



RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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BUILDING OUR NEW SCHOOL

As you will be aware from the local media, the build cost of the new school has come in over budget. Consequently the construction work is on hold until costs can be reduced and then the work will recommence in late February. The Architects (Atkins) and the construction company (Shepherds) are very keen to get the programme back on track so that we have the Sixth Form Centre ready for the Autumn Term. We are all frustrated by delays but we will get a school to be proud of, and with minimal disruption to the daily lives of our students. The £32m budget represents a once in a life time opportunity for Richmond to gain a showcase school that the community is proud of. We intend to ensure the money is spent well and a month or two of delay is worth having in order to gain the facilities we all deserve.

RICHMOND SCHOOL PROVES OUTSTANDING PROGRESS IN DCSF ATTAINMENT TABLES

The 2007 Secondary School GCSE Achievement and Attainment Tables have now been published.

We are delighted that the tables confirm the School's continued outstanding progress, which is the result of innovative teaching, hard working students and supportive parents.

5 x A*-C

Richmond School : 71%
North Yorkshire : 66%
England 61%

5 x A*-C (including English and Maths)

Richmond School 62%
North Yorkshire : 54%
England : 46%

'OXBRIDGE'

Congratulations to the following three students who have now received 'Oxbridge' offers:

Jo Gray (St Hilda's College, Oxford)
Helena Hunt (Newnham College, Cambridge)
Rob Knibbs (Lincoln College, Oxford)

SIXTH FORM ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS

Work is now underway by students in the Sixth Form to produce an alternative prospectus and promotional DVD. Watch this space!

Phil Beever - Head

AMALA FUND RAISING

Promises Auction

In July of this year we are taking 20 Sixth Form students to work at the Amala Children's Home in Tamil Nadu in Southern India. As part of our fund raising for this exciting venture we are holding a Promises Auction in Lower School Hall on Friday, 14 March, with a 7.30 p.m. start. Admission costs £4 and £2.50 for concessions: a complimentary drink is included in the price of the tickets. There will be a bar for further refreshments. Tickets can be purchased in advance from Middle School Reception or bought on the door. Come along, support a good cause and have a great night out!

Robert Mooney Cycles For Charity

Many of you will have read in the Press recently about Robert's 7 mile cycle ride for charity. He was inspired to undertake this event after hearing his teacher talk about the Amala Project, which is aimed at improving lives in India's poorest regions. Robert raised £500 and is a wonderful example to the rest of the school.

Going for A Song

Sophie Dawes came up with a novel way of fundraising for the Amala trip. She organised a church music auction in St Mary's Parish Church at which people were asked to bid for their favourite hymns and anthems to be sung by the parish church choir.

K Craven/N Hansell/J Brettell - Trip Organisers

SCHOOL SPORT

Hockey

Since September the girls have played fixtures in all age groups, from Years 8 to 13.

At U14 level they have remained unbeaten in all games (excluding the U14 Rally where they came 4th overall) The U13 Rally follows in March.

The U15's have played only a few games and have still to make their mark – their Rally is coming up after Half Term. They played a mixed hockey intra school fixture before Christmas. As a group of students they are a delight to coach.

The U16's have had only one fixture recently, and in an exciting game v Ripon Grammar they were victorious, final score 5 – 3.

The Sixth Form girls have had many highly competitive games without any success, though there have been excellent performances by individual players. Their final game v Ripon Grammar was a 1 – 0 win. Home and Away they are a credit to our school.

Again we have entered the Mixed Hockey Cup – and started as we mean to go on with wins against John Leggott (7–0) and Bilbrough (4–1). We play Greenhead College on 6 February, in our last regional game. The team work extremely hard for each other, producing excellent performances.

Cross Country

13 of our students competed for the Area in the North Yorkshire Cross-Country Championships on Saturday 26th January:

Year 7: Charlotte Young, Daniel Osbourn, Dylan Wardale, Nathan O'Connor

Year 8: Chloe Richardson, Daniel Overin, Sam Devlin

Year 9: Holly Richardson

Year 10: Rosie Clarke, Naomi Moks

Year 12: Adam Scott

Year 13: Toby Heywood, Alec Wann

Daniel Osbourn, Chloe Richardson, Holly Richardson, Rosie Clarke and Alec Wann all finished in the top 10 to qualify for the next round and to represent the County in the English Schools Championships.

Year 7 Football

Manager: Mr Bielby

Results 2007-08:

Area	v	SFX	Won 3-0
Friendly	v	Thirsk 'A'	Won 4-0
Friendly	v	Thirsk 'B'	Won 5-1
Friendly	v	Risedale	Won 12-0
Friendly	v	Wensleydale	Lost 3-2
Friendly	v	Bedale	Draw 3-3

Year 8 Football

Manager: Mr Burgess

Honours: Y7Area 11aside, 7aside, 5aside Winners

Results 2007-08:

Friendly	v	SFX	Draw 4-4
Friendly	v	Stokesley	Won 4-1
Friendly	v	Thirsk	Draw 3-3
Friendly	v	Risedale	Lost 4-3
Friendly	v	Wensleydale	Lost 2-1
County	v	Rossett	Won 2-1
Friendly	v	Bedale	Won 5-1

Area Representatives: Sam Devlin, Lewis Stabler, Dan Jones, Tim Holmes

Year 9 Football

Manager: Mr Coldwell

Results 2007-08:

Area	v	SFX	Lost 4-3
County Cup	v	King James	Won 5-3
Friendly	v	Thirsk	Draw 2-2
Friendly	v	Bedale	Draw 3-3

Area Representatives: Ben Gamblen, Dale Gracie, Kevin Robinson Conrad Tack

Year 10 Football

Manager: Mr Bielby

Results 2007-08:

Friendly	v	Stokesley	Lost 4-1
Friendly	v	SFX	Won 9-0
County Cup	v	Thirsk	Won 2-1
Area Cup	v	NA College	Lost 3-0
Friendly	v	Bedale	Won 6-2

Area Representatives: Arron Mornington

Year 11 Football

Manager: Mr Snape

Honours: Y9, 10 Area Winners, Y11 7aside Winners

Results 2007-08:

Friendly	v	SFX	Won 5-1
Area	v	Risedale	Won 12-1
Friendly	v	Wensleydale	Won 5-1
County Cup	v	Canon Lee	Lost 2-1
Area	v	Bedale	Won 2-0

1st Team Football

Manager: Mr Bielby

Results 2007-08:

Friendly	v	Booth am	Won 7-1
National	v	Kenton	Won 3-0
U19 League	v	Easingwold	Lost 3-1
National	v	Bury Grammar	Won 2-1
U19 League	v	Stokesley	Draw 2-2
U19 Trophy	v	Sherburn	Won 4-0

Area Representatives: Adam Cunningham, Louis Potter, Sean Radford, Josh Lincoln

County Representative: Adam Cunningham

First XV Rugby - Results and Reports

Dame Allan's *Lost 44-12 Daily Mail Vase.*

The experience and speed of the Dame Allan's backs were too much for our novice players. For some of our team this was the first game of their school career.

Yarm 2nds *Won 21-15*

Man of the match E Hunter

We played a combined side from Yarm School, which did include some of their 1st team players.

We could only field 14 fit players but still managed to win.

Barnard Castle 2nds Lost 36-5
Man of the Match J. Twist

The strength and experience of the 'Barney' side meant they managed to score on every chance we gave them. Richmond were camped on the 'Barney' goal line for much of the game but failed to turn the pressure into points.

Prince Henry's Grammar School Otley
Lost 50-0

Man of the Match J Ascough

This was the first round of the Yorkshire Cup. Prince Henry's were extremely big, strong and physical. We suffered several injuries and always struggled to match the Otley side for speed and strength.

Tadcaster Grammar School Won 31-0
Man of the Match A. Fincham

The experience of previous games was evident in our win against Tadcaster. There were several scoring chances which we failed to take but when the team was going well we scored easily.

Despite some heavy defeats the team spirit continues to improve. We are looking forward to playing the return fixtures in the Spring Term where our improvement in team work and experience will hopefully show in the results. Fixtures still to play are Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form, Yarm U17's, Barnard Castle Development Team, Tadcaster Grammar, Ripon Grammar, King James, and Prince Henry's.

Primary Swimming Gala

The first Primary School Swimming Gala for many years took place on Thursday 29 November at Richmond Pool. Many thanks to all of the young leaders who ran the event, with help from Ryan Livingstone, Swimming Development Officer. Many of the primary school staff commented on how fantastic our students were and how much the primary school children enjoyed the event.

Thanks to Katie Usher, Tracey Higgins, Naomi Mott, Jacob Atwood, Tom Thorogood, Catherine Henderson, Rebecca Henderson.

Football Level One

Congratulations to all of the students who completed their Level 1 Football Coaching Award at Richmond School. We now have eight boys qualified at Level 1. I am hoping to run more courses like this in the future

NEW! Boxercise Classes

Look out for details of boxercise classes at school. These will be available to girls in Years 10, 11, 12, and 13, and are a fantastic opportunity to get fit and have fun!

Area Gymnastics Competition

Congratulations to all of the girls who competed in the Area gymnastics competition on 23 January at Northallerton. For many of the girls it was their first

experience of gymnastics competition, and all performed brilliantly!

Rebecca Shaw - School Sports Co-ordinator

Tesco Vouchers

Many thanks to everybody who sent in the Tesco sports vouchers prior to the Christmas break. With a concerted effort we managed to collect over 25,000. This is great news because it was well over the target we set ourselves. The vouchers have been put to excellent use, enabling the School to order 6 new table tennis tables and some boxercise equipment - both of which will help us add to the Physical Education programme and to offer a wider range of activities for students. This does also mean that we are looking for more help running activities for students - if parents have any contacts that would be of help, could they please contact the PE Department.

Richard Meacher - PE Teacher

UKMT SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

68 students from Years 11, 12 and 13 have taken part in the Senior Maths Challenge. Dan Harvey (Year 13) achieved the 'best in school' mark and the students achieved 4 silver and 8 bronze certificates. Well done to all who took part and thanks go to Ms Johnson for organising the event. A team of four Year 12 Further Mathematicians - Wil Jones, Max Goulding, Dan Robinson and Jonathan Weightman took part in the regional finals of the Senior Team Challenge at Royal Grammar School, Newcastle. The team participated in a group competition, a mathematical relay and a paired cross number puzzle. Richmond School came 7th out of 12, which is a fantastic achievement as many teams included Year 13 students. Well done to the team and watch out next year!

L Richardson - Head of Maths