



From the Headmaster...

With term now in full swing, pupils are becoming busy and involved in the whole host of activities and opportunities. There is a large cast now rehearsing for the Senior School production later this term; the whole Senior School has now been auditioned for the Leeds Town Hall performance of Verdi's Requiem, and a Choral Society of over 200 is now preparing for that. Sporting activities are well underway too, and some excellent wins and results have already been notched up with more to follow I am sure. Clubs and societies have also been busy and the scholars programme has also begun well. In the sixth form, preparations are now well in hand for UCAS applications. It's pleasing to see such breadth and such a high level of participation and I am grateful to all the staff and pupils for taking the initiative and 'getting stuck in'.

There are two specific things I would like parents help with. The first is preparations for the Sponsored Walk next Thursday – the pupils have been and will continue to be well briefed on what to wear and carry and so on – if you could keep an eye on the weather and an eye on what pupils leave home with next Thursday that would help enormously. House staff will be doing this for the boarders.

The second is encouraging pupils to help with Open Day on 8th October in the afternoon. While some pupils are involved in fixtures, most are not. It is good for a pupil's sense of self and pride in their school to show it off to visitors – and it is best for us when our pupils do this – they are by far the best advert for Ashville. I would therefore be grateful for your continued support and encouragement of the pupils to help with this – last year 136 families visited and if similar numbers come this year, we will need as many pupils to help as possible. And if you could pray for dry weather, that would be good too!

DM Lauder

House Captains 2011-2012

Congratulations to the newly appointed House Captains:



Duckworth:
Courtney Thompson &
James Dix



Ellis:
Anna Taylor &
Harry Crawford



Riverdale:
Jemma Houseman &
Matt Darnton



Windermere:
George Rutter &
Franky Fenn

Sporting Success

Congratulations to...

...**Sam Swenson**, Lower Sixth, who has been selected from the Junior Regional Performance Centre to attend HIPACK, which is the stage before full England selection. Sam will also be playing hockey for Harrogate Senior Squads on Saturdays and representing Ashville when she is able to.



...**Zac Noble**, 7JPS, who over the weekend passed his Karate Grading and is now a Brown Belt - a huge feat for an 11 year old! Zac attends Karate lessons at Kyojin Karate-do Shukokai Dojo club in Harrogate, which is part of the English Karate Governing Body.

...**Robbie Webster**, 7RH, who recently helped his tennis club, David Lloyd, to win the Leeds Junior Under 12 Tennis League for 2011. The league consists of 7 clubs playing a total of 30 matches each including singles and doubles. At the end of the season Robbie, seeded 1, and his team also won the Leeds U12 Junior Masters trophy on Saturday 9th of September, which was held for the top 4 clubs in the league. After battling through the early rounds with a 100 % wins the David Lloyd team went on to win the trophy after playing 8 hours of tennis.



Duke of Edinburgh



Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards:

William Harrison (L6TH)
Alwyn Gardner (L6DET)
Barney Grantham (LCG)
Hannah Chau (L6IK)

LAMDA Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils on their recent LAMDA Awards:

Level 1:

Lauren Goldsmith (7PS) Grade 1 (Communication)
Matthew Wilkins (7DJW) Grade 1 with Merit (Communication)
Eve Bond (7RH) Grade 3 with Merit (Performance)
Ellie Dormer (8TD) Grade 1 with Merit (Performance)
Rhianna Malyn (8TD) Grade 1 with Merit (Performance)
Jake Price (9RS) Grade 2 with Merit (Communication)
James Brown (9CJP) Grade 3 with Merit (Performance)
Lizzy Cormack (9CJP) Grade 3 with Merit (Performance)
Gabriella Grogan (9IMG) Grade 3 with Merit (Performance)
Edward Moss (9CJP) Grade 3 with Merit (Performance)
Thomas Cameron (9CJP) Grade 3 with Merit (Performance)
Joshua Fulton (9CJP) Grade 3 with Merit (Performance)
Taylor Wiley (8ER) Grade 1 with Distinction (Communication)

Level 2:

Hannah Donald (9CJP) Grade 4 with Distinction (Performance)
Emma Robinson (9CJP) Grade 4 with Distinction (Performance)
Amelia Banerjee (9CM) Grade 5 with Distinction (Communication)

New Soothill Cross



Mr Paul Gilmore has carved a new cross for the Soothill Hall, as shown above. It is made from mahogany that was salvaged from old science lab tables. Mr Gilmore designed the cross himself, and decided to use a Celtic design in order to reflect Mr Lauder's appointment.

Sixth Form

On Friday 23rd September Kirsty Bashforth, Head of Organisational Effectiveness at BP, will visit the school to speak to the Sixth Form girls about career opportunities available to women in big business.

Sports Update

Rugby

Saturday 10th September:

1st XV v Old Ashvillians

1st XV won 50-0. Special mentions go to **Callum Fenn** and **George Rutter** for both scoring 2 tries; to **Alex Nicholls**, **Nicholas Fallon**, **Jake Severs** and **Alwyn Gardner** for scoring 1 try each; and also to **Rory Stanyard** for successfully kicking 5 conversions.

Well done to the boys on one of the finest team performances against the Old Ashvillians in Ashville's long history.



Monday 12th September:

2nd XV v Fulneck 1st XV

Ashville lost 17-20. Special mentions go to **Alex Macdonald**, **Ollie Hartley** and **Will Parker** for scoring 1 try each. The match was a good opportunity for almost 30 players to have a game and there are reasons to be positive for our prospects this season.

Wednesday 15th September:

U15 Daily Mail Cup - Group game v St. John Fishers

Ashville lost 19-29. Special mentions go to **David Moodie**, **Alex Barker** and **Sam Cross** for scoring 1 try each. The team played well in patches and were the better organised side overall, but some hard work will be needed in practices.

Saturday 17th September:

Pocklington

1st XV won 10-0. Special mention goes to Man of the Match **Nick Fallon**, who played with real passion. 2nd XV Lost 67-0. The scoreline flatters the opposition and at times the sides were evenly matched.

U15A Lost 52-0. A disappointing result that does not reflect the commitment the team showed.

U15B lost 45-57. Special mentions go to Man of the Match **Tom Bailey**, **Will Blenkinsopp** for his work in the scrum, and **Harry Dow**, **George Strachan**, **Joe Pieri** and **Monthon Wanichprasterporn** for their strong attacking and ball retention.

U14A won 29-10. Special mentions go to scorers **James Brown**, **William Smith**, **Kieran Dowler** and **Ben Bond**.

U15s won 48-5. Special mentions go to scorers **Lewis Robinson**, **Donald Zimmerman**, **George Thompson**, **James Allridge**, **Josh Fulton** and **Jeremy Choi**, and **Daniel Rice** for four successful conversions.

U13s lost 60-0. Although a disappointing start to the season, the match is a platform to start from.

Netball

Saturday 10th September:

1st VII v Old Ashvillians

1st XII won 22-17. This was one of the best OA matches in recent years, with the OAs putting together a strong team of leavers from both 2009 and 2011.



Wednesday 21st September:

U15s played St. Bede's College, Manchester in the 1st round of the Independent Schools Netball Competition. Ashville won 22-11 with excellent play from **Kate Morris**, **Lucy Lister** and **Hannah Roberts**.

Girls Hockey

Wednesday 21st September:

Ripon Grammar School

1st XI won 3-1. Special mentions go to goal scorers **Lara Wilson**, **Helena Kilroy** and **Becky Grey**; **Emily Cole**, **Lucy Reast** and **Courtney Thompson** for their excellent work in defence; and 'Player of the Match' **Sam Swenson**.

2nd XI won 2-0. An excellent team performance with all girls giving their best. Special mentions go to goal scorers **Zoe Ellaby** and **Bekki Fallon**.

Dates for Your Diary

The Friends of Ashville will be holding the Mistletoe Ball on Saturday 26th November at the Crown Hotel in Harrogate. Tickets need to be booked in advance to avoid disappointment. The FoA raise funds for additional equipment in and around school, as well as donating a percentage of funds raised to charities. This year, they will be supporting two local children: Chrissy, who suffers from cerebral palsy and needs an operation to help him walk again; and Bel, who had a tragic accident last year and fractured her neck. Information regarding these two charities can be found at www.chrissyquest.co.uk and www.belsauction.co.uk

The FOA are also looking for sponsorship of the drinks reception, the band and the Disco – and would appreciate any help with auction prizes. Please contact Rachel Buckley (buckleyhome@btinternet.com) or Rebecca Booth (bec@tpiz.so.uk) if you can help or would like further information regarding the Ball.