

## HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

We celebrated success at a national level this week, with our Girls U14 and U16 netballers representing the North East at the National Finals last weekend. Terrific performances all round, with our U16s coming a tremendous 13th in the country, the joint best ever result by a Yarm team. That was, until the next day, when the U14s entered in tenacious mood, sweeping aside the opposition in their pool to take seven wins and a draw, seeing them top the pool and move into the next stages. Two more hard-fought battles saw them end up as the fourth placed team in the tournament and, therefore, in the country - huge congratulations to the pupils, thanks to the parents who travelled to support, and particular thanks to all staff involved in making this happen.

In other sports news which has been celebrated in assemblies this week, Lucy Oliver's wonderful swimming results, being crowned English School's Champion in the in the 200m Butterfly alongside other individual and team medals was applauded at the same time as Izzy Speight's first call up to play netball for Scotland U17s. Our rowers have battled hard to form many of the teams that will

represent Yorkshire in April, and in the North of England Head our senior rowers came second in the quad and eights, setting them up well for a big season to come. Our rugby players were applauded for a variety of commendable performances in recent sevens tournaments, with some high placings. And we read of recent success on the hockey pitch later in the newsletter. News just in, and hopefully in next week's newsletter, of recent success on the go-karting track too! Congratulations to all who work hard to improve their sport, and who represent the school with real distinction.

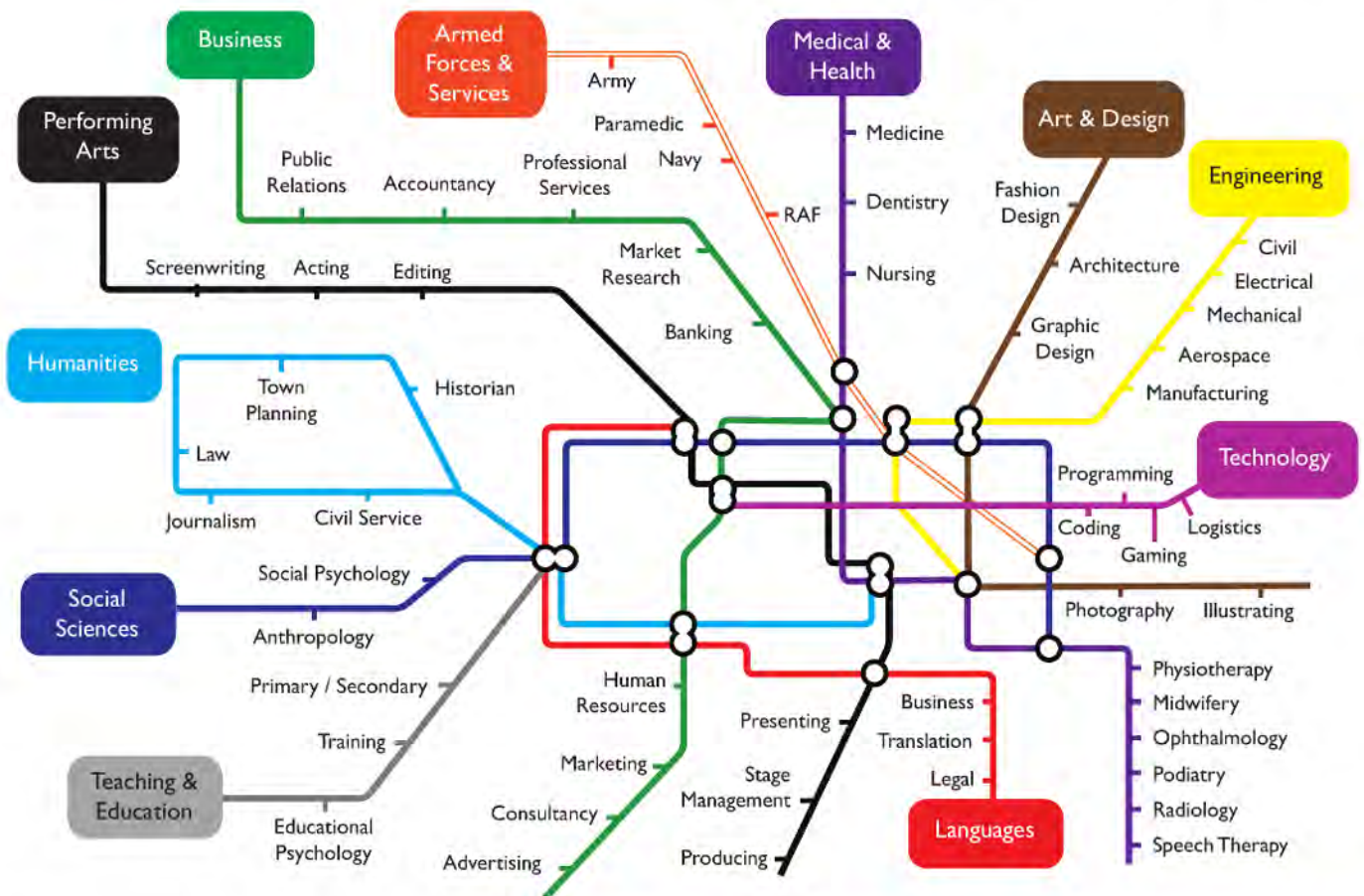
The newsletter contains information about the forthcoming Careers Convention on 27th April, coordinated by our Head of Careers, Mr Edwards. This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to explore career ideas, particularly those in Fourth Year upwards, with representation from universities and businesses from this region and beyond making it 'a must', I would say. It is open to pupils from any school, so please do spread the word.

Dr Huw Williams



U14 Netball team at the National Finals

## CAREER CONVENTION: THURSDAY 27TH APRIL, 18:30 - 20:30



This week I have written to all parents and pupils from Fourth Year to Upper Sixth inviting them to the Yarm School Career Convention. It promises to be an exciting and beneficial occasion. The understanding and expectation is that all members of the pupils from Fourth Year to Upper Sixth will attend and it has been designed to be purposeful and of value to all of these year groups. Given the fact that this event happens only every two years - and we were prevented from hosting such an event due to the pandemic - there is every reason to make the very most of this. Of course if there are keen and curious members of the Third Year, then they too can come along. I would also like to make clear that the event is very much open to all

pupils from all schools across the region and I would be grateful for your support in spreading this invitation to friends and family outside of the immediate Yarm School community.

To give you some idea of the range and scale of delegates coming to the Convention, we expect to have...

+25 universities and colleges from around the country

+60 differing professions represented

+175 delegates

And in terms of 'career areas', we will have a vast range of national and regional employers. Here's just a sample...

Airport Services, Apprenticeships,

Architecture, Automotive, Armed Forces, Accountancy, Charity, Computer Science, Construction, Consultancy, Civil Service, Dentistry, Design, Education, Engineering - Nuclear, Chemical, Electrical, Finance, Healthcare, Investment Management, Interior Design, Languages, Law, Media, Medicine, Med Tech, Midwifery, Nursing, Optometry, Orthopaedics, Performing Arts, Pharmaceuticals, Pharmacy, Piloting, Police, Public Relations, Professional Services, Property, Psychiatry, Radiography, Retail, Security, Social Work, Sport, Tech, Telecommunications, Textiles, Veterinary

Mr S Edwards



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY POLITICS STUDENT ATTEND HISTORY OF FEMINISM LECTURE

To mark International Women's Day a number of the Upper Sixth Politics students travelled to Newcastle for an evening lecture delivered by Dr Hannah Dawson, a historian of ideas at King's College London. She received her PhD in history from the University of Cambridge, and is the author of books on Hobbes and Locke. Amongst other publications and research Dr Dawson is the editor of *The Penguin Book of Feminist Writing*, a fascinating compendium of extracts of feminist writing from the 15th century to the present day.

Beginning the journey from Christine de Pisan's *City of Ladies* (1405) and voyaging through to the complexities and controversies of twenty-first century feminist thinking, Dr Dawson presented the ideology as quite simply 'a movement to end sexism'. As such it is arguably better to think of feminism as being against inequality, rather than a demanding to-do list of compliance and expectation. The Cabinet minister who recently proclaimed: 'I am not a feminist, I believe in equality for all', had missed the point. Dr Dawson demonstrated feminism operating against other actions, such as John Knox's book *The First Blast of the Trumpet against the Monstrous Regiment of Women* (1588). De Pisan indulged in a reimagining of a new city made of the overlooked women of the past - it was a cry for

education and engagement. There were insightful sharing from Mary Wollstonecraft's works concerned with the cultivation of women's minds, referencing 'beauty as women's sceptre...the adornment of a prison'. And then on to Virginia Woolf, who in her *Professions of Women*, a precursor to *Three Guineas* talked of the need to 'kill the angel in the house', the angel being that apologetic, ever-pleasing daemon that plagues the conscience of women. Powerfully evoking de Beauvoir in a series of her writings, Dr Dawson connected current debates around trans issues with the French writer's statements that gender is a construction - 'one if not born but becomes a woman' - and in this woman becomes a fiction or fabrication. If they are made they can be remade, and biology is not destiny.

Dr Dawson argued that economics and labour were a consistent thread through the history of feminist writing, but was brave enough to acknowledge some of the slips or transgressions, even exclusions of feminism, in the 1960s this being issues of women of colour, non-European, working class, etc and again back to the trans debate of our time. Sojourner Truth, the American abolitionist born into slavery asked in 1851 'Aren't I a woman?' In 'leaning in' bell hooks warned us to make sure we do not 'lean on', that we rethink the gatekeepers, and reassess the concepts. Feminism has so consistently sought to throw off the rigid policing of gender, and that again remains the challenge.

Mr S Edwards



Kitty, Isabelle, Elise, Cicely, Abi and Phoebe with Dr Hannah Dawson

## PUBLIC LAWYER FORMER PUPIL SPEAKS OF HIS WORK ON THE IMMIGRATION BILL

Last week we were delighted to be in conversation with Phil Armitage, who left us in 2010 and has since been building an impressive career and reputation as a public and administrative lawyer. When he spoke to the Politics Society and prospective law applicants on Friday he had just finished submitting his report to Members of Parliament ahead of the vote on the new Immigration Bill this week.

Phil works at JUSTICE, a law-based charity, pressure group and think tank based in London, an organisation with a commitment to the protection of human rights and the rule of law. Prior to this Phil completed a degree in Politics and Philosophy at the University of Sheffield, followed by a law conversation or GDL. He was called to the Bar in 2015 but switched tack and was guided by a raft of previous voluntary positions, including the likes of Liberty and Bail for

Immigration Detainees. He worked in a criminal defence capacity focusing on Crown Court work. He has worked on a number of high profile public law challenges to immigration and detention policy, and he discussed for example, his successful litigation in the Court of Appeal over the Home Office removals policy, as well as his successful work over detention policy during the COVID pandemic.

As Phil gears up for another period of significant work in the face of proposed legislation, it was fascinating to catch up with him to learn more about the nature of the process of legal challenges, the extent to which consensual conversations can be developed, as well as the government perception of JUSTICE. Students were keen to ask questions on the recent Rwanda policy of the government and its likely trajectory, as well as Phil's assessment of current proposals in

terms of their legality and practicality in the face of ECHR commitments. It was intriguing as well as a privilege to listen to one so immersed in the current wrestles over the direction of public policy and wish Phil all the best in his ongoing efforts.

Mr S Edwards



## RPE GUESTS

We were fortunate to have a group of visiting Texans who had links with Tees Valley Church who led sessions on Christian beliefs and practices.

They spoke to a First Year class and two GCSE classes about Christianity and broke out into small groups allowing the students to ask challenging questions about Christianity.

Mrs S Lodge





## ECO FASHION COMPETITION 2023!

This year's 70s Inspired Eco fashion Competition has been launched. Make a garment from unwanted materials, plastic, old clothes, accessories ..... and you or a friend can wear it in the Eco Fashion Show, 6pm Tuesday 25th April in the PAA. Family and friends are welcome to come along to see the Eco Fashion, Eco Dancers and GCSE and A Level Textile work. For further details see Ms Jackson and look out for details on meetings coming soon.

Ms A Jackson

# 70s Inspired Recycled Garment Competition



Garments constructed from **unwanted materials.**

Judging Criteria:

- Use of the 70's theme
- Quality of the product
- Originality of the design

Products will be worn  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Fashion Show**  
Senior School PAA - 6:00pm  
 (tickets not required)  
 See Ms Jackson for details

## FAME WELCOMES RECOGNITION

This week FAME students were delighted to have a Working Lunch with Graham Robb, owner of Recognition PR. They were fascinated to hear how an interview with the then PM had inspired him to start his business from scratch and how it had grown over thirty plus years. They gained an applied understanding of the difference between Above the Line and Below the Line Promotion, were keen to hear of the challenges and rewards of owning such an exciting business, and they were given intriguing insights into stories from the past and present which Recognition have been involved with.

In addition Mr Robb gave the assembled through an appreciation of his many other commitments



including his regular business podcast Business Unmuted which was started in the COVID pandemic and now receives thousands of viewers and listeners for each weekly episode.

Questions came thick and fast from the Lower Sixth, Upper Sixth and of

course CER, and we could have easily continued the discussion all afternoon, were it not for an afternoon tutorial! We are really grateful to Mr Robb for giving his time so generously.

Miss CE Rhodes

## PHILOSOPHY LECTURES IN YORK

On Friday 10th March, a group of Lower Sixth RPE students visited St Peter's School in York to attend a series of lectures by the leading philosopher Dr Peter Vardy.

The students listened to talks about God and morality, arguments for and against Religious Experience, the nature of God's attributes and secularism, which culminated in a debate 'this house believes that God exists'.

The students made detailed notes,

participated in the discussion and had a valuable experience for their A Level Religious Studies course.

Mrs S Lodge



## CHESS MEGAFINAL ENTER NOW

The Teesside Megafinal stage of the Delancey UK Chess Challenge will be at the PAA on Sunday 30 April 2023.

Here is a [direct link to the online entry form](#) for any players who wish to enter.

Get your entry in soon as entries will lock once we reach 150 and we are already down to 85!

More information about the UKCC Megafinals can be found [here](#).



## BARRISTER SPEAKS WITH PROSPECTIVE LAWYERS

At this time in the Lower Sixth there is a good deal of research being conducted by the students over their future directions. Law is often an attractive and enticing option, with many students choosing to undertake a law conversion course after their degree, with others opting to read law itself at university. In this year's Lower Sixth there is currently a large number of students considering futures in law.

To provide advice and expertise to the students, and to give insight into the profession we welcomed Mr Nick Lane to school. A Yarm School parent himself, it was most generous of Nick to make an approach to the school

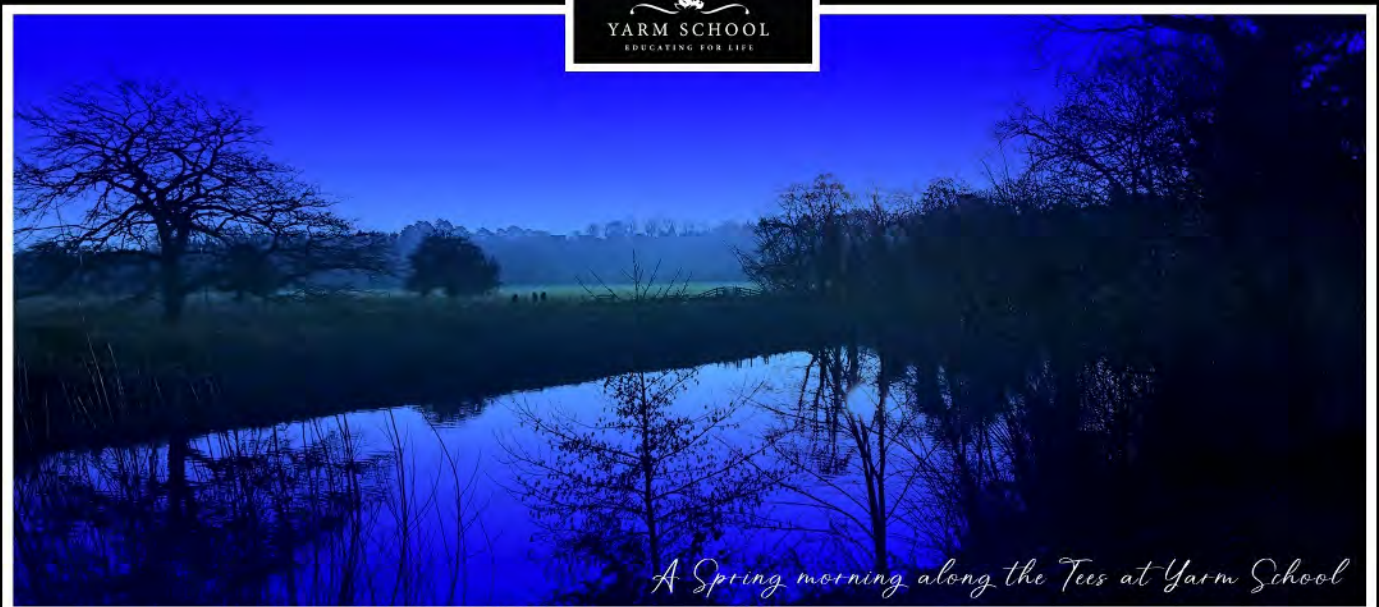
offering to be of assistance.

Nick discussed his own route into law, discussing non-law degree routes, and the value of A Level subjects such as History, Politics and English, and outlined the nature of a typical week working as a barrister out of chambers in Newcastle. It was also helpful to the students to be given a clearer understanding of the differing and changing roles between solicitors and barristers. There was a good range of questions from the students concerning work-life balance, opportunities to transfer from being a barrister to a solicitor,

the nature of the law conversation course, as well as progression routes within the profession.

Nick Lane will also be available at the Career Convention for students wishing to discuss law professions further.

Mr S Edwards



# SPRING CONCERT

(Part 2: Musical Theatre)

Wednesday March 29th 2023, 6.30pm

Tickets are £5 and can be purchased online at [www.thepaaonline.org](http://www.thepaaonline.org) or alternatively from the School Box office on: (01642) 792587



Book your tickets now for the YSA's summer extravaganza - early bird pricing ends on midnight on Friday 24th March.  
Tickets from [www.yarmschoolassociation.org](http://www.yarmschoolassociation.org).

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## NETBALL

Congratulations to our U14 and U16 netball teams who competed in the England Netball National Schools Finals at Oundle School at the weekend.

A huge well done to the U14s who came an amazing 4th place in the finals, having topped their group winning 7 matches and remaining unbeaten in their pool!

Well done to the U16s who competed well against tough competition and set a new school record in their age group with a superb 13th place finish!

Fantastic performances girls, we are very proud.

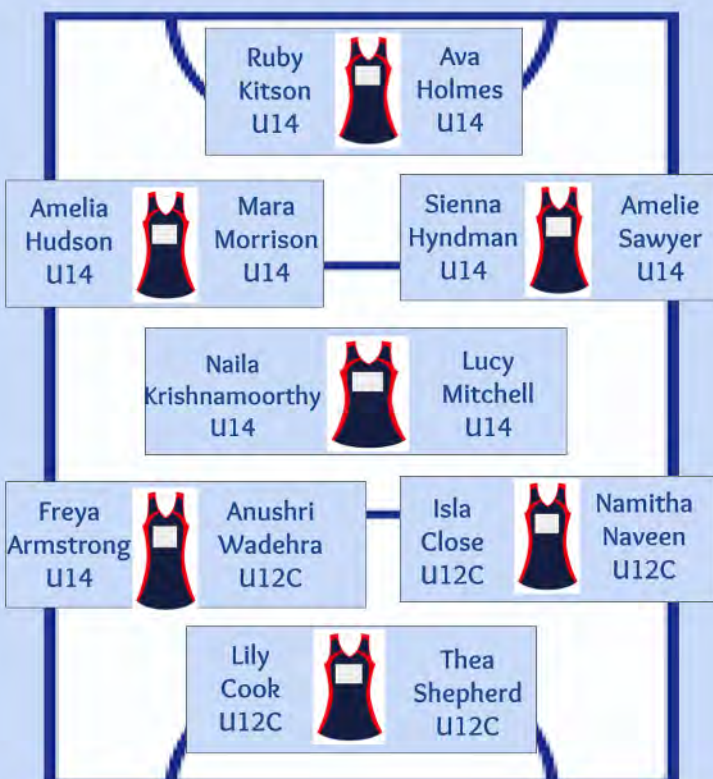
Full match reports next week.



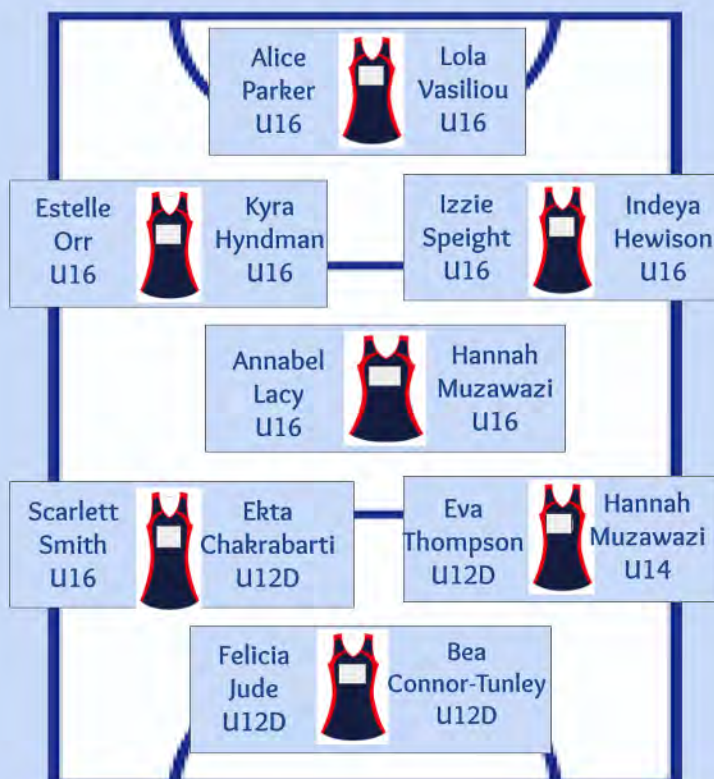
U16 Netball team at the National Finals



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## GIRLS INDOOR HOCKEY

The U13A, U13B and U12A are all Cleveland County Indoor Hockey Champions!

Unfortunately the U12B tournament had to be cancelled but the teams that did play had

excellent tournaments. Their skills have really developed and we hope to get much more indoor hockey in the future. Well done girls!

Miss N Hodgson



## FOLLOW US



## HOUSE HOCKEY

First Year had a great morning of House hockey. Well done to all for top House spirit and congratulations to Aidan for a win by one goal!



## SPORT WEEK AHEAD

The weeks ahead are now available online.

You can

[view them here.](#)



## YARM BOAT CLUB NEWS

### GB TRIALS

Over half term GB selection process continued with some excellent results at the GB Under 19 long distance trials. The highlight was Archie Norton who finished 7th in his single. As a result of these trials and the ongoing land testing Cordelia Deering, Harriet White and Archie Norton have all received invitations to the GB spring training camp. This is an outstanding achievement and puts them in line for possible selection for this year's Junior World Championship.



The Women's Junior 18 eight at the North Of England Head of the River Race.

### YORKSHIRE JUNIOR INTER REGIONAL TRIALS

Not to be outdone at the junior end of the club the 3rd, 4th and 5th Year crews competed at the Yorkshire region Junior inter regional trials. The following crews won their event and were selected to represent the regional at the National events on the 22nd April.

<b>J14 Quad</b>	Isaac Akowuah	Noah Vincent	Jude Crack	Charlie Baines	Cox: Oscar Galloway
<b>WJ14 Quad</b>	Sophie Winnard	Charlotte Maund	Elizabeth Neilson	Darcey Allcock	Cox: Kate Howell
<b>J15 Four</b>	Sam Stone	Sam Pritchard	Patrick Tulloch	Harry D'Ambrogio	Cox: Brooke Allick
<b>WJ15 Quad</b>	Abby Stewart	Jenny Atkinson	Becca White	Evie Stoker	Cox: Anya Kansal
<b>WJ15 Four</b>	Annabel Cochrane	Cody Staggs	Rishi Chawla	Megan Hull	Cox: Lydia Wain
<b>J16 Four</b>	Jack Pritchard	Will Lewis	Will Jeavons	Sai Sidaginamale	Cox: Luke Anderson
<b>J16 Eight</b>	Austin Bridle	Oskar Studholme	Hamish Garshol-Roy	Jack Pritchard	
	Will Jeavons	Sai Sidaginamale	Luke Anderson	Will Lewis	Cox: Bakaer Noble
<b>WJ16 Quad</b>	Hannah Bettinson	Sophie Jewitt	Cecily Deering	Emily Nicholson	
<b>WJ16 Eight</b>	Hannah Bettinson	Sophie Jewitt	Cecily Deering	Lucy Bardgett	
	In a composite eight with York Rowing Club				

This will prove to be a great experience and hopefully enthuse them to follow their old team mate into the GB selection program.

### NORTH OF ENGLAND HEAD IN CHESTER

With the mock exams over the senior boys quad and the girls eight took the opportunity to test themselves at the North of England Head in Chester. It was great to race the North west crews that tend to stay their side of the Pennines. Both crews raced well to finish 2nd in Junior quads and eights. This sets them up well for next week's National events. 65 pupils will be involved in the National long distance events. The senior crews will be competing on the Thames over the boat race course at the Schools Head on Friday 17th March with the 3rd to 5th Years competing over the Olympic regatta course at Eton in the National Sculling Head on Monday 20th March.

## 'THE BEST OF TAKE THAT' BY RULE THE WORLD

'Rule The World' have been recognized as the Number 1 Take That tribute act in the world. They are the ONLY Take That tribute show in the land to have ever been praised by Take That's lead singer!

The show is an accurate portrayal of a Take That concert and features all the biggest hits including 'Never Forget', 'Greatest Day', 'Back For Good', 'Relight My Fire', 'Everything Changes', 'Shine', 'Pray' and many more.

**Friday 14th April 2023, 7:30pm**

[Book Online Here](#)



## LULU – FOR THE RECORD

Lulu has made music and memories with the greatest of all time.

Elton John wrote songs with her, Bowie produced and recorded with her, McCartney duetted with her and one of the Bee Gees married her.

It's a story that has to be told and provides a once-in-a-lifetime insight into some of the world's musical legends.

Join Lulu as she shares, for the first time, many untold stories, her memories and experiences with the greats – and enjoy with her the music that has been her constant companion.



**Sunday 14th May 2023, 7:30pm**

[Book Online Here](#)

## THE ELO SHOW

The ELO Tribute Show – the world's greatest tribute to the genius and music of Jeff Lynne and E.L.O. The ELO SHOW has a stunning lightshow and 3D video screens very similar to Jeff's current backdrop.

Expect songs like, 'Evil Woman', 'Don't bring me down', 'Telephone Line', 'Sweet Talkin Woman', 'Turn to stone', 'Wild west Hero', 'The Diary of Horace Wimp' and of course the legendary 'Mr. Blue Sky' plus many more with a surprise or two.

Don't miss out on this fantastic night of nostalgia and classic tunes.



**Friday 2nd June 2023, 7:30pm**

[Book Online Here](#)



# Top Tips for Adopting SAFE & HEALTHY ONLINE HABITS

Everyone has so much going on in their lives, and that includes children: from exams and deadlines to anxiety and mental health struggles. It's quite easy to send memes, make jokes and vent online about the things that irritate us, but when was the last time you – or your child – took a moment to share something kind or positive instead? In fact, when did you last stop and think about your family's online activities? To help keep them safe and teach them healthy online habits, we need to develop our children's digital resilience. There are lots of ways that children can become more digitally resilient, and we've pulled together some popular strategies here ...

## WHAT IS DIGITAL RESILIENCE?



Resilience doesn't mean being so tough that nothing gets to you, and it's not about "putting up with things" either. Instead, it's the ability to recover from setbacks. Everyone feels sad, worried, scared or upset at times: it's how we respond and adapt to those situations which is important. Digital resilience is about making choices that keep us safe and happy online, even when we're exposed to something negative or upsetting. Building your child's digital resilience will help reduce the impact of potential risks as they engage with and navigate around the online world.

## MAKE POSITIVE LIFESTYLE CHOICES



- Make time for the people and things that make you happy.
- Monitor your screen time and stick to your limits.
- On social media, follow people that make you feel good about yourself – and unfollow the ones who don't.
- Spread some positivity: post good reviews, leave encouraging comments and share good news.

## KEEP YOUR HEALTH IN MIND

- Try to factor in regular breaks offline and away from your screen – ideally, outdoors for some revitalising fresh air.
- Exercise is a brilliant stress-buster: even a walk around the block, a bike ride or a stroll to your local shop can really work wonders.
- Be strict with yourself about putting devices away in plenty of time before bed: they can interfere with a good night's sleep, which is essential for staying healthy.

## REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

- If you have a problem online, don't be afraid to reach out to specialist people or organisations that could help.
- Follow people on socials who have the same values and morals as you.
- You could always talk to a friend, or a trusted adult like a teacher or family member for some advice.

## PUT SAFETY FIRST



- If you see something online that upsets or worries you, tell a trusted adult about it as soon as possible.
- You could also report the content that's making you feel uncomfortable to the site or app that you saw it on, so they can look into it.
- Another option is to block the person or the account that's causing you a problem – or you could go one step further by totally deleting the app you were using.

## GET THINGS CLEAR IN YOUR HEAD



- Ask yourself what kindness online actually looks like. Can you remember the last time someone was kind or supportive towards you online? What did they do?
- Think about how it makes you feel when someone sends you a positive or funny message online.
- What about the opposite: has someone ever been deliberately unkind to you online? What did they do and how did it make you feel?
- If someone's behaviour online is causing you stress, try to remind yourself of all the steps you can take if a person's being unkind online.

## Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is a registered counsellor with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, working in private practice to offer counselling to children, teenagers and young adults. She is the founder of InGage Support, a mobile app focusing on mental health awareness with the goal of providing resources and solutions to schools worldwide.



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