

Richmond School & Sixth Form College



Press Release

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TITLE: Repeat Success at The Wensleydale Tournament of Song for Richmond School

The Wensleydale Tournament of Song took place in the Methodist Hall, Leyburn during the last two weeks of March and Richmond School was delighted to win both of the classes the students had been entered into: Choral Singing and Junior or Ensemble Band.

Under the direction of Miss Sally Fryer the School Choir, consisting of students from Years 7 to 13, was able to repeat their success in the competition last year. The Choir sang two contrasting pieces 'Good Morning Baltimore' and 'Believe' to showcase both unison and two part singing, and went on to win the Secondary School Choral Section. The Choir also recently performed with the Heavy Cavalry and Cambrai Band based at Catterick in St Mary's Church, Richmond, helping to raise funds for SSAFA Forces Help, a national charity committed to helping and supporting those who serve in our Armed Forces, as well as those who used to serve, and their families.



Two ensembles were entered into the Junior or Ensemble Band class. The Swing Band was again directed by Miss Sally Fryer, and the Brass Ensemble was directed by Mr James Wylde. Competing against each other as well as ensembles from Bedale and Wensleydale, the Swing Band was victorious taking first place, with the Brass Band coming a close second. The School was pleased to note that the adjudicator had been impressed with the lower brass section of the Brass Ensemble, which is supported by the School's Performing Arts Specialism status.



The Music Department finished the term with a Spring Concert on Tuesday 5 April, where the above ensembles performed to over 130 parents in the new James Tate Building, supported by the School's String Ensemble, Wind Band and Guitar Group.

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Notes to editors

PHOTOS ATTACHED

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2. Richmond School is a mixed 11-19 comprehensive community school maintained by North Yorkshire County Council. The Local Education Authority is responsible for all admissions to the school and the Headteacher is Mr I Robertson.

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