Sixth Form Scholar

"Yarm School's Sixth Form Scholarship completely changed my life. When I joined the School, I found myself for the first time being taught and mentored by passionate teachers that were willing to go above and beyond to enable my learning and ultimately my success.

I studied Mathematics, Further Maths, Physics and Economics. I was placed in small classes filled with driven and curious peers which spurred me on to achieve significantly higher grades than I could have dreamed of before I attended Yarm.

The School provided a lot of support in identifying my strengths and weaknesses, as well as my passions. The extra curricular clubs and activities were also extensive; I was able to take advantage of plenty of sports clubs, music ensembles, charity volunteering and far more, all of which I thoroughly enjoyed. What's more, the career support on offer helped me to select the right university course for me, and for my career aspirations. In particular, I found the provision of mock interviews and the subsequent feedback extremely useful during my university applications and beyond.

I left Yarm to study a bachelors in Physics and Masters in Computer Science at the University of Bath. Following graduation I joined Lloyds Banking Group on their Data Science Graduate Scheme and I have since rolled off the scheme as a Machine Learning Engineer. I now manage the release of AI solutions to fascinating and challenging financial problems.

I can say, with confidence, that I would not be where I am today if not for the unbelievable academic and extra-curricular support and opportunities that I was provided during my time at Yarm. I am incredibly thankful to have been offered the chance to study at such an excellent school for two amazing years, and I would strongly recommend applying for one of Yarm's four Scholarships to anyone considering it. It was one of the best decisions I ever made."

Jonathan Walker 2012 - 2014 Previous School: St Michael's RC School

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