

South York
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FULFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JUNE - JULY 2023

Headteacher's Welcome



Honesty Empathy Ambition Respect Tolerance

Joy – a small word but a deep emotion. Whilst there is much to concern us in our world it is also so important to celebrate our daily joyful experiences. Fulford students radiate joy, both inside and outside lessons: this may be through time spent with friends, a kind word shared between peers, or a great test result received. It has been a real pleasure to see our smiling students during events days, returning from rewards trips or Alternative Curriculum Day visits and receiving prizes at rewards evening. Our Arts festival has been truly inspirational – great art, great drama productions and great music. Our students are really talented!

Whatever your summer brings you I wish you and your families a peaceful and enjoyable time. I hope we can all take time to reflect on our achievements, the progress we have made and the kindness shown to us.

“Nothing is worth more than laughter. It is strength to laugh and to abandon oneself, to be light.”

- Frida Kahlo

YEAR 7

Ms F Garland



“...a wonderful year...”

The Year 7 Team undertook a Pride Pledge in form time this term to help educate us on why the world celebrates Pride month in June.

Sessions involved learning key terms to understand who makes up the LGBTQ+ community, why Pride is needed, identifying the different flags and making bunting for our Pride Day school. Our Y7 Team logo has been changed for June in recognition of Pride month.

The next and final Y7 Pledge is on teamwork and reflection. The Army came in to run team-building sessions and students reflected on the fantastic transition they have made.

It has been a wonderful year with the Y7 Team!

Here are two of our Y7s, Sylvie and Francesca from 7JHU



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The Army Youth Outreach team came to run Y7 teambuilding events on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July.

This was a chance for the Y7 Team to be put to the test! It was a really fun couple of days and there were over 2000 press ups done between them!

Here's Scott enjoying a ride in the tank!



PRIDE DAY



We celebrated Pride day on Wednesday 28th June.

This event was created by our Community Leadership Group. Head Students led a great virtual assembly which introduced themselves and explored the themes of respect, tolerance, equality and diversity. In addition to this, we held a non-uniform day to promote equality and diversity and raise awareness of Pride 2023. We collected suggested donations of £1 with all proceeds going to charity.

Here is Mrs Lowman supporting the event in the K block by decorating her door with a rainbow themed garland: she likes it so much it is going to remain as a permanent feature! We literally flew the flag (s) for Pride day with these superb school branded banners pinned up along the PSU wall.



A great day for our HEART values - well done everyone involved.

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SIXTH FORM

Mrs K Davies



In the last week, the Sixth Form came together to support Millie Wright Children's Charity. Led by Y12 student - Harry Wright – the students were introduced to the charity and its aims. On Wednesday 19th July, students wore purple (charity colour) and fundraised through a bake sale. In the afternoon, students enjoyed various games in a friendly competitive atmosphere. Games included badminton, egg and spoon race, as well as a space hopper race!

It was inspirational to see the way Y12 students came together to support this cause and the comradery displayed. Thank you to all students and parents who made donations; an amazing £400 was raised!

Find out more about the Millie Wright Children's Charity [here](#).



The Millie Wright
Children's Charity

YEAR 11 PROM



On Monday 3rd July, Year 11 enjoyed their Prom at The Principal in York. A great night was had by all - they were impeccably behaved and really shone as a year group. A huge thank you to everyone for making the Prom a success. A special shout out to Ms Rae who has been the most incredible Assistant Head of Year.

Photos courtesy of T Crockatt



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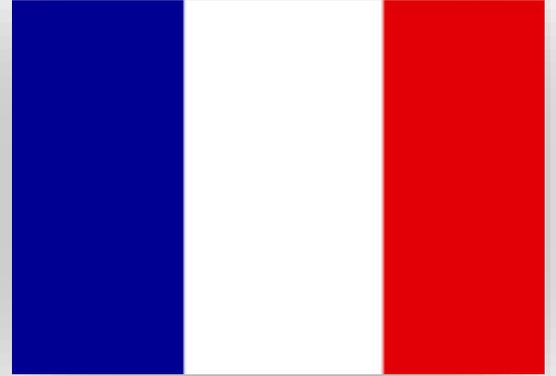
MFL

As a department, we continue to encourage students to take part in different activities outside of the classroom throughout the Year.

The Spelling Bee Year 7 Inter Form competition was a huge success and allowed pupils to consider trying different strategies to remember vocabulary. Meanwhile, at the other end of the school journey, Sixth Formers debated impressively in French and Spanish and had success in an Inter – School debating competition.

More recently, taster Mandarin sessions have been run in the Summer term, which have been fun and engaging. Meanwhile, students from across the Year groups were invited to submit entries to the Anthea Bell Young Translator Competition, organised by Oxford University.

We are delighted that, from a total of over 15,000 entries, Joe Hailstone (Year 9) won the North-East of England Award for his Spanish entry. **ENHORABUENA**
(CONGRATULATIONS!)



THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

A group of Year 8 girls competed in a “Women in Engineering” event, which was organised by Amey Consulting at their offices in York.

The girls worked in groups to compete against other schools to design and make a bridge for a real-life setting with specific material, environmental and budgetary limitations, before presenting their proposals to a panel of judges.

The groups were judged on the quality of their designs, their ability to adapt to changing circumstances (as budgets were slashed!) as well as their teamwork and presentation skills.

The girls work fantastically and were awarded first and second places!

To find out more about what Amey do and to see how the skills we teach are directly linked to careers in Engineering, visit the Amey website <https://www.amey.co.uk/>.

amey consulting



The Year 12 Product Design students took part in the first of 3 workshops on Sustainable Architecture. We visited Duncombe Barracks, which is currently being transformed into a new housing development, made up of energy efficient homes.

During the visit, they listened to a talk from an architect, who explained how and why the passive houses were being designed for York City council, who are the clients for this project. Students then had a chance to complete a planning task before visiting the construction site. We will return in September to see how the project is developing.

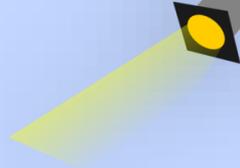
For more information, see the following sites:

<https://www.york.gov.uk/housing/housing-delivery-programme-1/3>

<https://www.mikhailriches.com/>



SPOTLIGHT ON...EVENTS DAY



Photos courtesy of T Crockatt

Our incredible PE department led the way with two stellar events days this year running on 11th and 12th July. They were possibly our best ones ever - despite the intermittent rain. We even received positive feedback from a local resident who could hear the enthusiasm over the loud speaker and praised staff and students alike for what was clearly a superb, very much community spirited event. Well done to everyone involved.



ARTS FESTIVAL

Mr T Rigg



On Thursday 13th July we opened our doors to the community to welcome them into the K block for the annual Arts Festival - which this year was bigger and better than ever! The whole Arts Faculty pulled together to create a real spectacle of art, music and drama for everyone to enjoy. Student work was displayed along the corridors and live performances took place on the night. Ms McEwan in particular worked tirelessly to make sure that everything was in place for this special evening. It was a superb evening. It is widely known that the arts are underfunded; thank you to everyone who came and donated anything they could to the Arts via our QR code or in the collection buckets.



DONATIONS

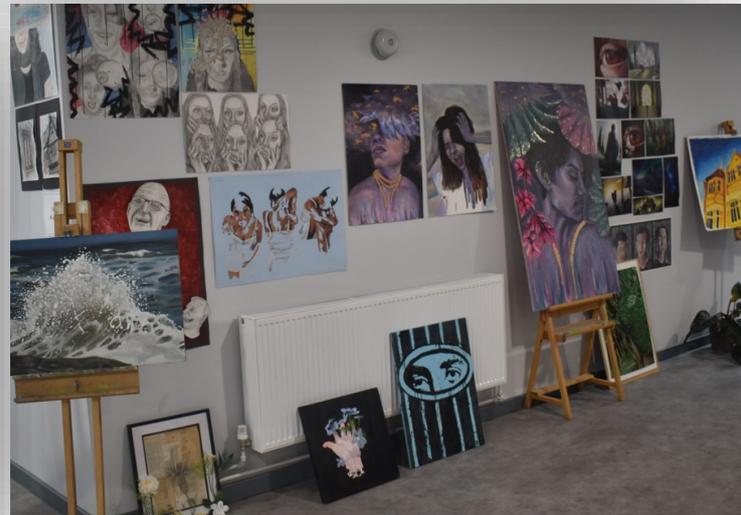
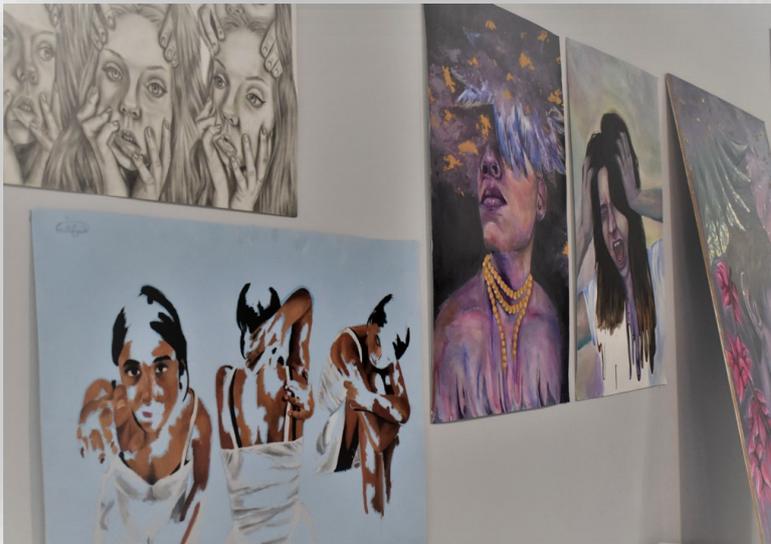
Please help support the Creative Arts at Fulford School to help enrich the experiences of students at our school. Scan the code and leave what ever you feel is appropriate, alternatively you can leave some cash in our bucket.

Thank you for any support you can offer



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DRAMA

Mrs C Windrum and Miss Greene



As always it has been a busy term for the drama department. On Tuesday 13th June Year 10 enjoyed a trip to see “Julius Caesar” at York Theatre Royal. This fast paced political thriller performed by the RSC was gripping and thought provoking.

It was great to be able to re-start Drama Club after a long break. We have been working on performances for the Arts Festival and are looking forward to showing our work. We have been looking at some of the work of Frieda Kahlo as inspiration for our performances. Drama Club will also be performing in the Year 6 assembly.

At the recent Arts Festival, our drama club students performed brilliantly, mingling in masks amongst the guests and then putting on a few brilliant performances in the studio for friends and family. One little boy in the audience said ‘That was really fun!’ as the performance ended - we couldn’t ask for a better review!



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On Thursday 15th and Saturday 17th June, the Year 9 Drama Enrichment group performed brilliantly at York Cemetery as part of a “Living History” project. The students have worked with great interest exploring the interesting lives of some of the people buried there. All of the performances were a great success. Led by grave digger Billy Benson (Bella Beaufoy) the audience were taken around the site in the beautiful sunshine to the different performances. The event organiser commented on the amount of factual detail the students had been able to get across in an entertaining and engaging way.



The cast: Hollie, Toby, Emily, Lily, Sasha, Ruby, Libby Sara, Verity, Nell, Evie, Bella, Ruby, Celia, Kizzy, Florence



Sara as Mary Ann Craven



Evie and Hollie



Bella as Billy Benson



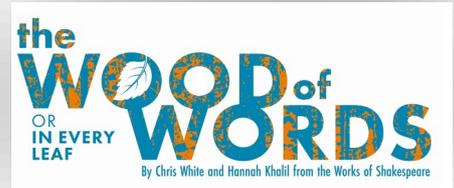
Ruby , Sarah, Emily and Kizzy explore ‘The Charge of the Light Brigade’



Toby as the policeman



On 10th and 11th July the York ensemble headed to the historic, 1000 seat Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford to take part in the Royal Shakespeare Company's National Playmaking festival,



with students from Brayton Academy, The Joseph Rowntree School, Poppleton Road primary and Fulford School represented. They performed scenes from Julius Caesar in the world premiere of *The Wood of Words or In Every Leaf*, by Chris White and Hannah Kahill, directed by myself and Julian Ollive from York Theatre Royal.

The ensemble's performance was stunning, performing challenging moments from the play including Brutus' entrance following Caesar's death, the subsequent speech, and the entrance of the Ghost(s) of Caesar. They even re-entered after the prologue to sing a song written for the performance which they did with gusto.

Everyone did a marvellous and professional job but particular praise must go to Jules Carter in Year 7 who played one of the newcomers. He entered for the prologue and stayed on stage for an hour watching the other regions' performances before performing his part in our section and the epilogue. Thanks also to Nicola Towle who came on the trip with us; it was lovely to share the experience with you.

Directing this performance was a great way to end our time as Lead Associate School for the RSC in York. I am very proud of all we have done and the impact on our school and region of the work done by our Associate schools. Fulford School will continue to explore the rehearsal room approaches through work in English and Drama as they make a valuable difference to students' experiences of Shakespeare.



COMPUTING

Mr P Dring

Thank you and well done to all students across the school who've taken part in STEM Club or Game Development Club this year. Congratulations to Lucas Stephenson and Millie Hatfield who share a £50 prize for their entry in the fab Young Coders Game Design competition where students had to create a game based on research into one particular STEM career pathway. Anyone can play their excellent Planet Bridge game [here](#) which introduces the idea of Civil Engineering in a really fun and creative way.



From left to right: Josh , Charli , Harvey , Daniel , Emily

On 3rd July 10 Y8 and Y9 students took part in a televised debate into the ethics of artificial intelligence. Panellists explored the threats, opportunities, implications and developments from healthcare and education to the fields of music and art.

You can watch the debate and other talks linked to STEM Clubs Week 2023 [here](#).

As a department, we're delighted to have been awarded an Innovation Award from the [Education Business Awards](#) which Mr Walsh collected earlier this term. Running clubs and competitions is a big way that we try to link what we learn about in computing to real life jobs and skills so thank you to everyone who's taken part in any of the challenges or extra-curricular activities we've run this year.



Do get in touch if you have an idea for something you'd like us to put in place for next year!

BIOLOGY

Mrs E Hickson

The Year 12 Biology students enjoyed gaining first hand experience of studying ecosystems on their residential trip to East Barnby. Each and every student immersed themselves in the work (and play), exploring new environments, developing new skills and collaborating with their peers; they were such a fantastic group of young people to spend time with and we are very proud of all they achieved.



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HISTORY

Miss Bowen

Year 7 Trip to Fountains Abbey 6th July

A marvellous day was had by all at Fountains Abbey on our Alternative Curriculum Day. Year 7 were fabulous and a real credit to the school. The weather was also well behaved!



HISTORY

Ms Smith

Year 8 Visit to Ypres 6th-9th July 2023

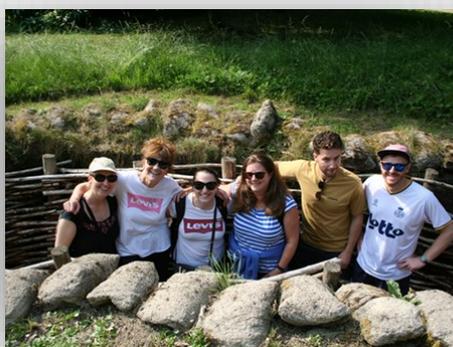
Over the weekend we visited Ypres and travelled to various memorials and trenches from World War One. Our students were given a cross to place on a grave of their choosing. We also participated in the Menin Gate ceremony where three chosen students placed a wreath at the memorial. One of our students actually has a distant relative commemorated on the Menin Gate:

Leonard George Grant died whilst serving for the Canadian Infantry, 15th Bn. He is buried at Panel 24, Menin Gate, Belgium. Unfortunately due to ongoing restoration work on the Menin Gate we couldn't locate

the panel of Leonard Grant, but we did lay our wreath to pay tribute. We also visited a variety of museums, trenches and cemeteries such as Tyne Cot and Langemark to enrich our understanding of the First World War.

I would like to firstly thank staff for volunteering their time to be part of such an enriching experience for our students: Mrs Jenner, Ms Booth, Miss Bowen, Mr Borwell and Mr Abbott!

Secondly, I would like to thank the students for their maturity throughout the whole trip. We had a fabulous time.



GEOGRAPHY

Mr P Hickling

170 Year 10 geographers had a fantastic experience visiting Malham in the Yorkshire Dales over two days. Students had the unique experience of standing in Malham Beck measuring several aspects of the river, including using a dog biscuit to measure velocity!

The fieldwork was to investigate how the features of the river changed downstream. The amazing weather accentuated the magnificence of the landscapes of Malham Cove and Gordale Scar. This fieldwork prepares the students for the Paper 3 exam and also gives them first hand experience of what they've learned in the classroom. Furthermore, students developed their team working, resilience and communication skills. I

It was a privilege to use nature's outdoor classroom and it certainly contributes to creating great geographers.



View of Malham Cove from Malham Beck

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Mr S Nesbitt

The Religious Studies Department hosted an excursion to York Minster on Friday 23rd June. This was a mixture of Year 10 and Year 12 Religious Studies students.

Year 10 were led by staff to explore the items used in Christian worship, whilst Year 12 had an hour discussion with Pastoral Clergy about matters theological.



UNDER 16 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Ms E Sweet

Here is a photo of our U16 North Yorkshire County Cup Champions!!!

The girls displayed excellent play and team spirit throughout the whole match to make it 8-2 in the final of the North Yorkshire County Cup against St John Fishers School, a great team performance and a lovely way to finish the year. Extra shout outs to Maisy, Evie and Ruby who got a goal each and Tilly who scored



an incredible five goals. Our goalkeeper Holly also deserves a shout out for saving several shots that thankfully helped us keep the lead throughout.



Please can we also just say a huge THANK YOU to Fulford Nursing Home for sponsoring us and our new kit.

Thank you so much for your generosity, we really appreciate it!

ROUNDERS

Ms E Sweet

We have had some incredibly dedicated students that have been coming down to Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 rounders club after school this last term. Displaying a huge amount of skill, effort and teamwork, as well as having lots of fun! Some particular stand out moments:



Our Year 9 team who smashed their triangular tournament, winning against Huntington and Archbishop Holgate's School with brilliantly high scores!

Our Year 7 and 8 teams who both won their home games against Archbishop Holgate's School. The

matches were full of high energy from all players. It was a great afternoon for everyone involved!



WIMBLEDON

Mrs Jagger

Fifty year 9 students accompanied by 5 staff were lucky to spend Friday 7th July at Wimbledon. They had an excellent time watching Medvedev beat Mannarino, Zverev beat Watanuki and sadly Shapovalov beat British Broady on court 2. S

Some students managed to charm themselves onto centre court to watch Andy Murray and buy number one tickets in the resale queue whilst still finding time to eat strawberries and cream!



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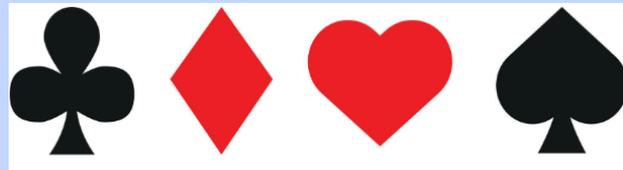
On the second day after a big 'all you can eat breakfast' the students spent time at the Tottenham stadium having a tour. There they got to walk on the pitch, sit in the ground, see the changing rooms and sit on the manager's chair in the press conference suite. We then went onto lunch at Pizza Express on The Strand with some shopping and ice-creams at Covent Garden. The staff and students had the most memorable day.



On returning to school we received some outstanding feedback from the Tottenham tour guide: "The pupils and staff alike are a credit to your school. Interested, focused, humorous, polite and most of all, respectful, regardless of whether they follow Spurs, anyone else, or not overly a football fan. Their behaviour was exemplary and there is obviously a mutual respect between staff and pupil".

BRIDGE CLUB

Rowena White - proud Bridge Club coach!



Five members of Fulford School Bridge Club and York Bridge Club Youth Academy received awards at the York Bridge Club AGM. **Jasmine Taylor** received the prestigious Nora Penn award. The award is made annually to the best youth player (aged 18 or less on 1st July) and aims to support and develop younger players at the start of their bridge journey.

Award Details:

- All course fees paid for attendance at the annual Junior Teach-in event.
- Support to enter the Young Bridge Challenge – usually March each year (this is available to individuals, pairs or teams).
- Provision of the EBED beginner's book 1 ('red' book) and the associated Practice Beginners Bridge book
- The York Bridge Club will provide matched funding for winner to be accompanied by their normal partner at the Annual Youth Teach-in event. Jasmine usually partners with **Gregory Tipton** in Year 9.

Second place for the award also went to another Fulford student : **Levente Ungar**

Jasmine Taylor and Levente Ungar also received EBED (English Bridge Education and Development, a division of the English Bridge Union) Bronze Awards with other Fulford students:

Kai Jackson, Melanie Tipton and Gregory Tipton.

Levente Ungar stayed after the award ceremony and played a session of bridge with other members of York Bridge Club.

As always all students were fantastic ambassadors for Fulford School.

