

Newsletter



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Headmaster's Welcome

Time has raced by, it seems to me, as we reach half term and look forward to a week's respite from the busy ebb and flow of term. We have soldiered on through storms Ciara and Dennis and the challenging wind and high water that they brought, and spirits have remained high despite the wild conditions. This week has seen plenty of activity, as ever, including a fascinating talk on 'Hitler's American Friends', via a live link to the USA, having been rescheduled from earlier in the term.

Last weekend saw the end of the run of Miss Saigon and the cast, crew and staff involved deserve the significant praise they've received. I have copied some extracts from emails of thanks and congratulations that we've received which reflect, I hope, the strength of feeling. The ambitious scope of the show, in terms of music, costumes, props and the sheer scale of the production was quite something. We are very grateful, in particular, to our sponsors - Active Chartered Financial Planners and Cleveland Land Services - whose contributions facilitated such an ambitious project!

I hope that the half term break offers all the chance to relax and have some quality time with family and that our pupils can recharge their batteries and return with customary energy and enthusiasm.

Dr Huw Williams

"I thoroughly enjoyed both and am absolutely full of admiration for the superb performances delivered by the whole cast."

"There were many times tonight we forgot we were watching a school production as it was so professional."

"The show was simply stunning and the cast from the school were completely spellbinding. I was an emotional wreck at the end - well deserving of the standing ovation."

"The leads were every bit as good as those you would see on a professional stage."

Miss Saigon

The biennial production this year was the school's edition of Miss Saigon. Last week was a hectic and tiring week, but ultimately a rewarding one for all those involved and the show wowed audiences on each and every night it was performed.

Miss Saigon, a world-renowned production, has been performed in 28 countries, over 300 cities and in 20 different languages across the globe. It portrays the story of Chris, an American soldier, and Kim, a Vietnamese girl, who fall in love and marry during the Vietnam War, but are distressingly separated when Saigon falls. As years pass, Chris, unable to contact Kim, remarries and attempts to move on with his life. Kim, however, gives birth to Chris' son and waits faithfully for Chris' return - not knowing he is now married to someone else. Before he is able to reach Kim and explain himself to her, she takes her own life to ensure that their son will be taken back to America with his father.

The moving story, written by the same team that wrote Les Miserables, wowed audiences at Yarm in the same way that Les Mis did two years ago.

Many congratulations must be given to the cast but also to the musicians in the pit, the tech team, the stage crew and to Mrs Staggs, Mr Brookes, Mr McIntyre and Miss Dunkley for guiding everyone through many months of preparation to four successful nights of performance.

Luke Porter



Cyberfirst Girls' Regional Final

Between the 13th and the 22nd of January, we competed in the CyberFirst Girls' competition, designed to encourage problem-solving and lateral thinking in Second Year girls. We were then invited to the Regional Finals in the GCHQ (Government Communications Head Quarters) in Scarborough. We were excited yet slightly nervous to hear GCHQ has many connections with the army and MI6 (with which you may associate with James Bond or Alex Rider) and are involved in police operations.

On the 8th February, we were thrilled to learn we needed an escort to cross the grounds, in case we accidentally discovered classified information! The Regional Finals involved a large number of varied and logical challenges, for example: cryptography, cyber security, etc. Many of these challenges needed to be solved with the software - "CyberChef" which was an additional factor that had to be learnt.

Aiming to boost the interest in cybersecurity amongst young females, over 12,000 girls entered and we're proud to say that we finished 3rd in the North East out of nearly 100 teams and 11th in the North out of 350 teams. Unfortunately, after a tough four hour 'CyberFirsting' we learned we wouldn't be progressing into the next round. We certainly learnt a lot from this valuable experience and will be looking for more related competitions to enter!

We would definitely recommend this to any enthusiastic First Year Students, so here are some tips to guide anyone wishing to participate in this fun challenge next year.

Top 5 Tips:

Learn Javascript.

Take a look at CyberChef.

Pay attention to the wording of the question (there are always clues in the question).

Find which section each team member is good at.

Familiarise yourself with several different types of codes (e.g. Caesar Cipher, Pigpen Cipher or Vigenère Cipher).

Bonus tip - HAVE FUN!



Nilu Baskar, Apsara Naguleswaran, Isra Ali and Sophie Jewitt

New ECF Chess Gradings

The new ECF (English Chess Federation) grading list became active at the end of July. Yarm School now has 20 graded players (all rapidplay). Yash is our top-graded player at 118, closely followed by AJ, Gautam and Edward.

Yash Gulve	118
AJ Thorne-Wallis	117
Gautam Sathyamurthy	109
Edward Adams	103
Yusuf Syed	89
Ihsaan Mahmood	84
Ajay Selwin	71
Saisparsh Sidaginamale	68
Vignesh Janakiraman	66
Natasha Pointon	62
Benedict Francis	58
Shrish Nair	53
Max Mowbray	52
Tenuk Mendis	47
Ananish Batra	41
Sophia Kusterer	39
Aishani Paul	37
Keya Shah	36
Oscar Thomas	26
Shehab Saad	10

As another initiative, Tenuk, Ajay and Avanish are playing internet chess in the Butler Thomas County Championship for the Yorkshire D Team. The matches started at the beginning of February, and are played on a correspondence basis, albeit on a web server.

Mr Rye and Mr Pointon

Telling the Tale of a Teessider

Politics students approached their discipline from an alternative perspective last week when they attended a performance of The Ballad of Johnny Longstaff by the Young 'Uns. The performance piece is based around the fascinating life of a Teessider Johnny Longstaff who heralded from Stockton; he faced the poverty of the 1920s, participated in the Hunger Marches to London, after which he became increasingly politicised. He was involved in some of the earliest campaigns for the right to roam, opening up the countryside to the many, before directing his attentions against the British Black Shirt fascists of Oswald Mosley and the Battle for Cable Street in 1936. All this and Johnny was still only 17 years of age. His next episode involved volunteering albeit underage and travelling to Spain to fight with thousands of other international volunteers against the Franco dictatorship in the Spanish Civil War. All of this political drama has been captured and was presented by a small group of three local musicians who have committed his life to song, creating sixteen songs to tell the remarkable tale. The songs were interspersed with small pieces of narration, in part provided by recordings of Johnny Longstaff himself from his retelling of these exploits. The piece was a tightly constructed piece of theatre that allowed one to move from the particular and individual to the universal themes of freedom and justice that underpinned Johnny's struggles. The standing ovation of the audience mirrored the appreciation and enjoyment experiences by the Politics students.



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Mr S Edwards

'Dedicated Swallowers of Fascism' - Historians explore the USA's dalliance with Nazism

This week almost 150 young historians and other guests attended a Skype lecture delivered live from the United States on the topic of his latest book, *Hitler's American Friends: The Third Reich's supporters in the United States*. Bradley Hart is an assistant professor at California State University, Fresno. Our lecturer completed his PhD in history at Cambridge University under the supervision of the esteemed Sir Richard J Evans and an M.Phil in Modern History at the University of St Andrews.



His current book is a fascinating exploration of the embeddedness of the Nazi Party and/or its ideology in the United States. There were millions of sympathetic ears and voices to the Nazi movement. Without engaging in counter-factuals the book compels us to consider what might have happened if these far from rare or dissident voices had triumphed, and the US had not come to the support of the Allies by entering the war.

In the great patriotic nation of the United States, a country so adept at weaving together a united narrative, this was a fractious and contested period, one filled with controversial organisations, individuals and ideas. Professor Hart selected several of these from his book, presenting his thoughts alongside photographs jarringly provocative in that they showed large crowds of 'patriotic' Americans marching along with the Stars and Stripes flag held aloft alongside the Nazi swastika flags. Many of these groups and individuals parroted the racist and anti-Semitic ideas of the age, as well as choosing to dress in uniforms almost identical to the Nazis. For those curious to have a whiff of this scene the short film *A Night in the Garden* depicts over 200,000 such supporters gathering at Madison Square Gardens in 1939. <https://vimeo.com/237489146>

Bradley Hart's book is picking up lots of attention as well as prizes. It is indeed one of the hot books of 2019/2020 recognised nationally and internationally. His lecture was equally compelling, demonstrating the roots and branches of this phenomenal manifestation of fascist sympathies in the United States. Professor Hart was also able to demonstrate the intricate, highly skilled, detective-like work of a historian, scouring the archives to slowly piece together a story that ultimately changes our perception and understanding of the past.

The United States certainly stepped back from this precipitous flirtation with fascism, in part due to the resilience of the political party system that failed to be adequately infiltrated by such sympathisers and sympathies, and in part by the events of Pearl Harbour, which turned millions of Americans towards an interventionist approach to Nazism and their allies. The lecture inevitably had the effect of acting as a warning to us all, that nothing should be taken for granted when confronting dangerous ideologies and that it is incumbent upon all citizens to seek to protect democratic rights and the rule of law.

Mr S Edwards

Book Review: 'How the elites betrayed Britain' – Quentin Letts

From the outset, Letts lampoons the metropolitan 'elite' whom he argues have patronised us - the people - for too long. From the politically correct, so called 'tut-tut brigade', to the 'dismal dons' who tried to overturn the public vote (not for the first time, I know!) for the new UK research ship to be called *Boaty McBoatface*, we learn how Britain's traditionally tolerant and stiff upper lip mentality has become increasingly intolerant and in fact, limp. Letts propounds the argument that such examples of the snubbing of the British people was intolerable and particularly so in the book's final chapter, which appeared to be written by the mastermind of 'Vote Leave' himself, Dominic Cummings. Indeed, Letts analysis of the Brexit vote includes a list of the '...top 100 most patronising so-and-so's in the country...', who arguably caused the kickback against the establishment resulting in the success of the Vote Leave campaign in 2016 and thus landing us where we are today - free from the shackles of the European Union.

Through his use of flowery and mischievous language, Letts conveys his feelings towards the establishment effectively. His whimsical take on the role of the 'do as I say, not as I do' celebrities certainly makes for an entertaining read. One is presented with an opinion-challenging view that we should not be lectured on the effects of climate change, for example, by those who fly private jets and contribute far more to carbon emissions than us, nor which political party to vote for by the privileged who live lavishly in their ivory towers irrespective of which party governs. This refreshing argument leads to the conclusion that some celebrities should set examples themselves, without exploiting their position and patronising others.

Criticising the liberal 'woke' perspective for reaping the "... creamy delights of being a victim..." was another provocative aspect to Letts' work which lambasts some public figures propensity to claim offence at the smallest of things. For example, Boris Johnson's fruity claim that Jeremy Corbyn could indeed be a chlorinated chicken! The easily-offended nature of some today draws parallels with the boy who cried wolf. Letts argues that the sensitive claim offence at an ever-growing list of increasingly trivial things, and that this leads to a blurring of the lines between genuine and serious problems such as racism, homophobia and sexism and what is trivial mischievousness, created only for light hearted comedic value.

'How the elites betrayed Britain' by Quentin Letts has exposed the rotten core of the British establishment, highlighting key areas in which people have become all too cosy within their metropolitan bubble and have become out of touch with the rest of the world.

Cameron Gray – U6 Politics student

Lost Property

MONDAY CLOSED

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

1:00 pm - 1.15 pm

THURSDAY CLOSED

FRIDAY

1:00 pm - 1.15 pm

The Winner Takes it All

Yarm Apprentice on location... The teams were instructed to meet at the school exit (but there was no need for passports or suitcases where they were going). PMs already chosen - Pranav and Philippa having the highest points going into the final task - the teams met their most daunting Lord Sugar aka Mrs Speight.

Tasked with writing a book for children aged 4 to 7 years of age, themed around Maths, the teams will need to focus on transition as well as early years goals. With opportunities to complete primary market research at the Pre-Prep, the teams will face their nemesis in the Board Room on Tuesday 17th March, when one team will be declared victorious and have their book rolled out at the Pre-Prep, whilst at least one losing team member will be fired.

Good luck teams - you will need it!!

Miss C E Rhodes

National Schools' Challenge Quiz

Last week, a team consisting of Cameron Gray, Sol Kench, Jasmine Kaur, and Mohammed Mohammed set off for Ripon Grammar to compete in the North East regional round of the National Schools' Challenge Quiz competition.

Yarm would be competing against schools from around the region, including St Peter's, Hymers, Ripon, and Barnard Castle. Our side of the draw contained a team from St Peter's and Ripon. The match against Ripon went to the wire, ending in a tie at the gong and a 'sudden death' question. Jasmine bravely interrupted the question to get in first and won the match for Yarm. We were less fortunate against St Peter's, whose buzzer speed gave us little chance to get established. Despite winning one, and losing one, we didn't score well enough to get into the final. The team from St Peter's, that we had played, won the event overall.

Thanks go to the team for their efforts, and to Mr Skirving for driving and stepping in as quiz master for one of the games.

Dr P D Prideaux

Safer Internet Day

This week, Yarm School joined the global Safer Internet Day campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology.



Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday 11th February with the theme 'Free to be me: exploring identity online'.

Supported in over 100 countries, Safer Internet Day saw Yarm School join hundreds of organisations right across the UK and globally to play their part in helping to create a better internet.

To support the event, Yarm School pupils took part in various activities during the week and will continue to explore the theme in tutorial after half term. For example our Middle School pupils were engaging in activities helping them to consider the barriers experienced by some people which prevent them from expressing themselves freely online, and explored a range of strategies for working together to make the internet a more inclusive space for everyone. Meanwhile, our Upper School pupils were investigating some of the wider implications of our digital footprints and exploring its impact on their lives, now and in the future.

Will Gardner, Director of the UK Safer Internet Centre and CEO of Childnet, said: "Safer Internet Day is an opportunity for everyone across the UK and globally to unite for a better internet. Whether you are a young person, parent, carer, school or organisation, we can all take positive actions to make the internet a better place. Hundreds of schools and organisations have pledged their support for Safer Internet Day and it is this collaboration that helps ensure Safer Internet Day has such a positive impact."

To join us in supporting your child to make a better internet, please join our Parent Zone Parent Lounge. Our Digital Schools membership gives you FREE access to Parent Zone's Parent Lounge with:

- Online training.
- Expert advice and information on all things digital.
- Access to a free help service for all your tech questions.

For more information on how to join the Parent Zone Parent Lounge, go to the Online Safety Guidance for Parents section of our Parent Portal.



This course provides a great introduction to risky spaces online, controls and confident digital parenting.



Browse our expert parent guides and take a look at the Digital Parenting guide.



This online course helps you understand and respond to the risk of online radicalisation and extremism.



See if your query can be answered in our list of frequently asked questions.

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Niger Human Rights defender speaks with Politics Society



French A Level students working as 'interpreters' with Niger guest, Ali Idrissa

It has been our enormous linguistic privilege that our global guests at the Politics Society typically present in English, and often with eloquent and an elegance of expression. Last Friday our guest was the francophone human rights defender from Niger, Ali Idrissa, who opted, despite a proficiency in English, to deliver his talk in French. This was a perfect, if daunting opportunity for senior linguists from the French Department to step up into the clanging role of acting as interpreters.

Ali Idrissa spoke to the historical connection between Niger in central, West Africa and France, and the exploitative arrangement secured at the time of independence that the French state would still own the mineral wealth of the country. Despite less than 20% of Niger's population having access to electricity, extracted uranium from Niger is used to light the Eiffel Tower. The decades since the end of the colonial period have witnessed negligible trickle down of the country's wealth from the extractive industries, with only a small elite prospering from the arrangement. There are additional problems associated with the production and refining methods, not least birth abnormalities and on-going health issues related to the pollution of water sources. It was interesting to note that Mr Idrissa retains a sense of optimism for positive change, not through faith in his country's politicians, or organisation such as the African Union, but rather through a belief in the capacity of citizens of Niger and surrounding nations, as well as the citizenry of the wider world to push for fairer more just agreements. It was a fascinating insight into the challenges of the one of the world's poorest countries. The Politics Society was deeply grateful to Ali Idrissa for this visit, as well as to the Upper Sixth French A Level students for their linguistic skills.

Mr S Edwards

YARM SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

LOUNGE BAR NIGHT

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FRIDAY 13TH MARCH
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SATURDAY 6th JUNE
More details to follow soon

Winter Mountaineering Weekend

Four pupils along with Mr Dempsey and Mr Mathers headed up to the Cairngorms National Park for the annual winter mountaineering trip last weekend. With typical Scottish weather forecast, along with Storm Ciara to contend with, we chose appropriate routes and objectives to make the most of our three mountain days north of the border.

Friday was our first day out onto the snow and ice. As we put crampons on for the first time, using our ice axes correctly, we slowly made our way up the mountain in the wind. Upon reaching the Cairngorm plateau we continued our mountain journey to the summit, at 1,245m. After a quick bite to eat we descended down through the ski area, via the (closed) mountain restaurant, to the minibus.

The weather on Saturday brought more wind and snow so, after a 7.30am start we stayed lower on the mountain and focussed on practising some of the previous day's movement skills along with more skills such as kicking steps in the hard snow and using an ice axe to stop us if we slid down a snow slope.

Storm Ciara hit on Sunday. Our group decision was to stay lower down in the valleys and head into Glen Feshie for a shorter day. With the group navigating, we worked down Glen Feshie heading for our lunch stop in the remote bothy Ruigh Aiteachain. This unmanned building provides shelter for hill walkers. With a couple of fireplaces and a sleeping loft you can bring food and sleeping bags to stay the night, though we only stayed for an hour!

A steady journey back through the storm ended our tiring and successful weekend. The team did extremely well in challenging conditions and we thank instructor Mark for all his input and teaching over the weekend.



Mr A C Mathers

Music Quiz

Friday 28th February

18:30 for 19:00

Senior School Dining Room

Featuring:

Raffle - Bar - New rounds - Earlier finish - much more!

£5 adults, £3 Pupils and Students

Teams of 6 max.

In aid of Teesside Hospice

Sport Scoreboard

Hockey

1st XI v St Peter's, York	Won 4 - 3
2nd XI v St Peter's, York	Won 4 - 2
1st XI v Manchester Grammar	Lost 3 - 2
U15B v Teesside High A	Lost 0 - 2
U12A v Cundall Manor	Lost 3 - 4
U12B v Cundall Manor	Won 2 - 0
U12A v Scarborough College	Lost 2 - 3
U12B v Scarborough College	Lost 0 - 1
U13A v Scarborough College	Won 6 - 4
U13B v Scarborough College	Won 1 - 0
U14A v Newcastle Medics (North East CDL)	Drew 2 - 2
U13B v Teesside High A	Won 9 - 0
U13C v Teesside High B	Won 9 - 0
U15B v Barnard Castle A	Won 1 - 0
U14B v Barnard Castle A	Drew 2-2

Netball

U18B v Ashville College	Won 43 - 22
U18C v Ashville College	Lost 21 - 25
U15A v RGS, Newcastle	Lost 23 - 50
U15B v RGS, Newcastle	Lost 4 - 23
U14A v RGS, Newcastle	Lost 28 - 31
U14B v RGS, Newcastle	Lost 5 - 13
U13A v RGS, Newcastle	Won 34 - 13
U13B v RGS, Newcastle	Won 28 - 4
U13C v RGS, Newcastle	Lost 11 - 12
U12A v RGS, Newcastle	Won 20 - 12
U12B v RGS, Newcastle	Won 11 - 4
U12C v RGS, Newcastle	Lost 11 - 12
U13B v Grangefield	Won 28 - 6

Hockey

1st XI looking strong at the moment

Yarm is able to boast its best 1st XI for a number of years which was evident in last weeks excellent games against St Peter's and Manchester Grammar.

The friendly Wednesday afternoon fixture v St Peter's was a physical affair with players from the opposition serving short bans on 4 occasions for over-zealous tackling. The industrious Alex Greenaway was outstanding throughout as he caused the opposition so many problems up front. Man of the Match must go to James Beck at the back who was controlled and poised throughout at centre back alongside his brother, captain Matthew.

The game swung both ways as Yarm took an early lead and quickly followed with a second goal, St Peter's got one back to make it 2-1 at the interval. Yarm struck quickly in the second half with 2 great goals, one a great finish on the break from Phil Simpson and another was added to make it 4-1. The York team came back with 2 goals of their own leading to a nervy finish and a short corner on the stroke of full time which the Yarm team ultimately kept out to win the game.

The boys met early the following morning to travel to Manchester Grammar School for their last 16 ISHA fixture. MGS are one of the stronger schools in the North West and this was always going to be a real challenge.

The opposition played a deep press tempting us to play

through the midfield in order to pounce and counter attack. This was to prove our undoing as we lost the ball in central midfield and they swiftly took advantage and take the lead. To be fair the opposition had much of the play but Yarm looked equally dangerous at times.

The team talk focused on how to deal with the press- deeper bucket through the back 4 and higher forward play coupled with quick movement of ball to unsettle the opposition. This was to prove a bit more successful as Alex Greenaway buried an 'argie' into the top corner to make it 1-1.

Yarm were to be on the wrong end of some tough umpire decisions and ultimately went behind through a short corner quickly followed by another from open play. However, rather than put their heads down, the boys were spurred on to greater heights and quickly struck back through Conall Lacy's dived deflection at the far post. The boys were chomping now to push for an equaliser and despite some good attempts ran out of time to go out of the competition.

The 1st XI still have the EH National Schools Cup to play for and are highly motivated to succeed in this competition.

OTHER NEWS

It has been an encouraging week for all boys teams as we have been able to field a number of B and C teams against the likes of Scarborough, Barnard Castle and Teesside High. This reflects the growing reputation of Yarm's boys hockey and it has been great to see so many boys get a run out and represent the school- some of the highlights were..

Yarm U13B 6 v 4 Scarborough A

On Saturday the U13A played a hockey match against Scarborough College. In the first half we didn't play very well with Scarborough scoring 3 goals against us straight away. After that Oscar Thomas scored 2 cracking short corners. In the second half we switched on and Matthew White scored a goal, this brought us level. Harry Jackson then scored a hat-trick. Just before the end Scarborough scored an own goal which took the score line to 6-4 to Yarm. Thank you to Mr Ferguson for organising the game.

Oscar Shaw

Yarm U13C 9 v 0 Teesside High B

This was a great game to watch as pupils such as Matthew Parker, Austin Bridle, Akash Chakrabarti and Nael Ahmad proved they are great players in the making. Jack Pritchard and Ibraheem Rauf were brilliant at the back but special mention must go to the Man of the Match, Yusuf Syed, whose running, determination and skill played a made an impact on this game and was a big factor in the teams success!

Yarm U12B 2 v 3 Scarborough A

This was a tough challenge for the Yarm team who were up against some bigger and more experienced boys from Scarborough. The home team found it difficult to distribute from the back and came unstuck as a misplaced pass out of defence led to the opposition taking an early lead. The boys came in at half-time 1-0 down and even though they started the second half well they lost 2 more goals. Pleasingly, Yarm displayed some real character to come back with some strong work from the joint players of the match: Ben Meager and Dheeraj Udupa. Owen Reed pulled a goal back before Robert Qin sneaked a goal with the final touch of the game to make the score line very respectable.

Boys' Hockey (cont)

CDL- Newcastle Medics 2 v 2 Yarm U14

Our U14 team played their most challenging and most pleasing fixture of the season as they came up against a team full of students (19 to 22 year olds) in their North East Central Development League. The junior team played their best hockey yet. They were required to move the ball quickly and think faster than they have had to do before.

In fact, the opposition really struggled with the Yarm team who pretty much out played them throughout but just lacked a cutting edge inside the attacking circle. This was to cost us as the opposition took the lead on the break before Fergal Deane poached the equaliser after some creative play from strike partner Nathan Muzawazi.

Yarm created more chances in the second half with exciting work from Roman Andrews and some near misses from captain, Junior Newton. Eventually the pressure paid off with 10 minutes to go as Charlie Thompson forced home a cute finish after some great stick skills in the circle.

The boys looked as though they might take another win, particularly with defensive players Harry Wildridge, Matthew McCullagh and Tom Graham in such fine form.

However, it was not to be as Newcastle got a late equaliser meaning both teams shared the points.

Newcastle were very complimentary about the ability of the Yarm players and the result means the boys stay at the top of the league!

Durham County Representation

Well done to Cameron Morrison, Joe Belch, Jake Leader, Gabriel Dohring, Sam Arnold and Ayan Thomas who all made good accounts of themselves in their debuts for Durham County at a tournament in Ben Rhydding last week.

Rugby

Well done and congratulations to George Kitson and Junior Newton, who have both been selected for this season's Durham County Rugby U15's.



We wish them an enjoyable and successful campaign.

Further recognition goes to Junior, who has also been invited to attend Newcastle Falcons assessment sessions; a superb achievement as he is a year young.

Rowing

A great result for Bakaer Noble competing for Tees Rowing Club at the Northern Inter-regional Trials. He put in a fantastic scull in his single, but despite being the fastest on the day he was not selected for the J15 1x slot as Isaac Hillick-Tulip who was competing at the World Indoor Rowing Championships was selected.

All the rest of the school crews are training hard for a chance to gain selection for the Yorkshire region at the trials on the 14th March.

Cross Country

Emily represented Cleveland at the Cross Country regional finals last weekend held at Lowther Castle near Penrith, having qualified through school and local heats.

On a wild and windy day she ran hard over a muddy 3.8 km course and came in 7th place for Cleveland. She has qualified to go on to represent Cleveland at the National Schools Cross Country Championships at Sefton Park near Liverpool in March. Congratulations Emily!



Oxford Blue

Congratulations to former pupil Susie Dunn who has been awarded an Oxford Blue for hockey. The Blue is the highest honour granted to sportspeople at the University of Oxford and is highly sought after.

We believe Susie is the first former pupil to achieve this accolade and she is only in first year! Susie left Yarm in 2019 and currently reads German at Jesus College.



Riddles

Last time's answer: A breath!

Last time's winners:

Avanish Batra, Isra Ali, Nila Baskar, Yumna Ellidir, Kaavya Venkatesh, Danny Scott, Tegan Addison, Amelia Leader and Mr Haigh. Congratulations to you all!

This week's riddle: Just one word

Rating: out of the box

Re-arrange the letters—

O O U S W T D N E J R—to spell just one word. What is it? 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!

Parul Sinha & Aishani Paul