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NEW SCHOOL DESIGN

The design for the new school is being considered by the Planning Authority on 28 April and work will begin on site in July this year. We are "interviewing" several large construction companies who all want to be involved in what will be a show piece school (one of only three schools being built with £2m of additional funding for "sustainability" - £32m in total).

Once the contractors have been appointed, they will be included in ongoing detailed discussions to ensure that the phasing programme is managed in such a way that it will not disrupt teaching and learning.

Our intention is to create a very attractive sixth form block in the first phase (completed by January 2008) plus a new sports hall, then work our way across the site through a three or four phase process, including a major refurbishment of Middle School. The whole process will be completed by September 2009 when the whole school will all be housed on one site.

WEB SITE

We are pleased to report that our new School Web Site has now been launched.

We are very aware that this is a service that parents rely upon in order to access both routine information and news items, and I apologise that it's taken longer than anticipated to get the new site up and running.

We see this launch very much as the starting point and have strategies in place to ensure that the Website continues to develop over the coming months and beyond.

We would welcome feedback, including suggestions regarding further information that it would be helpful to have on the site.

I would like at this stage to express the School's appreciation of the work done on our

behalf by Colin Black and Aurelie Fornara of Polyspaston Ltd.

Colin is a recently retired School Governor who very kindly, along with his son, Chris, (an ex student of Richmond School) offered their professional services as Website designers to redesign our site, free of charge. We are delighted with the outcome and feel that Colin and Aurelie's guidance and input has been invaluable.

We are grateful for all that Colin and Aurelie have done to date and are delighted that they are prepared to continue working with us in the future.

EASTER ACTIVITIES

The following study visits and trips are taking place during the Easter holiday this year:

- Year 8-11 Ski-ing to Muhl Bach, Austria
- Year 12-13 Russian Study Visit
- Year 11,12 and 13 Study Visit to Iceland
- Yrs 8, 9, 10, 11,12, 13 Football Trip to Barcelona

We are very lucky at Richmond School to have so many committed and hard working staff who are prepared to provide extra activity trips and support for students. My thanks go to all staff who are accompanying the students.

PHOTOGRAPHING AND VIDEOING CHILDREN

The School is required to obtain parental approval for its use of images involving children under the age of 16. Those students over the age of 16 will be asked to give their own approval.

Attached is the School Policy and Consent Form and I'd be grateful if you would kindly

complete and return it to school as soon as possible.

'PHONE CALLS HOME

We are now finding that an ever growing number of students come to Reception throughout each day asking to use the school 'phone because of forgotten PE kit, workbooks, etc., which they need parents to bring in to them.

Having scrutinised some of our recent telephone bills we feel that we need to rationalise the way in which we use our telephones in order to reduce costs.

It is our intention therefore to start making a charge to students who ask to use the school 'phone: 20p to land line numbers and 40p to mobiles.

LOST PROPERTY

There is now a large amount of unclaimed 'lost property' in school. Students who are missing personal items are asked to check by Friday, 20 April. After this date, it will be disposed of to a local charity shop.

Phil Beever - Head

FASHION RELIEF!

On Thursday 15 March, the Textile Department kicked off students' Comic Relief fund raising activities in real style with Fashion Relief! On top of all the creative and skilful fashion, music and dance on display, a whopping £885 was raised for Comic Relief.

A highlight of the evening was the bin bag challenge. Mr. and Mrs. Haslam were given the difficult task of picking a winner from some very creative, innovative and downright odd garment designs!

Special thanks go to Miss Adamson who was the driving force behind the event and to our very talented Year 9,10,11,12 & 13 Textile students and their professional, glamorous and entertaining models.

Additional thanks go to Amy Williams and Becca Davison who together compered the evening; Nicola Vane, Rhiannon Buttrey, Cathy Saunders and Mr. Batey for technical support; Chris Curry and Michael McVay for stage management; Hannah Thornborrow and Anna Russell for hair, make up and backstage organisation; Steph De'Ath, Katrina Wood,

Miss Lumb and Richmond School dance students; Mr. Williams for film and photography and the talented Dedserts, Final Authority, Escalades, Emanacious G and Spiderman (who was the man behind the mask?) for the musical entertainment.

Much fun was had from the very young to the very old. Fashion Relief will be even bigger and better next year, so watch this space!

Julie Drake – Head of Textiles

RICHMOND SCHOOL SPORT – SPRING TERM 2007

Rugby

Richmond School teams are having a great Rugby season. As a result of the work done by staff with our rugby players and the number of games and participants, we have been awarded the England Rugby Development Mark. This in recognition of all the hard work done.

Many of our boys have joined local clubs and this is a fantastic way to develop further the skills and match experience school rugby provides. We encourage all our players to join one of the local clubs. Wensleydale, Darlington and Mowden Park RF Clubs all have thriving junior sections.

We have also forged strong links with Leeds Tykes. Former British Lion, Jon Bentley has been in school helping to deliver rugby during Physical Education curriculum time.

The junior sides are progressing well, with the U14 side being invited to the Northern Counties Rugby Festival to represent Yorkshire. The team will compete against schools from Northumberland, Durham, Cheshire, Lancashire and Cumbria. The players will face very strong opposition and have been nominated due to their success in Yorkshire competitions. The U15s won the Area 7s, were runners-up in the North Yorkshire 10's Festival and progressed to an impressive stage in the Daily Mail National Competition at 15 a-side. In the U16 age group, the boys won the North Yorkshire 10's Festival.

We have many players who have achieved Hambleton & Richmondshire Area (and County) Honours:

U14

Tom Smith; George McGuigan; Josh Woodhouse; Will Gardener; Jake Lincoln; Chris Fergus; Carl Thompson (Leeds Tykes/North Yorkshire).

U15

Tom Hodgson; Tom Heap; Charley Purkiss; Rob Stanwix; Andy Fincham; Tim Jackson, (North Yorkshire); Connor Esler, (North Yorkshire); Harry Reddick, (County Durham)

U16

David Rutherford; Dan Johnson; Lewis Fenwick; Alex McAulay; Joe Larder, Yorkshire U16; Matthew Higgins, Durham U16

Two players; Alex McAulay (U18) and Connor Esler (U16), have also been invited to trial with the Scottish Exiles.

Plans are well under way for the tour to Canada in 2008 for the U15 side. They will play five matches in a three week tour of British Columbia in July 2008. The boys have been awarded £10,000 from the North Yorkshire 'Young Money' Fund, which has been a significant boost to start fundraising! There are a number of other fundraising events planned. A prize draw will be held, the winner will receive VIP tickets to Old Trafford for two. The estimated value of the VIP package is £1500. We also have a football shirt signed by Wayne Rooney in the Prize draw; two fantastic prizes to get our fundraising off the ground. There are further fundraising events being planned including a sportsman's dinner and a dinner dance, so please give support wherever possible. Joining the boys on tour are three players planning to come to Richmond VIth Form; Charlie Young (Durham U15), Jamie Fox (Durham U15) and Rob Elsworth (Hambleton & Richmondshire Area U15).

On another note, we are well into the International season. We have currently three ex pupils of Richmond School representing England at various levels. Richard Snowball, is captain of Darlington Rugby Club 1st team and is playing for England Counties. Joe Clark who is at Cambridge University and featured in the Varsity match earlier this year, has been selected to play for England Students. Calum Clark captains Barnard Castle School in the Daily Mail Cup Final, represents England U18 and has just signed a four year professional contract with Leeds Tykes.

We are in the process of organising rugby coaching at Richmond School, over the summer term, for primary students in Years 5 and 6. Older students travelling to Canada next year will assist in delivering the sessions.

If you are interested in assisting with Rugby coaching in some capacity, please make the school aware!

Dave Clark/Martin Burgess

Hockey

Congratulations to the U19 Boys' Hockey Team who are the Area Champions and to the mixed hockey team who travelled to Bedford, as the North East representative for the Finals of the Sixth Form Mixed Hockey Cup for England and Wales.

Congratulations also to the U14 Boys Hockey Team who are Area U14 Champions!

Cross Country

Well done to the following students who have been selected for the County: Daniel Overin, Sam Devlin, Chloe Richardson, Rosie Clarke and Alex Wann.

Self Defence

Girls in Year 10 and 11 have completed their 10 week self defence course and gained many skills which have equipped them to defend themselves should the need arise. All girls completing the course received a T-shirt and certificate. Well done to all who took part. Watch out for more activities like this in the future.

Football

Following the success of the Year 7 Girls' Football Team at the Area Tournament they went to play in the North Yorkshire 5-a-side play-off at Boroughbridge School on 28 February. They eventually finished runners up, narrowly losing 5-4 after extra time to Rossett School (Harrogate). It was a great team effort overall and the girls were a credit to Richmond School. They impressed the opposition so much that they've been invited to play them next season.

Congratulations to the boys and girls of the 5-a-side football teams, who won the Area Tournament.

Area Competitions are as follows:

Y7 Boys will play Wensleydale in Final (Beat Thirsk In Semi).

Y8 Boys will play Allertonshire in Final (Beat Thirsk In Semi).

Y9 Boys unfortunately lost out to Thirsk in Semi on Penalties.

Y10 Boys will play either Northallerton or Stokesley in Final (Beat Risedale in Semi) Y11 Boys unfortunately lost out to Thirsk in Semi on Penalties..

Y11 7-a-side Area competition - reached final but unfortunately were beaten 1-0 against Stokesley.

County Football

The Year 11 Team did really well to achieve last 4 in this competition when they played Canon Lee School from York in Semi. The score was 1-1 after normal time and the game went to extra time, where Richmond unfortunately lost 3-1 (Story of their season!).

U15s County Trials

Congratulations to the following Year 10s who made it through the selection into the North Yorkshire County Teams: Luke Newton ,Tom Sweeney and Danielle Boyd

Barcelona Football Trip - Good luck to all the students who are going on the 'Barcelona Football Trip'. Hopefully we will have a tremendous time and come back with lots of great memories! (and trophies).

Jon Bielby – PE Teacher

Swimming

Congratulations to all who participated in the Area Championships at Bedale Leisure Centre. It was an excellent team performance, with the Intermediate Girls winning the Girls Trophy. Well done to the U18 Boys and Intermediate girls, who finished second.

Young Leaders

Eighteen Year 7 boys and girls have completed the Young Leaders Award, which will allow them to use their playtimes effectively, by organising games for their peers.

Rebecca Shaw - School Sport Co-ordinator

PTA NEWS

During this term the PTA has held two Committee meetings and served refreshments at four Parents' Evenings.

Money Raised Since Last Time Reported

21 Oct Year - 11 Parents Evening	£15.93
30 Nov-2 Dec – Joseph	£1,001.02
6 Dec - Yr 12 Parents' Evening	£13.88
18 Dec - Christmas Concert	£195.40
10 Jan - Year 8 Parents Evening	£15.87
Total:	£1,242.10

Photography – Portrait Session

Following on from the very successful Photographic Day last September, a further Portrait Session has been booked on **Saturday 5 May 2007** – 10am - 4pm (Appointments System) in Middle School.

This is an opportunity to have great photographs taken by a very good company, whether you want individual family photos or family groups, at bargain prices. The normal cost of a session would be £49.95 but it is being offered for £10.00 which is donated to school. You get the session plus a free 9x6 mounted print of your choice. Further prints are available to buy on the day if you so wish and they start at £6.95. The photographic sessions last approx 20 minutes, after which you will be able to view and select your 9x6 print and any other choices you may wish to make.

This is a good opportunity for that special photograph you've always meant to get round to having taken, whilst helping fundraise for school.

Anyone interested in having an appointment, please telephone 01748-824358 to make the necessary arrangements.

Midsummer Raffle

The Committee is planning a Midsummer Raffle and is seeking prizes from businesses, parents etc. Tickets will be printed shortly and a book of raffle tickets will be sent home with the students. Please support this fundraiser by buying/selling 1 book of tickets (5 tickets). If anyone is able to donate a prize please either send it in to School Reception with your child or telephone The Secretary of the Committee on 01748-824447.

100 Club

We have 105 members in the monthly draw now. If you would like to join this draw and have the chance of winning either £50, £25 or £10 each month, please telephone Julie on 01748-822874, who will make the necessary arrangements.

You can join at any time in the year and pay a pro-rata amount. The annual amount is £25.

Date Of Next Committee Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 23 April 2007 at Richmond Cricket Club at 7.30 pm. Please put this date in your diaries if you would like to become part of the Committee. **New members are needed from all school years.**

Penny Hillary - Secretary