



May 2011 Newsletter

RICHMOND
SCHOOL
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Guardian



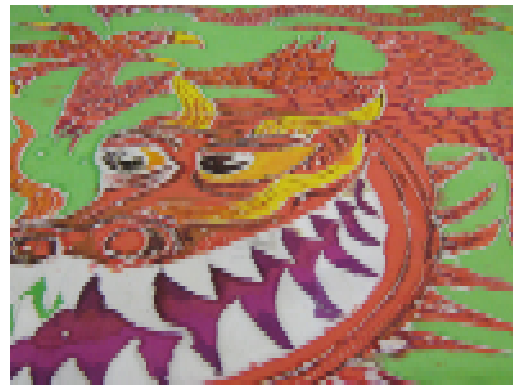
Earlier this month Richmond School was proud to receive the International School Award (Intermediate). The Award recognises work that schools are doing to foster in students an international outlook and to develop their sense of being global citizens.



Internationalism is now a key part of our school ethos and curriculum, thanks to the combined efforts of many staff and students over the past two years.

In particular, the following should be noted:

- our links with schools in Germany, France and Kenya
- the internationally-themed curriculum projects in Art, Music, Dance, English, Food Technology, Lifeskills, Government & Politics and of course Geography and Modern Foreign Languages
- the annual multi-cultural Year 8 Arts event
- the range and number of overseas trips, and trips with an international dimension (e.g. visiting mosques and temples in Bradford)
- the fundraising in the Sixth Form for the Amala orphanage in India and across the school for international charities
- the activities of the Fairtrade group.



Over the next academic year we hope to build on this success and gain the full Award. To achieve this, we plan...

- to establish links with schools in Nepal, USA/Canada and South America
- to send a Richmond School teacher to our partner school in Kenya, Kamasengre Secondary School, in October 2011 and host a Kenyan colleague soon afterwards
- to plan a special curriculum project in KS3 Geography and Religious Studies, with students in Kenya and the UK working together
- to run a hosting programme (the 'English Immersion Scheme'), with Richmond School families hosting Russian or Chinese students
- to introduce an international flavour to as many curriculum areas as we can.

Gaining the full International School Award is bound to be a rich and rewarding journey for the whole school community, and we look forward to a year full of global exchange and stimulating projects.

Public Exams

It's hard to believe that we have once again arrived at the time when Year 11, 12 and 13, as well as some Year 10 students, are sitting their public exams!

Students and staff have done a magnificent job in preparing for the exams, and this will continue right through the exam period in the form of 'Exam Slams', the schedule for which has been posted home to all parents.

New School Day as from September

Following consultation, the structure for the new school day, to be introduced with effect from September 2011, is as follows:

All students register at 8.55 am

All year Groups to register at 8.44 am

Years 7 & 8

8.55 am	Registration
9.00 am	Period 1
10.00 am	Break
10.20 am	Period 2
11.20 am	Period 3
12.20 pm	Lunch
1.05 pm	Period 4
2.05 pm	Period 5
3.05 pm	Tutor

Years 9, 10 & 11

8.55 am	Registration
9.00 am	Period 1
10.00 am	Period 2
11.00 am	Break
11.20 am	Period 3
12.20 pm	Period 4
1.20 pm	Lunch
2.05 pm	Period 5
3.05 pm	Tutor

Years 12 & 13

There will be two timetables. The structure of the day will be split as follows:

	Group A	Group B
8.55 am	Registration	Registration
9.00 am	Period 1	Period 1
10.00 am	Period 2	Break
10.20 am		Period 2
11.00 am	Break	
11.20 am	Period 3	Period 3
12.20 am	Period 4	Lunch
1.05 pm		Period 4
1.20 pm	Lunch	
2.05 pm	Period 5	Period 5
3.05 pm	Tutor	Tutor

Congratulations

You will see from the various articles below that students from the School are now taking part, and succeeding, in a diverse range of extra curricular activities. Our congratulations go to them all.



Staff Appointments

The following staff will take up their appointments on 1 September:

- Mr Richard Sharp (Head of Science)
- Miss Katie Dowling (Teacher of Biology/Chemistry)
- Mrs Pavalli Singh (Teacher of Physics)
- Mr A Gardner – Business Manager

School Build

Completion of work on both the CDT block and the Clarke-Hall Building remains on schedule and we have now put together a detailed plan for taking over the buildings in July and for moving equipment and resources across during the summer holiday.

The de-stoning and seeding of our grass pitches on the far side of the lane has now been completed and although it will be some time before we are able to use them, they look great and will eventually provide good quality, level playing facilities for students and the community.

Work is also now well underway on the construction of our new floodlit all-weather tennis court/kickabout area. This will also become available to us at the start of the Autumn Term.

We apologise for the ever changing routes across our main site, and particularly to our main Reception in The James Tate Building. Because new services and footpaths are being created, we are having to adjust routes in order to allow essential work to be done. We anticipate that once demolition of our old Admin Block has been done in early September, it will not be long before we are able to open the new route into Reception, which will be much more direct and well signposted.

Governing Body

The School is always looking to recruit governors for the future; opportunities are coming up all of the time. If anybody is interested in becoming a governor, could they please contact Audrey Pledge at School (01748-828116) to arrange an informal discussion with me.

Ian Robertson

Headteacher

Student Success

Aiming High 4 Prize Draw Winners

Year	£25	£10
7	Cerys Scotting	Matthew Redfearn
8	Katy Jackson	Toby Pickersgill
9	Isla Teasdale	David Evans
10	Kate Lovegreen	Jacob Smith
11	Lee Everitt	Ben Hopper
12	Catherine Smith	Myran Lynch-Bathgate
13	Josh Hook	Kayleigh Jennings

Student of the Month

Art	
Year 7	Milly Smith
Year 8	Annabel Wilson
Year 9	Jacob Dennison
Year 10	Rosie MacKenzie
Year 11	Harriet Fawcett
Year 12	Garima Rai
Year 13	Naomi Moks
Business Studies	
Year 10	Connor Preston
Year 11	Grace Wilkinson
Year 12	Rob Tarren
Year 13	Stephanie Reay
Classics	
Year 10	Lily Sammells
Year 11	Rebecca Boddy
Year 12	Alannah Whiteley
Year 13	Luke Holdsworth
Dance	
Year 7	Olivia Stones
Year 9	Declan Thurlow
Year 10	Jaye Bowers
Year 11	Emma Hardcastle
Year 12	Louise Hill



Drama	
Year 7	Victoria Auger
Year 8	Sophie Spink
Year 9	Carys Andrews
Year 10	Lucy Jowett
Year 11	Sacha Flint Michael Johnson
Year 12	Pip Mountjoy
Year 13	Ben Cain
DT	
Year 7	Katy Darkings
Year 8	Jasmine Guy
Year 9	Samya Kelly
Year 10	Genna Odziemski
Year 11	Meg Cunningham
Year 12	Dan Webb
Year 13	Tom Dennis
English	
Year 7	James Greer
Year 8	Charlie Foster-Metcalf
Year 9	Sophie Webb
Year 10	Sam Pilkington
Year 11	Elizabeth Moulding
Year 12 Language	Laura Hodgson
Year 12 Literature	Natasha Albrighton
Year 12 Language	Fiona Galloway
Year 13 Literature	Ben Bason
French	
Year 7	Owen Ford
Year 8	Nathan Hedley
Year 9	Rachel Waters
Year 10	Kate Lovegreen
Year 11	Alice Dawes
Year 12	Caitlin Richards
Year 13	Julie Scullion
Food Technology	
Year 7	Jessie Smith
Year 8	Libby Boynton
Year 9	Bridget Vitty
Year 10	Charlotte Young
Year 11	Zoe Reed
Year 12	Richard Fraser
Year 13	Laura Kirk
German	
Year 8	Hannah Dennis
Year 9	Tom Peacock
Year 10	Beth Hodgson
Year 11	Ellie Braithwaite
Year 12	Victoria Carter
Year 13	Ed Pollicott Jamie Kearney

Geography	
Year 7	Bilyana Batsalova
Year 8	Rachel Newton-Hall
Year 9	Sally Pearson
Year 10	Carl Wolstenholme
Year 11	Nathan Appleton
Year 12	Sally-Ann Cope
Year 13	Georgia Moss
Government & Politics	
Year 12	Jordan Thurlow
Year 13	Jess Williams-Bray
Health & Social Care	
Year 10	Zoe Hikk
Year 11	Rebekah Johnson
Year 12	Charlotte Armstrong Becky Young
Year 13	Rebecca Trew hitt
BTEC	James Sewart
History	
Year 7	Caitlin Martin
Year 8	Ben Hunt
Year 9	Bridget Vitty
Year 10	Elizabeth McNamara
Year 11	Sam Devlin
Year 12	Natalie Hunt
Year 13	Sarah Gill
ICT	
Year 7	Jade Bacon
Year 8	Tim Dawson
Year 9	Lucy Owens
Year 10	Ben Hawtin
Year 11	Chris Colquhoun
Year 12	Amber Bell
Year 13	Katie Pearson
Computing	Jack Grainger
Literacy	
Year 8	Bharat Chhantel
Year 9	Charlotte Taylor
Latin	
Year 8	Hattie Charlton
Year 9	Samya Kelly
Year 10	Kate Lovegreen
Year 11	Emily Redican-Bradford
Year 12	Helen Mulholland
Maths	
Year 7	Victoria Auger
Year 8	Anna Bray
Year 9	Clare Heseltine
Year 10	Artemas Dawson



Year 11	Elizabeth Moulding
Year 12	Jenny Snape
Year 13	Nick Robinson
Media	
Year 10	Kristie Edwards
Year 11	Louis Atkins
Year 12	Lily McNabb
Music	
Year 7	Cerys Scotting
Year 8	Chelsea Sowden
Year 9	Jade O'Mahoney
Year 10	Nico Cara
Year 11	Phil Guy
Year 12	Mark Millman
Year 13	Ben Mercer
PE	
Year 7	James Donoghue
Year 8	Josh Dowson
Year 9	Marc Loftus
Year 10	Curtis Swift
Year 11	Sam Devlin
Year 12	Dan Webb
Year 13	Chris Garside
Psychology	
Year 12	Kim Gill
Year 13	Lorena Keating
Religious Studies	
Year 7	Caitlin Martin
Year 8	Billy Gaines
Year 9	Harry Sunter
Year 10	Ryan Herring
Year 11	Elizabeth Moulding
Year 12	Georgia Hill
Year 13	Josh Hook
Science	
Year 7	Aaron Auton
Year 8	Neha Phansalker
Year 9	Charlie Job
Year 10	Kate Howard
Year 11	Sophie Stokes
Year 12	Sam Creek
Year 13	Joe Vernon
Textiles	
Year 7	Todd Watkins
Year 8	Beth Connolly
Year 9	Tim Griffen
Year 10	Sophie Lancaster
Year 11	Jenny Blake
Year 12	Laura Leathley
Year 13	Maddy Wade
Travel & Tourism	
Year 12 Travel	Rob Tarren

Year 12 Sport	Eddy Anderson
A2 Travel and Tourism	Katie Wilson
BTEC Level 3	Stephen Orton
BTEC Sport	Kat Hall
Work Skills	Kim Gunning

Safeguarding

Child Protection Policy

The latest version of the Policy has now been published on our School Website and is available from the School as a hard copy upon request.

Collection of Students by Parents

If students have medical appointments during the day, we ask that parents come to collect their child from Reception and ensure that they are returned to school after the appointment. Safeguarding restrictions mean that we simply cannot allow children to leave the School site unaccompanied.

Jenna Potter – Deputy Headteacher

International Success for Richard Pawley

Congratulations to Richard Pawley who has just been selected for the GB Freestyle Kayaking U15 Squad.

He will be competing at Northampton next week and will travel with the squad to Canada next year.

Josh Dowson (U13) and Tom Pickering (U14) have both been selected to play Cricket for the Durham Schools squads.

Beth Vickerman, Year 10, recently represented Yorkshire for Badminton in the U15 National Team Challenge in London. 36 counties entered and Yorkshire won. A great achievement for the team and for Beth!

Ski Success

Brother and Sister, **Sam and Honor Clissold** have returned from another very



successful ski season representing Great Britain.

Sam was one of only six athletes from the British Alpine Development Team selected to represent Team GB at the European Youth Olympic Festival in February and is now hopeful of selection for the World Youth Championships in Innsbruck next year.

Honor finishes the season on a high as she is now ranked as number 1 girl in the UK after winning Overall Children 2 Champion (Female) at the British Championships in Meribel. What made this a particularly great achievement for Honor is that these girls are all 1996 (and will be FIS racers next season) whereas as she is December 1997, so the youngest competitor in the age group. Honor's Super G trophy was presented by HRH Prince Edward.

School Ski Club

We are delighted to announce that we have just received a grant from the Skiers' Trust of Great Britain which we are hoping will help with competition costs and extra training.

Victoria Roberts – School Ski Co-ordinator

Equestrian Team

The recently formed School Equestrian Team, which involves students from all year groups and now has 35 members, recently made the long trip to compete at the Royal Windsor Horse Show in the Inter Schools Show Jumping competition. Team members were: Laura Jobling (Yr 11) – Captain, Will Langstaff (Yr 8), Courtenay Trainor (Yr 8), Kim Chapman (Yr 10) and our travelling reserve, Betham Smith (Yr 10). The students travelled down on Friday and settled the ponies into their stables, alongside all of the Military horses that were involved in the show. Our accommodation (tents) was not quite so luxurious!



We were also incredibly lucky and grateful to receive sponsorship from Millbry Hill, our local tack shop and the ponies looked very smart with their new saddle cloths. The competition began in the afternoon and there were 27 schools competing from all over the Country. We didn't get placed this time, in what was our first big competition but the students were fantastic ambassadors for their school and the results showed that they competed at a very high standard in a very competitive field.

The next aim for the School is to qualify teams and individuals at Bishop Burton in June for the National Schools' Championships at Addington Manor in Buckinghamshire in October.

Katy Darkings, Year 7, also competed in the Shetland Pony Grand National at Windsor on Saturday and Sunday, 6 and 7 May achieving 6th place.

Tracey Fox – Team Manager

Creative Arts Specialism



Student achievement

All candidates in the latest round of instrumental exams have had success.

Associated Board:

Clare Bramley (Year 9) Grade 2 Clarinet
Harriet Charlton (Year 8) Grade 3 Flute
Grant Dalton (Year 9) Grade 4 Trombone
Kieren Doshi (Year 9) Grade 2 Clarinet
Jasmine Guy (Year 8) Grade 6 Cornet
Cherry Hornby (Year 8) Grade 4 Clarinet
Samya Kelly (Year 9) Grade 1 Oboe
Sophie Overin (Year 9) Grade 8 Clarinet
Jennifer Snape (Year 12) Grade 7 Flute
Jonathan Coddington (Year 13) Grade 5 Theory

Trinity Exams:

Jonathan Coddington (Year 13) Grade 3 Piano
Danni McLachlan (Year 10) Grade 1 Keyboard
Ailsa Smith (Year 13) Grade 6 Piano

Rockschool:

Ben Bason (Year 13) Grade 6 Guitar
Jonathan Coddington (Year 13) Grade 6 Guitar
Ian Featherstone (Year 13) Grade 6 Guitar

Congratulations to **Philip Guy** who has won a place at the **Royal Northern College of Music** for September 2011 to attend their Saturday Morning Music School. This prestigious opportunity means travelling to Manchester every Saturday, receiving lessons on the trombone, piano and theory/composition as well as taking part in various ensembles.

Many of you may have seen **Leyburn Brass Band** on the TV show 'Dales Diary' – TV fame for **Mark Millman** (Year 12), **Sammy Rawson** (Year 12) and **Jonathan Coustick** (Year 11).

Visitors to the school will see that the Music department now has a '**Wall of Fame**' including current students and also those who have gone on to achieve success in the world of music.

We wish the best to our many **Year 13 students** who are going on to do **Higher Education arts courses** in a wide range of disciplines, including Fine Art, Media Production, Stage Management, Fashion, Dance and Performance. Notably, six out of seven of our Year 13 Music/ Music Tech students are planning to continue these studies at university next year, all at excellent institutions including London College of Music and Leeds College of Music.

Congratulations also to former student **Caitlin Robinson** who, having completed her Fine Art foundation course at Leeds, has just been accepted by **Glasgow Art School** into the second year of a degree in Sculpture – a real honour from a highly prestigious institution.



For the **Swaledale Festival**, Jenny Ash (Year 13) and Max Dalton (Year 12) will be taking part in **Alexander Markov's Violin Masterclass** on 8th June, 3 – 5.30pm at St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale. Several students will also be taking part in the **Absolution clarinet/saxophone workshop** on 6th June, at 8pm at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg. Both these workshops are open to audiences – for tickets ring the Festival box office on 01248 880019.

New ensembles: **Flute Choir** on Tuesday lunchtimes and a **choir for male voices** on Wednesday lunchtimes. Wind Band, Choir, Brass and Guitar Group are still rehearsing



this term and plan to take part in the **Creative Arts Showcase on 11th July.**

We are currently planning a six-day **Music Tour to Denmark** at Easter 2012. The cost will be approximately £600 depending on numbers, and includes sailing Harwich-Esbjerg, three concerts and visits to places such as Legoland, Tivoli Gardens and the Hans Christian Anderson museum. Details will be available before half term and a deposit of £50 will be required after half term, with the balance due in October and January. Please don't hesitate to contact the Music department if you wish to know more about this opportunity.

A gentle reminder again: please can students bring their own **headphones** into Music lessons as we no longer provide them. This should now be part of their equipment for the lesson along with their exercise books.



Breakin' Point Boys Dance Company are Matthew Redfearn (Year 7), Charlie Bond (Year 7), Ben Edwards (Year 7), Christopher Gill (Year 8), James Probert (Year 8), Dominic Clarke (Year 8) and Andrew Creer (Year 9). On 18th May they gave a fantastic performance and workshop at Richmond Methodist Primary School for pupils in Year 5 and 6, promoting the amazing talent we have at Richmond School. The boys have been working really hard since September. Here are a few thoughts from the day: *'I enjoyed working as a team when delivering the workshop'* **Charlie Bond**

'It was great teaching at Richmond Methodist Primary' **Dom Clarke**

'I enjoyed helping groups create their performance and seeing their ideas' **Andrew Creer**



Upcoming performances at the Georgian Theatre

(Box Office 01748 825252)

Thurs 26th May, 7.30pm: Georgian Youth Theatre presents **Sweet William**, featuring Richmond School students

Cabaret Mack-Beth

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Success can be a real drag.

1930s Berlin. Smoke. Mirrors. Music. Decadence. Welcome to the Pilot's Thumb Cabaret... a sequined demi-monde of divas and vagabonds, where glamour is rife, limelight is lethal and nothing is quite what it seems. Mack-Beth is a transvestite chanteuse whose star is rising. His drag-kicking svengali, Lady MC, goads him into drastic action to secure their reign over Berlin's cabaret scene. Only Fraulein Upzeduff, the heavily pregnant dominatrix, is



onto them. And she has a plan up her gauntlet... Mooncalf Theatre, Richmond School's Sixth Form company, invites you to imbibe a heady cocktail of live jazz, tongue-in-cheek comedy, misplaced lust and the odd line from Shakespeare. Come if you dare. Expect the unexpected. Enjoy responsibly.

Friday 17th June, 7.30pm: Mooncalf Theatre (Richmond School's Sixth Form company) presents **Cabaret Mack-Beth** at the Georgian Theatre Royal (Box Office 01748 825252). This original play takes a few risks and is completely different from anything we've ever done before. **We want to perform this to a packed house**, so come along and bring a friend!!

Friday 24th June, 7.30pm: **Richmondshire Has Talent Showcase**, featuring Freya Mawhinney (Year 9) and Nicholas Heitler (Year 10) as the two support acts – Freya will be singing and Nicholas will perform one of his original comedy monologues.

Mon 27th – Tue 28th June, 7.30pm: Georgian Youth Theatre presents **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**, featuring Richmond School students.



All production photos in this item are of 'Woyzeck' and 'Oedipus Rex', from the AS Level performance at the Georgian Theatre Royal in March.

Liz Mass – Director of Creative Arts

Russia trip 2011

Over the Easter holidays forty History and Politics students and four staff embarked on Richmond School's third trip to Russia.



The trip included visits to Red Square (an absolute picture at night, with snow falling), the Kremlin (home of the Russian government) and the outstandingly decorated metro system – definitely a distant cousin of the grubby London Underground.

Surviving this testing time, we boarded the train to St Petersburg and also our home for the night. Visits included the death place of Rasputin, the glorious Hermitage Museum and numerous churches. Our time in St Petersburg was capped by an evening at a folk show, where the invitation to 'dance yourself Russian' was warmly embraced. The staff agreed it was one of the most enjoyable and rewarding trips they had been on, thanks to the great attitude and conduct of all the students. We would also like to thank Richmond School Trustees for their help funding the trip.

Alison Dakin & Tim Grimwood – Trip Leaders

Uniform Sales

We will be selling school uniform to Year 6 students on the evenings of 29 and 30 June (3.45 – 6.00 pm) in The James Tate Restaurant. If parents of older children in



the School would like to take advantage of this evening then do call in. We will be open between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm.

Website

Our Website holds a range of information that we hope is useful to parents. This includes:

- Letters sent home
- Policies
- School Dates
- Handbooks
- Newsletters
- Exam Information

If there is something you think we should include that doesn't yet appear, then please do not hesitate to let us know.

Taverners Cricket

Unfortunately the Year 10 Cricket Team was defeated after a valiant effort against Repton School in the national stages of the Lord Taverners Cricket Cup. The team should, however, be proud of its achievement and for how well the players performed against a very strong cricketing school.



Last week both the Year 10 and Year 9 Cricket Teams were back to winning ways in the Yorkshire Cup with emphatic victories against Laurence Jackson and Wensleydale School respectively.

Jonathan Kellett

Richmond School Cheerleading Success

Richmond's Level 2 Cheerleading Squad brought home great success from the British Cheerleading Association National Schools Competition during Easter! They achieved 2nd place in the country for their all girl stunt group (Chelsea Foreman, Karis Barnes, Georgia Peck, Sarah Hall and Millie Cartwright) and 6th place in the country for their level 2 Cheerleading routine. They had a fantastic day and performed to their very best.

Lynsey Carruthers

Extra Curricular Sport

The following practices are running. This term:

Cricket

Year 7 – Mondays - 3.45pm- 5pm
Year 8 - Mondays & Fridays - 3.45pm-5pm
Year 9 - Fridays at lunchtimes

Rounders

Year 7/8/9 – Mondays - 3.45pm – 5pm

Athletics Club

Year 7/8/9/10 –Thursdays - 3.45pm –5pm

Softball

Years 9/10 - Mondays - 3.45pm - 5pm

Cheerleading

Years 7 – Thursdays 3.45pm - 5pm (anyone welcome)
Fridays - 3.45pm-5pm - by invite only

Area Athletics

Congratulations to the following students who qualified and were selected to represent the Area Athletics Team at the County Championships on 11 June at Ryedale Stadium, York:



Year 9 Students

Bethany Edgar - 100m & Relay

Year 10 Students

Sam Turner - 100m & Relay (also won 200m at the trials)

Adam Simpson - 400m

Dylan Wardale - Triple Jump

Joseph Smith - Shot

Joss Mercer - Javelin

Year 11 Students

Lucy Lundberg - 200m

Emma Morris - 800m

Jamie Metcalfe - 800m

Year 12 Students

Max Coates - 1500m (also won 800m & 3000m at the trials)

Lesley Abbey – PE Teacher

Connexions

Connexions Careers Advisers are available in all schools and colleges to help students to make a plan for what they would like to do in the future. Students should talk to their Careers Co-ordinator to find out how to arrange a meeting.

From 1 April 2011 to make careers information, advice and guidance more accessible students can:

- ❖ **Call** the ask-a-careers-adviser service on 0845 0349577 between 5pm and 9pm on Monday to Friday to talk to a Careers Adviser
- ❖ **Text ask** to the ask-a-careers-adviser service on 81066
- ❖ **Email** the ask-a-careers-adviser service at getconnectednow@northyorks.gov.uk and a Careers Adviser will contact you
- ❖ **Look** on the Get Connected Now ask-a-careers-adviser Facebook page to find out what is new

- ❖ **Visit** www.getconnectednow.co.uk -- the website that links you with careers, learning and work.

If students have internet access, they can explore Get Connected Now at any time. There are several pages of information:

- ❖ **Did you know** – answers all kinds of questions students might ask about their options
- ❖ **Qualifications and Pathways** – explore the different routes students might take
- ❖ **Local courses** – find out where students can access courses
- ❖ **About work** – find the answers to such questions as “How many hours can I work?” and “what will I get paid?”
- ❖ **Careers** – information about hundreds of different careers
- ❖ **Make preparations** – including help to revise for exams, write a CV, work experience, volunteering and much more
- ❖ **Links** to over 250 useful websites
- ❖ **A list showing the careers and opportunities section of nearly 200 national and local company websites**
- ❖ **The National Apprenticeship Service current vacancies**
- ❖ **Labour Market Information** relating to the local area including a link to the website LMI YNY (Labour Market Information York and North Yorkshire)

There is also information about events and news, and a section for parents/carers to help them to support their child.

Chris Ball – Careers Co-ordinator

