

# Ebor Academy Filey Awards



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It is with the greatest of pleasure that we are able to share with you the Award winners for Ebor Academy Filey, class of 2020. It goes without saying that we are incredibly disappointed not to be able to host this wonderful evening in school but we still want all of the students in the class of 2020 to know how extremely proud we are of all of their achievements. I know that I speak on behalf of all of the staff here when I say a huge congratulations to our winners this year; we know that these awards are going to some of our most talented, hardworking and dedicated students.

Each year our awards are created to ensure that we celebrate achievement in all its many guises. Celebrating the efforts of students within their studies as a whole, their outstanding commitment to individual subjects and their contributions to the life of the school are all valuable elements of our 2020 Awards. We would encourage all parents to take a few moments to read through all of the awards and all of the amazing comments from our teachers.

Could I finish by thanking all of our parents for their support throughout the last five years, thanks also go to all our members of staff for their amazing work in helping these students to succeed, and last but by no means least, thanks go to the all of the students in the class of 2020 – you were a very special year group.

- *Mr Cartmail*

### Ebor Award for Academic Achievement

**WINNER – Jade Pearson**

This award is presented to the student who has achieved the highest overall GCSE score in school. Jade achieved 8s and 9s in almost every subject, and in doing so was nearly one grade higher on average than her closest competition.

- *Mrs Donaldson*



### Ebor Award for Progress in School

**WINNER – Dan Payne**

This award is presented to the student who has made the most progress in school, someone who not only achieved excellent GCSE results but also exceeded their targets in the majority of subjects. Dan's GCSE results were on average almost two grades higher than his targets.

- *Mrs Donaldson*



## Ebor Award for Outstanding Achievement

WINNERS – Jade Pearson, Dan Payne, Nathan Clark, Lewis Mitchell, Macy Carr, Macey Lovitt, Harvey Williams, Thomas Macauley and Megan Garton

All these students performed well in both categories, not only achieving some fantastic results but also making exceptional progress throughout their time in school.

- *Mrs Donaldson*

## Ebor Academy Filey English Award

WINNER – Jade Pearson

During her time with us at Ebor Academy Filey, Jade proved herself an exceptional student of English. Never settling for second best and continually striving to improve each and every piece of work she completed Jade was destined for success. Her academic achievement in Year 11 was phenomenal and she was very deserving of the exceptional GCSE grades she received. Jade's written work was simply outstanding and genuinely rivalled the best I have seen in my teaching career. Her work was positively brimming with sophistication, individual thought and maturity beyond her years. Despite Jade's obvious gift for the subject, she always remained humble, determined and ever willing to help others in the group. Her positive outlook and witty sense of humour made it an absolute privilege and pleasure to teach her. I will never forget the "twist" in a particular piece of creative writing she produced as she explored the parameters of different genres. I really hope Jade continues to love her study of Literature post 16, I am certain she will enjoy tremendous success; I wish her the very best. Congratulations Jade.



- *Mr Anderson*

## Ebor Academy Filey Science Award

WINNER – Thomas Macauley

Tom is unerringly curious about the world around him, a trait that served him well throughout his Science lessons in school. He was often one of the first to ask about whatever we were studying and frequently about anything else that had caught his attention and warranted further investigation. He always had a considered response and took this approach into his work, constantly searching for a deeper knowledge and understanding of the topics at hand. His positive attitude meant he was a pleasure to have in the classroom, making lessons fun to teach. His success in the summer assessments is well deserved and we wish him all the best in his further studies.



- *Miss Francis*

## Ebor Academy Filey Maths Award

WINNERS – Macey Lovitt and Jade Pearson

*"I find all of my performances come down to mathematics in a sense – how do you approach the problem of this character? Sometimes I crack the problem, sometimes I don't."* – Brad Pitt

With this quote in mind, there really was no way that we could choose just one winner for this award. The mathematics curriculum has a heavy emphasis on problem solving and high order thinking skills; Macey used these to great effect. Constantly looking to improve her grade, she would never be satisfied with a test score and I would always see great improvement when she applied herself to learning for the retest.



Jade is the first student at Ebor Academy Filey to achieve a grade 9 in maths. I am confident that, had she had the opportunity to sit her exam, she would have achieved this and for this reason I had no question when grading her a 9 on the teacher assessed grades. Jade has always been at the top of her year for maths but equally, she worked hard to learn the topics that she did not immediately understand.

Well done to you both!

- Mr Glover



## Ebor Academy Filey Award for Modern Foreign Languages

WINNER – Megan Garton

It gives us great pleasure to award this year's prize for Modern Foreign Languages to Megs Garton. Megs embarked upon the GCSE course at the start of Year 10 with a certain amount of trepidation and Miss Sweeney and I were not entirely sure how she would cope with the demands of the subject. Nevertheless, she quickly began to grow in confidence. Her enthusiasm was apparent and it quickly became clear that she was going 'above and beyond' by undertaking independent learning at home to deepen her knowledge. This paid dividends, particularly in Megan's retention of vocabulary, enabling her to score increasingly high marks in listening and reading. In the trial speaking exam in December, Megs scored a Grade 8, showing super fluency, pronunciation and range and complexity of language. In writing, Megs worked hard to respond to feedback and to improve her grammar and accuracy. The way in which Megs overcame personal challenges with quiet resilience and determination was an inspiration. Well done, Megs, we are proud of you and wish you all the best for the future.

- Mrs Pickering & Miss Sweeney



## Ebor Academy Filey Humanities Award

### WINNER – Dan Payne

Daniel Payne is our very worthy winner of the Humanities Award; his effort was second to none, and his drive to not only beat but smash his target grade was nothing short of admirable. He embodies the belief that if you want to achieve something and you put in the hard work, it will pay off. I have no doubt that Dan will succeed in all that he puts his mind to; well done Dan, you thoroughly deserve it!

- Mrs Rowland



## Ebor Award for Creative Arts

### WINNER – Megan Garton

It has not been easy to nominate one student for this award, as there are many students who are worthy for different reasons, each having their own unique strengths and merit. There is one student who stands out though, and I would like to nominate Megan Garton for the 2020 Creative Arts Faculty Award.

Things at school were not always easy for Megan. She overcame many obstacles, seeking to better herself and thrive in this subject area; her creativity and skills blossoming as she progressed on her journey from KS3 into KS4. Right back in KS3, Megan always impressed me with her focus and attitude to learning. She would sit quietly at the back of the class, but would always intently hang-on to my every word, offering interesting and insightful opinions which often surprised me. She took her art lessons incredibly seriously, and always gave 100% effort and commitment, rising to any challenge thrown her way. I was elated to see that Megan had decided to pursue Art into KS4. Seeing her work develop and progress at GCSE level, and seeing her develop her artistic voice was a real privilege.



Megan's confidence in her work/ ability was not always sure-footed; often she would look at her work and not see the beauty within what she had created. I would describe her work as 'meticulous' – always a joy to behold when marking! Her final GCSE project (landscapes inspired by Monet), is currently on my wall. I often look at this work, feeling cheated, as the project was unfortunately never fully realised because of the impact of Covid. Those paintings are not only an inspiration to other students, but are small windows into another world with their peaceful and uplifting colours.

Megan always expressed an interest in pursuing Art in the future, I would love to see her fulfil this goal. Megan, thank you for allowing me to be a part of your journey! I wish you every success!

- Miss Tiernan

## Ebor Award for Technology

### WINNER – Thomas Macauley

When I was asked to nominate a student from my Year 11 group last year there were a few names that sprung to mind. Students who really impressed me from the day I started teaching them were, Ben Garside, Joe Harrison, Nathan Clark and Tom Macauley. During the last week of Year 10, they hid a product I used in their lesson and wrote riddles on the whiteboard to give me clues where to find it, obviously somewhere I couldn't reach!

There is one student who particularly stood out for me. I am nominating Tom Macauley. Tom's coursework in Design and Technology was outstanding and the highest grade I have ever marked. Tom is naturally talented, exceptionally creative and an incredibly intelligent young gentleman. Tom was without doubt a valued member of our DT class, he was tremendously enthusiastic and effervescent, and you could always tell when Tom wasn't in the classroom. He is genuinely very caring and always went out of his way to help other students, he is extremely grateful and always showed gratitude towards myself.

As cliché as it sounds, he really was a pleasure to teach. I am genuinely gutted I did not get to see his reaction on results day. Tom should be super proud of his achievements and I wish him all the best in the future.

- *Miss Tavendale*



## Ebor Award for Performing Arts

### WINNER – Grace Miller

Grace was a fabulous student of music and integral member of the performing arts community. Grace was ever present at school performances and could always be relied to take a leading role in the choir, often helping to build the confidence of younger students. Grace is an accomplished pianist and regularly volunteered to play for the school and wider community. Grace enjoyed great academic success in GCSE Music reflecting her determination and desire to succeed. Never one to sit idle, Grace started to learn the cello emphasising her commitment and love of music. Grace's talent will be greatly missed and everyone involved in the performing arts at Ebor Academy Filey will miss her excellent sense of humour and caring nature. We wish her lots of luck for the future. Congratulations on your well deserved award Grace.

- *Mr Anderson*



## Ebor Award for Contribution to School

### WINNER – Macey Lovitt

Macey was an exemplary and dedicated member of the school community who commanded the respect of her peers. Macey's positive outlook and winning smile encouraged confidence and helped put younger students at ease when they were feeling apprehensive; she could always be relied upon to go out of her way to help others. Macey's contribution to the school community was vast and varied. A keen competitor, Macey immersed herself in sporting, academic and charitable ventures. During her time as Head Girl, Macey helped organise charity bake sales and co-lead the distribution of cakes to the local nursing homes which were greatly received by the staff and residents alike. Macey was also a founding member of the Academy book club in which she helped to foster links between the Academy and the wider community. Macey is a credit to herself and the school. A very deserving winner!

- *Mr Anderson*



## Sportsman of the Year

### WINNER – Nathan Clark

Nathan always showed dedication toward sports both in and out of school being a keen and talented rugby player. He always showed focus and maturity during PE lessons especially during his GCSE theory lessons where his coursework analysis on rugby was one of the best I've ever read. He is a likeable and popular young man who can turn his hand to most sports always leading by example, living by our school values. If Nathan shows this kind of devotion and drive at college, he will succeed in any career path he chooses. Well done Nathan!

- *Mr Bond*



## Sportswoman of the Year

### WINNER – Paige Bingley

There are many words you may use to describe Paige. Quick-witted, responsible and committed are a few that first spring to mind. Paige is what I would call a go to student. It was clear from the day I started at Ebor, that Paige had a thirst for PE. Having been a star in GCSE PE, placing a fantastic effort into all theory and attending all revision sessions to ensure she got the best possible grade, it was apparent that Paige has done her fair share of participation in fixtures and clubs for the academy. Paige had really taken a shine to all things netball over the years, having contributed to the success of the netball team during KS3 and later using that knowledge to assist in her fantastic moderation result for netball. It's very pleasing to know Paige has gone on to study PE at A Level. It was a pleasure to teach Paige and I hope she continues with the same desire and thirst for sport throughout her life. Well done Paige!

- *Miss Gordon*



## Endeavour Award

### WINNER – Lizzie Herbison

It gives us great pleasure to award this year's Endeavour prize to Lizzie Herbison. Lizzie is an inspirational young lady. Throughout her time with us, she showed great resilience and perseverance in all aspects of her school life. She remained cheerful, positive and polite during times of personal adversity and simply refused to give up when under pressure or finding her work challenging. It was a pleasure to have Lizzie as a student at our Academy and we wish her every success in the future.



- Mrs Pickering

## Young Citizen of the Year

### WINNER – Lewis Mitchell

This year's Young Citizen of the Year Award goes to Lewis Mitchell. Lewis joined the Academy in Year 9 and quickly settled in, making new friends and proving himself to be an outstanding student. It is Lewis's dream to become a professional dancer and during his three years with us, he successfully combined his studies with long hours of training and competing all over the country. Despite this challenge and pressure, Lewis never neglected his studies. He always completed his homework and showed great enthusiasm and interest in all his lessons. Lewis's dedication paid off, when he was offered a sought-after place at the prestigious Jonathan Wilkes Academy in Swindon. We wish him the very best of luck as he continues to pursue his ambition there



- Mrs Pickering

