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# Ryedale School Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER: Staffing

At this time of year Governors have to ensure that we are fully and appropriately staffed for next academic year. I should like to bring you up to date with the latest information on this matter and explain what still needs to be done.

After many years of dedicated service to the school, Mr Dowson's decision to retire left a vacancy in the Mathematics Department. This has now been filled for September following the appointment of Mrs Morgan who currently teaches at Tadcaster Grammar School.

Mrs Pickard, who has been teaching Modern Languages on a short term basis since the departure of Miss Kanaki in January, will continue on a contractual basis.

Mrs Goodwin's English timetable will be covered by Mrs Brown during Mrs Goodwin's maternity leave. Mrs Brown taught at Ryedale School very successfully last academic year on a temporary basis and we have every confidence in her ability to make another telling contribution to the English Department.

Following Miss Shore's departure at Christmas, we appointed Mr Naughton to teach Art for the rest of this academic year. When he leaves, Mr Hopkins will be entrusted to take most of the GCSE Art groups. His experience of teaching 'A' Level Art at Bradford Grammar School and his up to date knowledge of the criteria for GCSE success in Art should both be invaluable to the students. An advertisement for a Part-time Art Specialist will be placed next week.

It is to be expected in a school as successful as ours that the staff are going to be in a very good position to advance their careers in other schools when appropriate vacancies arise. It comes as no surprise that Miss Nicol, who has developed under the leadership of Mrs Wilkinson, has been appointed by Archbishop Holgate's School in York for September. Interviews for Miss Nicol's replacement are imminent.

In the office staff Mrs Davison, who resigned at Easter, has been replaced by Mrs Dunne who will begin after the half-term holiday.

### FINALLY

G R Jenkinson



Congratulations to Miss Tuke and her fiancé who are to be married during the forthcoming half term holiday. After 30th May Miss Tuke will become Mrs Handley. I am sure you would like to join with me in wishing them all the best for the future.

Headteacher

## UNIFORM

The Heads of School are working hard to maintain standards relating to uniform. I trust parents/carers will give Miss Tuke and Mr McCandless their usual support in this matter.

There will come a point later in the term when consideration is given to allowing pupils to not wear ties in very warm weather. This privilege, when it does come, will not be extended to pupils who are not complying with uniform regulations in other respects. So—if your child is one of those having to be reprimanded for sloppy wearing of the tie or having their shirt out, please go on encouraging them to put these things right.

**P Clay, Deputy Headteacher**

## GREG'S TELEVISION APPEARANCE

You may well recall that television cameras were allowed into the school earlier this year for the filming of a documentary entitled "Tourettes—I Swear I Can't Help It".

This features Greg Storey in Year 10, and will be shown on BBC1 at 9 p.m. on Thursday 28th May. Only a small part of the documentary is directly related to Ryedale School, but I am sure you will find it interesting.

I have seen an email from Mrs Storey which encourages as many people to watch the programme as possible. She writes:

"As Greg's mum I dearly wish for as many people as possible to watch this film in order to gain a greater understanding of what it is like to live with Tourettes. It will hopefully raise a fuller awareness and tolerance of this condition so that individuals with it, like my son, are able to fulfil their dreams and ambitions as well as live openly day to day without being stigmatised or shunned. As most sufferers will tell you, the biggest disability they face is people's negative and unaccepting attitudes. This was the main reason we first allowed Greg to be filmed in 2002 and to this day our reasons have not changed even more so since Greg's sister, Elena, was also diagnosed with the condition in 2005. This documentary is an opportunity for those who watch it to grant such individuals this chance." Kim Storey

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Open Evening/Training Days** 25th and 26th June

**Music Concert** 6th July at 7 p.m.

**Sports Day** 9th July

**Enrichment Days** 16th & 17th July

## THANK YOU YEAR 11

Thanks to Year 11 students for making their final days in school before examination leave so positive.

We had a fantastic leavers' assembly and bowling trip. We now have to negotiate several weeks of GCSE examinations, before a final goodbye is said through the 'Prom' which the students have organised.

**Miss Tuke, Head of Upper School**

## Football

Ryedale's Year 11 Football team were crowned District Champions in an exciting final against Whitby College. Ryedale had secured their place in the final with a 6-2 win over Malton in the semi-final. In the final Ryedale were trailing 1-0 with 10 minutes to go when Josh Tateson, a second half substitute, scored the equalizer. With just 2 minutes to go Jordan Ravis scored to clinch the game. This current victory means that Ryedale School's current Year 11 team have been District Champions at each age group from Year 7 to Year 11. This squad also won the County cup in Year 9 and Year 10. They have accomplished much in their time at Ryedale School and Mr Marwood is full of praise for the squad who have been the most successful in the school's history.

Ryedale's Year 9 Football team came very close to winning the District Final against Caedmon. They played well in difficult conditions but narrowly missed out, losing 3-2 in the final. The goals were scored by Jack Campbell and Paul White.

## Rounders

Ryedale's Year 7 and 8 girls teams played against Lady Lumley's and shared the spoils. Our Year 8 team won 12-9 and Lady Lumley's Year 7 won 24-9. Ryedale's Year 7 team won their games at Caedmon and Lady Lumley's and the Year 9 girls won their game against Lady Lumley's 14½ to 7½.

Ryedale School's Year 9 Girls won the Whitby-Ryedale Partnership Rounders league event held at Caedmon without losing a game against Lady Lumley's, Norton, Eskdale, Filey and Caedmon.

## Cricket

Ryedale's Year 9 Cricket team beat Easingwold in the first round of the County Cup. Ryedale scored 92 for 7 and restricted Easingwold to 90 for 8 in their 20 overs. Jim Dunne got 33 runs and the team put in a good all-round performance.

Our Year 7 and Year 9 boys teams both won convincingly against Malton School. The Year 9 team lost a tight but low scoring County Cup game to St. Aiden's, Harrogate.

## Tennis

Ryedale School's Year 9 girls team played Lady Lumley's and won 33 games to 5. The Year 8 girls team also won against Lady Lumley's 37 games to 18.

## Girls Tag Rugby

Ryedale's Year 9 Girls Tag Rugby Team competed against 15 other schools and having reached the finals lost to Lady Lumley's in a fiercely competitive match ending in 5 tries to 4.

## Swimming

Katie Mould and Jade Hutchinson recently competed in a swimming meet at Harrogate. Katie won gold in the 50m Freestyle, and silver in both the 50m Backstroke and 50m Breaststroke. Jade won gold in the 100m Freestyle and silver in the 50m Breaststroke.

## Multi-skills Tournament

Year 1 and 2 students from Nawton, Kirkbymoorside and Helmsley competed in a Multi-skills Tournament at Ryedale School which focussed on developing motor skills and having fun!. Nawton were the overall winners.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR YOUNG SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS!**

**Mr McCandless**

## Rugby

We have reported very proudly in earlier newsletters and in the local press about the success of Rugby in the school. A few years ago very little Rugby was played here, but thanks to the efforts of Mr Marwood and Mr Hillier and coaches from Malton Rugby Club, the opportunities to play Rugby have increased significantly and the success of the teams has been extremely gratifying.

The current Year 10 boys are an outstanding Rugby team. They have set a standard to which younger students might aspire. A couple of suggestions have been received from parents as to how the profile of Rugby could be further raised within the school, which the PE Department and the Governors have considered. Although these particular suggestions were deemed not to be practicable, we are keen to explore ways of developing Rugby. The Governors have asked me to explain to all parents about the problems with the suggestions received, so everybody knows exactly what is happening.

The first suggestion was to have Rugby posts on the school field. Unfortunately, the junior and senior Football pitches and the junior and senior Hockey pitches leave too little space for a Rugby pitch, when you also take into account the position of the fixed Cricket strips. Because there is inadequate space for Football and Rugby posts, the pitches have to be used for both sports. The Governors agree with the PE Department that because inter-school Football fixtures tend to be at schools but Rugby tournaments tend to be at local clubs, the Football posts need to stay. Although it is not ideal, Rugby conversions can be made over Football crossbars, whereas Football nets will not fit on the back of Rugby posts. (What we really need is another field!)

The modified suggestion of having just one set of Rugby posts was also unsupported, (even though one parent had generously offered to fund the posts), because kicking distances would actually require quite a bit of space. That space would be advantageous to the goal kicker in the team, but not to many others.

The next suggestion was to provide the team with a set of Rugby shirts. This idea seemed very attractive initially, but then it was explained to us that the boys, being of different builds and heights would require different sized shirts. In football it is less of a problem if all shirts are large; it simply means that the smaller boys look rather swamped but the shirts do not impede their Football. On the other hand a small scrum half in sleeves which are too long is clearly disadvantaged.

The Governors who considered these suggestions are wholly supportive of Rugby and included one or two parents of the current Year 10 squad. The Governors wanted me not only to explain why these suggestions had not been accepted but to invite further suggestions for their consideration. I have spoken with the Year 10 boys about this situation to get them thinking too.

I am aware that in giving this detailed feed-back a number of parents of girls might be thinking that the emphasis is falling unduly on to the boys. This is not the case and indeed we have spoken to the Year 10 girls to encourage suggestions about developing their sporting interests too.

I am greatly indebted to the students for the enthusiastic way they engage with sport, for the parents who support them and for the teachers who go on looking to provide enhanced opportunities. Indeed, staff are preparing a bid for national funding to enhance our facilities at this very moment.

We will keep you informed.

G R Jenkinson  
Headteacher

# RYEDALE SCHOOL VACANCIES

## TEACHER OF ART

(Fixed term 0.3 Part-time)  
from 01.09.2009 – 31.08.2010

also

## GENERAL TEACHING ASSISTANT

(16 - 17 hrs/week term-time only. For one year from Sept. 09)

Please ring for forms from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009

Closing date: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

### TESCO VOUCHERS

If you have any Tesco Vouchers at home please send them into school as soon as possible as we will be counting and sending them off at the beginning of the next half-term. Thank you.

Mrs Parsons

## COMMUNITY EVENTS/NEWS

### A MESSAGE FROM MICRO METALSMITHS LIMITED

Micro Metalsmiths Limited is holding an open day at its Pickering factory on Wednesday 27th May 2009.

One intention is to show potential apprentices what the company does and to explain how its apprentice training programme has operated over many years. People who want an engineering career and who have an interest in the engineering industry are invited to apply to Fay Brunton on 01751 471320 for an invitation, and if they wish, for one of their parents as well.

The day runs from 11 a.m. To 5 p.m. On display will be a cross section of the products we make. People, many of them ex-apprentices themselves will be on hand to answer questions.

### INVITATION FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Helmsley Community and Policing Group invite you to their next meeting on Tuesday 9th June, 2009 at 7.30 p.m. In Helmsley Town Hall Meeting Room. It is your chance to come along and meet with your local Community Police. The guest speaker is PC Matt Rogers, a Drugs Liaison Officer, who will give a talk on drug related matters. All are welcome, parents and students—please come along.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

If parents/carers have any suggestions for school improvement that they would like the Governors' Home School Committee to discuss, please write to Mr Clay who services this committee. Please add your name and the name of your child, so we can respond to you.

P Clay, Deputy Headteacher