

# Newsletter



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## Headmaster's Welcome

As we reach the end of the fourth full week of term, I hope that pupils new to the School have overcome any feelings of uncertainty or nervousness those early days may have invoked and that they've crafted for themselves a productive and successful rhythm. Certainly - as their comments within this newsletter demonstrate - there is a relaxed and happy atmosphere which is palpable when I'm near the First Year pupils. They seem to have found their feet very swiftly and thrown themselves into the opportunities on offer.

I have also found myself swept away with things of late, including the fascinating recent talk on flood forecasting, having my hands (safely!) set alight in chemistry and watching some high-quality sport. A wander around the School during Activities exposed me to the creative flair being nurtured and developed, with artists experimenting with new techniques or honing existing skills, pupils designing posters on computers in the library and a group rehearsing for House Drama with serious focus and intent interspersed with much hilarity. It was an inspiring mini-tour of the School, though I'll need to go on many more to try and experience all of the activities on offer!

Pupils and parents will want to join me in congratulating Nurse Lanfranconi on her recent appointment to a position in the NHS School Health team. Their gain is certainly our loss and, while there will be an opportunity for us to formally thank her before she leaves, it is right that I acknowledge the enormous contribution she has made to the wellbeing of our pupils, the confidence of our staff and the efficiency of our systems. Her warmth and energy is infectious! Jess has touched many aspects of the school community in her role and we are already undertaking the important task of recruiting the right personnel to follow in her footsteps.

It was a pleasure last weekend to meet so many current and former members of the Yarm School family who popped by our stall in the Stokesley Show (perhaps knowing that the best cookies at the show were hidden in our tent?), and equally nice to share my excitement about the School with families interested in discovering more about us. We look forward to welcoming some of them to the School for tomorrow's Open Morning and I am grateful to my colleagues and to the army of pupils who offer their time to guide tours, inform our visitors and support their teachers in departmental exhibits; I am really looking forward to the day.

Dr Huw Williams

## Fourth Year Art visit the Yorkshire Sculpture Park



Fourth Year Art students recently visited the Yorkshire Sculpture Park as part of their GCSE Art course. The trip took place on Wednesday 18th September, and the day consisted of many activities including a tour of the country park with a sculptor and an opportunity to draw some of the artworks. The pupils focused on the works of artists James Turrell and Damien Hirst, as well as English artist and sculptor Barbara Hepworth.

Inside James Turrell's Deer Shelter Skystation, the Fourth Years discussed the idea of light, space and perception, and also spent time in the park sketching Hepworth's series of sculptures called "The Family of Man". These nine constructions which, at first, appear to be piles of stones, each resemble a family figure. These abstract artworks are among Hepworth's last works, and are specifically displayed in order of age, from "the Young Girl" to "the Ultimate Form".

The trip was a very important part of the GCSE Art course and a brilliant learning experience.

Tyler Brown

## First Year Bowling

On the 16th September, the whole of the First Year journeyed to Hollywood Bowl, Teesside Park for the greatly anticipated House bowling competition. Everyone had a lot of fun, and greatly enjoyed it. Many pupils bowled superbly, scoring plenty of points for their House. In the end, Cuthbert won, but it was incredibly close, with the House in second place only losing out by about five points. Amelia, who was in my lane, managed to score over 120 points, and bowled 5 strikes! The star player of the evening bowled over 150 points for their house.



During the course of the afternoon, we all enjoyed delicious food, including burgers and hot dogs. A great time was had by all, and we hope that there will be another House bowling event next year!

Samuel Corbishley

## Reach for the stars... Follow your heart's desire

The Economics and Business department hosted another very well attended Working Lunch this week with Former Pupil Leena Mohammed (class of 2018). Leena, who is currently studying International Management at Lancaster University, kindly visited Yarm School to offer advice and guidance to members of both Lower and Upper Sixth Form. Leena shared with us how she chose her degree, her experiences progressing through the course and what it entails, and what it's like to study in the Management School at Lancaster. She also shared her revision tips and discussed how she had targeted her A\* in A Level Business.

All of the Business and Economics students in attendance were extremely receptive to Leena, listened attentively and asked a number of interesting questions.

We are very grateful to Leena for sharing her words of wisdom with us and we wish her all the best as she returns to commence her second year.

Miss C E Rhodes

## Fifth Year Geography Trip: High Force

On Thursday we travelled up to High Force on an epic geography adventure to learn about rivers and waterfalls! We started the day at the High Force waterfall and ended down at the coast at Teesmouth. In the upper course, we learnt about the land formations and gorge of recession. We then travelled back down to Teesside to study the Tees Barrage and investigate the landform and river. We also noticed the changes in the channel and valley of the river. Our knowledge learnt in the classroom really helped us recognise these features, whilst seeing them furthered our knowledge of rivers.

Later on in the day, we went to our final destination: the beach! This really helped our knowledge of a river mouth and associated land formations. We all thoroughly enjoyed the beach, even having time for a quick photo!



We travelled home – excited about the flood forecasting lecture. When we got back, we learnt about flooding and the flood protections which are in place. Overall, I think we all really enjoyed this fantastic trip and look forward to others in the future.

Finlay Gilraine

## The proof is in the mocktail



The competition is heating up for our Yarm Apprentices! As we draw closer to the first pitch, our teams could do with a little help with their market research. If you would like to get involved, pop by B1 during our Open Morning this Saturday. You might even get to give their mocktails the ever important taste test...

Find out why our apprentices think they deserve to win this year's title by visiting the noticeboards outside of B1.

Miss C E Rhodes

## First Year Thoughts...



The best bit about Senior School to me is the Design Technology lab. This is because there are so many tools and lots of potential. We have also started a variety of new lessons, like Latin, German, Textiles and so on.

**Charlie, O1JSH**



My favourite part of school so far has been using the recording studio. It's really cool that we have such excellent facilities here.

**Sam AB1CGR**



Even though we have been at Yarm School for nearly four weeks there are still new places to explore, and even more opportunities to seize. Yarm School always keeps you busy and you always have something to do and that's what I like about it.

**Izzie , O1 JSH**



I have loved every aspect of Senior School so far. I've loved exploring new subjects and new topics, especially Bunsen Burners in Science and learning German and Latin. I also had the privilege of representing the School in hockey, which felt amazing. Overall, Senior School is brilliant and I'm so happy to be part of it.

**Annabel, C1 EKYR**



What I have enjoyed so far is the rugby and Hollywood Bowl. We have had a lot of rugby sessions so far and they have all been amazing. At Hollywood Bowl I sadly lost but it was great fun and I bought a lot of sweets.

**James, B1SJC**



Since the first time I got my locker to my first lessons I have enjoyed every second. The lunches are very nice and the lessons are exciting. I especially like DT because some of the machines are amazing. On Saturday, we played hockey against Silcoates School and beat them 10-1! I haven't been bored yet.

**Poppy O1JSH**



The three and a half first weeks of Senior School have been awesome! Right now I am meant to be writing a favourite part but, I really can't. I really enjoyed my first hockey match against Silcoates. I also loved Discover Day and just school in general. I am so excited for the rest of the year.

**Evie, O1 JSH**



I have really liked the first few weeks at Yarm Senior School. The lessons have been great and the food is delicious. I really enjoyed the First Year bowling trip because it was good fun and we got to know new people who were in our lanes. I hope we have more fun trips like this again...

**Hannah, C01 DRG**



Since the first day of First Year, I have absolutely loved it. All the opportunities available are amazing: hockey, rugby, Outdoor Education trips etc. Discovery Day was really fun, especially raft-building, getting to jump in the river at the end, going on a massive walk around Cod Beck and the delicious barbecue to warm us up. I've had a really busy week so far, playing rugby against Silcoates and some of the Outdoor Education trips.

**Sam, B1 SJC**

## The Friarage Lectures

Each year Yarm School offers a series of evening lectures designed to broaden the understanding of the pupils in key areas. The lectures enrich learning and extend beyond the syllabus and point to future directions for study, training and employment. They are open to all pupils, parents, friends of the School and members of the public. The events are organised by Mrs Pinkham and details will be published in advance through the school newsletter.

### **'The science behind flood warning and communicating risk'** – Michael Cranston

Michael Cranston left Yarm in 1991 and hadn't been back since. When he left there was an 'old theatre', no science Tate building, the uniform shop was the tuck shop and nearly all lessons took place in the Friarage building! Michael was bowled over to see such transformation and shared so many fond memories of his formative time at Yarm. And Yarm would be fortunate if it could claim to have been even a modest influence on the future trajectory of Michael...



He now works as one of the country's senior experts in flood forecasting and warning systems, currently based in Scotland. Our guest has previously worked around the world from Nepal to Saudi Arabia, and has recently been working on the development of a multi-hazard early warning platform across Europe.

*"It was a very interesting lecture, which had shown how hard hydrologists work to ensure the safety of the public on a day to day basis. This had spurred me on to take a look at university courses involving hydrology!"*

– Katie Fox, Upper Sixth Geography student

Now given that the GCSE and A Level students all study risk management what could be better than an expert of this high level to share his experiences, and even more so given that the GCSE crowd had just that very day been exploring the course of the River Tees as part of their fieldwork.

Michael gave a thoroughly engaging talk, explaining the causes of coastal risks as well as river flooding. In a most effortful presentation he shared with the group a risk management game whereby the audience had to make judgment calls on what course of action they would take given a limited amount of data. Wrong decisions would lead to excess compensation payments or rendering a public dismissive of alerts through overuse of warnings.

*"It was intriguing to learn how Dr Cranston's career has such a significant effect on the lives of so many people. Despite his job being extremely important and demanding, it also seemed to be very rewarding and stimulating."*

– Conall Lacy, Upper Sixth Geography student

Michael explained how communicating risk and being aware of citizens' responses was a vital part of the development of the systems and much research had been conducted to ascertain people's responses to certain levels of notification. In a series of questions we explored further the mechanisms being developed to reach all ages and groups within flood risk areas, as well as learning that the UK possesses one of the world's best warning systems due to the effective integration of involved agencies.

It was a hugely informative evening and a delight that it was delivered by someone who himself recollects the flooding of the Tees over the school playground - no longer the case due to the better management of the Tees – as well as field trips to the Lake District that were such a formative part of his interest in a field he now shapes and influences for the protection and wellbeing of so many.

Mr S Edwards

## Taking the High Road: University study in Scotland

Last week we were joined by a visitor from the University of Dundee who provided a highly informative talk on the topic of applying to and studying in Scotland.

Each year we have a small number of students who go off to study north of the border, but the advantages of the Scottish institutions must surely be a spur for many others to consider this option.



Though many Scottish Universities offer four year degree programmes, many institutions offer advanced entry onto the three year programme. For those concerned about four years of fees, many universities only charge for three of those years. In addition, a good number offer additional financial incentives to English students, including very generous scholarships and bursaries.

The modular system of most courses also allows for more shaping of a degree programme once study has begun, allowing ideas to shift and the degree to be better moulded around a student's developing interests and strengths. Many of the institutions are very diverse in terms of student body. Aberdeen is famed for its intake of the best of European students, with Dundee having a third of its students from Scotland, a third from the rest of the UK and a third from overseas.

English students' applications are considered separately so there is no possibility of the myth of anti-English bias. Dundee can also boast the fact that it has the sixth best graduate prospects in the UK.

The presentation from the talk has been distributed to all Sixth Form students and they are very much encouraged to consider these options when looking at their future destinations.

Mr S Edwards

## Flying High

Every year a small number of senior pupils express an interest in careers within aviation, with several of them going on to pursue piloting through a number of different routes. Earlier this year former pupil, Matt Buckle, who now works for British Airways, visited the school to speak with members of the Sixth Form. Another former pupil Raman Sinha is currently flying 747s for Cathay Pacific. We also have parents working in this field who have generously offered their advice to current pupils. We caught up with Adam Wright in the U6 who is currently looking to shape a career within this exciting sector. Anyone wanting further information should email me at [se@yarmchool.org](mailto:se@yarmchool.org)

Mr S Edwards



### **When did you first become interested in flying?**

*I was first interested in flying when much younger but was then given my first opportunity to fly at RAF Leeming and Linton-on-Ouse. Given the chance to fly an aircraft I of course seized at it and was able to do aerobatics in a Grob Tutor aircraft. This only made me more interested to pursue flying as a future career.*

### **How much experience have you now had of flying?**

*I have had roughly 3 hours' worth of flight experience in a Grob Tutor and half an hour in a glider. In this time I have been taught how to do basic aerobatics and I have also been able to follow through more advanced aerobatics.*

### **What are your future plans for flying?**

*I would like to be a commercial pilot or a pilot in the RAF. I have also briefly looked into helicopter piloting, as well as jets. I am still exploring all options at the moment.*

### **What qualities do you think are important for someone looking at a career in aviation?**

*I believe that you need to be passionate about flying, determined and willing to put in the effort to become a pilot. I also think that you need to be adventurous and able to adapt to change because you shouldn't limit yourself to one choice in aviation. This is because you may transfer into multiple different routes. An example of this is a few of the RAF pilots I have flown with also have interests in joining commercial airlines after they retire from the RAF.*

### **What advice would you offer a younger pupil interested in a career in piloting?**

*I would advise that they would try and get themselves experience in an aircraft. This may be by joining a flight club or finding another way to get air experience. I would also advise them to look into piloting and see what paths they may want to take as the routes are many and varied.*

## Does history repeat itself?

This week the History Society was privileged to receive a lecture from Cecily Deering (CO2 PPE) on the topic of 'Does history repeat itself?' Cecily drew parallels between Prime Minister Boris Johnson's decision to suspect Parliament for a period of five weeks, and King Charles I's closure of Parliament in 1629. This wasn't the first time the Society have considered comparisons between Brexit and the English Civil War in the 1600s, and our previous discussions fed wonderfully into this topic.

For Charles, his decision resulted in him ruling without Parliament for a period of 11 years. When he attempted to re-open Parliament in 1640 for fiscal reasons, he tried to arrest five rebellious MPs. This event became a trigger cause for the bloody English Civil War (1642-1649).

Together, the Society discussed the motivations behind the decisions of Boris and Charles and weighed up their similarities. A point was made that perhaps whilst our Prime Minister is reacting to factors beyond his control, the Stuart monarch was motivated by the ideology of authoritarianism and a belief in the divine right of kings.

However, rather like our modern times, was Charles simply reacting to a situation? Following the introduction of a neutral prayer book in Scotland, Scotland invaded England. This pushed Charles to use Parliament to raise money - a role the MPs were unwilling to fulfil. Similar to Johnson, Charles was dealing with the consequences of the English Reformation, a process that occurred well before his time and was down to the decisions of his ancestors.

After a fantastic lecture and a detailed discussion, attendees concluded that we can indeed draw parallels between events that take place centuries apart. Additionally, having knowledge of key events in British history helps us to predict the future, to some extent.

If you want to get involved in more discussions like this one, join the History Society every Tuesday at 1pm in H1.

Mr A J Morrison

## One in the Eye for the King!



For the first few weeks of History in First Year we have been learning about the four competitors who wanted to take the English crown after the death of Edward the Confessor.

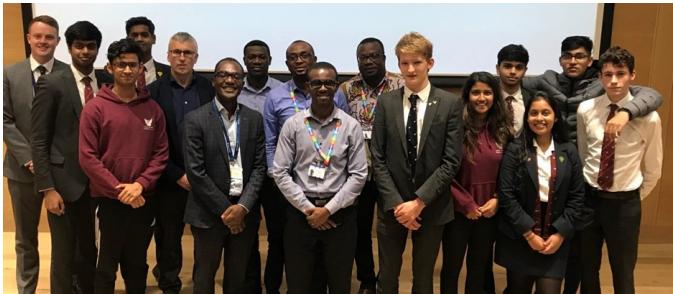
The four competitors were Edgar the Aethling, Harald Hardrada, Harold Godwinson and William of Normandy.

There were all sorts of different battles including: the Battle of Fulford, the Battle of Stamford and the Battle of Hastings, all of which we really like to learn about. Our favourite lesson was when 'we were in court' debating in the classroom about who had the best claim to be king. Some members of the Harold Godwinson team were 'silenced' for questioning the role of the Pope at the time!

We also have a rare Battle of Hastings 50p which we brought to school which shows King Harold getting shot in the eye with an arrow during the famous battle!

Hannah Wild and Amelia Clark (First Year pupils)

## Friarage Lecture: Prospective Medicine applicants meet with UK-Ghana cardiac medical team



Monday evening witnessed a rather special occasion in the Friarage Theatre, one that will hopefully stay with many of the assembled potential medicine applicants for some time. Gathered together were members of the cardiology team from James Cook and North Tees hospitals, including surgeons and anaesthetists, along with their fellow team members from Ghana, West Africa. It was also a delight to welcome students from neighbouring schools to the event. Members of the UK team reached out just several days ago and offered to give a presentation on their UK-Ghana collaborative work. The talk began by demonstrating the very low levels of cardiac surgery available in Ghana and the rather 'procedural' surgeries done in their abundance in this country that could save many lives if offered in Ghana. An idea was born by Mr Enoch Akowuah, a consultant cardiologist, along with Joel Dunning, a consultant thoracic surgeon, to put together a team of health professionals – along with a container's worth of essential medical supplies – and set up in a hospital in Kumasi, Ghana. Over the coming days they would perform adult heart surgery and place pacemakers. We were shown footage of the days spent in Ghana, learning from local professions, sharing practice and teaching techniques. This month members of the Ghanaian team have been visiting the UK.

The teamwork on display was beyond impressive, on occasions working in most challenging circumstances, and there was a complete dissolution of the typical hierarchical structures that can typify hospital environments. Indeed the UK-based professionals felt that took away from Ghana a clearer sense of the deep interconnectedness of all the many people working to make health environments operate effectively.

The whole occasion was an endorsement and celebration of medicine at its finest, operating across borders and focused exclusively on sharing the best practice to the neediest of patients.

For those wishing to learn more about the project and the team follow the link below to view the video blogs.

<https://www.ctsnet.org/article/daily-video-blog-medical-mission-ghana-february-23-march-1-2019>

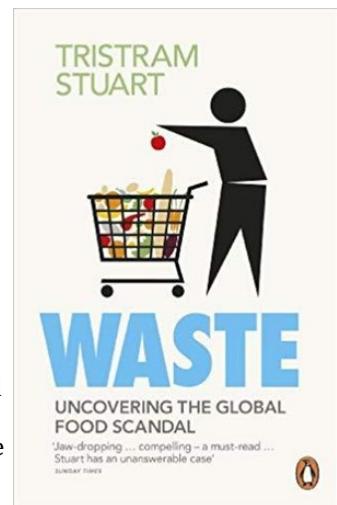
Such missions are enormously expensive but it has been the generosity of previous donors that allowed the work to take place so far. For details of how you may assist on-going and future work, please see the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/heartsurgerymissiontoghana>

Mr S Edwards

## Book Review: Waste by Tristram Stuart

Waste by Tristram Stuart explores the world of waste in the 21st century. This eye-opening book illustrates the current flaws in our food systems and explores many different solutions to them. He explains how a lack of waste management coupled with rapid development and substandard environmental practices are preventing those currently starving from accessing food and how this will ultimately lead to food shortages, which will hit the least developed nations the hardest.



Throughout his book, Stuart explains how we have turned the forests into a 'food factory' for humans. But that this "advance" is exactly what threatens the human life it was created to support. Stuart explains how this process is changing the climate, hydrological cycle and soil to such an extent that the UN now estimates that the world's agricultural land may decline in productivity by up to 25% this century, which could undermine humanity's future ability to grow enough food for its increasing population.

Furthermore, he explains how in Britain 20 million tonnes of food waste is created each year. He then reveals that food is treated as a disposable commodity and that, especially in the West and more developed countries, it is disconnected from the social and environmental impacts it has. But also, that this happens without regard for the connection between food waste in rich countries and food poverty elsewhere. For example, within the EU alone, 43 million people are at risk of food poverty, yet we are still wasting such large amounts of food that could be put to much better use.

He then goes on to point out that manufacturers have saved 20% of costs by reducing waste, showing that economically it makes sense to dramatically cut our food waste. Stuart mentions how the UN has backed a call for food waste to be halved by 2025, but he argues that most governments have been 'sloth-like' in their attempts to tackle food waste.

Stuart brings to light how in poorer countries food is often lost accidentally due to a lack of resources and technology, but also due to a lack of necessary infrastructure. He talks about how reducing waste isn't just a way of improving efficiency to them, but also of lifting some of the world's poorest people out of malnutrition.

To summarise, Tristram Stuart brings to our attention the shocking effects of our food waste and the steps we need to take in order to dramatically reduce our impact in the West. Overall, I would recommend that others read this book as it reveals the impact that we have had on the world around us, even if we don't notice the extent to which we are doing it.

Isla Thomson (Upper Sixth Politics student)

## Building a career in Politics: Research Officer from the Tees Valley Mayoral Office speaks to the Politics Society

Last Friday we welcomed Joe Gratton to the Politics Society. He was invited to discuss his current role working in the office of Tees Valley's Mayor Ben Houchen, as well as his route into Politics from his days after leaving Egglestone School.

Joe read Politics at the University of Edinburgh and from a young age had

harboured ideas of a life in Politics, possibly even wishing to be a Member of Parliament. However, whilst enjoying the diverse range of topics he studied at Edinburgh, Joe suggested that it was very much his willingness and enthusiasm to get involved in experiences beyond the course that best prepared him for his developing career.

Joe interned with a local MP spending time in the north east and in Westminster, and then simply wrote a request to his grandmother's Member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP). After an informal interview for a shadowing experience, Joe was surprisingly offered a part time job at the Scottish Parliament. Joe stuck to for his undergraduate years, building up a good deal of experience, contacts, but perhaps most importantly his reputation and others trust in him. This came to fruition upon graduating when Joe was made competing job offers down in Westminster, up at the Scottish Parliament and also here in the Tees Valley with Mayor Ben Houchen. For a number of reasons, but in no small part due to Joe's north east loyalty and affinity, he accepted the job as a research officer.

The job has so far turned out to be much broader than the job title might suggest. In a dynamic office committing to looking after the interests of all citizens across the combined authorities, Joe has been exposed to many experiences, from sitting in on international investment meetings, to providing research briefs for the Mayor, through to drafting correspondence to central government ministers.

Joe is modest enough to suggest that there is good fortune and a little luck in these processes, but he has also certainly made his opportunities, putting himself forward from an early age, committing to positions of trust, and demonstrating repeatedly his integrity and trustworthiness. It was a pleasure for the current Yarm Politics students to have the chance to listen to and question one who is paving the way of some of their future directions.

Mr S Edwards



## Bistro

Parents are welcome to come and enjoy the bistro between the hours of 8am-10.00am and 3pm-5pm. Take advantage of our special offer: regular coffees to take away between 8am and 9am are only £1.50! Monday to Friday.

## A glance into the future

We have more Economics and Business Department Working Lunches coming your way very soon...

**James Knox** Friday 4th October 12.40  
*Yarm School former pupil and rugby player, James Knox is now working in a diversified agricultural enterprise. James is Managing Director of Yorkshire Dales Meat Company, a catering butcher based near Bedale providing quality meat, poultry and game to high end restaurants and catering establishments across the North of England.*

**Rachel Bradley** Friday 15th November 12.40  
*Rachel secured a graduate role working for affordable housing company Hellens Residential. Although her role is primarily focused on business development, she has been given opportunities to experience and work on various aspects of the company.*

**Marcus Taylor** Friday 6th December 12.40  
*Since graduating from University of York (Business degree) in 2016 Marcus has been working for Whitbread across a range of strategic roles.*

**Gamasri Dhawan** Tuesday 10th December 12.40  
*Gamasri is a Second Year Economics Undergraduate at Warwick University and will be discussing how to best target an A\* at A-Level.*

**Ben Bradley** Tuesday 10th January 12.40  
*Ben secured a degree in Business Leadership and now works for GSK in Logistics and Production Planning.*

We welcome all Sixth Form students interested in FAME (Finance, Accounting, Management and Economics) to join us at these lunches as they are an incredible opportunity to learn more about different career paths.

Miss C E Rhodes

## Riddles

Last time's answer:  
Desserts!

Last time's winners  
Second Year pupils: Evie Severn, Ibraheem Rauf and Isra Ali. Fourth Year pupils: Tegan Addison, Danny Scott, Yumna Elidir and Amelia Leader.  
Congratulations to you all!

**This week's riddle:** The days

**Rating:** Out of the box

Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

Please send any answers in to 16SinhaP@yarmschool.org and remember to add your tutor group, or initials for teachers. Those with the quickest correct answers (in before this coming Monday) will get announced in the next issue. Good Luck!

By Parul Sinha & Aishani Paul

## Ava Brûlé-Walker #100daysofpractice

Talented viola player Ava Brûlé-Walker has had an exciting summer of music. After a series of national courses, she decided to take up the #100daysofpractice challenge. The idea is that every day for 100 days, artists would post a video to Instagram of something they were working on and it doesn't have to be polished or a finished product. The idea behind the challenge was twofold: when you track your progress and watch as your work progresses it then motivates you to put in more work. It will also help you to establish a regular and consistent practice routine and possibly reveal to you how irregular your current one is. This concept has been adopted and adapted by the worldwide music community and the challenge has been taken up by both students and professionals alike. The biggest difference being instead of a photo, musicians have been uploading a short video of part of their practice session to Instagram.

Ava writes, "After my music courses over the summer, I decided to take up the 100 days of practice challenge. I started this on 22nd August. I find making videos particularly helpful (even if you don't post them anywhere) because you can hear your playing in a different way and you can also watch how you are playing, sometimes a

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**ava brûlé-walker Day 12:** Mazas Study No. 23 (Short Detached Strokes and Octaves). This study is really good but also pretty challenging (especially the octaves! Using this study I am continuing to work on left hand shape and flat hair on the bow as well as detached strokes and octaves (as in the title) x

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mistake isn't as big of a deal as you think! Watching your playing is especially good because there might be an aspect of your technique that needs to improve which you didn't realise. So far it has been great fun to share my practice with my followers and has also helped to boost my confidence when playing! Some days I find it difficult to film a clip that I feel is good enough to post. I will spend more time getting the bit I want to sound good but also through doing this I improve smaller sections of my pieces/studies which I can then piece together to improve it as a whole. When choosing what I post on my account I like to try not to repeat the day before so my followers aren't hearing the same thing over and over again. I personally like to film my videos after my actual practice, I feel it makes my filming easier because I am already warmed up and have already been playing for an hour or so. If you want to see my progress please follow me @avabrûlé-walker on Instagram! I know I have quite a few days left to complete the challenge but strongly recommend it! Good luck to Ava and congratulations on what you have achieved so far.

## Art Department Trips

The Art Department has begun the year with a bang. Within the first four weeks of term we have already taken the Fifth Year GCSE artists to Edinburgh, the Fourth Year GCSE artists to The Yorkshire Sculpture Park and the A-level students to the Liverpool Tate Gallery. Despite the rain in Edinburgh the Fifth Year pupils still managed to have a fabulous time at The Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art. The city is currently taking part in an international Biennale therefore we were treated to an eclectic range of work including an exhibition called Cut and Paste; 400 years of collage which included a Warhol collage. Plus sculptures by world renowned British artists; Damien Hirst, Paollozi, Moore and Gormley which adorned the entrance halls and surrounding parkland of the Gallery. The Fourth Years were also in for a treat at The Yorkshire Sculpture Park in Wakefield and fortunately that day we had sunshine. Yet more Damien Hirsts and Henry Moores greeted us alongside Barbara Hepworth legacy called the Family of Man. In addition the students spent time drawing from the various sculptures in the park and we spent time experiencing the immersive light and space work produced by American artist Turrel. Finally the Tate Liverpool with The Sixth Form was a great experience and never fails to provide the students with quality artwork to inspire their own studio practice. This year, as well as enjoying the permanent gallery collection we also saw the Keith Haring exhibition. Prior to see Haring's work we had an enlightening lecture on the Artist and his work which made the exhibition all the more accessible.



Ms L Stebbings

## Sport Scoreboard

### Hockey

1st XI v Ampleforth College	Won 6-1
U18B v Ampleforth College	Lost 1-9
U15A v RGS, Newcastle	Lost 2-4
U14A v RGS, Newcastle	Lost 2-6
U13A v RGS, Newcastle	Won 5-3
U13B v RGS, Newcastle	Won 5-1
U12A v RGS, Newcastle	Lost 1-4
U12B v RGS, Newcastle	Won 5-2

### Rugby

U14A v Mount St Mary's College	Won 35-24
U13A v Mount St Mary's College	Won 25-10
U13A v Cundall Manor	Lost 5-20
U13B v Cundall Manor	Lost 5-20

## Girls' Hockey

### 1st XI v Ampleforth College

Won 6-1



After their narrow 2-1 defeat against Ampleforth last season, the team were ready for another tough match again this year. The girls started really well and kept the opposition pinned in their own half for large sections of the match. Building upon last week's excellent performance, a number of nice attacking plays were implemented throughout and helped set up goals for Jasmine (4), Sophie and Katie.

A 6-1 win was a very pleasing result for the girls, but what is more exciting is the way they played as a team and improved upon their performance from last week.

### U14 v Scarborough

The U14 girls faced Scarborough College last Thursday afternoon in what promised to be a challenging match for our girls. They started the game strong and were able to maintain the pressure on Scarborough with super defensive positioning

and tactical pressing. Some lovely flowing attacking and well worked goals meant the girls finished the first half on top. In the second half we tried a brand new press in preparation for future matches, and this is something we will continue to work on in training. It was great to see the girls working so well together and making such good progress as a team.



### U13A v RGS

Won 5-3

The U13 girls' hockey teams were out in full force over the weekend in away fixtures at Royal Grammar School Newcastle.

The U13A match was exciting throughout, with both sides playing a high standard of hockey. It was great to see Cara and Harriet working in partnership to move the ball successfully around the back of the pitch and opening up the play for Elise who could then drive forward and use her skills to build up the attack. Phoebe proved to be formidable in goal on the occasions where RGS broke through, challenging them early to close down the angles. Some excellent passing from Elise established numerous goal scoring opportunities and at half-time the score was 4-2.



Tilly, Scarlett and Kyra improved the shape of the game further in the second half by keeping wide on the pitch. This made it even more difficult for RGS to defend against Yarm and we soon generated another goal. Good team work and passing brought well deserved success with lots of positives to work on moving forward.

### U13B v RGS

Won 5-1

The U13B team match was equally as exciting with all players on the team giving 100% throughout. It was an extremely hot day and so passing and making the ball do the work was key. Carys and Grace were strong with their

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tackling at the back and fed the ball through to Millie, Pearl and Nicole to drive forward. Pearl was cool as a cucumber in front of the goal and scored a lovely goal just out of reach of the keeper.

The aim in the second half was to move the ball wider rather than down the middle of the pitch. Through their positioning, Isobel and Pearl helped this happen. The RGS team broke through a few times in the second half but Izzy was strong in goal and in an exciting one against one prevented the opposition from scoring and cleared the ball successfully back to the Yarm midfield. All of the team were shattered at the end of the match as they had worked so hard, but were justifiably proud of the performance they had given.

The bacon butties that followed were much appreciated by all and it was great to see such a high standard of hockey from all of the girls on the pitch. It was a very much quieter bus journey home with lots of tired but happy hockey players.

## U12B v RGS

## Won 5-2

The U12B team travelled to RGS Newcastle for their second fixture of the season, though for a number of the girls this was their debut for the School. After an early goal from RGS in the first minute of the match the team knew they were in for a challenge, but rather than letting their heads drop, they fought back with twice the vigour!

Following some careful passing between midfield and forwards, the first half ended 2-2 with the girls knowing they had a chance to win if they could maintain their efforts for another 20 minutes. With some super team work in defence by Grace and Poppy, RGS only had one shot at goal which was saved by first time keeper Sally. Izzy, Pippa, Josie and Freya worked the wings well and managed to put away another three goals, bringing the final score to 5-2.

The effort and determination from all team players was clear from the red faces at the end of the game. Well done to all the girls and PoM Pippa in particular.



**YARM SCHOOL  
TEAM OF THE WEEK**  
**16<sup>th</sup> September – 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Summer Hyndman U12	Pippa Ferguson U12	Grace Crawford U12
Katie Dent 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Elise Munro U13	
Pearl Lightwood U13	Jez Leith Ross 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Phoebe Matthews 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
Grace Harbinson U13	Simone Sharma U14	
Divya Hukkeri U15		

## Netball

### U13A / U14A

Congratulations to our U13A and U14A netball teams who have both progressed to the next round of the Sisters in Sport National Netball Competition after beating Harrogate Grammar School 44-14 and RGS Newcastle 25-17 respectively. Excellent play by both teams and lots to build on going into the next round. Well Done Girls!

# Rugby

## Senior XV v Mount St Mary's

The senior boys headed south to Sheffield for their first 'block fixture' game against Mount St Mary's and it was a glorious day for rugby. A tough test faced the boys and the opposition, who benefit at the top end from a player exchange programme with a South African school, started strongly.



This game was all about learning and the team certainly did that. They gained a better understanding of staying connected in defence and controlling the space, whilst in attack they focused on pushing forwards, moving the ball into space and supporting the ball with options. The boys displayed great resilience and when they put their game together were able to score some smart tries, demonstrating positive decision making, clever support play and ball movement, and dominance in the contact area. There's lots to work on following this game, but plenty we can take forward into our next match against Ampleforth and the NatWest vase.

## U14A v Mount St Mary's College Won 35-24

A fine win over Mount St Mary's on an extremely hot day signified a great contest between two very evenly matched teams. Yarm prevailed due to some extremely good tackling, a focus of our Thursday sessions. Charlie Thompson's second try was like something straight off the training ground. Other scorers on the day were Charlie T/Jacob and Ammar. Charlie T led by example, Jacob showed he is improving each week, Vincent performed admirably in his first game for the A team and the forwards worked hard for the full 50 minutes. A great win against tough opposition.

## U13A v Mount St Mary's College Won 25-10

On Saturday the 21st of September, Yarm's U13A team played a rugby match against Mount St Mary's College. Yarm started strong and scored a try in the first few minutes. The team fought hard all match and only conceded two tries. All the training was visible on the pitch. Our defensive lines were strong and there was lots of attacking play. Strong play from Oscar T who scored 4 tries and a fantastic individual run from Oscar S saw Yarm finish with 5 tries with one of them in the last few seconds of the game.

## U13A v Cundall Manor Lost 5-20

Despite the score line suggesting otherwise, Yarm School's U13 team put in a battling performance against a good Cundall Manor side. Right from the opening whistle, the Yarm boys dominated possession but despite valiant efforts could not break through a solid Cundall defence. Meanwhile, the Yarm team also defended with courage and shut down any attacking plays from the opposition while regaining possession. However, the Cundall boys finally managed to find a gap in Yarm's defence,

feeding to the wing and ran the ball in to score.

However, the Yarm team remained unfazed and hit back with a quick try due to magnificent running from several players. Unfortunate that led to a collapse which saw Cundall score 3 successive tries, moving the ball quickly around the Yarm defence.

Despite the score line, the Yarm boys never gave up and showed great determination. Yarm played well and were beaten by a good Cundall Manor team.

Well done to all the boys for their hard work and determination.



## U12's at the Tait 10s

Sunday brought about our trip to the annual Tait 10s festival held by Barnard Castle which is always an excellent day and a great experience for the boys. A collection of 16 Prep School teams, Senior School teams and club sides were involved from Berkshire to Scotland and everything in between. It was brilliant to see four pitches in constant action, filled with boys enjoying their rugby and having fun whilst also displaying skill, ability and a willingness to learn.

Yarm had a very tough pool in the morning, which included the eventual winners QEGS Wakefield and previous winners Rodillian. Despite this challenge, the squad of 14 players performed well, scoring some really good tries and showing

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## Rugby Continued

some fantastic resilience in defence. In the afternoon, they grew in confidence, looking to attack space, go forward with positivity and support the ball. This energy and skill brought about impressive wins against some strong and established schools and club sides, including Barnard Castle, Mowden Park and Terrington Hall. In the end, the boys walked away as Bowl winners.

Above all, the boys thoroughly enjoyed the day and the experience of playing in a big event, wonderfully supported by many parents. Big things to come from this year group.



### U12B v Mount St Mary's College

The U12B team set off in high spirits for their debut in red and blue. Their opponents were a well drilled Mount St Mary's who had a few games under their belts ahead of this fixture and it took guts and determination right from the start for the boys to hold back their relentless attack. Noah put in some spectacular tackles, along with Skye and Alfie. Harry at Scrum Half showed excellent resilience and as the game progressed he organised the backs showing real leadership. Quick thinking from Tom after a breakdown led to a breakaway try from Dheeraj as he ran the full length of the pitch to give Yarm our first score. We mixed things up towards the end to make the most of the experience - learning from the more experienced Mount players. It was a good spirited first game and all the boys put in a top effort.



## YSA Events

EXTENDED  
MORE CRAFT STALLS  
GLÜHWEIN  
BRATWURST

MEET SANTA  
IN HIS AMAZING GROTTO

YARM SCHOOL

Christmas

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ADULTS £2, CHILDREN FREE

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LOCAL CRAFT STALLS, AMAZING  
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& SANTA'S GROTTO

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Chicken and Ham Hock Ballotine  
with onion chutney and thyme focaccia

Poached Lobster Tail  
with compressed watermelon and saffron mayonnaise

Roasted Beef Fillet with Mustard Crust  
with a red wine reduction and a beetroot and potato gratin

Butternut Squash and Courgette Tagine (V)  
with fragrant couscous

All main courses are served with seasonal vegetables

Exploding Chocolate Cake  
with an orange mousse and candied zest

Cheese and Biscuits  
served with a winter chutney

Yarm School Association is hosting a Gourmet Dining Evening.  
Come along to experience Chef Richard's culinary delights.  
Tickets cost £40 and lounge suit or equivalent attire is required.  
Dining will begin between 19:00 - 19:30.