

Newsletter



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Headmaster's Welcome

It has been a poignant and special week as the Upper Sixth have had their last lessons at Yarm School and now head off for examination leave. We came together at the Methodist Church in Yarm for the traditional Leavers' Service on Thursday, thrilled to be able to return to an event that has been impossible to run for the last two years. Mr Woodward returned to give a moving address, and the Upper Sixth, and their parents, did well to hold things together as we listened to and participated in some beautiful music in a stunning setting. A memorable day, and a wonderful opportunity to congratulate this fantastic year group and to wish them well in the forthcoming exams and beyond; I hope they will all stay in touch. I want to pay tribute to the School Officer Team who have been a cohesive, effective, fun and highly impressive group to work with. Next year's team, the School Officers Elect, is announced below.

Revd. Ramsden, who kindly allowed us to use the extraordinary and historic octagonal Methodist Church for our Leavers' Service, is running the London Marathon in October, and is raising awareness and money for a cause close to his heart: Alzheimers Research UK. There is a film about the project he is raising money for here and donations can be made via his Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/martin-ramsden> We wish him luck!

This week's newsletter is an uplifting read, with reports of the Yarm Apprentice teams in action with their creations in the Prep School, news of next year's Econ/Bus Society Chairs, fascinating reviews of the recent interfaith day for our First Years, recognition of service and commitment to the CCF with news of some recent promotions, and some wonderful pupil art all offering absorbing reflections on life at school.

In other news, we read of prolific success in the Junior Maths Challenge, in rowing at the Tees regatta, and in cricket against Barnard Castle, and there is a report from recent high octane racing for two go-karting teams representing the School, with further national competition to come - well done and good luck to all involved.

I have had a few sneak previews of the rehearsals for the forthcoming production of Beauty and the Beast and am excited to see this come to the stage of the PAA - as ever, the standard is unbelievably high and pupils are working hard to prepare for the shows from the 29th June to the 2nd July. Tickets are available via the PAA website (<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/disneys-beauty-and-the-beast/>): book early to avoid disappointment!

Dr Huw Williams

School Officers Elect

We are delighted to announce the appointment of the 2022/23 School Officers.

School Captains:

Josh McGeary
Belle Woodhead

Vice Captains:

Lilian Dufton
Jodie Hegab
Poppy Gratton
Oliver Greenaway
Mohammed Mohammed

Our sincere thanks to the outgoing School Officers (pictured handing over blue ties/scarves to the new team) who have been an asset to the School, representing their peers with distinction for the last year.



Fundraising Update: South Cleveland Heart Fund

In December we released our charity calendar, featuring pupil artwork, to raise money for the South Cleveland Heart Fund.

The whole project was organised and co-ordinated by Upper Sixth student, Olivia Davies. She first arranged an art competition across the whole school with the theme 'What do you think makes a good heart?'. The winning submissions - from Reception pupils through to Fifth Year Senior pupils - were used to create the stunning calendar which was sold to the school community and beyond.

We are delighted to announce that the final total raised is an amazing £2321.76!



Olivia would like to extend her thanks to all involved for their efforts and contributions.

Well done to Olivia on a fantastic initiative which has been hugely successful in raising both funds and awareness of this great local charity.

Artists' Corner

Emaan has created this beautiful, digital portrait of their mother on her wedding day. The details are fantastic and I love the colours and patterns of the fabric. Thank you for a lovely submission Emaan!

Jessica Jenyns, Visiting Artist



Breaking news...

I am delighted to announce that after a very difficult decision Laura Hull and Ben Cordwell-Smith have been selected as Co-Chairs of the Econ/Bus Society. Many thanks to all those who applied. I look forward to working with Laura and Ben in the coming months.

Miss C E Rhodes

Rocket-Themed Maths Game Takes Off!



During the course of the Apprentice my team and I set out to achieve high goals and when hearing about the task of a maths game for the reception pupils we decided what's higher than..well..space! This set the background for our rocket themed maths game whereby the aim of the game was to answer a question, receive a piece of the rocket and the first team to complete the rocket would win.

As readers of the newsletter will know, we won our task after pitching in the Boardroom, but Miss Rhodes and Mrs Speight wanted this to be very real and for us to roll the activity out with the children at Pre-Prep. So this week, after the production process was complete, Jodie, Amelia and I, travelled across to the Pre-Prep to allow the pupils to test out our game. Overall, it was a great experience and I hope the pupils enjoyed playing the game and learnt something along the way!

Poppy Gratton, Lower Sixth

Inspirational Finale!

Thanks to Owen and Lily our departing Chairs for a fabulous final Eco/Bus Soc session, which featured videoed inspirational messages and words of wisdom from a wide variety of successful business people and professionals, including business owners, politicians and a few guest appearances from students' parents. This was a really positive and uplifting end to the programme, and Lily and Owen must be commended for all the preparation and planning which went into it (and how effectively they kept their plans under wraps until the video was revealed!)

Miss C E Rhodes

CCF - Celebrating our Upper Sixth

The CCF paraded on Monday for the final term this half term. It was a particularly important parade as it was the last time our Upper Sixth cadets had the opportunity to be part of the school CCF.

We took the opportunity to promote several of the senior cadets who will attend summer camp and lead the cadet force in July. Mr Graham Mist, myself and the other adult staff wanted to mention this particular group of Upper Sixth, who have been an excellent example to the younger cadets within their role as the contingent's non-commissioned officers. They joined the CCF in 2017 and have always been an excellent year group and an integral part of the cadet force. They have come up against significant challenges particularly with Covid and they have all overcome them and maintained their commitment to the CCF. We wish them all the very best with their future endeavours.

Finally I would like to mention one very special promotion in particular. Since the formation of the Yarm School Contingent there has only ever been one other cadet promoted to Warrant Class 1 (RSM). That happened to be Lt Adam Bridges, now one of our instructors. Owing to her outstanding dedication, leadership and position as a role model, we made the decision to promote Sophie Brining to WO1. She will have the opportunity to carry out the role on summer camp in Scotland. Well done Sophie!

Upper Sixth Promotions

Warrant Officer Class 2 Sophie Brining promoted to Warrant Officer Class 1 RSM

SSgt Vignesh Janakiraman promoted to Warrant Officer Class 2

SSgt Tarrun Sandhu promoted to Warrant Officer Class 2

Sgt Oliver Johnson promoted to Staff Sergeant

Sgt Dylan Corbishley promoted to Staff Sergeant

Cpl Himank Kulkarni promoted to Sergeant

Mr Tim Taylor





Yarm School's production of Beauty and the Beast is kindly sponsored by
Active Chartered Financial Planners and Cleveland Land Services

Yarm School proudly presents



Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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Wednesday 29th June - Saturday 2nd July, 7.30pm

Adults £12.00, Children £8.00

To book tickets: 01642 792587 or www.thepaaonline.org

Director
Liam Gilbert

Musical Directors
Katie Staggs & Andrew McIntyre

Choreographer
Jess Dunkley

Producer
David Boddy

Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman & Tim Rice

Book by
Linda Woolverton

Originally Directed by Robert Jess Roth

Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI

www.mtishows.co.uk

Interfaith Day

The Inter-faith day that the First Years had was brilliant. We had 5 people of faith come in to tell us a little bit more about their religion. We had 5 religions, Buddhism, Sikhism, Islam, Christianity and Hinduism. My favourite was Sikhism because we did some meditation. I have learnt a lot more about every religion that we saw and I am very grateful that our teachers were able to organise the day.

Luca Speight, First Year

Extracts from First Years' Thank you Letters:

I particularly liked learning about the 5 K's since all religions have some main values and the Sikh ones were very interesting. The instruments were different to what I usually listen to but they were really pleasant and calming especially during the meditation. I am sure that lots of people's favourite part of the session was meditating because of how peaceful and relaxing it was.

Next time I go to India I really want to visit the Golden Temple because it looks like an amazing place to visit and I can learn something there too. It was great to hear how selfless people are by taking their time to volunteer there, and not expecting anything back.

Sanju Vasireddy, First Year

I am a Muslim and follow the religion of Islam but I still learnt somethings that were very interesting to me. For example I did not know that they climbed a minaret and called out to symbolise the beginning of a prayer. I really appreciated you coming in because at home I am very busy meaning I don't get a lot of time to learn my religion. I enjoyed learning your opinion on the religion and your experiences. I have been to the mihrab a few times and have enjoyed the experience. I hope to go to Mecca with my dad and brother when I am older so I can have completed one of the 5 pillars of Islam. Given this is my religion there is not much more that I want to know that you haven't already explained. My next main goal is to properly be able to read and write fluently in Arabic. My grandparents help me with it and I can't wait to master the skill. I am very thankful that you came in today, I have learned a lot.

Sarah Abbas, First Year

I really appreciated your visit to our school. It was very informative and it really helped me understand what Christianity is really about. I have learnt that Christianity is not just a faith but it's a family where everyone comes together to celebrate their beliefs, whatever their age. I was also fascinated by how much you help the community and would like to know how I could play a part in that.

Janvi Chelliah, First Year



Junior Maths Challenge

After fantastic results from the older year groups, the First and Second Year took their opportunity to complete the Junior Maths Challenge recently with 116 competitive Mathematicians working with skill through these tricky conundrums.

There was lots of enjoyment working through these puzzles with pupils able to work on their problem solving skills more than just using Mathematical techniques. The ratio of vitamins in various fruits were compared alongside some tricky logical problems of who the biggest liar is and looking at what day it will be in 100 days time.

All pupils, regardless of their final certificate, should take pride in their performance - it is a joy to have such a large proportion of the Lower School represented in this challenge as pictured below. A special mention and good luck goes to Charlie Baines, Alex Berbari, James Goodall, Aditya Paul and Arshia Arora (who was best in school) who will all take part in follow on rounds next month.

Mr A Brogan







YARM SCHOOL
EDUCATING FOR LIFE

Wednesday July 6th

6.30pm Music Festival
& BBQ

N.B. A separate BBQ ticket must be purchased online or bought from the box office for each person wishing to partake (£5.00pp)

Tickets are FREE (..but are required) and are available from www.thepaonline.org or from the box office. A bar is available at the event where you can purchase a variety of cool refreshing drinks

YSA PRESENTS

BOLLYWOOD SUMMER BALL

SATURDAY, 18TH JUNE 2022
7PM

CARRIAGES AT MIDNIGHT

THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AUDITORIUM

TICKETS £60
AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM 9AM
SATURDAY 30TH APRIL

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BOLLYWOOD DANCERS FROM DESI NACH

THREE COURSE MEAL
BLACK TIE OR PARTY WEAR

yarmschoolassociation.org

Success on the Tees

Racing on your own river is always special, and so it was on Saturday. The weather was perfect for rowing and Tees Rowing Club had set out a buoyed four lane course for the only multi-lane racing event in the area. With exams and revision taking priority for some of our rowers, Yarm School had fewer entries than the previous week, but there was still much success to celebrate over the 800 metre course.



The first win of the day came in the Open men's coxed four (Band 3). A combined crew of Alfie King, Kaaman Birk and the Moxon twins from Leeds RC rowed very well to beat a Leeds University BC crew and our own J15 crew. The winning crew had represented the Yorkshire region in the recent Inter-Regional regatta at Nottingham.



This win was followed almost immediately by our senior four taking a win in the Band 2 event, following on from their win at Durham the previous weekend. Izadin Qasem, Ethan Stannard, Mark Probert and Will Craggs were ably coxed by Annabel Cunningham to also beat a Leeds University crew and also a crew from Tyne RC.



The third win of the day came from the girls' junior 15 coxed four of Hannah Bettinson, Emily Nicholson, Sophie Jewitt, Cecily Deering and Joshita Mishra. This crew continued their success against Queen Elizabeth High School, another of Yarm's J15 crew, and a crew from St Peter's School in York.



The senior girls' fours and eight were very keen to continue their winning run on a multi-lane course. In the Open Women's eight event, Yarm School BC were up against two crews from Leeds University BC and another school crew from St Leonards in Durham. This talented group of athletes confirmed their place as one of the top crews in the North.



Success on the Tees (cont.)



The girls' eight finished the day by dividing into two coxed fours, with the crew stroked by Emily Dunn only beating the crew stroked by Siya Puthuraya by a narrow margin.

Not everyone can win and there were a number of second places during the day, but perhaps the overwhelming sight was the smiling faces of all those who took part, irrespective of winning and everyone helping each other.

Mrs A Lund



Success at the British Schools Karting Championship Regional Finals

On the 11th May, two Yarm School teams took part in the BSKC Regional Final in Newcastle! It was a very intense afternoon and evening with Yarm School's Team A (Callum, Oscar, and Alexander) winning the event.

Team B comprising Felix, Alfie and Luke came in a highly respectable 7th place out of 14 teams participating.

This means that Yarm School has the fastest and 7th fastest indoor go-karting teams in the whole of the North and Scotland! Well done to all involved.

The next round is the National Final, which is to be held in Warrington on 17th June.: Good Luck!



Sport Weeks Ahead

The weeks ahead are now available online.

You can [view them here](#).

YARM SCHOOL CRICKET TEAM OF THE WEEK

12th May - 18th May



Oliver
Mansfield



Saatvik
Gaarg



Kyra
Hyndman



Shlok
Arcot



Lucy
Mitchell



Sienna
Hyndman



Charlotte
Dawson



Anna
Grimbley



Ben
Hunt



Aryan
Nalawade



Phoebe
Nicholl

Cricket Reports

U12 vs Barnard Castle

Yarm U12 massively improved on their batting performance from last week, scoring 101 runs in 20 overs with just one wicket being lost. Saatvik Garg and Oliver Mansfield batted beautifully and retired with scores of 25 and 28 respectively.

Barnard Castle chased very well and achieved 102 in the 18th over, a significant improvement, and thanks to Mrs Staggs for her coaching session on Wednesday, looking at head and body alignment when attacking the ball with the bat.

U13 vs Barnard Castle

The U13's had a later start to their cricket season playing in their first game of the season. The team were without 4 of their players due to representing Cleveland Schools, however they started amazingly with the ball, with Ben Hunt, Aryan Nalawade and Jasman Sidhu restricting the team to 35-7 at one stage. Aryan ensured all bowled and Barnard Castle were bowled out for 98. The team reached that target in the 17th over thanks to a best ever batting performance from Shlok Arcot and the shot of the day from Sam Shawcross. A great start!

Mr L Shanahan

DON'T MISS - THIS WEEK!

From Gold to Rio

FROM GOLD TO RIO – THE GREATEST HITS OF SPANDAU BALLET & DURAN DUARN

Two of the UK's most iconic bands will be brought to life in one power packed show!

From Gold to Rio will take you on a nostalgic journey back to the New Romantic era which ruled the charts for over a decade. For the very first time the music from two of the UK's most iconic bands will be celebrated in one power packed show!

Saturday 28th May 2022, 7:30pm

[Book Online Here](#)



COMING SOON

Zog and the Flying Doctors

Zog, super keen student turned air-ambulance, still lands with a crash-bang-thump. Together with his Flying Doctor crew, Princess Pearl and Sir Gadabout, they tend to a sunburnt mermaid, a unicorn with one too many horns and a lion with the flu. However, Pearl's uncle, the King, has other ideas about whether princesses should be doctors, and she's soon locked up in the castle back in a crown and a silly frilly dress!

Most suitable for ages 3+ but all ages welcome.

Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st July 2022

[Book Online Here](#)



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Hound of the Baskervilles

Presented by Crime And Comedy Theatre Company as a radio play on stage, this tale of murder, mystery and horror is surely the greatest detective story ever told!

The legend of the Hound Of The Baskervilles has haunted the Baskerville family for generations – none more so than Sir Charles Baskerville, who died in mysterious circumstances worthy of the legend.

This leads Doctor Mortimer to consult Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson, in the hope of preventing the heir to the Baskerville estate, Sir Henry, from suffering the same fate. But the supernatural seems a very long way from 221B Baker Street...

Saturday 5th November 2022 7:30pm

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISCORD

AGE RATING
13+

Servers and channels marked as NSFW require users to be 18 or older to join.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CYBERBULLYING

Discord's easy accessibility and connectivity, unfortunately, makes it an ideal place for cyberbullying to occur – especially as audio and video streams disappear once they've ended, meaning that bullying could take place without leaving any evidence. Closed groups can also be created, giving young people the opportunity to exclude their peers or send cruel messages without adult oversight.

DIFFICULT TO MODERATE

Like many private communication apps, Discord's real-time messaging can be difficult to control. The system enables content moderation through each individual server – so different groups can set their own rules for what's acceptable, and some groups may not monitor for unsuitable content. Anything that happens in an audio or video stream is also virtually untraceable once the stream has concluded.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Discord mainly hosts private groups, making it easier for unsuitable or explicit content to be shared on channels. Pornography, racism and inappropriate language can be found in some groups. Server owners are required to add an age-restriction gate to channels where 18+ content is being shared – but this solution isn't foolproof, as the platform doesn't always verify users' ages when they sign up.

ACCESSIBLE TO PREDATORS

On many chat platforms, users can lie about their age or true identity – and Discord is no exception. Predators have attempted to abuse the platform by using it to contact and communicate with underage users – by initially chatting with a child on an age-appropriate channel, for example. While Discord has improved its safety settings, some users will still try to bypass them for malicious reasons.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Discord does have strict Terms of Service and Community Guidelines to protect its users – but, sadly, not everyone adheres to them. Criminal activity including grooming, hate speech, harassment, exploitative content, doxing and extremist or violent material have all been found on Discord servers over the last two years. In 2020, Discord received almost 27,000 reports of illegal activity on the platform.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SAFETY SETTINGS

Discord has a series of safety settings, enabling users to choose who can direct message them or send them friend requests. Your child's experience on Discord will be much safer if the app's privacy and safety settings are configured to only allow messages or friend requests from server members. This will minimise the chances of potential predators from outside the group contacting them.

EXPLAIN AGE FILTERING

While Discord requires users to be at least 13 to sign up, many servers geared towards older users are flagged as NSFW (not safe for work), which indicates they probably contain material that's inappropriate for children. It can be easy to click through settings without properly reviewing them, so ensure your child understands why age filtering is important and that it's there to protect them.

SCREEN OUT EXPLICIT CONTENT

In the privacy and safety settings, Discord users are offered the ability to filter direct messages for inappropriate content: a setting that should be enabled if your child uses the platform. Discord automatically tries to flag images that are explicit, but the setting must be manually enabled for text. If a young user is sent explicit content in a direct message, Discord will scan and (if necessary) delete it.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

It's wise to regularly review your child's activity on Discord. This can include checking their safety settings to ensure they're correctly enabled, talking about which servers they've joined and reviewing some of their friends and direct messages. Ask if anything has made them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Things can change quickly online, so plan routine check-ins and follow up frequently.

DISCUSS GOOD ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

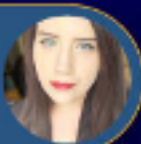
The anonymity offered by the internet often leads people to communicate more openly online and behave differently than they would at school or home. It's crucial to bear in mind, though, that every internet user is still a real person. Talk to your child about the severe and lasting consequences that cyberbullying or exchanging inappropriate material online can have in the real world.

HAVE CANDID CONVERSATIONS

It can sometimes be awkward to discuss topics like grooming, pornography, racism or explicit content with your child – but it's important to ensure they're aware of the harms these things can pose. Talking openly about these subjects is a great way to help your child feel more comfortable about coming to you if they experience an unwanted encounter on Discord (or anywhere else online).

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National Online Safety

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Source: <https://www.discord.com/terms> (Discord's age-restriction gate is popular and app-specific). <https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com> (National Online Safety's advice for parents and carers). <https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com> (National Online Safety's advice for parents and carers).



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