



Fyling Hall Matters

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Spain Vs. England

In foreign countries, many parents decide to send their children to spend a year, a month, a term... in England. It is quite unusual in many European countries to find boarding schools so it is strange to be staying away from your parents for a long time. My friends at home in Spain have never had the experience of boarding.

People do not realise how useful the experience of living in a boarding school is and the opportunity to live in a different country is even more valuable. The chance to learn a new language fluently is an amazing advantage, which later on could be very useful for finding. In addition, the fact that you are away from your family is also a great experience. Of course sometimes it is hard to deal with, but it makes you more independent and mature. You have to start making decisions by yourself and deciding what you want to do. Of course there are sometimes moments

when you feel homesick.

Another advantage is that you have the occasion of experiencing other cultures. I live in Barcelona and being used to a school in big city the layout and the rural landscape of Fyling Hall is quite enjoyable.

The relationship between students and members of the staff is also very pleasant and kind because you see them more often so you have more confidence and you end up knowing everybody.

Finally, there is the most common topic, the weather. The weather is very different between the one that I am used to experiencing in Barcelona. England is coolest and as we all know is always raining. However you have to get used to it and just wish the summer to arrive.

Alex Mas



A long time ago, On this day...

On February 8th 1952 our current queen (Elizabeth II for those of you that have been living under a rock for 64 years) was crowned, after the death of her father George VI.

The British throne is a bloody one with many wars, murders and regicides to it. Despite this the Monarchy is a key part of our history, as the monarchy is one of the things that make us British, that and a good ol' cuppa. I am not saying you should know every song and verse of the British crown but it is very important that we don't forget our past.

But ultimately, it is the time for celebration. A little old lady has been spearheading so many countries for longer than many of you will have been alive. Sure, it's fun to imitate Charles' silly voice or, insensitively, theorise about how Diana's death was an inside job. In the end that vast, vast family has been a golden finish to our, once, massive borders.

Jack Starkey

Instagram Competition

When term began, a competition was launched to see who can take a photo which best captures life at Fyling Hall. The winners were Natalia Luna (Year 7) for her image entitled 'Rain' and Max Harland (Year 9) for his early morning photo of a sunrise over 'Ravenscar'. Take a look at our Instagram page to see the many other excellent entries.

Asa Jones

Words of the Week

	This week	Next week
Tricky:	ordinary	excellent
Trickier:	humdrum	commendable
Trickiest:	mundane	meritorious

The Navy Drops Anchor at FHS

Fyling Hall was visited by two Royal Navy representatives on Monday the 8th. The two men wanted to encourage the older students to consider joining the Navy once they leave. They were keen to tell us about the kind of opportunities that the Royal Navy offer, not only in terms of travel but also in terms of the kind of qualifications you can gain in the Royal Navy which will help you in later life. The two representatives took the year 11s and sixth formers out of lessons for some special activities.

First we watched a presentation which showed some of the work the navy do including combating pirates and drug traffickers, keeping trade routes open and defending British interests. Then we were divided into two groups. One group went into the sports hall and

one into the science labs.

After one hour we switched over. In the sports hall we played games designed to help us learn skills which are invaluable in the navy like building a chair and then racing it across the hall and navigating an obstacle course when blindfolded.

In the science labs we practised another important skill in the navy: engineering. We practiced making a fan out of a metal circle. Asia in year 13 said "I never thought engineering could be fun". Overall a lot of pupils enjoyed the visit and some are now considering a career in the Royal Navy once they finish school.

Sandy Williams

Baking Club

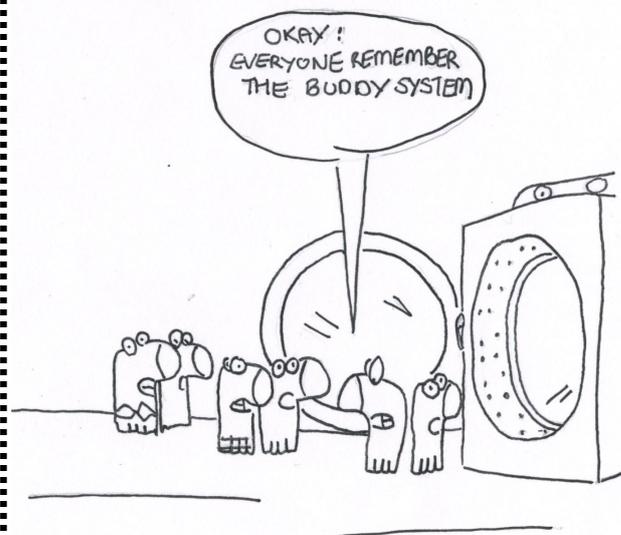
This half term saw the first few sessions of the new club—Baking Club. This year, under the pressure from Sixth Form maths students, Miss Walker decided to activate it. Thanks to Captain Gaffney, our keen bakers were allowed to use the kitchen in Woodside, one of the boarding houses.

The students also asked PTA for funds or donations of cooking equipment, such as baking tins and bowls. Mr Squirrell set up the ovens and the first baking session could begin! Over the three meetings, our Sixth Formers have baked chocolate brownies, flapjack, pasta bake and made hot chocolate.

The number of students who can participate in baking is limited because of the small size of the kitchen. In order to give everyone a chance to improve their cooking skills, the groups will change each week, and the club will be run by Miss Walker and Ms Gilmour on alternating weeks. The plans are that it will run more formally after half-term, once testing out the equipment and the taming of the ovens is finished.

Asia Koter

The World According to Tom...



Read All About It!!!

Look out for our school's news page, featuring articles written by some of our news team's journalists, in the February 19th edition of the Whitby Gazette.

The Week Ahead

Sun 21st 2:00pm	Boarders return
Tues 23rd 1:00pm	U13 7 a side football @ Ryedale
Wed 24th 4:00pm	1st XI, U15 Football v CCW (Away)
Sat 27th 7:00am	London cultural trip years 11-13 depart
9:30am	Ice skating followed by bowling or cinema
Sun 28th 10:00am	Boarders attend Fylingthorpe Methodist church

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