

#### DRIFFIELD SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

# EXTRA-CURRICULAR R O U N D U P

Welcome to our extra-curricular round-up for this term. This edition showcases the wonderful opportunities that are on offer at Driffield School. Our extra-curricular programme is designed to provide a wide range of experiences that enrich character, community involvement and social development and it has been great to see so many students involved! A big thank you to all the staff who have been so generous with their time to enable the extra-curricular activities to take place.







# PANATHLON



On Thursday 12th January 7 students ranging from year 7-10 travelled to Headlands School in Bridlington for an exciting day out of school. They competed in the SEND Panathlon events, consisting of 8 different small events which everyone competed in to earn points for the Driffield team.

The events were as follows: Boccia, New age curling, speed bounce, long jump, floor tennis, basketball shooting, bowling and finders keepers. The students tried their best at every activity and consistently excelled. There were 8 schools competing at the event and the Driffield team topped them all coming 1st place.



### DRAMA

### WE WILL ROCK YOU

We Will Rock You 2023 has been an incredible showcase that presented the talent embodied across the school. We have received phenomenal reviews from audience members, each commenting on their enjoyment of the production. We have also received reviews from members of staff from different areas across the school. Our Headteacher, Mrs Loftus said "It was my first show as Head and I couldn't be any prouder of our students. A huge well done to all!"

We have also been extremely fortunate to have such a progressive staff team, composed of members from different areas across the school who have choreographed numbers, rehearsed with the students, built the set and in all, put the show on its feet. Our staff have truly been the heart and foundation of the show and we cannot express enough gratitude.

Working with the students and seeing their contributions to the show has also been rewarding. Our director, Mr Colley said "They are all deeply driven individuals and it has been an absolute pleasure working with them".



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IF YOU LIKE SOLVING PROBLEMS, DEBATING, ASKING QUESTIONS, SHARING YOUR OPINION, LISTENING TO OTHERS OR HAVING A GENERAL CHAT ABOUT LIFE- COME SHARE YOUR WISDOM!

Is it worse to fail at something or never attempt it in the first place? If you could choose just one thing to change about the world, what would it be?

What is true happiness?

What is the meaning of life? What is infinity?

What will happen at the end of the world?

What makes you, you?

### **MONDAY LUNCHTIME - WB208**

· Frida Dans

# P.E - STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### ANDY DUKE

#### Role

Head of PE

#### **Favourite Sport**

I'm an old, retired footballer who now loves skiing.

#### **Sporting Idol**

Kenny Dalglish

#### Greatest sporting moment watched?

Live - Three FA cup matches between Liverpool and Everton . A 4-4, replay 0-0, second replay 1-0 at Goodison and Anfield. On TV - Olympics 2012 Super Saturday with all the gold medals.

#### Greatest sporting moment achieved?

Scoring the winner in the Liverpool University V Liverpool JMU. As captain I had advertised for support both at the uni and in our area. The local Liverpudlian kids from our street came and they said it was a sliced cross but I'm going with a well placed, screamer.

### What advice would you give a younger student related to sport, health and exercise?

Try every sporting experience you possibly can. Make the most of every opportunity. Never be content with average. Push yourself to your optimum levels and most of all enjoy what you are doing.

#### SWIMMING SUCCESS

After just over a year of swimming with Beverley Barracudas Swimming Club, Year 7 student Will Sims qualified for the county championships at Ponds Forge in Sheffield in October this year. This was a massive achievement after training 4 nights a week over the past year. At the championships Will gained a regional time in his 50 metres butterfly.

Will moves on to the long course county championships in February where he moves up an age category. Will already has a qualifying time for this and hopes to add a few more before the championship. Well done to Will for his achievements so far and we wish him every success in February.

#### **EVIE LAKES**

Evie attends Bridlington Road runners running club once a week and runs park run on a Saturday morning at Sewerby. She ran Grimsby Cross country on Saturday 7th January and qualified in the Top 10 place for the championships which will take place on the 11th March.

Evie goes to Bridlington boxing club 3 nights a week and is often at training events on a weekend. Most recently she went to Huddersfield to the Yorkshire boxing training squad day and then last weekend attended a girls boxing sparring day in Crowle as well as a Girls in Gloves event in Liverpool.

#### **BEN HORNE**

Former Driffield School & Sixth Form student, Ben Horne, has earned a place in the Great Britain Under-19 American Football squad.

Ben, who graduated from Year 11 in September 2022 and now studies sports science at Bishop Burton College, has been selected as one of 120 players who will get together for a training camp, before the squad is whittled down to 45 ahead of a fixture in Italy later this year.

Ben, who started playing American Football only two years ago, currently plays for Scunthorpe Alphas Under 19s, and is one of four Scunthorpe players to be selected for national age group squads.

We are extremely proud of Ben's achievements and wish him every success in his American Football career.



#### YEAR 9 NETBALL

On Tuesday 24th January a team of enthusiastic Year 9 and 8 girls travelled to Hornsea for a cluster league netball tournament. The girls played amazingly, putting all their hard work in training to good use.

Ruby Fenwick-Hall was our star shooter, with some brilliant long-distance shots. Setting her up with lots of fast attacks forward were Lily Sharp, Isla Murr and Lucy Barker. Driffield's defense was strong too, with some fantastic interceptions by Elsa Villiamy, Aleysha Renshaw and Megan Botterill. The girls did the school very proud yet again.



#### HUMBERSIDE SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two students made the trip to Central Park, Scunthorpe to run the course and aim to progress to the English Schools Championships.

Although not as picturesque as its New York namesake, the sun was out but a blustery wind made for a difficult time running the course.

Josie Green, who qualified in 10th place from the previous round, was first to run the course and finished 20th overall.

Oli Burchett went in the last event of the day and having been off school the previous day with illness, did very well to complete the course let alone better his second place qualification from the previous round and was happy with placing in the top 80.

Both athletes competed in very windy conditions and at a much higher level than in the previous round and over a longer distance against athletes from schools on either bank of the Humber.

Josie and Oli competing in the Junior age group are both at the younger end of the U14 category and will return next year as year 9 students showing much promise in this event.

# P.E - ALUMNI

### JULIE SEED

I attended Driffield School from 1993-2000. I had a fantastic experience at the school and that was heavily influenced by sport. I studied both GSCE and A-level PE which I loved. I always had a passion for sport from a young age but I was able to really explore this at Driffield School, with its fantastic facilities and amazing staff. I represented the school in netball, hockey, tennis, athletics, rounders and cross country and anything else that I could get the chance to do.

It was during the extra-curricular sport that I found my love of Hockey, I went on to play for Humberside and in the 1st 11 at University. I still play now, it has become an integral part of my life where I have met many of my closest friends. It was a great way for me to meet new people when I moved to Australia. I also was encouraged by the staff to further my athletics, so joining a club and again competing at numerous county competitions in triple jump Long jump and middle-distance events. I even had a go at Pole vault.

Through my experience at Driffield and having such great role models in the PE teaching staff I followed my passion and became a PE teacher myself. I taught at a school in York for 3 years before moving to Brisbane, Australia. Where I am still teaching PE and absolutely love it. I was able to transfer my skills straight into the Australian system (although I did have to learn a couple of new sports). I now hope I am the same kind of role model to the students I teach and inspire them to follow their passion in sport.



#### **MATCH REPORT - CRICKET**

Driffield School attended the East Yorkshire Indoor Cricket round and had 2 games to play to potentially progress to the Yorkshire Finals at Headingley.

In their group were St Marys and Howden School. We sat off the first game, a good chance to practice and watch the other teams. Howden beat St Marys.

Driffield played St Marys, batted first and scored a decent total of 82 runs only to have these knocked off with one ball to spare by a returning retired batsperson. St Marys and Howden with a win each meant that Driffield's game with Howden was a must win.



Maths came into to play as Driffield not only needed to beat Howden but also had to score more than 80 runs to beat St Marys combined run score. Driffield again batted first after skipper Woodcock lost the toss for the second time. Driffield scored 88 runs putting their combined run score beyond that of St Marys. Job one, done. Driffield now needed to restrict Howden's runs in order to win the game and progress. Up steps Oli Burchett to bowl his first of two overs. First ball, wicket, bowled. Second ball, wicket, caught. Runs in, takes another wicket, bowled, HATRICK. At this point Howden were struggling. Balls four, five and six also took wickets and all hit the stumps. Jubilation and congratulations ensued and Driffield bowled out Howden for 28 runs.

There were many notable performances across the two games. Year 7 Jack Hopper bowled straight, a must in this form of cricket. Several players retired after scoring many runs, but the absolute highlight was Oli taking wickets in six balls the likes of which has not been seen by staff in any format of the game.

Driffield progress to the Yorkshire Finals at Headingly to represent East Yorkshire with Beverley Grammar School and compete against other schools from across the county.

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