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YARM SCHOOL

Yarm School was founded in 1978. Growing quickly since that time, it is now firmly established amongst the country's leading co-educational day schools, with a superb academic reputation as well as a firm commitment to extra-curricular activities and trips. In addition to the Senior School, there is a Preparatory School, and a Pre-Prep which includes a Nursery. In total, there are over 1,100 pupils between the ages of 3 and 18.

There is an impressive array of facilities and accommodation at the Senior School, including a large classroom wing on the banks of the Tees which enjoys beautiful views, a dance studio, extensive sport and drama facilities, underground changing rooms and a bar serving the award-winning Princess Alexandra Auditorium.

The Pre-Prep and Preparatory Schools have their own self-contained accommodation on a safe and equally delightful site. The Pre-Prep is housed in a modern purpose-built development, whilst the Preparatory School is located on the site of the original Yarm Grammar School founded in 1590.

The School has ample outdoor space, sporting facilities, a boat house and friendly communal areas. A timber yurt provides space for the outdoor education and eco school curriculum.

LOCATION

Yarm is a beautiful market town on the edge of the Teesside conurbation which enjoys easy access to both town and countryside, including the nearby North York Moors, Yorkshire Dales and stunning coastline. Opportunities for outdoor pursuits and exploration of all kinds are many and varied. Similarly, the cities of Newcastle, York and Leeds are within close range and provide much in the way of arts and culture. With superb rail network links in the town itself and nearby, London is also only 2.5 hours away by direct train.

The school is very much a part of the town, with pupils, staff and parents enjoying all that the buzzing High Street has to offer by means of shops and cafes.



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ETHOS

Yarm has a strong commitment to educating the whole child – ‘educating for life’. We offer an extensive range of extra-curricular opportunities, both within and outside lessons, which help to foster inter-personal skills, confidence and build relationships. A Yarm education is about far more than just academic achievement.

Each pupil is strongly encouraged to take part in extra-curricular activities. There is a huge range of clubs and societies which meet either during the two timetabled Activity lessons, at lunch-time or after school on a regular basis. Over 50 activities take place each week, as diverse as canoeing and chess, community action and gardening.

Sport plays an important role in the life of the school, not just through the generous time provision for PE and Games lessons, but through the many opportunities to represent school teams in a diverse range of sports and at all ages. Facilities are superb and cater impressively for rugby, hockey, netball, rowing, tennis, cricket, rounders, athletics and general fitness.

At weekends and during the holidays there are frequent trips and expeditions, many of them adventurous. Outdoor education is a major part of life at Yarm, and pupils can explore caves, climb mountains or traverse entire countries in canoes! We have two full time, highly qualified members of staff whose sole remit is to provide these fantastic opportunities.

The school life of Yarm pupils is varied, exciting, and fast-paced. There is never a dull moment as we embody our philosophy of ‘educating for life’. Our teachers embrace the extra-curricular programme and enjoy the opportunity it affords them to pursue areas that interest them or indeed learn new skills themselves.

The performing arts are thriving at Yarm. Music enhances the everyday life of the School. With outstanding facilities, such as the 750 seat Princess Alexandra Auditorium, the Studio Theatre, Dance Studio, Recital Room and the superb Music School we offer an extremely vibrant programme of concerts, recitals, plays, dance shows and musicals. Many cultural events which take place in the stunning Princess Alexandra Auditorium are open to the wider community and regularly attract audiences in the many hundreds.

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BENEFITS OF TEACHING AT YARM

We have a staff of highly qualified and enthusiastic teachers who first and foremost nurture the development of each child in our care.

The teaching staff comprises 63 full-time and 18 part-time staff in the Senior School; there are a further 24 full-time and 7 part-time teachers in the Preparatory School. In total, the School employs some 240 individuals, many of whom have important specialist, professional and technical skills and experience to facilitate the smooth-running of the School.

The Headmaster, Dr Huw Williams, is a member of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC). The Head of the Preparatory School is a member of IAPS and also represents the School at HMC Junior Heads' meetings.

Yarm has an exceptionally well-qualified and dedicated staff. Teaching groups are considerably smaller than in the maintained sector, with classes typically being of around 20 pupils in years 7-11 and lower still at Sixth Form. The facilities, resources and positive ethos make for a particularly happy working and learning environment and teaching staff receive a generous discount on school fees. Employees are offered a generous staff benefits scheme which provides discounted shopping, days out, restaurants, gym

membership and more. Yarm and the surrounding area are wonderful places to live.

Teachers are paid at the national rate with point M6 enhanced by Yarm School Performance Related Pay (which is roughly equivalent in value to UPS3). School holidays are longer by about 3 weeks than those in the state sector. Free school meals during term-time are offered to teachers and are very popular and staff rooms have complimentary coffee/tea biscuits.

Many staff make use of the School's fitness suite and sports facilities.

There is ample free parking on site.

