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We hope that this finds you refreshed after a summer break with your families. Yesterday morning, we extended a warm welcome to all new pupils and their families beginning an association with Longridge and to pupils returning after the summer.

Guest Speaker



After a whole school assembly yesterday where all 334 pupils on the school roll joined Mr Lee to explore learning concepts with Jenga blocks, this morning we welcomed Derek Sharman MBE, the Honorary Colonel of the 68th Foot, (the Durham Light Infantry) was our first speaker in Assembly. Unusually, Derek is a re-enactor rather than a modern soldier and he was able to demonstrate the type of uniform worn by the soldiers at the time of Waterloo. Charlie Renner made a very suitable model on which to hang the uniform and was about the same age as the junior officers who would have led their companies against Napoleon.

We are very grateful for Derek taking time out of his schedule of guided tours to have been with us.

GCSE Results



We would like to congratulate all pupils who received their GCSE results over the summer. A special mention should go to Isabella Swales and Ellie Sergeant who achieved grade 9s in both English Literature and English Language under the new scaling system (where 9 is the top grade and comparatively above the former A* grades). The grades in all of the new exams averaged 6, the equivalent of a B grade. Other individual successes include Adam Fawcus with 9A* grades (and a further 8 and a 7 grade in English Language and Literature respectively).

Michael Vrieling van Tuijl (6A*s, 8 and a 7) and Matthew Turner (6A*s, 9 and a 7). The School's Computer Science department was celebrating with 75% of pupils achieving A* grades. Over 33% of all pupils attained A* grades in the Sciences.

A Level Results

The A Level results achieved were a credit to all students and there was much celebration of the progress they had made during the Sixth Form. 54% of all grades under the new examinations were A*-B. Students have taken up a healthy diversity of university courses. We are very much looking forward to hearing from those students who will progress with their on-going studies and from several Sixth Formers who enter the world of work and will take up apprenticeships.

Congratulations to Georgina and Martine who leave the School, and the Maltings stage, to take up musical theatre and theatre directing courses in Edinburgh and York respectively.

LAMDA Results

Ms Phillips is looking forward to handing out the Speech and Drama awards next week. There are almost 100 pupils receiving results from the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA).

Work over the Summer

The Estates team have been hard at work over the summer and pupils returned to a new classroom in Stobo, a new Sixth Form common room, refurbished girls showers on the boarding wing and the boys' toilets! The ICT team have also fitted additional computers in the Mathematics department and have updated the ICT suite. This work is in addition to all of the other jobs behind the scenes.

Summer Achievements

(Please do send in any other photographs and stories)

William and Oliver – Form 3 and J6

After a successful U11 cricket season, Oliver won an U11 'Spirit of Cricket' award at Tillside Cricket Club last week for his contribution to the team. Also his older brother William, Form 3, has been with the Berwick 1016 Air Cadets for a year and got his first chance to attend an aviation day and to go flying in a Chinook helicopter with the Air Cadets. Interested in joining? Go to: <https://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/find-a-squadron/>.

William was also on duty at Berwickshire show where he met him on our travels with the School team and stand at the summer agricultural shows..



Iain – J5



Iain finished his third Castle Triathlon series 8 to 10 age group over the summer. His first race in the series was at Cholmondeley Castle, Cheshire, where he finished 65th overall and 44th boy. This was then followed by Castle Howard, York, where he finished 58th overall and 40th boy. Pictured left is Iain in his last race at Château De Chantilly, France, where he finished 20th overall and 13th boy.

Alex – J6

Pictured right is Alex with his Breed Champion Ram at Bellingham Show a couple of weeks ago.



Charlotta - J4

Charlotta has recently been awarded her Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Grade 1 medal. She has attended a junior Scottish Country dance class in Duns since she was 5 years old and achieved her Introductory Award last summer.

Well done to them all!

Week commencing 11th September

Sat	09-Sep	Berwick Schools Rugby v Boroughmuir (A)		
Mon	11-Sep	Junior Department Individual Photographs	9.00	am
Tue	12-Sep	U13 Rugby v Clifton Hall (A)	3.30	pm
Wed	13-Sep	Sixth Form Outreach Programme	9.00	am
		U18 Rugby v Bede Academy (H)	2.00	pm

Fri 15-Sep Gold DofE Practice Departs (returns Monday 18th September)

Forthcoming Dates

Mon	18-Sep	<i>EYFS Class Meetings</i>	3.30	<i>pm</i>
Tues	19-Sep	<i>J1 & J2 Class Meetings</i>	5.30	<i>pm</i>
Wed	20-Sep	<i>J3 – J6 Class Meetings</i>	5.30	<i>pm</i>
Sat	30-Sep	OPEN MORNING Inter House Tournaments	10.00	am
Mon	02-Oct	New Senior School Parents' Social Evening SENIOR PSHE/SRE Evening	5.00 6.30	pm pm
Fri	13-Oct	Inter House Music Festival	7.00	pm