

Newsletter



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Headmaster's Welcome

Following a conversation with the Lower Sixth last week, I spoke to the pupils in Assembly on Monday inviting them to consider the difference between 'being responsible' and actively 'taking responsibility'. The rich tapestry of opportunity available to our pupils is encapsulated in this week's newsletter with a fantastic range of events, initiatives and successes described, and it is clear that many of our pupils are indeed taking responsibility and ownership of their development.

It has been another fantastic week on the sports pitches and on the river, with our pupils' hard work and commitment leading to a range of outstanding results. Of particular note (though it's becoming difficult to pick highlights such is the quality of the performances) are: the fantastic success of the girls' U16 Hockey team who came 6th in the national finals; the progression to the final of a national competition for the U12 netballers - we wish them luck; county championship success for U12 and U13 girls' and U16 boys' hockey, who also progress to the last 16 of the Independent Schools Cup; some terrific results at Durham for the rowers and cricket and English Schools qualification in cross country for Annabel. Well done to all involved!

Beyond sport, the newsletter describes a variety of initiatives that see our pupils acting proactively to support others, to raise awareness and to expand their own horizons. The Community Action Group continues its support of the new Yarm Wellness Centre, we see a new pupil-led initiative to recycle clothes and raise funds for water aid in the process, we read another fascinating book review which addresses issues of racism and injustice. Some adventurous pupils ventured into the wilds of Scotland last weekend for the winter mountaineering trip, with some fearsome weather to contend with, and the summary of Duke of Edinburgh progress demonstrates the ongoing commitment and initiative of those pupils. Congratulations to those who have completed sections or finished their Award in recent weeks. There is more within to give parents a flavour of trips, careers events and former pupil support for our current pupils. Pupils have heard from a human rights and environmental lawyer this week, whilst others discussed monopolisation of markets in the Business and Economics Society. The School's first foray into cybersecurity competitions reflects positively on the pupils' teamwork, problem solving and initiative with an impressive result and real momentum for next year, and we read about the recent debate on Online Safety, which coincided with a range of assemblies and tutor activities to mark National Safer Internet Day.

Finally, I'd like to thank so many parents who took time to return the questionnaire to the ISI's Reporting Inspector as part of the school's inspection this week; this input is greatly valued by the inspectors in gaining as full a picture of the school as possible, with the views of parents an important part of the overall input into their assessment of the school.

Dr Huw Williams

Community Action Group help brighten up Yarm Wellness Centre

"Blossom by blossom the spring begins" - Algernon Charles Swinburne

Last week, Mr Cliff Johnson from Yarm's Wellness Centre came to Yarm School for a delightful session of planting bulbs: ready for the upcoming spring. He was helped by members of the Community Action Group: Nila Baskar, Ava Carter, Samaira Kumar and Ms. Blakemore. We hope to see the wonderful flowers when they have fully bloomed.

With its innovative and creative classes, the Wellness Centre hopes to bring a positive impact on the local community's well-being. They aim to encourage local people to get involved with helping the community, especially during such difficult times, so that Yarm can thrive and improve together. They have worked jointly with our Community Action group in the past, including a project in which we designed water butts.

The Community Action group members had a great time getting their hands (and the table) dirty by arranging, planting, and watering the buds with an improvised watering can - a water bottle. We hope that when these blossom in the coming, warmer, and hopefully better months, they will look lovely outside the Yarm Wellness Centre's doors.

Nila Baskar and Ava Carter, Fourth Year



Winter Mountaineering Weekend

Over the first weekend in February a team of eight pupils from Fifth Year and Lower Sixth, along with Mr Dempsey and Mr Mathers, headed up to the Cairngorms National Park for a weekend of winter skills in the Scottish mountains.

Travelling up on the Thursday night after school, we settled into our comfortable bunkhouse accommodation for the weekend. The weather forecast for the weekend was strong winds throughout, but we awoke on Friday to a pleasant morning with some blue sky and sunshine. After an hour of kit checking we headed out to Cairngorm mountain for a journey learning some winter skills along the way. As we slowly hiked up the mountain side we got onto some firm snow where we had to learn how to put our crampons on and walk with our ice axe. The ground steepened as we made our ascent into some challenging wind. Slowly, the mountain summit came into view and we headed for it. Unfortunately, daylight and wind was against us so we snacked outside the Ptarmigan restaurant and headed back down the mountain for an evening meal of chilli con carne expertly cooked by the pupil team.



After snowing overnight on Friday night, Saturday's mountain day provided more challenging weather, with snow and wind together creating blizzard conditions. We stayed low down in the mountains, heading into Coire an t-Sneachda to look at developing our footwork and ice axe technique as we crossed firmer snow, as well as rock and ice. Instructor Mark joined us, teaching the group how to kick steps with our boots as well as cut steps with our ice axe. We also had the opportunity to slide down the snow



and use our ice axe to stop us if we were to slip on a steep snowy slope. The deeper we travelled into the coire, the windier and more blizzard like the conditions got so after a good few hours we turned around and made our way back towards the minibus.

Sunday gave us similar conditions and the group chose to go back into the coire and work on their winter ropework skills. Liam chose to go ice climbing with Mark, also in the coire, so sprinted off ahead whilst the remainder of the group hiked into the moraines. Here, the steep snow slope allowed the group to practice building and using a snow bollard for abseiling and digging snow holes and emergency shelters. After a good few hours digging under blue skies it was time to return to the house, do some packing and cleaning and then begin the long minibus journey home down the snowy A9.

My thanks to the pupils for all their energy, enthusiasm and cooking skills over the weekend, as well as Mr Dempsey and Mark for assisting on the trip.

Mr A Mathers



In the corrie in a blizzard.



Walking into the wintery weather.



Taking on the challenging conditions.

Success for our First CyberCenturion Challengers

Earlier this term, a team of Fourth and Fifth Year Computer Scientists took part in the CyberCenturion challenge. This cyber security competition designed by the American Air Force Association and powered by Northrop Grumman, is open to 12 to 18-year-olds in the UK and British Overseas Territories. Teams participate in a series of three online rounds in pursuit of a place in the National Finals, attempting to discover all the security vulnerabilities within various operating systems.

Overall our team came 55th out of 194 participating teams. This was a fantastic achievement for our first year taking part in the competition!

Throughout the course of the challenge, the team developed their technical expertise as well as soft skills such as communication, teamwork and leadership – essential to succeeding in any role in cyber security today.

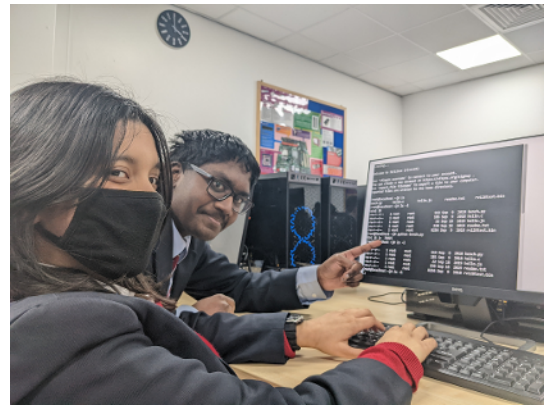
Below Jenifer Chan shares her insights into the challenge:

"The Teesside Trojans - Nila Baskar (Fourth Year), Jennifer Chan (Fifth Year), Adhithyan Dinakaran (Fifth Year), and Keya Shah (Fifth Year), (with Jenifer Umashankar, Fifth Year as our reserve), participated in the Cyber Centurions Challenge.

Adhi found it fun as the challenge 'allowed him to discover different ways to make a computer more secure.' Whilst none of us had had much experience with different coding languages, Nila 'expanded her knowledge in the six-hour challenge and learnt many things, including how to install a firewall'. We all found it very fun (despite the hard work it took us to prepare for the third round of this competition); we supported each other through the tasks.

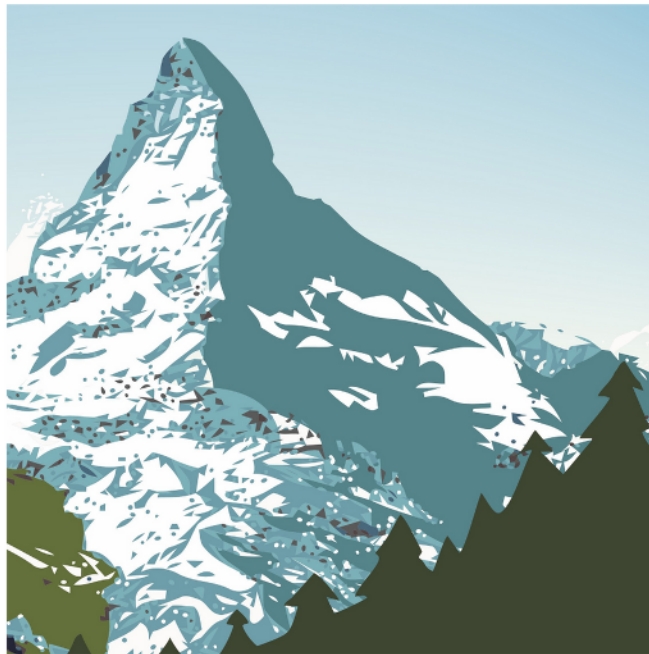
However, we acknowledge there were still some areas where we could have improved - Keya states that she found 'searching through .pcap files particularly challenging as it was difficult to know where to start, with our limited knowledge of Linux Syntax'. As much as this was a competition, it was also an opportunity for learning for us all. We all had different ideas on how to approach the various problems we were faced with and we were able to combine the knowledge we each had to achieve points and answer the questions.

We picked up on many new skills and adjusted to the Linux Operating System in hope to achieve even more in next year's Cyber Centurion challenge. Jennifer was 'glad we came together through our love of tackling a challenge such as this'. In the end, the most valuable thing we have gained is experience and we look forward to 'taking this opportunity again next year, with the knowledge we gained this time.'"



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Nicaraguan Human Rights and Environmental Lawyer Speaks to Politics Society



The countries of Central America may not easily fall into our geopolitical orbit, but in an increasingly globalised world, the connections and associations may be more established than imagined. Our guest speaker on Friday highlighted some of the strained relationships that exist between the UK and Nicaragua, not least the balance between condemning human rights violations whilst supporting commercial operations that fall heavily into the realm of the discredited political regime.

Our guest, Monica Lopez Baltodano, has worked for a number of years as an environmental lawyer in Nicaragua, and has been a leading advocate for the popular movement against the degradation of the fragile ecosystems of the country, not least the threatening InterOceania canal, a project designed to expand on the offerings of the Panama Canal but with an impact assessment suggesting catastrophic impact on the lives of farmers, the water supplies as well as the environment more broadly. This struggle is playing out against a government roundly condemned for its human rights abuses, including a murder rate of activists being the highest in Latin America, when measured against the size of the population.

Monica began by sharing information about the natural splendours of the country, with forested lands, chains of volcanoes and a diversity of flora and fauna. She detailed the size and scale of popular resistance to some of the more damaging industrial developments, as well as the violent measures that protestors have encountered. According to Global Witness twelve environmental activists were murdered in Nicaragua last year. Monica and her family have themselves been threatened and harassed, making her presence in the country so precarious that she made the equally hazardous decision to escape illegally from Nicaragua.

Another dimension to this story that adds a deeper layer of consideration is the fact that Monica's parents were significant figures in the movement to oust the previous dictator of Nicaragua. Their struggle was led by Daniel Ortega, a man who now leads the country, but in a manner that has turned to corruption, abuse and violence. This sense of sadness and betrayal of lost opportunities has led Monica, their daughter, to renew her faith in the capacity for change, adopting a non-violent approach, one that believes

in building a mass movement of civic participation, as well as connections and solidarity with groups around the world. Monica spoke powerfully and movingly about her work in calling out the abuses of power in Nicaragua, and with a seared wisdom borne of an intelligent, humane and reflective engagement in seeking to build a better world. Some may be interested to explore the [Museum of Memory](#) set up to record and remember those lost to state violence in Nicaragua.

Mr S Edwards

What are Psychometric Tests?

As trainers, educators and employers seek to secure the very best of candidates they have developed a range of strategies to get beneath the skin of a CV or cover letter. Of course these can be vital first stages of securing an interview, but they also bring their own limitations and challenges, from exaggeration and embroidery through not not necessarily revealing how 'suitable' a candidate or applicant is for a particular position.

Into this need has stepped the phenomena of psychometric testing. In many ways nothing new - they have been part of the landscape for decades, but in recent years have expanded in their use, their reach and their sophistication. They tend to be very much skills and aptitudes based, rather than looking into a candidate's qualification or knowledge as such. They may be verbal, numerical, situational, abstract or personality-based in their design.

They are being used extensively within industry for recruitment and research suggests that their use leads to a measurable increase in the quality of the hire, a significant reduction in the time required to shortlist and a marked decrease in staff turnover, in part, it would be argued, due to their ability to match people to working environments. If you are curious to learn more about the types of tests, read some advice for how to improve your performance and even see some examples, then have a look at this [related article](#). Whatever suspicions we might have had about such approaches in the past they look as if they are here to stay, so why not get a better understanding of them.

Mr S Edwards

RateMyApprenticeship Guide

This week I am delighted to distribute the new **Guide to Career Options 2022** published by RateMyApprenticeship. The publication has proven to be of enormous value to students in recent years, providing an independent and highly insightful guide into the careers landscape.



You can find an e-version of the recently published [RateMyApprenticeship Guide here](#). It is packed with information, advice and guidance, not least for its section listing the Top 100 companies and Top 50 providers. This helpful guide to this area of education, training and employment was posted earlier this week in the pupils' Year Group Google Classroom, where they will find regular posting of information on careers and future directions.

Mr S Edwards

RPE trip to Newcastle Temple and Cathedral

In RS we have been learning about Hinduism and Christianity and their beliefs and practices. On our recent trip to Newcastle we visited Newcastle Hindu temple and Newcastle cathedral. We were able to observe Hindu worship and learn more about Hindu gods and goddesses from the Hindu priest. We listened to a Christian Eucharist service in the cathedral and were able to ask the reverend any questions we had about Christianity from women leadership to the afterlife. We really enjoyed being able to have first hand experience of Hindu and Christian worship.

Charlotte Stephen (Fifth Year)



Yarm Apprentice: Could Alpha beat a Limitless team?

The shortest time for a task and arguably the greatest pressure! After an unbelievably busy Thursday lunchtime of Dovecote selling from Alpha and Limitless brought in a considerable amount of money for Miss Rhodes to count and bank, the teams were back in the Boardroom on Tuesday in front of Lord Sugar No. 4, Mrs Evans.

Limitless, project managed by Bakaer, gave a slick presentation explaining their choice of bag, charity and approach to adding value, whilst Team Alpha, project managed by Jodie, were no less impressive. Both teams coped admirably with a grilling from Mrs Evans, and in the

end the only way to distinguish between the teams was on the basis of profit. Team Alpha had generated £94.15 for Oxfam, but Limitless were unlimited and secured victory with £97.60 for Sands. Bakaer's team enjoyed muffins and juice, whilst Jodie brought Benji and Ben back into the Boardroom and both Benji and Ben were subsequently fired!

Bonus points were awarded to Bakaer as PM of the winning team, whilst Belle was given outstanding contribution points by Lord Sugar's advisers, and the peer points were awarded to Amelia and Belle.

Thank you to Ms Breslin for her considerable and appreciated effort in obtaining imaginative stock, to Sodexo for the superb treats and to Mrs Evans for her superb contribution as Lord Sugar.

Miss C Rhodes



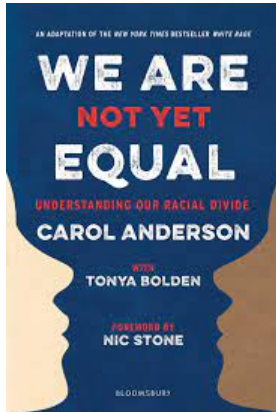
Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 8th February was Safer Internet Day and the theme this year was 'Exploring respect and relationships online'. In addition to the work that pupils and students do regularly on online safety, they have spent time this week taking part in

quizzes and activities to help them consider what is and is not okay online and how to resolve difficult situations. They enjoyed assemblies exploring the topic, and Thursday saw students debate "This House believes posting an image on the internet is more permanent than a tattoo". Pupils and students approached the topic with maturity and honesty, enabling them to take a lot from this opportunity.



Politics Book Review: We Are Not Yet Equal - Carol Anderson



I chose to read 'We Are Not Yet Equal' by Carol Anderson to educate myself on the topic of racism, particularly in the USA. The book focuses on the racial divide in America and the legal and government responses over the past 300 years, which arguably have only widened the divide in some areas. Anderson breaks down the book into landmark events such as the Great Migration and the Civil Rights Act and analyses and argues why she believes the

government responses have widened the divide.

The first landmark event was the end of the Civil War. Abraham Lincoln subsequently blamed this on the nearly half a million black people who were freed from slavery and who were heavily encouraged to migrate to South America to 'save America' - this is an example of the President undermining what was intended to be a positive step forward towards racial equality. Lincoln was succeeded by Andrew Johnson, who had a lack of control over the States therefore leading the situation to a further spiral. Mississippi in 1865 passed a series of laws to control black people which were dubbed by the famous sociologist W.E.B Du Bois as 'Black Codes'. Other states also decided to adopt these laws which required black people to sign an annual labour contract and if they refused they were then sold.

Many of the white people who owned plantations were notorious for the ways they mistreated their black workers. One in particular was Hampton Smith who owned a plantation in Georgia. In May 1918, one of Smith's workers, Sidney Johnson, shot Smith - this in turn led into a five day 'lynch' where at least eleven black people, most of whom had nothing to do with the shooting, were shot. Once again, the government took no action and ignored the whole situation. These events sparked what was known as 'the Great Migration'; at least 500 black people left Georgia and headed north within two months of the shootings. Between 1915 and 1940, nearly 10% of the black population (approximately 1.5 million) left the South.

For me, some of the most shocking statistics involved the restrictions around education for black people. In Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina and Mississippi, which had a combined black population of 4.7 million, more than half of all black adults had less than five years of formal education. By the mid-1940s, in South Carolina and Louisiana, more than 60% of black men and women had only gone to fourth grade and fifth grade in school. An event which tried to spark change was the Cold War, once President Eisenhower realised that Russia was significantly ahead in terms of technology (in particular

the Sputnik satellite). However as Southerners dominated Congress many universities in the South could deny entry to young black men and women. 'The Journal of Blacks in High Education' found that by 2004, out of all of the 2100 PhDs awarded in 43 different fields, not one went to a black person.

On November 4th 2008, Barack Obama was elected as President of the United States - this was a massive step forward in US history. 15 million new voters registered to vote and a significant number of these were from ethnic minorities. The Republican Party proceeded to accuse many states of voter fraud. However there was little evidence that it had happened. In Obama's first year in office alone, there was a 400% increase in death threats in comparison to George W. Bush (one of the least popular presidents in US history) - this just demonstrates that more change needs to happen.

The book has been eye opening and has helped me learn much more than I knew before, especially on parts of political and cultural history I was completely unaware of before. Overall, I would recommend this book to anyone wanting to educate themselves about the history of the racial divide but also to everyone to understand that racism is still a major issue that exists on a wide level and therefore should be tackled.

Izzy Stone, Lower Sixth

Monopoly Market Management with Margrethe Vestager

Who is the woman behind the \$2.8bn fine handed to Google for breaching antitrust rules, alongside many other acts ensuring markets are kept competitive?



This week's Economics and Business Society meeting was courtesy of Lower Sixth student Ben Cordwell-Smith, who presented then led discussions on a TED talk by the European Commissioner for Competition, Margrethe Vestager: The new age of corporate monopolies.

Margrethe Vestager is in charge of regulating commercial activity across the European Union and enforcing the EU's rules designed to keep the markets fair. In her role, she has investigated a range of companies, from Google to Gazprom to Fiat, for anti-competitive practices. In this talk, she weighs up the advantages and disadvantages of corporate monopolies: firms with a high market share who face little competition in their market. Following this, she explains the need for clear rules in markets in order for them to operate effectively, avoiding the problems that are faced when a single firm becomes too dominant.

Discussions afterwards debated the concluding point of her talk: that competition makes the market work fairly for everyone by building up the trust needed to get the best out of society. As a result, her job in enforcing rules is necessary in ensuring this takes place, which the group was largely in agreement of.

Thank you to Ben for such an insightful and thought-provoking presentation!

Owen Reed and Lily Cordwell-Smith, Upper Sixth

D of E Spring Update

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme continues to thrive with participants eager to pursue their own choice of interests for the four sections of their award at Bronze and Gold levels.

Our current Lower Sixth students have a recent addition of Yasseen El-Sherif accomplishing his Bronze Award Certificate of Achievement, adding cookery skills to his profile. This brings the cohort total to 24 Certificate of Achievement Awards, with a further 8 students able to complete their expedition too to gain their full Bronze Certificates. 25 students in this ambitious year group have chosen to continue with their Gold Award. Along with the Upper Sixth students, expedition adventures are being planned for the Easter holidays with training going ahead in the Lake District. Impressively, a team of motivated Upper Sixth canoeists are currently planning to navigate their way across the Great Glen, with their aim to dip their toes in the sea on either side of Scotland. (Might be a bit chilly in April!)

Success at Bronze level with our Fifth Years is high with Sara Banerjee and Beth Newson awaiting confirmation of their full awards, with the other 19 students who have gained Bronze status. Only one more section lies ahead for a further 14 - nudge each other to submit the necessary evidence please!

Our Fourth Years have been phenomenal and very creative with their activities during the last 12 months. Izzie Speight is the latest to accomplish her Bronze Award and is the fifth member of that cohort to achieve their full Bronze Award. Snapping at the heels of older pupils, there are 14 pupils who have merely one section to complete. The Outdoor Education team are going to be busy during April and May with over 60 pupils planning their assessed expeditions - a reminder that all the other sections must be completed prior to your departure date.

Great personal achievement and determination all round - with success lying just around the corner for so many.

Meetings are regularly held in M3 during Mon & Wed lunchtimes for Bronze and on Thursdays for Gold. Pop in for planning sessions or to seek advice.

Third Year update: 95 pupils have now signed up for their Bronze Award!!

Mrs J Guest

Politics Society Calendar

Week 6	11th Feb 12:45 - FT	Sue Bridges Electoral Services Manager 'A career running elections'
Half Term		
Week 1	4th Mar 12:45 - FT	Marwa Ali Mahmoud Egyptian Human Rights defender 'LGBTQ+: The measuring of injustice'
Week 2	11th Mar 12:45 - FT	Professor Thom Brooks Academic, author, columnist, policy advisor. Director of the Labour Academic Network 'Shaping the intellectual heart of the Labour Party'

Flying High: Former Pupil Advises on Routes to Pilot Training



Last month former pupil Shaheer Bhatti joined us live from Abu Dhabi as a guest panellist in our Career Cluster in Engineering event. This week he popped into school at our request in order to offer his advice and guidance to a pupil considering a career in aviation.

As well as being in the final stages of his Masters in Aeronautical Engineering at Loughborough University, Shaheer has secured an opportunity to be a commercial piloting cadet with the Emirates Flight Training Academy based in Dubai. Shaheer was able to explain the various routes people take to train as a pilot. There are considerable costs involved, so this needs significant attention and preparation. Many students will still choose to pursue a degree as a back-up option, with some universities now offering more practical-based courses in aviation. We are very grateful for Shaheer's continued support and engagement with the school and wish him well with his own piloting plans.

RAF Liaison Officer Visit

Next week, on Wednesday lunchtime and afternoon, we will be hosting a visit from our RAF Liaison Officer, Squadron Leader Jim Tait. If any pupil is interested to arranging a meeting to find out further details about careers in the RAF, then please contact me at se@yarmschool.org.

Mr S Edwards

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- More details to come in the newsletter, online, in the register and in assembly

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Why?

To create a sustainable loop within our school

What can YOU do?

1. Sort through your wardrobe
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If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Imy Slack – Lower Sixth

CHECK IN WITH YOUR FRIENDS

If one of your friends doesn't seem OK, checking in on them can make a huge difference. One in every five children struggles with their mental health, so let's make sure we support each other through any difficult times.

**BE A GOOD
LISTENER**

**ASK HOW
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HELP**

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BE KIND

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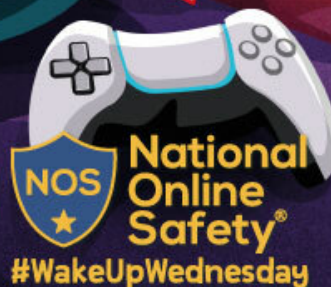
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**MISSED YOU AT
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EVERYTHING OK?**



Durham Small Boats Head – the first Head race of 2022 for Yarm School Boat Club

The logistics of getting 25 crews and their boats and blades to Durham is no easy task - but that is what happened on Saturday. This very popular Head race is raced over 1800 metres, over 4 divisions, with the added complication of negotiating Elvet Bridge in the middle of the race.

The weather conditions were good for the first division, but gradually the wind built, and the rain came. However, all our crews were undeterred by the weather, even though there were delays to divisions 3 and 4 because of capsizes from other clubs further up the course.

The Yarm School Boat Club captain, Mark Proberts, lead by example in his favourite discipline – sweep rowing. Rowing in two divisions in two different categories, Mark stroked the crews to wins in the Open Men's coxed four and the Junior 18 coxed four. He was assisted by Ethan Stannard, Deacon Laverick, Harry Wildridge and ably coxed by Dani Devlin in the Open 4+ and in the J18 4+ Will Craggs swapped in with Harry.



It is never easy to be in a single sculling boat in windy conditions, but Will Woodhead coped well with the conditions and even though he didn't win his two events, he was not far off the pace. Will is hoping to go to GB trials at the end of this month.



The Junior 15 boys are creating quite a reputation for themselves. They are becoming a difficult crew to beat and once again took the win in the J15 coxed quads. In a heavily contested field, the crew showed their calibre by beating their nearest opposition by over 20 seconds. Luke Anderson, Will Jeavons, Jack Pritchard, Sai Sidaginamale and Jack Stoddart (cox) made up the crew.



The fourth win of the day came from the senior girls in the Women's junior 18 coxed four and it was Dani Devlin's third win of the day. Good coxes are hard to come by, especially when having to get fours and quads through Elvet Bridge at race pace and Dani showed her calibre doing it three times. The crew was stroked by Hannah Stewart and backed up by Kitty Brown, Harriet White and Cordelia Deering.





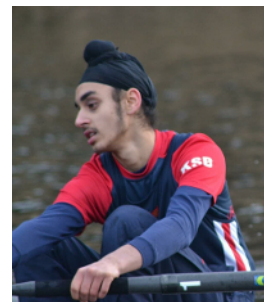
Like their male counterparts the Junior 15 girls coxed quad of Libby Laverick, Cecily Deering, Sophie Jewitt, Eve Grey and Joshita Mishra (cox) took the win in a large field by 7 seconds.



Unfortunately, not everyone can win, but it was super to see so many Yarm crews contesting their categories and trying so very hard. The Junior 16 section of the club was well represented as was the Junior 14 section. Having only started in September all the Junior 14 crews coped with the conditions, the bridge and enjoyed overtaking crews.

The senior crews go to the re-scheduled Rutherford Head next weekend followed by GB Trials at Boston at the end of the month.

Mrs A Lund



Boys U13 team through to the last 16 - Independent Schools Hockey Cup

The Second Year joined the U15 and U19 teams to make it into the last 16 of the National Independent Schools Cup!

Yarm 8-0 Giggleswick

This was another strong performance from Yarm as they moved within 2 games of a national final appearance in the ISH Cup. It was quite a slow start as we missed a number of easy chances but we were dominating this encounter from the start. Man of the Match, Paddy Key, was outstanding throughout as he created several chances. He drove down the right wing to pull back the balls on numerous occasions. Ollie Mowbray was equally effective on the left hand side with some clever movement, great stick skills and he also managed 3 goals.

Ollie Carr in the centre forward position managed 3 goals and was a constant threat throughout. The central midfield maestro scored a goal along with Ben Bardgett to complete the scoring.

This team is rapidly growing in confidence and skill. They will be playing in the County Cup on Monday.



U16 County Champions

Our U16 boys' team made a solid start to the National Schools Cup with a convincing performance in the County Cup. They beat RGS 5-0 in a one-sided affair as captain Junior Newton dominated the midfield whilst every other player made telling contributions. It was great to see Theo Grylls return after long standing injuries and Nathan Muzawazi was outstanding throughout with some fantastic movement.

Yarm beat Barnard Castle in the final by 5 goals to 1. The ever improving Max Jones nearly scored one of the goals of the season as he beat 5 players before unleashing a tomahawk which rattled against the far post. Overall, this was a pleasing performance but the boys know they will face tougher challenges in the coming weeks if they are to make it through to their second national finals of the season.

This now means we are County Champions at U18, U16 and U14- a great achievement!

RGS Newcastle Fixtures

Unfortunately, the First Years fixtures were cancelled this week: they should have played St Olave's and RGS but hopefully these matches will be rescheduled in the coming weeks!

U15- Yarm 7-1 RGS



It was another early start for the U15's against RGS but this didn't hold them back. Yarm were looking a bit nervous as the game started but Timmy Foley put one neatly at the front post, and with that spirits were lifted.

With spirits lifted and Dr Williams supporting the team on the side lines, Yarm begin to dominate possession and pile on the pressure. Jake Leader puts his name on the score sheet with a beautiful finish, and he didn't stop there, he scored another great goal only a few minutes after the first one. And with that the first half was over.

In the second half both teams were getting a fair few chances but a quick break led to Timmy Foley getting another goal. RGS had some shots and finished one. Yarm quickly responded with an immaculate top corner finish from Timmy Foley making it a hat trick. Yarm were looking very confident as nothing was getting through the back and the midfield were dominating. Yarm played the ball beautifully around the pitch and finished with a wonderful goal from Harvey Quinn.

The whistle blew and Yarm got a 7-1 victory. Another great performance from everyone on the team!

By Timmy Foley

Other Results

U13 A- RGS 1 - 13 Yarm

U13 B- RGS 2 - 9 Yarm

U14- Yarm 6 - 1 RGS

Sport Weeks Ahead

The weeks ahead are now available online.

You can [view them here](#).

Boys' Hockey Continued

U14B Yarm 4-0 Durham A

On Tuesday, the U14s went to Norton to play Durham. Our team was without some key players but we still performed to a really high standard. After an early goal from Will McPartland, surging through the defence, he unleashed a powerful shot into the bottom corner. We strung passes together well and Ayan spun and slotted the ball into the goal to make it 2-0. In the second half, Shola showed some good skills to wrong foot the keeper and finish to go 3-0 up. In the dying embers of the encounter I converted a drag flick. The final score was 4-0 and it was a dominant performance from all the boys.

By Dhruv Wadhwa



Ist XI v Durham University

On Wednesday afternoon the 1st XI made the trip to Durham University to play against one of their lower teams as preparation for various Regional Finals later in the term. Yarm emerged on top in a game that no team really managed to take full control of. First half goals from Charlie Thompson and Toby Simpson saw the team take a 2-1 lead into half-time, before an excellent 10 minutes with further goals from Charlie and Toby. Dan Walters stretched the Yarm lead to 5-1 but unfortunately Yarm dropped off the pressure towards the end of the game allowing Durham to close the gap to 5-4. This shouldn't detract from what was a very useful performance from which valuable lessons were learnt.

U12 through to the Final of Netball School Sports Magazine Cup

During the last round of this competition, the girls made Yarm history by getting through to the semi-finals. The nerves amongst our team were evident as the very tall Berkhamsted team arrived and got straight into their warm up. The girls knew their games were going to be tough and that they needed to be extremely focussed.

From the first whistle, and throughout the game, the talent on show was exemplary. The ball was back and forth through each team's net as all shooters on court appeared unwilling to miss a shot. The game was extremely fast paced and both teams made several changes throughout the game to try and combat the opposition. Our girls showed great ability and understanding as they were able to adapt to changes made by Berkhamsted, in an attempt to shut down our attacking play.

Both teams should be extremely proud of their efforts, especially our girls, who faced all the challenges thrown at them and came out of the match victorious, and making Yarm netball history yet again - onwards to the final!

Quarter time scores as follows:

1st quarter: Yarm 12 - 9 Berkhamsted

2nd quarter: Yarm 26 - 22 Berkhamsted

3rd quarter: Yarm 41 - 32 Berkhamsted

4th quarter: Yarm 53 - 40 Berkhamsted

Player of the Match: Charlotte Banks/Amelie Sawyer



Netball

Yarm U14B v Woodhouse Grove U15C

This was an extremely tough match but the girls were so happy that we managed to end the game with a 15-15 draw. The girls played extremely well and the Player of the Match was Lily Arvanitis, who performed amazingly in the GA position. Both sides were very strong and we were up by 2 goals, however Woodhouse Grove managed to come back towards the end of the match. Overall the match was very well played! Well done girls!!!

Josie Henley (Captain)



U12 Hockey

The U12B&C Teams competed in the U12A county tournament this week and finished 2nd and 3rd overall. This is an amazing achievement and bodes well for the future of hockey here at Yarm. Well done!



U12 A & U13 Hockey

Well done to the U13A and U12A hockey teams who competed in the U13 County Tournament on Wednesday.

They played some excellent hockey to claim 1st and 2nd place meaning they both progress through to the area finals in March! This is another first for Yarm School, well done!



U14 Hockey

Fabulous afternoon of hockey with our U13B&C teams at their county tournament

The C's finished 4th and the B's came 1st !



More Netball Photos from the weekend



Above: U12B. Below: U13B



Cricket

Well done to both our U12 and U13 indoor cricket teams who competed in the Durham County Competition last week.

We are still awaiting other results to see if our U12s qualify as best runners up after coming 2nd to a strong U13 Durham Johnston side.

Great to see cricket back remember we have practice on a Friday lunch (First Year) and Wednesday lunch (Second & Third Year).




Cross Country


Well done to all our runners who competed in the Regional Cross Country Competition this weekend at Stuart's Park.

Congratulations to Annabel who qualified for the English Schools Cross Country Championships in Kent on Saturday 19th March!






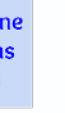




YARM SCHOOL NETBALL



TEAM OF THE WEEK

31st Jan - 6th Feb 2022

			
Srikari Gollapenne U13B		Rhianna Gill U15B	
Lily Arvanitis U14B	Ava Holmes U12A	Kyra Hyndman U15	Pippa Ferguson U14
			
Niala Krishnamoorthy U13A		Hermione Gibbons U12B	
Natasha Cunningham U15B	Hannah Wild U14	Zoe Wild U12A	Isobel Keetley U15B
			
Samaira Kumar U15B		Janvi Chelliah U12	

Photos from U16 National Finals



Yarm Girls' Hockey History

This was the first time Yarm has ever been represented in the girls' National Hockey Competitions: it was a great success.

The girls travelled down to Nottingham on Sunday night to eat and sleep ready for the early start to the competition. It turned out this wasn't needed as frozen pitches delayed the start of play. This disruption and the nerves of our first nationals match may have contributed to our slow start, we were 1-0 down in the first half against Hereford Cathedral School (West). We regrouped at half-time and were on top for the rest of the match but we could not convert and started the day with a disappointing 1-0 loss.

After some cake for Captain India's birthday we started the second game with renewed focus and determination. Wrekin School (Midlands) had one outstanding player in the middle of the pitch that we had to keep quiet but Rosie, Cara and Indeya did this superbly. This left the attack free to show some flare. Elise and Lexie combined well, with Elise hitting the base line before crossing, for Lexie to deflect into goal and Miriam showed her class in finishing a lovely run with a shot from the top, burying it in the bottom corner. This was the confidence boost the girls needed as we finished the game 3-1. This left us with one group game left facing a very strong Lord Wandsworth School (South Central). The game did not start well with some umpiring decisions going against us and Wandsworth being clinical in front of goal. During half-time we had to come together and focus on a few key areas that would allow us to move the ball up the pitch quicker after moving the ball away from pressure.

The game finished 4-1 but we drew the second half 1-1.

This left us in a playoff for 5th and 6th against Cooper Company & Coborn (East), we had all the pressure throughout but came off at half-time 1-0 down (even the opposition staff commented how they didn't know how we weren't ahead). The second half was much the same with lots of pressure but no end product which meant we finished the tournament in 6th place.

The first time a Yarm Girls team has been to T3 National Finals and we are the 6th best U16 team in the country, unbelievable! Well done to all the girls, you were all fabulous and I can't wait to see what you can do at U16s and U18s over the next two years.



Beyond the Barricade

Celebrating a fantastic 22 years touring, the UK's longest running Musical Theatre Concert Tour features past principal performers from Les Misérables and delivers over two hours of the best of Broadway and the West End, ending of course with a stunning finale from Les Mis.

The concert features David Fawcett (Valjean) Andy Reiss (Enjolras & Resident Director for the National Tour of Les Misérables) Katie Leeming (Eponine) and Poppy Tierney (Cosette), together with a live band who capture the feel of the original orchestrations of the chosen musicals.

To this day every musical note is still played and sung live – very rare indeed.

Beyond the Barricade gives musical theatre songs a bold concert format treatment – but with the conviction and intention to deliver the material as if the audience are watching the original performance.



Saturday 5th March 2020, 7:30pm

[Book Online Here](#)

ROH Live: Rigoletto



In a pitiless world of luxurious decadence, corruption and social decay, Director of The Royal Opera Oliver Mears sets his scene.

In his first work for his own Company, Mears brings Verdi's masterpiece into the modern world.

Verdi's thrilling Rigoletto pits power against innocence, beauty against ugliness, conducted by Sir Antonio Pappano.

This special anniversary screening of Verdi's Rigoletto celebrates 171 years since its premiere in 1851.

Thursday 10th March 2022 7:15pm

[Book Online Here](#)

Ben Hart - Wonder

Britain's Got Talent 2019 finalist, West End star and multi award-winning magician Ben Hart is embarking on his debut solo tour.

Described by David Walliams as 'the living embodiment of magic', Ben has recently played to royalty, heads of state and celebrities, in West End theatres, international arenas and on dozens of UK and international TV appearances (including his own series on BBC Three, The One Show and BBC One's "Now You See It").

Expect his most mind-blowing and exciting magic in a show that shines a light on magic, life, the universe and the darkest corners of your imaginations. With the simplest of props, using the objects and minds of the audience, Ben Hart conjures an altogether new kind of magic.

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Sunday 27th March 2022 7:30pm

[Book Online Here](#)

