



On Friday the 17th March Cottingham Campus hosted the first Mud Run in a Focus School. The event was a huge success and enjoyed by all who took part.

Prior to the event each house had their own fundraising page and were asked to gain as many sponsors as possible. The business that sponsored the most would get their company logo on the back of house shirts. Thank you to all individuals and businesses who sponsored a house but especially QJS, Cartwright & Butler and Origin who were the top sponsors.

In the days building up to the event we had some unusually warm weather, with students expressing concerns that all of the mud would have dried up. Within seconds of taking to the 1km course and scrambling under the cargo net, they quickly found out this was not the case. The course took them up and down hills and over and through large inflatable obstacles. Towards the end of the course everyone had to plod their way through large boggy puddles before clambering up a 20ft high obstacle and sliding down the other side.

The majority of students went on to complete several more laps, which got progressively harder as the course deteriorated, becoming wetter and muddier due to the constant herds of Troopers, Warriors and Raiders ploughing through.

Some of the staff donned house colours and braved the course with varied results. Mrs Webb led the way closely followed by Mr Williams, Miss Horrigan and Miss Barker. A special mention has to go out to Miss Anderton for sticking with her team mate rather than going for individual glory and a big shout to Mr Hutton who finished in a respectable 6th place.

The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part and the spectators and marshals who made the event possible. Our hosts at Elsham Activity Centre were excellent throughout the day.

Overall the Raiders took the honours on the day but all houses gave it their all and got very, very muddy! If you missed out on the fun of the mud we are only a few months away from the first ever colour run in a Focus school, so please get in touch if you wish to be involved.