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KIT Newsletter

July 2024





Dear parents/carers and pupils,

As we reach the end of another academic year, a particularly poignant one for me, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has made it such a resounding success. The Risedale Family – our pupils, staff, Governors and parents – have all played a vital role in creating a truly memorable year!

There have been countless highlights to celebrate, and this final KIT Newsletter of the year is just a glimpse into the incredible achievements and experiences that have enriched our school community. This term alone has seen a whirlwind of activity, from the sheer joy of our school production of *The Wizard of Oz* to the well-deserved triumph of Pankhurst House in our annual House System Competition. *The Wizard of Oz* was a dazzling and heartwarming production that showcased the incredible talent and dedication of our school family. The audience was captivated by the entire performance, and it was a privilege to witness such a magical show.



This term has also seen us embarking on residential trips with the Army, Year 10 experiencing the world of work through placements, and some truly impressive athletic performances at the North Yorkshire Athletics Championships. The DofE Expeditions, a packed calendar of school trips, the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and Prom, a celebration of Pride Month, and of course, our ever-popular Sports Day, all added to the amazing mix that makes Risedale so special.

As we head into the summer break, I do so with immense pride in everything we have accomplished together. However, this year also marks the end of my eight-year journey as Headteacher at Risedale. It has been an incredibly special time, and I am immensely grateful for the unwavering support and dedication I have received from each and every one of you as I, myself, dealt with my personal 'coming out' journey. Together we have achieved the building of the Risedale Family where we respect our differences and celebrate our successes through nurture and inclusion. While I may be stepping down, I have every confidence that Risedale School will continue to thrive under new leadership and I look forward to hearing about your future successes.

Please enjoy reading our KIT Newsletter. Everyone at Risedale School wishes you and your family a very enjoyable summer.

Mr Colin D Scott - Headteacher

Risedale Governor, Gary Morley, completes charity walk from Land's End to John o'Groats

Gary Morley, a Governor at Risedale School, completed an impressive walk from Land's End to John o'Groats. He started his journey on Monday, 1st April and arrived at John o'Groats 61 days later, on Saturday, 1st June 2024. Gary covered a total distance of 1,240.1 miles during his walk and raised over £4000 for Prostate Cancer UK.

Gary said, *"The idea of walking from Land's End to John o'Groats has been on my mind since 2009 and I loved the idea of exploring and seeing new places."*

To prepare for his walk, Gary, an Army Veteran of the Gloucestershire regiment, sent parcels across the country to friends, family, and fellow Veterans. In the parcels, he included resources, maps, and other necessary items he needed for his journey.

Along the way, Gary met other walkers, but the adventure was mainly a solo one. He camped in his one-man tent most of the time but also stayed in hostels and with friends along the route. His friends who offered him a place to stay would drop him back at his starting point the next day. During the walk, Gary only stayed at home in Darlington for 2 nights to rest, enjoy some home comforts, and buy a replacement pair of walking boots!



During his journey, Gary posted daily updates to his social media pages, sharing images of the beautiful scenery, changeable weather, and mileage updates. His love of coffee, cake, and the occasional pint of Guinness was also evident in the photos he posted.

Gary remarked, *"Every morning, I posted a selfie and it was wonderful to receive everyone's messages of encouragement. It truly motivated me throughout the day,"*

and I enjoyed reading the comments. It felt like everyone was with me, supporting me along the way with their kind messages."

This isn't the first time Gary has travelled from Land's End to John o'Groats; in fact, it's his 5th time, which he completed between 2009 and 2015. However, all his previous Land's End to John o'Groats adventures were done by bike, often with the Hummersknott Cycle group which he led with fellow Risedale School colleague, Gary Lamont.

Upon reaching Scotland, Gary knew the finish line was in sight. He then set up and shared his JustGiving page to appeal for donations to Prostate Cancer UK.

Gary explained, *"I chose not to set up the donation page at the start of the walk just in case I couldn't finish, and I didn't want to disappoint anyone. But the support I've received has been astonishing. I am so grateful!"*



On 1st June, Gary arrived at John o'Groats where he was welcomed by his wife Emma and one of his daughters, Keziah, at the famous signpost landmark.

His proud wife Emma said, *"It was great to be able to support Gary on those last few days. We are all extremely proud of everything he has achieved."*

Gary received unwavering support from his army veteran friends, colleagues, and of course, his family: his wife Emma and daughters Keziah and Alice.

**Congratulations Gary, from everyone at Risedale School.
You are an inspiration to us all!**

Risedale's Gone Bananas House Competition 🍌

We are delighted to announce the results from "Risedale's Gone Bananas!" House competition 2024. This quirky challenge tasked pupils to transform a humble yellow banana into a masterpiece using just a biro pen. >> [Check out our video here!](#)

Head of Art, Ms Westwood, was impressed by the creativity on display. **"Well done to everyone who entered,"** she said, **"I really enjoyed looking through hundreds of your extremely creative entries."** Ms Westwood especially loved the year groups' distinct approaches: Year 7's innovative ideas, Year 8's character-filled and whimsical creations, and Year 9's hilarious take on the challenge. **"It just shows that a clever idea doesn't need to be complicated or serious!"** she remarked.



Everyone who took part received Epraise points. The finalists were then selected, and the top 3 winners in each year group were chosen, earning extra points and a prize!

"Risedale's Gone Bananas" was a resounding success, not just for the artistic creations it produced, but for the spirit of innovation and fun it fostered within the school. The competition serves as a reminder that even the most ordinary objects can become a platform for artistic expression and that a little creativity can go a long way!

THE WINNERS 🍌



RUBY TAYLOR

Winners
Year 7



MIA CASSIDY



TAYA MCKEE



LEO FINCH



OLIVIA HODKINSON

Winners
Year 8



MYA HAMILTON



CHARLOTTE SWIFT



Winners
Year 9



KAYDEE SMITH



KAIDEN COLLINS

RISEDALE'S GONE BANANAS HOUSE COMPETITION

Dalby Forest Wellbeing Festival 2024



Risedale Rocks the 2024 Dalby Forest Wellbeing Festival!

Another year, another fantastic trip to the Dalby Forest Wellbeing Festival for Risedale School! This year, on Thursday 6th June, 45 eager pupils from Years 7, 8, and 9 joined fellow North Yorkshire participants for a day packed with activities designed to boost wellbeing and conquer comfort zones, helping to improve mental health and resilience.

A Day of Fun and Growth:

The festival featured a diverse range of activities including an inflatable obstacle course, games, a bungee run, bounce fitness sessions, an outdoor combat class and Kin-Ball. These activities offered opportunities for physical activity and skill development. The highlight of the event was the colourful and vibrant colour run where participants were showered with coloured powder. In addition to the physical activities, pupils and staff had the chance to express their creativity in crafting tents where they made badges and bracelets.



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Teachers Rave About Pupil Success:

Lisa Smith, Risedale School Counsellor, beamed with pride: ***"Our pupils were superstars! They worked together brilliantly as a team, cheering each other on throughout the day."***

Miss Brierley, Head of PE at Risedale, echoed the sentiment: ***"The festival was fantastic and our pupils did us proud! Thank you to everyone who participated, you were incredible!!!"***

Mrs Vizer, Teacher of Design and Technology, couldn't contain her enthusiasm: ***"What an incredible day with the most amazing group of pupils! I can't wait for next year!"***

The 2024 Dalby Forest Wellbeing Festival proved to be another fantastic opportunity for Risedale pupils to explore new activities, build confidence, and strengthen their sense of community. It was a day filled with laughter, teamwork, and a newfound appreciation for the importance of wellbeing! Brilliant work **#TeamRisedale** 



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Risedale Runners Shine at North Yorkshire Athletics Championships

Three Risedale School athletes shine after impressive performances at the North Yorkshire Schools Athletics Championships on Saturday 8th June.

Leading the charge was Rio Regan (9Sandell), who dominated the 800m race with a phenomenal personal best time of 2 minutes and 19 seconds. This scorching time secured him a well-deserved 1st place medal. Rio's success doesn't stop there - he's already set to take on the upcoming Inter Counties event at Gateshead International Stadium on Saturday 15th June. The whole Risedale Family is behind Rio, cheering him on for another victory!

"This was a fantastic day for our son," said Rio's proud father, Allan Regan. ***"He has done himself, the school, and our family incredibly proud. We're grateful for all the help and support he has received from Risedale."***

Lucas Kirk (10Dunphy) also impressed on the track, showcasing his athleticism across both the 100m and 200m events. Lucas battled through a demanding day of qualifying rounds before reaching the finals. He secured a strong second-place finish in his 100m heat, followed by a commendable fifth-place finish in the final. Lucas continued his impressive performance in the 200m, competing fiercely against a competitive field.

Lucas' mother, Michelle, expressed her pride: ***"We are so proud of Lucas' achievements. Thank you to the school for putting him forward for this experience."***

Like Lucas, Jay-Ron Browne (9Knight), tackled both the 100m and 200m races, showcasing his determination throughout the day. He achieved a strong position in both events, gaining valuable experience that will undoubtedly propel him towards future success.

"I was incredibly nervous before the events," Jay-Ron admitted, ***"but I'm really pleased with my results and I'm hopeful to go even further next year."***

PE Teacher Mr Lawson couldn't be prouder of his pupils. ***"The boys qualified for the North Yorkshires after excelling at the Area Athletics Trials,"*** he said. ***"To then compete at such a high level and demonstrate such resilience and athleticism is truly remarkable. They should all be incredibly proud of themselves."***

Congratulations to Rio, Lucas, and Jay-Ron on their outstanding performances!

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Year 10 Army Residential

In May, twenty-two Year 10 Risedale School pupils embarked on an action-packed adventure at Warcop Camp in Cumbria. This four-day residential trip, part of the British Army Supporting Education (BASE) programme, saw them push their limits and develop valuable skills.



The BASE program isn't just about learning army drills. Risedale's participants gained a deeper understanding of the British Army's core values – discipline, integrity, loyalty, and courage. These values became the foundation for a series of challenges designed to build life skills and personal qualities.

Pupils learned practical skills like packing and carrying their kit with a Bergen (a military backpack), essential for any soldier on the move. They also tackled the art of survival, from pitching tents to applying camouflage and preparing meals with limited resources.

But the learning went beyond the basics. The trip incorporated problem-solving activities on the ranges, requiring teamwork and strategic thinking. They even faced a rigorous kit inspection, a chance to learn the importance of organisation and preparedness.

A big congratulations to Karysha Arissol, Aimee Bell, Freya Carter, Jona Carter, Lily-May Cartwright, Keira-Leigh Chape, Lillie Clayton, Isabelle Dagnall, Paige Doak, Oscar Earnshaw, Danny Gillan, Poppy Levitt, Kalob McLoughlin, Kai-Leigh Paige, Thomas Randall, Paighton Simpson, Matthew Tiley, Tallulah-Grace Tomlinson, Sera Vimataki, Damien Walker, Kieran Warburton, Ethan Watkins-Brown.

Here's what some of our pupils had to say about their Army residential trip::

Freya Carter (10Hill): ***"The trip was really fun and educational. At first, I was scared and thought the staff would be very strict, but as the days went on and we learned more, I realised the Army might be the place for me. The staff were so welcoming and took the time to get to know us as individuals. They even joined in with evening activities, and if you didn't understand something, they wouldn't single you out - they helped us one-on-one. They talked to us about how to join the Army and the benefits you could get. They also taught us all about the different aspects of Army life."***



Ethan Watkins-Brown (10Ford): ***"I feel this trip gave me a good idea of what Army life is really like and helped me understand it better. Before the trip, I thought all the staff would be strict and the rules would be really strict too, but it wasn't like that at all. All the staff members were welcoming and listened whenever we needed something or wanted to ask questions. Whenever we did a new activity, they always gave us a demonstration so we could understand it, like how to make your bed properly or put up a basher. They also talked to us about the benefits of being in the Army and how much support they give you. They even told us about all the different jobs you can do in the Army. I've always thought about joining the Army, and I think this trip has definitely made me consider going to Harrogate College and joining the military."***



Kai-Leigh Paige (10Houlgate): *"I think this residential trip definitely gave us all a good look at what Army life is really like. On the bus ride there, I was a bit scared the staff would be strict since they're in the Army, but they were so nice and welcoming to us all. During the evenings, we did some activities like watching movies and playing cards. They made sure everyone had a say and taught us many things, like how to make our beds properly and how to pack our Bergens. At the end of the trip, they also gave us a PowerPoint presentation about all the different jobs we could do in the military. I think this trip made me want to join the Army even more, and I'm looking forward to joining the Army preparation college in Harrogate."*



Poppy Levitt (10Ford): *"This trip is something I would definitely do again! I already go to cadets, so I had an idea of what the residential would be like, and I knew I'd enjoy it right away. It was great to meet and spend time with other pupils I hadn't spoken to before, and we all got along well. I found the activities challenging, but not impossible. The staff were so friendly and not strict at all. We learned some important lessons on how to make your bed properly and keep your uniform neat and presentable. The fieldcraft exercise was probably my favourite and most enjoyable part of the whole trip. Making a tent and sleeping area was fun. The weather was so hot, and I was so tired I had to take a nap during our break. Thankfully, we didn't have to sleep outside in the end, although I wouldn't have minded because it would have been a whole new experience I would've loved. Tuesday was my favourite day on the whole trip. Harrogate College sounded interesting to me, but I'd like to experience more Army life activities first or be in cadets for at least a year to get my first star before I think about going away for a long time."*



Year 10 Work Experience

Risedale School is immensely proud of all our Year 10 pupils who completed Work Experience from 3rd - 7th June.

Witnessing them flourish in a professional setting outside the classroom has been a true inspiration. We've had some fantastic feedback from our pupils and the amazing employers who kindly hosted our future leaders! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our pupils on this journey into the world of work.

Helen Porritt - Careers Leader at Risedale School

Feedback from Year 10 Work Experience 2024:

Finlay Addison: The Fire Safety Company. *"It was a great pleasure to have a Year 10 pupil from Risedale School for a week of fire safety. Finlay put so much effort into everything he did, he took on all the tasks with great enthusiasm and asked loads of questions. Keep up your amazing work and thank you for a great week."*



Mlak Bakar: Risedale School Library: *“Thank you to Mlak who created a new display for the Library while on her work experience placement with Miss Sellers. Mlak drew inspiration from her work at Catterick Library, where she has been promoting books about different cultures and encouraging others to find out more about other countries. Thank you, Mlak, for your contribution to the library!”*



Janet Bellew-Phillips: Purple Creative Studio. *“Janet has represented the school brilliantly. Throughout the week, she’s tried a little bit of everything - from designing a website and coding to social media content and getting creative in Canva - it’s been fab to see her get stuck into all sorts! As well as showing her the different aspects of working at a digital agency, we managed to get her on the Skyjo hype too. Thanks for joining us, Janet!”* Janet said, *“It’s definitely a unique place to work and I’ve had lots of fun”.*



Tyler Friend: Garrison Garage. *“Shoutout to Tyler Risedale School for an incredible week! Your punctuality, eagerness to learn, and positive attitude have truly stood out. You’ve put so much effort and care into everything, and it’s been a pleasure having you here. Your initiative and adaptability are impressive and valuable qualities in any workplace. Whether taking on tasks with enthusiasm or asking insightful questions, your contributions have made a real impact. Keep up the amazing work! Thanks for being such a positive presence this week, and best of luck in all your future endeavours.”*



Lacey Hanson: Lazer Cheer Academy. *“We have really enjoyed having one of our athletes and Junior Coaches, Lacey Hanson in for work experience from Risedale School. She has learnt a lot about the admin side of running a business and has also spent a couple of days recording tumbling videos for a project we gave her.”*



Congratulations Year 10 - you were all absolutely amazing!!!



Risedale School minibus gets a makeover with help from Y10 Work Experience pupil Filipe Senivota

Risedale School is excited to unveil its newly refurbished minibus, sporting a striking design created by [Eyecatching Signs](#), a local signage company in Richmond. The vibrant graphics and fresh decals are sure to turn heads wherever the bus travels.

This makeover goes beyond just aesthetics. It highlights the valuable contribution of Filipe Senivota, a Year 10 pupil at Risedale. During his Work Experience placement at Eyecatching Signs, Filipe played a key role in bringing the new design to life by lending a hand with the application of the decals.

"We are incredibly grateful to Eyecatching Signs for their fantastic work on our minibus and for hosting Filipe," said Risedale School Facilities Manager, Gill Morrissey. ***"The new design looks brilliant and is sure to stand out. They'll definitely know it's Risedale coming when our new minibus is out and about on its travels. We'd also like to extend a special thank you to Filipe for his helping hand during his work experience. His contribution demonstrates the value of the Work Experience programme and the positive impact our pupils have made during their placements."***



Calum Sankey on the Radio

Risedale School pupil records weather report at BFBS Catterick.



Year 10 pupil Calum Sankey recently turned his passion for meteorology into a real-world experience! Calum, whose particular interest lies in storms, has been working on a project in this field for the past few months. This dedication recently earned him an invitation from BFBS Catterick to visit their facilities and record a weather report.

Congratulations to Calum on this fantastic achievement! His initiative in exploring meteorology as a potential career is truly commendable. Everyone at Risedale is very proud of you Calum!



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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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DofE Bronze & Silver Expeditions

Our Duke of Edinburgh's Award pupils in Year 9 (Bronze) and Year 10 (Silver), embarked on a challenging but rewarding expedition weekend on the 15th-16th June.

After school on Friday 14th June, our Year 10 DofE group headed off to complete their practice expedition, (a requirement of the Silver Award), and set up camp under clear blue skies. Breezy conditions added an element of challenge when putting up the tents, but the pupils were in fine spirits. On Saturday morning they set off for Fremington Edge to practise navigation skills, such as pacing, taking a compass bearing and map reading. They worked incredibly hard and their resilience shone through as they successfully navigated back to camp, albeit drenched!

For our Year 9 Bronze Award group, this was their first Risedale expedition. They departed on Saturday morning carrying everything they needed for the weekend in their packs. One of the requirements for each DofE expedition is that they should be entirely self-sufficient. They navigated from Richmond to Marrick, gaining confidence as they went on, via the notorious Hudswell Steps, towards Downholme and finally to their campsite. Fin Miller deserves a special shoutout for his exceptional navigation skills, but the entire group impressed with their team spirit, singing and positivity.

When they arrived at the campsite, the rain was torrential and wind speeds had increased, but they still managed to put up their tents and cook a meal on a camp stove. Living in Catterick, army ration packs were top of the menu! Fuelled by their campsite feast the pupils settled down for the night in their tents.

Sadly, the rain did not let up, it was impossible to stay dry, and the temperature had dropped unseasonably low. To make sure that everyone remained safe, we had to make the difficult decision to abandon the expedition and return to Catterick early.

We are incredibly proud of the determination and resilience displayed by all our Y9 and Y10 DofE participants. They are true heroes! Plans are underway to ensure Year 9 can complete their qualifying expedition, and Year 10 will have the opportunity to finish their practice before their assessment in July, hopefully with more sunshine on their side.

A big thank you goes out to Miss Burke, Mr Carter, Mr Cornforth and Mr Higham for dedicating their weekend to supporting these amazing pupils.

Mrs Hailwood - Senior Teacher and DofE Leader



Catterick Historical Archive Brings History to Life for Year 8 Pupils



In an inspiring collaboration, the Catterick Historical Archive has been working closely with Risedale School to provide Year 8 pupils with a unique educational experience through a series of outdoor history walks. These walks, designed to complement the curriculum, have focused on the historical significance of the old Catterick Camp Railway, which once ran parallel to the main road leading into Catterick Garrison.

The initiative, which takes learning outside the traditional classroom setting, aims to deepen pupils' understanding of local history and the role the railway played in shaping the region. As they strolled along the historic path, pupils were transported back in time, discovering how the railway served as a vital link during significant periods in Catterick's past.



During the walks, knowledgeable guides from the Catterick Historical Archive shared fascinating stories about the railway's construction, its operational years, and eventual decline. Pupils learned about the pivotal role the railway played in supporting the military operations of Catterick Garrison, especially during the two World Wars.

The interactive nature of these history walks allowed pupils to engage with their local heritage in a meaningful way. They explored various landmarks and remnants of the old railway, which sparked curiosity and encouraged them to ask insightful questions about their surroundings. This hands-on learning experience not only enriched their historical knowledge but also fostered a deeper appreciation for the community they live in.

Teachers at Risedale School have praised the partnership with the Catterick Historical Archive, noting that the outdoor history walks have significantly enhanced the pupils'

learning experience. By stepping outside the classroom, pupils have gained a tangible connection to the history they study, making the subject more engaging and relevant.

The walk concluded at Camp Centre Roundabout, followed by lunch at The Centenary Hub in Piave Lines. This break allowed them to reflect on their morning explorations before embarking on the next leg of their journey to the Locomotion Railway Museum in Shildon. At the museum, pupils further expanded their knowledge of railway history. After a presentation on the history of Catterick Garrison, pupils explored a diverse collection of locomotives and learned about the evolution of rail transport.

The success of these history walks highlights the importance of community involvement in education. The Catterick Historical Archive's dedication to preserving and sharing local history has provided Risedale School's Year 8 pupils with an unforgettable educational journey. As the partnership continues, both organisations look forward to exploring more aspects of Catterick's rich history, ensuring that future generations remain connected to their heritage.

Mark Hill MBE | Veteran | Catterick Historical Archive

Young Writers Anthology Winners



Young Writers Shine in "Through Their Eyes" Anthology

Twenty-five talented young Risedale School writers are celebrating after their poems were chosen for publication in the latest edition of the Young Writers' Anthology. The competition, titled "Through Their Eyes," challenged pupils to step outside themselves and write from a different perspective.

"The entries we received were truly exceptional," said Miss Douglas, English and Media Studies Teacher. ***"I'm incredibly proud of all the pupils who participated. Their creativity and empathy were truly inspiring!"***

Congratulations to all our worthy winners!

Risedale Service Children Celebrate Armed Forces Day in Style!

Year 7 and 8 Service Children at Risedale School had a blast celebrating Armed Forces Day on Wednesday 19th June 2024, at Ypres Lines. The event offered a unique blend of learning and fun, allowing them to gain valuable insights into the world of the Armed Forces in a truly engaging way.

The day kicked off with a heartwarming display of camaraderie. While waiting for the opening ceremony, Risedale's Service Children showed their hospitality by entertaining pupils from another school. Their patience and resilience shone through even amidst the excitement and large crowds.

The festivities included a thrilling tug-of-war competition, where the girls emerged victorious in a display of impressive teamwork! Camouflage face painting was a big hit, transforming the children into mini-soldiers for the day.

The highlight for many was the delicious food prepared by the British Army Chefs. On top of that, there was even complimentary ice cream to enjoy in the sunshine!

"This event provided a fantastic opportunity for our Service Children to learn more about the Armed Forces and gain a deeper appreciation for the important and special jobs that their parents do," said Mrs Johnson, Risedale School's Service Children's Advocate. ***"They had the chance to ask questions, have fun, and connect with the soldiers who were fantastic throughout the day. The soldiers patiently answered questions, provided entertainment, and the incredible band's performance added a joyful touch under the beautiful sunshine."***

A big thank you to Service Children's Champion, Angela Campbell, and her team for organising such a heartwarming and memorable day!

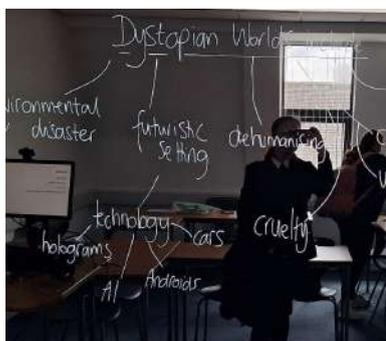
>> For more information about the support we provide for our Service Children and military families please visit our dedicated website page: [Service Children](#).



Year 10 QE Sixth Form Taster Day

On Wednesday 19th June, Year 10 pupils at Risedale School had a fantastic opportunity to explore their future options at Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College during a Taster Day. As part of the Year 10 Careers Programme, this activity was arranged for pupils interested in applying for A-Levels next year in a variety of subjects, leading to a careers pathway to University (Higher Education), Degree, Higher Degree and Intermediate Apprenticeships and Employment.

While the Taster Day has passed, there's more to come! Keep an eye out for details about Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form Open Evenings, which will be published in September. These evenings provide another chance for pupils and parents to meet subject teachers directly and learn more about the curriculum, facilities, and pupil life at the sixth form. This can be invaluable when making important college application decisions later in the Autumn Term.



For more information on our Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) programme, please [CLICK HERE](#).



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Cyanotype Workshop



Risedale School Pupils Embrace the Sun with Cyanotype Workshop

On Wednesday 26th June, a group of Risedale School pupils delved into the world of alternative photography with a cyanotype workshop. Led by Design & Technology teacher Mrs Vizor and visiting artist Elaine Vizor, the session offered a unique opportunity for the pupils to explore a sunlight-powered artistic technique with a rich history dating back to the 1840s. Cyanotypes, also known as blueprints, were invented by Sir John Herschel as a way to reproduce scientific documents. This early photographic process uses light-sensitive iron salts to create distinctive blueprints.

"It was a wonderful experience for the pupils," shared Mrs Vizor. *"Having my own Mum, Elaine, guide them through this historic process made it even more special."*

The workshop began with Elaine introducing the cyanotype process to the pupils. They started by creating small cyanotypes on specialised photosensitive paper, familiarising themselves with the technique. As their confidence grew, they progressed to larger-scale projects, experimenting with textiles and even creating cyanotype designs on t-shirts.



Sunny skies proved to be a perfect partner for the workshop. Mrs Vizor remarked, *"The pupils truly enjoyed the experience, and the cyanotypes they created were fantastic. The beautiful weather allowed us to use sunlight effectively to expose the cyanotypes, making the entire day a resounding success."*

Elaine Vizor added to the positive atmosphere, commenting, *"It was a fantastic afternoon working with the Risedale pupils. I normally work with adults, so to have the opportunity to share my knowledge with secondary school pupils was a brilliant experience."*

She added, *"Every pupil was engaged in the process. They were magnificent and a pleasure to work with. Their creativity shone through and their individuality was evident in the varied designs they produced. The workshop went very smoothly and too quickly. We covered a lot of ground and it was a joy to work with such an interested, motivated and appreciative group of young people. It was also incredibly rewarding to see my daughter, Mrs Vizor, in action, teaching and inspiring the next generation."*

Pupils Discover Land-Based Careers at Askham Bryan College

On Wednesday 26th June, a group of Risedale pupils embarked on a trip to Askham Bryan College, a specialist college near York offering a unique range of vocational courses. Organised by the school's careers programme, the trip aimed to introduce pupils to alternative post-16 options focused on land-based studies.

Askham Bryan College boasts a variety of programmes ideal for pupils interested in pursuing careers in animal care, horticulture, floristry, equine studies, forestry, and agriculture. During their visit, the Risedale pupils toured the college's various departments, gaining valuable insights into each programme's curriculum and learning opportunities. They also had the chance to explore the college's farm and wildlife park, getting a firsthand look at the practical applications of these land-based fields.

"We always have a small group of pupils seeking options beyond our local colleges," said Mrs Porritt, Risedale's Careers Leader.

"Askham Bryan College stands out for its unique post-16 programmes focused on alternative provisions. We're thrilled to have four former Risedale pupils flourishing there, and their positive experiences motivated us to organise this trip."

The informative visit concluded with a refreshing ice cream treat and a goodie bag for each pupil. A big thank you to Mrs Davies, Mrs Deighton and Mrs Brown for accompanying the pupils on this enriching trip.



Risedale Celebrates Pride in Style! 🏳️‍🌈



Risedale School exploded with colour this June in celebration of Pride Month!

Throughout June, Risedale School took on a vibrant new look in celebration of Pride Month! The school canteen and flagpoles became a canvas of colour, adorned with Pride flags displayed proudly. Our ever-enthusiastic LGBTQIA+ Club wasn't to be outdone. They channelled their creativity into a fantastic new display for the link corridor. This eye-catching piece, a testament to their artistic talents, used mixed media, spray paints, and marker pens to create a truly special addition to the school.



The festivities continued on Friday 21st June, with a heartwarming charity movie afternoon featuring the film "Everybody's Talking About Jamie". Pupils enjoyed sweets and treats (available at the pre-movie sweet sale run by the fantastic LGBTQIA+ Club!) while learning about acceptance and individuality.



All the money raised during Pride Month will be going to [Out North East](#), a wonderful charity that champions LGBTQ+ communities in the North East.

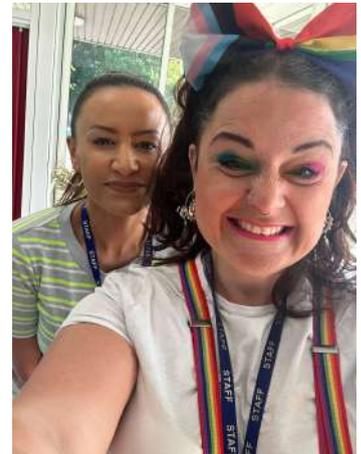
On Facebook, Out North East, said, *“Thank you for your support! You are amazing 🏳️‍🌈👏👏👏”*

The month culminated in a rainbow-themed fun-filled Non-Uniform Day on Friday 28th June, where pupils donned their most colourful attire in a celebration of diversity. The LGBTQIA+ Club continued their fundraising efforts by hosting a bake sale alongside the Non-Uniform Day, adding even more to the total for Out North East. To top it all off, our inspiring Headteacher, Mr Colin Scott, addressed the entire school during a special Pride assembly.



We're incredibly proud of the entire Risedale Family for coming together and creating such a positive and inclusive atmosphere.

Together we raised an amazing £385.30 for Out North East! 🏳️‍🌈



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Getting a Taste for the Future: Y10 Pupils Visit Darlington College



Risedale School's Year 10 pupils got a glimpse into their future careers on Tuesday 2nd July during a Taster Day at Darlington College. This exciting event, part of the school's Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) programme, gave pupils the chance to explore the diverse educational pathways offered by Darlington College.

Darlington College goes beyond traditional classroom learning, offering a range of vocational courses, innovative T-Levels, and apprenticeship programs. This Taster Day allowed our Year 10s to experience these options firsthand.

Mark your calendars! In September, Darlington College will be hosting Open Evenings specifically for Year 10/11 pupils and their parents/carers. These events provide a fantastic opportunity to delve deeper into the college experience and explore the various programmes and courses in more detail before pupils complete their applications by Christmas 2024.



Mrs Porritt, the Careers Leader at Risedale School, is a strong advocate for these experiences. ***"Over the past few months Year 10 pupils have had lots of opportunities to explore post-16 opportunities through their CEIAG programme,"*** she said, ***"it will undoubtedly prepare them better as they make important decisions about their future careers and the different pathways and routes to becoming qualified."***



Sports Day 2024 #TeamRisedale

Risedale Bids Farewell to Head of PE, Miss Brierley, at a Spectacular Sports Day.

Risedale School celebrated an unforgettable Sports Day on Wednesday 3rd July 2024, at Catterick Athletics Stadium. This year's event held special significance as it marked the final Sports Day for Miss Brierley, our esteemed Head of PE, who is retiring after an incredible 25 years at Risedale.

The day was filled with excitement and friendly competition as pupils participated in classic track and field events alongside a thrilling array of inflatables, an assault course, jousting challenges, zorb football, and much more! Even the Headteacher, Mr Scott, joined in the fun, taking on pupils in the sumo wrestling challenge!



Attenborough House emerged victorious, claiming the top spot with a commanding lead of 1404 points. Congratulations to all the athletes who contributed to their House's success!

Congratulations to [ATTENBOROUGH HOUSE](#) Sports Day Champions 2024!



The final Sports Day results were as follows:

1st Attenborough  with 1404 points

2nd Turing  with 1319 points

3rd Pankhurst  with 1233 points

4th Seacole  with 1054 points

House System and Rewards Manager, Mr Gunnell said, *"I am incredibly proud of all our pupils who participated in this year's Sports Day. The enthusiasm and effort were nothing short of spectacular. Witnessing the camaraderie among the pupils, especially with the older pupils setting such a fine example for our Year 6 visitors, was truly inspiring."*

As a proud member of Seacole House, it pains me to admit defeat, but we must extend a huge congratulations to Attenborough House for their impressive victory. They stormed ahead and secured a commanding lead. These results have been added to the overall house points for the year, with Pankhurst House now appearing to hold an insurmountable lead at the top.

Thank you to everyone, especially the PE department, for making this sports day an outstanding success."

Deputy Headteacher, Mr Yates expressed his gratitude by saying, *"A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this day possible! This includes Miss Brierley and the fabulous PE department for organising the day, all Risedale staff who helped with running the events, Catterick Athletics Stadium for hosting, the Army for their continued support and most importantly, our amazing pupils who gave it their all!"*

A Fond Farewell to Miss Brierley

In a moment tinged with both joy and farewell, this marked the final Sports Day for our beloved Head of PE, Miss Brierley, who is retiring after a remarkable 25 years at Risedale. The entire Risedale Family extends its deepest gratitude for her dedication that has instilled a lifelong love of sportsmanship in countless pupils. Taking the baton forward in the PE department will be Mr Lawson and we're excited to see him build on our foundation of enthusiasm and help Risedale reach even greater heights in PE!

Miss Brierley reflected on the day, acknowledging the initial damp weather that couldn't dampen anyone's spirits. She expressed her immense gratitude to the staff, the Army for their continued support, and most importantly, the pupils for their resilience and sportsmanship. Highlighting these qualities made her incredibly proud as she stepped off the athletics stadium for the last time.

Miss Brierley added a heartfelt message about her time at Risedale: *"It has been an absolute privilege. The staff are amazing, and we are all friends as well as colleagues. Thank you, Risedale, for the best years of my life – it's been a blast!"*

You can see more photos from Sports Day by visiting our school website [HERE](#).

#TeamRisedale ❤️💜💛❤️





Risedale School Remembers: WWII, the Italian Campaign and Commonwealth Contributions



On Thursday 4th July, Risedale School held a special assembly for pupils in Years 7 & 8 dedicated to the remembrance and education of the Second World War, with a particular focus on the Italian Campaign and the broader contributions of the Commonwealth forces. This event was not only an educational opportunity but also a heartfelt tribute to the sacrifices and valour of those who served during one of the most pivotal conflicts in human history.

The assembly was further enriched by a visit organised by the Catterick Historical Archive (SHAPE-UK). Renowned military historian Jahan Mahmood delivered a captivating presentation, sharing his extensive knowledge and engaging pupils with stories from the past. Mr Mahmood's expertise and passion for history brought the events of WWII to life, providing a deeply engaging educational experience.

The assembly began with an engaging presentation that provided a broad overview of World War II. Pupils and staff were transported back to a time when the world was engulfed in a struggle between the Allied and Axis powers. The narrative covered the major theatres of war, key battles, and strategic decisions that shaped the course of history. By setting this context, the assembly aimed to give pupils a comprehensive understanding of the global scale and impact of the war.

The highlight of the assembly was the detailed exploration of the Italian Campaign. This often overlooked chapter of WWII was crucial in the Allied efforts to weaken Axis powers in Europe. Pupils learned about key operations and the brutal battle of Monte Cassino.

The special assembly at Risedale School was more than just a history lesson; it was a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by previous generations. By focusing on the Italian Campaign and the contributions of the Commonwealth, the assembly provided pupils with a deeper appreciation for the complexities of war and the importance of global cooperation.

Thank you to Mark Hill MBe (Veteran | Catterick Historical Archive) for providing this article.

Risedale Stars Shine on Stage at The Georgian Theatre Royal

Risedale School is proud to announce that Year 7 pupil Alex Dunphy and Year 8 pupil Olivia Greasley recently performed to enthusiastic audiences at the prestigious Georgian Theatre Royal. Alex and Olivia were part of the Georgian Theatre Royal Youth Theatre Musical Theatre Group's production of "A Murder at the Musicals," written by Aidan Macfarlane & Gina O'Reilly.

The performances, held on 4th and 5th July, were sold out, showcasing the young actors' talent and captivating the audience.

Congratulations Alex and Olivia !!!



Forbidden Corner Enrichment Trip

Drenched but Delighted: A Fun-Filled Enrichment Trip to Leyburn and The Forbidden Corner

On Tuesday 9th July, a group of adventurous pupils from Years 7-9 embarked on a memorable enrichment trip to Leyburn and The Forbidden Corner. Despite the atrocious weather, their spirits remained high throughout the day.

Their first stop was Leyburn Railway Station, where they participated in an engaging quiz. This activity not only tested their teamwork but also introduced them to the train network, a potential gateway to exploring the scenic Yorkshire Dales.



Next, they ventured into the captivating world of The Forbidden Corner. This quirky wonderland, filled with curious attractions and interactive elements, proved to be a hit. Even the surprise water jets, which left some pupils pleasantly soaked, added to the lighthearted fun, especially considering the downpour outside.

Throughout the trip, the pupils impressed everyone with their exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school, leaving a positive impression wherever they went.

A big thank you to Mrs Deighton and Mrs Carlisle (HLTAs) for organising this successful and enjoyable trip!

U15 Girls Football Team Smash Stereotypes at Inspiring Tournament



The U15 Girls Football team aced their final fixture on Wednesday 10th July, going beyond just competitive play. The tournament held at Richmond School offered a unique blend of football matches and a careers fair focused on the construction industry. This aimed to not only challenge them on the field but also introduce them to potential career paths, dismantle stereotypes, and score some freebies at the fair!

The girls impressed at the fair, asking insightful questions about construction careers. They then brought their enthusiasm onto the pitch, battling through 5 games against local teams. Their teamwork and resilience shone through, securing a win, a thrilling 3-3 draw, and showcasing their fighting spirit in the remaining matches. While they finished with 11 points, their true victory came in the form of the "Team of the Day" award, a testament to their enjoyment and positive attitude throughout the tournament.



Team Coach, Mr J Metcalfe said, ***"I am so proud of the girls and all the hard work they have put in this year so to end on a high was an incredible achievement! I am already excited to see what next year brings!"***

Risedale School Stages Dazzling Amateur Production of The Wizard of Oz

The curtains closed on a triumphant final performance of *The Wizard of Oz* at Risedale School on Thursday 11th July, marking the culmination of months of hard work by a dedicated cast and crew. Directed by Head of Drama, Mrs Amy Southworth Gedye, and produced by Head of Social Studies, Ms Dunphy, the production brought the classic tale to life with vibrant energy.



A Stellar Cast Takes Centre Stage

Leading the charge was Grace Baker, captivating audiences as Dorothy. Joining her on the Yellow Brick Road were Archie Bassett as the endearing Scarecrow, Emily-Faye Fort as the heartwarming Tinman, and Oscar Baker as the cowardly Lion. Milly Mason and Mason Bassett brought warmth to the roles of Aunt Em/Glinda and Uncle Henry/Guard, respectively. Mrs Southworth-Gedye herself donned the iconic green make-up to play the Wicked Witch, while Harry Tester delivered a memorable performance as the Wizard of Oz.

A Supportive Chorus and Crew

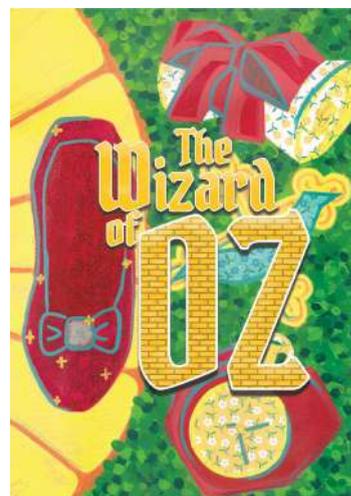
The magic on stage wouldn't have been possible without the fantastic support of Mrs Johnson, Mrs Allen, and Tony Wilcock from The Georgian Theatre Royal, who brought the show to life with his lighting design and loan of all the sound and light equipment, our dedicated chorus and fabulous crew. Their tireless efforts behind the scenes ensured a smooth and visually stunning performance.



"I'm incredibly proud of the entire cast and crew for bringing The Wizard of Oz to life," Mrs Southworth-Gedye said. "This production truly exemplifies the dedication and talent of our Risedale pupils. It takes a tremendous effort to put on a show of this calibre and I am immensely grateful to everyone who played a part, from our phenomenal performers to the tireless crew and the supportive staff here at Risedale. This is a true testament to the collaborative spirit that makes our school such a special place."

Praise Pours In

The production received rave reviews from the Risedale Family. Chair of Governors, John Glahome, expressed his delight, commending Mrs Southworth-Gedye and the entire cast and crew for their ***"enjoyable performance."*** He highlighted the importance of such productions in fostering confidence and development in young adults, expressing hope for many more shows to come.



A heartfelt email from a proud parent further solidified the success of the production. Riley Williams-Matthews, a Year 7 pupil who played a Munchkin, received glowing praise for his performance. His mother wrote, ***"Everyone involved in the Wizard of Oz did absolutely amazingly last night... Grace Baker (Dorothy)'s singing was phenomenal, it blew me away!"***

A Performance to Remember

The Risedale School production of The Wizard of Oz was a resounding success, leaving audiences enthralled and highlighting the immense talent within the school community. With such a dedicated team and talented performers, the future of Risedale's stage productions appears bright.



Year 7 Enterprise Project

Risedale Pupils Triumph in Primary Inspiration through Enterprise (PIE) Project



Risedale School has emerged as the overall winner of the prestigious Primary Inspiration through Enterprise (PIE) Project school competition. This remarkable achievement reflects the hard work, dedication, and innovative spirit of the Year 7 pupils and their committed teacher, Mrs Jane Hailwood.

The PIE Project aims to foster entrepreneurial and enterprise business skills, inspiring young minds through engaging, hands-on projects. Competing against numerous schools across the North East, Risedale School's pupils demonstrated exceptional creativity, teamwork, and business acumen, securing the top position in this esteemed competition.

The winning business idea from Risedale School was to create a [school magazine](#). This publication showcased the great work at the school, highlighting academic achievements, sporting successes, and other extracurricular activities. The business element and profit-making aspect involved visiting local businesses, where the pupils presented a professional pitch to business owners and secured advertising space, generating profit from advertising sales. The pupils' vision was to celebrate the diverse talents and accomplishments within the school community, fostering a sense of pride and unity among pupils and staff.

All participating schools received an initial £100 seed funding grant, which supported the setting up of their business ideas.

The top three schools were invited to a Zoom call. I would like to congratulate all the participants for their amazing efforts. Ammar Mirza CBE, one of the PIE Project's trustees and a radio presenter on Spice FM in Newcastle, announced the winners live on air. The 3rd, 2nd, and 1st placements were broadcast on Spice FM and reached audiences worldwide.

We were also honoured to welcome Lt Col Andy Black from the Army, a trustee of The PIE Project. His presence added significance to the event and provided further encouragement to the students. Upon becoming winners, Lt Col Andy Black presented the pupils with a cheque for £2000.



Mrs Hailwood, a Senior Teacher at Risedale, played a pivotal role in guiding and mentoring the pupils throughout the project. Her unwavering commitment, especially during the busy end-of-year period, was instrumental in their success. The pupils' enthusiasm and innovative ideas were brilliantly showcased, earning them well-deserved recognition.

As the school's PIE Project volunteer, known as PIE'Oneers, I express immense pride in every single pupil, acknowledging their hard work and dedication – well done.



Risedale School's success in the PIE Project not only brings pride to the school community but also serves as an inspiration for other pupils to engage in entrepreneurial and enterprise activities. This victory underscores the importance of fostering creativity and enterprise skills in young minds, preparing them for future challenges and opportunities.



Congratulations to Risedale School, its talented pupils; **Oliva Bamber, Willow Curtis, Rosie Dobson, Olivia Naylor, Louise Savery, Florence Sewell**, and the dedicated staff for this outstanding achievement!

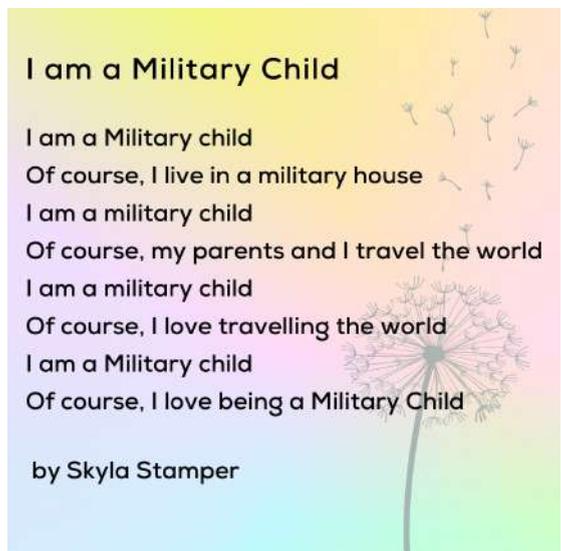
Mark Hill MBE | PIE Project PIE'Oneer

Military Child of the Month Competition



Pupils at Risedale School actively participated in the annual "Month of the Military Child" competition organised by Never Such Innocence, a charity that engages young minds in reflecting on the realities of war and conflict. This year's theme, "Life as a Dandelion," encouraged pupils to explore their experiences through creative expression. Risedale pupils submitted numerous outstanding entries, showcasing a variety of artistic talents.

While there wasn't a national winner from Risedale this year, the school held an internal competition to celebrate their pupils' efforts. Skyla Stamper (8Blatch) won with her thoughtful poem, "I am a Military Child."



"It is always a joy to read and admire the literary work and artwork produced by our pupils for this competition," Miss Douglas, Teacher of English and Media Studies, said. ***"Their efforts are truly incredible, and I am immensely proud of each and every entry!"***

Risedale's Service Children's Advocate, Mrs Johnson, commented: ***"I'm incredibly proud of all the pupils who participated. Having this competition during the Month of the Military Child is truly special. Skyla's poem, "I am a Military Child," beautifully captures the unique experiences of many military children. I grew up in a military family as well, and I found it incredibly relatable."***

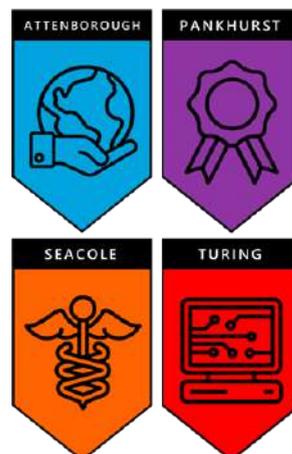
House Competition Winners 2024 - PANKHURST! 💜

House System News from Mr Gunnell

I am delighted to announce the results of this year's House System competition. After a closely fought competition, it gives me great pleasure to declare Pankhurst the 2024 House Champions!

The final House Point totals were as follows:

- **1st Pankhurst 💜 with 40,179 points**
- **2nd Attenborough 💙 with 37,575 points**
- **3rd Seacole 🟡 with 33,788 points**
- **4th Turing ❤️ with 30,817 points**



Congratulations to Pankhurst for their outstanding achievement, and a special mention must also go to Attenborough for their exceptional win on Sports Day.

A huge shoutout to the pupils of 7Rodgers (Turing House) for their impressive achievement of winning the Tutor Group Attendance Cup a record-breaking 10 times this year.

Rewards Day Fun for Pankhurst and Star Pupils

Pankhurst House celebrated their victory in style with a thrilling Rewards Day featuring an inflatable assault course and gladiator arena.

The celebrations extended into the afternoon with special recognition for pupils who consistently demonstrated an outstanding attitude towards their learning. 40 exemplary pupils enjoyed a session on the inflatables, while the top five Epraise points scorers from each Tutor Group participated in a vibrant colour run.



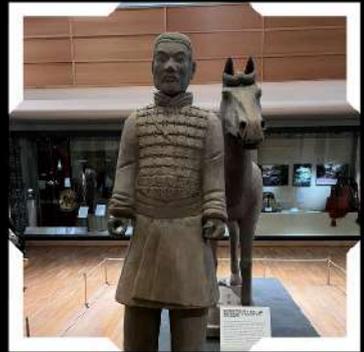
As the first term in my new role as House & Rewards Manager comes to an end, I'm pleased to share with you that it has been truly remarkable. I have witnessed firsthand the enthusiasm and determination that our pupils exhibit in their pursuit of excellence. I look forward to regularly celebrating our exceptional pupils in the next academic year, supported by the entire Risedale Family.

This Rewards Day not only celebrated Pankhurst's victory but also highlighted Risedale School's commitment to recognising and encouraging consistent academic effort and positive attitudes among all pupils.

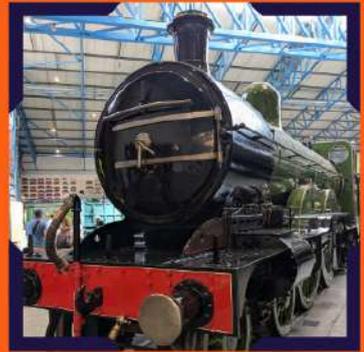
Well done #TeamRisedale 💙💜🟡❤️ - it's been a fantastic year!



YEAR 7 ENRICHMENT TRIP - ROYAL ARMOURIES MUSEUM



YEAR 8 ENRICHMENT TRIP - NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM



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YEAR 9 & 10 ENRICHMENT TRIPS



Risedale School Welcomes A New Headteacher for September 2024



Photo Caption L-R: Chair of the Risedale School Governing Body John Glahome, incoming Headteacher Mrs Lucy Greenwood, outgoing Headteacher Mr Colin Scott, with Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Charlie Anderson who is also a Governor at Risedale.

Risedale School is preparing for a change in leadership as Mr Colin Scott, the current Headteacher, steps down after eight successful years.

Welcoming Mrs Lucy Greenwood

The Risedale Family warmly welcomes Mrs Lucy Greenwood as their new Headteacher, commencing her duties in September 2024. Mrs Greenwood brings a wealth of experience from her current role as Deputy Headteacher at Harrogate High School.

Mrs Greenwood expressed her commitment to the school's values, stating: ***"I am so excited to be joining the warm and welcoming Risedale Family and very much looking forward to leading the school through the next chapter of its journey. I am committed to ensuring that every Risedale pupil has a positive future and benefits from excellent learning experiences."***

A Fond Farewell to Mr Scott

Risedale School bids a fond farewell to Mr Scott, who steps down after a successful eight-year tenure as Headteacher.

"It has been the highlight of my teaching career to lead Risedale for the past eight years," Mr Scott reflected. ***"Together, we've built a strong foundation for the school's***

future. The supportive pupils, parents, and staff are what make us the Risedale Family."

He added, **"During my tenure, Risedale has truly thrived. Our pupil population has grown significantly, meaning more families are making Risedale their first choice! We've expanded our curriculum, strengthened our financial footing, and grown our team with specialised staff. Every pupil now benefits from a Chromebook, along with extended SEND provision and a full-time counsellor. I'm proud to have been part of this journey, and I'm confident these positive developments will continue under Mrs Greenwood's leadership."**

He continued, **"I wish Mrs Greenwood all the very best. Her experience and leadership will be a great asset, and I look forward to seeing Risedale continue to thrive under her guidance."**

Risedale: A Unique School Community

Risedale School is a coeducational community secondary school fostering a welcoming environment for pupils aged 11 to 16. The school has one of the largest proportions of service children of any secondary school in the UK and this military connection is an essential part of the school's distinctive character.

Continued Success with Strong Military Partnership

Lt. Col. Charlie Anderson, Garrison Commander and Risedale Governor commended the school's enduring partnership with the military. Lt. Col. Anderson remarked, **"Risedale is a fantastic school that is fully committed to supporting our service families and children. On behalf of the Garrison, I would like to thank Mr Scott for his hard work and leadership and welcome Mrs Greenwood to 'Team Risedale'. I look forward to seeing Risedale go from strength to strength, under Mrs Greenwood's leadership."**

New Chapter for Risedale

Risedale's Chair of Governors, John Glahome, commented, **"The Governing Body is delighted to welcome Mrs Greenwood to Risedale School. Lucy's vision for the future of Risedale struck a chord with us. Her commitment to a personalised learning journey for every pupil perfectly aligns with our mission of empowering all pupils to reach their full potential. We are confident that under her leadership, Risedale will continue to thrive."**

He added, **"Along with all the governors I recognise the incredible contribution Mr Scott has made to the school during his eight years as Headteacher. His focus has always been on the best outcomes for the pupils both academically and as individuals. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with Colin and wish him every success in his future after Risedale."**

The entire Risedale Family wishes Mr Scott all the very best in his future endeavours. His leadership and contributions to our school community are deeply appreciated. We are also thrilled to welcome Mrs Greenwood as our new headteacher and are excited to embark on a new chapter of growth and development under her guidance.

Have a wonderful summer! #TeamRisedale 



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