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Dear parents/carers and pupils,

With the sun finally shining and the summer making a long-awaited appearance, it is a pleasure to sit admiring the beautiful school grounds and reflect on another exciting term here at Risedale.

I am also so pleased to see all of the Year 11s, proudly wearing their Leavers Hoodies, rightly ready and excited to be starting the next stage of their education, like Matilda and Kingsley, ex-pupils who graced us for a week of work experience. We hope they come back next year to let us know how they are all getting on.

Similarly, I am proud of our Year 10s who were amazing ambassadors for our school during their own Work Experience week. Our loss was a gain for so many of our local businesses and we would like to thank them for allowing so many of our pupils to have such incredible experiences. Our aim is to develop and nurture our pupils to be empathetic, conscientious and ambitious young adults and so many of them display these fundamental characteristics each and every day.

It was fantastic to see so many of our pupils engage in the variety of activities, charity events and house competitions which have taken place. We have so many talented, creative and generous pupils here at Risedale. There is so much to look forward to between now and the end of July, and we know it will be a positive and exciting term for all.

Kindest regards,

Mr J Yates - Deputy Headteacher



Work Experience at Risedale for Alumni Matilda and Kingsley

In April, two ex-pupils returned for a week of teaching work experience at their Alma Mater - Risedale.

We were delighted to welcome back former Lead Senior Pupil Ambassador Matilda Melody and Deputy Kingsley Green for a taste of life from the other side of the classroom.

Matilda and Kingsley are now pupils at Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College in Darlington studying hard for their A-Level qualifications.



Matilda said: *"I was so happy to be back at Risedale. It was such an incredible experience and I cannot thank the staff enough for putting in the time to make this fantastic opportunity possible. Myself and Kingsley were welcomed back with open arms, not only by the staff but by the pupils too. It was like we never left! I really enjoyed being a part of the pupils' lessons and knowing that I have played a small role in their education is an amazing reward. I didn't think it was possible to want to become a teacher more than I already did, but this experience has proved me wrong!"*

Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Matthewman, said: *"Matilda was an amazing addition to our staff team during her week of work experience with the Risedale Family. From observing, supporting and delivering learning to pupils, Matilda was so genuine, empathetic and intuitive that I feel sure teaching will be an excellent choice for her."*



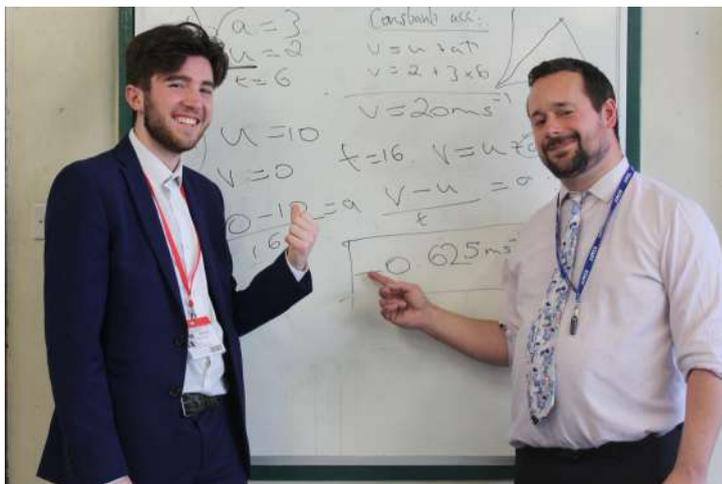
Head of the Maths Faculty, Mr Carter, said of Kingsley: *"As well as supporting some of our pupils with their learning, Kingsley led an 'A-Level' style lesson with my Y10 class. The lesson was on 'Constant Acceleration Formulae' and gave pupils a taste of a topic normally studied in the mechanics section of A-level maths. The Y10 pupils rose to the challenge and were keen to ask Kingsley questions about his life at*

Risedale and beyond. Kingsley described it as his first 'proud teacher moment' when he realised how well the pupils had answered his A-Level problems. Let us hope it will be the first of many moments, as I am already convinced he would be a credit to the profession."

Kingsley said: *"I must firstly thank Mrs Matthewman and the staff for welcoming me back and allowing me to conduct my work experience at Risedale - the warm welcome was really lovely! I'd also like to thank Mr Carter and the Maths department for fitting me into their busy timetable and letting me teach some classes. I*

thoroughly enjoyed the experience and felt quite nostalgic being back in the busy corridors with all the pupils. It was a joy to teach in the school and it was great to feel that I was contributing to the pupils' education. I hope that one day I might head back to Risedale as a qualified teacher."

On Facebook, Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College said: *"How wonderful - we're delighted that Matilda and Kingsley enjoyed their work experience. Thank you for welcoming them back."*



York St. John University Visit

On Wednesday 26th April, a group of Year 10 pupils from Risedale were given the opportunity to visit York St. John University. The aim of the day was to give the pupils a first-hand experience of what life at a Higher Education establishment could be like and provide them with a better understanding of the opportunities that await them if they choose to continue their education beyond college from the age of 18 and upwards.

The Risedale pupils enjoyed a tour of the campus and also took part in a series of engaging activities delivered by the University's Student Ambassadors.



All the pupils had a fantastic day and many of them expressed an interest in attending York St. John University after their visit.

This opportunity was made possible by '[Inspiring Choices](#)', the York & North Yorkshire hub for the national Uni Connect programme.

Inspiring Choices works with local schools, colleges and communities across the region to support young people to make informed decisions about their future education and careers. The programme is based at York St John University and is delivered in partnership with local Universities, Colleges, LAs, the LEP and other local education and enterprise stakeholders.

If you would like to find out more about York St. John University please visit their website: [York St John University](#)

Mrs Porritt - Careers Leader

Young Writers Competition



Congratulations to the 25 pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 who entered the Young Writers competition for 11-18-year-olds '*Integer: Stories Inspired by Numbers*'.

We are delighted to announce that all 25 pupils have been selected to have their stories published as part of a creative writing anthology. Well done to all those who entered and are involved, this is an incredible opportunity for budding writers!

On Twitter, [Young Writers](#) said: ***“Well done to each of them, what an amazing achievement!”***

Miss Douglas - Teacher of English



👑 King's Coronation Board Games 👑



Congratulations to all the pupils who participated in the Design and Technology Faculty King's Coronation Board Game competition. The two winning entries will now be entered into a Garrison competition.

The pupils worked on their designs for several weeks, from concept to final product. One team made a 'beat the buzzer' steady hand game, while the other made a bean bag target game. The pupils put in a tremendous amount of effort and even dedicated their lunchtimes to crafting their games.

The following pupils participated:

- Spencer Bamford
- Thomas Hawkins
- Ronnie Hubbard
- Kain Semons
- Charlotte Watkins
- Joshua-Jay Whitaker

Well done everyone!

Miss Vizor - Teacher of Technology



👑 Coronation Afternoon Tea 👑

A big thank you to our brilliant canteen staff for their special Coronation Afternoon Tea.

Pupils and staff enjoyed a selection of sandwiches, sausage rolls, scones and jam, shortbread, biscuits, Victoria sponge and strawberries and cream - delicious!

Thank you again ladies - We love you!



Charity Bake Sale 🧁

On Tuesday 16th May, Risedale pupils and staff held a bake sale, raising money for [Dementia UK](#). **In total, they raised a whopping £91.20.**

Thank you to all the pupils and parents/carers who baked and supplied cakes for the sale and to everyone who supported the event by buying a cake and making a donation.



For more information about all the brilliant '[Charity Work and Fundraising](#)' that takes place at Risedale please visit our dedicated website page.

On Twitter, [@DementiaUK](#) commented: ***“Thanks so much for holding a cake bake sale and raising money for Dementia UK! We are so grateful.”***

Area Athletics Trials:

Congratulations to all the pupils that took part in the Area Athletics Trials at Middlesbrough Sports Village on Tuesday 9th May. Team Risedale had some outstanding results including:

- Kieran Crossland: Intermediate Boys, 1st place, Long Jump.
- Lucas Kirk: Junior Boys, 1st place, 100m.
- Lucas Kirk: Junior Boys, 2nd place, 200m.
- Oliver Aspden: Intermediate Boys, 2nd place, 200m.
- Lewis Littler: Intermediate Boys, 2nd place, 400m.
- Kyran House: Intermediate Boys, 3rd place, 200m.



Well done everyone!

Mr Hindhaugh [#TeamRisedale](#) 

Another star performance from Grace Baker

Y10 Risedale School pupil Grace Baker has been excelling in the field of dramatic arts. She recently achieved a distinction in her London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art (LAMDA) Exam.

LAMDA exams aim to foster life skills like effective communication, teamwork and self-confidence through the creative avenues of literature, drama and music.

For her exam, Grace performed two songs from different musicals and answered questions about them, including their plot, emotion, characterisation and contrast.



PHOTO: Grace with her certificate of merit from The Wensleydale Tournament Festival of Music & Speech.

Grace said: ***“When I received my results and found out that I had got a distinction I was so happy! All the rehearsal time I put in was really worth it.”***

Grace is already working on new songs for her next LAMDA exam.

At present, Grace is pursuing Music and Drama as part of her GCSEs. She actively participates in various local amateur dramatic theatre productions and also attends the Charlotte Jacqueline School of Dance.

Earlier this year, Grace also took part in The Wensleydale Tournament Festival of Music & Speech winning first place in her category and achieving another distinction. The festival, held annually in March/April, aims to encourage the study, performance, and appreciation of good music and literature, with professional adjudicators evaluating competitors' performances.

Grace's Form Tutor, Ms Westwood, said: ***"We are so proud of Grace, she continues to be a fantastic role model to others here at Risedale. She has a passion and a talent for performing arts which she has developed over many years of hard work, with enthusiasm and determination. I am so pleased, though not surprised, that her hard work is now rewarding her with the qualifications she needs to enter this exciting vocation. We'll see her name in lights one day ...watch this space!"***

On Instagram, the [Charlotte Jacqueline School of Dance](#) said: ***"We couldn't be prouder of our Gracie! So looking forward to having her here this week on work experience too!"***

House System News from Mr Hindhaugh



Last half term, the House System at Risedale witnessed an intense competition with remarkable events such as Risedale's Got Talent, Giant Jenga and the introduction of House Quiz Friday. The battle for the top spot is heating up, with Pankhurst House currently leading with an impressive score of 17,582 points. Attenborough House closely trails in second place with 17,206 points, followed by Turing House in third with 16,449 points. Seacole House holds the fourth position, accumulating 15,556 points. The overall competition reflects the enthusiasm and dedication of the pupils, making for an exciting and closely contested race.

Risedale's Got Talent House Competition RESULTS:

Thank you to all the performers who participated in the Risedale's Got Talent House Competition on Wednesday 10th May. Your display of courage and resilience in front of a crowd was truly commendable. I am proud of everyone that took part. Congratulations and well done to our winners and to all participants for showcasing your incredible talents!!



Each performance was scored using a point system by our panel of judges and the overall results were as follows:

Individual performance RESULTS:

- 1st Olivia Williams Y7 ❤️ (10 house pts and a £10 Empire Cinema gift voucher).
- 2nd Aidan Mackintosh Y8 💜 (5 house pts and a month skip-the-queue pass).
- 3rd Jess Tindall Y7 💜 (2 house pts and a sweet treat).
- Every participant will receive a house point.

Combined House RESULTS:

- ❤️ 1st Turing scored 39 points (awarded 100 house pts)
- 💜 2nd Pankhurst scored 35 points (awarded 75 house pts)
- 🟡 3rd Seacole scored 25 points (awarded 50 house pts)
- 💙 4th Attenborough scored 9 points (awarded 25 house pts)

Giant Jenga Competition

Great turnout throughout the week for the Giant Jenga Competition. Each House selected a formidable team to compete against rival Houses. The overall results were:

- 1st Seacole 100 points
- 2nd Attenborough 75 points
- 3rd Turing 50 points
- 4th Pankhurst 25 points

Mr Hindhaugh

Teacher of PE/ House and Rewards Manager

[#TeamRisedale](#) 💙💜🟡❤️



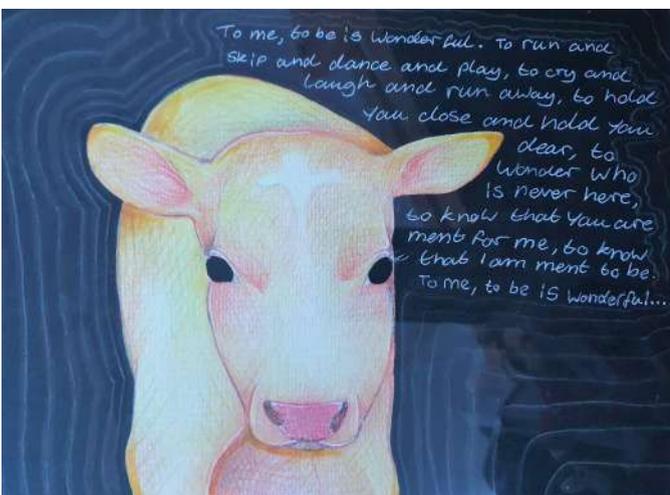
Charlotte Swift's work to feature in prestigious Arts Festival

Talented Year 8 pupil, Charlotte Swift is firmly establishing herself within the community as a highly-skilled local artist. This Spring, Charlotte's artwork was selected alongside established adult local artists and will be exhibited as part of the Wensleydale Community Arts Festival taking place from Wednesday 21st to Sunday 25th June 2023.

The Wensleydale Community Arts Festival is a celebration of 'all aspects of creativity which contribute to the social and cultural heritage of the Dales' and it is expected that thousands of visitors will attend the varied programme of events which is a showcase of local talent.

Head of Art, Ms Westwood, said: ***"To hear that Charlotte will be one of only a few artists showcasing her artistic talent across the Dales is no surprise. She never fails to impress with her creative abilities in art, which come from practice, dedication and passion. She has a very bright future ahead of her and I can't wait to see her creations on display"***.

You can find out more about the Wensleydale Community Arts Festival by visiting www.wensleydale.org



The Swaledale Festival - 'Talk of the Land'

Fourteen Risedale pupils were given the opportunity to work with visual artist Rachel Antrill and sound artist Patrick Green, to produce a collaborative artwork for the Swaledale Festival annual exhibition. They were introduced to the project during an engaging workshop in school where, together, they explored creative drawing techniques and recorded a haunting spoken-word piece, inspired by objects and sounds in nature. From there, the pupils visited an ancient woodland in Gunnerside, to draw and record sounds directly from the natural environment. They used bracken to make individual ghost prints on paper that they added to back in the classroom, using art materials and written words. They also recorded a second soundscape, made up of words that reflected on their experiences of the ancient woodland.

Head of Art, Ms Westwood, said: ***"I was so impressed with how these young artists engaged so thoughtfully and intelligently with unconventional processes and the concept of the project. They developed a real understanding of how art can be used to communicate deep and meaningful messages about the world to audiences in galleries. I am proud of what they achieved and how they have each grown as artists."***

The final piece of work was an incredibly moving installation titled 'Talk of the Land' and was exhibited at The Mezzanine Gallery at the Station in Richmond from 26th May - 7th June.

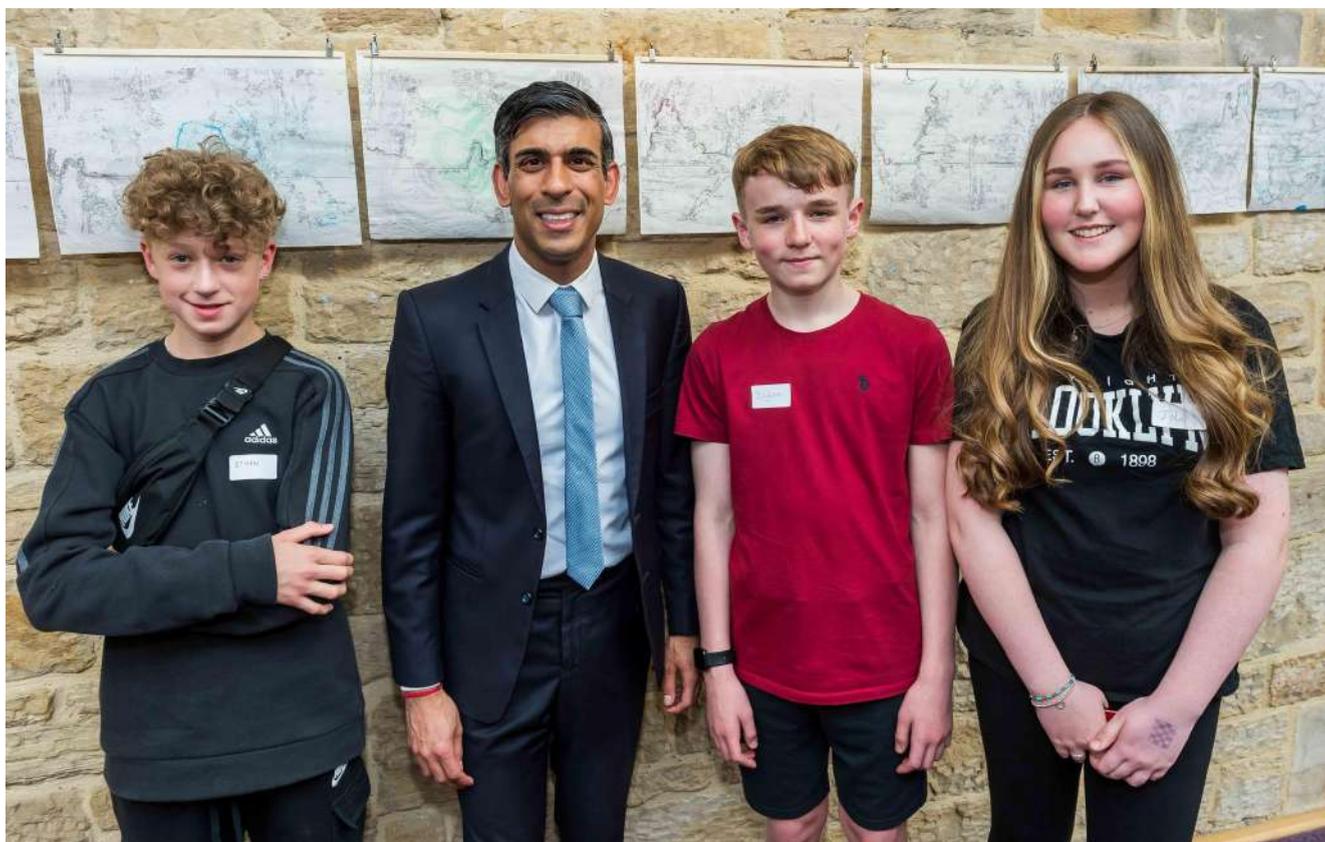


Photo: Risedale pupils Ethan Bone, Dylan Hughes and Isla McGovern were delighted when they met PM Rishi Sunak at The Swaledale Festival Chairman's Reception and exhibition opening night at The Station.



Year 10 Work Experience

Congratulations to all our Year 10 pupils who completed a successful week of work experience with local businesses and employers further afield. I have been absolutely amazed and so proud of our pupils, who have risen to the challenge, demonstrating their employability and transferable skills as young adults in the workforce.

The feedback we received from employers, staff, parents and the pupils themselves was truly amazing. I want to express my gratitude to everyone who supported the pupils throughout the week. Witnessing the smiles, enthusiasm, chatter and confidence of our pupils during our visits was truly rewarding.

I would like to give special recognition to Grace Hall-Twist and Katie Rowell for their work with the North Yorkshire Fire Service - I still can't believe you were up a fire ladder! To Harvey Guy for travelling to the furthest work placement with Orbility Limited in Portsmouth, and to Oliver Cooke for his outstanding week with Network Rail in York.

Well done Year 10 I am proud of each and every one of you!

Ms Porritt - Careers Leader





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On behalf of all of the pupils who have taken part in work experience this year, we would like to give a special thank you to all of the local businesses and employers who have supported and welcomed our year 10 pupils.



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