

# NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

## Welcome to our October Newsletter

The first half-term has seen us immediately looking ahead and supporting our students in their Careers planning. We are rightly proud of our 'Quality in Careers Standard' and the high-quality ongoing Careers advice and guidance that takes place in school and college. Our Careers team, comprising Miss Pemberton, Miss Hamer and Mr Soroczan have been busy working with individual students and have also organised two additional events to support students. In September we held our second Careers Fair, which involved many local employers and national bodies coming into school to talk to our students first hand about their industry. In October, the students enjoyed a Careers workshop organised by BBC Bitesize, this time involving interviews with visiting guests about their careers. We are delighted to be able to offer this level of enrichment.

Presentation Evening saw the return to school of former student Rebecca Lundberg, who was honoured to be our guest speaker this year. Rebecca has gone on to have an outstanding career in the music industry and we were genuinely humbled to hear her very moving and wise words. Again it was an evening during which we celebrated being part of a uniquely warm and caring local community, who do so much to support our school and students.

More than anything though, the start of this school year has been about establishing really high standards for all of our students. We want them to experience lessons and enrichment activities that are of the highest quality. The ban on mobile phones and Smartwatches has had a dramatic and positive impact, as have the five key routines that have been introduced. Students are really adapting well and have risen to the challenges set with determination and good humour. We are also encouraging as many students as possible to take part in extra-curricular activities- there is a vast range to choose from and most definitely something for everyone. I hope you all enjoy a great half-term break,

Best wishes,

Jenna Potter  
Headteacher



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## RICHMOND SIXTH FORM STUDENTS ACHIEVE 100% PASS RATE.

Over 100 Year 13 students from Richmond Sixth Form College received their A-Level and CTEC results today. The students achieved a 100% pass rate in a wide variety of subjects, a fantastic achievement rewarding the hard work they have put in over the last two years of their sixth form studies.

These results have allowed every single student to progress to the chosen next stage of their lives, be that further academic study at university, starting an employment-based degree apprenticeship, taking a year out to gain employment and life experience, or to move straight into employment. Richmond Sixth Form College is proud to have been a part of the preparation of this cohort of students for their next steps and continue to support their students' wide variety of ambitions and interests.

Every individual's set of results tells a story, but what follows are some particular highlights from this year's results.

Once again, Richmond Sixth Form College has a select number of students who have gained places at Oxbridge. Peter Longstaff, former Head Student, gained two A\* grades and an A and will move on to study Geography at the University of Cambridge. Izzy Lundberg, one of Richmond's high-flying linguists, achieved 2 A grades and a B, and is looking forward to starting her French and Russian course at the University of Oxford. Finally, Emma Scott gained an A\*, an A and a B, with full marks and an A\* in her EPQ and will be moving on to the University of Cambridge to study History.







The CTEC Sport students achieved particular success this year, with Ellen Atkinson, former Head Student, gaining a clean sweep of three Distinction\* grades. Ellen has gained a place at Teesside University to study Paramedic Practice, an exceptionally competitive course to gain entry to. Josh Newell, one of the UK's best junior golfers - placing 18th in the 2022 European Open Championship - is another success story. He joined Richmond Sixth Form from Bedale High School and also achieved a clean sweep of three Distinction\* grades. He will move on to study Sport and Exercise Science at Durham University. Ellie Spencer gained a Distinction\* and two Distinction grades, with Katie Leversuch, who joined Richmond Sixth Form College from Risedale School, achieving two Distinction grades and a Merit. Both of these students will move on to study Sport and Exercise Science, at Edge Hill University and Teesside University respectively.

There was further academic excellence from a wide range of courses, continuing with the CTEC qualifications, but also A-Levels. Cora Aked, a former Deputy Head Student, achieved an exceptional four A\* grades and will move on to study Mathematics at the University of St. Andrews. Will Mawer, another former Deputy Head Student earned an A\* and two A grades, plus an A\* in his Extended Project Qualification. He will be studying Geography at Durham University. Leila Gray, who joined Richmond Sixth Form from SFX, achieved three A grades and an A\* in the Extended Project - she's looking forward to starting her Law course at the University of Sheffield.





Amongst many other individual success stories are Ruby Weaver-Cooke, with a Distinction\* and two Distinction grades - she's going into a gap year and Lydia Cooper, who joined from SFX, with two A grades and a Distinction\*. Lydia will be joining York St. John University to study Occupational Therapy. Continuing the diversity of our students' destinations, Florence Quinton-Bottley has earned a place at the University of Central Lancashire to study Veterinary Medicine and Surgery.

Another rich vein of success for Richmond Sixth Form this year was the number of students who managed to gain places on degree apprenticeships, highly competitive courses with a balance between undergraduate study and employment. Alana Teasdale has a place as a Chartered Rural Surveyor apprentice at Bell Ingram in Thirsk. Ross Wheatley will join Chipchase Manners as an Accountancy apprentice and Jacob Moore will take up his position as a Civil and Structural Engineering apprentice at Align Property Partners, Northallerton. Finally, Harry Laviolette starts as an apprentice Architectural Technician at WardmanBrown, Darlington.





Further standout stories include a number of students who have secured success on courses that will give them access to the highly competitive world of film, television, media and music. Poppy Mortimer will start her Television and Radio Production course at the University of Salford in 2024, after taking a gap year. Alice Brown will also be heading to the University of Salford to study Film Production. Edie Heringman, one of Richmond's outstanding musicians, is heading to SOAS University of London to study Music and World Philosophies and Freya Millar will be taking up a course in Music Production at Leeds Beckett University.

Jenna Potter, Head Teacher at Richmond School and Sixth Form College, congratulated the students on their success: "This cohort of students were not able to sit their GCSE exams because of Covid, so these are the first public exams they have experienced. It makes us very proud to see that these students have risen to this challenge and demonstrated resilience and determination to achieve what they have. To be in a situation where every single student is moving on to their chosen destination, without anyone having to resort to the UCAS clearing system, is absolutely fantastic. We wish our students all the very best with the next steps of their lives, and look forward to staying in touch with many of them as their successes continue."





## HARD WORK REWARDED FOR RICHMOND SCHOOL'S GCSE STUDENTS.

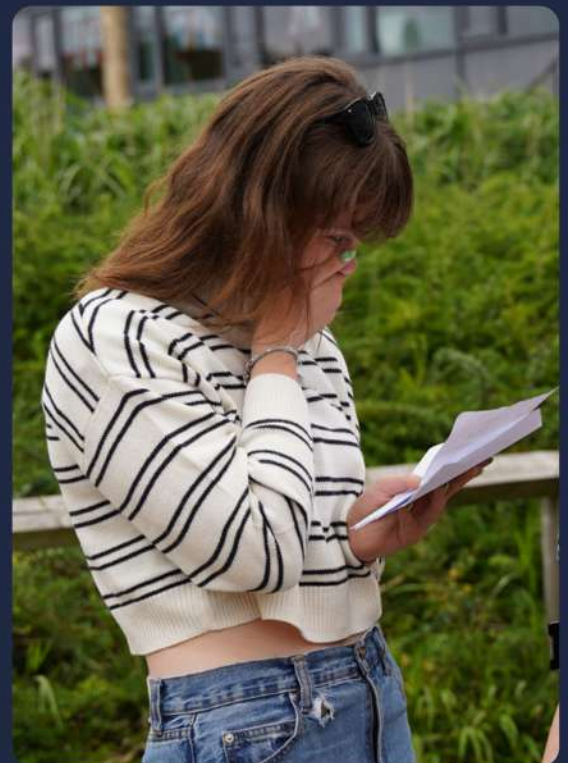
Today was a big day for the future of Richmond School's Year 11 cohort as over 200 students received their GCSE and CTEC results. This is the first time since 2019 that the results have been awarded using the same standards as before the pandemic, so parents, students and staff awaited these results with perhaps a little more trepidation than in the past.

Once again however, the students have outdone themselves. Results were strong across the board, with particular highlights this year in maths, science and engineering - subjects that will give students excellent opportunities for successful progression further on in their lives.

Richmond School's high standards in French and German continued, with excellent results reflecting the school's status as a PASCH school - gaining exclusive academic and extra-curricular support from the Goethe Institut in Germany.

Students also performed well in the core subjects of the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) as well as in Art, demonstrating strength across a wide range of subjects.

There were innumerable examples of personal success, but some particular highlights follow.



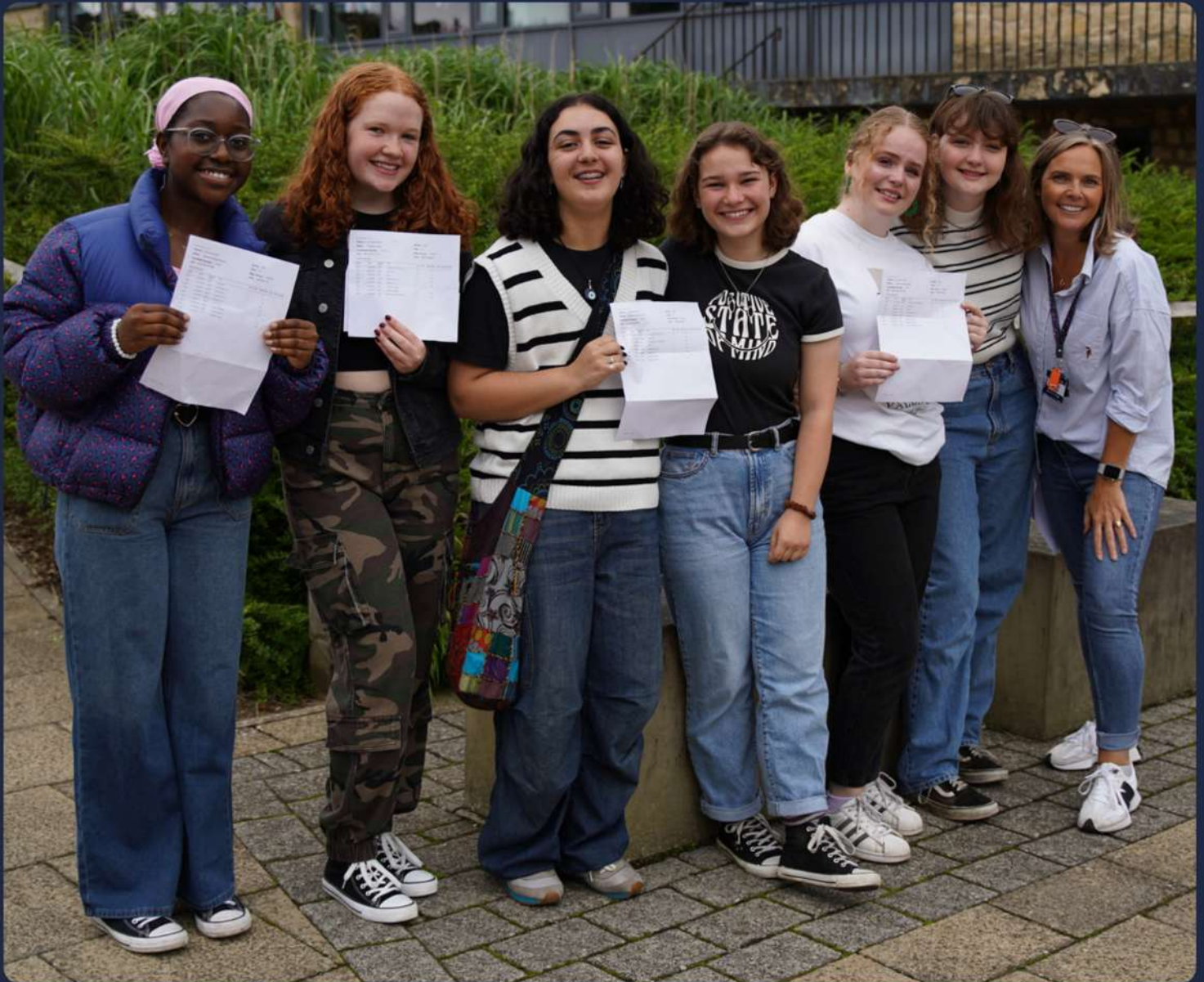




Niamh Hyman achieved eight top grade 9s and one grade 8. Tabitha Aston and Harry Sellers achieved six grade 9s, with Anna-Rosie Scott Hall gaining four. Murray Duncan, Tom Grigg and Ethan Stewart received three apiece.

There are so many other accounts of success to share - individual stories and journeys through Year 11 culminating in superb results. Kirsty Tarran, recently returned from an international Scout Camp, gained two grade 9s and a collection of 7s and 8s. Sanskriti Thapa achieved four grade 8s, with Elsa Wright earning a grade 9, an 8 and five 7s. Ellis Hepper scored a grade 9, three 8s and a 7. The previous two students were both Student Leaders, with Ellis giving high quality support on the technical side of the school's productions. Noah Edwards achieved an excellent, consistent set of grade 7s and 6s and also found time to support the school's drama productions - a particular highlight being his Cheshire Cat in the recent pantomime! Will Hume, one of the school's outstanding musicians, gained a brilliant collection of grade 7s, 8s and a 9 - results he should be very proud of. All of these students are likely to return to Richmond Sixth Form College to continue their studies and the fantastic contribution they have already made.

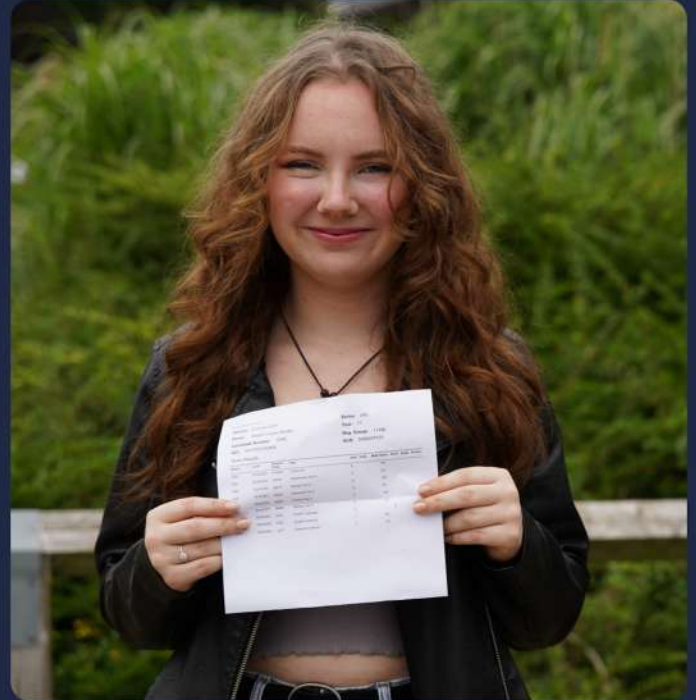




For some students, GCSE results herald a different route - the world of training and employment. Once again, a number of students have been successful in securing a place on an apprenticeship. Harry Crossland achieved a great, consistent set of results, especially in the core subjects and will be starting an apprenticeship with the local firm BSA Electrics run by Luke Boston, an alumnus of the school. Elsa Byrne-Parr will be starting a Level 3 course in Equine Management at Askham Bryan College and Kieran Knights will be moving to Park Academy in Chester-le-Street where he has earned a scholarship to continue his rise through the ranks of junior rugby talent.



Jenna Potter, Headteacher, said: "Once again our Year 11 students have shown that hard work, determination and enthusiasm can yield fantastic results. This cohort has been an absolute joy to work with, with a brilliantly diverse combination of individuals and characters. It has been a great privilege getting to know them during their time at the school. The national context of this year's exam results has been challenging, but it is great to see that our students have risen to these demands, with so many of them achieving and surpassing expectations. We wish them all the very best with the next steps of their lives and of course look forward to seeing many of them back very soon to continue their studies with us at Richmond Sixth Form College."





## ECO CLUB REACHES FINAL FIVE OF 'ACTION IN THE COMMUNITY' AWARD.

The Eco Club has been nominated for a North Yorkshire County Council Award for 'Action in the Community'. We have been shortlisted to the final five for the award out of 150 other community groups in the local area, including businesses and community action groups. Richmond School's Eco Club is the only school in the category and as a result moving forward, a new category has been created for schools specifically following our nomination.

This week the Eco Club met with the judging panel to find out more about the work they've done on the school site and with the local community, including our tree planting and biodiversity work. It is brilliant to see the hard work of our group being recognised in the local area and fingers crossed we win!

Thank you to all the students who attend Eco Club every Wednesday, and to Miss Spittlehouse and Miss Foster for running the club and organising the events.







## AARON WINS MEDAL AT BRITISH TRANSPLANT GAMES

Less than a year after receiving a liver transplant, Aaron Lawrence, a Richmond School student in Year 8, not only took part in the annual Westfield Health British Transplant Games, but came away with a silver medal in the 50m backstroke swimming event. This was an absolutely fantastic achievement for Aaron, not just because of the challenges associated with the transplant, but also because this was his first time in any sort of sporting competition.

Aaron was part of the Children's Team from Leeds Children's Hospital – the hospital that he has been visiting for treatment all of his life – also where he received his transplant. Over 40 transplant recipients from the hospital took part in the games, which were hosted in Coventry this year. The games have been running for over 40 years and the four day event attracts around 1000 transplant athletes and more than 1700 supporters.

The children and their families were asked to raise £300 each to contribute to the considerable expense of running and taking part in the games. Aaron's family set themselves a target of £1000. They ended up raising well over this sum, with contributions from a wide range of people – including some from Richmond School after Aaron's story was published on the school's website and social media – thank you!

After the Opening Ceremony, Aaron took part in a number of events including the long jump, the obstacle race and the 50m backstroke in the pool. He performed brilliantly in all the events he entered and won a silver medal in the swimming. Mrs. Lawrence, Aaron's mum said: "It was very overwhelming. It was an Olympic 50m pool – exactly like the Olympics, and there were over 200 people watching!"

One of the final events was the Donor Run – an event where both recipients of transplants take part, but also members of donor families. This was a fun event, with people dressing up in all sorts of costumes – Aaron was particularly impressed by the Minions and the bananas! The run was also a very emotional event, with many of the donor families having lost loved ones to provide transplant recipients with the organs that in many cases have saved their lives.





The event also provided an opportunity for the families of other children with Aaron's very rare metabolic condition – Ornithine Transcarbamylase Deficiency – to meet up. This had previously only happened online. Mrs. Lawrence said: "I knew of a few of the families but had never met them. In our team there were three children with the same disorder – which is amazing because it only affects one in 70,000 people!"

Four days of competitive sport, mass participation events, social gatherings and much more came to a close with a Gala Dinner for all the participants.

Congratulations to Aaron for showing the determination and independence needed to compete in the games – this was a long way beyond his comfort zone and amazingly less than a year since his transplant. Well done also to Aaron, his family, plus the other competitors and their families for coming together and showing an incredible level of teamwork. This was not just to make a success of the British Transplant Games, but also to make a success of supporting a child through the challenges of living with poor health before a transplant, receiving the transplant and the ongoing support that will be needed in the future.

We look forward to hearing about Aaron's progress both at school in Year 8 and as a transplant athlete – Aaron has a cupboard full of official kit that he fully intends to wear at next year's games in Nottingham!





## STUDENTS CELEBRATE THEIR NATIONAL WINNING POETRY AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Award-winning poetry created by a group of Service Students and their peers from Richmond School and Sixth Form College has been displayed in the Ministry of Defence building in London. The students' thought-provoking poetry was crowned the winner of the 'Month of the Military Child' design competition, a national event organised by the charity Never Such Innocence which included submissions of poetry, music and artwork.

Following on from our poetry submission from Month of the Military Child, two of the students, from Years 9 and 10, were invited to the Ministry of Defence HQ in Whitehall where copies of the work from all the 2023 competition entries were exhibited for general viewing by military personnel and visitors. El Hughes (Year 10) won the poetry civilian category for her age and Sophie Andrews (Year 9) won the army poetry category for her age group. The students' work was displayed proudly and Katie Salari, Chief Operating Officer of Never Such Innocence, spoke about the significance of the event, introduced the artwork and allowed the category winners to read their award winning work.

Sophie and El read their poetry clearly and eloquently to a room full of VIP guests and attendees. In attendance was NSI Founder, Lady Lucy French, Head of Education at MOD, Andrew Malcolm. Brigadier Kristen Dagless, representing the Army; Air Commodore Alan Opie, representing the Royal Air Force; and Commodore Rich Harris, representing the Royal Navy. Minister for Defence People, Veterans and Service Families, Dr Andrew Murrison.





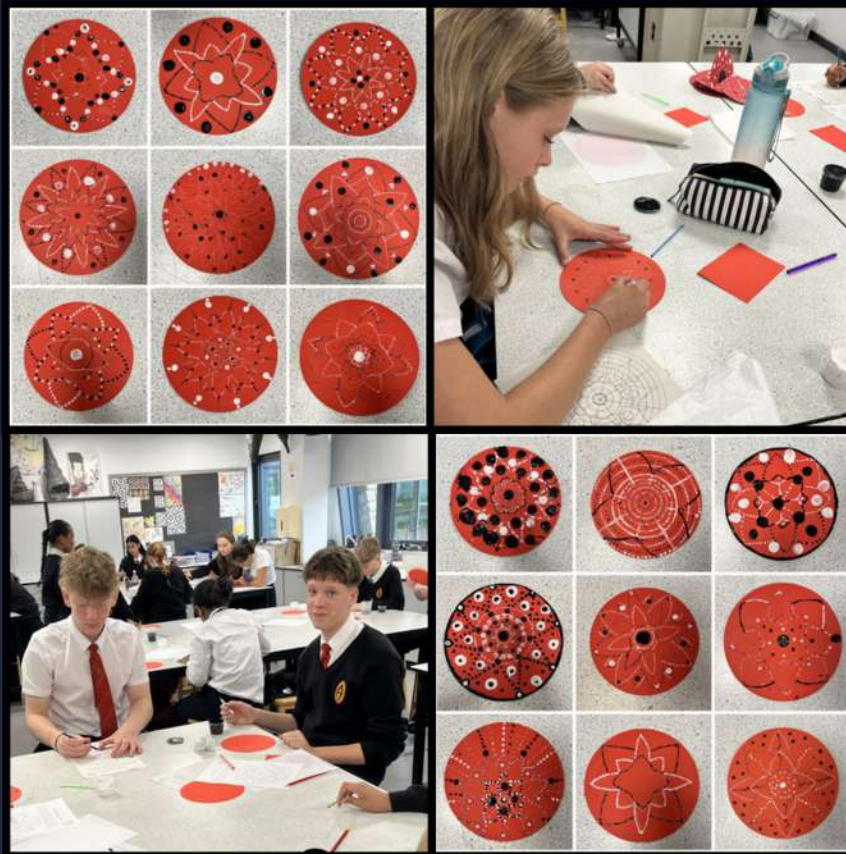


El Hughes said “The experience I got to have was absolutely amazing. They were all so welcoming and I had an experience I never thought I’d ever have. We got to meet so many people and even some incredibly important ones. Being able to go inside The Ministry of Defence and even to realise that one day I would hopefully be working inside there was incredible. Hearing different poems and seeing art made by armed forces children and other civilians helped me to really understand the stories of different people.”

Mr Birdsall, Service Children’s Advocate said “The students were great ambassadors for the school and college. It was such a lovely poignant day hearing the views and voices of our young students on their personal thoughts on the topic ‘Friends Near and Far’ and how it affects them individually. I was incredibly proud of the excellent reading of El and Sophie who read their poems so passionately, it was an honour to accompany them and share the amazing experience with them. I would like to say a huge thank you to the Trustees for funding our visit to London. This allowed us to be able to take part in the prestigious event.”







## **RICHMOND STUDENTS PRODUCE REMEMBRANCE DAY ARTWORK FOR RIPON CATHEDRAL.**

We are so impressed with the fabulous artwork our students have created in preparation for the upcoming festival of remembrance at Ripon Cathedral. Twenty-two service students and their peers have designed and created some stunning poppy inspired mandalas which will be displayed around the altar at the Festival of Remembrance at Ripon Cathedral on 14th November 2023.

The aim of the workshop was to create the poppy-inspired mandalas by using paint and dotting tools to create intricate patterns. As part of the session students looked at the history and importance of the poppy as well as having the opportunity to talk to fellow service students and peers about what remembrance means to them.

Mr Birdsall, Richmond School and Sixth Forms Service Children's Advocate, said: "The students worked really hard throughout the workshop and have created some stunning designs which I can't wait to see on display in Ripon Cathedral. They have really embraced the significance of their work and It was great seeing service students and their peers from different years talking and collaborating on such a lovely project.

We are looking forward to taking part in the Festival of Remembrance where two of our service students will be the standard bearers as well as an additional two students providing Bible readings for the service."

Well done to all Richmond School students for engaging so positively with the workshop and producing such high quality work, and thank you to Mr. Birdsall for organising the event. We look forward to hearing about the Festival of Remembrance service in November.



## ‘BOOTPLANTS’ – THE FINAL CHAPTER

Earlier this summer, Richmond School Year 9 students brought their successful journey through the Premier League Inspire’s ‘Protect the Planet’ challenge to a close.

The journey started back in March when 23 students visited Middlesbrough Football Club to present their ideas to a judging panel in the regional heats of the challenge. Ashley Watson, Emmee May Michael, Lily-Mae McCafferty and Josh Crossland’s group won this stage of the competition. Their idea was to collect donations of unwanted football boots, fill them with compost and plant them with a small houseplant. They would then set up a ‘Bootplant’ room where the upcycled planters would make a green space filled with plants. Any boots in good enough condition could be passed on to those unable to afford new ones.

In May the Bootplant team visited Middlesbrough FC again for a development workshop in preparation for the next stage of the challenge.

In July, the team once again travelled to Middlesbrough and represented the club for a gathering of all schools that had made the regional finals. Sheffield United, Huddersfield Town and Doncaster Rovers were also represented. They had the opportunity to present their finished ideas to representatives from the Premier League and the other finalists, as well as taking a tour of the Riverside stadium.

Finally, later on in July, the team of students made the Bootplants using the football boots they had collected and offered them for sale to staff at Richmond School. As you can imagine they sold like hot cakes and very soon there were none left!

The photos show two Bootplants on display in the Richmond School maths office, Ashley Watson, Josh Crossland and Rory Wilkinson proudly showing their handiwork and the whole Year 9 team with the Premier League trophy, taken during their visit to Middlesbrough FC in July.

Congratulations to the whole team of students, right from the start back in May. Thanks to the Premier League for setting up the challenge, and thanks to Ms. Lambert, Mr. Coldwell and Miss Miller for organising the trips.







## **RICHMOND FIRE CADETS PASS OUT PARADE**

Richmond Fire Station recently held its Fire Cadets pass out parade.

It's a night the cadets have been working towards for the past two years to achieve a Level 2 BTEC qualification in 'Fire & Rescue Services in the Community'. The cadet scheme has been run under the guidance of the team at Richmond Fire Station, and and led by Cadet Leader, Jon Hancock.

The pass out parade involved the cadets showcasing some of the skills they have learned over the past two years to parents, family and dignitaries, followed by a presentation to reward all their hard work.

This cadet cohort included a significant number of young people - both girls and boys - from Richmond School - Leo Webb from Year 11; Liam Hogg, Josh Rogers, Raffy D'Silva all from Year 10 and Olivia Horton from Year 9. If you recognise any of the cadets from the pass out parade photos and see them around school they'll be happy to talk to you about their experience of Fire Cadets.

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, and in particular the cadet leaders from Richmond Fire Station, are extremely proud of how far each cadet has come and have said it has been an absolute pleasure to teach this cohort of cadets. Each young person has dedicated their Monday evenings to attending the station to learn practical and personal skills together with taking part in various fund raising events.

Richmond Fire Station will run another cadet scheme - with start dates and details to be finalised soon.

Well done to all the cadets for their hard work over the past two years, and thank you to Jon Hancock and the team at Richmond Fire Station for running the scheme.





## JACK EARNS SECOND ENGLAND CAP IN YOUTH INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Even though Jack Blakey is only in Year 8, he's been fishing for a long time - over seven years. Fishing runs in the Blakey family! He first started float fishing using scented bait, then moved on to the more dynamic sport of fly fishing. Jack said: "You have to cast a fly all the time, then wait until you can see the fish, then you strike - it's the best feeling!"

As time went on, Jack's experience with this very technical sport increased - Jack's knowledge of line weights, different types of fly and rod, and the strategies used in the sport is encyclopaedic! He kept at it until he was eventually chosen to represent England in the England Youth Fly Fishing Team.

The first time Jack represented England was last year when the team - with their families in support - travelled to Ireland. On this occasion, England came second.

This summer Jack was once again selected for the team and travelled to a lake called Llyn Clywedog in Wales. Jack had a couple of practice days out on the water in a boat with his unofficial coach - his dad - before the official team practice days. These days involved the whole squad as well as coach and sponsor Craig Barr.

After the practice days, it was final time - a full day on the water in a boat with two fishermen and a boatman. The atmosphere was electric as the teams paraded down to their allocated boats, accompanied by a bagpipe player to provide extra suspense! No contact between the boats and the shore teams was allowed on the day - it was now all down to the skill of the fishermen - with maybe a little bit of luck...



Families and support crew waited nervously on the shore until 4pm when the boats returned. Each fisherman had done their best to catch as many fish as possible. The prizes were determined by weighing the first two fish caught - any further fish had to be released - and taking into account how many fish each angler caught. The teams waited as the results were processed. The winning team would have the privilege of the traditional celebration of jumping off the pontoons into the water - Jack's favourite bit!

Unfortunately this year it was not to be. England came third behind Scotland and Ireland, with Wales in fourth place.

Jack's journey in the world of competitive fly fishing continues with more recreational and competitive fishing, including the qualifiers for next year's England Youth team at Grafham Water in Huntingdonshire. We look forward to hearing about his progress, and finding out whether he's earned the right to jump in after winning a competition!

Well done to Jack for showing the determination, skill, patience and teamwork it takes to fish at this level, and thanks to @EnglandYouthFlyFishing plus all the coaches, families and support teams.





## RILEY'S GB AMERICAN FOOTBALL SUCCESS CONTINUES IN NORWAY



During the summer, the Great Britain Lions U17 American Football squad travelled to Oslo for a friendly game against Norway. Riley Read, a Richmond School student in Year 11, has been consolidating his role in the squad for over a year now and plays a pivotal role as defensive lineman.

In an impressive display of skill and teamwork, the GB Lions U17 team emerged victorious, securing a resounding 39-0 victory. This remarkable achievement not only highlights the exceptional talent of these young athletes but also serves as a testament to their dedication and hard work.

With players from 28 different teams across the country, Head Coach Michael Davies expresses high hopes for the future of British American Football. The game in Oslo, Norway, served as a culmination of months of preparation and a chance for the team to demonstrate their skills on an international stage.

Tom Hammett, defense coach, expressed his enthusiasm for leading a talented group of young athletes to Norway. This comes a year after the team's debut in Austria where Riley made his International debut.

Riley and his fellow defensive players have wholeheartedly embraced the team's aggressive and fast-paced style of football this year, which they are striving to perfect. Hammett believes that being part of this team at this moment is truly remarkable, and bodes very well for future success.

The selection process for the squad involved rigorous training camps where players were put through their paces to assess their skills, athleticism, and football IQ.

Congratulations to Riley for achieving this incredibly high standard, and also to the rest of the team, the coaches and families of all the players for their continued support. We look forward to following the GB Lions' progress in the future – watch this space!





## OVER 1000 PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS COMPETE IN RICHMOND SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY EVENT.

Richmond School hosted its annual cross country extravaganza for all primary schools in the area recently. 35 primary schools attended, bringing over 1000 pupils! The pupils from Years 3-6 ran a very challenging, hilly course based around the Richmond School site.

The event was supported by young Sports Leaders from Years 9 and 10 who had to manage a range of responsibilities from starting each race fairly and safely, running or marshalling to ensure the competitors knew where to run and completing the races by timing and recording all results fairly and in an organised manner. The event could not have happened with the support of these Richmond School students.

Congratulations to all pupils and schools that took part. The fastest eight pupils from each age category now have the opportunity to compete in the North Yorkshire County Final at Giggleswick School in late November.

Thank you to Mrs. Carruthers and Mr. Moore for organising the event, and once again thank you to the Richmond School Sports Leaders, primary school staff and pupils for making the day such a success.







## DISNEY SHOOTING STARS PRIMARY SCHOOL GIRLS' FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Richmond School has been a part of the Barclays Girls Football School Partnership for the last four years.

By joining them in their mission to provide all girls with equal access and opportunity to play football, young Sports Leaders from Year 10 and 11 recently led a Key Stage 1 football skills festival.

The festival was based on one of the partnership's programmes, Disney Shooting Stars. This programme uses Disney stories to develop fundamental movement skills and physical literacy, often with the use of a football.

Thank you to Barton, Brompton, Michael Syddall, Ravensworth, Richmond Methodist and St. Mary's Richmond primary schools for supporting the event.

A special mention needs to go to young leader Ellie Hughes who fully committed to her Disney game based on the Frozen story by dressing up as Olaf!

Thank you Mrs. Carruthers for organising the event, the Sports Leaders for running the activities and staff and pupils from the primary schools for making the event such a success.





## FOOTBALL UPDATES...

### U13 girls.

Richmond U13 girls played out a thriller against Tadcaster Grammar School recently. Mr. Westagte, coach of the team, takes up the story: "Richmond started strong with some excellent football leading to Pippa Maclelland scoring our first goal. Two good counter attacks from Tadcaster lead to the half time score being 2 - 1 to our opponents. Some great play from Richmond followed, passing the ball wide, but we couldn't make inroads through their solid defence.

The second half started well for Richmond after a few changes of tactics, but the net remained elusive. Two further goals from Tadcaster on the counter-attack meant Richmond were 4-1 down with 20 minutes to go. Ava Suryodiningrat-Dinsdale made some solid stops in goal to keep the score at 4-1 after yet more attacking play from Tadcaster.

At this point the pressure was on but Richmond were up to the challenge. Four late goals from Pippa, carving her way knife-like through the defence led to some unstoppable finishes, leading to a final score of 5-4 to Richmond. An excellent first game for many of the Year 7 students involved and a brilliant team performance. It's great to see these young players all getting stuck in and giving it their all."

September marks the start of the National English Schools Football Association Cup (ESFA) competition, a nationwide competition with over 600 teams competing in each age division. Both the Year 7 (U12) and Year 8 (U13) football teams made an excellent start to the competition recently, when they travelled to Thirsk School.

### Year 7 boys.

Mr. Westgate, coach of both teams, provides match reports from the day: "The Year 7 team played out a good 6-1 win. Thirsk started the better team and went 1-0 up early on. Richmond pressed well and scored two before half time - Freddie Curtis and Junior Latcham providing the finishes - to be 1-2 up. Richmond found another gear in the second half, playing some great football with goals coming from Bradley Boylan, Harry Coyle, Freddie Curtis and Elliot Gardner. Richmond finished emphatic 1-6 winners and onto the next round."

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**Year 8 boys.**

“The Year 8 team was as impressive as ever. An early goal from Jake Murrell settled the nerves before further goals from Henry Ward and Tom Simpson sent us into half time 3-0 up. The second half started much as the first ended with more fantastic work from Henry who scored a further two goals earning him an early hat-trick for the season. Justin McGregor scored a well executed free kick from just outside the penalty area into the top corner. Thirsk grabbed one back with some good pressure on the Richmond defence. Further goals by Louie Petch, Jake Murrell and Kyle Cleminson made it 9-1. Thirsk scored one more before Lewis Pybus finished the game off, making the final score 10-2 Richmond. An excellent team performance.”

**YORKSHIRE GIRLS' RUGBY SUCCESS**

Over the summer, four students from Richmond School - Jenna Rushforth, Emmee Mae Michael, Autumn Francis and Isabelle Howell took part in the U16 Girls' Rugby Assessment for Yorkshire County RFU. All four girls passed the gruelling assessment (see photos!) and now have the honour of wearing the county colours of Yorkshire as well as the club colours of Richmondshire RUFC.

Congratulations to all four students, and we look forward to hearing more stories of how they progress at this level and beyond!







## CATTERICK CRUSADERS WIN UNDER 12 NORTH EAST RUGBY LEAGUE PLATE FINAL

Exciting news came in recently regarding some of Richmond School's young athletes. Several Year 7 and Year 8 students who play for Catterick Crusaders Rugby League Football Club recently achieved a remarkable feat by winning the Under 12 North East Rugby League Plate Final. The final was held at Kingston Park in Newcastle - home of the Newcastle Falcons rugby team.

This victory is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and talent of the team. Their commitment to training and their excellent teamwork have truly paid off. The final match was an intense competition and the Richmond students displayed exceptional sportsmanship throughout.

Alexandra Baines, parent of one of the players, said: "Myself and the other parents are immensely proud of the whole team. It is fantastic that over half of the team attend Richmond School! Thank you for the school's support in fostering a culture of excellence and sportsmanship. We are excited to witness our students' future successes in both the academic and sporting fields."

These are the Richmond School students who play for Catterick Crusaders and took part in the final:

Year 8: Finlay Holmes, Elijah Nakia. Year 7: Harrison Baines (team captain), Callum Coburn, Oliver Pickles (scored the first try), Sam Kawa, Steeno Lewavakula (scored the second try), Archie Thomas, Moses Suguturaga.

The team is coached by Adam Coburn, parent of one of the Year 7 students mentioned above. Without his coaching and support, the team would not be the winning team they are today. Thank you to Adam, all the players, and the amazing families who support these young athletes. We look forward to tracking their progress and continued success in the future!





## LAST BALL THRILLER SECURES YEAR 7 CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

Richmond recently played out a tense and thrilling final in the North Yorkshire Cricket Championship against St. Aidan's.

Richmond bowled first. They kept their line and length well, taking six wickets in the process which kept St. Aidan's total to 75 runs.

In bat, Richmond had a slow start, building the score gradually. With the final pair coming in for the last four overs, they needed 30 runs to win as long as they didn't lose any wickets - minus five runs for a wicket. The battle was on!

Bertie Morris played some fantastic shots scoring 15 from the first over and the nine from the second. Thirteen runs from the third over left Richmond eight runs ahead going into the final over. As long as we didn't lose a wicket we were sure to win...

With two balls to go, Bertie chipped a ball up to mid on for a simple catch. Minus five runs. The score went back to just three runs ahead. It was down to the last ball...

For the last ball, anything but a wicket would win us the game. A very nervy defensive shot from Lewis Pybus finished the game with a very well deserved win for Richmond.

A fitting final to end a very successful season for the Year 7 cricketers and a fantastic performance by all the boys.

Thank you to all the players and their support teams, and especially to Mr. Westgate for the coaching and organising of the fixtures. We look forward to next season!





## YEAR 9 AREA NETBALL TOURNAMENT.

Richmond School recently hosted the Year 9 Area Netball Tournament. Seven local secondary schools attended, with all teams playing each other - six games in total.

Mrs. Southgate, coach of the Richmond team said: "The Year 9 team put on an impressive display of netball despite only having had three training sessions and it being the first occasion that they had played together as a team this year. They worked incredibly hard and demonstrated fantastic team spirit throughout the tournament."

These were the Richmond team's results:

Richmond beat Cundall Manor 3-1  
 Queen Mary's beat Richmond 8-0  
 Richmond beat Bedale 4-1  
 Richmond beat SFX 3-1  
 Stokesley beat Richmond 22-0  
 Richmond beat Easingwold 6-1

These were the team standings at the end of the tournament:

1st Stokesley (with an impressive 118 goals scored in total!)  
 2nd Queen Mary's  
 3rd Richmond  
 4th Cundall Manor  
 5th SFX  
 6th Easingwold  
 7th Bedale



Thank you to Mrs. Southgate for organising the tournament and big thanks to Sixth Form students Jake Percival, Anth Edwards and Maciej Nuprejczyk for doing the timing and scores.

We look forward to following the Year 9 netball team's progress in the future!

Team photo:

Back row, left to right:

Izzy Barnes, Katie Smart, Sophie White, Milly Gale

Front row, left to right:

Rosemary Nacamavuto, Isobel Cook, Grace Broderick, Emily Turagavagone, Mia Brooks-Skingle



## ACHIEVEMENT AND SUCCESS CELEBRATED AT RICHMOND SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM'S PRESENTATION EVENING

Richmond School and Sixth Form College's annual celebration of its students' extraordinary levels of achievement and success over the past academic year was, once again, an early high point in the calendar. The event focuses on individual students but also has a genuine community feel, with a number of the awards presented by community business and group leaders. Parents, families, and teachers also attended the packed hall and were able to share in the sense of pride as the students collected their awards.

This year the guest of honour was Rebecca Lundberg, a celebrated and successful educator and musician. Rebecca is musical director of Leyburn Band, as well as principal trombone in Stockport's Fairey Band. She is a published composer, with compositions and arrangements regularly performed on national radio and television.

Rebecca is a senior lecturer in Initial Teacher Education at the University of Huddersfield, as well as Music Curriculum Lead at Oak National Academy.

The evening opened with a welcome address from Sophia O'Callaghan, Head Girl and Jake Percival, Head Boy. This was followed by an inspirational keynote speech from our guest, who took us through some of the formative moments in her life including her time as a student at Richmond School. Rebecca's key message focused on what success can mean to different people, and how it can be achieved by anyone. It was a thought provoking and heartfelt address that really hit home to the audience.







The award ceremony then followed, with subject certificates being awarded to all year groups, from Year 7 to Year 13. The prize giving ran like clockwork, with Ms. Richardson reading the names of the winners, and Rebecca presenting the certificates. Two awards for overall academic excellence were awarded as the finale to this section: Niamh Hyman received the Year 11 award for her total of eight grade 9s and one grade 8 at GCSE, and Cora Aked was awarded the Year 13 prize for gaining four A\* grades at A-Level.

A musical interlude separated the subject specific awards from the cup winners, where Isla Henderson in Year 13, one of Richmond School's many talented and experienced musicians, gave a spine tingling solo rendition of 'She Used To Be Mine' from the musical 'Waitress'.



The final set of awards were the subject specific and special cups. A citation, written by the teachers who awarded each cup was read out, and the students once again returned to the stage to receive a certificate. Citations for the final special cups were read by a series of guests, who then presented certificates to the winning students:

James Blenkiron presented Kyran Peacock with the John Blenkiron Cup, awarded for Kyran's successful progression onto an apprenticeship with Moduloft Construction. The Dave Courtenay Cup for outstanding Year 12 work experience was awarded to Annabel Gorman by Ms. Johnson. Annabel took on a wide range of work experience throughout Year 12 including working at the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton and volunteering at a local dementia day care centre. Ellie Spencer received the Higher York Cup from Miss Abbey for her outstanding progression through the Key Stages during her time at school. Ellie has pushed herself to achieve above and beyond expectation at every stage, eventually achieving a Distinction\* and two Distinction grades in her CTEC Sport course. Thomas Greer, Toby Watson and Amy Salvin were joint winners of the Soroptimists' Cup, presented by Sue Young of Soroptimists International, Richmond and Dales. These three students set up a school wide campaign collecting donations for the Store House, a local food bank. Elaine Walton, formerly Chair of the Trustees, presented Ellie Hawes with the Trustees' Cup for her outstanding commitment to school life and her successful application to become a Special Constable, as well as starting her university course in Professional Policing at Northumbria University. Cameron Smith received the Governors' Cup from Judy Hooton, Chair of Governors, for his outstanding contribution to the school's environmental agenda. Jenna Potter awarded the Head Teacher's cup to William Swainston for his determination and excellence in a range of areas including music, rugby and overcoming injury! Finally, James Abel Smith was awarded the Areté Learning Trust Cup for demonstrating commitment, drive and enthusiasm throughout his time at the school, especially during the challenging years of Covid.







Headteacher Jenna Potter said: "It has been an honour to welcome Rebecca Lundberg back to the school. Her powerful and heartfelt message to our students and the strength of feeling she has for the school had a real impact on our audience tonight."

"It is always a genuine pleasure to celebrate the achievements and success of our amazing students - I always look forward to this evening as a real highlight of the year. It is also immensely gratifying to once again realise what an integral part Richmond School and Sixth Form College plays in the local community - we wouldn't be where we are without the incredible support we receive from outside our walls."

"I would like to thank everyone involved in this evening and throughout the whole of the last academic year leading up to it. It has been a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge a brilliant group of students who have continued to demonstrate our core values: Creativity, Respect, Excellence, Determination, Independence and Teamwork. They are genuine ambassadors for the school and exemplify everything that is so positive and outstanding about Richmond School and Sixth Form College."





## **A VISIT FROM SIMON ARMITAGE, POET LAUREATE**

We were very excited to welcome Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage to Richmond School on Friday, to share his experiences and poetry and to answer our students' questions. The visit was part of our commitment to valuing and developing 'Language for Learning' in our students and was made possible through the generosity of our school Trustees. All GCSE English Literature students study Simon Armitage's poetry, and to hear it read aloud in Simon's own voice was an invaluable experience and a real treat.

The visit involved all of our Year 10 students along with those studying English Language or Literature in Year 12. We were also delighted to welcome back some of our Year 13 English students who returned for the event and managed to get a selfie with Simon afterwards - definitely one for the University bedroom wall! Some of our Year 11 students who hope to return in September to study English at 'A' Level also joined us for this special event as part of our commitment to their transition to Sixth Form studies.

Simon Armitage spoke about the experiences of being young - relationships with parents, doing things which may be disapproved of, the need to feel different and define yourself. In answer to a question from one of our students about what message he would like to share with young people through his poetry, he spoke compellingly of the power of language and the importance of expression. Treasuring language is something we feel passionate about at Richmond School, and it was wonderful for our students to hear this message from the Poet Laureate.



Hannah Slater, Year 11 student who will be returning to Richmond Sixth Form in the Autumn, said of the poetry reading, 'You felt like you knew Mr Armitage personally. It was an intimate experience.' This comment reflects the generosity of Simon's sharing of personal experience and his combination of erudite poet and down to earth Yorkshireman, which clearly resonated with our students. Arlo Wheatley, Year 10 student also commented 'It was inspiring to hear about his journey through poetry'.

As part of our lead up to this visit, students were invited to submit an entry to our poetry competition on the theme of 'Doorways'. Winner Ellie Hughes, Year 10, was presented with her prize by Simon Armitage. A wonderful memory for her and further encouragement to continue to pursue her love of writing after winning another poetry competition for the children of military families earlier in the year.

The power of language and the importance of expression: messages we hope our students take forward into their studies and their lives. It was a superb opportunity to hear from a once in a generation poet and a thoroughly nice man.





## YEAR 10 STUDENTS ATTEND LONDON PARTICLE PHYSICS SUMMER SCHOOL.

Every year, St. Paul's School in central London holds a three day summer school for students with an interest in particle physics. It is a prestigious event with only 27 places available nationally. The selection process involves writing a short essay describing the student's interest in particle physics, and how they feel they would benefit from attending the course. This year three Year 10 students from Richmond School successfully applied for the course - Matty Partridge, Guy Feakins and Jake Gault.

The three days consisted of a series of lectures and practical workshops, focusing on different aspects of particle physics. Particle physics is a complex branch of the science that is only touched on during GCSE, so the academic demand of the summer school was quite a way out of the students' comfort zone! Listening to them talk about the lectures and workshops, however, it is very clear that they enjoyed this challenge immensely, and were very much up to demand of the content.



Some of the topics covered during the course were the origins of particle physics and particle accelerators, the behaviour of electrons in magnetic fields, quantum physics, the recently discovered Higgs boson, and a variety of other particles including photons, Z-bosons and quarks. These concepts are notoriously difficult to understand, let alone explain and the three students did a brilliant job explaining them to me!

While talking about particular high points of the course, Matty said: "You'd always heard about these particles smaller than atoms, but we'd never really learnt about them. Then when you're introduced to a completely theoretical world that you have no concept of, it builds a brilliant fascination about a hidden micro-world - atoms are made of something else - wow, that's incredible!"

All three students participated in the summer school with great enthusiasm and teamwork, and it certainly sounds like they gained a great deal from the experience. We wish them all the best with their studies in Year 11 - it sounds like there are very likely to be three recruits for A Level physics in a year's time!





## INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT AT RICHMOND SCHOOL'S YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Richmond School recently hosted its annual Year 6 Open Evening. Year 6 students and their families were invited to one of three opening talks by current students and Headteacher Jenna Potter, followed by a tour of the school to experience the subjects and extra-curricular activities on offer.

As guests filed into the hall, the Richmond School Jazz Band set the tone, showing off the skills of some of the school's amazing musicians.

Devon Raggett and Anth Edwards, deputy head students, officially opened proceedings with an introductory speech welcoming Year 6 students and their families to a packed hall and an evening of entertainment, information and exploration. They were followed by two Year 7 students - Connell Lacey and Hearn Galuvakadua, both speaking clearly and confidently about their initial experiences at the school - they had only been students at Richmond for three weeks! Mrs. Potter brought the talk to a close, highlighting the strengths of the school and how the transition from Year 6 into secondary education at Richmond was carefully managed.

Ms. Johnson, Assistant Head Teacher, and one of the organisers of the event said: "We were delighted to welcome so many families to our Year 6 Open Evening. As you can see from the photos there was a wide variety of activities on offer for our visitors to become involved with as well as the opportunity to meet and chat with our staff and students."



Visitors had the opportunity to tour the school in the company of a student guide, sampling activities and talking to students and staff. The activities ranged from crown making in the History department, flower dissection and flame testing in Biology and Chemistry, cricket, table tennis and badminton in PE, and pizza eating in Food Technology!

Jenna Potter, Headteacher, said: "It was excellent to see and feel such a buzz of excitement and anticipation this evening. We had a very large number of visitors and our student leaders and volunteers for the different subjects have once again done a brilliant job with the taster activities. The whole evening has been a real testament to the dedication of our fantastic students and staff."

The day after the event, Lucy, a parent of one of the students who visited, emailed to say: "We came to the Open Evening last night and we were thoroughly impressed, wow! It seemed such a friendly, dynamic and welcoming school with thoroughly engaging teachers."

In addition, Claire, another parent, emailed: "Thank you for the fantastic Open Evening held by Richmond School last night. My son and I found the school very warm and welcoming and the students and staff were a credit to you. I would like to give a special mention to our tour guide, Jackson. He was friendly, polite and sang the praises of Richmond School throughout our tour. He went over and above."

Thank you to all our visitors, our student guides, volunteers and all members of Richmond School staff who worked so hard to make the evening such a success.





# CAREERS

## RICHMOND STUDENTS LOOK TO THE FUTURE AT ANNUAL CAREERS FAIR

Richmond School and Sixth Form College recently hosted its annual Careers Fair in the school's Clarke Hall. We welcomed a host of local and national employers, training and apprenticeship providers, as well as representatives from further and higher education establishments into school.

Our Year 13 and Year 11 students, along with their parents and carers, had the opportunity to explore options for pathways after school and college, and chat to employers and providers about all things careers.

As always, we are hugely grateful to all the providers for giving up their time to volunteer to support our students and give them this valuable opportunity. We received some fantastic feedback about our students who were polite, well mannered and engaged throughout the event. Thank you to everyone who attended - both students and providers, and thank you to Miss Hamer and Miss Pemberton for organising the event.







## BBC CAREERS TOUR INSPIRES RICHMOND SCHOOL STUDENTS

Richmond School recently hosted the BBC Bitesize Careers Tour. The travelling event is designed to highlight the diversity of careers available in the local area and beyond, inspiring students to think about their progression after Year 11. Three panellists, employed locally in a range of roles, are interviewed by a BBC presenter and asked in-depth questions about their roles in the world of work and the journeys they have taken to get there. The four way discussion is then opened up to the audience of staff and students, who have the opportunity to ask questions of the panellists, further exploring routes into employment.

The event was hosted by Rehana Browne, presenter, music producer and DJ and the panel consisted of:

Zoe Utley, Head of Collections, Green Howards Museum, Richmond.

Jessica Mosses, Production Apprentice at BBC Radio York.

Tony Davison, Business Development Director at Quorn Foods, Stokesley.

Miss Pemberton, Trust Careers Lead, said: "Absolutely delighted to have been able to facilitate the BBC Bitesize Careers Tour today. The panel spoke about all things careers including navigating through the world of work to their current destinations, personal struggles, GCSE and post-16 choices, personal career highlights and all elements of their roles. Our students were attentive and had the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session - an invaluable experience. Big thank you to the BBC, what an amazing opportunity!"

Miss Hamer, Careers Adviser at Richmond School, added: "It is so important to bring careers to life for our students. The opportunity to hear from real people doing real jobs in our local community can often be the key for a young person to really understand how what they are taught at school links to how they can really succeed in their futures. We were delighted to host this fantastic event and cannot thank the volunteers enough for giving up their time to share their experiences with our students. "





## JOE MAKES A GREAT START TO APPRENTICESHIP AT SWALE SCAFFOLDING

Joe Rutherford left Richmond School this year after his GCSEs. Like a number of students from Year 11, he took the challenging route of progressing onto an apprenticeship - in this case at Swale Scaffolding Ltd, based in Brompton-on-Swale. The company has worked closely with Richmond School for many years, and a number of our students have taken up apprenticeships there.

Paul Ward, Managing Director and ex-student of Richmond School, said: "Joe interviewed extremely well at Swale Scaffolding's head office when he initially came in to introduce himself and made a great instant impression on both myself and Sarah Seymour (Head of Health & Safety and Training within the group).

Joe has hit the ground running since joining our team and we look forward to helping him develop and grow within his role over the forthcoming years.

Swale Scaffolding Ltd. would like to thank Richmond School again for the excellent and continuing relationship that exists between our company and them. We believe that youth is the life blood of every organisation and yet again the school has produced another fantastic young person to become part of our growing complement of apprentices. If Joe continues to apply himself, work hard and learn, I have no doubt that he will have a very successful future within Swale Scaffolding."

We contacted Joe to find out how things were going:

"After leaving school I was keen to start work and joining the apprenticeship scheme seemed to be the ideal route to take. Miss Hamer (Richmond School's Careers Advisor) was a great help, working with me to develop my CV and providing support and guidance on possible opportunities. I also used the Government website to find out about local apprenticeships and in August I saw the opportunity at Swale Scaffolding. The position was for a Business Administration apprenticeship and sounded really interesting. I sent in my CV, attended an interview and was offered the job.

I have now been at Swale Scaffolding Ltd for a month and haven't looked back. Everyone is really supportive, they are always happy to help and I feel part of the team already. Things are very busy and I have been given jobs from the very first day which is great as I am really learning on the job.

My typical day involves helping with job estimates, supporting the Managing Director, dealing with enquiries, filing and much more. As part of my apprenticeship I also attend monthly training calls with ITEC (training provider for the Business Administration apprenticeship) where I am learning more about business administration which will help me develop my skills for the workplace. Overall I recommend an apprenticeship to anyone who wants to work whilst learning on the job."

Thanks to the team at Swale Scaffolding Ltd for taking Joe on, and we wish Joe all the best as his skills and experience develop. We'll definitely be catching up with him and the company for an update in the future!



# HTCV AWARDS

*Congratulations*  
**JAMIE**



## Week beginning July 10th

Jamie Welman was nominated by Miss Ridley and Mr. Mawer, who said: 'I'd like to nominate Jamie for all of the credit values. For the last 7 months history club have undertaken a huge project researching, scripting, performing and filming our very own Horrible Histories episode. Jamie has truly been an absolute star throughout this process. He has given up every Tuesday after school (and some Wednesdays) to film the episode as well as volunteering to edit the episode - he has dedicated hours of his free time to our club. Jamie has worked brilliantly with students in each year group (7-13) and has patiently reshot dozens of scenes when something hasn't quite gone to plan. Jamie always has a smile on his face and is always encouraging his peers - he has really helped both me and Mr Mawer. Thank you, Jamie!

Jamie is from South Africa and joined Richmond School at the start of Year 8 - he has immersed himself into school life and has fitted in seamlessly. A real credit to Jamie for embodying all of Richmond School's CREDIT values.'

## Week beginning July 17th

Kyla Small was nominated by Miss Bates, who said: "I would like to nominate Kyla in Year 10 for the school values of creativity, independence and excellence. Kyla has come on in leaps and bounds in Food Technology, finishing the school year with an impressive 'showstopper' layered chocolate cake with buttercream icing and fondant pigs. Her bold and creative design was executed to a very high standard, showcasing her baking talent and her much improved independence. Not only did her cake look fantastic, she was able to put some of her unique personality into the design (spot the upturned pig and other interesting features!). I am sure she will continue to bake some wonderful creations as she moves into Year 11 and undertakes her GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition coursework."



*Congratulations*  
**KYLA**



*Congratulations*  
**ANNABEL**



## Week beginning September 11th

Annabel Gorman was nominated by Mrs. Mawer, who said: "Annabel studies four A levels and does each one to the absolute highest standard. Her work is incredible and she shows such determination and excellence. For her work experience she organised time at a local hospital in preparation for applying for medicine at university and when I asked her about her summer holiday, she said that she had spent it studying for her aptitude test University Clinical Aptitude Test and she had done well in it. It is an incredibly difficult assessment and she really is an excellent role model for how hard work and dedication are such key attributes to success.

I have the pleasure of teaching Annabel for History A- Level, which she has absolutely excelled at - getting an A\* in her Year 12 exams. Her unassuming and quiet nature means that it is easy to overlook her brilliance and so think she is a really worthy winner."



## Week beginning September 18th

Connell Lacey was nominated by Miss Abbey who said: "I would like to nominate Connell for Excellence. Connell has made an outstanding contribution in his Science lessons since the start of term.

When answering questions he goes above and beyond to explain his thinking behind his answers, using clear and accurate language that is easy for everyone in the classroom to understand.

He clearly has a passion for the subject and often asks very interesting questions to expand his understanding of topics even further. He has been an absolute pleasure to teach."

*Congratulations*  
**CONNELL**



*Congratulations*  
**JAMES**

## Week beginning September 25th

James McDonald was nominated by Mrs. Fox who said: "I'd like to nominate James for his sense of independence, respect and general excellence whilst helping in the Dance Department at Year 6 Open Evening last week.

James was absolutely 'on it' from 5pm until gone 7.30pm - no instruction needed - he was a total natural. He greeted nearly every visitor at the door with a smile, asking questions and giving key information about our department. He was a brilliant advocate for boys in Dance and managed to encourage many children to join in the fun in the dance studio.

His enthusiasm and helpful nature didn't go unnoticed, as many visitors mentioned how brilliant he was. A credit to the Dance department and the school as a whole - well done James!



*Congratulations*  
**PRIA**

## Week beginning October 2nd

Pria Henderson was nominated by Mr. Beresford who said: "I covered Mrs. Carruthers' GCSE PE lesson where students were completing the multi-stage fitness test (bleep test).

Pria had spent the previous lesson in first aid as she had injured her hip. At the start of the lesson, Pria explained the injury but said she would still get changed and give the test a go. Pria showed great determination by putting in an exceptional amount of effort: you could genuinely tell she tried her best despite her injury.

I was thoroughly impressed by this showcase of determination and I feel she should be nominated for the Head Teacher's CREDIT Values Award.





*Congratulations*  
**JACK**



Week beginning October 9th

Jack Platt was nominated by Mrs. Harrison who said: "I have been extremely impressed by Jack and his excellent attitude in Science since his return in September. I can guarantee that Jack will work hard in every lesson - he has come back with a determination to improve his grades in the subject.

Jack is an excellent role model for others in the class - he is a very polite and thoughtful young man and he completes all the work set to the best of his ability. Jack has taken onboard the advice given by his teachers and has listened to the message in the return to school assemblies, that a student who works hard for their GCSEs will be successful.

I am really proud of his mature attitude and work ethic and I know he will be successful if he maintains this level of commitment to his studies.

## ...AND FINALLY - REMEMBER SPORTS DAY?!

A brilliant day back in July. The sun was out and Year 7 and 8 tutor groups spent the whole day participating in a wide range of activities ranging from competitive athletics events to mass participation dancing!

Thank you and well done to every single student who took part. There were some outstanding individual and relay team performances, but the main emphasis of the whole day was participation, teamwork and earning points to contribute to the tutor group total.

The two winning tutor groups were this year's 8 Pike and 9 Singh - congratulations!

### 9 Singh



**Winners! Sports Day 2023**



### 8 Pike



**Winners! Sports Day 2023**

