

WINTER 2021

As another rollercoaster of a term comes to an end, following yet another challenging twelve months, we must, unfortunately, say goodbye to a few members of staff who are leaving us; our Career's Coordinator Mrs Costoya, after 8 years, two of our cleaning team Mrs Hunn after 16 years with us and Miss Murgatroyd, Mrs Bassar, Food Technology teacher, who has been with us for 10 years and Ms Rollinson, a cover supervisor who has also been with us for 16 years. We would like to thank them all for their hard work, commitment and support during their time with us and offer our very best wishes for their future endeavours.



As ever, we have had an incredibly busy term filled with hard work and remarkable achievements. Reading this newsletter reminds me of how incredible our young people are and of how many amazing accomplishments there have been over the term. I am delighted and proud to share with you some of our successes in the current edition of our newsletter.

May I wish you a happy, healthy and restful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Anna Young
Principal



The Academy had a very successful Children in Need event this year, where students wore their own clothes for the day, had the chance to guess the number of sweets in the jar and enter a raffle. The Student Presidents did a fantastic job of encouraging people to get involved and made the day a really positive and worthwhile event.

The winner of Guess the Sweets in the Jar was Alfie M in Year 7 with a guess of **357**.

As an Academy we raised a whopping **£2440.07** for Children in Need. A huge thanks to the staff and students who got involved, especially the Student Presidents.



STUDENT PRESIDENT



We had an amazing week of elections and voting with over 780 students voting for their Student President. The role will be to work with staff to ensure student voice is heard and to support with fundraising, enrichment, and other activities. The students have created a manifesto of what they would like to do, which will be discussed with SLT and student council members in meetings.

Each Student President will have to sign the Presidential Code of Conduct. If the student breaks the code of conduct, then there will be a meeting to discuss removing them from their position.

The idea of a student president was well received with one student stating "I've been able to actually democratically vote and have my say" which is brilliant.

Results are:

Year 7: Ava Rose Ruddock and Kai Mollett

Year 8: Max Harding and Madison McKenzie

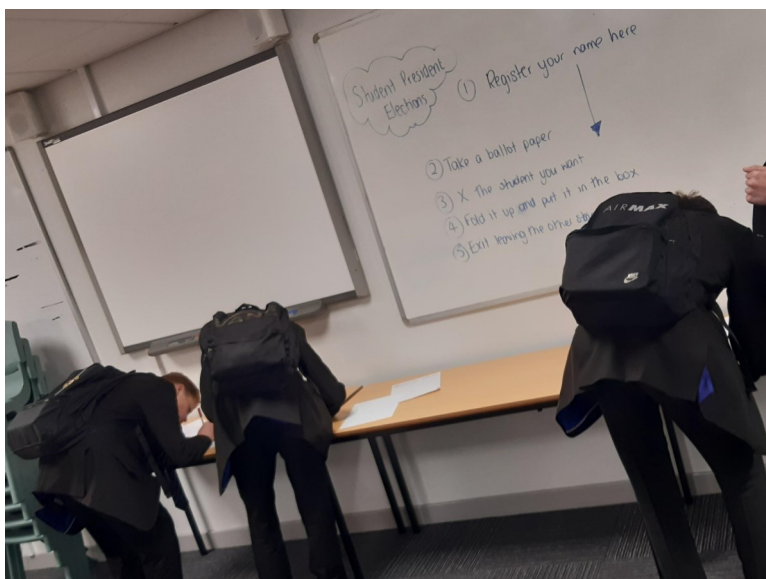
Year 9: Matthew Crosby and Ethan Court

Year 10: Daniel Arnold and Daniel Plant

Year 11: Michael Williams and Josh Oldfield



Congratulations to our new Student Presidents and we look forward to seeing what they will achieve.



At the beginning of November, the Student Presidents and fundraising committee did a great job of selling poppies throughout form time and break, to both students and staff.

Well done to all those involved in a very successful Poppy Appeal. The amount raised will be confirmed in our next newsletter.



Our Amazing Staff!

OF COURSE WE THINK OUR STAFF ARE WONDERFUL, BUT JUST TO PROVE IT HERE ARE SOME STORIES ABOUT WHAT THEY GET UP TO IN THEIR OWN TIME...

During the Summer, Mr Dennis started some challenges to raise money for charity and quickly got the bug for it. He has now walked over 500 miles and cycled over 300 miles to raise over £1500 for a range of charities such as Cancer research UK, Alzheimer's Research UK, Mental Health UK and many others. He completed his biggest challenge on 25th September when he set out to walk a marathon but actually ended up doing 31 miles raising over £300 for Brain Tumour Research. Mr Dennis really advocates getting out in the fresh air saying "going for a walk outside, even if just for ten minutes is so good for you not only physically but mentally. I really recommend it! I'm now determined to walk 40 miles next time."



Setting off for a 31 mile walk at 6am!



Miss Shakespeare has been particularly busy in the last couple of months too. In October, she completed 11 runs and cycles, each 11 miles long, for the charity SANDS and baby loss awareness week, raising a brilliant £160.



In November, Miss Shakespeare, along with her daughter Florence and nieces Lily and Ava completed 24 miles walking and biking for Pancreatic Cancer. Miss Shakespeare explains: "My uncle was diagnosed with this terrible disease during lockdown and is battling through the final stages of his life. As a family you can imagine how tough this is and we wanted to do something to raise awareness and funds for a great charity." The girls raised a massive £501 for the charity.

Here they are looking gorgeous—Florence look at the camera!



You can see why we're so proud of our incredible staff.

GARFORTH ACADEMY HOUSE SYSTEM

On the 1st November Garforth Academy launched a brand new House System. All students and staff were sorted into one of five Houses; Lotherton, Harewood, Kirkstall, Oakwell and Newsam, with a mix of year groups and staff roles throughout each House.

Students and staff will take part in activities and competitions throughout the academic year to win points for their House. The overall reward for the winning house, at the end of the academic year, being a trip to Alton Towers.

The aim of the House System is to create added enjoyment and motivation for students as well as create more opportunities for students to build skills around teamwork, collaboration, leadership and mentoring.

The competitions were kicked off with a Tug of War event for each year group and staff. These events took place in the sports hall at break time and attracted huge crowds (and noise).

Throughout the year each department will run house competitions within their subject including; Crystal Maze in Maths, Treasure hunts in English, Interhouse competitions in PE, Dragons Den on upcycling products in Business students and Design Technology, an Atomic Cook off in Science and History "Pub Quiz". Bonus points will also be awarded based on Achievement Points, events based around raising money for charity and any Principal Points Mrs Young would like to award for students who make exceptional contributions to society and the community.



Mrs Williams employing the marigolds!



The Winning staff team - Harewood



"It is great to already see students with extra motivation to do well in school and see staff enjoying some friendly competition" Mr Cohen





Our students have been working really hard on their enrichment lessons to pull together all that they have learnt in their English studies this term. Year 7 have been preparing for the Christmas Charity Fair which will take place on Wednesday 15th December. They have been working collaboratively to prepare goods and activities for their stalls with the hope of raising a large amount for their chosen charities.

Year 8 are also showing just how charitable they are by embarking on their own independent fundraising activities for the homelessness charity, Shelter. The students have spent time in lessons planning and devising what they can do over the Christmas period to raise funds for the charity.

Finally, Year 9 have been challenging the topic of loneliness and forging links within the community by writing Christmas letters to a local care home. The students have enjoyed showing that teenagers are not always deserving of some of the stereotypical bad press that they receive and are looking forward to receiving some letters back from the residents.

Watch this space for an update on how much money we raise and for some photographs from our enrichment events.

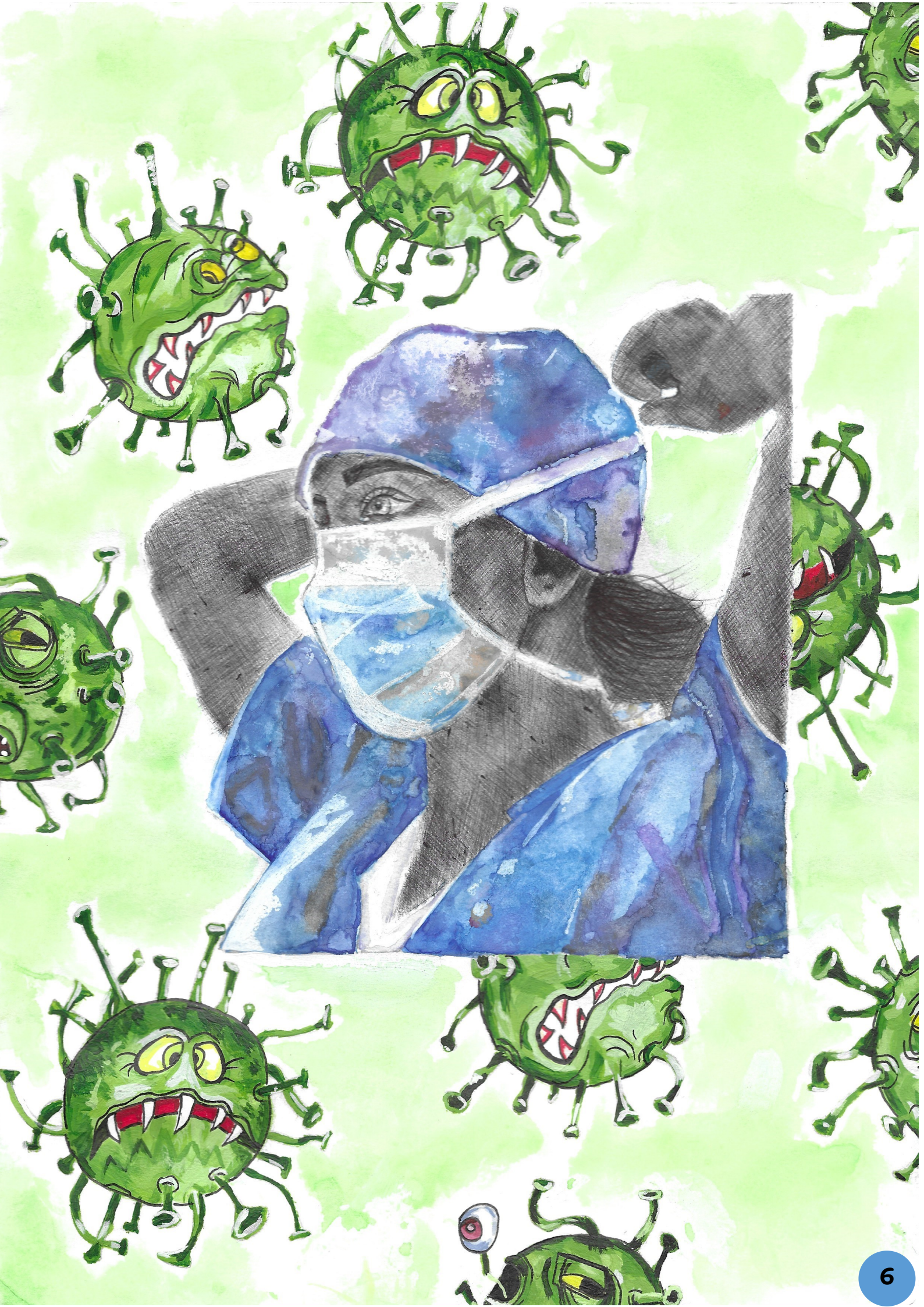
Coup de Grâce

Sarah Bahl, a Year 12 student, showed her talent by producing the image on the next page; Coup de Grâce . Sarah used a variety of mediums to produce the art work and the difference between acrylics and watercolours represents the battle between the virus and the PPE. The piece depicts the emergence of the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2. Originating from Wuhan, China in December 2019, the illness spread at an exponential rate across many countries, consequently leading to the WHO declaring a pandemic on March 11th 2020. This virus bore a

massive toll on our healthcare system, with many hospitals reaching full capacity due to the influx of patients suffering with COVID. Furthermore, it resulted in new safety precautions being implemented, including the introduction of PPE and face masks.

In the drawing the virus surrounds the medic and for many the effect of the pandemic and the national lock down was a difficult time. This piece of work by Sarah was a tribute to the health care workers who worked so hard during this time.

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Brain Day for Biologists

On the 17th of October, a group of year 12 and 13 students were fortunate enough to attend the Brain Day programme presented by the brilliant speaker, Dr Guy Sutton. A number of fascinating topics were covered throughout the day, some being: how the brain works, effects of drugs on the brain, various birth defects, advances in brain-scanning technology, and the future of neuroscience.

Dr Guy Sutton began by recapping the structure of the brain and went into greater detail on its functions. Despite discussing topics which aligned with the curriculum, he also covered topics that went far beyond the A-level specification, exploring deep and thought-provoking issues that we wouldn't usually have the chance to talk about. I found this information extremely valuable because it gave us more context behind what we'd previously learnt about the brain. His interactive and engaging way of sharing information with the students gave the

biologists a chance to consider areas of science that they could potentially study at university and develop into careers relevant to neuroscience.

Dr Guy Sutton expressed the future importance and significance of neuroscience and how rapidly research methods are improving. We were shown a video showing multiple examples of mind-controlled prosthetics and how they function by the direct connection to the persons nerves, muscles, and skeleton. I found the section about the future of prosthetics for amputees highly impressive and inspiring. I also found that the discussion of birth defects insightful as Dr Sutton explained the causes of certain abnormalities alongside showing detailed diagrams. An example of a birth defect that he discussed was anencephaly, which is a serious defect in which the baby is born with missing parts of the skull and brain.

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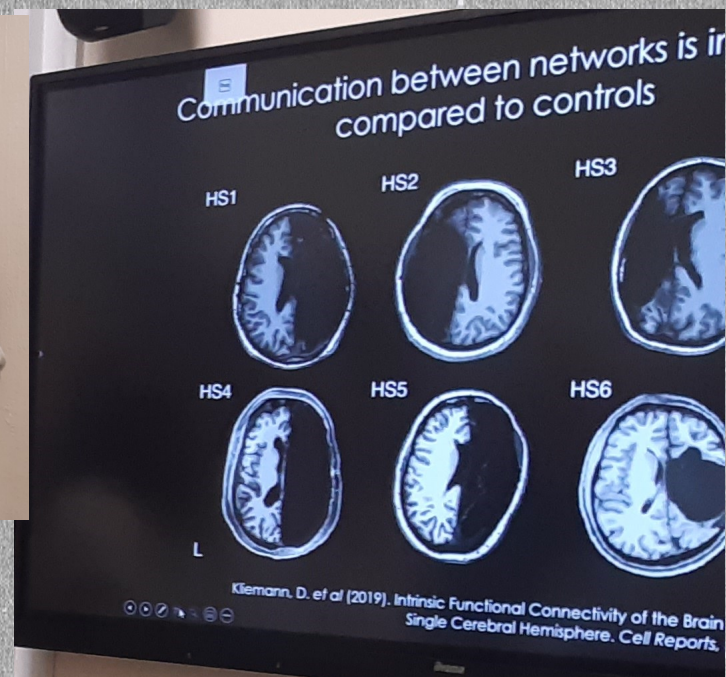
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I believe that I speak for many students when I say that one of the most memorable parts of the day was the dissection of the sheep brain. Dr Sutton guided the students through the dissection whilst also allowing us an opportunity to get involved. By using his scalpel, he was able to pull the cerebrum away from the brain stem revealing the inside of the sheep's temporal lobe. We could see the mid-brain circuitry after removing a large mass of tissue and the cerebral wall via hemispherectomy. I think that a key reason as to why Dr Sutton's Brain Day was so enjoyable for many was the interactive aspect

and how we were given the opportunity to hold and analyse various parts of the brain, such as the hippocampus. It enabled us to compare some of the many similarities and differences across different species' brains.

Dr Sutton's enthusiasm made engaging with the presentation easy and gave valuable insight to the wider context of biology and neuroscience and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to partake in the Brain Day programme.

Sophia Higgins
Year 12 Biologist



SWINGING SUCCESS

JAKE WALLIS, AGE: 15

Handicap: +1.4

Home Course: Garforth

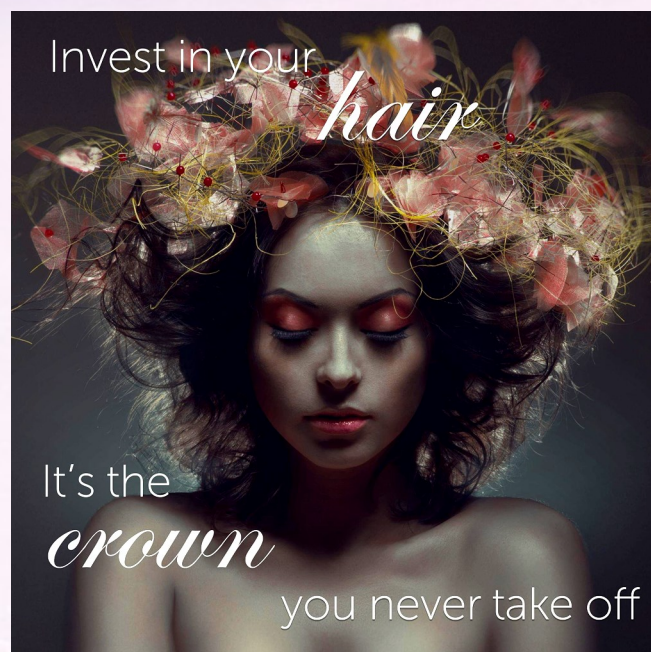
Hero: Justin Thomas

Year 11 student, Jake has been in the Yorkshire Boys coaching programme since he was 11. He's played a lot of competition golf and won the Yorkshire Boys Championship (Under 18) in 2020 followed by being the leading Under 16 player in the Carris Trophy which is the England U18 championship. This led to him being selected for the Yorkshire region England squad which he is in again this year. In 2021 he has continued to represent Yorkshire Boys (Under 18) in matches against other counties and was also selected for Yorkshire Men in a match versus Northumberland in which he was undefeated. He also represents Leeds at both Boys and Men's levels. He has had 2 hole in one's this year, one of them coming in a Yorkshire Boys match vs Lancashire. He won the Club Championship at his club (Garforth) in June. He has played in the Scottish

Under 16, English Under 16 and Under 18 championships and also the British Boys Amateur championship. His best results this year have been a 3rd place finish in the Midlands Under 16 Championship and his qualification for the Justin Rose Telegraph Grand Final which was played at Walton Heath. This is a very prestigious junior tournament and a highlights programme has been shown on Sky Sports. Jake came tied 4th in this against some of the top juniors in the country. Jake is hoping eventually to be offered a golf scholarship to an American college so he can pursue his dream of being a tour professional.

Congratulations to Jake, who has worked so hard and already accomplished so much, we're all very proud of your achievements so far and look forward to seeing more of your success in the future.





The Training Rooms

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Rowing for Gold!



Mr Brown took a mixed group of Year 8, 9 and 10 to compete in Rowing. "Watching these students mix, support and help each other is brilliant. They have really represented the academy amazingly well and had the opportunity to display their ability in a new sport that we are just recently starting to gain access to. Five of our Students are now in the Leeds Rowing Academy: Izzy B, Emma W, Tom K, Harry T and Lewis E-S. A number of Year 8's will have the chance to enter into the programme when they visit Leeds University, in the last week of term, to undergo more physical testing.

On Wednesday evening the students managed to perform way above their experience would suggest was possible. The Year 7/8 girls individually finished in the top 10 within their heats and as a relay team finished 5th. The most notable performances individually by Lexie P and Megan D. The Year 7/8 boys team collected medals in the relay, finishing 1st by 0.7 seconds. The most notable performances by Ross D and Jack E. The Year 9/10 girls

are an outstanding bunch of Rowers, benefitting from the additional training that they are receiving. Izzie B finished in Second place, Emma W in 3rd only 3 metres behind and Zoe G in 5th place. This clearly was good for the relay however they were a rower short so had to put in extra to complete the race. The girls finished 1st with a dominant performance. The Year 9/10 boys are once again a talented team. Individually Lewis E-S, Tom K and Harry T challenged the medal placings but they came into their own in the relay. The boys narrowly missed out on finishing first, but will take the silver.

Christobel F and Harry T were also given awards for their outstanding work in leading their teams and supporting the group. The students also spent time getting to know and receive coaching from Ellen Buttrick the Tokyo Paralympic gold medallist Rower."

Congratulations to all the rowers that took part and thanks to Mr Brown for organising such a great opportunity for our students.



Footballing Triumphs



Our brilliant **Year 7 boys** team have enjoyed an impressive first term, winning eight of their opening nine games in all competitions. They are currently top of their league, in the quarter finals of the Leeds Schools' Cup and have reached the last 64 of the English Schools' Cup, with their round 5 tie due to be played in the last week of term.

Match details below:

Carr Manor 0 – 5 Garforth (Pharell S x 3, Delaney K, Noah B) **MOTM: Pharell S**

Wetherby 2 – 4 Garforth (Pharell S x 4) **MOTM: Pharell S**

Garforth 1 – 0 Ackworth (Delaney K) **MOTM: Connor L**

Temple Moor 3 – 4 Garforth (Oliver P x 2, Adam S, Oscar W) **MOTM: Oliver P**

Fulford 1 – 7 Garforth (Pharell S x 2, Oliver P x 2, Alfie G x 2, Josh M) **MOTM: Connor L**

Allerton Grange 4 – 2 Garforth (Alfie G, Oliver P) **MOTM: Oscar W**

Bruntcliffe 1 – 4 Garforth (Pharell S x 3, Alfie G) **MOTM: Pharell S**

St Aidan's 0 – 5 Garforth (Oscar W, Noah B x 2, Pharell S, Oliver P) **MOTM: Noah B**

Brigshaw 2 – 4 Garforth (Noah B, Pharell S x 3) **MOTM: Freddie Mc**



Our superb **Year 8 boys** competed in the Final of the West Yorkshire County Cup and round 5 of the National Cup. An unprecedented situation that we would play the same team in both competitions at the same time. The boys have performed excellently this year so far. Up until the final, they were unbeaten and produced some fantastic performances while travelling to various parts of Yorkshire.



It was a well fought game, but as we pushed to get back into it Ryburn had a sting in their tale to finish us off 3-0.

The students have been a pleasure to look after on the road this year so far and should be very proud of the performances they have produced and the way they have represented the Academy. A large number of students are yet to get their chance and as we move onto the Leeds Schools Cup and league fixtures in the new year there is still lots to play for.

Unfortunately, Mr Brown took the team photo after the game and as you can see some took the result better than others!



Our fantastic **Year 9 boys** football team reached the last 32 of the national cup last night in a thrilling 3-5 victory in Hull (Sirius Academy). The boys are really doing the Academy proud. The next round will be played after Christmas.



National Citizen Service and Leeds United Foundation



The NCS/LUF Newsletter provided an insight into what our students have been achieving with them...

"The summer of 2021 Garforth Academy had the highest amount of young people take part in the National Citizen Service across all the schools we cover. They were involved in a range of fantastic social action projects such as:

Team Jelly Tots which included 6 Garforth students did some outstanding community work and really focused on helping charities bounce back after the impacts of COVID-19. However positive covid tests meant the rest of their social action was delivered online. This didn't stop the team raising well needed awareness around important issues in society, which included designing a podcast on the environment that left a fantastic legacy on how little changes can make a massive difference to the environment.

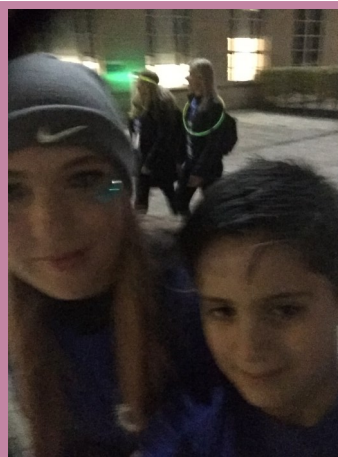
Team Starburst, which also had members from Garforth Academy, delivered some amazing work within their local community this summer. They worked in partnership with three main charities, which included Aspire, St Vincents and Holbeck. The group did a sponsored walk of 13k in very warm conditions to raise money to buy products to support both St Vincent's and Holbeck together, including food and clothing items, to help those most at need in the community. As well as making a powerful awareness video for Aspire, to highlight that there is always support available and to never suffer in silence.

As well as this, pupils who attended Garforth also did games for the isolated in care homes and raised money to buy hampers that they then donated to the elderly in the care homes.

Another team including young people from Garforth was team Oreo who wanted to focus their social action project on helping the homeless. With the money they fundraised they created over 15 care packages to donate to homeless people in Leeds. The packages included a warm blanket, pillows, umbrellas, gloves, toothbrush, scarf, socks, food, hand sanitizer and water. Furthermore, the team didn't just stop there, they also created a legacy video of all the work they had done across the week to educate other people on how to donate similar items to help those in need."

Walking with Purpose

Jacob C, in Year 8, took part in a Macmillan 10k Shine walk with his family at the request of his auntie, who has stage 4 cancer. Jacob helped raise £365 for his aunts team, which in total has raised over £5000. Jacob's family is, unsurprisingly, very proud of Jacob; not only did he help raise money, he even stopped during the walk to wait for relatives who really struggled to keep up so that he could keep them company. Well done Jacob, we're proud of you as well!



KS4 English MAT

Mr. Eckert met with aspiring Year 10 poets to discover how poetry can link with images to conjure indelible experience and powerful emotions. We explored assorted poems—the deep and the daft—traversing older verses from Robert Frost to more modern rhythmic lines written

and recited by the likes of John Agard...and even Mr. Eckert himself! The students went away to work on evoking a poem of their own—inspired by a photo special to them. We are looking forward to celebrating and sharing some of their beautiful work.

Events : January - April 2022

Tuesday 25th January	Year 9 Marketplace
Wednesday 26th January	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thursday 3rd February	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 4th February	Sixth Form Taster Day
Friday 18th February	Training Day
Monday 28th February	Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening
Thursday 10th March	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 31st March	Year 10 Parents' Evening

Term Dates 2021 - 2022

	SCHOOL CLOSES	SCHOOL OPENS
Christmas	Friday 17th December 2021	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Second mid-term	Friday 18th February 2022	Monday 28th February 2022
Easter Break	Friday 1st April 2022	Tuesday 19th April 2022
May Bank Holiday	Friday 2nd May 2022	Tuesday 3rd May 2022
Third mid-term	Friday 27th May 2022	Monday 6th June 2022
Summer Break	Tuesday 26th July 2022	

Remaining Inset Days 2021/2022:

Friday 18th February 2022 Monday 25th July 2022 Tuesday 26th July 2022

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