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A Word from our Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our May half-term edition of the Newsletter. Whilst it has been a relatively short term (just five weeks) there has certainly been a lot packed in!

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students are now in the midst of GCSE and A-level exams and it was great to be able to celebrate and reflect with them during their respective Leavers' Assemblies. We wish them all the best in their exams over the coming few weeks.

In this edition we have exciting updates about the range of activities our students and staff have been involved in, as well as an update on the progress of our new school newspaper!

We also have some photos from the presentation event in London where Mrs Lofthouse was presented with her David Clarke award for Secondary Teacher of the year in Engineering, Computing and Technology, reflecting her work in engaging and empowering our students in these areas.

On the theme of the school's work in high quality STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) teaching, enrichment and careers I was delighted to be asked to present to the House of Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology last week. The committee is currently exploring themes around diversity in STEM careers and particularly the national gender imbalance around take up of related A-level subjects. I was invited as SGHS has been identified as a national beacon in STEM education and having high uptake of STEM qualifications. It was fantastic to be able to share all the great work that our staff, students, parents and alumni have been doing to promote these subjects.

As we enter the half-term week it would be remiss of me not to mention the Queen's Jubilee next week. It is a truly incredible achievement to mark 70 years as Monarch and something that is unlikely to happen again, certainly in my lifetime! I have always admired the Queen's devotion to public service, particularly in light of all the challenges and changes that will have taken place over the last 70 years.

As a school we will be marking and celebrating this historic event through an afternoon tea event for students and staff on the afternoon of Monday 6th June. This will include food (provided by school), dance performances from across the 7 decades, a themed quiz and music from the decades. A big thank you in advance to Mrs McMillan and Ms Busfield for their organisation of this event.

I hope you have a really enjoyable half-term break and Jubilee and I look forward to seeing students and staff on Monday 6th June.

Mr M Turner
Headteacher

Join us for a

Platinum Jubilee Celebration Party

Hosted by
Skipton Girls' High School

Monday 6th June



Venue: School Hall

Afternoon Tea, Dance Performance,
Music, Film and Quiz!



Year 7 - 1.05pm
Year 8 - 1.45pm
Year 9 - 2.20pm
Year 10 - 2.55pm
Year 12 - Anytime!



SGHS CAREERS FAIR

The Careers Fair held on Wednesday 27th April was a huge success with over thirty businesses and Higher/Further education institutions participating and hundreds of students and parents attending.

It was one of the first big school events held face to face since the Covid pandemic and was a really positive experience providing students and parents with a fantastic chance to ask questions and explore all future pathways and opportunities available.

There was a great 'buzz' in the air as the students and parents interacted with the many representatives from the organisations across a diverse range of businesses and using varied career paths including architecture, finance, engineering, digital marketing, medicine, the armed forces and environmental consultancy to name but a few.

Local firms were represented alongside national and multi-national organisations - many of whom offer apprenticeship options as an alternative career pathway and were fascinating about the opportunities on offer. Further Education providers, Craven College and numerous Higher Education providers, including the Universities of Newcastle, Northumbria, Leeds Trinity, Lancaster, Leeds, Bradford, Lincoln, Edge Hill and York St John were all very busy and informative about students potential next steps.

Presentations from careers as varied as the RAF & the Army; Shoo Social (digital marketing); Comply Direct (environmental consultancy); JN Bentley; various of the Universities; Kingsway and Ashland Vets were all very informative and well-attended demonstrating the huge wealth of experiences out in the wider world beyond school.

It was also lovely to see some 'old girls' returning and attending as representatives from different businesses including Mazars, Laing O'Rourke and Chelker Technology. These ex-students were all thriving having taken the Apprenticeship route into their career of choice and represented their organisations with pride, enthusiastically ex-tolling the many virtues of their chosen pathway, whilst nostalgic about their SGHS experience.

Overall, the Careers Fair was a valuable opportunity enabling our students to begin to make sensible and informed decisions about their future and considering their careers aspirations.



STUDENT VOICE

"It was great! I got to talk to range of businesses and organisations I wouldn't have necessarily thought about before the evening."

"Having a chance to speak to people face to face was really useful because I could ask questions and follow up on their answers with more questions."

"I really enjoyed it - it has made me think about the future more!"



THANK You

To all of our attending
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Bentley
MMB MOTT MACDONALD
BENTLEY

Newcastle
University

sagars
AN AAB GROUP
COMPANY

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Rance Booth Smith Architects

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& Associates

National Prize for one of our Learning Directors



CREATE Learning Director Rebecca Lofthouse collects acclaimed national prize for empowering women in the world of CREATE.

This week, Rebecca Lofthouse and I travelled to London in pursuit of the renowned 'David Clarke Award' for successes in engineering, computing and technology in the world of teaching.

Rebecca was shortlisted for the award following her work on our 'NSAT Green Promise', within which she has established a student-led group ('Engineers of the Future'), who will lead on various sustainability projects across the school. Excitingly, the team have plans to design and build a completely self-sufficient gym, install kinetic flooring into our school site and longer term looking at installing electric charging points in the school.

Rebecca quickly became the favourite for the award, boasting of impressive destinations for her computing

groups, whereby 80% of her current cohort are going on to study computing-related degrees after their examinations. This was considered "highly impressive" by the awarding officials, who recognised the failures in the world of STEM to empower women as leaders in these fields.

As a school, we are very lucky to have Rebecca in our staff body and she continues to enrich our school community with her innovative outlook and passion for CREATE.

Well done Rebecca!

Mrs Fox

Assistant Headteacher for Professional Learning



A Level Geography Fieldwork

Part of A Level Geography is taking students out of the classroom to carry out fieldwork related to the content we are covering in class. For many students this fieldwork brings difficult concepts to life, and really helps develop their understanding. As part of the A Level Geography course, students need to also carry out fieldwork in preparation for completing their NEA.

Over the last 2 weeks, we have taken our Year 12 Geography classes out of the classroom on two fieldwork days. The first was to look at the factors affecting infiltration, and we took them to Wycoller County Park to collect our data. We were able to record infiltration rates, as well as assess the percentage of vegetation cover and measure the gradient of the slope at each. Back in the classroom, students have written up their work as a report, using some of the skills required for their NEA.

The second day of fieldwork was to Grasmere in the Lake District. Students completed a 5.8 mile circular walk from the village of Grasmere to Easedale Tarn and back. The aim of this was to look for evidence of glaciation within the landscape, and carry out primary data collection techniques so we can evaluate this evidence back in the classroom, and use this example as a case study. Students measured the orientation of striations, completed a till analysis, and used grid references and observational skills to record evidence seen. It was a fantastic day, despite the small amount of rain at the tarn whilst eating lunch! Many of the students had never been to Easedale, and the look of amazement as they stepped over the corrie lip to see the corrie and tarn for the first time was brilliant. Some commented on how they didn't expect it to look the way it does, and how bigger in real life it is, compare to what they were expecting! Back down in Grasmere village, they treated themselves to a well deserved ice cream or hot chocolate.



We now look forward to the remainder of the summer term, and taking out our Year 8 students to Malham, and our Year 10 students to Wycoller to complete a river study.

Mrs Brailsford
Geography

PE News!

It has been a busy half term in PE with the return of summer sports! We have had fantastic numbers at our extra-curricular clubs, with over 70 students coming to rounders on a weekly basis, and some fantastic groups for cricket!

Our rounders teams have been competing in the Bradford Rounders League and have shown some wonderful skill and teamwork! We have had some great results against local schools, well done to everyone who has represented school so far in a fixture!

Our athletics team attended the ESAA Track and Field Cup at York University earlier this half term and they were excellent. We had numerous winners and podium finishes in individual events and won both the Junior and Inter 4x100m relay. Everyone who competed showed excellent team spirit, cheering one another on all day, and helping the event organisers with some field events. Well done!

In PE lessons this half term we have been doing lots of rounders where students have improved their fielding, bowling, and batting skills throughout their lessons. We have seen some excellent resilience on show, some brilliant skills demonstrated and some wonderful team performances.

We are looking forward to going onto athletics and tennis in lessons, as well as competing in more rounders and athletics competitions.

... And of course, we have a big day to look forward to after half term... **SPORTS DAY!**

Team PE





If you are interested in participating, please get in touch with Mrs Fox on foxv@sghs.org.uk

'Tuned In' Student Newspaper

SGHS soon to launch a whole school student-led newspaper and have brought in the professionals to help!

SGHS is soon to launch their first whole school, student-led newspaper, courtesy of Mabel Vincent and Miriam Kelly, the Year 12 leaders of the project. Mabel and Miriam have recruited an impressive editorial team and are currently searching for a team of writers in lower school.

This week, Mabel and Miriam were lucky enough to secure the help of Suzy Vincent, an industry professional. Suzy has worked in the world of journalism her entire career, recently holding a post writing for 'Mind', a mental health charity.

Suzy came in to workshop with our team of editors and gave advice on formatting, deadline management, thematising editions, among stylistic tips and hacks.

It is safe to say we learned an enormous amount from her help and look forward to building an exciting first edition, including and celebrating the many voices of our school community.



Junior Maths Challenge

On 27th and 28th April 70 students from Year 7 and Year 8 took part in the Junior Maths Challenge, a nationwide competition run by the United Kingdom Maths Trust. The competition is designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The students achieved impressive results with 9 Gold awards, 20 Silver awards and 19 Bronze awards. Most of the Gold awards were in Year 8 but a special mention must go to Isabel Evans who achieved a Gold award in Year 7. Three students scored particularly well and qualified to take part in the next round of the competition, congratulations to Hana Amini (8B), Eva Howard Birt (8B) and Brooke Parker Rae (8B). Good luck to them in the next stage!

Miss Hughes

Learning Director: Mathematics



(Above) Some of our Gold award winners - from left to right, Hana Amini, Eva Howard-Birt, Brooke Parker-Rea (Best in school) and Abigail Cunliffe

Tutor Read

Shortlisting for the SGHS tutor read 2022-3 is well underway! Since March, students have been recommending and voting for books to replace our current read, 'Things a Bright Girl Can Do' which we've been reading in tutor time. We started off with a longlist with well over a hundred nominations, which have been sifted through, voting, and commenting on which we think as a student body will be an interesting read.

The current tutor read has brought up a lot of different issues and prompted some thought-provoking conversations, not just in tutor time, but across the whole curriculum. We want something that will challenge us and help us to explore a wide range of different experiences. So the next step is the shortlisting! A set of the shortlist has been bought and volunteers have taken copies to read and comment on.

There are still opportunities to join the shortlisting panel, too! If anyone is interested, please speak to Mrs Woolley to get involved.

Mrs Woolley

Learning Director: English & Communication





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INCLUDES WELCOME GIN
& FIVE GINS TO TASTE

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(INC. SOFT DRINK)

Hosted by Friends of SGHS
& Otterbeck Distillery



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& SPANISH
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FRIDAY 1ST JULY 2022, 7PM

Ticket includes delicious Mediterranean Buffet with veg
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when purchasing tickets.

Tickets available on ParentPay or via:
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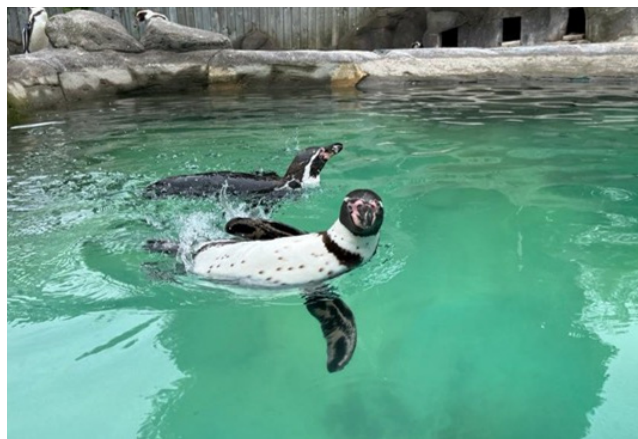
Year 7 Trip

On the 20th May the whole of Year 7 visited Harewood House, it was so nice to do a trip with all Houses interacting. Whilst here we visited the Stately Home of the Lascelles family which was built in 1759. Harewood has been the location for many film sets, most recently the kitchens were used to film *Downton Abbey*. It was also exciting to spot the secret bookcase doors.

The students enjoyed the Bird Tours where we all learnt interesting facts about an array of birds such as penguins, parrots and flamingoes—did you know that the ‘knee’ of a Flamingo is actually its ankle? And that a penguin can hold its breath for up to 10 minutes under water? The bird gardens, lakeside walk and Himalayan Gardens provided the students with ample opportunity to take photographs to sketch from for our next topic of Birds.

The weather was on our side and the students enjoyed the Adventure Playground and ice creams. All students were wonderfully behaved and the Harewood staff commented on their mature behavior and insightful questions.

CREATE Faculty





Friends of SGHS News

SGHS, like so many schools in recent times, has had finances squeezed. Even the provision of water fountains, geography field trip equipment, new library books, year planners and P.E. equipment, are being partially funded from money raised outside the school budget.

Friends of SGHS are here to help school raise these extra funds, giving students access to items that might not otherwise be available. Friends not only fundraise but also put on year-round social events to strengthen our school community.

Friends have pledged £15,000 by December 2022 towards a much-needed new minibus that will allow groups of students to attend sports fixtures, art trips, music performances or maths events. We have already raised nearly £6,000 since February 2022:

- Quiz Night made £1,609
- Mother's Day & Easter Market made £1,364
- Spring Hamper made £760

Thank you to all those who were sponsored to **hike up Skipton Moor** with us on **15th May** and helped raise an additional **£1,565 for the minibus**. All participants enjoyed a free T-shirt and BBQ hot dog and drink on completion. Participants sent in some wonderful photos from the top. These are included in this newsletter. The most funds were raised by Amy Cranham, Y7, and the fabulous prize of a free weekend family pass to Gateways Skipton Music Festival has been awarded to her. Well done, Amy!

Below are the latest 150 club winners, who will be sent prize money:

April 2022

1st prize No 99; 2nd prize No 72, 3rd prize No 17

May 2022

1st prize No 137; 2nd prize No 118 & 3rd prize No 13

From 1st July we will be giving away additional 150 club numbers for just £10 a number for six months of draws (July to December 2022). See the Friends website to buy your discounted membership: www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofsghs

We are always looking to expanding the Friends group and would love your input, please contact us: team@friendsofsghs.org.uk

Might your employer consider match funding one of our events? Might you be willing to enquire? This is a great way for companies to give charity support and would be tremendously beneficial to SGHS fundraising efforts – meaning we double any funds raised at any one event. Please use the email above if your company might consider taking part and we can provide details.

The **AGM** is set for **6.30pm, Monday 11th July 2022** in the library and we welcome everyone.

Plans are underway for our final fundraiser of the academic year. It is the **Gin Tasting night on Friday 1st July 7pm** in the school hall. The evening will consist of five gins to taste along with a delicious Mediterranean & Middle Eastern buffet supper included in the ticket price of £20. Over 18s only. This is a popular event and is likely to sell out. Early ticket purchase is recommended. See flyer for details.

There will be a wonderful Gin Hamper as well as a five-night hot tub experience to be won. Thank you to Wharfe & Dale Hot Tubs and The Otterbeck Gin Distillery for these generous prizes and to Otterbeck for hosting the tasting night. It should be a fabulous evening!

Thank you as always for your support and have a relaxing summer half term break.

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Photos from our recent Sponsored Hike



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UPCOMING EVENTS AUTUMN 2022

Bingo & Games Night

Fri 14th October
6.30pm - School hall

Halloween/Harvest Hamper

Mon 31st October

Christmas Concert & Festive Market

24th November (TBC)

Christmas Raffle

Date TBC

New Year Quiz & Curry

Date TBC

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Gold Arts Award

On 18th May, Skipton based Fashion Designer Joan Murray came to inspire our Year 12 Gold Arts Award with her upcycling wizardry, with our Upcycling fashion show in July in mind. Students brought in old bed-sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases and with Joan's direction, followed her subtraction method to create some fantastic pieces which will be adorning our students on the catwalk. Joan also shared her inspirational career journey and reminded us to be 'leaders and not followers'.

We will never throw out an old duvet cover again.

Mrs Pitt
Art



Kate Bowes

Joan was inspirational in that you can find creativity in every aspect of your life.

Lily Dhillon Downey

When Joan explained to us that all clothes have a history, and we should think about how many people have connected with the garments that we wear, from the cotton grown, to the designers, and so on, we have a responsibility to those people and the environment.



Inspirational Food and Drink Careers Talk

Jess Wimpenny, a former student of Skipton Girls' High School came in to deliver a session to the Year 10 Food class about inspirational careers in the food and drink industry.

After leaving school, Jess went onto study Food Science at The University of Leeds and is now a Technical Manager at Fullers Foods in Leeds.

Mrs Yasin
Food Technology



Mango Lassi Stall to Celebrate Eid and Raise Money for UNICEF

On Thursday 12th May, Minorities Matter held a Mango Lassi stall to celebrate Eid. We raised an amazing amount of over £300, which will go towards helping children who are suffering from the drought in Somalia, via UNICEF.

5.1 million children in Somalia will need humanitarian assistance in 2022 due to the effects of conflict, drought, crop failures and COVID-19 and we are proud to have raised so much money for this cause.

Minorities Matter is a group of students who meet once a week to discuss issues surrounding inequalities and discrimination faced by minority groups. We also discuss different cultures, and – my favourite – share food from different cultures at a picnic every half term. We all came together during the day to make the Mango Lassis, it was a fun experience, where a few of us learnt a new recipe to take away with us! After school we sold the sweet milkshake-like drink outside, and many people came to try something new or enjoy a favourite drink! Lots of people needed a cold refreshing drink on a hot day!



unicef  for every child

Thank you to everyone who bought a mango lassi and donated money and thank you to all the Y12 students who made and sold the delicious mango lassis, making the stall such a success.

Ruby Ingham
Year 12

Recitation Competition

In our French class, many of us recently took part in a global poetry competition. We each chose and memorised a French poem or a verse of song lyrics to recite in front of a camera, before sending off the videos to the competition's judging panel. Our choices included: 'Cézanne peint,' by France Gall, 'Octobre,' by Francis Cabrel, and even 'Ces verbes donnent la gerbe,' written by our very own Mrs Beaumont! I decided to learn a verse from the slam poetry piece 'Roméo kiffe Juliette,' by Grand Corps Malade. We really enjoyed taking part, and I was pleased to be chosen as the winner for Year 12 entrants!

It was really interesting to experience French in a different form through listening to and reciting poetry and reading the poetry out loud to a rhythm also helped our French pronunciation.

We will definitely be entering again next year!

Niamh Burns
Year 12





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