

Newsletter



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Headmaster's Welcome

There is no doubt that we are now back into the full swing of a busy term and it has been a real pleasure to soak up the atmosphere over the last week. It was a thrill and pleasure to wander round the various sport being played on a Saturday morning and to watch pupils enjoying themselves on the water, astro and grass pitches. Representing the School is something that provides opportunities to learn - both in victory and defeat - and our pupils camaraderie and team spirit was abundantly evident. I enjoyed chatting to parents on the touchline, too, and look forward to many more opportunities to do so in the coming weeks.

Our former pupils offer their time to the School very generously and this edition of the newsletter sees much evidence of this, from their visits to school to talk to students through to their advice provided in the interviews within. It is fantastic to see their successes, and in this single edition we read of two former pupils with roles in Government - one now in the Cabinet following this week's reshuffle - another who played a central role in Operation Pitting, the recent humanitarian airlift from Afghanistan, others still who are making great successes of their careers in various high profile companies and fascinating careers, including working on the Nuclear Submarine programme. Today sees another former pupil speaking to us as our Guest of Honour in the Senior Prize Giving ceremony - we welcome back Alex Bridges (Danny Zuko from Grease, 2012!) and look forward to hearing from him as we congratulate last year's Upper Sixth.

As ever, there is much more in the newsletter that should interest parents and pupils alike, from CCF to the Great North Run, fantastic pupil art, equestrian success, society news and insightful book reviews. There are sporting highlights, match reports and information on careers and work experience; something for everyone to enjoy!

Dr Huw Williams

Yarm Apprentice 2022



10 years of Yarm Apprentice
9 years of previous winners
8 girls (and 2 boys) victorious
7 months of challenges
6 Lords Sugar this year
5 boardrooms to face
4 weeks on the initial task
3 apprentices brought back each time
2 teams per task
1 winner to be crowned...
20 keen Lower Sixth students started their Yarm Apprentice journey with a pep talk from 2021 champion, Maddy Jackson, before completing their application forms and having their team photos taken. Then, it was time to go, 'on location'...The paperwork and risk assessments (and budget) for Dubai were a little too restrictive but unperturbed, a different and indeed better alternative was identified. Led by Yarm's very own Karren Brady (AKA CER), the teams headed down Yarm High Street (Pied Piper style) to Hobo Coffee House. Greeted by our first Lords

Sugar, Lucy and Brad, and some delicious sweet treats, the budding apprentices were set their first task: to create a new food item for Hobo's menu and to suggest a suitable social media advert.

It is very much Business vs Economics for the opening tasks, with Belle leading Unlimited as PM and Izzy PM of Team Alpha. Four weeks from now, the teams will reconvene in the Boardroom to pitch their proposals; for a sneak preview of their ideas, please drop into B1 on Open Morning!

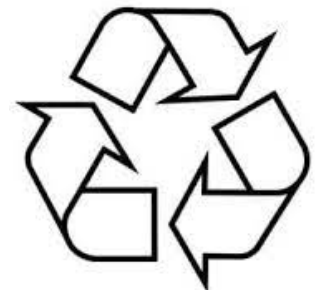
Will Alpha beat the rest, or are Unlimited without bounds?

Miss C E Rhodes

Second Hand Uniform

As part of our ongoing initiatives to encourage sustainability, we offer a second hand uniform service; good quality, second hand uniform items are available to purchase from the Uniform Showroom which is located on the Senior School site. If you wish to sell/donate good quality uniform you no longer require, please drop items at the Uniform Showroom or phone Lesley Porter, Showroom Manager, for more information on 01642 792588.

Second hand Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep School uniform can also be donated to the YPSSC and sold to raise funds for the Prep School. Please contact the Prep School Committee for more information: ypssc@hotmail.com



CCF Back On Parade



The CCF continues to be strongly represented at Yarm School. Our first drill night back was well attended. Junior cadets completed a field observation task and senior cadets were rehearsed in their weapon handling ahead of some ranges over the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming 18 new Third Years next Monday for their first parade. We have many exciting events planned over the coming term.

The CCF also took the opportunity to make several promotions to celebrate the hard work and leadership of the cadets. The following should be congratulated:

Ypres Section:

Sgt Sophie Brining promoted to Warrant Officer Class 2

LCpl Dylan Corbishley promoted to Corporal

Cadet Rushil Partha promoted to Lance Corporal

Gold Section:

Sgt Tarrun Sandhu promoted to Staff Sergeant

Cpl Jakob Stussi promoted to Sergeant

Cadet Himank Kulkarni promoted to Lance Corporal

Crimea Section:

Sgt Vignesh Janakiraman promoted to Staff Sergeant

Cpl Adam Jones promoted to Sergeant

LCpl Darshan Prabhakar promoted to Corporal

LCpl Oliver Johnson promoted to Corporal

Cadet Jennifer Chan promoted to Lance Corporal

Congratulations to all.

Captain T Taylor

Operation Pitting

Former pupil, Paul Kiczma, was recently involved in Operation Pitting, the UK's response to the Non-combatant Evacuation Order in Afghanistan. The Royal Air Force was tasked with flying an air bridge from Kabul to a safe location in the UAE. An operation of this scale has not been seen since The Berlin Airlift in 1948-1949. We thank Paul who spoke to us further about his experience in this mission...

I was a student at Yarm School from 2001-2009 where I was an active member of the School's Combined Cadet Force. Through the CCF I had many opportunities, from spending a week in Cyprus at an RAF Base where I



completed my first skydive, to qualifying as a flying instructor enabling me to take fellow cadets flying on weekends with the RAF. This led me to pursue a career in the RAF as a Pilot. When I left school in 2009, I joined the flying branch of the RAF where I spent the next few years learning to fly fast jets; this culminated with me flying the Typhoon FGR4. After my time flying fighters, I moved to the Air Transport fleet, recently qualifying on the Airbus A400m Atlas.

The A400m was one of the tactical military aircrafts used to evacuate people from Kabul during Operation Pitting. For the two week duration of the operation in August, my crew flew eight missions into Afghanistan, taking up to 200 people at a time to safety. Our passengers included British civilians who were working in Kabul, Afghan citizens who had helped the British Military during the War in Afghanistan, military personnel as the operation closed down and some of our four legged friends who were deployed as Military Working Dogs. The A400m is usually used to transport large amounts of cargo as well as a small number of people. To facilitate the mass evacuation and carrying almost double the amount of passengers normally allowed, we had to improvise by strapping people as best we could to the floor of the cargo hold. In total, my crew evacuated over 1000 people and 8 dogs.

A wide range of emotions were experienced during the missions: trepidation of flying into a war zone, sadness when witnessing the aftermath of a terrorist bombing, the pride of being part of an organisation that was able to quickly mobilise to offer aid and most importantly, the huge sense of satisfaction of helping people in their hour of need.

The Royal Air Force stands to be a force for good in the world and it truly achieved this in August. Thankfully situations requiring this level of response are rare, but it is a huge privilege to be able to serve those in need.

Cabinet Reshuffle

Congratulations to former pupil, Simon Clarke MP, on his promotion following the Cabinet reshuffle this week. Simon, who read History at Oxford after leaving Yarm, is the MP for Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland. First elected in 2017, before retaining his seat in 2019 election, Simon has held positions of responsibility in politics related to finance, but this new role as Chief Secretary to the Treasury places him in a most senior role in the Treasury, second only to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. We look forward to welcoming him to school when his diary allows!

Career Cluster Event: Education & Teaching

Our next Career Cluster event, focusing on the dynamic area of Education and Teaching, will take place on

Tuesday, 12th October from 18:00 - 19:30. The event seeks to impart information, advice and guidance to pupils and parents for all those interested in exploring a career in some area of education, be it nursery, primary, secondary or tertiary. The event has been designed for pupils and

parents from Fourth Year to Upper Sixth, and any pupil with a current or developing interest in any of these directions is strongly encouraged to participate. Find out more and [register online](#).

We will be joined on screen by around 12 external speakers with a diverse range of roles and experiences within education and teaching. They will share their advice and insights and also seek to answer all of your questions.

Session one will explore the experiences and share the advice of newcomers to the profession, albeit working with a diverse range of environments.

Session two will explore the many and diverse roles that exist within education, including special needs teaching and management positions. A second panel will explore the diversity of professional opportunities that exists within the field of healthcare.

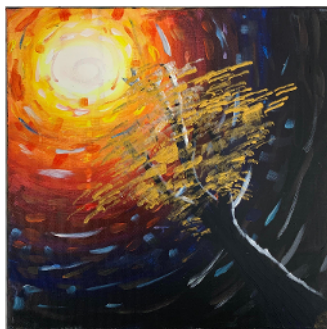
Session three will allow us to investigate the varied routes that exist in entering this diverse profession, as well as receiving advice on how those interested might best prepare themselves in order to make themselves competitive.

Should you require further details please do not hesitate to contact me at se@yarmschool.org.

Mr S Edwards

Artists' Corner

Introducing Artists' Corner, a new feature providing our keen and talented artists with the opportunity to showcase their recent artwork. This week, we're sharing some inspiring canvases from Third Year pupil, Noah Filer...



Please contact the Visiting Artist if you would like to submit your work: jessica.jenyns@yarmschool.org

Book Review

What Snowflakes Get Right - Ulrich Baer

In this book, New York University professor Ulrich Baer tackles the issue of free speech

focusing in particular within university campuses across America.

He is moving down a 'unique search for reasoning' as he states, rather than avoiding offending students, or crossing the ever growing 'line' today's society is constantly developing. Baer presents the idea that the commitment to equality is far greater of an issue to focus on.

This book explores recent issues

especially in the period under

President Trump, where university campuses following the Charlottesville rally/protests had to face the age-old

question of 'to what extent is free speech acceptable?' The unpopular conclusion found with the intervention of

President Trump where everyone has the right to express their opinion was met by a 'floodgate' of many alt-right

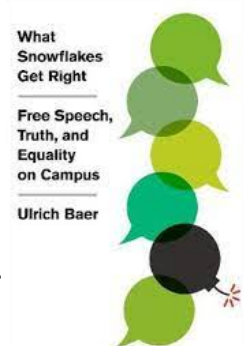
individuals, including neo-Nazis and even members of the Ku Klux Klan. When questioned, Trump quashed all

criticism by naively giving all power to free speech, a forever complex ideal.

Over the course of the book Baer explores multiple viewpoints across politics and how they would define free speech. I found this to be a great chance to look thoroughly into a strong array of opinions allowing you to open your mind and find new arguments within this topic. With society developing quicker than ever, particularly with what is socially acceptable, cancel culture being on rise, 'snowflake' now being used commonly as an offensive term, individuals find themselves vulnerable to speak out, but is this for the best? Or have we as a society progressed too far? These are thoughts covered by Baer, creating a balanced argument as he draws on law, philosophy and his extensive experience as a university administrator.

Whilst I found Baer's general arguments convincing throughout this book, it seemed to be repetitive in many areas as well as slightly rushed. This being said, Baer is still able to convey some compelling points consistently. The topic of equality is the focus point in this book where Baer possibly sees it to be followed to a higher intensity than others may. To question his view, does equality always have to be sought after fully when there is the risk of extreme offence or distress? With the argument this book is able to lead to multiple new strands of thought not covered in this book, therefore I found this a great starting point to inspire new debates or subjects which may never have crossed your mind otherwise.

Maddy Jackson
Upper Sixth Politics student



The Uniform Showroom has updated its opening times to:

Monday & Friday: Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 12:30 - 17:30

You can contact the Uniform Showroom on uniformshop@yarmschool.org or by calling 01642 792588.

Summer Work Experience



Last week we shared some insights from a number of students who engaged in various forms of summer work experience. Here are some additional reports...

Mr S Edwards

I started to work in a small cafe to get a feel for small businesses and the inner workings of one, and also to earn some money. I enjoyed the atmosphere and the company of my coworkers. The treatment of employees wasn't entirely disregarded but I thought it was a massive eye opener as to how employees can be sometimes treated within a business environment. It was totally different to what I had imagined, in some ways better than expected but in others worse. But it was totally worthwhile for the experience.

Olivia Davies

U6 student

In addition to my job at TGI Fridays, I am now a qualified tennis coach so I have been coaching and then working evenings. I've also managed to fit in some medicine work experience. I'm very interested in a future in medicine and would love to study it at Newcastle. I had some work experience with a Renal Consultant for a few days at James Cook and spent a few weeks with a Physiotherapist at North Yorkshire Physiotherapy. Initially I really wanted to go into orthopaedics as I have had numerous knee operations myself, but now I am very interested in being an A&E Doctor. I am hoping that I can get some work experience in that department!

Laura Watson

L6 student

I spent one month at a pharmacy working as a Pharmacy Dispenser where I did stock, reconstituted antibiotics and sorted out prescriptions. I then did a Women in STEM 'residential course' hosted by Pembroke College, Cambridge, where I learnt about a variety of different things in STEM such as modular arithmetic in Computer Science and the different career options available. The experience established my interests in certain aspects of STEM. Also, I am now connected to all the people who were part of the course through a Cambridge University made website called Moodle, where we can ask each other questions. The course ignited a passion for computer science (particularly the maths side of it).

Valerie Fiamavle

L6 student

Over the summer I got a job at a local restaurant in Hartlepool and I thought I'd just be pot washing and clearing tables etc. However, when I arrived I was offered

that position or to be trained as a chef. I chose the chef option and have been doing it since!

Josh Littler

L6 student

I had two weeks' work experience at James Cook Hospital where I got the opportunity to observe a wide range of medical specialties and explore different aspects of work in the hospital. I realised how medicine is not just about acquiring knowledge about various diseases but it's also about good communication skills, organisation, stress management and working well in a team. Overall it was a great learning experience.

Medha Rajeeva

L6 student

For five days at the end of July I attended PWC's Virtual Insight Week. Throughout the programme we attended a mix of recorded and live sessions which gave us the opportunity to put what we learnt into practice. We had an introduction into emerging tech, audit, consulting, cyber security and much more. We even had the chance to learn about networking and all of the different pathways into finance.

Gautam Sathyamurthy

U6 student

Over the summer I had a job working as a waitress in a cafe and restaurant. Prior to this experience, I wasn't the most confident speaking to people I didn't know, however, I feel like working with new people and meeting different customers everyday really helped me overcome this apprehension when talking to others. I also found that working in a team was really supportive and they helped teach me new skills that I never would have learnt if I hadn't had this job. Overall, I had a really positive experience and it helped me improve my overall skills and confidence.

Belle Woodhead

L6 student

Where Do We Go From Here?

Thanks to Lily Cordwell-Smith for launching the first meeting of the Economics & Business Society this week, with an excellent presentation (well done on putting such detailed slides together, Owen and Lily) on Careers in Economics and Business. It was great to see members of the L6 present, in addition to the committed and reliable U6 attendees. Next week it's the turn of George F to relate Economics to Farming.



Miss C E Rhodes

Dinner With Local MP

Delighted to be returning to school in person and embarking on a new course, the Politics students of the Lower Sixth celebrated the occasion by joining Stockton South MP, Matt Vickers, for dinner at the local Raj Bari restaurant. Last year's students enjoyed a fascinating online exchange with Mr Vickers during a remote Google Meet, but

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this event proved to be a far more relaxed and congenial affair.



As the representative for Stockton South, Matt Vickers is the School's Member of Parliament and the MP for a number of the students. This proved a good opportunity for the class to discover more about the life and work of an MP. Mr Vickers had just returned from a first week in Westminster following the end of the summer recess, so was able to give an interesting update on the changed restrictions due to COVID operating within the House of Commons. What began with a burning debate over one papadum or two, switched swiftly into a raft of more political questions, exploring such topics as the recent proposed rise in National Insurance to pay for social care, the issue of free school meals and the nature and scale of child poverty in the region. A further discussion focused on an area of significant involvement for Mr Vickers, namely urban renewal and the attempt to revitalise and re-energise town centres in the region. Conversations also explored aspects of voting behaviour, local vs. national politics, party loyalty and the Whip system, as well as the nature of the Red/Blue Wall in the north following the last election.

Mr S Edwards

Top Of The Class: 'Best UK Universities Guide'



This week saw the publication of the [Guardian 'Best UK Universities' Guide](#). One of several such guides that are published through the course of the year, the guide should make interesting reading for those members of the U6 currently engaged in crafting their applications, as well as L6 students who will soon begin to explore their future directions. The guide measures universities against a wide range of criteria including satisfaction levels with course, teaching and feedback, as well as staff to student ratio, spend per student, career prospects and the universities' retention rates throughout a course.

Big risers in the ranking from last year include LSE (19th to 5th) and Bristol (23rd to 11th) - it should be noted that these 'academically strong' universities are required to hit good scores in other areas for an overall high ranking, and so the likes of Aberystwyth, though otherwise mid table overall, came second in terms of overall satisfaction with the course, teaching and feedback, demonstrating its focus on teaching and learning. Other high scorers in course satisfaction were Loughborough, Robert Gordon and Dundee.

Specifically on the 'satisfied with the teaching' some of the highest ranked were St Andrews, Abertay Dundee, West London, Bolton and Worcester, Dundee, Chichester and UWE Bristol, demonstrating the achievements of some of the 'newer' universities. This was also mirrored in the specific 'satisfied with the feedback' assessment.

Here is a snapshot of the overall rankings in a few, chosen subject areas:

Ranking / Subject	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Sports Science	Anglia Ruskin	Nott-ingham	Lough-borough	Birm-ingham	Durham
Nursing & Midwifery	Edin-burgh	Cardiff	Liverpool	Queen Margaret	Glasgow
Medicine	Dundee	Aberdeen	Edin-burgh	Oxford	Brighton Sussex
Engineering: General	Bristol	Cambridge	Imperial	Oxford	Warwick
Modern Languages	Oxford	Cambridge	St Andrews	Durham	Surrey
Education	Anglia Ruskin	UWE Bristol	Kingston	Dundee	UCL

Mr S Edwards

Free Virtual Universities Information Event

RUSSELL GROUP

This event is a collaborative initiative by all 24 Russell Group Universities

Of possible interest to parents and pupils from Fifth Year to Upper Sixth, a forthcoming [virtual event](#) in association with UK University Search, the Meet the Russell Group, aims to offer an interactive experience exploring 24 Russell Group universities. The sessions will allow for direct chatting with their representatives. All the universities will be offering insight in the forms of videos, guest speakers and the like, and will include campus tours of the sites. For those U6 who may already have made their choices by then it will allow some fine tuning in deciding their

preferences once decisions are received, whereas for L6 it will be a good opportunity to begin to explore their ideas, whilst for the Fifth Year it will provide early insight and motivation for future routes.

There is a specific Parent and Teacher Support Webinar in the evening. For details and to register please go to:

<https://russellgroup.vfairs.com/>

Mr S Edwards

Taking The Pulse Of Politics: Former Student Discusses New Role In Westminster



We were delighted to see a return to the weekly programme of Politics Society events this new academic year, and the term kicked off with a meeting with Eve Mason. Eve left Yarm School four years ago and has recently graduated from the University of Leeds with a First Class degree in Politics and Parliamentary Studies. Eve pursued Leeds' specialist pathway with a highly competitive entry into a four year course which involved a year in the House of Commons working as an intern to Wes Streeting MP. Eve has now been successful in finding her first graduate position working for Ian Murray, Labour MP for Edinburgh South and also Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland. She joined us live from Westminster for a session with the Politics A Level students and other interested pupils.

Eve shared generously and candidly about her time as an intern, hearing her perceptions of Westminster 'culture', and the ways in which the development of skills and confidence, alongside contacts and networking facilitated her later success securing a paid position as a Parliamentary Assistant. Students asked questions about the extent of a gendered workplace, the current status of the Labour Party, attempts to reconstruct the Red Wall, as well as Eve's future plans. Eve acknowledged that days spent with lunches in the 'canteen' sitting next to Theresa May, combined with the nature of the working environment, produced an atypical experience compared to that of her fellow graduate friends.

It was a fascinating session, providing so much insight into a diverse range of topics within the political and working world, as well as being a model for paving a way into a professional political career.

Mr S Edwards

Working Lunch: Daniel Orlopp



The Economics and Business Department were delighted to welcome back former pupil, Daniel Orlopp (Class of 2020), for the first Working Lunch of the new academic year. After Google Meeting with us last February, it was lovely to be able to welcome Daniel back properly as he had not been in school since the first COVID lockdown commenced.

Daniel spoke about his role as a Consulting Service Delivery Associate working at EY, based in Newcastle. He is currently enrolled on the Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship (CMDA) and is studying for a degree in Business Leadership and Management Practice at Northumbria University and a professional qualification with the Chartered Management Institute, and it was very evident how much he is enjoying his career and ongoing studies. His role at EY involves helping financial services companies across EMEA assess, transform, manage and monitor their risks and regulations in relation to solution areas such as anti-money laundering, suitability of financial advice and cyber security.

Daniel was happy to answer a plethora of questions and gave advice on applying for paid work experience which would take place at the end of the L6 and for degree apprenticeships which would commence after A Levels. It was fantastic that we had such a superb turnout of both L6 and U6 for the session, so thank you to all who gave up their lunchtime to widen their knowledge of FAME based career opportunities. We are very grateful to Daniel for coming down from Newcastle to share his experiences, and we are delighted with his ongoing support for the department.

In two weeks time our Working Lunch speaker will be Jamie Pender, talking about IBM. Further information will be cascaded to students via the Google Classrooms.

Miss C E Rhodes

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NSEA Northern Championship

Second Year pupil, Grace Baker and her pony Vereley Mistique were crowned the 70-75 cm Individual Champions for 2021 while representing Yarm School at the NSEA Northern Championships for Jumping With Style (JWS). The event took place at Alnwick Ford Equestrian Centre and included the combination of having to jump a round of showjumps followed by some cross country style fences. Congratulations, Grace!



Girls' Hockey Captains & Vice Captains



Congratulations to our newly appointed Senior Hockey Captains and Vice Captains for 2021-22:

Molly McDermott 1st XI Captain

Sophie Brining 1st XI Vice-captain

Lily Cordwell Smith 2nd XI Captain

Charlotte Wood 2nd XI Vice-captain

We're excited to with you in the season ahead!

Miss N Hodgson

Join U10-U15s hockey training with Stokesley Ladies HC (first session is free):

Tuesday & Wednesday: 5:30pm - 6:30pm at Yarm School

Thursday: 5:30pm - 6:30pm at Macmillan Academy

Great North Run Success

Congratulations to everyone who completed the challenging Great North Run on Sunday! A number of Yarm School pupils and staff took part to help raise money for a variety of charities, including Joe Barron who raised an amazing £385 for The Great North Air & Ambulance Service, Anna Reeves, Charlotte Wood and Lily Cordwell-Smith who raised an impressive £905 for the Percy Hedley Foundation, Mr Williams who raised an incredible £510 for Tommy's, and Miss Jenyns who raised a fantastic £1,659 for The Brain Tumour Charity.



Girls' Hockey: Yarm vs Silcoates

What a thrilling and exciting first game for Yarm U14s. Early Saturday morning the team left for Silcoates School, Wakefield.



The game kicked off to a great start with fantastic midfield play from Alice Ward and Summer Hyndman, as well as superb runs up the line from Izzie Brown and Nancy Hartley-Blake. Sophia Rudd and Evie Boyle showed

excellent defending skills when under pressure, whilst Evie Stoker and Olivia Mitchell both scored smashing goals in the first half. After only conceding one goal, the final score at half time was 2-1 to Yarm.

The second half led to even more excitement! Amazing tackles were made by Lucy de la Motte and Ella Malpass, leading to even more outstanding runs up the line by Josie Henley and Zara Stoker. Rishika Chawla showed impressive centre forward positioning and two more terrific goals were scored in the second half by Sophie Hall and Pippa Ferguson. After only conceding one more goal, the final score was 4-2.

Huge congratulations to Cody Staggs who won a very well deserved Player of The Match Award for some absolutely outstanding saves throughout the match! Well done team for a great first game back - I can't wait to see what the future brings!

A great thank you to Miss Hodgson for coaching us today.

Sophie Hall



The U13 A and B teams made an excellent start to the season in their fixture on Saturday against Silcoates School. The B Team, captained by Lydia, were keen to take the play down to the attacking end right from the start. Naila distributed the ball wide from the centre of the pitch to Anna and Amelia, with Kitty and Jemima looking to get the ball in the circle for a shot. Defensively, Annika and Lydia worked hard to tackle any attacking play secure in the knowledge that Mia had things covered in goal should a shot be taken. The girls thoroughly deserved the 4-0 win and whilst there is plenty to work on in our weekly practice, it was great to see the level of skill they are starting with following a break from fixtures.

The A Team put on a similarly impressive performance and were very keen to get possession and make their shots on goal count. Issy, Manya and Carmen managed the defence well in the first half with Gracie distributing the ball to Ivy and Sienna, to feed through to Claudia for some superb finishing shots on goal. A strong win to start the season! It was lovely to have everyone back to Saturday fixtures and see team spirit high as we enjoyed the great shared experiences it brings. The girls will be off to sunny Scarborough this Saturday!



Mrs K Gratton



The U12 A&B teams were a little nervous but very excited for their first games of the hockey season against Silcoates. Yarm Started strongly in both matches which came from some excellent passing up the pitch using the width. This continued throughout the match with the girls getting their heads up and making good decisions in attack and working well together as a team in defense. The girls should be delighted with their opening performance for school!



Miss N Hodgson



U16 Netball Cup



Our U16s faced Macmillan in the first round of the knockout National Cup. After a good warm up, Yarm began to take a healthy lead in the first quarter. The game flowed well with many turnovers from our defence and some strong, quick attacking play. Despite not being able to play any school netball for over a year, the girls settled quite quickly into a good playing rhythm. By half time we mixed up the team and played different positions to try to create alternative options within the squad. Everyone stepped up to the challenge and Yarm continued to dominate the game; the final score was 62-16 to Yarm. Well done to all the girls and congratulations to India Dunkin (POM) and Emma Foster (Coach's POM).



Miss S Cottrell



through to the U17 period, who showed great decision making with the ball, often finding edges to exploit. The U18s finished off with a tougher game, focusing on more solid set piece and first phase ball, as well as defensive shape against some direct runners. All in all, it was a great day and awesome to have the boys back out there.

Mr C Webb

The Return To Rugby



Last Saturday saw a huge number of boys involved in rugby up at our Green Lane pitches; it was fantastic to see so many pupils involved and also many spectators engaged! The U12s and U13s had training sessions as well as some game play, looking at attacking decision making and shape; exploring different ways to score as well as keeping the ball alive through contact.

For our older pupils, the boys welcomed our friends from Durham for some pre-season training matches in preparation for the season ahead. The sun was shining and all the pitches looked resplendent as boys across the U15/16/17/18 age groups all had a run out.

The seniors, playing three periods, started with an U16 team taking to the pitch and immediately showing attacking intent and a willingness to explore space and weaknesses in the opposition defence. This carried on



Boys' Hockey: Yarm Vs QEGS



It was great to be able to return to inter-school competitive hockey as our Under 15 boys team welcomed QEGS Wakefield for an early season friendly. Yarm is full of players who have taken their game on to a higher level by committing to club sessions and it showed as they dominated proceedings from the outset.

Timmy Foley looked sharp throughout and scored with an argie in the opening couple of minutes. It looked like Yarm might run away with it but QEGS quickly struck back to equalize on the counter attack a couple of minutes later. However, the home team quickly regained their composure and Will Ferguson and Max Mowbray began to control the game from the middle of the park whilst the outstanding Marcus Brown controlled proceedings from the centre back position.

Goals were scored in quick succession as the Yarm boys were able to knock the ball from side to side. What's more, the pace of Jake Leader and some great movement from the fast improving James McGee were a constant threat. Further goals followed resulting in a final scoreline of 10-1: three from Cam Morrison, two from Jake Leader, two from Will Ferguson, two from Timmy Foley and one from Matty White.

It was great to see the performances of some players who are really beginning to establish mature games such as Yaseen Hegab, Oliver Gatenby, Yusuf Syed and Jack Van Niekerk. We have high hopes for this squad this season and this was a great start.

Mr G Ferguson

The weeks ahead are now available online. You can [view them here](#).

Where They Are Now...

This week the Careers Department caught up with former pupil, Iain Hodgson (Class of 2007) about his life after Yarm...

How long were you at Yarm?

10 years in total; I joined the Prep School in 1997 and left in 2007.

What A Levels did you study at Yarm?

I studied Maths, Physics, Chemistry and PE.

Did you do any extra-curricular activities at Yarm?

Sport was a big part of my school career both within and outside of the School. I did as much and as many sports as possible. I also did DofE.

What have you done since leaving Yarm?

I went to the University of Bath to study Physics and have also done a Masters Degree at the University of Manchester in Nuclear Science and Technology. I've been a Scientist for a chemical company on Teesside (Huntsman now Venator), Nuclear Safety Engineer (Amec now Jacobs), and now I am a Project Manager working on the Nuclear Submarines (self employed). I have also continued a coaching career in swimming, as well as competing nationally and internationally throughout my 20s.

Are you pleased with the career path you have pursued / are pursuing?

I was reluctant to join the big corporate world after leaving university and moved back to the North East. For me it was the right decision as I've been able to enjoy all aspects of life, not just my professional career but my sporting and coaching careers too. I've been lucky to pursue anything I've wanted to and now I'm supporting the Nuclear Submarine programme which gives me a great sense of pride.

Would you recommend your Uni? Course? Career path? to our students?

The University of Bath was excellent for both academia and sport. It's a campus so it has a similar feeling to a school in some ways which is something to consider rather than Manchester which is more spread out and open. I'd recommend any course that you're interested in and will challenge you. Likewise for a career; I've enjoyed my career so far and I'd recommend not being afraid to try a few different jobs to understand what you really like to do. You're so young throughout your 20s it's easy to change career paths (although you won't think it). I'd ask yourself questions such as where do you want to live, do you want to travel through the week or be at home each night, a hands on job or desk based? These are important factors to consider. Plus a professional career is only one aspect of your life, don't forget to enjoy the other aspects and make sure you can fit those in as well, or combine them.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?

Hard to say really. I'd like to still be working in the defence sector, supporting the MoD or the Army in some capacity. I don't mind having the freedom and keeping my options open. I love doing different sporting challenges so that's something I'll be continuing, absolutely.

Finally, are there any words of wisdom you would like to offer to your 16/17/18 year old self or to our existing students?

Don't worry too much if you don't know what or where you want to be right now. Even in my 30s I'm unsure about my next steps. However, do what makes you happy and commit to whatever it is you're involved with. If you give your absolute best in every aspect of your life, good things will come your way, for sure. It's all about having the right attitude. Plus, always think of a way to do that little bit extra of what is being asked from you; that goes a long way. We are really grateful to Iain for taking the time to give such great guidance to the next generation

Miss C E Rhodes
(Assistant Head of Careers)

FAME After Yarm

(Finance, Accounting, Management and Economics)

This week I caught up with another successful former pupil, Laura Marriott (Class of 2014), to find out more about her 'life after Yarm'...

What A Levels did you study at Yarm?

At A level I studied English Literature, Chemistry and Maths. I also did Spanish at AS Level.

What extracurricular activities did you enjoy during your time at Yarm?

I got really involved in all of the activities that Yarm had to offer across the seven years I was there. I was very sporty, taking part in hockey, netball and rowing. Outside of sport I also enjoyed taking part in drama productions that were held annually.

What have you done since leaving Yarm?

When I left Yarm I joined KPMG on their school leaver programme. This was a five year course, whereby I split my time between working in the Audit Department of KPMG's Newcastle office as well as studying for my degree in Accountancy at University of Exeter and chartered accountancy qualification with ICAS. At the end of the five years, I had a BSc degree in Accounting as well as my chartered accountancy qualification with ICAS. At this point I was promoted from Audit Assistant to Audit Assistant Manager. One year after the end of the school leaver programme, I was then promoted again to Audit Manager. I stayed in the Audit Manager role for almost a year with KPMG before making a slight career move. I now continue to work as an Audit Manager but at a smaller firm called Haines Watts.

Are you pleased with the path you are pursuing?

I am very pleased with the career path that I have taken. By going straight from school into work, I feel that I have gained a wealth of experience very early in my career. It has allowed me to reach a very strong position at a young age. I would definitely recommend the path I have taken: going straight into work whilst studying. Whilst the exact course I did isn't now available, I would suggest looking at apprenticeships where you gain an accounting qualification alongside work if accounting is the career path you are considering after university.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

In 10 years time, I would hope to be a partner in an accounting firm.

Finally, are there any words of wisdom you would like to offer to your 16/17/18 year old self or our existing students?

I would definitely say don't feel pressured into the standard university route. Whilst that is the right route for some people, it isn't for everyone, so if you aren't set on a specific university degree definitely consider the apprenticeship route. I would recommend this to anyone, regardless of predicted grades. Apprenticeships should be seen as on a par with university in my opinion.

Miss C E Rhodes



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Phab Club North Yorkshire

Phab, a youth group for young people aged 11-18 with disabilities, is coming to North Yorkshire. Phab Club is being launched at Yarm School on Thursday, 30th September and will be run by members of staff with the support of a number of Fourth and Fifth Year pupils. It is FREE to all guests and parents are invited to stay onsite for refreshments in the Bistro. The children and young people will be taking part in a variety of activities, from arts and crafts to board games and table tennis. If you know any young people in the local area that might benefit from being a part of Phab, please encourage them to contact Miss Hussey (slh@yarmschool.org) for more information.

Whole School Open Morning

Our September Open Morning will take place on Saturday, 25th September. Prospective parents will be invited onto school grounds between 9:00am to 12noon to enjoy a tour of the grounds, witness a variety of activities and lessons taking place and attend a talk hosted by Dr Williams. If you know anyone interested in finding out more about Yarm, they can [pre-register for the event online](#). The Prep School tours have now reached capacity. Any families interested in visiting the Prep School should contact the School for more information.

Latest News

Check out all the latest school news [on our website!](#) News articles are added regularly.

Join The YSA

If you're interested in finding out more or joining the Yarm School Association, please contact ysa@yarmschool.org. A diary of upcoming meetings and events can be found [here](#).

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about ... SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

On any social media platform, you'll often come across links to genuine-looking websites. They might include an exclusive offer for one of your favourite shops or invite you to complete a quiz in return for a particular reward. In some cases, clicking on these links takes you to a fake website where you are asked to provide your personal details. The whole enterprise is a ploy to capture sensitive details, such as your email address and password, which the scammers then exploit at your expense.

Clickjacking for fake rewards

Here, the attacker tries to lure you into clicking a link by offering something in return, such as a free gift for completing a survey. However, when the link is clicked, it collects the details of whoever fills out the survey. This might include full names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Scammers could use these to hack into your other accounts or simply sell your data to other criminals.

Malicious app downloads

Some cybercriminals design software that appears genuine or helpful (and is normally free) but has been created to steal your personal information. There may be a pop-up ad encouraging you to download and install the app. Once the app is downloaded, the attacker can see any personal credentials you enter, and could then use this information for their own gain.

'Payment first' scams

Prevalent on sites such as Depop, these scams have spread to Facebook since it added the Marketplace feature. A user lists an item for sale and requests payment up front. Most online stores work this way, but the crucial difference is that scammers ask for payment via PayPal friends and family – not goods and services. This means you can't dispute the payment; the scammer keeps your money, and you never receive the item.

Threats disguised as quizzes

Most quizzes on social media seem harmless, but many come with hidden threats. When you submit your answers, you're also agreeing to terms and conditions which – in some cases – allow the quiz developer to sell your details to third parties. This puts you at greater risk of phishing attacks and spam advertising emails. It might also give the app permission to use information from your profile.

Untrustworthy URLs

It's common on social media for URLs in posts to be shortened (to meet Twitter's character count, for instance). This may seem harmless, but it opens an avenue of attack for scammers who may be disguising a malicious link as legitimate. These links can install malware on the victim's device, which could lead to passwords being stolen or even be the precursor to ransomware attacks.

Angler phishing scams

Using a fake corporate social media account, the scammer pretends to be from customer services. When someone complains about customer service on social media, the fake account messages them asking for their name, phone number and email. If the user provides this info, they are directed to a fake website where they enter their login details. The attacker can then steal their credentials or infect their device with malware.

Advice For Parents & Carers

Set strong passwords

Always ensure that your passwords are not easily guessable. Try to use a mix of letters, numbers and special characters so that criminals cannot forcefully get control. You should also change your passwords every so often to provide further protection against your accounts being taken over. If you have any concerns about your account's privacy, change the password.

Avoid opening suspicious emails

When you get an email, always check the sender's address before opening it. If it's an unexpected email and the sender is a stranger, mark it as junk (in case they try again in future) and simply delete it. They could be a scammer who's simply seen your email address on your social media profile. Being aware of phishing attacks is the primary method of defence against scam emails like this.

Review your privacy settings

Regularly review your privacy settings on social media. You can restrict which parts of your profile can be seen and by who. We recommend making your personal information only visible to friends, which will help to limit the information a scammer could find out about you from social media. It's also safest to only accept friend or follow requests from people that you actually know.

Choose trusted download sources

Don't download apps or files from unknown sites – instead, use verified and trustworthy sources (such as Google Play or the App Store for download to mobile devices). You can recognise safe sources by their trust seals. The browser address bar on a secure site starts 'https' instead of 'http'. A shield or lock symbol in the address bar also indicates that a site is secure.

Protect your personal information

Never enter personal information on unfamiliar websites. If you were redirected to a site from a social media post or an email link, putting in your personal details could give key information away to a scammer. Fraudsters may pose as someone you know to try and get your address or bank details (or your family's). If this happens, block the user and tell your family, so the scammer can't try to deceive anyone else.

Install anti-virus software

Another key tip is to ensure that you have robust and reliable virus protection installed on any of your devices that support it. Anti-virus programmes will help to insulate you against cyber-attacks by blocking any malicious downloads or detecting any recently downloaded malware and removing it. Update your virus protection software regularly and carry out frequent scans of your device.

Meet Our Expert

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