

Head's Message

A warm welcome to the new academic year to all members of the school community. I do hope that you have all enjoyed the break and you are now looking forward to the adventures in learning that lie ahead for your children. The staff have been hard at work over the last few days to get the school and classrooms looking great. I am very grateful for their efforts in this regard and it was truly wonderful to see the pupils exploring their new classrooms on their return to school.

It has been a busy summer in terms of upgrades and development works. The Pre-Prep and Prep outdoor learning facilities have been redeveloped with the installation of a variety of new exploratory hubs. These new areas offer important creative play opportunities and also provide our pupils the chance to develop teamwork, leadership and collaboration skills through specific structured challenges which will form part of the curriculum. In other parts of the school, our Astro carpet has been fully rejuvenated, the science lab has been refurbished and a number of classrooms have been completely redecorated. In addition to this, a host of new smart screens have been installed in the classrooms, a new class set of Chromebooks has been introduced and our Wi-Fi has been further enhanced.

During the summer we submitted plans to Stockton Borough Council for the redevelopment of the Prep School and the creation of a dedicated car park and drop-off area to improve pedestrian safety and to alleviate some of the congestion on the Senior School site and on The Spital. The plans are open for the consultation period which now runs until early November. Further details of the plans and how to comment on the application will be sent to you shortly via email. These are certainly exciting times for the School!

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge

A bat and a ball cost £1.10. The bat costs £1 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?

Photo of the Week:

Our Summer Holiday School was a roaring success once again, with all manner of trips taking place—ranging from a visit to Middlesbrough FC to surfing at Saltburn. Our thanks to Mr Simpson for coordinating the three weeks. I think he deserves an ice cream!



Gumshields

Queensway Orthodontists will be coming in again at the start of the term and are taking orders for custom-fitting mouth guards. These are a necessary part of games kit in both the Prep and Senior Schools.

Current Years 3-6 parents—the QR code or link below can be used to book for a fitting on Tuesday 3rd September.

Please note: all bookings are to be made online and no bookings can be made on the day.

Mr Stone

Custom Gum Shields
No Impressions. Welcome to the Future.

Protecting teeth is essential while playing contact or impact sports to prevent against dental and mouth trauma and tooth loss.

No messy or unpleasant impressions, no gagging and no fuss!

We create a digital image of the teeth using cutting-edge, 3D intra-oral iTero scanners from Invisalign.

We will be visiting the school to take digital scans on the follow dates:

- o Main School - Friday 30th August
- o Prep School - Tuesday 3rd September

Please place your order prior to these sessions.

Order your mouth guard today.
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All orders placed will then be delivered to the school within 7 working days.

One all inclusive cost £49.50

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Staff News

We have some exciting news to share with you all from the staffroom.

Congratulations to Mr Simpson, who announced his engagement to Claire over the summer holidays at Disney World, Florida.

Congratulations too to Mrs Barton and her husband, who welcomed baby Ronnie into the world last month!

Mr Stone



Clubs and Activities

The clubs and activities booklet should be home with you by now. Please ensure that you have completed the online booking form by Wednesday 4th September. All clubs and activities commence on Monday 9th September.

Handbook Reminders

The parent handbook was sent out to parents prior to the start of term via email. If you have yet to receive this email, please contact: prepschool@yarmschool.org and we will send it out to you again. Please find a number of articles from the handbook for your perusal, so you are fully abreast of the requirements for the beginning of term.

UNIFORM AND PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

The reputation of a school is influenced in no small degree by the appearance of its pupils. The uniform is, therefore, formal yet practical. The School has a Uniform Shop from where parents should purchase the items listed below. (Contact Mrs Carolan Henderson on 01642 786023). The Uniform Shop is open every day except Friday during term time from 1pm – 5pm and at published times during holidays. The Uniform Shop is open occasionally on Saturdays and accepts cash, card or cheque payments. These details are published on a regular basis in the Phoenix Flier.

Uniform (worn by all):

- Blazer – navy blue with red piping
- Burgundy v-neck sweater
- School quilted coat - school pattern only
- Scarf/Hat (optional) - school pattern only
- Black sensible shoes should be worn by boys and girls (no heels for girls)

Boys:

- Pale blue shirt, long or short sleeved
- Tie – School design
- Grey shorts (Y3-5) or trousers (Y6, or any boys from October half-term until February half-term)
- Uniform Shop Socks – grey with stripe

Girls:

- White blouse (school pattern only)
- Red tartan skirt
- Grey tights or socks
- Hair accessories may be obtained from

Late Spring/Summer/early Autumn Term:

- Summer dress – school design
- Short white socks (plain, no frills or sport socks)
- Sandals – plain black or blue

SPORTS CLOTHES**Boys (items marked * should be purchased from the Uniform Shop)**For Winter Games Lessons:

- Tracksuit trousers and hoody / tracksuit top*
- Reversible rugby shirt*
- Rugby shorts*
- Games socks – red and blue hoop*
- Optional navy blue base layer (not polo neck)
- Predominantly black studded boots (with 'kitemarked' studs Y4 up)
- A fitted mouthguard is essential for rugby/hockey
- Predominantly black trainers suitable for use on Astro and grass
- Shin pads (compulsory for hockey)

For Summer Games Lessons and P.E:

- Plain white sports socks
- White sports shorts*
- P.E. polo shirt with trim of the pupil's House*
- White sports trainers

For cricket matches at U11 'A' and 'B', cricket whites must be worn. Cricket boots and a cricket jersey are recommended. Boys should also bring their own abdominal guard (box) and wear appropriate underwear so that they can fit this safely. Pupils may bring their own bat and gloves to lessons. Replica kits are unsuitable for school use. For U8, U9 and U10 cricket, pupils should wear tracksuit bottoms and their P.E. top or a cricket shirt. Full cricket whites are not needed in .

Girls (items marked * should be purchased from the Uniform Shop)For Games Lessons:

- Tracksuit trousers and hoody / tracksuit top *
- Blue games top*
- Skirt *
- Games socks – red and blue hoop *
- Optional navy blue base layer for use during very cold weather (not polo neck)
- A fitted mouth guard is essential for hockey from Y3
- Shin pads (compulsory for hockey)

For P.E and Athletics:

- Plain white sport socks

- White sport shorts *
- P.E. polo shirt with trim of the pupil's House *
- White sports trainers

MOBILE TELEPHONES

Children who go home by bus, or are involved with fixtures, may bring a mobile telephone to school only once the Deputy Head has given permission and the appropriate Yarm School proforma completed. This is available from Miss Richardson. Whilst we understand the convenience of using mobile telephones, they must be handed to the Head's Secretary for safe keeping throughout the day. Again, please ensure your child's phone is clearly labelled.

Under no circumstances should a mobile telephone be left in a bag, or in a pocket, whether switched on or not. Mobile phones may not be brought to school without annual permission being sought and must not be used on the school site unless permission has been granted by Mr Stone.

Any mobile phone found or used without permission will be confiscated by the Deputy Head and will only be returned when parents have contacted Mr Stone.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND SUPERVISION

After School Supervision begins at 3.45pm with an outdoor play time for all registered children. Following this, children are usually supervised in two groups to complete homework and/or other quiet tasks - Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 – normally in 4P and the Science lab. Attendance is confirmed with pupils during morning registration.

We offer late supervision for pupils between 4.30pm and 6.00pm for those children who are not able to be collected by 4.30pm. After School Care is located in the Science Lab until 5pm and the Pre-Prep thereafter. It is supervised by Miss Emma Jeffries and Prep School staff. A register is taken and a modest charge is made for this facility. A drink and snack are provided for pupils who attend. Any children not collected by 5pm are placed in After School Care at the Pre-Prep and are charged thereafter.

At the time of writing (July 2019), the care costs are as follows: 4.30-5.00pm - £2; 5.00-5.30pm - £3 (in addition to previous charge); 5.30-6.00pm - £3 (in addition to previous charge). Children involved in clubs until 5pm, children involved in fixtures and children whose siblings are involved in Prep School activities are not charged until these activities have finished. If a club or fixture is cancelled and parents have been contacted in good time (i.e. prior to lunchtime), parents of children who then go into After School Care will not be charged.

After School Care costs are added to the end of term charges bill for each family.

Coming up

— SEPTEMBER —

Tue 3	Tempest individual photographs Y3/4 Parents' Information Evening (Prep Hall; 7-8pm) Mouthguard fittings
Wed 4	Y5/6 Parents' Information Evening (Prep Hall; 7-8pm) Physics Workshop with Dr Craig (Y3-6)
Thu 5	Pre-Prep Parents' Information Evening (Studio Hall; 7-8pm)
Fri 6	Chasing Coral presentation (Prep Hall; 4-5.30pm)
Mon 9	Clubs and activities begin Year 5 Robinwood residential departs (returns Wednesday 11th September at 5pm) Brunel House Duty
Tue 10	Year 2 trip to Durham Cathedral
Thu 12	YPSSC (Mrs Pawluk's room; 4pm)
Fri 13	School finishes early (3pm Pre-Prep; 3.15pm Prep); after school care as usual U10 Rugby v Dame Allans (Green Lane; 2.15pm) U11 Rugby v Choristers (away; 1.15pm depart, 2.30pm start, 4.45pm return) U10 Girls' Hockey v Dame Allans (Astro; 2.15pm)
Mon 16	Prep Safety Week Canal and Rivers Trust assemblies 6B to Boggle Hole (5pm return) Year 3 swimming lessons begin Stephenson House Duty
Tue 17	NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe assemblies Y3 Maths Information Event for parents (3A; 4-5pm) 6H/6G to Boggle Hole (5pm return)
Wed 18	PCSO Barrett assemblies and presentations to Y3- Year 6 Senior School Taster Event (3-6.30pm)
Thu 19	U9 Girls' Hockey v Queen Mary's (away; 1pm depart, 2pm start, 4.30pm return)

Tempest Photographs

Our friends from Tempest Photography will be visiting on **Tuesday 3rd September** to take photographs of each individual child in the school. Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform on this day.

There is also an opportunity for photographs of Prep and Pre-Prep siblings to have their photograph taken together.

As time is limited for this, we would very much like parents to **contact Mr Stone** (gns@yarmschool.org) to confirm they would like this to happen. Children will need to be dropped off at the Prep Hall on the morning of the Tuesday 3rd.

Holiday School Dates

October Holiday School 2019

Monday 21st—Friday 25th October

Christmas Holiday School 2019

Monday 16th—Friday 20th December

Easter Holiday School 2020

Monday 6th—Thursday 9th April

Summer Holiday School 2020

Monday 13th—Friday 31st July

Term Dates

Autumn Term, 2019

Preparation Day—Tuesday, 27th August 2019
Preparation Day —Wednesday, 28th August 2019
All pupils return—Thursday, 29th August 2019
½ term begins—Friday, 18th October 2019 (after school)
Pupils return—Monday, 4th November 2019
Finish—Friday, 13th December 2019 (after school)

Spring Term, 2020

Pupils return—Monday, 6th January 2020
½ term begins—Thursday, 13th February 2020 (after school)
INSET 1—Friday, 14th February 2020
Pupils return—Monday, 24th February 2020
Finish—Wednesday, 1st April 2020 (after school)

Summer Term, 2020

Pupils return—Tuesday, 21st April 2020
Bank Holiday—Friday, 8th May 2020*
½ term begins—Thursday, 21st May 2020 (after school)
INSET 2—Friday, 22nd May 2020
Pupils return—Monday, 1st June 2020
Finish—Friday, 3rd July 2020 (after Prize Giving)

**Next year's early May Bank Holiday (traditionally held on a Monday) will be moved back by 4 days to Friday, 8th May 2020 for the whole of the UK to coincide with the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.*