



# Fyling Hall Matters

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## The Great Mr Bob

Our ICT suite is named after Bob Richardson, the late ICT teacher who died in August 2011. He was, according to his colleague and partner Mrs Banks, a “lovely joker. He was more of a mate than a teacher.” She said that they sat together and designed the entire ICT suite on squared paper back in 2001.

“Mr Bob” came to Fyling Hall in 1998 and was here for 13 years. He started off as a part time technician and gradually became an ICT teacher as well. He was a great friend to all the staff and the children. I never had the privilege of being taught by him, but I have heard lovely stories from my older brother, Will McMahan, who was at Fyling Hall while “Mr Bob” was here.

### What was your best memory of Mr Bob?

“I wouldn’t be able to single out a specific moment - in fact it was his consistent kindness that was his best feature. He took time to fix problems, to help, to explain and to spread smiles, not once... but always.

### How did he influence the school?

Everything from the interactive whiteboards in the maths huts to the projectors in the art room had his fingerprints on them. He was instrumental in dragging a decidedly “old school” school on to the internet, with things like our own YouTube channel, which was otherwise totally anachronistic.

### What made him unique?

All of the above made him unique. Even if he didn’t teach a particular pupil, he’d take time to help him or her, even though he was already busy dragging the school through 90 years of technological development. And he did all of it with a smile and a joke, an amusingly awful tie and a mirthful informality...that meant nobody questioned his being called Mr Bob.

Mr Bob was obviously loved by everybody and he made the school a brighter place. His name is now immortalised: the ICT suite is formally called the “Mr Bob Suite” and his face smiles down from a poster, on which he is aptly named “Head of Geeky Things”.

*Bel McMahan*



## Fun Facts, Jokes and Riddles:

- You cannot snore and dream at the same time.
- What is black, white and read all over?
- Here’s some advice: At a job interview, tell them you’re willing to give 110 percent. Unless the job is a statistician.

## On this day in ...

... January 1965, Sir Winston Churchill died at the age of 90. He suffered a serious stroke on January 15th and gradually slipped into a deep sleep, from which he never awakened, with Lady Clementine Churchill and other members of the family at his bedside.

Winston Churchill was Britain’s prime minister for most of World War II. He served as Conservative Prime Minister twice: from 1940 to 1945 and later from 1951 to 1955. He is best remembered as the leader and hero who led Britain to victory in World War II. His strong, moving speeches kept Britain’s morale high throughout the dark times, the famous “We shall fight on the beaches” becoming an example of political rhetoric which inspired the nation then and stirs patriotism even now.

*Sueyan Kim*

## Words of the Week

	This week	Next week
Tricky:	<b>urchin</b>	<b>assume</b>
Trickier:	<b>ragamuffin</b>	<b>presuppose</b>
Trickiest:	<b>guttersnipe</b>	<b>postulate</b>

## What's a Vlogger?

Zoella. Lilly Singh. Tyler Oakley. Any idea who these people are? Many readers of this newsletter, and those who often spend time on the internet, will know exactly who these people are. They will also recognise that these names are from the popular video streaming website: YouTube. All of these people and many more (including myself) regularly upload videos in the form of a vlog (a video blog). Many vloggers (as they are known to their viewers) make these videos on a wide variety of subjects ranging from Comedy, Health and Beauty to Technology; some simply talk about their recent experiences and learning opportunities.

I vlog about what I experience here at Fyling Hall. My videos explore different topics that I don't think many people know about Boarding School, and I also give advice to those who are either already going to Boarding School or starting out in the near future.

These are the people whom I regularly get questions from, and my channel has a very simple name to remember: Boarding School Vlogger. I may not have anywhere near the number of followers (or subscribers, as they're called) as the popular YouTube personalities listed above, but I do, however, benefit from some of the same advantages they do: my audience hits the age range of people from 13-17 years old and they watch from all over the world - in countries like Hong Kong, Canada, Australia and the US.

So, do you watch any specific people on YouTube, and if so, who? Are you tempted to have a sneak peek at a trend that, I'm convinced, is here to stay (it is already overtaking television in popularity)? Leave a comment below, telling me what you think.

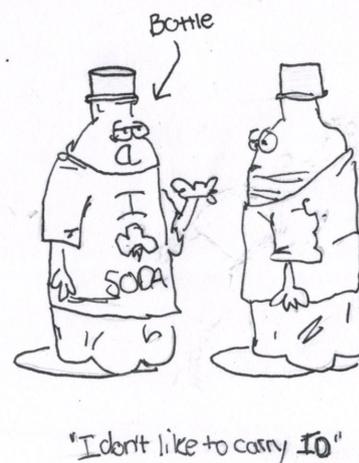
*Connor Asprey*

## Living the Dream

Dreams... what are they? We all dream, and most of us just can't explain why. Psychologists believe that memory, the past and present of our life, mix together in our dreams. Dreaming is the brain organising our memories; it helps fight memory loss and it allows us to learn more. When we dream, our brain throws all of our disorganised memories on to a psychological table and sorts it all out from start to finish. Another theory is that a dream is an expression of our unconscious desires, playing out in our mind. Scientists are not entirely sure why they evolve into stories, but they recognise that dreams are a necessary part of life. Everyone is thought to dream about five times a night, and curiously, we are more likely to wake from a nightmare and remember it, than to remember a lovely dream. The most logical explanation for dreams is that they are memories getting sorted to benefit us, but perhaps in the end, we have to accept that, in the words of the old phrase, 'dreams are what you make of them.'

*Corbin Dreaming*

## The World According to Tom...



## Inspirational Quote:

*The adventure of life is to learn.*

## The Week Ahead

Mon 25th	7:00pm	PTA Meeting in the School Library
Tues 26th	2:30pm	U13 Netball v Scarborough College (Home)
	4:00pm	U13 Basketball district tournament @ Pindar
Fri 29th	2:30pm	U11 Mixed hockey v Scarborough College (Away)
Sat 30th	2:00pm	Senior, U15 Netball v Ampleforth (Away)
Sun 31st	1:00pm	Trip to Clip n Climb

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