

Newsletter



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Headmaster's Welcome

I was so proud of the whole school's efforts last Saturday as we welcomed guests to the school for our Open Morning. Pupils who volunteered to be here as guides or as helpers in departments were warmly praised by our guests for their helpful enthusiasm and openness; they are our best advert!

Yarm School is a place where environmental issues are taken seriously. We have held the Eco-Schools Green Flag award for the last four years and have an active Eco Group, with forthcoming beach clean-up trips to Redcar an example of our proactive approach, combining pupils from the Prep and Senior Schools. An Upper School assembly this week tackled the concerning issue of unprecedented forest fires in Brazil's Amazon region and the permissive political climate supporting this activity and, as you will read within, Mr Alexander has become one of the first teachers to be accredited as an official UN Climate Change Teacher. Global leadership on such issues is being shown by young people: we want to ensure our pupils are global citizens and are educated in this area.

Last night's House Drama showcased some fantastic acting talent, choreography, design and directing and it was a wonderful, funny and impressive evening of drama. The biggest triumph, for me, was the sheer number of pupils involved from a range of year groups and the combined effort, teamwork and collaboration that the performances reflected. Congratulations to Cuthbert House for their victory, and thank you to all involved for entertaining us so vividly!

Dr Huw Williams

House Drama

Last night saw another fantastic House Drama competition with four very different- but equally exciting-offerings from the four Houses.

Aidan's performance of Paddington- with Jack Stoddart expertly playing the part of the accident-prone but delightful bear - entertained audience members both young and old. Likewise, Cuthbert's lively adaptation of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', with Fergal Deane as Charlie, was a firm favourite with the crowd. Bede's adaptation of J.K. Rowling's 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child' lent a sinister and mysterious air to the evening, whilst Oswald's ambitious adaptation of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet', with Elise Wilcock and Oliver Greenaway as the tragic protagonists, was both exciting and extremely moving.

Whilst all actors and directors are to be commended for many weeks of hard work, we offer our heartiest congratulations to Cuthbert House who are this year's House Drama competition winners!

Luke Porter and Arhana Pradeep



Geography

On Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th September, the Fourth Year geographers travelled down to Hornsea on the Holderness Coast, which is the fastest eroding coastline in Europe. We went there to carry out some fieldwork that linked in with our topic on coasts and to help with our IGCSE studies.

Although it had rained a lot overnight, the weather was beautiful, perfect for completing fieldwork. We worked around a carousel of activities, learning key fieldwork skills as we completed each one. We looked at longshore drift, variation in sediment sizes, groynes and the shape of the beach. Finally, we looked at what strategies have been put in place to stop erosion from occurring in Hornsea.

Being able to see the coastline and the management strategies for ourselves was much better than just looking in books or discussing it in class. We all had an interesting and fun day and we thank all of the staff for taking us.

Lilian Dufton



From the walls of Chernobyl



Last year the Politics Society welcomed Claire Baker, Art Director of the Chernobyling Festival and an artist working in textiles and embroidery. Her visit very much demonstrated the capacity of art to

investigate, contemplate, reflect and re-present political events through a new lens. She has visited the Chernobyl nuclear disaster zone on multiple occasions along with the satellite town of Pripyat.

On Friday some of the Politics students who had attended this talk were able to attend the opening of an exhibition 'Place, Home, Loss & Legacy', showcasing Claire's work in a gallery space.

Included in the exhibition were a number of works of embroidery made by the elderly women of Chernobyl, as well as pieces of fabric salvaged from the disaster zone. These were accompanied by Claire's own work which responds to this place and its people.

For those wishing to view the exhibition it is located at the Hartlepool Art Gallery in Christ Church, Hartlepool.

Mr S Edwards

Riddle

Last time's answer: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow!

Alternate answer: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day - Mr Taylor (TDT)

Last time's winners: Ben Win Tin, Apsara Naguleswaran, Isra Ali, Ibraheem Rauf, Jennifer Chan, Tegan Addison, Yumna Ellidir, Kaavya Venkatesh, Amelia Leader, Mr Stone (Prep), Mr Taylor (History)
Congratulations to you all!

This week's riddle: A carnival trick

Rating: Tricky

A boy was at a carnival and went to a booth where a woman said to the boy, "If I write your exact weight on this piece of paper then you have to give me £50, but if I cannot, I will pay you £50." The boy looked around and saw no scale so he agreed, thinking no matter what the woman writes he'll just say he weighs more or less. In the end the boy ended up paying the woman £50. How did the woman win the bet?

Please send any answers in to 16SinhaP@yarmschool.org, remember to add your tutor group (or initials for teachers) and 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

Bistro

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

Calling all 'legal eagles'!



During the half term holiday there will be an exciting opportunity for any students considering a career in law. On Wednesday 23rd

October there will be a Mock Tribunal held in the Friarage Theatre organised and staffed by Endeavour Partnership, the leading business law firm in the Tees Valley region.

There are a number of former pupils of Yarm School who are currently employed by this law firm. James Butler who left Yarm in 2006 is now a Senior Associate, Jess Maine who left in 2009 is a key member of their Employment Law and HR team and Josh Atkinson who left Yarm in 2015 has just started at Endeavour as a Trainee Solicitor.

The event will give a great insight into the nature and style of a tribunal, reviewing papers related to the case followed by the acting out of mock tribunal. The day starts with breakfast served at 8.30am and finishes around lunch time. For further details please email me at se@yarmschool.org.

Mr S Edwards

GCE and GCSE Examinations CONTINGENCY DAY 2020 IMPORTANT NOTICE

To allow any need to reschedule any examinations, the contingency day scheme will once again run during the 2020 examination series. In a change to last year however, exam boards have announced that there could be more than one timetable date affected following any disruption, up to and including the contingency day on 24 June 2020.

Exam boards also wish to inform candidates that if any candidate chooses not to be available for a rescheduled examination, they will not be eligible for enhanced grading arrangements or special consideration of any kind.

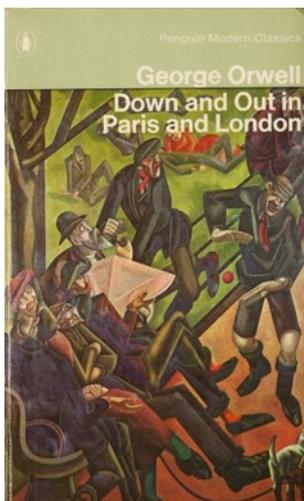
This means that all candidates must be available for examinations up to and including 24 June 2020 regardless of when their personal examination programme is completed.

Mr P Menzies

UNIFORM SHOP OCTOBER HALF TERM

Tuesday 22 October, 1.00 - 4.00pm
Thursday 24 October, 1.00 - 4.00pm
Tuesday 29 October, 1.00 - 4.00pm
Thursday 31 October, 1.00 - 4.00pm

Book Review: *Down and Out in Paris and London* by George Orwell



Down and Out in Paris and London is a truly thought provoking book which explores the matter of homelessness in the early 20th century. While the book was written some time ago, I feel there are several messages which remain relevant for us today. The book focuses on George Orwell's experiences of being in poverty, and trying to scrape together a living with what little income he could get, and it explores the true limits of human nature when placed under extreme circumstances over a sustained period of time. The account is a true story, and details Orwell's own responses to trying to find employment and hence survive.

Orwell paints the picture of the scenes he endures throughout his time living 'hard up' as he quickly finds himself plunged into poverty. He details the panic he was going through, and the drastic ideas that came into his head when his survival instincts kicked in. While there are some amusing parts of the book, the majority of it has an overall somewhat sombre tone.

We encounter other impoverished characters Orwell meets on his journey through poverty, from a man who seems so well to do, the ex-Russian army officer, Boris, to a man who has lived on the streets for his entire life, the cynical Bozo. The writer's attitude to things changes over time through the book. He references his past before his experience and explains how he did not know what poverty felt like. Interestingly, the main thing he felt was boredom. He explains how he didn't feel fear, only boredom and hunger.

Orwell did manage to find work at various stages in his experience, but only just enough to keep him afloat on his 'bread and margarine' diet, with lodgings at cheap venues. One of the jobs of particular interest to me was his stint in the Hotel in Paris as a plongeur (dishwasher). He worked extremely long hours on meagre pay — barely enough to keep himself alive — in squalid conditions, at what was otherwise a restaurant with high status. This offers both an insight to the lengths people will go to for survival, and also the scenes of destitution which may lie behind the scenes at seemingly innocent locations.

I would thoroughly recommend the book to anybody studying or interested in the fields of Politics, English, History, Psychology, or Religion and Philosophy. The account, while dated in some areas, remains very much relevant. The diet of bread and margarine endured by Orwell throughout his time in extreme poverty has been replaced by other foodstuffs, and the principle of survival remains the same. The novel fascinated me while reading it and if any of the areas Orwell references in his book interest you, I cannot recommend the book enough.

Matthew Jones (U6 Politics student)

A view on InvestIn Educational Seminars



Last week I circulated amongst the Sixth Form students a link to a company offering educational seminars. Within a couple of minutes a student had emailed me back rightfully asking about the quality and reputation of the company. An hour later a second student spoke to me about his experience of the course. I asked Aditya Jha (Upper Sixth student) a number of questions about his time with InvestIn.

Where did you first year about these courses?

I signed up for the InvestIn educational seminars after finding them online after hours of searching for work experience. I had wanted to develop my skills and these courses seemed very professional.

Which course did you sign up to and why?

I attended the Young Engineers programme which was held at Imperial College, London and the Young Business Leaders programme which was held at UCL. I was unsure which of these areas I wanted to pursue at university.

What was the structure of the course?

The courses are structured like school days at Yarm. We were given some time to get to know each other and then the lecturers introduced the subject. The InvestIn team present the introductions and invite university faculty and, in the business course, CEOs of well-known businesses. For example, Proper Corn made an appearance and gave their advice. Both of these courses were quite intense.

What were the strengths of the course?

It introduced me to industry level problems such as access to information through trade (business) and resource management (civil engineering). The courses also highlighted issues facing growth in the industry, such as SpaceX's flights to Mars. We worked in teams to overcome the tasks which ranged from presenting ideas to trying to win a interactive game. Participants are awarded based on effort, practicality and determination. The course sets good habits in place for aspiring students and is very good for deciding what you want to study due to the wide range of courses available.

Would you recommend similar courses to others?

Yes, they're fascinating, a chance to grow, and an opportunity to meet new people.

InvestIN is a London-based organisation led by a group of experienced professionals from some of the world's most competitive careers. Their aim is to provide students with an immersive experience of their preferred career before university. More than 25,000 students from 72 different countries have attended the programmes. They offer immersive career experiences to students aged 15-18

aiming to break into some of the world's most desirable industries. The programmes utilise interactive simulations, site visits, seminars, networking sessions and career coaching guidance. They offer experiences in: investment banking, law, medicine, engineering, computer science, business, psychology, architecture, politics and journalism. For more details: <https://investin.org/>

Mr S Edwards

The History Society



The History Society met this week to discuss a new book released by historian Roger Moorhouse: *First to Fight; the Polish War 1939*. The book was published to commemorate eighty years since the beginning of World War Two, with the invasion of Poland on September 1st 1939 by German and Soviet troops.

Attendees discussed Moorhouse's motivation for writing the book and the fact that history is often written by the victors and very little has been said about the six week invasion of Poland by the Germans from the west and their then allies, the Russians, from the east. However, this event was of deep significance as it was not only the Nazi-Soviet Pact moving into action, but it signalled the end of the allied policy of appeasing Hitler as on September 3rd 1939 Britain and France declared war on Germany. However, Moorehouse touches on the Polish sense of betrayal at the hands of the allies as Britain and France did not lend military assistance to the Polish government, for a variety of reasons. Attendees also discussed the long term causes of Hitler's invasion of Poland, beginning with the German territorial losses as a result of the Treaty of Versailles, followed by Hitler's racial ideology and quest for 'lebensraum'. The discussion also included some footage of the German blitzkrieg tactics used in Poland, courtesy of The World at War series.

The session concluded by examining the treatment of Polish civilians by the German army and ethnic minorities, mainly Polish Jews at the hands of German officers who had explicit instructions to remove 'racial enemies', in what was the beginning of the Holocaust in eastern Europe.

The History Society meets every Tuesday at 1pm.

Mr A J Morrison

United Nations Climate Change Teacher



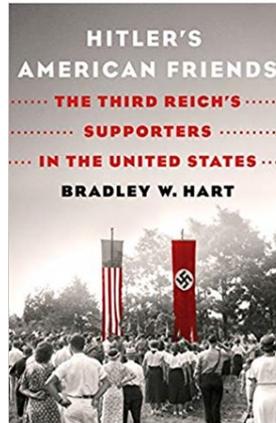
Congratulations to Mr Alexander who has recently been accredited as an official United Nations Climate Change Teacher.

This innovative programme is organised by the One UN Climate Change Learning Partnership (UN CC:Learn) and aims to support knowledge sharing, promote the development of common climate change learning materials and

coordinate learning interventions. Whilst Mr Alexander is in the first tranche of 650 teachers to earn this accreditation, the programme strives to impact every school around the world.

The accreditation involved a plethora of modules ranging from Children and Climate Change and Cities and Climate Change, to Gender and Environment, Human Health and International Legal Regime. We're looking forward to seeing him share this knowledge with pupils through engaging activities around the causes, effects, mitigation steps and possible adaptation strategies for climate change.

Forthcoming Friarage Lecture



Tuesday 26th November – Hitler's American Friends

We are delighted to announce the date and theme of our next Friarage lecture. On Tuesday 26th November in the Friarage Theatre starting at 17:00, we will be joined via Skype by Professor Bradley W. Hart, Professor of History at California State University, Fresno.

Professor Hart has recently published a highly acclaimed work 'Hitler's American Friends: The Third Reich's Supporters in the

USA'. The book won recent praise from the New Yorker and Time magazines: (<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2018/04/30/how-american-racism-influenced-hitler>)

Professor Hart will deliver a talk based around his research and the book and then take questions from the audience. Those interested in attending should book a free place by emailing Mrs Pinkham at elp@yarmschool.org

Mr S Edwards

MEET SANTA
IN HIS AMAZING GROTTO

EXTENDED
MORE CRAFT STALLS
GLÜHWEIN
BRATWURST

YARM SCHOOL

Christmas

INDOOR MARKET

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER
10AM - 4PM
ADULTS £2, CHILDREN FREE

TICKETS ON THE DOOR
LOCAL CRAFT STALLS, AMAZING
CHRISTMAS IDEAS PLUS FOOD AND
DRINK OUTLETS

PLUS
CRAFTY CORNER, RUDOLPH RODEO,
CHILDREN'S GAMES
& SANTA'S GROTTO

YARM SCHOOL, THE FRIARAGE, YARM, TS15 9EJ

GOURMET DINING EVENING

Saturday 16th November
The Princess Alexandra Auditorium Atrium

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY FOR JUST £40

Amuse-bouche

x ===== x

Chicken and Ham Hock Ballotine
with onion chutney and thyme focaccia

x ===== x

Poached Lobster Tail
with compressed watermelon and saffron mayonnaise

x ===== x

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

x ===== x

Exploding Chocolate Cake
with an orange mousse and candied zest

x ===== x

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.

TOMBOLA DONATIONS NEEDED FOR YSA CHRISTMAS INDOOR MARKET

This year the YSA will be running three tombola stalls - children, adults and a bottle (alcohol, shampoo, etc) tombola and we would welcome any donations! If you are able to make a donation, please could you drop it off at the Senior School Office. Thank you!

Sport Scoreboard

RUGBY

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| U13A v Ampleforth College | Won 95-0 |
| U14A v Ampleforth College | Lost 10-43 |
| U18A v Ampleforth College | Lost 7-45 |
| U18B v Ampleforth College | Lost 0-50 |
| U15A v Ampleforth College | Lost 7-72 |

HOCKEY

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| Boys' U13A v Egglecliffe | Won 6-1 |
| Boys' U13B v Egglecliffe | Won 6-1 |
| Girls' U15A v Newcastle School for Girls | Won 3-0 |
| Girls' U13B v Hill House School | Lost 2-3 |
| Boys' U14A v Egglecliffe | Won 10-0 |

Hockey

U15A v Newcastle School for Girls **Won 3-0**

The U15 girls' team played a great game of hockey on Saturday against Newcastle High School for Girls. The school was busier than normal as the grounds were filled with prospective parents and pupils visiting our Open Morning. If anything, this was an added incentive to ensure we performed our best.

We started strong and following effective team play, Martha scored our first goal. Soon after it looked like it would be 1-1 but Ruth managed to clear the ball off the line. More attacking play lead to goals for Annabel, and another for Martha.

Overall, Yarm played very positive hockey. It started with strong pressure that prevented the opposition from playing out from the back and allowed us opportunities at their goal. Yarm continued to dominate the play, but we were not as clinical in-front of goal as we would like to be. Plenty to work on in training over the coming weeks.

By Annabel Cunningham

Goals: Wyatt(2), Cunningham

Netball

U14A District Netball **Won 4-1**

The U14 A team travelled to Grangefield on Wednesday to compete in the District Netball Tournament. They played in a round robin against Egglecliffe, Conyers, Teesside High, Red House and Our Lady St Bede.

The first match was against Egglecliffe and the girls took some time to get into their own rhythm of play but finished strongly with a 7-2 win. The girls then played well against Conyers, ending with a comfortable 16-0 win. In the match against Teesside High the girls were really able to get into their own rhythm delivering some lovely netball and working really well as a team. They walked away with a 13-2 win. The penultimate game was against Red House. We knew it would be tough and despite playing excellently, the Red House defence prevented us from having as many shots at goal as we would have liked. This was the first loss of the day: 6-9.

The final match was against Our Lady St Bede which saw the girls dominate the game. Some brilliant play across the whole court resulted in a 16-2 win for Yarm.

The girls finished second overall, which is an excellent achievement. There was some lovely netball played by all: excellent shooting, tight defending and good movement across the whole court. Well played girls!



Tennis

U13 & U15 Tennis Regional Final



We travelled to Leeds with our U13 and U15 teams for the Regional Finals of the Division 2 National Cup.

The girls had to play two schools both in singles and doubles. Our U15 team played Crossley Heath School first, winning three sets and losing three,

which meant we had a shootout to determine the winner. This was such a close match and the girls played very well but we eventually lost 7-9 which meant they went on to play Queen Margaret's in the consolation matches. The U13 team played Harrogate Grammar in their first match but unfortunately lost 4-8 meaning they would then have to play St Olave's in the consolation matches.

The consolation matches were much closer for both teams. Our U15 team beat Queen Margaret's 10-2, coming third in the regional finals, whilst our U13 team sadly lost to St Olave's despite putting up a good fight. Well played to all involved.



Rugby

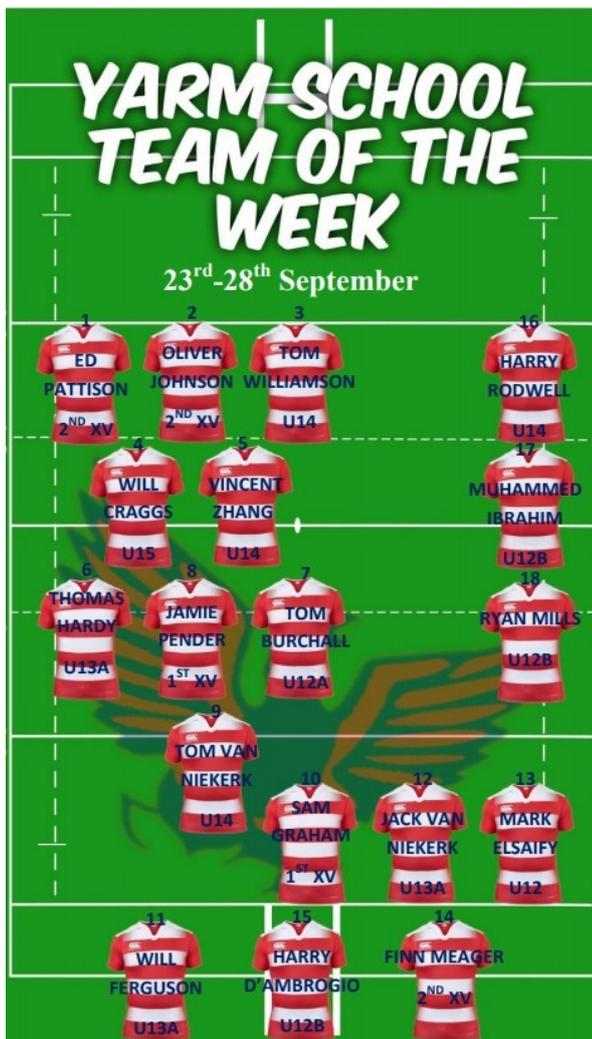
U14A v Ampleforth College Lost 10-43

It was a disappointing day at Yarm School on Saturday against a strong Ampleforth College side. Yarm did not come out of the blocks and were behind within the first 10 minutes. Lots of defending and playing rugby near our try line resulted in mistakes and a 5-0 lead to Ampleforth.

The boys started coming back into the game and there were periods of ebb and flow from both sides. Ampleforth had two very strong runners who were destructive throughout the game and were a constant thorn in our side. Another try for Ampleforth resulted in Yarm playing territory and asking them to play out from their half. Roman had a lovely penalty restart and a no look pass on his inside allowed Charlie to run through for an unconverted try. At half-time Yarm were down 5-10.

Yarm were the better team at the start of the second half and the constant pressure on their line resulted in Jonathan crashing over from a 5m scrum. The game could have now swung either way but unfortunately went the way of Ampleforth as their two strong runners started to dictate the play. Additionally, some weak tackling from Yarm let them in for a number of tries and they were able to completely dominate the last 15 minutes of the game.

It was a frustrating day, however there were lots of positives either side of half-time. Johnny and Vincent played some excellent rugby, whilst Harry, Tom W and Tom VN did well to come off the bench and make an impact.



Yarm School Music Department presents:

THE SOUND OF SCIENCE (T_echnology E_{NG}INEERING M_Athematics)

Sunday 17th November, 6pm

Adults: $C(x) = FC + V(x) = \text{sum}$ **£5.00**

Concessions: $C(x) = FC + V(x) = \text{sum}$ **£3.00**



Phonautograph.

BC, barrel with opening at C; c, brass tube with membrane and style at b, and movable piece a, by which the position of the nodal points can be regulated: c, handle to turn cylinder (A) covered with lamblack paper.



Tickets can be purchased from the School box office or at thepaaonline.org



SCHOLARS' CONCERT

*Refreshments will be available

** FREE ADMISSION (There will be a retiring collection at the end of the performance)

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL BOX OFFICE OR ONLINE AT thepaaonline.org

Thursday 10th
October
RECITAL ROOM
at 7pm