

# Driffield Round-up











### Welcome...

Once again, as you will read inside this latest edition, it has been a tremendously busy period with students undertaking a wide variety of activities both in and out of school. The commitment and energy from the staff and students is phenomenal. I am extremely grateful for all of their efforts, inside and outside of the classroom, to ensure that our students are well prepared for examinations whilst also being provided with opportunities and a wide variety of experiences which will enrich their lives beyond school. It goes without saying that the ongoing support we have received from parents and carers has been crucial and we are grateful as ever.

It is hard to single out any one activity from this term. However, some highlights have been the educational trips abroad during the half term break: the ski trip to Bormio was once again hugely successful and enjoyable for all; the Madrid music tour showcased the inspirational performances by our talented musicians and their performance on return gave us a taste of these. Moreover, my first experience of a Driffield School production was a delight. This week-long production of *Oliver* was truly exceptional and a fantastic example of team work. The sell-out shows were of outstanding quality and a testament to the talent and commitment of students, staff and the wider community who gave their time so freely, thank you.

Our Year 11 and 13 students are in the midst of their examination preparation; this is a challenging time for these year groups and their commitment is to be applauded. We had over 120 Year 11 students, each accompanied by a parent or carer, attend the Steps to Success evening on the 20 March where they attended a variety of workshops designed to support students and parents in the run up to the summer exams. There is also a comprehensive timetable of activities planned for the Easter holidays, alongside the ongoing lunchtime and afterschool sessions, to offer students further support and we are again grateful to all the staff involved in these initiatives. More details of these have been sent out to parents and are also available on the school website.

I hope you enjoy reading through the articles and learning more about the recent events at Driffield School.

Best wishes,

**Scott Ratheram**  
Executive Principal



# Fundraising Activities

The autumn term finished with even more fundraising successes and students, staff and parents have continued this fantastic support throughout the spring term as well.

## Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 21 December 2018, the last day of autumn term, staff and students took part in a Christmas Jumper Day. £336.50 was raised and will be equally split between Save the Children and the Children and Adult Mental Health Service unit in Hull.

## Go Orange Day

On Friday 15 February 2019, Driffield School & Sixth Form took part in Go Orange Day which supports Muscular Dystrophy UK, a charity that has given valuable support to one of our students.

The school took part in holding a non-uniform day. Students and staff were encouraged to wear an item of orange. We were absolutely thrilled to see so many students taking part and delighted to have raised a fantastic £834.97.



## Health Stars

As part of the Volunteers 'WiSER Programme', students raised £170 for the fantastic charity Health Stars.

Health Stars is a local charity that works in partnership with the Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust to enhance the community and mental health services provided to over 800,000 people living in our service area. Health Stars relies on the support of businesses and community groups. Generous donations and wonderful fundraising efforts help them improve services for patients and their loved ones who are looked after by the amazing staff who work for Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust.

## Dove House Hospice Christmas Raffle

In partnership between the Sixth Form Criminology students and Dove House Hospice in Hull, a raffle of one of their Christmas hampers was available to staff across the school. Sixth Form students took the hamper round to staffrooms and offices, where staff donated £1 to guess the lucky square that would win the hamper. Miss Dean who works in our ACE Reception was the lucky winner. A final total of £103.00 was raised.



## Comic Relief

On Friday 15 March 2019, students and staff took part in Comic Relief by wearing an item of red alongside their school uniform. £314.80 was raised.



## Teenage Cancer Trust

Year 9 student, Phillipa Simpson is attempting to raise £500 for the Johnson House Charity, Teenage Cancer Trust. She will shave her hair off on Monday 8 April 2019 as a sign of solidarity with those who lose their hair as a result of cancer treatments. This is a very thoughtful and brave act for a girl in Year 9.

If you would like to show your support and feel able to donate any amount (no matter how small) please visit the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/fiona-simpson17>



# Sporting Endeavours

Our school teams have competed in a variety of competitions over the past term.



The Year 11 boys have enjoyed a fantastic run in the football PlayStation National Premier League Cup, making it to Round 5. Year 9 boys then competed in the qualifiers for the district finals of the 7-a-side football competition, where they only lost one match. The Year 10 boys took part in the East Riding Finals of the sevens competition. Elsewhere, the girls' football team took part in the girls' National Tournament. Following some excellent wins, they made it through to the last 32 in the country.



The Under-18 girls' hockey team entertained their counterparts from South Hunsley. In their first game for a few seasons the Under-18 team fielded a strong and enthusiastic team who took the game straight to the opposition and were on the front foot throughout, winning 5-0.

The Under-15 girls' cricket team travelled to the Nuffield Centre, Hull, and took part in the area 8-a-side cricket tournament. Two good wins saw them through to the finals at Headingley.

On Friday 8 March 2019 the boys' Under-13 cricket team departed school for Headingley Cricket Ground in Leeds for their much anticipated Yorkshire Cup cricket final.

After three exciting matches, they finished as runners up of their group and were placed against the Group 1 winners. After a fantastic game, the opposing team took the victory, but it was a great performance overall from Driffild.

Outside of school, students continue to impress us with their personal sporting endeavours.

Talented Year 11 student, Niamh Titchener, continues an amazing year of shooting. She has again broken several Yorkshire records, but for the first time she has also broken several Northern Counties records. Niamh also shot in the Archer GB key events. Over the 4 events, Niamh finished 15th overall. This is a huge achievement, as this is not age related and many of the other competitors were older than her. After trying her hand at field shooting for the first time, which is a very different skill to target, she then shot at the Yorkshire championships for the first time and won.

Faith Brown and Jack Lacy produced amazing performances in the Schools Cross Country competition. Conditions were very difficult – they finished the run with ice in their hair, eyebrows and eyelashes. Faith finished third in the county and Jack was pleased to finish in 33rd place after a promising performance.

Year 11 student Zac Edeson took part in a gymnastics competition in Rotherham. He competed at level D which involved floor, vault, pommel, high bar, rings and p-bar. Zac won 5 gold medals and 1 silver medal, giving him an overall gold medal.

Finally, congratulations to Ketziah Robinson in Year 11 who, following a rigorous selection process, has been chosen for the England Ice Hockey under-16 women's team. We wish her luck in her first competition – the Four Nations' Tournament in Slovakia during April.







# Sixth Form Life

At Driffeld School & Sixth Form we are always committed to encouraging and supporting our students to achieve excellence in their studies, but we also understand that the overall Sixth Form experience forms a fundamental part of the students' two years with us. The run up to Christmas always provides opportunities for this aspect of the Sixth Form, and this year has been no exception. The final week of the winter term saw the annual Year 12 versus Year 13 Girls rugby match take place. There was some excellent play from both sides, with some great passing and crunching tackles in evidence. Eventually, led by their top scoring captain, Sophie, the Year 13 students emerged victorious, although the Year 12 team gained some valuable experience in preparation for next year's game. The Sixth Form held the event as part of their fundraising efforts for the new Songali Youth Centre in Malawi, which three of our students will be visiting as part of their trip to Malawi in the summer.

2018 ended in the traditional manner for the Sixth Form, with the annual Sixth Form Revue taking place in the North Hall on the last afternoon of term. This is a student led showcase where both Year 12 and Year 13 students and staff present a range of acts to their peers, often with hilarious consequences. This year highlights included an epic "lip sync battle" between Tom and Libbigail (and their backing dancers) where Tom's Beyoncé tribute emerged victorious following a student vote.

Additionally, Lucy performed her comical audition piece from a university interview, which had previously seen her secure an offer to study comedy writing and performance next year. There were a range of other acts and the usual staff panto to round off the event, with all students leaving for a well-earned Christmas break thoroughly entertained.



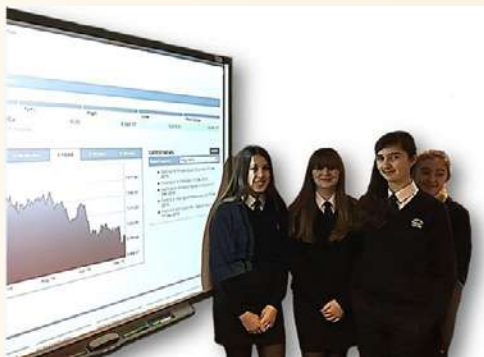


# Student Investor Challenge

In October 2018 five teams from Driffield School & Sixth Form embarked on the Student Investor Challenge. The Student Investor Challenge is a competition for 14-19 year olds which gives a taste of buying and selling shares to make a profit. The Challenge is free thanks to the support of the FTSE and Bloomberg. Teams compete against other teams in school, as well as teams across the world. There are many prizes to win including the top prize of an all-expenses paid trip to New York with £200 spending money for each team member.

Each team, consisting of four students, has 2 portfolios of virtual money to invest in the stock market. By reviewing and analysing market information, they select shares and make judgements of when to buy and sell in order to maximise profit. With share prices provided by Bloomberg, a provider of financial data, news and analytics, the Student Investor Challenge is the most realistic share trading competition available.

Team Phoenix was made up of Year 11 students Yasmin, Lucy, Rosey and Lydia. They peaked at 250th position out of 5500 teams, eventually finishing in 350th position – just outside of qualifying. This experience has allowed the students to gain an insight into the real world of business outside of the classroom and has helped to develop the skills needed for their future business careers.



## Year 11 GCSE Exam Preparation



At the start of this term, our Year 11 students received their mock examination results and had a visit from Richard McCann, motivational speaker from the iCan Academy. Richard has delivered over 2000 presentations across the world and spent the morning at Driffield School & Sixth Form sharing his inspirational and unique story with our students. His message was clear that everyone can achieve with an 'I can' attitude. All of our students took part in a revision skills workshop and Richard worked with a small group of students to help with memory techniques and how they can support revision.

Our Year 11 students have got their GCSE revision off to a flying start this term. All subjects are offering additional support at lunch and after school, to support students with their understanding of difficult concepts. Students have been invited to various revision booster sessions over the Easter holidays.

# Amazing Artwork

## Produced by Students



On Monday 7 January 2019, Year 8 Volunteer students accompanied by Year 13 Fine Art students had the amazing opportunity to work alongside East Riding Voluntary Action Services (ERVAS) and professional artist Emma Garness. Students completed the large scale art work which is exhibited in West corridor. This was carefully planned by the Volunteer students as their social action project. The messages conveyed in the art work help to promote peace, understanding and equal opportunities.

A special mention goes to Year 8 student Seth who also made a short film about the day which is being showed on the school's internal rolling noticeboards.

The social action projects have made our students more aware of the benefits of improving our community. It has also made them aware of vital employability skills and given them an opportunity to experience working in the creative arts.





# Driffield School & Sixth Form

## Apex Day Three

Thursday 7 February 2019

Our APEX days continue to help students achieve personal excellence and to be successful individuals in all areas of their lives.

APEX Day Three focused on ensuring all our students develop a positive identity and be respectful and tolerant in this diverse world. Students undertook LGBTQ training which developed mutual respect and tolerance, and supports individual liberty.

All Year 7 to 10 students undertook a Muscular Dystrophy UK training session, which complemented the Go Orange Day in aid of Muscular Dystrophy UK.

Year 7 students worked alongside the Tigers Trust and learnt about and experienced different types of Paralympic sports. This helped to develop teaming working skills as they worked collaboratively with fellow students.

**Muscular  
Dystrophy UK**

Fighting muscle-wasting conditions



**Tigers  
Trust**

*SPORT & EDUCATION*



Students worked with the Army Outreach Team and completed a workshop on positive mental health and developed strategies to help their mental health in the future.

Year 7 and 8 students were fortunate to watch an interactive roadshow production run by BAE Systems and the RAF combined. This highlighted the varied and amazing opportunities in the future for employment in STEM, as well as apprenticeships and career pathways at both BAE Systems and the RAF.

The interactive workshop demonstrated to students the desirable employability skills required. Students learnt about new technology, robotics, and high tech solutions for the future.

Year 8 and Year 10 students developed their awareness of the use of social media and how to protect themselves and others. It covered cyber bullying and the issue of mental health linked to high social media usage.



Year 8 students also worked alongside the ERVAS team to continue to develop learning about the importance of youth voice and how they can positively influence changes at school and their local community. These students are completing the Volunteer 'WisER Programme' this academic year with ERVAS which includes the completion of a social action project which they plan and complete in their teams.



**EAST RIDING VOLUNTARY  
ACTION SERVICES (ERVAS) LTD**  
"The Charity for Charities and Communities"



Year 9 students' focus for the day was on option choices and their future. They took part in an interactive theatre production run by Performance in Education. This helped to show students where their options can lead in the future, linking their subject choice to their career choice. This was then followed by a master class on their future choices where students could ask the experts questions linked to their career choices.

The Year 9 students then continued their option research by accessing the new START Profile, a web based careers guidance package. They have all been given individual usernames and passwords and can access this programme both at home and school. START helps them evaluate their strengths and weaknesses. Students can watch videos of real life employers in the work place and link their option choices to future careers.

Additionally, all Year 9 students took part in sexual health awareness training with Conifer Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare Services.





Year 10 students learnt about future apprenticeship opportunities and the different levels of apprenticeships, including degree apprenticeships, with a talk from HCUK Training, a local apprenticeship provider.

They learnt about vocational opportunities for study post 16 and post 18, including new renewable courses at Hull College.



Students learnt about the prevention of anti-social behaviour, social media safety and cyber bullying. They learnt about the different career pathways into the Police and the opportunity to complete the Police Cadet Scheme.

Finally, Year 11 students all undertook a master class on effective revision techniques with the company, 'Bright Futures'. Students took part in additional personalised revision sessions with their subject teachers. Year 11 students completed an hour of wellbeing and chose a specific activity which included the choice of cake decorating, football, hockey, boxing, origami, reading for pleasure, taekwondo, yoga, writing for pleasure and boot camp.



Our thanks go to the Tigers Trust, the Army Welfare Schools Outreach Team, Muscular Dystrophy UK, BAE Systems, the Royal Air Force, the ERVAS Team, Performance in Education, Conifer House, the Police, HCUK Training, Hull College, Bright Futures, The Health Hub, Tony O'Hara and Louise Wray.

# Learning Resources Centre News



FOYLE FOUNDATION

The Learning Resources Centre was grateful to receive a grant from the Foyle Foundation for £7500. The grant has been used to purchase a new security gate for the library. Money has also been spent on updating the fiction and non-fiction stock in the library with new stands to display the books. Also purchased was a large selection of ebooks for our VLE eBook platform. These ebooks are shared within the Education Alliance Trust Schools.



The Learning Resources Centre has run another successful Book Fair. There were a range of books, stationery and posters for students to purchase. Students purchased £1007.31 worth of goods in the knowledge that the library would receive 60% commission of all sales, which has been spent on new books that students will be able to borrow.



WORLD  
**BOOK**  
**DAY**

7 MARCH 2019

World Book Day was celebrated by students in Years 7, 8 and 9, where they were read to during their registration period and throughout the day. They listened to a section of a short story by Philippa Pearce – 'The Shadow Cage' in each lesson.



# DSA Easter Bingo

On Thursday 4 April 2019, the Driffield School Association is running their annual Easter Bingo to raise funds for the school. The event is being held in West Hall and starts promptly at 7.15pm, finishing at 9.45pm

We would be delighted to see students, parents, carers, staff and friends of the school join us, with a multitude of seasonal prizes on offer. Admission is:

- £3 for 4 books and 4 fliers; or
- £4 for 6 books and 6 fliers

As always, the success of the evening depends on the prizes being donated by parents and staff. We are looking for 72 prizes with an Easter theme, e.g. Easter Eggs and chocolates etc. There will also be a raffle and donations of prizes of any type will be greatly appreciated.

The bingo is for all the family and is a fun event.



# Madrid Music Tour 2020



A successful Music Tour to Madrid concluded at the end of February half term. This year, 41 students and 5 staff members travelled by plane to the beautiful city of Madrid.

The concert venues on this year's tour varied again from Salzburg last year, and enabled students to play to the homeless and vulnerable adults in Saint Anton Church, to over 200 students at a local school and finally to customers in a shopping mall. The students did the school and community proud. They worked incredibly hard and managed a very full itinerary, visiting the Royal Palace, Prado Art Museum, Retiro Park and the Gran Via as well.

The aim was to play music; new friendships were made, student confidence grew, and a great community of students with staff worked together to achieve great performances.

A week after their return, students then took part in a music concert for the public to say thanks for the generosity shown towards the tour and to celebrate the students' achievements.







# Preparations for Madagascar Continue



Students recently met to do team building, essential for a successful expedition. They also researched and planned their itinerary for their expedition to Madagascar in the summer of 2020.

The group have chosen to begin their three week expedition with a visit to the Andasibe-Mantadia National Park to become acclimatised and get acquainted with Madagascar's unique wildlife. Following this they will undertake a 4 day trek in the Andringitra National Park.

The team will also be completing a community project for 'Hope for Madagascar', which assists Malagasy people in the development of sustainable communities in the rainforest and other impoverished areas of the country. To complete the expedition the team will see the country from another perspective - in a wooden boat along the Pangalanes Canal.

Miss Bramley, expedition leader, said "This will be an experience of a lifetime, which will build students' confidence, leadership and team working skills, as well as opening their eyes to a vast and beautiful world".

There are still places available on the expedition, which will soon be launched to Year 10 students. For further information please contact Miss Bramley.



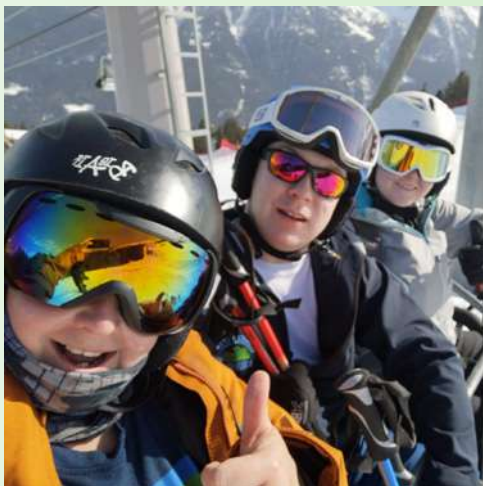
# Ski Trip to Bormio 2019

This year 74 students and 9 staff from Driffield School & Sixth Form spent a week skiing in the Italian Alps in the wonderful resort of Bormio.

The journey began at lunchtime on 15th February – ending a mere 31 hours later in Bormio. The first night was devoted to settling into the hotel and getting skis fitted ready for the excitement of skiing the following day.

The first day was spent by the beginners learning to ski on the resort's slopes, and the more advanced skiers exploring the many runs, snow parks and off-piste areas the resort has to offer.

Five more days of superb skiing followed, all of which were spent in glorious sunshine with perfect snow conditions under ski. The evenings were spent watching football, playing games, quizzing and relaxing in the hotel. Everyone on the trip had a truly memorable holiday full of fun, laughter and brilliant skiing.



# Primary Transition Events

## Year 5 PE Festival

On Monday 25 February 2019, we welcomed Year 5 students from Drifffield Juniors, Nafferton, Kilham and North Frodingham schools. Our Year 10 Sports Leaders led the festival, delivering football and netball. This was a great opportunity for Year 5 students to familiarise themselves with our facilities, but also for our student Sports Leaders to develop skills in organisation, communication and officiating. We are looking forward to hosting our second primary sports festival in June.

## Year 5 Science Experience Day

On Wednesday 13 March 2019, a fantastic group of Year 5 students from Drifffield Junior School and North Frodingham School came up for the day to experience Science at Drifffield School & Sixth Form.

Upon arrival they immediately became immersed in a forensic discovery day: a 'crime' scene. Throughout the day they had to work in groups to examine evidence from the 'crime' scene and use forensic techniques to discover who had committed the 'crime'. They analysed handwriting from a letter left at the scene and used chromatography techniques. They also analysed footprints and fingerprints from the scene and they had to analyse fibres left there using microscopes.

The day concluded with each group describing the evidence they had found and deciding who had committed the crime.



## Gifted and Talented English and Maths Workshop



On the Friday 1 March 2019, 31 junior school students came to Drifffield School to take part in a 'Gifted and Talented' English and Maths workshop, visiting from Drifffield Juniors, North Frodingham, Burton Agnes and Hutton Cranswick schools. Over the course of the day, the students enjoyed a selection of creative activities in English and Maths. In the morning, students enjoyed a poetry workshop, starting with an interactive reading of Roald Dahl and finishing with students writing and sharing their own poetry. After lunch, students switched to Maths, and were in charge of investigating and building their own five sided shapes which they accomplished with vast enthusiasm and enjoyment.





## Sixth Form Criminology Visit to Beverley Magistrates' Court

As part of their Criminology course, Year 13 students have to understand the role of the Magistrate within the criminal justice system and were delighted to have the opportunity to visit our local Magistrates' Court in Beverley, led by the Magistrate Sandra Fawcett.

Students got to sit in the Family Court room. The Magistrates present explained how they, as lay people, function within the Courts system.

Students were able to then sit in on the District Judges' court while in session and watch the justice system in practice. It was very informative to see the different roles of the Judge, Crown Prosecution Service, solicitors and the Probation service interact in real life as opposed to on paper in the classroom. The Judge explained the process very clearly and offered a question and answer session after each case.

Finally, students were also offered a tour of the cells and transport vehicle.

# Oliver! Show Wows Audiences



*Photos courtesy of The Driffield & Wolds Weekly*

After months of hard work, this year's school production of *Oliver!* wowed audiences in March 2019, with a week of sell-out shows. It has been a fantastic experience for all involved that exceeded all expectations; and the reaction has been overwhelming from parents, students, staff and members of the public.

It was Executive Principal Mr Ratheram's first experience of a production at Driffield School & Sixth Form and he gave a glowing review: "How good was that? This was my first Driffield show and I was honestly blown away. I'd heard they were good but that was the most professional school production I've ever seen. The strength of the vocals; the comic timing; the brilliant music and singing; the tight performance of such great choreography - it was all done expertly. I am exceptionally proud to be connected with Driffield School".



# Key Dates

## School Holidays & Staff Training Days

Fri 5th April  
8th April – 19th April  
27th May – 31st May  
22nd July – 30th August

Staff Training Day (Trust)  
Easter Break  
May Half Term  
Summer Break

## Progress Evenings

Wed 3rd April Year 8 (Y half)  
Thu 2nd May Year 7 (X half)  
Wed 8th May Year 7 (Y half)

## Other Key Dates

Tue 2nd April APEX Day  
Wed 12th June Head of School Surgery  
Fri 28th June Year 11 Prom  
Thu 4th July Year 6 Induction

# Year 11 Revision Sessions

Make the most of the extra opportunities for support:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Art Business Studies Computer Science French Maths Music Physics Spanish	Art Business Studies Computer Science English French Geography Religious Studies	Art Chemistry Maths PE	Biology Geography Maths Music	Art Drama English Geography History Maths Media Spanish
After School	Art English Food Preparation and Nutrition Maths	Design and Technology History Religious Studies		Art Chemistry English Maths	Biology





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