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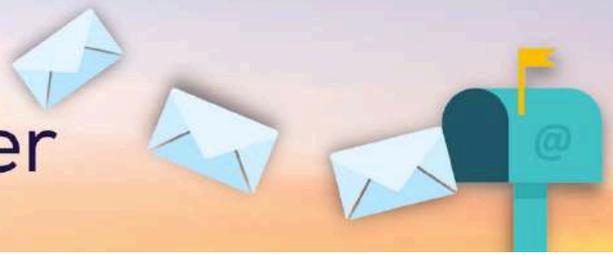
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Dear parents/carers and pupils,

Risedale School is full of incredible pupils, and the success stories contained within this Newsletter really encapsulate the values which underpin our community, namely resilience, empathy and support for the Risedale Family. It is therefore with great pride that I get the opportunity to welcome you all back for the final half-term before a well-deserved summer holiday for our pupils.

It is always a bitter-sweet term, as we say goodbye to our Year 11s, all of whom have behaved impeccably during the GCSE exams and are now ready to go onto the next steps of their lives. I know we all wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours.



Against the backdrop of bitter-sweet departures are the exceptional successes of the remaining pupil body which truly demonstrate the incredible pupil leaders ready to step forward and lead Risedale School onward to a bright and exciting future.

I would like to give special mention to Eva Langdale, Lacey Hanson and Sienna Hanson who were a key part of the team that achieved GOLD at the World Cheerleading Championships in Florida. What an amazing experience and achievement! Closer to home, I would also like to congratulate Riley Manuel for receiving the Service Children Community Champion Award for his dedication to supporting the local community and the kindness, empathy and resilience he demonstrates. Finally, well done to Mason Bassett, and his successful involvement within the Voices of Armed Forces Children Choir. What an experience to sing at the legendary RAK Studios in London!

Please enjoy reading our KIT Newsletter and let us know if there is anything we can do to support you and your family.

Kindest regards,

Mr J Yates - Deputy Headteacher

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Risedale Cheerleaders Strike Gold at World Championships!

Three Risedale pupils, Eva Langdale (9Vizor), and sisters Lacey Hanson (10Dunphy) and Sienna Hanson (8Lawson), have soared to the top of the cheerleading world as part of the gold-medal-winning Team England squad at the recent World Cheerleading Championships held in Orlando, Florida.



From Showcase to World Stage:

Their journey began in April when they impressed at a Team England showcase event in London. Former Risedale teacher and cheerleading coach, Chelsea Foreman, couldn't hide her pride, *"Watching my girls from our small gym in Catterick perform for Team England was one of the proudest moments of my life,"* she shared on social media. *"Yes, I cried happy tears knowing how much this means to them and how hard they've worked!"*



School Support Fuels the Fire:

Before jetting off to America the girls' passion and talent received recognition closer to home as the Lazer Cheer athletes put on a fantastic showcase which Head of PE, Miss Brierley, and Teacher of Design & Technology, Mrs Vizor, both attended.



Miss Brierley commented, *"The girls' talent is awe-inspiring. Their routines and athleticism are truly amazing. Their passion for cheerleading shines through, and the team is a powerhouse of energy and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of the entire squad, especially our Risedale representatives, Lacey, Sienna, and Eva."*

At the Catterick showcase Eva was named Team Captain for Team England.

Mrs Vizor, Eva's Form Tutor said, *"It was such a special evening to watch the girls in action. I felt incredibly proud of Eva when she was announced as England Team Captain."*

Facing the World's Best:

On 20th April 2024, 18 Lazer Cheer athletes, including Lacey, Sienna, and Eva, travelled to Orlando, Florida, to compete at "The Summit," one of the most prestigious cheerleading competitions globally. Qualification for the ICU World Cheerleading Championships through a rigorous national process made their participation a significant feat.

A video of Team England's amazing performance can be seen here: <https://tinyurl.com/TeamEnglandCheer2024>

Individual and Team Triumphs:

"Florida was absolutely incredible," said Eva. *"It was my first time ever outside the country, and what a way to kick things off - competing for Team England at one of the most prestigious cheerleading competitions in the world! It wasn't all competition though; we had a blast exploring the amazing Disney and Universal Parks. We even got to see some of the cheerleading teams we idolise in action! But the highlight was definitely winning the gold medal with Team England Youth All Girl Advanced at ICU Worlds. It felt surreal - we got championship rings and everything! The trip kept getting better - we also won gold and another ring at The Open Championships with the Lazer Ice Queens, and then finally achieved our big goal of hitting zero deductions at The Summit!"*

Sienna, reflecting on the experience, shared, *"I was so happy to have the opportunity to compete for Team England and bring home a gold Medal."*

Lacey added, *"Having the experience of competing at such a high level in both stunting and tumbling on the world's stage is something I will never forget! I*



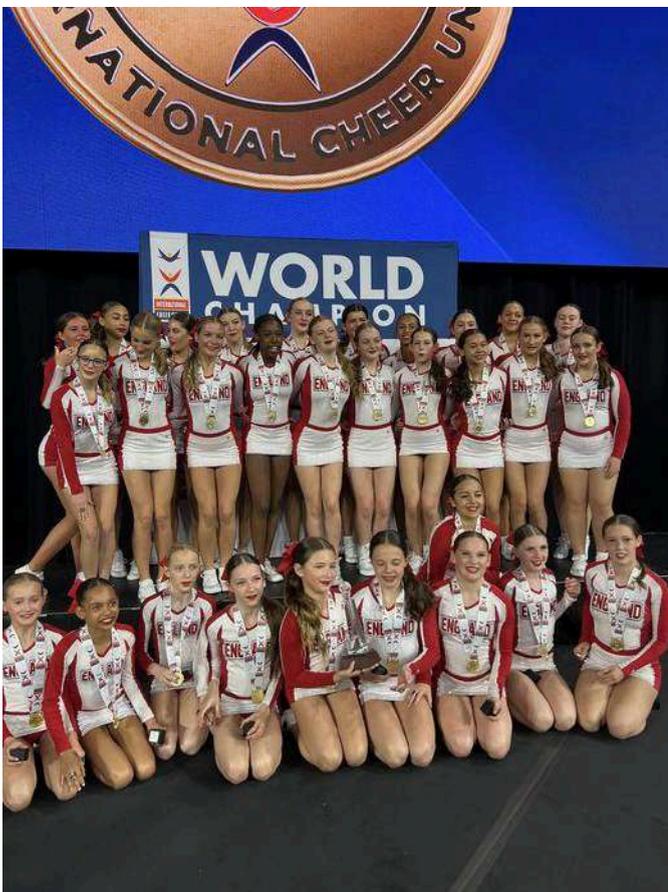
won a bronze medal as part of the Junior All-Girl Elite Team. The whole experience was so exciting and it felt amazing being able to stand on the podium!"

A Hero's Welcome Back at Risedale:

News of the girls' victory ignited excitement throughout the Risedale community. Back at school, PE Teacher and Sienna's Form Tutor, Mr Lawson, surprised them with a special assembly celebrating their incredible feat. He'd secretly collaborated with Lacey and Sienna's Mum to gather photos for the heartwarming tribute.



Mr Lawson, beaming with pride, addressed the assembly, *"These girls are an inspiration to all of us. Their achievements are a true testament to their years of unwavering dedication and hard work. Risedale School is incredibly fortunate to have such talented athletes – not many schools can boast international champions!"*



Careers Fair 2024

Risedale School Careers Fair Opens Doors to Future Opportunities

Risedale School's annual Careers Fair buzzed with activity on Thursday 18th April, as pupils from all year groups engaged with representatives from further education institutions, local businesses and emergency services. The event, held in the main school hall, aimed to showcase the vast array of career options available to pupils after Risedale.



Throughout the day, pupils rotated between stalls staffed by representatives from [Darlington College](#), [Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College](#), [The ASK Programme](#), [Askham Bryan College](#), [Inspiring Choices – York St. John University](#), [Richmond Fire Service](#), [Purple Creative Studio](#), [Newcastle Building Society](#), [Army Youth Outreach](#), [Royal Navy Submarine Service](#), and [North Yorkshire Police](#).

Each year group had dedicated time to explore the exhibits and engage in meaningful conversations with the providers. Pupils were encouraged to ask questions specific to their interests and career aspirations, taking ownership of their exploration and gathering insightful information directly from representatives across the various educational and professional fields.



"This Careers Fair is a crucial component of our ongoing CEIAG programme," explained Risedale's Careers Leader, Mrs Porritt. ***"We want pupils to have the opportunity to connect with external providers and employers, learning about different career paths and industries."***

Year 9 Pupils Shine

The value of the event resonated with the pupils, particularly Year 9. Mrs Porritt was especially impressed with their recent engagement in school activities that support future career exploration. This included their completion of Reception Duty, participation in Options Evening and careers interviews, culminating in their active and enthusiastic participation in the Careers Fair.

"The Careers Fair was fantastic!" shared Omar Secka (9Sandell). ***"Talking to the various providers was amazing, especially the Fire Service! It was inspiring to speak with people who save lives."***

"Trying on the uniforms and getting a closer look at the equipment was great. I really enjoyed it," added James Pollock (9Shephard).



The representatives were equally enthusiastic. ***"We really find it rewarding***

participating in events like this at local schools," said Mark Bastow, Crew Manager from North Yorkshire Fire Service. ***"We help pupils explore potential future careers. They love the interactive aspect, trying on uniforms and handling equipment. Even if they're not considering the Fire Service now, it plants a seed for the future."***

A Team Risedale Effort

The success of the Careers Fair extended beyond just the pupils and exhibitors. Helen Porritt also took the opportunity to acknowledge the significant contributions of the school staff.

"A huge thank you to all involved in yesterday's event, especially the Office staff and Site Team at the start of the morning, getting all the providers settled before the start,"

Helen expressed in a message to the staff. ***"Our guests were really impressed with their efficiency."***

"I am incredibly grateful to both our pupils for their enthusiasm and the participating exhibitors for their time and insights," concluded Risedale's Careers Leader, Helen Porritt.

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



Risedale Celebrates The Month of the Military Child

Military Children Unite in Creative Collaboration

In celebration of the Month of the Military Child, a special workshop took place on Thursday 18th April at Risedale School. Led by Angela Campbell and the [Service Children Champion's](#) team, the event aimed to spotlight the remarkable strength and resilience of military children while showcasing the work of talented local artist Lucy Pittaway.

Service Children from across North Yorkshire participated in the unique art project recreating small, abstract elements from Pittaway's artwork on individual canvases. These canvases were then assembled into a single, powerful piece featuring flowers and imagery embodying the spirit of military children.

Reflecting on the workshop, Risedale's Service Children's Advocate, Stacey Johnson said, *"It was a wonderful afternoon filled with stories, laughter, and a chance for the children to reflect on their unique strengths. I'm confident this is the beginning of many future collaborations with the Service Children Champion team."*

On Facebook, [Lucy Pittaway](#) commented, *"It's just fantastic to see so many young and talented pupils get creative. You are all such an inspiration."*

PHOTO: Lucy Pittaway with the finished artwork.

On Thursday 25th April, the collaborative masterpiece was unveiled at the inaugural Service Children Awards ceremony held at The Garden Rooms at Tennants, Leyburn.

You can read all about the awards ceremony in the article that follows. Later in the year, the artwork will also be displayed at the Service of Remembrance at Ripon Cathedral.



Service Children Awards 2024



★ Local Hero: Riley Manuel Wins Community Champion Award ★

We are thrilled to announce that one of our pupils, Riley Manuel (10Ford), took home the coveted Community Champion Award at the Service Children Awards!

Riley consistently dedicates his free time to making a positive impact. He devotes countless hours to his community, from litter picking around the Garrison to assisting local Councillors. He also volunteers at Bramble Woods and aspires to raise funds for his football and rugby teams. Additionally, Riley demonstrates incredible responsibility at home, helping with his younger siblings who require extra care while his father serves away in the military.

Riley's stepmother, Amy, expressed her pride: ***"Riley is an extraordinary and resilient young man. His caring nature and positive attitude inspire him to put others before himself. He takes on a lot of responsibility at home, looking after his younger disabled siblings, and it makes us incredibly proud."***

Service Children's Champion, Angela Campbell, who conceived the awards ceremony, said that Riley was, ***"A very worthy winner"*** and shared his reaction by saying, ***"He told me he felt incredibly proud and determined to continue making a positive impact."***

Stacey Johnson, Risedale Service Children's Advocate, echoed the sentiment: ***"I'm immensely proud of Riley. He embodies the values of a true Community Champion and is a credit to the Risedale Family. We have no doubt he'll achieve great things."***

On Facebook, Catterick Garrison Football Manager, Neil Rooney, commented, ***"Riley is also a qualified football referee and often referees games for the junior teams of Catterick Garrison Football Centre. Well done Riley!"***



You can read about Riley and the other award winners from the Service Children Awards in the [Service Children's Champion Newsletter May 2024](#).

Mason Bassett Sings with Military Choir

Risedale School pupil Mason Bassett had an incredible two days filled with music, collaboration and celebration!

Continuing with the Month of the Military Child  theme, young singer Mason Bassett from Risedale School (7Dean) had an unforgettable experience filled with music, collaboration, and celebration with the Voices of Armed Forces Children Choir.

Recording with Legends

The journey began on Thursday 25th April with a recording session at the legendary RAK Studios in London. Here, Mason and his fellow choir members, aged 6-18, collaborated with the esteemed Chelsea Pensioners. This historic studio has seen the likes of Adele, Sam Smith, and Radiohead record their music. Together, they created a unique blend of voices by recording two songs which are planned for release later this year on the choir's upcoming album.



Celebrating Forces Families and Powerful Performances

The excitement continued the following day as the choir took centre stage at the Celebrating Forces Families Awards Ceremony. Hosted by Antony Cotton MBE (better known as Sean Tully from Coronation Street!), the event honoured the strength of military families.

The Voices of Armed Forces Children Choir delivered a powerful performance of their original song "Dandelion," which captures the unique experiences of military children. You can watch their performance on the BFBS Radio Facebook page [HERE](#).

They further impressed the audience with two additional songs alongside the renowned Military Wives Choir.



Sharing Experiences Through Song

Mason began singing with the choir at Le Cateau Community Primary School and has continued since moving into secondary education at Risedale School. ***"My favourite part about the choir is meeting other Service Children and making friends. It's great that we can share our experiences and support each other."***

Due to the choir members being spread across the UK, rehearsals are typically held online with in-person gatherings reserved for special performances like this. ***"We were all really nervous before we went on stage, but the huge round of applause we received at the end was amazing!"*** said Mason. ***"I'm proud to be part of the choir and this is an experience I'll never forget."***



About the Voices of Armed Forces Children Choir

The [Voices of Armed Forces Children Choir](#) unites children aged 6-18 from across the UK, representing all three branches of the military. Established by the charity [Never Such Innocence](#), the choir is part of their Voices of Armed Forces Children project. This project empowers children of service members, both active and veteran, to express their experiences through various creative outlets, including songwriting.

More information and support for Service Children and military families can be found on our dedicated website page: [Service Children](#).

Junior Maths Challenge

Risedale Mathematicians Triumph in National Maths Challenge!



On Thursday 25th April, Year 7 and 8 pupils at Risedale rose to the challenge, tackling puzzles and problem-solving questions in the annual [UKMT Junior Maths Challenge](#). Their dedication and perseverance during the revision period were truly commendable.

The Junior Maths Challenge is a prestigious 60-minute multiple-choice competition designed to stimulate mathematical thinking, precision, and problem-solving skills. With 25 engaging questions, the Challenge caters to pupils of all abilities, offering a rewarding experience for both beginners and more experienced mathematicians.

The dedication and perseverance of the pupils during the revision period were remarkable. ***"We're incredibly proud of our pupils' commitment to the Challenge,"*** said Mr Dean, Maths Teacher at Risedale. ***"These 11-to-13-year-olds demonstrated remarkable maturity and determination. By maintaining exam conditions throughout the competition, they showcased a level of professionalism that will undoubtedly benefit them as they progress towards their GCSEs."***

Head of the Maths Faculty, Mr Carter, added, ***"The UKMT Maths Challenge is a very prestigious competition that has been in existence for some time. Many members of staff may have received bronze, silver or even gold certificates during their time at school. I have certainly kept mine, as I know that future employers will always look favourably upon a Maths Challenge certificate."***

In total 56 Risedale pupils took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge and we had some exceptional results:

**Gold: Mya Hamilton (8Blatch). Silver: Mia Cassidy (7Laheney).
Bronze: Willow Curtis (7Metcalf), Carson Doak (7Laheney), Ayun Roka Magar (8Douglas), Bryonie Taylor (8Douglas) and Peighton Williams (7Rodgers).**

"I am incredibly proud of the results our pupils achieved, especially those taking home gold, silver, and bronze awards," Mr Dean said upon receiving the scores. ***"We also had four other pupils who came very close to achieving an award! Providing this opportunity to the pupils has been a source of immense pride for the school, and I'm tremendously enthusiastic about offering it again to the next year of Year 7 and 8 pupils."***

5 Stars for Risedale's Catering Team ★★★★★

Risedale Canteen Earns Top Marks in Food Hygiene Inspection

Risedale School's canteen has achieved the highest rating possible in the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme, following a recent inspection by the Environmental Health Officer (EHO). This prestigious 5-star rating signifies "Very Good" hygiene standards.



Jane Atkins, Risedale's Head Cook, expressed her delight at maintaining the 5-star rating. **"I'm incredibly**

proud that our team's hard work has once again been recognised," she said. **"We are dedicated to providing the pupils and staff of Risedale with freshly prepared meals every day. We source our ingredients locally from around the Yorkshire region, ensuring a healthy, balanced, and diverse menu."**

Mrs Atkins went on to share positive feedback from the inspector. **"The Environmental Health Officer commented on the exceptional quality of the food and the high standards of hygiene observed throughout the inspection."**

Facilities Manager Gill Morrissey echoed Jane's sentiments, commending the Risedale Catering Team. **"They consistently go above and beyond,"** Mrs Morrissey said. **"They take the time to learn all the pupils' names and build positive relationships with them. They actively promote healthy choices and ensure the pupils are well-fueled for learning."**

The entire Risedale Family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the fantastic Catering Team: Jane Atkins, Jane Jones, Alison Swales, Paula Clarke, and Noreen Ryder. We appreciate everything you do, ladies!



The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme is a programme that empowers consumers to make informed decisions about where to eat or buy groceries. It provides clear information regarding the hygiene standards of various establishments. The rating covers; the handling of food; how food is stored; how food is prepared; the cleanliness of facilities; and how food safety is managed.

Good Citizen Awards for Risedale Pupils

Risedale School celebrates Kaiden Collins and Joshua Scott for their positive impact on the community.



Two Risedale School pupils are being recognised for their outstanding contributions! Kaiden Collins and Joshua Scott, both in Year 9, have been awarded the prestigious North Yorkshire Youth Commission Good Citizen Awards.

The awards acknowledge exceptional young people across the county who go above and beyond to make a positive difference.

Kaiden and Joshua were presented with their certificates during tutor time on Wednesday 1st May and received their certificates to a spontaneous round of applause from their classmates.

"We heard about the award from our Tutor Miss Smith and thought it would be a great way to get involved with the community," said Kaiden. ***"We thought that litter picking around the Garrison would be a great way to show our commitment to our local area and the environment."***

Joshua echoed Kaiden's sentiment, adding, ***"I'm really glad that I took part and I'm sure that the Good Citizen Award will be beneficial to our college applications."***

Beyond their community efforts, Kaiden and Joshua are also active members of the Risedale Family. They contribute their time as part of the school's Librarian team. Their recent achievement highlights the power of young people to make a real difference.

"Kaiden and Josh are already hardworking pupils at Risedale," said their Form Tutor Katie Smith, expressing her immense pride in their accomplishments. ***"Earning their Good Citizen Award shows that they are willing to go the extra mile for their community. This will be a great addition to their CVs and they should be very proud of themselves! I'm also looking forward to seeing some other pupils in our tutor group achieve this award as they work towards it."***

The North Yorkshire Youth Commission presents the Good Citizen Award on behalf of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire, and Crime Commissioner, Zoë Metcalfe. The programme acknowledges the contributions of exceptional young people across the county.

For more information about the Good Citizen Award click [HERE](#).

Exploring Local History: A journey through Catterick's past

On Thursday 2nd May, a group of Year 7 Risedale School pupils enjoyed a fun-filled educational morning at the opening of a historical exhibition at Catterick Garrison Library. Mike Houlgate, Head of History at Risedale School, said, *"The pupils were fascinated by the whole experience. They loved looking at the artefacts, trying to decipher Morse Code messages, and chatting with a real Roman soldier – well, a veteran dressed as one!"* The exhibition's interactive elements and firsthand accounts from veterans in the Garrison Origins project brought history to life for the Risedale pupils. The trip was a valuable addition to their curriculum, sparking their interest in the rich local heritage of Catterick Garrison.

A Touching Tribute

Adding a special touch to the exhibition was a display of poems written by Risedale School pupils about Armistice - Remembrance Day. This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful way to commemorate such an important time in history. If you're visiting the exhibition, be sure to check out the winning poems!



Mark Hill MBE tells us more about the exhibition in his own words.

"As May marks Local and Community History Month, the Catterick Historical Archive, in collaboration with Headquarters Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire Council Catterick, Richmond and Colburn Community Libraries came together to celebrate the rich history of the Catterick area.

This collaboration culminated in a captivating history exhibition hosted at the Catterick Library, showcasing a diverse array of artefacts from different periods, including Roman and Saxon relics, as well as items from both World Wars. Students also explored a collection of archaeological specimens, including fossils from extinct flora.

The exhibition was inaugurated by the Garrison Commander, who delivered a poignant speech before officially opening the event by cutting the ribbon. Attended by local school children from Risedale School, Le Cateau Community Primary School



and Cambrai Primary School along with Veterans and members of the public, the exhibition aimed to educate and engage visitors of all ages.



During the exhibition, participating schools engaged in educational exercises crafted by their teachers, designed to encourage fact-finding and note-taking. A highlight of the display was a Morse Code table equipped with an osculator key, providing students with the opportunity to learn about this historic communication method by writing their names and secret messages in Morse Code.

Adding an immersive touch to the exhibition, one of the Veterans from the Catterick Historical Archive Group donned the attire of a Roman soldier, lending authenticity to discussions about the Roman artefacts with young attendees. Additionally, a moving poem titled 'Poppy Fields of Remembrance,' penned by a Veteran around Armistice, Remembrance, was prominently featured, offering a poignant reflection on the sacrifices made during wartime.

The Garrison Library, known for its extensive military book section, further enriched the exhibition experience with recorded voices of Veterans sharing their personal stories through the Garrison Origins project. These narratives provide visitors with a deeper understanding of the experiences of those who served.

Central to the event was the mission to educate young people about the local history and heritage of Catterick Garrison and its surrounding parishes, while also inspiring a love for reading. The opening of the exhibition was covered by BFBS Catterick, amplifying the reach of our message and ensuring that the community was informed about this unique opportunity to delve into Catterick's past.

A BIG thank you to all those involved."

Mark Hill MBE | Veteran

GCSE Art Trip to Whitby

Risedale School Art GCSE Pupils Capture Inspiration on Whitby Trip

Year 10 Art GCSE pupils from Risedale School embarked on an inspiring trip to Whitby on Friday 3rd May, led by Head of Art, Ms Jaime Westwood. Accompanied by staff members Stacey Johnson and Anita Piper, the visit aimed to provide pupils with the opportunity to capture photographic inspiration for their second coursework unit.



This particular unit encourages pupils to critically and practically investigate artists and ideas linked to their choice of project, from 'Food', 'Coast' or 'Streets'. Whitby's rich history and picturesque landscapes offered the young artists a chance to delve deeper into their chosen themes, while the town's unique character provided further inspiration.

Ms Westwood expressed her enthusiasm for the trip, stating, ***"Whitby is such a vibrant small town with so many photographic opportunities to capture nature, history and contemporary culture together. Pupils took inspiration from impressive geographical features, grand historical buildings, the vibrant colours of the arcades and the sugary delights of the seaside stalls. The pupils definitely made the best of their day, exploring the town and its rich visual character; I'm really looking forward to seeing how these ideas develop further in their individual projects."***

Pupils echoed Ms Westwood's excitement. Paige Doak remarked, ***"I loved being able to explore the town independently and look for things to take photographs of that I found interesting"***. Thomas Randall said, ***"I really enjoyed looking for graffiti to photograph for my Street project."*** and Mollie Thirlwell and Lily Wadhams added, ***"It was a brilliant photography experience, it was really nice to be doing school work away from school, in a different environment."***

Equipped with their cameras and brimming with creativity, the Year 10 Art GCSE group's visit to Whitby has undoubtedly provided them with a valuable learning experience. They are sure to return to their coursework with fresh perspectives and a wealth of visual material to inform their artistic explorations, capturing both the grandeur of Whitby's history and the quirky charm of its seaside culture.



Year 10 Enterprise Day

Risedale's Y10 pupils get equipped for the future with inspiring Enterprise Day

Year 10 pupils at Risedale recently gained valuable life skills in preparation for further education and the world of work through an engaging Enterprise Day.

Held on Wednesday 8th May, the event was facilitated by "[As Creatives](#)," a specialist company delivering interactive learning workshops for schools nationwide. Focusing on developing crucial "soft skills" sought after by employers, the day centred around the "5 Rs": Relationships, Resourcefulness, Risk-taking, Resilience, and Reflection.

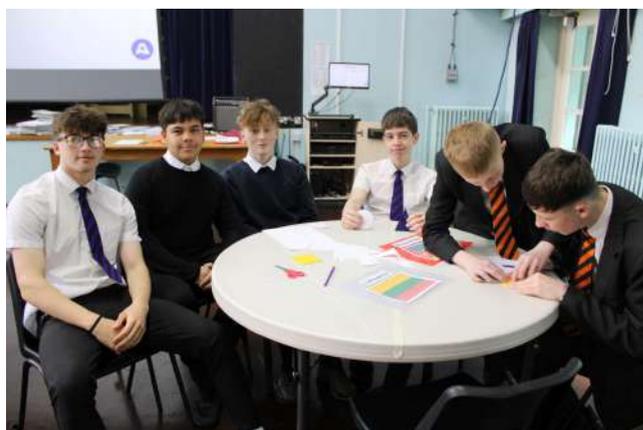
The day kicked off with pupils divided into teams of four. They then tackled two stimulating activities:

- The Trading Game: Transformed into countries, teams navigated stock and share trading with a simulated "World Bank," experiencing the importance of collaboration and strategy.
- The Bunker: Putting teamwork and communication to the test, pupils tackled a code-breaking challenge, honing their connection-building skills.

The afternoon saw the year group participate in a "Getting Ready for Work" workshop, equipping them with essential knowledge and confidence for their upcoming Work Experience Week.

Following the day's activities, pupils reflected on their learnings through an evaluation session.

Year 10 pupil Nathanael Hall said, ***"The day has been really fun and engaging. We've been kept busy doing lots of different activities. It's been nice having people from an outside organisation coming into school and putting on this day for us. They have been really helpful in answering all our questions and you can see how enthusiastic they are to be here."***



Another pupil Mlak Bakar said, *"I really enjoyed Enterprise Day. The Trading Game was great. It challenged my skills and showed how important it was to keep going and be resilient."*

Alice Winham, Mlak's teammate commented, *"I was really proud of the way we all worked together as a team."*

Jackson Kavanagh from As Creatives reflected on the day by saying, *"The pupils have been absolutely phenomenal! The pupils have behaved impeccably and risen to every challenge we have given them. The future is in safe hands with these Risedale pupils - well done Year 10!"*

Risedale School Careers Leader, Helen Porritt said, *"Employability skills in the World of Work are just one strand of Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance that has changed hugely over the last few years. Learning and practising the 5 R skills allows our pupils to mature into confident young adults ready to enter the widely changing job market in the near future. Employers value and look for these skills in their workforce."* Ms Porritt added, *"Thank you again to Jackson and Jo from As Creatives for delivering such a fantastic day for our Year 10 pupils!"*



PHOTO: L-R Alex Kumzinda, Nathanael Hall, Jackson Kavanagh, Helen Porritt, Jo Stokes, Mlak Bakar and Alice Winham.

Risedale Rugby Stars Shine at Richmondshire RUFC Awards

Congratulations to the following Risedale School pupils who received awards at the end-of-season awards ceremony at Richmondshire RUFC on Saturday 11th May.

Branden Mallinson (Year 8):

Most Improved Player (13-14yrs)

Branden said, *"The coaches at the rugby club are really helpful. It means so much to me that they have seen me improve in training. I'm trying to be the best player I can."*

Riley Filius (Year 9):

Player of the Year (U14s) and Players' Player

Riley has had a brilliant first season at the Club, claiming both the Player of the Year and Players' Player awards for the U14s.

Earning a double honour left Riley speechless: *"Winning one award never crossed my mind, especially in my first year here. And then when they called my name again, I was completely stunned!"*

Riley admitted to initial nerves about joining the Club, but highlighted the positive impact of the team: *"I felt anxious at first, but everyone made me feel so welcome, and my confidence has really grown. The coaches are great and my parents are incredibly proud too, particularly seeing the improvement in my physical stamina and mental toughness."*

Riley Manuel (Year 10):

Most Improved Player (U15s)

Riley said, *"I really enjoy playing for Richmondshire RUFC. I've been with the club for about a year now and I love going to practice every Friday and playing in the matches and tournaments. It really means a lot getting this award."*

Riley's stepmother, Amy, told us why the club is so important to Riley and their family, *"Riley moved to Catterick last summer and we knew sports could help him make friends. So, we signed him up with Richmondshire Rugby Club – no hesitation! He absolutely loves it. He's got a great group of friends now, learned leadership and social skills, and his confidence has soared. It's fantastic for his mental health, too! Plus he's*



out of the house and getting fresh air and exercise! The coaches have been amazing. They've helped Riley's confidence in ways we couldn't ourselves.

The club has embraced our whole family. They have brilliant family events, and everyone is so friendly and welcoming. New players are always encouraged, no matter their age or experience. I can't recommend them enough – they're a true pillar of the community! Even Riley's dad started playing! Now he gets all his tips and pointers from his very own rugby pro – Riley, of course! We're always proud of Riley, but seeing his 100% effort in everything he does makes it even more special."

Year 7 Impress at Wensleydale RUFC's First Rugby 7s Tournament



The newly launched Year 7 Rugby 7s tournament at Wensleydale RUFC proved a resounding success, with both the boys' and girls' teams from Risedale School delivering stellar performances.

The girls kicked off their day with a game against The Wensleydale School. While the first half saw them challenged by a strong Wensleydale team, the Risedale girls displayed remarkable adaptability. After familiarising themselves with the fast-paced nature of 7s, they dominated the second half with impressive teamwork and athleticism.

The boys also embraced the new format, participating in two matches against formidable opponents. Their third game took a unique turn, with Risedale and Richmond players joining forces to support their knowledge, foster sportsmanship and further develop their understanding of the game.

"I was incredibly proud of our Year 7 teams," said PE Teacher Mr Lawson. ***"They were absolutely brilliant! They displayed exceptional sportsmanship throughout the tournament and thoroughly enjoyed every match. They are a true credit to themselves and the school. Well done everyone!"***

Risedale Athletes Soar at Area Athletics!

Fantastic results for #TeamRisedale at the Area Athletics competition.

We are delighted to report on the fantastic performances of our Risedale athletes at the Area Athletics competition which took place on Friday 16th May. Our pupils demonstrated exceptional talent, determination, and a true Risedale spirit throughout the day.



Congratulations to Rio Regan (9Sandell) on achieving an impressive second-place finish in the

800m. Lucas Kirk (10Dunphy) stole the show, securing first-place victories in both the 100m and 200m races! Jay-Ron Browne (9Dickson) also displayed incredible speed, grabbing second place in the 100m and claiming the top spot in the 200m.

A special shout-out goes to Corey Hilman (8Allen) who competed against Year 9 athletes in the 100m race. Despite the age difference, Corey gave a really powerful performance, showcasing his dedication and potential. Nathanael Hall (10Hill) impressed with his versatility, achieving strong results in both the high jump and long jump, including a well-deserved third-place finish in the high jump.

Teacher of Science, Mr Allen, who accompanied the pupils to the competition, said: ***"I am incredibly proud of all our athletes who participated in the Area Athletics competition. Their hard work, sportsmanship, and unwavering school spirit were truly inspiring. Well done #TeamRisedale!"***

Alumni News: Alisha Goddard Cooks Up a Storm in Venice

Congratulations to Risedale School alumnus Alisha Goddard (Class of 2023), for participating in a prestigious culinary competition in Venice. Alisha is currently in her first year of the Level 2 professional cookery course at [Darlington College](#).

Well done, Alisha! Everyone at Risedale is incredibly proud of you, and we wish you all the best for the future!

You can read all about Alisha's adventures in Italy in the article published in [Richmondshire Today](#) by Joe Willis on May 22nd or access the transcript below.

Catterick Catering Student Cooks Up a Storm in Venice

A Catterick Garrison catering student proved to be on the boil after her knowledge of the industry secured her a place in the final of a prestigious culinary competition in Venice.



Darlington College student Alisha Goddard was one of 25 contestants to reach the last stage of the CombiGuru contest, hosted by Italian oven manufacturer Unox.

She was accompanied to the UNESCO World Heritage site by her tutor Dawn Cobb-Neate where they were guests of the company.

Alisha took part in the final where she had just three hours to prepare, cook and serve a two-course meal of main and dessert dishes from a box of mystery ingredients.

She was judged by Unox chefs on her preparation, cooking techniques, plating of the dishes and taste of the food.

She and Dawn also enjoyed a VIP tour of Venice. Dawn said: **“While Alisha didn’t win, it was a fabulous trip. We went to a Michelin star restaurant for lunch and spent the whole time with Michelin star chef Nathan Davies, who also helped mark the competitors’ dishes.”**

Alisha, 16, a first year Level 2 professional cookery student, who lives in Catterick Garrison, added: **“I was a bit scared but also very excited. The competition was stressful but I like being put under pressure.**

“I did a chicken ballotine and chocolate frangipane tart, which went well, but I didn’t expect to be judged by a Michelin star chef. He was really nice and gave me a lot of feedback and encouragement.

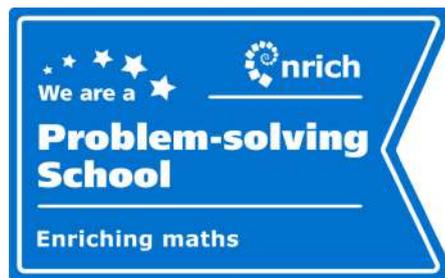
“I hadn’t been to Venice before and it was amazing. I’m so glad I took part in the competition, it has really inspired and made me more determined to chase my dream of working in New York.”

Alisha has been interested in cookery for the past three years and enjoys working with meat and vegetables.

Dawn added: **“We strive to broaden the horizons of our students as much as possible so competing in Venice was an incredible opportunity. It was an amazing experience which, I’m sure, will shape her future in the industry.”**

Risedale is a 'Problem-solving School'

Problem-solving has always been at the heart of the mathematics curriculum at Risedale School. On the back of recent success with the UKMT Maths Challenge, Risedale has now been recognised as a 'Problem-Solving School', in partnership with the University of



Cambridge NRICH Project. By signing up for '[The Problem-solving Schools Charter](#)', Risedale is now committed to developing problem-solving skills in maths lessons, and from September, outside the classroom and across the whole school.

Plans are already underway to start a problem-solving club in Year 7 and Mr Carter will be working with other departments to ensure that problem-solving is an essential part of every subject's curriculum.

Mathematical curiosity does not have to stop outside of school time. Please visit the link for [Secondary Parents](#) if you would like to access some resources at home that are guaranteed to stimulate interest in this subject while remaining connected to the national curriculum.

Here is one of Mr Carter's favourite puzzles to give you a flavour of the type of problems we will be tackling.



Two and Two

Each of the different letters below stands for a different number.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{TWO} \\ + \text{TWO} \\ \hline \text{FOUR} \end{array}$$

How many solutions can you find to this cryptarithm?

How can you be sure you have found them all?

Year 10 Pupil Earns Place at Leeds United Football Academy 🏆

Risedale School is celebrating the success of Year 10 pupil Thomas Randall, who has been offered a coveted place at Leeds United's prestigious football academy. Thomas impressed scouts during trials held over the May half-term break, securing his spot at the academy.

Thomas said, *"At the trials, I had to complete 6 x 30-minute mini-games to showcase my skills. There was a lot of competition but I am over the moon I was successful. It has always been a dream for me to play football at a professional level, I have been playing football since the age of 3 and I feel like I am now going in the right direction for a bright future doing something I love."*

Nicole Randall, Thomas's proud mum, expressed her delight: *"I'm incredibly proud of Thomas. He's worked so hard for this opportunity, and it's fantastic to see his dedication pay off."*

Teacher of PE, Mr Lawson commented, *"Congratulations Thomas we are extremely proud of you and your dedication to challenge yourself. Thomas' behaviour is exemplary and I admire your big character which is highlighted by turning up to your trial in Preston shorts. Enjoy the experience of being part of an academy and competing every day against your teammates and other teams. Good luck with balancing the student-athlete life which I know you will thrive in, especially with the support you have out of school."*

This is a significant achievement for any young footballer, and Leeds United's academy is known for its excellent track record of developing young talent. Risedale School will undoubtedly be following Thomas's progress closely as he embarks on this exciting new chapter in his football career.



Risedale says 'Thank You' for D-Day 80

Risedale School marks the 80th Anniversary of D-Day with a poignant commemorative assembly and poster competition

On 6th July, Risedale School commemorated the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings with a heartfelt assembly honouring veterans. Pupils had been diligently studying the meticulous preparations made by Allied forces in the years leading up to the invasion (1943-1944). This included learning about the formidable Atlantic Wall and the immense courage displayed by paratroopers who disrupted German defences in occupied France.



The entire school community participated in remembrance activities. Tutor groups and classes channelled their gratitude into heartfelt posters for a grand display. Local veterans, esteemed members of the community, served as judges for the "Thank You" themed competition.

The assembly served as a platform for pupil-written tributes to fallen soldiers. Some delivered powerful prose, while others expressed their emotions through heartfelt poetry.

"We were truly honoured to have veterans join us for this significant event," remarked Mr Houlgate, Head of History at Risedale. ***"These commemorations hold deep meaning for our local community, reminding us of the sacrifices made to secure our freedom."***

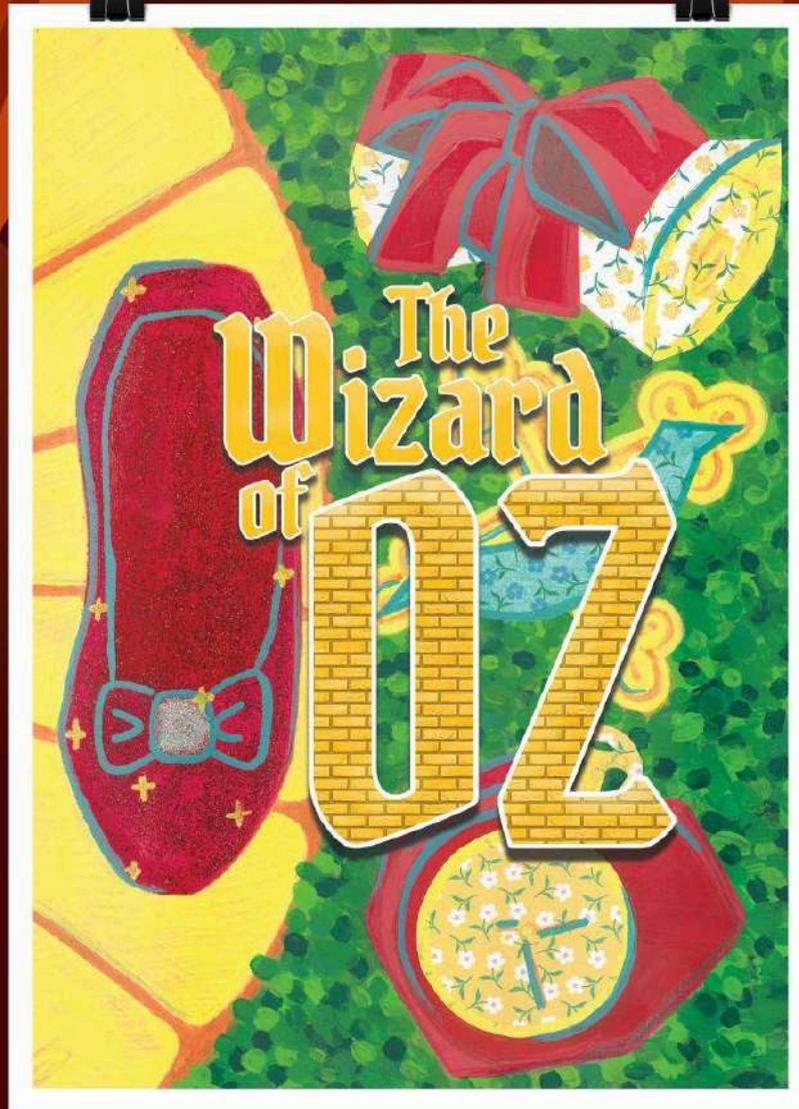


Veteran Mark Hill MBE, representing the Catterick Historical Archive alongside fellow veterans Knile Albertson-Prescott and Paula Rogers, shared his experience. ***"It was a privilege to be at Risedale's D-Day assembly, especially after having my poem read out in Normandy the previous day. Witnessing young people learn about this pivotal moment in history - we will remember them,"*** he said, referring to the fallen soldiers.

The Veterans Historical Archive also hosted a school-wide competition inviting pupils to create D-Day tributes. The judging process for these creative posters proved challenging, highlighting the exceptional quality of the entries. ***"Congratulations to everyone who participated,"*** concluded Mr Hill. ***"Well done to everyone at Risedale. You are a credit to the school!"***



RISEDALE SCHOOL PRESENTS



10th & 11th July - 6pm until 8:30pm

By **L. Frank Baum**

Music and Lyrics by **Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg**

Background Music by **Herbert Stothart**

Adapted by **John Kane** for the **Royal Shakespeare Company**

Based upon the **Classic Motion Picture** owned by
Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by **Warner Bros.**

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