

## From the Headmaster...

Dear Parents

Five weeks have flown by and so much has already been achieved in a busy first half of term. In particular I am delighted to see the range of high achievement, both at team and individual levels, in sport, music, drama and so much more – teachers and pupils alike!

In academic terms, the Year 11s have done well in their mock exams with some very encouraging results and the Sixth Formers with exams have, we hope, acquitted themselves well. After a good holiday this week I hope they are able to come back, recharged with sleep and rest, ready to finish their courses and begin the revision that will be crucial in determining their final grades.

House drama on the Friday before the holiday began was excellent and the range of talent on display was wonderful to see, as was the number of performers on stage – well done to all the student directors for their hard work and effort.

A thank you too needs to go to our hard working grounds staff for their huge efforts this last week in clearing snow and ice, allowing school life to continue unhindered and safely.

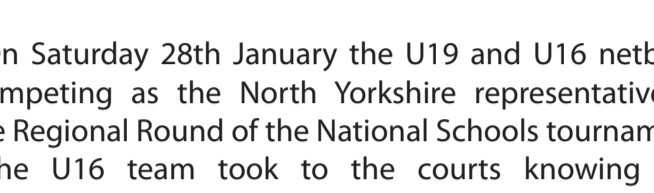
Finally, please remember to support the Ashville Choral Society in two ways – encourage your children if they are taking part and buy your tickets to come and see them – and if your children are not taking part, buy them a ticket and bring them with you to come and support this venture – it would be wonderful to see the Leeds Town Hall full in support of our 200 students taking part!

Have a good half term!

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## Under 19 Netball Team Through to National Finals



On Saturday 28th January the U19 and U16 netball teams were competing as the North Yorkshire representatives in the Yorkshire Regional Round of the National Schools tournament.

The U16 team took to the courts knowing that the competition would be tough, although they got off to a good start winning their first match. Throughout the course of the day they played seven matches, winning three, drawing one and losing three. The results were a 9-1 win over Wolfraton School, Hull, a 6-11 loss to GSAL, a narrow 6-7 loss to Brooksbank, a 9-9 draw with Millthorpe, York, a 12-6 win over Wales School, a 6-8 loss to Hymers College, Hull and a 9-5 win over Sheffield High School.

Ashville College U16's finished in fifth place overall and should be proud of their achievements considering they are a young squad.

Well done to **Alex Ellaby, Amy Seed, Ellie Rutter, Emma Elson, Georgia Whone, Zoe Ellaby, Jess Culleton, Beth Adamson, Lucy Lister and Emilia Turnock.**

The draw for the U19 team suggested that this would be the toughest tournament the girls had ever competed in, but like the U16's the U19 team got off to a good start with a comfortable 13-3 win over Hymers College. This was followed by a 7-11 loss to Greenhead College, Huddersfield. The girls picked themselves up and returned to the court to play Silverdale School, Sheffield, and then Wyke College, Hull, winning both games 16-4. Ashville had three hard matches left to play after the lunch break, but they started out strongly against GSAL playing superb netball to win 10-8. A surprisingly secure 14-5 win over Sheffield High School meant that the result in the last match against St. Aidans would decide which of the two teams went on to qualify for the National Finals! The atmosphere in the sports hall was incredible with lots of support for both schools. The score went with centre passes and at half time Ashville were 6-5 up. In the second half Ashville got the better of St. Aidans and managed to take a lead which St. Aidans never pulled back. The final score was 12-10 to Ashville. The result meant that Ashville College U19 team finished in second place in their age group and will now go through to the National Schools Netball Finals on March 17th in Basildon, Essex along with Greenhead College.

Congratulations to the girls for a very strong team performance and thank you to everyone who supported us on Saturday.

Well done to **Franky Fenn (Capt), Georgia Yeomans (Vice), Hania Thompson, Kat Bullock, Emily Thomson, Courtney Thompson, Becky Grey, Lucy Stead, Lizi Crocker, Holly Roberts-Harry, Katy McCreesh and Lara Wilson.**

## Ashville Hosts Modern Foreign Languages Day



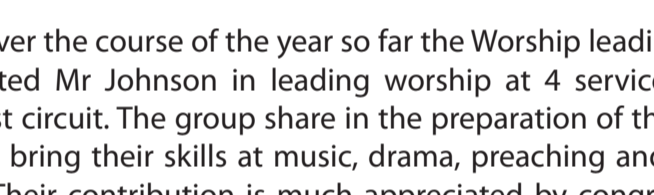
More than 30 Heads of Modern Foreign Languages from some of the North of England's leading independent schools attended a Modern Foreign Languages day at Ashville College on Friday 27th January. The academics were welcomed to the school to debate a raft of subjects and initiatives, including pupils using iPads and iPods in the classroom. The event was the first big 'subject day' of its kind, and it is hoped that the idea will expand to other subject areas from next September.

## French Society Celebrates in Style!



The inaugural French Society meal was held at Cafe Rouge. French Sixth Form students and members of the French department soaked up the ambiance and enthused about all things French. Breton stripes were de rigueur and the evening was enjoyed by all. Future events include a meal at Bistro Pierre, an evening of French songs at the Carriage Works Theatre in Leeds and the possibility to discover Shakespeare in French at the Globe Theatre. The French Society, which meets every Tuesday lunchtime, celebrates a cornucopia of French culture and cuisine. Madame Willcocks would especially like to thank our Head of School, **Becky Grey**, for spearheading this wonderful opportunity and for all you rugby fans "Allez les bleus!"

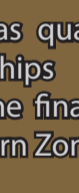
## Worship Leading Group



Over the course of the year so far the Worship leading group has assisted Mr Johnson in leading worship at 4 services in the Methodist circuit. The group share in the preparation of the service and then bring their skills at music, drama, preaching and leading prayers. Their contribution is much appreciated by congregations, who often do not have young people in their own number.

14 students have taken part so far, ranging from Year 5 to Upper 6th; there is always room for more students and anyone interested should see Mr Johnson for further details.

## Congratulations to...



### HONOURS BOARD

**Matt Rudolph**, who has qualified for the National Swimming Championships in 100m and 200m backstroke. He made the finals in both events after swimming in the Northern Zonal Championships.

**William Button**, who passed his Grade 4 drumming exam with Merit.

**Sam Swenson**, who has achieved her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.

We are always delighted to hear of achievements our pupils have made outside of the school gates, no matter what they may be. We are also keen to ensure your children get the recognition they rightly deserve both in school and in the local community. Please do pass on any good news stories to either myself (headmaster@ashville.co.uk) or Alicia Coad, Marketing Director at marketing@ashville.co.uk and we will ensure the information is disseminated across the college, and where appropriate in the press.

## England Rugby Training



On Friday 27th January a number of Ashville rugby team players visited the University of Leeds to watch the England Elite Players Rugby Squad train, in preparation for the forthcoming Six Nations Championship. Following the training the boys were able to meet the players and pose for photographs with them.

## LAMDA Exams

Congratulations to the following Speech and Drama pupils: (Examinations taken December 2012)

Year 7	
<b>Charles Appleby</b>	Reading for Performance Grade One – Merit
<b>Lucy Pilling</b>	Verse and Prose Grade Four – Distinction
<b>Briahdie Oliver</b>	Acting Grade Three – Distinction
<b>Lauren Goldsmith</b>	Acting Grade Three – Distinction
<b>Eve Bond</b>	Acting Grade Four – Distinction
<b>Lucy Banerjee</b>	Acting Grade Four – Distinction
Year 8	
<b>Ellie Dormer</b>	Acting Grade Three – Distinction
<b>Rhianna Malyn</b>	Acting Grade Three – Distinction
Year 9	
<b>Edward Moss</b>	Acting Grade Four – Merit
<b>Joshua Fulton</b>	Acting Grade Four – Distinction
<b>Thomas Cameron</b>	Acting Grade Four – Distinction
<b>Hannes Brown</b>	Acting Grade Four – Distinction
<b>Jannah Donald</b>	Acting Grade Five – Distinction
<b>Emma Robinson</b>	Acting Grade Five – Distinction
<b>Ben Bond</b>	Acting Grade Four – Distinction
<b>Jake Price</b>	Acting Grade Four – Distinction

(Marks are out of 100: Pass = 50+; Merit = 65+; Distinction = 80+)

## Music Exams

Congratulations to the following pupils who have taken ABRSM exams:

<b>Lizzie Turcan (Y8)</b>	Flute (Grade 3)	Merit
<b>Rachel Miller (Y8)</b>	Flute (Grade 4)	Merit
<b>Seb Corbett (Y7)</b>	Violin (Grade 4)	Pass
<b>Georgina Cornforth (Y7)</b>	Violin (Grade 4)	Merit
<b>Charles Appleby (Y7)</b>	Violin (Grade 4)	Pass
<b>Tom Holder (Y6)</b>	Violin (Grade 2)	Pass
<b>Sophie Newsome (Y7)</b>	Violin (Grade 2)	Merit
<b>Gabriella Grogan (Y9)</b>	Piano (Grade 1)	Pass
<b>George Thompson (Y9)</b>	Cello (Grade 5)	Merit
<b>Oscar Sadler (Y10)</b>	Alto Saxophone (Grade 4)	Distinction
<b>Cameron Miller (Y10)</b>	Alto Saxophone (Grade 4)	Distinction
<b>Bethany Sadler (Y8)</b>	Trombone (Grade 3)	Pass
<b>Taylor Wiley (Y8)</b>	Singing (Grade 2)	Merit
<b>Evangelina Brewins (Y9)</b>	Singing (Grade 4)	Pass
<b>Kate Morris (Y10)</b>	Singing (Grade 4)	Merit
<b>Beth Adamson (Y10)</b>	Singing (Grade 5)	Merit
<b>Ruth Belchetz (L6)</b>	Singing (Grade 6)	Merit
<b>Polly Whitelam (L6)</b>	Singing (Grade 6)	Distinction
<b>Giovanni Passerello (Y8)</b>	Violin (Grade 6)	Distinction
<b>Caleb Bullock (Y10)</b>	Piano (Grade 6)	Merit

## Parent Career Talks

A number of parents have kindly agreed to come in to talk to pupils in Year 10 to Upper Sixth about various different career options. To date we have parents coming in to speak about Business, Journalism and Media, Accountancy, Law, Architecture, Science and Industry, Venture Capital and Health Care.

If you would like to come in and speak to the pupils about your career we would be most grateful. Please contact the school to arrange.

## Latest House News

### Senior House Skiing

The fourth inter-house skiing competition took place in Zell am See over Christmas with 5 teams from each house competing in a series of (winter) races. There were individual wins for **Harry Tallentire** (Sladmore); **Will Harrison** (Duckworth); **James Newsome** (Riverdale); **Harry Crawford** (Ellis) and **Jake Severs** (Riverdale).

The results were as follows:

4th	19 Points	Windermere
3rd	25 Points	Ellis
2nd	26 Points	Duckworth
1st	30 Points	Riverdale

**BREAKING NEWS!**  
Ellis won House Drama 2012!  
Full photos and photos to follow after half term

## Sports Update

### GIRLS HOCKEY

**Wednesday 18th January:**  
Ashville v Queen Margaret's  
1st XI lost 1-2  
Goalscorer: Sam Swenson  
2nd XI lost 0-3  
Bearing in mind we were playing against Queen Margaret's genuine 1st and 2nd XIs (which has been unheard of in recent times) the scores here are tremendous and show what great strides the senior teams have made and the quality of girls we are working with.

**Saturday 21st January:**  
Ashville v Westholme School  
U15 won 7-0  
Goalscorers: **Jess Culleton (3), Kate Morris (2), Esme Mitchell and Hannah Roberts**  
Special mentions to **Esme Mitchell, Charlotte Newsome and Olivia Smith.**  
U14 lost 1-4  
Goalscorer: **Hannah Penn**  
Special mentions to **Lizzy Cormack, Gabby Grogan and Emma Robinson.**

U13A lost 1-3  
Goalscorer: **Courtney Young**  
Special mentions to **Taylor Wiley, Lizzie Castelow and Ellie Dormer.**  
U13B drew 2-2  
Goalscorer: **Caitlin Wood (2)**  
Special mentions to **Ellie Nickerson, Becky Foreman, Issy Kemeny, Tabitha Roberts and Cameron Jackson.**  
U12A lost 9-0  
Superb effort was shown by all players and special mentions go to **Tabitha Roberts, Cameron Jackson and Victoria Blaker.**  
U12B lost 7-9  
This team should be commended for their resilience and determination to keep going. Special mentions go to **Brighdie Oliver, Lauren Goldsmith and Lucy Banerjee.**

**Wednesday 25th January:**  
Ashville v King James  
U15 won 5-1  
Goalscorers: **Jess Culleton (2), Hannah Roberts, Esme Mitchell and Niamh McGarrell**  
Special mentions to **Kate Morris, Beth Adamson, Rebecca Leventhal, Charlotte Newsome and Olivia Smith.**

### BOYS HOCKEY

**Saturday 28th January:**  
Ashville 1st XI v St Peter's U16A  
1st XI won 5-0  
Goalscorers: **Jamie Willett (3), Simon Jackson and Shane Johnson**  
Special mention to **Jamie Willett** for his hat-trick and man-of-the-match performance.

### GIRLS SWIMMING

**Wednesday 1st February:**  
Ashville v Harrogate Ladies College  
U12s won 48 - 28  
First Places: **Sophie Green** (Butterfly), **Rosie Rudolph** (Backstroke), **Carmen Jones** (Front Crawl), Ashville Medley and Freestyle Relay teams.  
U13s won 39 - 37  
First Places: **Sarah Rider** (Butterfly and Breaststroke), **Rebecca Mountain** (Front Crawl), Ashville Medley Relay team.  
U14s lost 26 - 50  
U15s lost 34 - 42

First Places: **Lucia Gardner** (Butterfly and Front Crawl), **Charlotte Blythe** (Backstroke)  
Seniors won 47 - 28  
First Places: **Poppy Emsley** (Breaststroke), **Nikki Li** (Front Crawl), Ashville Medley and Freestyle Relay teams.

Final Result:  
**Ashville 194 - HLC 185**

### NETBALL

**Saturday 4th February:**  
Ashville v Sedbergh  
Despite the snowfall on Saturday afternoon eleven netball matches were still played.  
The results were as follows:  
Ashville 1st VII won 18-11  
Ashville 2nd VII lost 5-12  
Ashville U16 won 18-11  
Ashville U15A won 10-4  
Ashville U15/ U14B lost 4-16  
Ashville U14A lost 5-11  
Ashville U13 won 12-4  
Ashville U12 v Sedbergh U12A won 9-3  
Ashville U11 v Sedbergh U12B won 5-3

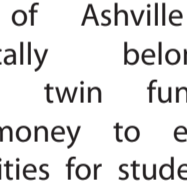
### Commendations

Well done to the following pupils who have received certificates of commendation:

STUDENT	BRONZE
<b>Year 7</b>	
Michael Cormack	Rosie Rudolph
Sophie Green	Charlie Papworth
Victoria Blaker	Russell Leckenby
Joshua Bullock	Connor Scanlan
Harry Thompson	Henry Saia
Tabitha Roberts	Martin Costa
Ben Atkinson	Matthew Wilkins
Isabel Stonehouse	Oliver Brown
Rhys Thompson	Carmen Jones
<b>Year 8</b>	
Timothy Mkandawire	Alice Varney
Rhianna Malyn	Patrick Gingras
Robert Cole	Tasmin Abbott
<b>Year 9</b>	
Anna Stonehouse	Daniel Rice
Jess Humphreys	George Humphreys
Henry Hopkinson	Betsy Gaunt
Hannah Donald	Jemma Darbandi
Lucy Lister	Gabby Grogan
Isaac Pye	
<b>Lower Sixth</b>	
Yvette Yao	Jamie Willett
Rory Stanyard	Tom Smith
James Bushby	Jeff Chow
Katie Evans	Nick Fallon
Cal Fenn	Barney Grantham
Gina Hawksworth	Marie Hildebrand
Chloe Lai	Suki Lau
John Mason	Tom Ogilvie
Will Prentiss	Jack Richardson
<b>Upper Sixth</b>	
Mosope Bob-Soile	
George Rutter	
Janet Lai	
Millie Reed	

STUDENT	SILVER
<b>Year 7</b>	
Millie Gladwin	Charles Appleby
Joseph Middleton	
<b>Year 8</b>	
Rachel Miller	Ellie Dormer
Olivia Johnston	
<b>Year 9</b>	
Ellie Abbott	Lizzie Macgregor
Alice Whitelam	Rachel McKee
Vickie Green	
<b>Lower Sixth</b>	
Kat Bullock	Hilder Chan
Yoly Chow	Lizi Crocker
Holly Tallentire	Polly Whitelam
Vorada	Wanichprasertporn

## Friends of Ashville Pupil Challenge



The Friends of Ashville is an organisation to which all parents of Ashville students automatically belong and has the twin functions of raising money to extend the opportunities for students and to provide a focal point for parents to meet through a series of social events. This last term has been particularly successful as over £17,000 was raised from events such as the Bonfire and the Ball and the Friends are now discussing with the College ways in which this can be used. They are very keen to involve students in this process and so have put a sum of money aside for each section of the College to invite students to put their ideas forward; details of this competition are attached to this email.

Please take the time to look at the details and discuss with your son or daughter any ideas that they might like to put forward. The closing date has been set for Wednesday 22nd February.

More volunteers are always welcome to join in the planning of events and it can be a very good way to meet other parents. If you would like more details please contact the appropriate reps Alison Hartwell (Seniors), Joy Russell-Slee (Juniors) or Rachel Buckley (Preprep) through:

**friends@ashville.co.uk**

## Notices

### Leeds Town Hall Performance

There will be an Ashville Choral Society performance in Leeds Town Hall on Sunday 11th March, commencing at 7pm. The choir, comprising of 230 members of Senior School and staff, plus 90 members of Wetherby Choral Society, will perform Verdi's Requiem, accompanied by a professional orchestra and soloists.

Please make every effort to come and listen. Tickets are now on sale - the ticket form can be downloaded from www.ashville.co.uk.

### Staff News

We are delighted to announce that Mr Ian Kendrick, Director of Languages at Ashville, has been made principal examiner for IGCSE Spanish for Edexcel. This is a huge achievement.

### Supercamps

Attached with this newsletter is a flyer detailing the new Super Camps holiday camps that will be coming to Ashville College from Easter this year. Early bird booking discounts are available.

### Sadie Rose Clifford Appeal

Also attached is a letter from the Neuroblastoma Alliance, regarding organising a fun day to raise funds for the Sadie Rose Clifford Appeal. They would be over the moon if anyone could offer support, whether volunteering, baking or hosting a stall. They would also appreciate any unwanted gifts for raffles or prizes for auctions where parents may have businesses or local connections. All contact details and further information are on the attached.

Rigg Cup		
1st	Ellis	99
2nd	Windermere	87
3rd	Duckworth	65
4th	Riverdale	48

Festival Trophy		
1st	Ellis	63
2nd	Windermere	56
3rd	Duckworth	49
4th	Riverdale	42