

Newsletter



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Headmaster's Welcome

We reach the Half Term break with a newsletter that demonstrates the momentum gained in what has been an energetic, exciting and exhausting seven weeks for pupils and staff alike. A fully deserved rest is due, though for some with busy plans for the Half Term I know it's the case of a change being as good as a rest! I hope that everyone has a fulfilling and enjoyable break.

In some staffing news, we say farewell at the end of Half Term to Beth Henderson who has been the mastermind behind the weekly newsletters alongside her myriad other tasks in the Marketing Department. I am enormously grateful to Beth for her creative energy and dedication to the job; we will miss her. Beth's replacement is Mrs Alison Parker who joins us in November. Separately, we also say a sad farewell to Pippa, a firm favourite in the Dining Hall, and we welcome Mr Andy Matthewman to the Sodexo team as our new Head Chef and look forward to him adding further to the excellent food we are lucky to have on offer - it has been wonderful to return to the fuller and more varied offering now that covid constraints have been removed and I am grateful to the whole catering team for their efforts to feed us so well.

In another newsletter with a fantastic breadth of information, and with contributions from pupils and staff, I recommend a leisurely read to take it all in. There are calls for donations for the forthcoming Christmas Indoor Market, examples of pupils' efforts for charity - Samaritans and the new Yarm Wellness Centre, a full review of House Drama, news of a cross curricular project between English and Art, a number of trip reports, book and Debating reviews, Apprentice, careers and CCF updates, news of success in a national computing competition, sport reports, individual sailing success and more. I must note my gratitude to the staff who coordinate and facilitate such a breadth of opportunity and who work so hard on behalf of the pupils.

Dr Huw Williams

Medical & Dietary Update

It has been some time since we asked you to update the details that we hold regarding your child/ren so that we can continue to support them effectively in school. This is particularly important in relation to the medical and dietary information that we hold. Please can we ask all parents/guardians to visit the Parent Portal to check/amend as appropriate.

Many thanks as always for your support in this matter.

Lyndsey Wheatley & Donna Prime
(First Aid Lead and Office Manager)

Non Uniform Day Success

It was wonderful to see so many of our pupils and staff taking part in our Non Uniform Day on Thursday. In total, we managed to raise a total of £1176.55 which will be shared across a number of the School's wider charities.

Uniform Showroom: Half Term

The Uniform Showroom will be open **Tuesdays & Thursdays between 10am on 4pm** throughout Half Term.

Flu Vaccination Programme

The Childhood Immunisation Team will be visiting school on **Wednesday, 3rd November** to administer the flu nasal spray to all pupils up to the Fifth Year. You will have received details of how to provide consent via email and this must be completed no later than Thursday 28th October; please visit www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent and enter the School Code: 111769 or alternatively ring the consent line on 01423 557693.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Tombola Donations Needed for YSA Christmas Indoor Market

The YSA would welcome donations, large or small, for their adult tombola, children's tombola, bottle bag (alcohol, shampoo, etc.) and children's lucky bag (books, pens, toys, games, etc.). All funds from the adult tombola will be donated to charity. If you are able to donate, please leave items at the Senior School Office before Wednesday, 17th November. Thank you! We're also looking for keen volunteers to help us on the day. If you're interested, please contact the YSA on ysa@yarmschool.org.

Upper Sixth Pupil Raises Funds for Samaritans

Despite my introverted nature, I've decided to step out of my comfort zone by writing this article and publicly raising money for charity, something I would have never had the courage to do previously.

I plan to run a marathon on Sunday, 17th October to raise money for Samaritans, a charity which offers support 24/7 for people who in emotional distress or struggling to cope. The work Samaritans resonates with me, as I'm sure it will with all of you. The charity gives people who have no one to speak to, someone to speak to when they need it most. I believe it's imperative that everyone has someone to talk to and that's why fundraising and donations are so important, especially at a time when everyone has been locked down with limited access to other people.

The coronavirus pandemic is the biggest challenge Samaritans have ever faced. Before Covid-19, 20,000 of their volunteers were answering a call for help every six seconds. This could be a family member or a friend in desperate need of someone to talk to in the middle of the night. It is essential that Samaritans are there 24/7, 365 days a year for those who need them. The helpline that Samaritans run is under pressure due to the increasing number of people struggling to cope during the pandemic. Additionally, the pandemic has also resulted in there being fewer volunteers to answer the calls of those in need. Donations to Samaritans' Emergency Appeal will help them to reach more people who are struggling and need someone to talk to. The money will help them recruit more volunteers and work on faster ways to be there. I have struggled with mental health at various points in my life which might be the case for a number of you too; therefore, I can't think of a better organisation to raise money for than the leading suicide prevention phone line. There's no pressure to donate any money whatsoever but if you are considering donating, it would be very much appreciated. **However, raising awareness of mental health issues is just as important and I encourage everyone to check up on their friends regularly** because so many people have suffered with some degree of mental health issues throughout their life. By giving your friends the chance to speak out you will be making a real difference.

A Samaritans survey revealed that loneliness was the main cause for young people's suicidal thoughts, therefore communication with others is crucial, even if it comes in the form of small talk with someone you've never spoken to before - this could make someone's day and potentially even better their own mental health situation, which is ultimately the most important thing.

If you do wish to sponsor my run, you can do so through my [Just Giving page](#). All donations will go straight to the charity's Emergency Appeal, you can find my page via this



link. You can also make donations straight to Samaritans by visiting their website.

The marathon will take place at Tees Barrage on Sunday, 17th October. I will be starting at 1:30 and hope to finish at around 5pm. Anyone is welcome to come along and watch if they want to.

I close with a quote from Denzel Washington:

At the end it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished. It's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back.

Thank you.

Ben Peacock
Upper Sixth student

Oxford Computing Challenge

Earlier this year, 40 of Yarm School's top Computer Scientists joined 8700 other pupils from across the UK to compete in the 2021 Oxford Computing Challenge. The Oxford Computing Challenge is organised following the Bebras Challenge national results, a competition round reserved for pupils who scored in the top 10% in the country in their age category. In a most challenging year, our pupils once again demonstrated their computing prowess, and it gives me great pleasure to announce the winners in the Senior and Junior categories, who received their certificates in assembly this week.

Senior Joint Best in School: Kayla Roberts & James Waine
Senior Participation (Top 10% Nationally): Jennifer Chan, Adhithyan Dinakaran, Bakaer Noble, Rushil Partha, Toma Saha, Keya Shah, Ammar Soni



Junior Merit & Best in School (Top 5%): Darcey Allcock
Participation (Top 10%): Isaac Akowuah, Charlie Baines, Charlie Bernard, Niamh Boddy, Mustafa El-Sherif, Naila Krishnamoorthy, Ellie Melvin, Anna Page, Siri Puthuraya, Manya Rajeeva, Jasman Sidhu



Very well done to all who participated in the competition - roll on 2022! Please note winners from the Intermediate category will receive their certificates in assembly next half term.

Mr P Collins

Bede Make History In House Drama Competition



2021 House Drama Champions, Bede

"And the winner of the 2021 House Drama Competition is... BEDE HOUSE!"

This was how a fantastic night of drama ended in the Princess Alexandra Auditorium last Thursday. Who would have thought that, for the first time in 15 years, Bede House were going to win our annual House Drama Competition? However, before the announcement and proceeding celebrations, we had incredible performances from each of our Houses. There were no weak performances either - Aidan, Bede, Cuthbert and Oswald all put on really strong, polished and entertaining shows.



Cuthbert : Despicable Me

We started with Cuthbert who gave us a really well edited and condensed version of Despicable Me which went down really well with our audience. There were a number of stand out performances in this production: Noah Filer as Gru carried the show brilliantly, with lovely characterisation and delivery; his three adopted daughters played by Annabel Lacy, Olivia Mitchell and Lucy de la Motte were all superb, and really captured the character and age of the children they were playing; however, Cuthbert's star performer was Danai Mawoko, playing the evil Vector. She completely encapsulated her character and her performance was brimming with energy. It is no surprise that, despite being a First Year, she took home the 'Performance Award' at the end of the night. Cuthbert also had many good supporting roles, like Dr Nefario and



Danai Mawoko wins Performance Award

Mr Perkins who both played really well, and Cecily Deering as Miss Hattie who was brilliant and made the most of every line she had. Cuthbert used their 'chorus' of Minions to good effect and it felt like a well-rounded performance. The energy in the 'lab' scenes was really nice and the pupils clearly enjoyed being able to be creative in these parts. There was also some clever use of projection and video to help 'set the scene'. All in all, a really strong, polished performance and a GREAT start to the night!! Next we welcomed Aidan onto the stage. After (they won't mind me saying) a very sluggish dress rehearsal, the directors and cast evidently worked really hard and pulled out a top drawer performance. The audience loved it and they came very close (I think) to winning. They set themselves a huge task to perform Nanny McPhee due to the fact it includes so many characters. Had there been a prize for 'cast involvement', Aidan would have certainly won



Aidan: Nanny McPhee

that. The speed of line and SCENE CHANGES was great, cues were not dropped and the cast acted throughout. It was a very wordy script and the cast (some quite young) dealt with it brilliantly! There were too many strong performances to name them all, however Will Ferguson as Mr Brown deserves credit for the amount of dialogue he learnt and delivered confidently. Esther Lane did a really good job of portraying the quirky yet firm Nanny McPhee, with some nice touches of characterisation. Mr Brown's children were all played with lovely energy and delivered lines clearly. There were two lovely cameo roles, full of character and performance that really helped to drive the performance on. Natasha Cunningham as Adelaide was stern and strict and suitably uptight. The part that really got the audience going was Lady Selma played by Jack Stoddart. It is easy to rely on 'cheap laughs' if a boy is playing a girl, but Jack and Aidan didn't fall into this trap. The part was wonderfully characterised, with some great moments of comedy, which the audience loved. A superb performance. The full company in Aidan worked seamlessly as a team to produce a wonderful end to the first half.



Dynamic duo: Will and Jack

After the interval we were treated to Inside Out, by Bede, our eventual winners. This was a very challenging piece as, for those who have seen the Disney Pixar film, a lot of the film takes place inside someone's head and features her emotions as animated characters. The five emotions - Joy, Sadness, Fear, Anger and Disgust - were all really well



A force to be reckoned with: Laura and Oscar

characterised with really distinctive traits and great delivery of lines. Joy, played by Laura Burns, and Sadness, by Oscar Shaw, carried a lot of the story and both took great care to remain completely in character and were both entertaining and touching. Their chemistry together was also great! Along the way they meet Bing Bong, a clown lost in long term memory. Caitlin Anderson played this part really

well, making it hard to believe she is in First Year! Great energy, comic delivery and characterisation made her small role really stand out. Her death scene was particularly well done and brought a tear to many eyes in the theatre.



Bede: Inside Out

Anoushka Paul, playing Riley, did a great job of acting the part, telling a story often without any lines. This worked really well. All the supporting roles of Riley and her family and friends were also really well played. Bede may not have used their 'chorus' as much, but where they did, they were used to good effect to further the story. Again there were no weak performances, everyone fully committed to character and the story. This piece was particularly strong due to the way it was staged and put together, very clever use of lighting and minimal set made it slick, easy to follow (which, with this film was a feat in itself) and pacey. This all combined to make a recipe for success for Bede!



Bede's Directors celebrate history-making win

Finally Oswald treated us to a literary piece from David Walliams, Mr Stink. It was really nice to see a piece in House Drama that had not been lifted from the 'silver screen'. The overall production was really good and featured some amazing performances. Lucy Woodhouse as Mr Stink was superb, her projection was amazing, and no one had any trouble hearing her, even those on the back row. She played a wide range of emotions with skill and was ably supported by some lovely



Oswald: Mr Stink

performances from Zaara Soni, Grace Crawford, Oliver Ayton and Isabella Brown as the Crumb family (or is it Crumbe?!) Zaara particularly impressed with the amount of lines she had and did a great job at portraying her character throughout. The slightly odd relationship between Mr and Mrs Crumb was also really well played and provided amusement for the audience. All had great characterisation and delivery and were all very believable. There were some really nice cameo roles from Ajay Selvan as Yash, who performed with great energy, Harry D'Ambrogio as Boris Johnson (yes this was very amusing!) and our News Reporters Ava Carter and Isaac Akowuah who both delivered their lines really well. The latter, Isaac, taking home our Cameo Performance Award! Oswald did a really good job of telling this slightly wakey story. With some lovely touching, dramatic moments. It was a fitting end to a superb evening of drama



Isaac Akowuah wins Cameo Performance Award!

All in all it was a great night of Drama, and anyone could have won it quite honestly, it is sometimes a shame we have to have a winner, but then it is a house Drama Competition. All the performers should be really proud of what they achieved and the directors should be commended for doing a fantastic job across the board.

Thank you to our three judges, Mrs Gratton, Dr Goodall and Mrs Charlton, and thank you to our fantastic audience. We can't wait to do it all again next year!!

Mr D Brookes

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Christmas Card Art Competition!

This year, we will be launching our first set of Christmas Cards... designed by you!

We are putting together a pack of 6 cards.
One design from each year group will be chosen to feature.

You have the whole of half term to create your submission and the theme is anything and everthing Christmassy!
Be super creative and have lots fun.

Submissions will be requested on 1st November by the Art Department so look out for further instructions...

If you would like to buy a pack (or two!) or would just like to register your interest, please visit this link:
<https://bit.ly/YSChristmasCards>

All proceeds will be donated to:

Sprouts
COMMUNITY FOOD CHARITY

Castle to Coast: First Year History



On Sunday, 10th October, a band of 22 First Years went on a history trip to Holy Island to experience the chapel of St Aidan and the Island of St Cuthbert. The Holy Island had experienced the first viking attack which makes it so famous. The people who inhabited the island were all Christians, a faith spread by St Aidan when he came to Lindisfarne in 635.

Holy Island is also only half an island as the tide covers the road when at high tide. The staff had to be wary and keep in mind the tide's movements to get the First Years there and back without a boat. Mr Edwards was particularly keen not



to spend the night on the island waiting for the tide to retreat! The Holy Island wasn't the only stop though the first years, they also went to Bamburgh Castle. The castle sits on nine acres of land and is well known for its many uses including as a hospital, care home, fortress and more recently, a museum. Today the castle is owned by Dorothy Armstrong, whose ancestors were given the castle by Lord Crewe who made his money by selling machines, armour and ships. The First Years loved it and were fascinated by the history, structure and artefacts of the castle. There were some fears when Mr Taylor mentioned leaving First Years behind in the dungeon if they didn't complete homework on time!

A big shout out to Mr Taylor, Mr Morrison and Mr Edwards for taking us, it was a great day.

Hannah Sanderson



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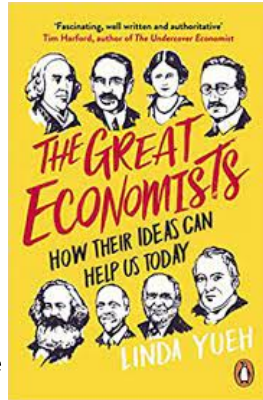


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RODEO, CHILDREN'S GAMES
& SANTA'S GROTTO

Book Review

Great Economists: How Their Ideas Can Help Us Today - Linda Yueh

At the beginning of this term, Politics students were given the freedom to choose any politics-related book to read and write a review. I chose a book that I had begun reading at the end of summer called Great Economists: How Their Ideas Can Help Us Today by Linda Yueh. I chose this book due to it covering both aspects of my academic studies of Politics A Level and Business A Level and also my current interest in economics. The book covers a diverse range of economic ideas by looking at key economists in the past. It also explores how their ideas can help manage the economies of today. Economists included a broad range of thinkers from Adam Smith to Karl Marx, and investigates how they can be used to tackle issues like deindustrialisation and how to foster innovation, looking at the UK economy and also other countries including China and America. In the book Yueh takes a particular issue and then chooses an economist and uses their ideas as a method of dealing with such issues. Personally I found the chapters very readable and really useful when looking at economists I knew less about, such as David Ricardo as the author includes a biographical evaluation of their ideas at the start of each chapter. These ideas are then broken down and placed in the context of a certain challenge. It is a very captivating book and easier to follow than it might seem and I would highly recommend this book to anyone studying Economics, Business or Politics, or anyone else with an interest in related topics. It will give you a thoughtful insight and could potentially allow you to understand why these economists had the view that they had.



Rob Gibson
(Upper Sixth Politics student)

Piecing It Together: DT & Textiles Trip

Bright and early on Friday, 8th October, a group of Upper and Lower Sixth Textiles students embarked on a two day whistle stop trip to London. The trip was set up in order to help us all gather valuable research for our coursework folders. The first stop was the Design Museum with its amazing resources and photo opportunities. Within the museum was "Sneakers Unboxed: Studio to Street", a fantastic sneaker exhibition which allowed those of us focusing on streetwear to gain some historical insight into the manufacture and design process



of shoes and their impact on the fashion industry. Next up was the V&A with its "Bags: Inside Out" and fashion exhibitions. Similarly to the Design Museum, these displays allowed all of us to explore in detail the process of designing and producing - whilst also learning about the history and trends that each product was developed from. To conclude our first day, we were treated to a relaxing afternoon in Covent Garden. From neon light displays to hand-crafted jewellery, Covent Garden allowed everyone to wind down after a busy day.

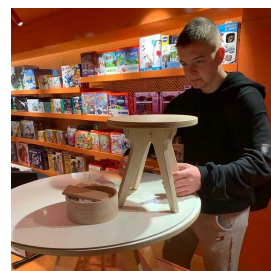


Saturday was our 'competitive shopping day'. This allowed each of us to experience what it would be like to work in buying and selling within the Textiles industry. As part of our research, we visited many high-end department stores such as Harrods, Harvey Nichols and Selfridges - each one boasting creative visual displays and iterative garments that never ceased to amaze and inspire. One member of Upper Sixth even described the department stores as being "fairgrounds for fashion!" As well as high-end stores, we also visited a very crowded Oxford Street in an attempt to gather more market research. Whilst in these stores, we were all constantly amazed by the dress sense and style of those walking around. Needless to say, the trip was a success and both the Upper and Lower Sixth walked away from London full of enthusiasm and creative ideas for our folders.

Meg Fairley and Emily Scott
(Upper Sixth Textiles students)

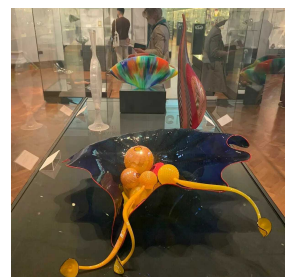


Last Friday, the Upper Sixth DT class got an early train to Kings Cross from Darlington. After dropping bags off at the hotel, we got taxis to The Design Museum. The Design Museum gave us fantastic insight into Iterative Design of products, electronics and textile garments. This was well shown through a very well executed permanent exhibition full of everyday objects that have been vital in their own fields, including:



UK road signage designed by Margaret Calvert, that we all use on a daily basis, and other products such as the various iterations of the Apple Mac.

After lunch at the V&A, we explored the vast array of exhibits there. The architecture exhibition was great for the DT students in terms of scaling design up and seeing how buildings are so heavily nuanced. The rest of the work on display was interesting too, including traditional statues





and paintings, jewellery, and ironwork. The V&A offered lots for us to talk about as well as the fantastic exhibitions on hand. The pupils enjoyed all that was on offer and were fascinated by some of the displays.

Saturday saw the group explore more of London around Knightsbridge and Oxford Street with the pupils enjoying Harrods as well as other big department stores. All the students enjoyed the trip and it was fantastic to be able to enjoy all that was on offer with the textiles group as well. Overall it was a fantastic and very insightful trip for all of us and good fun too.

Mr D Spence

China Crisis?

The Politics Society has so far this term focused on guest speakers discussing issues within the UK political system; political speech writers, a Life Peer, an MP personal assistant, a Member of Parliament, and an academic researching the impact of war on British military families.



Friday's talk took us further afield to the intrigue that is China and its geopolitical ambitions. Guest speaker, Dr Oliver Hensengerth, is a renowned scholar in the field of China's relations with its neighbours, with a particular focus on the tensions over natural resources. It was great to see a good gathering of pupils of varying ages and academic disciplines, with a fair number of geographers sensing a talk of interest and relevance.

As a Fellow of Chatham House, Dr Hensengerth was well positioned to speak with authority on a range of issues. The talk began by exploring the growth of China and in particular its China-centric view, not least of the South China Sea, with an extension in its military presence in this region as well as the development of an extension number of commercial ports throughout the world, that come commentators fear could be militarised if needed. At this and other points, Dr Hensengerth surveyed the range of debate over such concerns; was China's growth a source of regional stability, of economic opportunity or of global concern? The lecture then covered material on the economic extension of Chinese investments into sub-Saharan Africa over recent decades and the more recent growth of interests into Turkey, Bulgaria, Poland and now Italy, a reestablishment of the old Silk Road in this 'Belt and Road Initiative'. Linked to this there was fascinating insight provided into China's contribution to 'smart cities' leading the world as it does in facial recognition software, and its employment of the technology in its social credit system, rewarding and punishing citizens with flight and train restrictions for captured images of societal infractions. An intrigued question from Dylan Corbishley (U6) probed the motives behind Hungary's interest and China's offer of the sale of this technology.

A final aspect of a most intriguing talk focused on the challenges of China's shift from carbon energy to renewables and the unfortunate consequence of China's shift to hydro power with the effect of Mekong River damming than hugely impact the like of Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia through lower water levels and the subsequent impact this has on food production and food security.

It was quite a feat to pack in so much material, insight and perspective into a 45 minute lunchtime session, but it certainly left the audience with much to continue to wrestle over. I am enormously grateful to Dr Hensengerth for his generosity in providing this opportunity.

Mr S Edwards

An Insight Into Steel Fabrication

This week in Econ/Bus Society, Sophie gave a fascinating presentation about her dad's steel fabrication business, considering the processes involved in making a product. This included video footage of the various processes,



reference to the value of quality assurance and the value of project management. Lily (Co-Chair of the Society) then followed this up by explaining how her dad's paving slab factory has responded to the impact of both Brexit and Covid-19.

Miss C E Rhodes

CCF Training Sees Progression All Round



We all enjoyed another busy week for the CCF. On Monday, junior cadets enjoyed some adventure training on the river, developing their Canadian canoeing skills under the watchful eyes of Mr Mathers and Mr Dempsey. Some cadets may have bitten off more than they could chew and it was reported at least two canoes capsized and came very close to sinking!

Fifth Year cadets were given the opportunity to develop their leadership and instructional skills. Under Mr Bridges they talked about how to plan and deliver lessons to junior cadets. They were then given the opportunity to create their own lessons which we look forward to receiving after Half Term.

Senior cadets visited the Dismounted Close Combat Trainer at Catterick Garrison where they were put through the paces with the SA80 A2 rifle on the range. The senior cadets are building towards the annual Skill at Arms Shooting Competition in November and will be out again this weekend honing their marksmanship skills. Special mention to Cadet Sergeant, Jacob Stussi, who only missed one shot on target all evening.

All in all, it was a busy Half Term! Thanks to all cadets and staff involved for their support and enthusiasm. We look forward to next term, to the Remembrance events, more shooting and visits to the Green Howards Regimental History Museum.

Mr T Taylor

Debating Society Discuss Whether Transgender Athletes Should Be Banned From Sport

For this week's debating society our motion was: This house believes trans athletes shouldn't be allowed to compete in sport. It was argued in debating matters style with two opposing teams of three made up of a mixture of eager Sixth Form students as well as Fourth and Fifth Years. The rest of the society constructed the judging panel.

The proposition, made up of Izzy, Apsara and Kayla, had the somewhat challenging job of supporting this motion but they argued well, exploring ideas on the usage of hormones such as testosterone and estrogen for both genders making competition unfair. They also discussed how the introduction of transgender people affects cis gender people and how they compete.

The opposition, made up of Mr Bridges - who kindly stepped in - Alexa and I, countered this argument,

highlighting ideas on positive media exposure for transgender people; the Olympic adoption of trans policies; competitors within the sport; cis gender women who have higher levels of testosterone (POCS) and how by excluding transgender people in sport, one isn't promoting equality. Once both teams had closed their arguments they each faced a number of interesting questions from the panel of judges which included one question for each team member, all of which were answered well.

Finally, the judging panel came to a decision and awarded the opposition the win for the most convincing argument. Congratulations to all members for a very captivating debate!

Miriam Akowuah
Fifth Year pupil

Visualising Novels With The Help Of Yarm's Visiting Artist



On Friday, 8th October, Miss Jenyns, our new Visiting Artist, joined a First Year English class to give a lesson in illustration, teaching us to draw in the style of Chris Riddell, the illustrator of 'Coraline', our class reader. Over the course of the lesson, we learnt about Riddell's style and how he uses multiple lines to create a thatched look.

We created two drawings, one of which being the key: "The rustiest, oldest, blackest key". This key is an important symbol in 'Coraline' and allows the protagonist to travel between two worlds. Another drawing we worked at was the door that opens onto a world that is a dark, mirror image of Coraline's own life with her family. An extra bonus was the drawing of Coraline's 'other' mother that she has to contend against in the other world that Miss Jenyns amazed us with at the end of our lesson.



Our drawings have allowed us to better visualise the world of our novel and will help us with our creative writing. We will be using our illustrations to inspire our own writing later this week to capture Coraline escaping the terrifying world that she finds herself in.

Thank you to Miss Jenyns for being there and helping us. It was an incredible experience as we all had fun and enjoyed ourselves, helping us on the way.

Sarah Abbas & Constance Deering

All That Glitters Is Not Gold



The Yarm Apprentices have been set their second task. The teams have each been allocated £60 budgets and have been challenged to man and stock a stall at the YSA's Christmas Indoor Market in November. Stalls must be family friendly, customer service must be superb, stock must be glittery and the whole stall needs to be Christmas themed.

Imogen and Amy have been appointed as Project Managers of Team Unlimited Part 2 and Team Alpha respectively and all proceeds will go to charities chosen by the teams.

Come and see the teams in action at the YSA Christmas Fair. (Please bring money as they will be taking cash only)

Miss C E Rhodes

Fifth Year Careers Testing



This week saw the first phase of the Morrisby Careers guidance programme for members of the current Fifth Year. Over 90 students undertook 90 minutes of online psychometric testing. The programme then generates a bespoke report with results focusing on aptitudes in the areas of verbal, numerical, spatial, mechanical and abstract and then continues to assess working style and interests. The reports will now be released to pupils who will hopefully find time to share these with parents and explore the findings as well as the suggested links for further exploration.

After the Half Term, the second phase of the process will begin whereby all tested pupils will prepare some additional notes before an external, professional and independent interviewer, who has already surveyed their report, will engage in a half hour discussion with each pupil. Interview notes with advice for further follow up research will then be shared and can again be accessed by parents.

All Fifth Years will continue to receive additional information and guidance through their SPaCE lessons, the pastoral system, access to the Career Ambassadors, as well as various careers events. There will also be the opportunity to discuss A Level options with all departments at the forthcoming Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday, 10th November.

Mr S Edwards

Paintbrushes At The Ready!



This Tuesday in activities, members of the Community Action group were busy decorating water butts for the garden of Yarm Wellness Centre. With the help of two volunteers from the centre, Cliff Johnson and Amanda White, pupils set to decorating the recycled water butts with great gusto- under the watchful eye of Nila, of course! Currently undergoing extensive refurbishment, Yarm Wellness Centre will provide an essential service to the community and will offer free creative and educational workshops and activities for local people who have lost their jobs, those that have lost family members, and those who have been in isolation and who are in desperate need of re-engaging with the community. Once the centre is up and running, our group hopes to assist with veteran's breakfast mornings, as well as attending a lunch club for pensioners. Watch this space!

Community Action Group

Calling All Keen Artists...

Artists' Corner will return after Half Term and Miss Jenyns would love to share any beautiful work you've made. This is open to everyone - you don't have to be studying art!



Working Lunch With Alumni & Current Parent



This week the Economics and Business Department were delighted to welcome two speakers for a superb Working Lunch, which was so well attended we ran out of chairs. Kate Hellens is the owner, founder and MD of Hellens Residential Limited, whilst Rachel Bradley is a Yarm School alumnus and the Business Development Manager for the company. Our students were enthralled to hear about how Kate not only took on the family business, but has also grown it and diversified, and it was fascinating to hear all about Hellens Residential (a for profit registered provider of social housing operating across the North of England). Both Kate and Rachel were very candid and forthcoming about the rewards and challenges of running a family business and explained the issues associated with targeting profit, whilst also achieving their mission to support some of the most vulnerable in society. The Sixth Form were encouraged to participate and were given sample dilemmas to resolve, before being given the opportunity to pose questions of their own. We were delighted that Kate and Rachel could spare the time from their very busy schedules to support our students in their learning.

Miss C E Rhodes

Thinking About Teaching

‘Teaching is the one profession that creates all other professions.’ - Unknown



This week saw the hosting of our latest Career Cluster event, focusing on Education and Teaching. In a remote event a diverse range of speakers in three panels shared their experiences, advice and guidance to an audience

consisting of pupils and parents from Fourth Year to Upper Sixth. Listening to the sixteen guests from a diverse range of schools across the country, performing a wide range of roles within those schools, there was a palpable sense of enthusiasm for the richness and diversity within the profession. Discussions covered ideas for exploring the roles within teaching, how to seek out work experience, the roles available within education, though to what makes a suitable applicant for teaching.

We were joined on the night by a good number of Yarm families as well as attendees from other schools, both locally and from around the country. I am very appreciative of those professionals who gave their time so generously to share either thoughts and insights, and must thank Mrs Emma Pinkham, our Career Ambassador for Teaching and Education, who put together the event and helped chair the evening. For those who did not attend or who are interested, the programme can be viewed online.

Mr S Edwards

From Olympic Podium to Yoga Mat



Former pupil and 2012 Olympic champion, Katherine Copeland MBE, is steering her way through the adventure of becoming a new business owner. Kat was always extremely passionate about sport during her time at Yarm and took part in a range of extra-curricular activities here, including rowing which she started at the age of 14...

“Sport has given me a much healthier relationship and view of my body. I think pre-sport I would worry a lot about what my body looked like... Rowing completely changed my view and I now look at what my body can do, and that’s such a more freeing, fun, empowering mindset to have.”

After representing Great Britain in a number of Junior and Senior womens’ events between 2007 – 2011, Kat was selected for the Olympic class double scull in 2012. On what became known as Super Saturday, Kat and her sculling partner Sophie Hosking finished first and claimed Olympic gold in the Women’s Lightweight Double Sculls at the London 2012 Olympics.

She has been extremely busy on and off the water since her Olympic success, continuing with her rowing, delving into the world of public speaking and more recently, setting up her own business.

[Read Kat's full Q&A here.](#)

On Topper The World

Congratulations to Fourth Year pupil, Kiera Cowell, who has been selected to join the Topper North - Regional Training Group as part of RYA British Youth Sailing. As part of the programme, Kiera will attend a number of training sessions, including six weekends away over the winter period, and will race at a number of domestic and international competitions. She will also receive assistance from the RYA Coach in preparing training and competition plans. This is an incredible achievement and we wish Kiera all the best with her training!



Mrs K Gratton

Tennis: Girls' Division One



Following on from the Summer Term, our girls played their first division 1 match against RGS this week. Playing both doubles and singles, the scores were added together for a team result. The girls played well against a strong opposition with many long rallies. The final score was 4-2 to RGS.

Miss S Cottrell

Success On Home Water

Saturday saw the first running of the Tees Long Distance Sculls and the Tees Small Boats Head for two years. It was exciting to be back on our home water and competing against some very good crews from George Heriots School and George Watsons College from across the border, as well as our usual northern opposition of QEHS, Durham School, St Leonard's School, Durham ARC and York City. Not all of

our of our athletes were able to compete due to various trips and excursions.

Both events were run over a 5km course, including some very difficult bends that had to be negotiated. In the first division, our rowers rowed up to the start, the Pipe Bridge, from school and then raced down to Tees Rowing Club. In the Long Distance Sculling event, Yarm were represented by Junior 17, 16 and 15 coxless and coxed quads. The J17 4x- finished third in their category, while the J16 4x- narrowly beat George Watsons College, but as there were only two in the event didn't actually win a trophy. (There has to be three boats).

However, the Junior 15 coxed quad stroked by Luke Anderson put in a impressive performance to beat the other four boats in their category.



George Watson's College took revenge when their Women's Junior 4x+ beat our girls' crew by two seconds.

The smaller boats performed equally well with former pupil Andy Brown winning the open sculling event. The women's Junior 18 double scull of Charlotte Wood and Rebecca Keetley also sculled to a win.



Deacon Laverick continued his winning streak in the Junior 17 single sculls with a win over Will Woodhead who was close behind on his heels. Emily Dunn also continued her winning form with Lilian Dufton finishing second and Cordelia Deering in third place.

Mr Lund also secured a win with his masters crew and when handicap was taken into account, they were the fastest crew of the day!

In near perfect weather conditions, some of our rowers took to the water again for the Small Boats Head. The outstanding performance of the division was the Junior 17 coxless four of Ethan Stannard, Will Woodhead, Harry Wildridge and Deacon Laverick. Not only did they win their event by 36 seconds but they also finished third in the division.

Yarm School Boat Club were also represented by two WJ17 4x- and a boy's J17 4x- who all put up very good performances either finishing second or third in their categories.

The Girl's Junior 15 coxed 4x took their own revenge on George Watson's College in the afternoon. Stroked by Hannah Bettinson, her crew beat their nearest opposition by over a minute.





It was a similar scenario for the Boys' Junior 15 coxed quad. With a slightly different line up in the crew, they again produced a great scull to win their event. After a very successful day on the Tees, Yarm School Boat Club

will be competing on the Tyne next weekend.

Mrs A Lund

Thank you to all teachers, coaches, players and parents for a lovely Half Term of sport. Have a lovely break.

Miss N Hodgson



Hill House Week

This week was Hill House Week with all teams either playing home or away against our Doncaster friends. On Tuesday, our U14s hosted and U15s travelled to play strong Hill House sides. The U14s won 3-1 with some impressive passing play and U15s lost in a 5-4 thriller. On Wednesday our 1st and 2nd XI played with our 1st team, losing 3-2 and our 2nd team winning 5-1 with some impressive shooting by Amelia Allen. On Thursday our U12 and U13 A&B teams impressed, each winning their matches against strong opposition. However, event better, they have applied what we have been working on in practices. Well done all teams!

Miss N Hodgson



Netball: U15 Sisters N Sport Kncokout Cup



Wednesday saw Yarm U15 take on St Aids U15 in the Sisters N Sport Knockout Cup.

As the game began, the talent on display was evident from both sides. Yarm had the upper hand with some impressive defending and the ability to turn over the ball and take it



straight to goal. Yarm continued to display the same level of energy and determination throughout, leading to convincing wins in each quarter. The girls have now earned a spot in the next round, as one of the top 16 teams in the North. Congratulations to Scarlett Smith who was awarded Player of the Match!

Miss L Hodgson

Rugby Leadership Team 2021/22



Congratulations to Mark Proberts who has earned the title of Rugby Captain 2021/22, and Connor McMurray who is Vice Captain. We're looking forward to seeing them lead the way this year. They will be supported by the U17 leadership team of George Kitson, Raf McNicholas and Dan de la Motte - well done!

Rugby: Yarm vs NSB

U12s

On Saturday, 9th October, the Under 12s faced off against Newcastle School for Boys. We played well and began with lots of positives. For example we were passing into space and running hard despite the conditions; the night before it had rained and the pitch and ball were slippery which made the match more intense. Lots of players did well and there was massive improvement. Many players made good plays, such as Jake Wheatley for his excellent passing into space and Luke Elliott for swift passing out of rucks. There was also some amazing teamwork on display with Ollie Dunkin's try involving every player on the team. There was successful passing twice from a ruck, and it worked almost all of the time with each player running forward and passing. I think this is the main reason for Yarm's success in this game.

Laurie Elsworth

U13s

It was a beautiful day in Newcastle, clear and sunny. NSB kicked off to Yarm, Ollie Blake caught the ball, running forward at pace before offloading it to Olly Carr who ran through the gap and scored the opening try. As the game went on, Yarm were quick to the rucks, not losing any, which is something we had worked on. As a team we got the ball out of the rucks to the wings, where tries from Olly Carr, Ben Bardgett, Ollie Blake and Danny Dexter were scored. Although Yarm took the lead, we took our eyes off the defensive line and allowed gaps to appear. This allowed NSB to score two tries to make it 2-6 at half time. In the second half the boys were ready to go. Mr Ivey had given us a few pointers both as a team and as individual players. With these in mind and our heads in the right mindset, we went out in the second half feeling confident but aware the NSB were a dangerous team. Yarm were first to every ruck and breakdown. We used the ball well, getting it out to the wings and scoring multiple tries as they tried to put us under pressure. NSB scored a well worked try in the second half which motivated the boys even more. Yarm kept going and scored more tries, we wanted to keep putting NSB under pressure until the last whistle. In the second half tries were scored by Dan Rubal-Garcia, Ollie Blake, Olly Carr, Ollie Mowbray, Oscar Trouton and Ben Hunt. The final score was 3 -14 to Yarm. Well played Yarm and well played NSB.

Henry Bottomley

U14Bs

It was a good start to the game from the Yarm boys with three tries in the early minutes of the first half from Thomas Fletcher, Mark Elsaify and Theo Williamson. Then NSB started to play, scoring two scrappy tries before half time. At the half time mark, NSB were on top. The beginning of the second half began to get scrappy in the middle of the field with Yarm on the back foot, and NSB scored to make it 3-3. Then, with a good try from Skye Chen using great footwork, Yarm were 4-3 up. Following two good tries from Olushola Afolabi, weaving and squirming through the NSB side, Yarm began to dominate. Then to finish it off, Thomas Fletcher scored a great try fending off the NSB boys to make it 7-3 to Yarm. As the game became scrappy, Yarm rose above NSB and went on

SPORT

to dominate the second half. Against a strong opposition the boys went on to win the game. The MOTM was Olushola Afolabi for his two fantastic tries and great fight for the team.

Thomas Fletcher



U14As

On Saturday, 9th October the U14A team faced off against Newcastle's School for Boys. The A team played to the best of their ability beating Newcastle 6-4 despite Yarm having three of their best players injured from the County Cup. The defence was really strong in the first half with every man making their tackles and the back three unit doing especially well to field opposition kicks. Our attack equaled our defense, with our handling being pretty good seeing as the match ball was slippery from the previous night's rain. Though a few hiccups in the defence led to an opposition try after our first try (scored by Josh Davison 5) We retaliated with an added three tries (Ryan Mills 8, Tom Burchall 4, Harry Carter 11).

Highlights of the game included when one forward got tackled by someone invisible at the try line and knocked it on, and the try Carter scored where most of the backs got involved. By the end of the first half we were 4-1 up.

The second half started strong with a try from a kick chase (Jamie Elsworth 15) and a try of pure athleticism on the outside (Ryan Mills 8). Unfortunately, our loose-head prop (Oscar Burns) got a knock, leaving him off for the rest of the game. In his place, Tenuk Mendis was called up from the Bs; well done to him for his A team debut. Unfortunately, we switched off a little and as a result of some mismatches in defence and poor missed tackles, the opposition managed to score three on us. Luckily, we were unintentionally able to use time on our side well and run the clock down. Man of the match would go to our captain James Graham (10) for being a rock in defence and some superb kicks to score that led to tries.

(Jamie Elsworth)



Some good ball movement and aggressive running at space saw the team confidently come through the first two pool games, with all the squad taking to the field and contributing positively to the wins; plenty of tries being scored.

The three pool winners then entered a pool to determine the end result; this was lining up to be a stern test for the lads made even more so after losing two key players to knocks in earlier matches. However, they responded magnificently and played some quite stunning rugby with and without the ball. Against strong opposition who had some good rugby playing athletes, the Yarm lads were quite magnificent, drawing praise and admiration from the spectators for the way they played the game; accurate and clinical in attack, with an organised and aggressive defence. This was born out on the scoreboard where in the two 'finals' games they scored 10 tries and conceded only 1. To single out anyone would be unfair to what was an outstanding 'team' effort. They were a pleasure to watch, well done lads. The side now progresses to the overall County Finals in the new year.

Mr C Webb



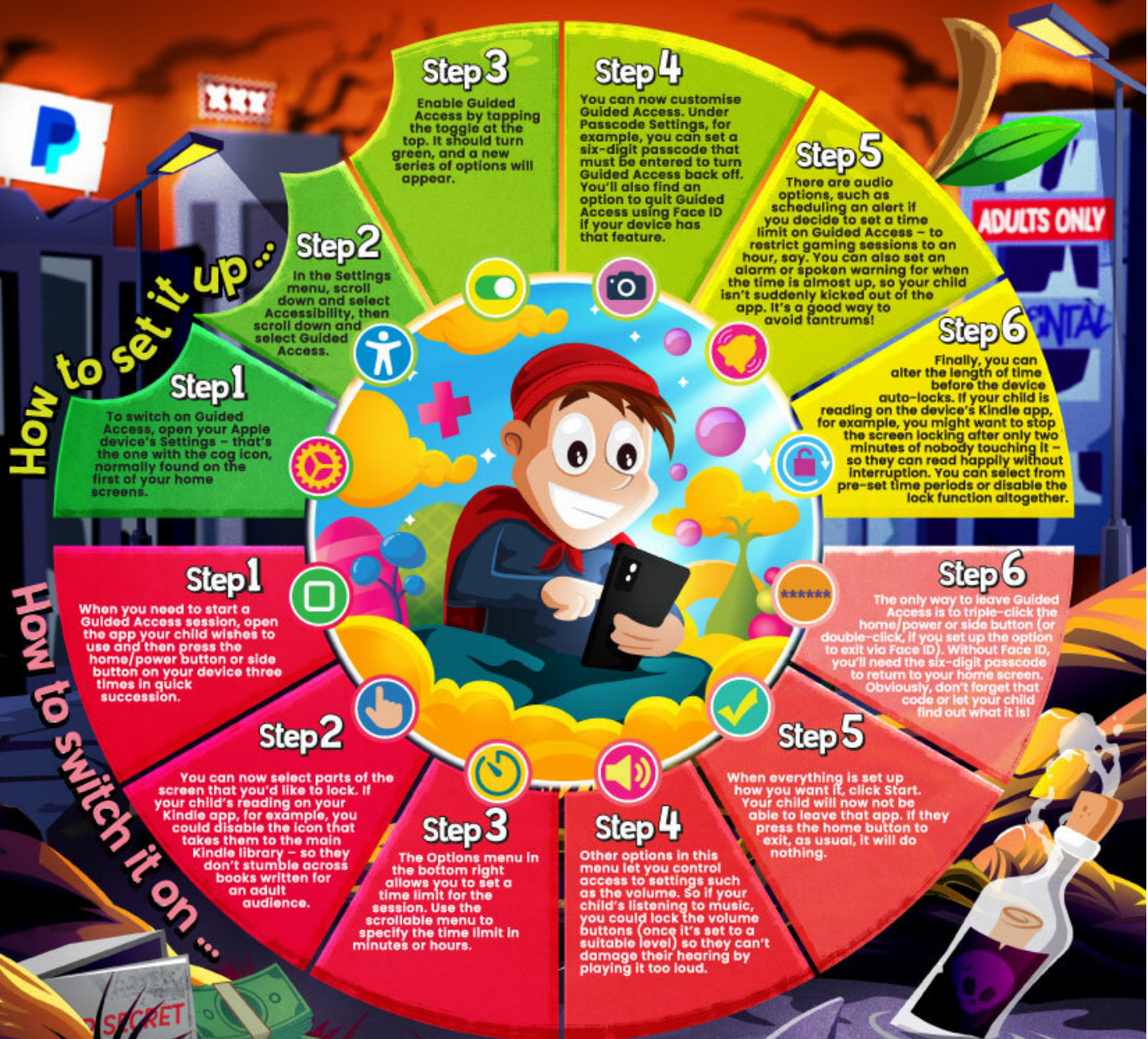
Rugby: U14 Durham County Tournament

Last week, boys from nine schools in the Durham County area met at Stockton Rugby Club for the qualifying rounds of the Cup. A tournament arranged into pools, it was key to top the group and progress to the winners pool to determine overall placings and passage to finals day.

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