



## From the Headmaster...

With 5 weeks of term already gone, and with so much having been achieved already, we are naturally starting to think of half term which is just around the corner. The pupils and staff at Ashville will need a good rest after such a busy and successful start to the academic year. There are, however, nearly two weeks to go before then and work continues apace, with Senior School gradings being done this week to allow the focus to remain distinctly academic.

I am delighted to note in this newsletter the continued sporting success of our pupils, both in and out of school as well as the success musically we enjoy – the feedback on the Ashville Singers' performance at York Minster was exceptional, with one member of the Minster staff declaring the choir to be the best school choir he had heard!

Finally, with such a busy Open Day on Saturday, I am grateful to those pupils (and their parents) who acted as tour guides in the afternoon – they were a great credit to the College and visitors remarked without exception just how personable, polite and well presented the pupils were – our pupils really are our best advert and I was very proud of them on Saturday.

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## Sponsored Walk



Well done to everyone who took part in the sponsored walk on Thursday 28th September. More than 700 pupils, parents and teachers trudged the 10 mile route, raising funds for Young Carers, Harrogate And District Kidney Patient Support Group and the National Autism Society. The final money is not yet in, but we expect it to be over £20,000. Thank you to all who joined in.

## Ashville Singers at York Minster



Sunday 2nd October saw the Ashville Singers take a significant role in the Harvest Service for the Yorkshire Agricultural Society at York Minster. The congregation of over 300 included Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire and York's Lord Major among its numbers.

The choir not only sang superbly well and conducted themselves to the highest possible of standards, they were a huge credit to the school in every way and had a great deal of fun at the same time. Many congratulations to the Ashville Singers.

## Sporting Success

### Congratulations to...

...**Ben Wilkinson, Harry Thompson, Robbie Leventhal and Michael Cormack** who all play for the Harrogate Cricket Club U11 team. They are currently celebrating becoming the Yorkshire 2011 Indoor U11 Champions, following a series of outstanding performances in the regional qualifier and the final.



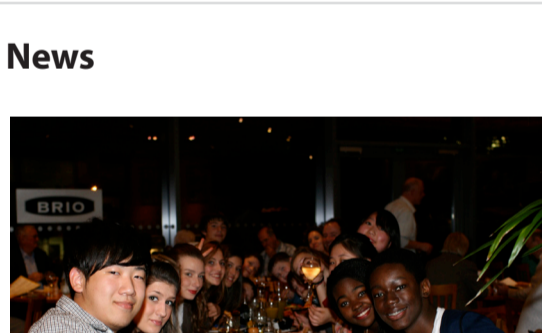
...**Izzy Kemeny**, Year 7, who has been selected for the North Yorkshire Academy for Netball.

...**Hannah Roberts**, Year 10, and **Tabitha Roberts**, Year 7, who have both been accepted into the Satellite Netball Academy.

...**James Rushbrooke**, who won Section A in the BE100 class at the Allerton Park Horse Trials. James won by 6 points with a combined score of 29, beating several top riders in the process. He only started competing in March this year and has been placed in every event he has entered.

...**Ben Pitt** and **Alex Nicholls**, who have been selected for the U17 North Yorkshire rugby team, and **Seb Pitt, Ben Bond, Sam Considine** and **Elliot Morris**, who have all been selected for the U14 team.

## Boarding News



Saturday 1st October saw the Sixth Form boarders host a gourmet dinner, inviting day pupils to join them for the evening and spend a night in boarding. Then on Sunday 2nd the whole boarding community went to Greenholme lead chapel, before returning to Chapel. This Sunday saw Lightolme lead chapel, they did a fantastic job on the theme of the parable of the sower and were expertly led by their Head of House **Timothy Mkandawire**.

## Senior House Public Speaking

October's 2011 House public speaking competition was once again a fiercely contested event. As in previous years the titles on which students elected to speak were diverse, ranging from the weighty and ethical ('Is euthanasia ever justified?') to the quirky and intriguing ('Stephen Fry: Fact or fiction?').

All students impressed with speeches that had clearly been written and redrafted with care, allowing for some confident and stylish deliveries on the evening. Students also had the additional task of responding to questions from the floor at the end of their speech, with Mr Johnson stopping many a student in their tracks with his philosophical probing of their arguments. All of our speakers proved themselves adept at justifying their positions in what was often a lively floor debate.

A highly enjoyable evening eventually saw Riverdale, run close by Duckworth, achieve first place. Riverdale's Becky Grey (Yr 13) was also awarded the honour of being the best speaker of the evening for her humorous and thought provoking speech, 'A Guide to Travel'. Other notable performances commended by the adjudicator included Alex Hunter's world-weary critique of Manchester City's corruption of football (Yr 11), Tom Averre's polished look at educational reform (Yr 12), Isabelle Holmes' confident comment on the ills of reality television (Yr 12) and Alex Taylor's thoughtful analysis of 'British Values' (Yr 13).

Well done to all involved for their admirable performances under pressure and to our vocal audience who helped to put our speakers through their paces.

Final Standings:

- 1st place – **Riverdale**
- 2nd place – **Duckworth**
- 3rd place – **Ellis**
- 4th place – **Windermere**

## Open Day

Open day saw 140 families visit the College. This was our highest turnout ever and we are delighted to see so many people taking an interest in the College. In particular thank you to all those pupils who helped on the day, and made it the success it was. The tour guides are a credit to the school and many prospective parents commented on how impressed they were with our pupils showing them around. If you do know any parents who are considering Ashville, please do remind them that tours of the school and appointments with the Headmaster are available throughout the year.

## Sports Update

### Rugby

#### Saturday 1st October:

**SILCOATES:**  
1st XV won 38-7.  
2nd XV won 29-7. Special mentions go to **Alex Macdonald** for scoring 2 tries, and **Alistair Barrett, Joshua Fuller** and **George Ellaby** for scoring 1 try each.  
U15As lost 55-0. **Peter Dickerson, Cullon Troy** and **Max Vause** should be commended for their commitment throughout the game. U14As won 50-0.  
U13As lost 71-0. Ashville showed determination but were continually beaten back.  
U12s won 43-14. Special mentions go to **Kane Brown** for scoring 5 tries in 20 minutes; **Ben Considine** and **Dubem Okorie** for scoring 1 try each and **Harry Thompson** for successfully kicking 4 conversions.

#### SCARBOROUGH COLLEGE:

U14Bs lost 31-7 against Scarborough U14 A team. Special mentions go to **Oli Roberts** for his outstanding work in defence, **Donald Zimmerman** for scoring a try and **Daniel Rice** for a successful conversion.

#### Thursday 6th October:

##### RIPON G.S.:

U15As lost 24-7. Special mentions go to **Alex Richards** for scoring a try, and **Matthew Stronach**, who came close to a second try for the team in his debut match after a storming run.

##### POCKLINGTON

U12As lost 34-17. Special mentions go to **Kane Brown, Robbie Leventhal** and **Dubem Okorie** for scoring 1 try each.

### Netball

On Wednesday 5th October the Senior 1st VII played Bradford Grammar in the 1st round of the Independent Schools knock-out competition. It was a thrilling match with the game ending in a 36-24 victory for Ashville. **Georgia Yeomans** shot superbly, whilst **Hania Thompson, Becky Grey** and **Kat Bullock** were outstanding on court.

On Thursday 6th in the pouring rain the Senior teams were in action again in the U19 Harrogate & Craven Area tournaments. The second team won two of their matches and drew against St. Aidans. They finished in 2nd place on goal difference. Well done to **Suzy Lawson, Holly Roberts-Harry, Natasha Soroka, Lara Wilson, Jemma Houseman, Sam Swenson, Helena Kilroy, Millie Reed** and **Issy Holmes**.

The first team won all of their matches, including a 10-4 win over St. Aidans and were therefore crowned Area champions. The 1st team will go through to the County round of the National Schools competition as Harrogate & Craven representatives at Ashville in November. Well done to all the girls who played so brilliantly in atrocious conditions. **Franky Fenn** (Captain), **Georgia Yeomans** (Vice-Captain), **Courtney Thompson, Katy McCreech, Hania Thompson, Becky Grey, Lucinda Stead, Kat Bullock, Lizi Crocker** and **Emily Thomson**.

### Girls' Hockey

#### Saturday 1st October:

##### HYMERS COLLEGE:

1st XI lost 2-1. Special mentions go to **Jemma Reast, Lucy Stead, Imogen Hunter, Ellie Rutter, Emma Elson** and **Holly Roberts-Harry** who performed well in what was an excellent team performance. U15s lost 4-2. Special mentions go to **Rebecca Mountain, Taylor Wiley, Lucy Lister, Esmee Mitchell** and **Jess Culleton** who were all outstanding.  
U14s lost 5-0. Special mention goes to **Maddie Broussard** who made lots of valuable saves in goal.  
U13s lost 6-0. Special mentions go to **Sarah Rider, Lucy Reast, Rebecca Mountain** and **Taylor Wiley** for their performances.  
U12As lost 1-0. Special mentions go to **Grace Allinson, Tabitha Roberts** and **Isabelle Guymer-Gairn** for their good play.  
U12Bs lost 3-0. Special mentions go to **Victoria Blaker** who was outstanding in goal, and **Sophie Newsome** who played well in defence.

## Friends of Ashville

### Northbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser

In the next couple of months we will all be buying wrapping paper for Christmas and of course we need wrapping paper all year round. If we all bought just a couple of items we could raise a significant amount of money. Our school will receive 22% on every item sold.

Very importantly Northbrook's gift wrap has been responsibly sourced in the EU and finished in the UK therefore reducing carbon miles, and sustaining UK jobs.

We do hope you like the selection of papers and that you and your family will support our school by purchasing through us.

As an extra bonus Northbrook are offering a fabulous £2000 voucher for a holiday to Disneyland Paris. This prize will be won by one lucky family from one school, and if our school wins Northbrook will double our profits.

Please visit : [www.northbrookfundraising.co.uk](http://www.northbrookfundraising.co.uk) and make sure we receive your order before the half term holiday.

## Notices

### Pre-Prep and Junior School Harvest Festival Service

The service will be held on Monday 17th October at 3.00pm, and the pupils have been collecting food and other essentials for the Harrogate Homeless Project. It would be a great help if Senior School pupils could bring in items too, and leave their food etc. in the Soothill Hall by the end of lunch-time on the 17th.

The Project would like us to collect:

- Sauces in jars; Tinned meats; Tinned tomatoes; Biscuits; Breakfast cereals; Tinned fruit (not pineapple); Sugar; Coffee; Long-life milk; Disposable razors; Shaving foam; Shower gel; Instant custard powder; Flour (all types); Cooking oil; Stock cubes; Salt; Pepper; Washing machine tablets; Cleaning materials.