how we have all come back from two years of Covid disruption demonstrating resilience, determination, but most importantly kindness and concern for others.

We ask a lot of our students, staff and indeed parents and carers. We do this because we understand the power of education to change lives, to realise potential and create the future.

The consequences of Covid will remain with us over the coming years. We will continue to build on our core values to ensure we offer the opportunities our exceptional young people so richly deserve.

Thank you for all you have brought to the school this year.

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***"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards."***

***Søren Kierkegaard***

# YEAR 7

Miss F Chapman



*“...such a wonderful year group of young people...”*

There is lots to celebrate and it has been a very busy few weeks of events. Last half term 44 Year 7s along with some Year 8 students had a big day out in Manchester. They enjoyed a tour of Old Trafford and then headed over to the Etihad to watch a goal heavy Man City v Newcastle match. Other highlights of our final half-term have been a trip to Fountains Abbey as part of Alternative Curriculum Day, Sports Day, Rewards Evening, Flamingo Land rewards day and a trip to Headingley to watch Yorkshire in action at the cricket! It is such a joy to see students enjoying all these aspects of school so much, a succession of fun events that are hugely deserved by such a wonderful year group of young people.

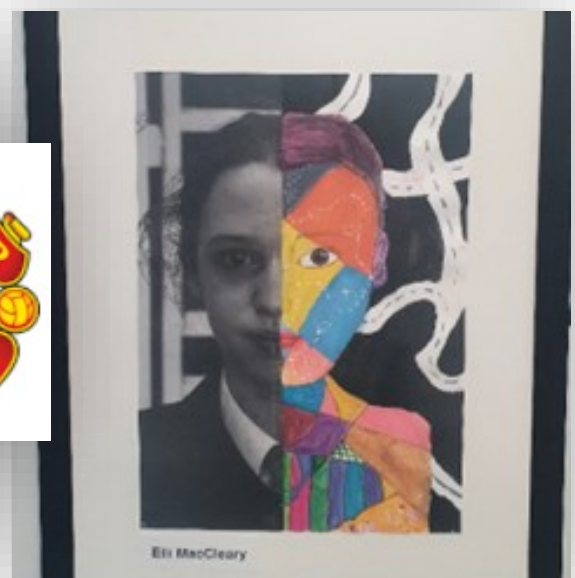
A big well done to Lizzie Meigh, Zuzia Astbury and Elli MacCleary – their Art work has been selected for the Headteacher’s Gallery which proudly sit outside Mr Lewis’ office. Each of the girls received a £10 Amazon voucher and hopefully feel some pride in having their work displayed to the masses! Elli’s current piece can be seen below.

It was also great to have such positive conversations during parents’ evenings last month. I hope it was reassuring to hear how well they’re all doing. This year has absolutely flown past and we are looking forward to see what else our Year 7 students achieve in the years ahead.

Miss Chapman, Head of Year 7



Kayden and Oli in the Man U home dressing room!



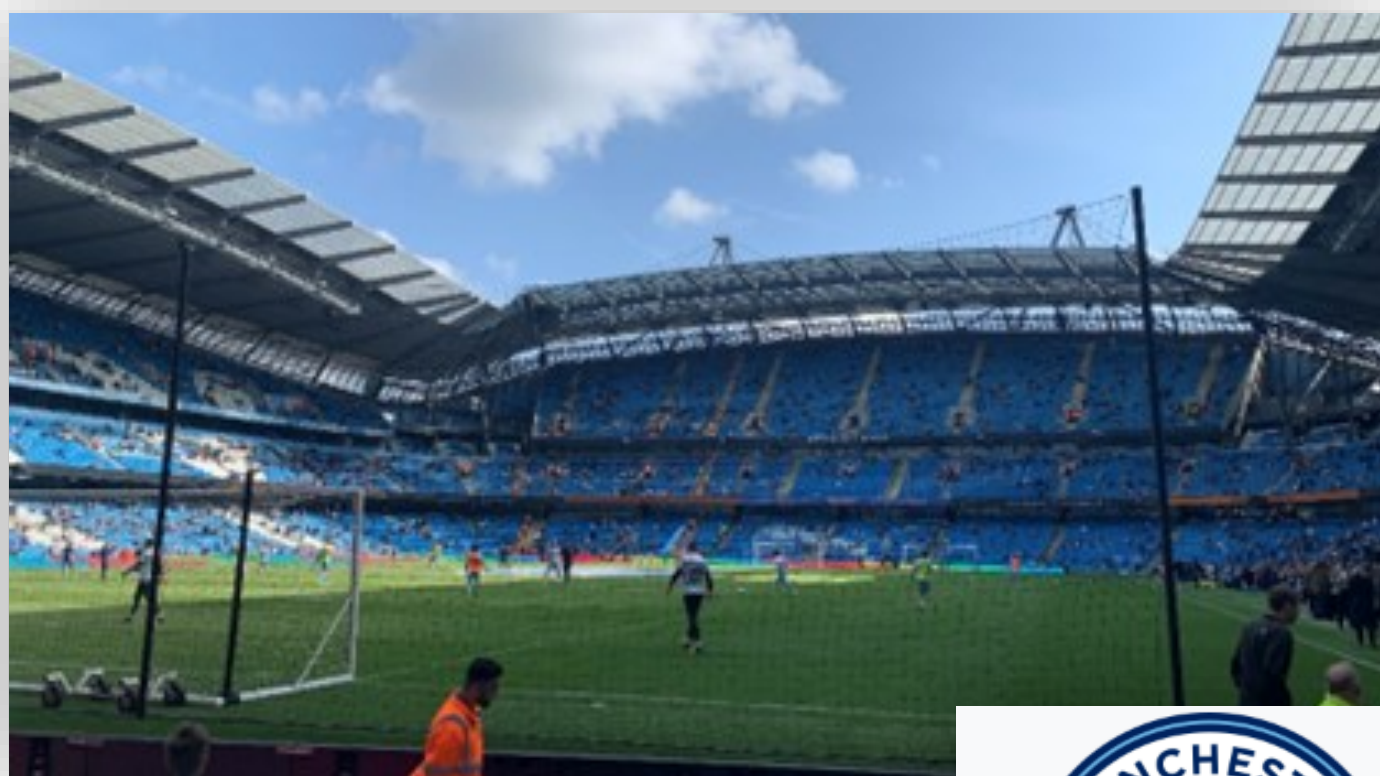
Elli’s fantastic artwork.

# YEAR 7

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Fielding questions in the press conference room



From our pitch side seats at the Etihad stadium



# YEAR 7

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**Amazing effort from Year 7 for Events Day!**



# YEAR 8

Mr J Bonsels



*“...resilience and a desire to achieve...”*

It's been another great half term for Year 8. They are really growing up and preparing themselves well for the exciting challenge of being Year 9. We can't believe how quickly they are moving through the school and how well they have done given the impact of Covid on this year group as they left primary school. We are really proud of them; they have shown resilience and a desire to achieve as they take on the message of Fulford's HEART values more and more.

The Year 8 students spent Alternative Curriculum Day at Flamborough Head. The aim of the day was to widen their knowledge and learning on geographical features. Students explored two sites during the day. The first was on the cliff top where they walked along the cliff edge and looked at high stacks. The second was at Selwick's Bay where they studied arches, caves and wave cut platforms. At both sites students completed an activity book to practise their geography skills. The trip was a real success and the students behaved excellently. A big thank you to the Geography department for organising such a great trip.

Mr Bonsels, Head of Year 8



# YEAR 8

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**Amazing effort from Year 8 for Events Day!**



# YEAR 9

Mr P Gatenby

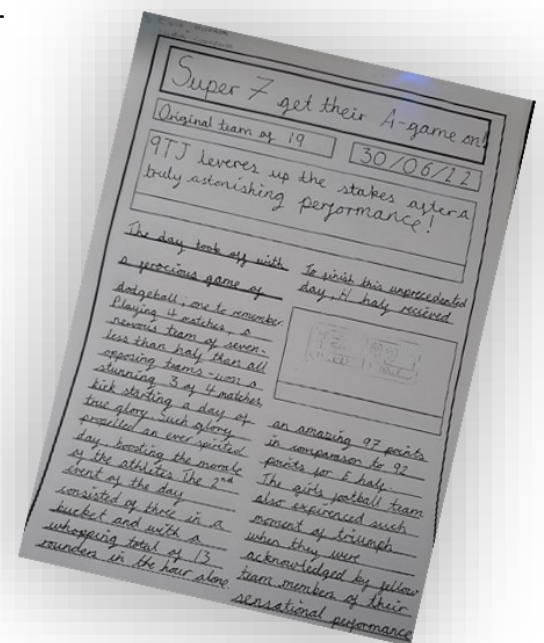


**“...great to see the camaraderie shown...”**

What a fantastic year it has been for year 9. A massive 67305 positives have been accrued by the students keeping our positive ratio to 93% for our students which is amazing. Our Heart values have been well represented in the totals with 259 student gaining Heart award nominations with a fantastic total of 1205.

It has been great to see the camaraderie shown by our year group with some fantastic days of celebration. The way they came together on Alternative Curriculum Day and took part in the many sports was a joy to see. The ambition of the year group was clear to see and some major celebrations at goals scored, rounders gained and dodgeball successes was fabulous. The day ended with some superb sports journalism. The best pieces were from Evie Hudson and Lydia Cornforth, Charlotte Stevens and Alice Haxby and Bella Desai, Ellie Napier and Minori Shimoji.

The Events Day has been another triumph. Students took part in running races, 100m, 200m and 800m, rounders matches, retro games of egg-and-spoon and three-legged-race as well as an obstacle course which included a 15m long cargo net. The participation of year 9 was incredible and the forms battled it out to win the form cup. Congratulations to all of the students for taking part and making the day a joy and success; well done to 9PC for taking the win.



# YEAR 9

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Congratulations to the students who have had their work displayed on the Headteacher's gallery they each won a £10 prize. The students are Ella Wright, Mila Last and Yasmin Sadullah. There is so much artistic talent in the year group - as shown in these pictures below by Alice Wright, Amelia Wall and Ben Gallagher.



A fantastic celebration of student success took place on 14<sup>th</sup> July, Sam Reed played a phenomenal performance on the piano that was simply breath-taking, thanks Sam. Head of Year Awards were given to Bertie Wong and Lily Wells, Headteacher's Awards were given to Jacob Webb and Yasmin Sadullah and finally Governor's Awards were given to George Middleton and Maisy Booth.

Our student's achievements this year have stretched well beyond the classroom: Mitch Barson continues to play for Hull City, Emma Hunt goes from strength-to-strength with her archery, taking part in the Junior National Championships. Poppy Davis-Coyle will be swimming for Saint Helena at the Commonwealth Games which takes place in Birmingham this summer and Amber Mawer has competed in the Dance World Cup. Incredible achievements every single one. Learn more about Poppy and Amber's experiences later in the newsletter.



# YEAR 9

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## Student of the Month

Congratulations to our April winners; Erin Lever for great work in Drama and Ellie Hayden for her hard work and consistent effort in French. Our May winners were Leo Gledhill for his fantastic video game composition in Music and George Middleton for his fantastic effort and brilliant attitude in every science lesson. For June, our winners were Thomas Hind for kindly opening doors around school and his great work in Drama and Toby Look for being fantastic in the student panel. Each of our winners received a £10 voucher to spend at Designer Outlet. We look forward to seeing who are next winners are for July!



## Chocolate Friday

We continue to celebrate the Y9 excellent homework and effort positives with Chocolate Friday. Our most recent winners were Layla Miller, Will Robshaw, Miles Watson, Harry Croasdale, Meghan McAleese-Shorney, Charlie Pick, Naomi Demsash, Ben Gallagher and Megan Saunders.

Mr Gatenby, Head of Year 9



# Y9 COMPETING IN THE WORLD

Poppy Davis-Coyle in Year 9 will be swimming for Saint Helena at the Commonwealth Games which takes place in Birmingham this summer. She will be joining her team mates in the athletes village on Saturday 23rd July. She is able to represent Saint Helena as her Grandma is from the island. Saint Helena is a remote volcanic island in the South Atlantic Ocean and is a British overseas territory. Poppy is competing in 5 individual events: 200 and 400 Freestyle, 100 and 200 Backstroke and 100 Butterfly and will also race in a number of mixed relay events between Friday 29th July and Wednesday 3rd August. She is very much looking forward to the experience.



Amber Mawer – LMPA (Lisa Marie Performing Arts) – Dance World Cup 2022.

Amber and her team mates who competed in the finals of the Dance World Cup 2022 for Team England, held in San Sebastian, Spain. 62 countries participated in this year's event held over 10 days with every genre of dance included. The LMPA competition team qualified in the Senior (18-25yr) large groups for Commercial and Street dance sections placing a respectable 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The team had a full on week of competition dances, workshops with global industry megastars, supporting team mates in solo competitions, making new friends and being ambassadors for their country, an amazing and exhausting week but so very worth it.



# YEAR 10

Mr S Lacy



*“...true grit ...”*

This has been a very busy term for year 10 and thankfully a much more “normal” end to the year than the last two years. We started off with the mock exams which has given the year group an excellent first taste of GCSE exams and the revision that’s required. We then moved on to work experience week – students showed some true grit and worked really hard to secure work placements. I’m proud to say that at Fulford we had the highest take-up in the city – well done everyone! Placements ranged from trainee graphics designers to railway maintenance fitters. Employers were hugely impressed by our young people and gave some fantastic feedback.

Alternative Curriculum day came next,; Year 10 had a superb day going to visit York St. John University for a tour of the campus hosted by university student guides and a talk explain the details of course finances and student loans. When back at school students had the opportunity to choose to attend 4 sessions from a total of 18 different organizations including; The Ministry of Justice, York City Football Club and Porsche to name but three. This unique opportunity gave year 10 a great insight into potential careers and the skills, personal qualities and qualifications needed to access them.



# YEAR 10

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Sports day had a great feel to it with everyone getting involved – thankfully the weather was kind, a few spots of rain but not too hot! I'm not sure if the students or the staff were more competitive!



The year was closed out with two wonderful rewards events. Firstly we had a trip at Flamingo Land where students had a great time scaring themselves silly on a multitude of twisting, turning and spinning upside down rides . . . whilst their Head of Year enjoyed watching on from the safety of the ground . . . the toddlers T-cup ride was more my style! We then had our rewards evening where 100 students received recognition for their achievements throughout the year.

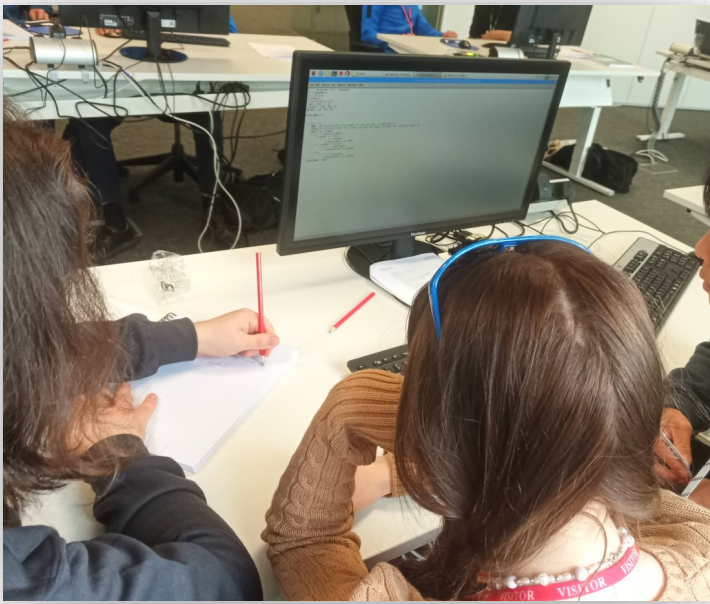
Well done Year 10, a fantastic Year and I'm sure you've set yourselves up well to push on into Year 11 and fulfill your potential!

Mr Lacy, Head of Year 10

# YEAR 10

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A group of Year 10 students visited ETAS as part of their work experience in May. Thank you so much to Mr Dring, the whole Computing Department and Sarah Birkby, our Careers Officer, for organising this trip.



The students experienced five short taught sessions. Each session was followed by a hands-on lab, where students reproduced exactly what they had been introduced to in the taught session using a PC, a microcontroller (Arduino Uno 3) and a few sensors. The final day saw the development of an “intelligent” traffic light system, combining everything they learnt in the taught sessions.



# YEAR 10

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A year 10 BTEC Enterprise group went to The Grand Hotel and Spa in York to investigate a local business – a five star visit for a five star class! Thank you to Mr Maloy for organising this. Here they had a tour of the facilities as well as take part in a mocktail making session. Students found out about the careers in hospitality as well as how the hotel runs as well as who has visited there – including Ed Sheeran, Harry Styles and more recently Duran Duran (maybe one for the parents there). It was a really exciting trip which has had a huge impact on our students' aspirations and ambitions for their own careers. A great experience.



# YEAR 11

Mr S Copeland



*“...such a happy time together...”*



This half term saw the last of the GCSE exams and our send offs for Year 11. They completed their exams in an exemplary fashion - really impressive for a cohort who have seen such disruption over the last few crucial years of secondary school. Here are Bailey and Violet moments after finishing their last exam!

We celebrated Year 11's achievements with a leavers' assembly followed by a wonderful prom held at The Principal in York. The students strutted their stuff on the dancefloor and enjoyed a delicious buffet as well as a fun photo booth. It was great to see them enjoying themselves and sharing such a happy time together.

We wish them all the best for a very bright future.

Mr Copeland, Head of Year 11



# SIXTH FORM

Mrs K Davies



***"...commitment, organisation and hard work..."***

The sixth form have been enjoying a lot of transitions this term. Year 13 sat their final exams, after two turbulent years, and were fabulous in their commitment, organisation and hard work. This was immediately followed by the prom at the Racecourse which marked the end of their formal education and time at the school. The night was a glamorous event with lots of dancing, silly photobooth photos and cheer. The Year 13 students have been a fabulous year group and we have been proud to see them off and wish them and their families all the very best in the future.

And just as one year group has started the next leg of their journey, so the Year 12 students begin their transition into Year 13. As well as the end of year exam, the students have been focusing on their next steps. At the start of June, the whole year attended the UCAS convention in Leeds during which time students attended various talks and had a chance to speak to representatives from the different universities, the army and some apprenticeship providers. Feeling inspired, students have then spent time in form drafting their personal statements and used the Alternative Curriculum day to register with UCAS as well as listen to a range of exciting talks from local employers. Whether it was representatives from Clipper Logistics, the NHS or more individual creative roles, students had the opportunity to speak to wealth of people, ask questions and learn about pathways that are of personal interest. As the year finishes, our Year 12 enjoy work experience to see what the real work application of their subject is like and acquire more evidence to bolster their applications that will be completed next term.



Mrs Davies, Director of Sixth Form



# FAREWELL TO STAFF



**Our Assistant Headteacher, Paul Walker, is leaving Fulford this summer after working here since September 2014. He will be much missed and we wish him all the best for the future.**

**What roles have you had whilst working here and what are you moving onto?**

I've had quite a few different areas of responsibility during my time here. I have led on Student Engagement, Student Support, Behaviour and Attendance and Student Leadership. More recently, my Assistant Headteacher role has included Safeguarding as the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Inclusion and Equality. I lead on EVC, Admissions and I have also led on Exams. I am moving on to be Deputy Headteacher – Pastoral at Joseph Rowntree School.

**What are some of your stand out moments during your time here?**

The visit from Sir Ian McKellen to celebrate and recognise our work on equality and diversity. The visit from Fabrice Muamba and the CPR training all students have received since. The creation of the Inclusion Centre and all of the fabulous work which is happening in that provision. The building of the sports hall! Events days, proms, results days, whole school events, Wimbledon. I love my job, love working here and every day is genuinely enjoyable.



**Are there any memorable / momentous achievements you will remember?**

Fulford School is a brilliant place to be a member of staff and a student; I feel like I've been a part of making that / maintaining that particularly for our most vulnerable students. That feels really special and every year we see the impact that we've had on all students but particularly those who need us the most. Somehow in amongst all of my other work, I've been able to keep teaching GCSE and 6<sup>th</sup> form students. I get a huge amount of enjoyment and satisfaction in playing a direct role in a student's achievement and success. Most recently the creation of the IC and development of our support routines for vulnerable students have been really important pieces of work. Staff football and appearing in Mr Rigg's post match report is also always a highlight!

# FAREWELL TO STAFF



## **What does Fulford mean to you?**

Fulford genuinely means so much to me. The only reason I am leaving is for career progression, I could have quite happily stayed at Fulford for the rest of my career. It is a brilliant place to work. It is a place where people (staff and students) are free to be exactly who they want to be. Diversity is embraced and celebrated. There is a genuine culture of hard work and achievement amongst staff and students but also alongside this, the level of support and lengths staff go to in order to help students is incredible.

## **Who or what will you miss?**

I'll miss the people – staff and students. I get so much enjoyment from being involved in the day to day life of everyone in the school. Team PE are a fantastic bunch of colleagues who I've enjoyed every minute of working with. I'll miss all of the staff in the PSU and the IC: they do an incredible job in dealing with everything from lost bus passes to the most complex cases of support. We have such a talented and committed group of teachers and teaching assistants who make such a difference to the students they work with. All of the support staff who have put up with my last minute requests (particularly the team in the Office). I'll miss Amanda and her team in the kitchen, although I'm hoping that is going to help my waistline! Finally, I'm going to miss my colleagues in the Senior Leadership Team, a group of staff who work tirelessly to drive the school forward. All staff in school work incredibly hard and I've been really lucky to work with some very talented colleagues who have shaped my practice and have an impact every day on the lives of young people.



# FAREWELL TO STAFF

**We have other colleagues leaving us this summer for pastures new.**

## **Mrs Carolyn Bloxwich**

“I’ve been a teacher of English (and Drama at KS3) for 3 years here and am moving on to teaching English at Bootham School from September.

One of my stand out moments is doing bunny hops with the Head! We were both in to run the key worker provision during the first lock down and did PE with Joe in the school gym. It was just the two of us plus one poor mortified student, who paced around his crash mat whilst Steve and I determinedly kept going with the Joe Wicks work out!

What Fulford means to me...great colleagues who are passionate about teaching students; amazingly well-organised resources and an impressive and relentless drive for the students to do well. I will miss a lot of the amazing staff here – I wish I could take them with me!”

## **Ms Shelley Currie**

“I have been working here at Fulford for two years in the MFL department. I will be moving out of teaching full time, working part time for Kidslingo delivering French clubs in primaries and also working as a Study Skills Tutor supporting University students for a charity called Spectrum.

I have really enjoyed my time at Fulford, all the challenges of Covid aside! I have found the staff to be friendly and welcoming and have enjoyed working with all the students. I will miss my tutor group 8SCU and am delighted that we have ended the year on a high by winning sports day despite being 7 members down on the day!”

## **Mr Dave Allen**

“I joined Fulford as CL for DT in 2019, joining an amazing, talented team and despite the challenges of Covid we have managed to inspire students and grow the department.

I’ll miss the DT team and colleagues across the school. Fulford is a super school, with amazing students.

I am moving onto a new role at Manor CE Academy, as a faculty lead.”

## **Bev Alexander**

Bev is leaving this year after 14 years leading exams at Fulford School. Along with her colleagues, Bev has ensured that every examination goes smoothly, that all protocols are followed, students are calm and cared for during their exams and that all exam arrangements are communicated to staff. It is a huge job and we are so grateful to Bev for all her hard work. We wish her well for her new adventures beyond Fulford.



# SPOTLIGHT ON...OUR SCIENCE TECHNICIANS!



Each half term, we will be shining the spotlight on an aspect of our school. This half term we found out more about our science technician team.

## MRS WILLIAMS

**Physics Technician.** Mrs Williams has been working at Fulford school for over 10 years and is expert in developing new physics practicals. She is the fount of all knowledge on Fulford school within the technical team.

## MR COCKBURN

**Biology Technician** (and ex master brewer!) Mr Cockburn was added to our team in November 2020. He is exceptionally good at fixing our broken kit and he is a brilliant gardener who keeps all of our plants alive.

## MR ALLSOP

**Chemistry Technician** and ex science teacher. Mr Allsop started at Fulford September 2021. His experience as a teacher enables him to look at practical work from the classroom point of view.

## MRS GILL

**Biology Technician.** Mrs Gill is our newest addition to the technician team, starting in January 2022. Mrs Gill has worked in several school as a science technician and brings valuable experience to the team.

## MRS ALLSOP

**Senior Science Technician.** Mrs Allsop has 28 years of experience working as a school science technician. She started at Fulford in January 2021. She leads the team of technicians and is a really friendly, supportive face around school for all staff.

Here are some of the prep rooms in the science department where the science technicians prepare experiments and equipment for the teachers to use in lessons.

Thank you to all our science technicians for keeping our science lessons safe and for allowing our students' learning to be so fun and interactive!



## Faraday Challenge



(Students L-R: Chimdintukwasiobi Uleanya, Levente Ungar, Daniel Cranidge, Callum Yelland, Harvey Banks & Jasper Wang)

On 7<sup>th</sup> April, two Y8 teams from Fulford School competed in the York heat of the Institution of Engineering & Technology Faraday Challenge, a STEM competition for year 8 students run across the country. One of our teams (pictured) won their heat and achieved such an exceptional score they qualified for the national finals held at the end of June in Alder Hey Children's Hospital. Only the top 5 teams across the country, out of over 150 entrants, qualify for this prestigious final where they will face one final challenge with the opportunity to win £1000 for the school and recognition as national champions. A huge well done to the students for their outstanding achievement in this competition and many thanks to Mr and Mrs Allsop for facilitating this opportunity. We're looking forward to next year's effort!

# EXTRA CURRICULAR - PE

We are having a really successful summer term in PE so far and we continue to have great attendance to our lunch time and after school clubs. We have also been super busy with fixtures in our summer sports (cricket, tennis and rounders) and still have lots of exciting fixtures to look forward to.

## Rounders

We have had a dedicated group of Year 7's, 8's and 9's at our after school rounders clubs who have been working hard. The Year 8's and 9's joined together to take on All Saints School in the first match, winning with 17.5 rounders to 11.5! Fantastic batting and fielding from everyone. They teamed up again to take on Joseph Rowntree School but this time they were a player down. They played brilliantly through three sets of innings but unfortunately lost in the end.

We still have some upcoming matches remaining which we hope will end in more victories:

Year 7's vs Joseph Rowntree

Year 7's vs Huntington

Year 8's vs Joseph Rowntree

Year 9's vs Huntington

## Cricket

The Year 7 team played their first game in the

North Yorkshire County Cup against Rossett School, batting first and achieved a large total, then defended it comfortably to take the win. In their second game, it was a friendly against Bootham. Batting first in a 100 ball game, they achieved a modest total with George FR good contribution. Team performance in second half with good fielding and bowling from all to win again.



# EXTRA CURRICULAR - PE

In their third game (North Yorkshire County Cup) against Ripon Grammar School, we were bowling first this time and reduced Ripon to a net total of 37 with some wonderful catching and run outs. The second half made life more difficult with a tough start, however showing resilience and commitment, we went on to win in the end by 15 runs progressing to the semi-finals.

The Year 8 cricket team played their first game for the school away at Bootham School. In perfect cricket conditions Bootham won the toss and batted first in a 100 ball game. Tight bowling early on from Elliot MS and Alex W was backed up by some good fielding and a fantastic effort from El-



sie B behind the stumps. The star moment of the first innings came with a direct hit run out from the covers by Elliot MS, a superb pick up and throw got the team their first wicket. Bootham achieved a competitive total with Fulford showing good depth in their bowling attack using 7 different bowlers. The second half saw an impressively resilient team performance with the bat. Captain Alex W batting through to retirement to anchor the innings with valuable contributions from Elliot MS, Josh H and Louie P. Unfortunately we came up short in the run chase but a performance to be proud of in their first school game and first ever cricket game for some of the team. A second game came against strong opponents in Archbishop Holgate's, with Fulford again bowling first. Archie's strong batting line up coupled with small boundaries meant a higher score conceded but the teamwork and resilient attitude shown by the team throughout the game was fantastic to see. A highlight being Elsie B clean bowling an opposing batsman in her first over for the school team.

# EXTRA CURRICULAR - PE



The second innings saw us have to deal with quicker bowling than the first game but the defensive skills shown with the bat were impressive. We didn't manage to keep up with the required run rate but there were again some positive contributions with the bat from Eddie E and Jack R in their school debuts.

The Year 9 team played their first game in the North Yorkshire County Cup against Thirsk. Fulford were bowling first and managed to bowl Thirsk out for a small total and knocking the runs off very easily by Alfie Hodson and Olly Dodson. A great first game! In their second game against Queen Ethelburga's in the next round of the cup we were batting first. We struggled at the start but guided to a modest total with some good batting from Toby Look. Unfortunately we were beaten by a much better team with QE's opening batsmen scoring 50 (more than half the runs) to win. Y9 put up a good fight with the ball and were just beaten by the better team on the day.

Year 9 girls' cricket team played their first game against Ripon Grammar School and scored 120 runs, with the loss of only 3 wickets in a 16 over game. We then limited Ripon to 80 runs for 6 in their 16 overs securing our win. Emma Nurse was our top scorer with the bat in addition to taking the most wickets. Ellie Hayden and Emily Block were stand out performers on their cricket debuts. The Year 10 team played Bootham and secured a comfortable win. Ben Symingtn led the team in both runs scored and wickets in exceptional captain's performance. Alfie Hodson and Toby Look were also outstanding in their performance.



# EXTRA CURRICULAR - PE

## Tennis

Our tennis teams have had lots of success this summer. Both boys and girls teams have had notable wins against a variety of local schools. Our U15 boys team made up of Seb, Alex, Dan & Caleb had a fantastic win against Ampleforth College, they really held their nerve in the final stages to secure a win in very warm conditions! Our U13 and U15 girls had well fought wins against Queen Margaret's and Scarborough College and our U13 boys have dominated throughout all their matches, particular highlights against Bootham & Ampleforth. We have had such a lovely group of dedicated students coming along to tennis clubs after school who are improving all the time!



Post-match photo at Ampleforth College



U13 girls and U13 boys following wins at Scarborough College

# EXTRA CURRICULAR - PE

## Athletics

It has been wonderful to start our athletics after school club. It's lovely to see so many faces from all year groups wanting to practice their events and experience a variety of track and field events they may not have done before. Students who have attended the club have made great progress in both field and track events already and we look forward to seeing them continue to make progress. We have some exciting athletics events coming up in which we wish our students the best of luck in their events. We recently attended a semi-final at Heslington Athletics Stadium where we had 35 students who have made it through the semi-finals and qualified to compete in the York finals on the 14<sup>th</sup> July.

## Y10 Leadership

We are so proud of our Y10 leaders who have been involved in organising and running local primary school events. They have recently been to Dunnington Cricket Club to lead a cricket competition and have also done an indoor athletics tournament at Fulford School where they showed their commitment by staying at school until 6pm to help and motivate local primary school children. A big thank you to you all!



## Personal Achievements

Congratulations to Ben Randerson-Wells who has been selected to represent North England in Basketball. We always love to hear about our students' achievements outside of school so please keep the PE department updated with any news!

# EXTRA CURRICULAR

## FRISBEE

On June 25<sup>th</sup> the Fulford School Ultimate Frisbee team attended their final tournament of the school year – the Schools National Finals. The team did a fantastic job, got some revenge wins from earlier in the season, and managed to finish the year as the second best team in the country having lost the final by 1 point in a hotly contested match. The team have so much to be proud of! Thoughts will now be turning to August for many of them, when they will be out in Poland representing Great Britain. Keep an eye out for more updates during the next academic year.



# EXTRA CURRICULAR

## MUSIC

Members of the orchestra joined St Oswald's Primary School to mark the Queen's Jubilee, performing at a celebratory Jubilee event before half term. This was the orchestra's first external performance. They performed classical favourites such as 'Danse Macabre', 'Entry of the Gladiators' and 'Hungarian Dance', as well as getting the audience toe-tapping along to Coldplay's 'Viva La Vida'.



In lessons, Y7 have been developing their ensemble skills and have written creative rap lyrics on a whole range of topics, from fast food to lockdown experiences. Here are Max and Henry, Y7, rehearsing their ukulele parts.

## SPACE CLUB

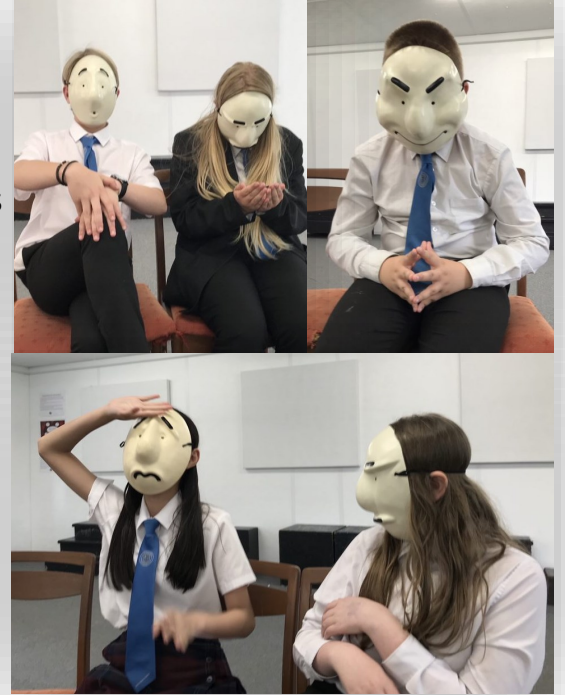
Space club have been making 'lunar landers' designed to carry four astronauts (big marshmallows) safely down to the moon's surface (the floor) from head height. Students were allowed pieces of card, smaller marshmallows (for shock absorption, not baby astronauts), straws, elastic bands etc. We've done the assembly phase and testing will commence next Space Club!



# EXTRA CURRICULAR

## DRAMA

In May the Drama department enjoyed a trip to see “The Lion King” in Bradford. 50 Year 7-8 students attended and were amazed to see the puppetry and design skills on show. This was a really good opportunity for the students to experience a West End Show and to see, first hand, a range of performance skills. Drama Club has continued to be popular, students working, this term, on short physical and masked performances. Developing from the work produced in lessons, students have enjoyed exploring different scenarios and developing their physical communication skills so important to masked performances.



## HISTORY



This photo is of Tamaris Knox-Booth, Eve Booth and Sophie Porter, all in Year 10 who came to an after school session at the DIG on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June with an archaeologist. It was run by Ruth Lingard (Head of History at Millthorpe) who organises the Junior branch of the Historical Association in York. It was a really interesting evening where Ian Milstead, the lead Archaeologists for the Yorkshire Archaeological trust, explained some of the exhibits at the dig and also gave first hand insight into the work of archaeologists at the Mount site where he personally had discovered some of the bones that were later identified as Roman Gladiators.

# EXTRA CURRICULAR

## MFL

### Anthea Bell Translation Prize

French/Spanish students from across Year groups were invited to take part in a competition organised through Oxford University. Students were given a piece of language to translate back into English and the judges decided that Elsie Jeffery's translation was the best one received in the North East of England Region for her Level 3 Spanish! Congratulations Elsie (*Enhorabuena* in Spanish!). Across different languages, a total of 14,000 pupils took part in the competition task alone in 2022. We look forward to participating next year!



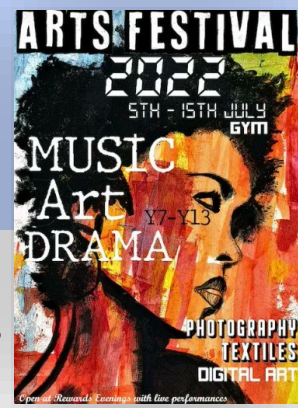
### Spelling Bees

This year we entered our Year 7 pupils into a competition aimed at helping their knowledge of Spanish spelling and vocabulary. Megan Walmsley (7BC) excellently represented Fulford School on a national level at the finals of the Foreign Language Spelling Bee that took place at the prestigious University of Cambridge. Megan was amongst the best spellers for Year 7 students studying Spanish across the whole country. After a competition between year 7 classes, Megan was put forward as our school representative for the inter school – rounds. We excitedly watched online as the results of all the regional finals were announced by the Mexican ambassador to the UK. Megan's name was called out meaning she was invited to compete in



the national finals. The standard and speed of spelling across all competitors was exceptional and Megan did brilliantly to keep her nerve and deliver the spellings with impressive clarity and accuracy. What a fantastic experience - well done Megan for your hard work and dedication to learning the Spanish vocabulary! It was also truly inspiring to see how Megan's friends supported and tested her along the way.

# ARTS FESTIVAL



On July 5th - 15th the Arts Faculty created an incredible Arts Festival which was housed in the gym. This wonderful celebration of student artwork was a joy that we were able to share with lots of people such as the new parents and carers of our incoming Year 7s. Thank you to everyone involved in putting together this event.



# PTA



Fulford School PTA raises money to benefit as many pupils as possible, for example through funding learning resources, equipment and activities outside the scope of normal school budgets. For example, the PTA has recently funded iPads for the Art department, a greenhouse for the new Inclusion Centre and chess sets for lunch clubs.

Second hand uniform sales are one of the main ways in which the PTA raises money. Our income from this source has dipped since the introduction of the new uniform, so we are keen to build up our stocks again – as well as providing a valuable service to parents. Please donate any of your new style second-hand uniform to the PTA if you have any, you can leave this at the school reception and someone from the PTA will collect and get it ready for a new home. We have had quite a few requests for PE kit recently. If you would like to purchase 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform, please contact [adele.redshaw@gmail.com](mailto:adele.redshaw@gmail.com).

The PTA also runs the 200 club, where for the cost of £12 per year you are entered into a monthly draw & could win £60-70 if your number comes up. You can purchase more than one ticket to increase your chances of winning too. Please contact [p.wykes@skye.com](mailto:p.wykes@skye.com) if you would like to sign up.

You can also raise funds through the PTA when you make purchases at amazon or other online shops through amazon smile and easyfundraising. This works in the same way as various other cashback sites you might already use, meaning any purchases you make through the site, returns a small percentage to the PTA. Please register at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fulfordpta> and here <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and set Fulford School Parent Teachers Association as your chosen charity.

For further information on the PTA please visit the PTA section of the school website, contact [hdpoulsen@gmail.com](mailto:hdpoulsen@gmail.com), or come to our next meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September.