

## HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

An extraordinary run of sporting successes in netball, rugby 7s, rowing, cricket, karting, swimming, football, cross country and hockey, have showcased the talents and ambition of our pupils and the dedication of the many staff (and parents!) who support them in achieving so highly. After our U14 (4th) and U16 (13th) netballers excelled in the national finals last week, our U16 boys carried the baton, with a stunning win in the National Tier 3 Hockey finals, retaining the national title in style and once again beating some exceptionally strong opponents on their way to victory. We have rowers competing in the National Trials this weekend, the U13 rugby sevens team won the Durham County 7s with other teams performing admirably at the Rosslyn Park tournament. Our girls cricketers were runners up in the Durham Cricket finals, swimmers Alice and Lucy achieved highly in national competitions, a team representing Yarm made it to the regional finals of the British Schools Karting Championship, our boys beat Barney in a friendly football match, a pupil competed in the English Schools Cross Country Finals and, yesterday, the U14 boys reached the National Hockey Finals in a nail biting game

against Scarborough College. I will have missed other outstanding performances and results, too, for which apologies for those involved.

House competitions have also been ongoing, and the results of House Chess and House Debating are revealed within. Well done to all those who represented their House with determination and some impressive cerebral agility and effort. Pupils were involved in a lovely event last Friday evening, with the School of Skiffle group entertaining guests at the latest in our Memento Choir events, welcoming carers and sufferers of dementia to the School for an evening of singing and fun. Thank you to Mr McGrother, Mr

McIntyre, Miss Algate and Mrs Staggs, among others, who coordinated the event. Our musicians' accomplishments are also highlighted within, following success at some prestigious music and arts festivals: well done to everyone who performed so well.

The newsletter - as ever - contains a range of other fascinating reviews and reports which give a flavour of a 'week in the life' of Yarm School (exhausting, I can assure you!), as well as looking forward to events such as the Spring Concert next Wednesday and showcasing more fantastic artwork from our pupils. I hope you enjoy it.

Dr Huw Williams



U16 Boys Retain the Hockey National Title!

## YARM APPRENTICE FINAL TASK BOARDROOM ... THE END IS NEAR!

With all three PMs sat in Business in advance of the Boardroom the tension was palpable, by period 6 the atmosphere really could have been cut with a knife.

Three teams had conducted painstakingly detailed market research, shown creative flair and superb time management but this week Lord Sugar Number 5 (aka Mr Stone, Yarm Prep Deputy Head) had the unenviable task of choosing which resources will accompany the Year 5 pupils on their residential trip to London.

Harry opted to pitch first, and with the assistance of Adhi and Cassie gave a confident and cue-card free explanation of his Crazy Capital Card game.

Next up was Ollie who, with the help of Jasmine, detailed the motivation behind his learning objective linked

booklet (with a timeline, factual information and a range of activities) along side London themed top trumps.

Last up was Simmi. With the support of Gaurav she described her Nix mascot, games and facts based leaflet and presented her poem / video.

Lord Sugar, Miss Rhodes and Imy quizzed the teams relentlessly, but there had to be a winner and whilst Harry's team were declared worthy runner-ups, Ollie's team were the winners whose resources will be London bound!

Simmi was forced to bring Izzi and Emma back to the Boardroom and the difficult decision was made to fire Izzi.

We are grateful to Mr Stone for being a superb Lord Sugar, but Miss Rhodes must also commend all three teams for their commitment to this task at

such a busy time of the year.

The Task 5 Karren and Tim points were allocated to Ollie, Ella and Jasmine from the winning team, Nathan and Harry from the runners up and Simmi from the losing team. Whilst the peer voted points were given to Lauren, Simmi and Harry.

Miss C Rhodes



## RESEARCH AT PREP SCHOOL

Another week and some more primary research! Two of the three YA teams were keen to try out their prototypes on their target market, and the Year 5 pupils enthusiastically gave candid feedback. We are again incredibly grateful to Mr Stone and his class of pupils for their engagement and we look forward with trepidation and excitement to the final Boardroom.

Miss C Rhodes



## MATHS CAMP 2023

Last Friday, the Upper Sixth Maths students went to Carlton to spend a weekend on an intensive revision course delivered by the Maths Department staff in preparation for the summer exams that are drawing ever closer. The Maths and Further Maths students separated into two groups in order to allow for plenty of relevant and focused lectures to take place. The days consisted of groups of one hour lectures followed by an hour to do practice questions, as well as plenty of breaks - lots of progress was made, and both groups managed to cover almost the entire course in the two days! Each group was also taught by different teachers than usual, providing new and helpful perspectives on topics that led to some big breakthroughs. The Further Maths group covered a range of topics such as conic sections, complex numbers and vectors, and finished with a full paper on the last evening which was a testing challenge - read on for a glimpse from Emily of what the Maths group got up to at camp...

On the morning of the second day, we started with an excellent full English, cooked for us by the lovely staff. We started with a lecture on functions, by Dr Barnett, who was very engaging and helpful! A tricky lecture on trigonometry from Mr Bell followed, where lunch was a welcome break! A few of us enjoyed an invigorating walk up onto the top

of Lordstones, where the hills produced some beautiful scenery. We then spent a useful 2 hours practising our sequences and series skills with Mrs Perks. Dinner was an exciting choice between burgers, mac and cheese and chilli. Thank you to all of the catering staff for cooking delicious meals all weekend! Our final lecture involved mechanics with Mr Skirving, who was very enthusiastic about drawing proper diagrams. In the evening, many people enjoyed playing card games, 'Spoons' being a popular choice. As it grew darker, we retired to the campfire where plenty of marshmallows were roasted and then

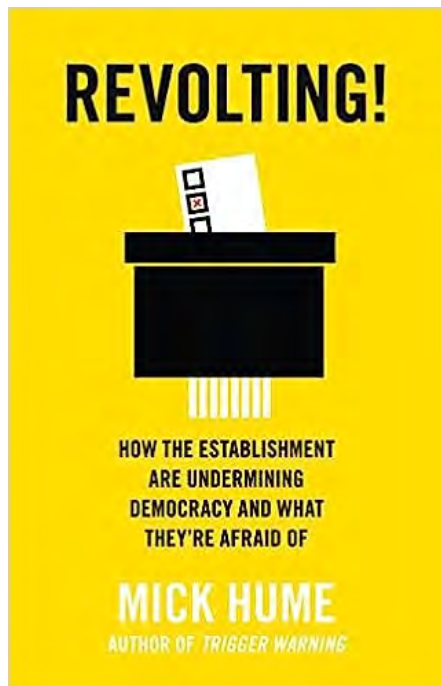
eaten. Sadly, the next day would be our last lecture, as we were being picked up Sunday morning.

Thank you very much to all of the Maths Department for organising this weekend for us, and for giving up your own weekends to help and teach us maths. We are all very grateful!

Julia Portsmouth and Emily Dunn,  
Upper Sixth



## POLITICS BOOK REVIEW: REVOLTING! BY MICK HUME



*Revolting!* by Mick Hume is a thought-provoking political book which attempts to unearth the way in which Western establishments are unconsciously undermining democracy. Published in 2017, *Revolting!* predominantly uses the specific examples of the unexpected results of the Brexit Referendum in 2016 and the US general election in the same year which saw the wealthy businessman Donald Trump take office as the President to support Hume's theory that the establishment are subverting popular democracy. Hume describes his book as a 'wake-up call' as the 'future of democracy is at stake'. He also frequently insinuates that the 'clerisy' (the new class of intellectual and moral elitists) are undermining the voice of the common voters through their discontentment of the Brexit and US election results. Hume argues that these results were a

demonstration by the voters proving that they would not readily conform to state expectations or instructions, and that this was an example of the voters exercising their democratic rights. The author exemplifies that this caused great frustration amongst the clerisy as it upheaved their expectations.

Moreover, in my preferred sector of the book, Hume highlights that the clerisy used three main factors to delegitimize these results. The first theme is that the voters were a result of ignorance and disinformation in the age of 'post-truth politics'. Hume claims that the establishment believe that people who voted for Brexit or Trump were 'uninformed, low-information people, emotionally gullible and easy prey to the lies of demagogues'. Hume views this as the elites of society recycling age-old prejudices about the regular mass voters exercising control (in order for the clerisy excuse their own failings) as somehow being a serious flaw in democracy. Hume uses this to explain why the electorate voted in the way they did in 2016 in the USA and UK and argues that they were being 'patronised and insulted' which was a confounding variable affecting the surprising results.

The second explanation that the author states the establishment used in order to excuse the 2016 results is that the voters were motivated by

bigotry, racism and hatred. Hume claims that the establishment believed that those who voted for Trump or Brexit must've been racist, xenophobes and Islamophobes in which case their votes should be seen as morally illegitimate, or even legally suspect. Exploring further into this concept, Hume focuses specifically on immigration in regards to Brexit. Almost immediately after the Brexit referendum result, a new scare started over a spree of hate crimes against immigrants in various parts of the UK. Some of the political elite seized upon the allegations of racism to try to prove that some voters were 'bigoted'. As the book progresses, Hume provides evidence to undermine the establishment's explanation for the Brexit result. Although immigration was an important factor for many leave voters, it was hardly as important as it has been made out to be. In August 2016, a think-tank poll found a remarkable 84% of British voters wanted EU migrants living and working in the UK to be allowed to stay after Brexit - including 77% of Leave voters. This demonstrates that the establishment's supposed belief that the regular 'leave' voter was racist was entirely invalid and yet another attempt to undermine the public's right to exercise popular democracy.

Hume's final 'excuse' used by the state that he alluded to was the

## BOOK REVIEW (CONT.)

attempts to attack the people in the name of democracy. Few in the West feel able explicitly to reject democracy; the trend is to try to redefine its meaning instead. He then highlights the flaws in the definition of 'Upholding Democracy', which means protecting the political status quo - if necessary, against the people, in whose name democracy exists. If there were to be one underlying message of the backlash against Brexit and Trump, it would be that too much democracy is

dangerous- the elites do not trust the mass of the voters because they believe that they are too unintelligent and misinformed in order to make the right decisions on important issues. An anti-democratic prejudice about lying 'populist' political demagogues and 'stupid' voters is taking hold across the political and cultural elites on both sides of the Atlantic. To conclude, I believe that Hume's book *Revolt!* provides an extremely fascinating insight into his

beliefs about the establishment as a political journalist around the time of the revolutionary results of the Brexit referendum and the 2016 US election. This unique insight provides an opinion that a regular member of the public would not be able to unearth without Hume's help. You may now possibly reflect on those key, once in a generation political events, and their aftermath a little differently.

Charlie Scorer, Lower Sixth

## ZESTY TALK FROM THE FOUNDERS OF LEMON

Have you ever been stuck in a lift? This was the question posed to last week's assembled throng of very keen and enthusiastic Sixth Form students attending another FAME themed Working Lunch. Our students quickly discovered that if they had, they would probably have ended up speaking on the call button to employees of Lemon, whose co-founders Martin Anderson and Lesley Wratten came along to explain how they had started and grown their very successful business. In a fascinating and candid talk we learnt how the Lemon Contact Centre began in a flat above a home garage twenty years ago but now employs over 100 people, has over 100 contracts across the UK and Europe, and a turnover of £3m by providing business process outsourcing services to engineering,

technical and care sectors. Our Sixth Form quickly appreciated that a business start up is not an easy option, as it was evident that Martin and Lesley had shown resilience, made sacrifices, faced numerous challenges and worked 24/7 in pursuit of their goals. The audience were keen to ask questions and it was fabulous for them to hear classroom

concepts reinforced and applied through the answers they received. There is no doubt that the talk was both inspiring and enlightening and we are very grateful to Martin and Lesley for taking the time out of their incredibly busy schedules to support and encourage our students.

Miss C Rhodes



## HOUSE CHESS - FINALS AND THIRD/FOURTH PLACE PLAYOFF

The past two weeks have seen the much-anticipated conclusion to this year's House chess competition. Following their narrow defeats in the semi-finals, Aidan and Oswald played out yet another very close match for third place. There was a clear lower/upper school divide in the first six boards with Aidan winning the First, Second and Third Year contests, and Fourth, Fifth and Lower Sixth Year Oswald coming out on top. Well done to Aidan's Harry Gwynne-Jones, Charlie Ashworth and Aryan Nalawade, and to Ajay Selvan, Henry Parker and Ammar Soni of Oswald. The Upper Sixth board was played later that afternoon and turned out to be

decisive; Ashwin Amitharaj completed a match-winning checkmate with just seconds left on the clock to secure a 4-3 victory and third place for Aidan.

With Aidan and Oswald taking third and fourth place, respectively, all eyes turned to the final. Would Cuthbert extend their winning streak or would Bede put an abrupt end to recent Cuthbert dominance? People across the school community were again able to watch the action unfold on all seven boards live via Google Meet. The first two boards to finish were shared, with convincing wins for Cuthbert's Aditya Paul and Bede's Thiyash Thinesh. Diviyam Thayalan

and Ameen Khunda secured wins soon after to put Cuthbert 3-1 up and one away from victory. With hard-fought contests, between Adhi Dinakaran and Ankith Rangan, and between Ihsaan Mahmood and Benedict Francis, looking highly likely to end in draws, it was down to Avanish Batra to get over the line to win Cuthbert the trophy. Final score 5-2; Cuthbert are champions again!

Congratulations to the winning Cuthbert team, and well done to all the pupils and students who competed in such great spirit, representing their House with impressive skill and enthusiasm.

Mr L Tucker



## OUTDOOR ROCK CLIMBING SUNDAY 19TH MARCH



On Sunday a small group of Fourth Year pupils headed out to Almscliffe Crag near Harrogate for a day of outdoor rock climbing. With a promising weather forecast (dry!) we hoped for a good day, and we definitely got that.

Starting with some warming up on some boulders in preparation for our trip to Fontainebleau at Easter (it

was even sunny) we then headed to Lower Man for our first rope climbs of the day. The small team worked together to climb 'Fluted Columns', 'Stew Pot' and 'Kiernan's Traverse & Rough Crack' giving each other the opportunity to have as many chances as they wanted on each climb whilst the others belayed and supported. After a short lunch we headed up to High Man for our last climbs of the

day; 'The Traditional Climb' and 'Bird's Nest Crack'. By this point our arms were tired and our fingers and hands had lost some skin but we were happy climbers having ticked off five good climbs and some bouldering.

My thanks go to Miss Street for accompanying the group.

Mr A Mathers



## TWO WEEKS OF MUSICAL HIGH NOTES



Palat-Meethale, Gracie Rhodes-Hildreth, Dhruv Wadehra, Julia Portsmouth and Cicely Crane sang solos from their recent grade exams to a highly appreciative audience.

What a couple of weeks it has been in the Music Department! Big Band performed superbly in the Great North Big Band Jazz Festival. With a highly accomplished set of four pieces, our musicians kicked off the School's class with style and real musicality. The standard of all entries was incredible and it was a valuable experience for our players. The adjudicators were very complimentary about Yarm's band and Mr Hibbard was delighted with their performances. Talented Upper Sixth singer Elise Wilcock who sang "Teach Me Tonight" and "Bei Mir Bist Du Schön" with the band received an Adjudicators' award for her vocal quality. Our youngest performer, First Year Effie Peacock also received an award for her epic work on double bass (the only double bassist in the festival).

Congratulations to all the performers: Saxophones: Chloe Godfrey, Sophie Jewitt, Cody Staggs and James Muir Clarinets: Tilly Armstrong and Annabel Cochrane French Horn: Harry Staggs Trombone: Lewis Roper Trumpets: Laura Hull, Luke Porter, Abbi

Saddington, Alex Walton, Ffion Roberts, Connie Deering Drumkit: Harry D'Ambrogio Piano: Tegan Addison, Chloe Porter Electric Guitar: Adam Addison Double Bass: Effie Peacock

Whilst the Big Band ventured north, our harpists and their parents enjoyed a trip to the spa town of Harrogate, performing in the Harrogate Music Festival. Miss Paterson was delighted with all their performances. Special congratulations to Naila Krishnamoorthy and Akansha Mendis (who won the Intermediate and Elementary Lever Harp classes respectively) and to Paddy Winters who was runner up in the Intermediate Pedal Harp category. Our harp ensemble won the Ensemble Class so huge congratulations to Akansha, Naild, Paddy and Alisha on their beautifully executed performance.

Congratulations also go to Mrs O'Shea's singers who performed last week in the ABRSM High Scorers' Concert in Middlesbrough. Katie Cheesman, Daisy Ashworth, Yuhe Tian, Sarah Abbas, Minakshi

These events, alongside our St Patrick's Day "Memento" gathering last week demonstrate a commitment to music that is both impressive and inspiring. St Patrick's Day marked our second dementia-friendly event, a life-affirming gathering of folk from the area with lots of singing, chatting, delicious refreshments and laughter. Mr McGrother led the event, ably supported by our wonderful School of Skiffle, Mr McIntyre, Mr McNally and a whole host of school staff. Our guests loved the Irish-themed sing along and the smiles and energy in the room said it all. If you know anyone who would like to come to future Memento events, please get in touch.

Good luck to all those performing in the Tees Valley Youth Orchestra concert on Saturday evening, especially Morven Hawthorne who is singing Puccini's stunning aria "O Mio Babbino Caro" with the orchestra. Meanwhile, it is all systems go, preparing for Wednesday's Musicals concert and Friday's Easter Service.

Mrs K Staggs



## HOUSE DEBATE FINAL: IS THE NEWS GLORIFIED GOSSIP?



The inter-House debate final took place last Friday afternoon with Oswald and Bede battling over the motion "This house believes news is glorified gossip. The judging panel consisted of Dr Williams, Mrs Craig and Simmi with Jodie as chair. Once Jodie had introduced the debate the first speakers took place to introduce their teams and arguments.

Opening for the proposition, Bede shared newspaper headlines from the past year - such as "How dark will Megan's baby be?" - acting as strong evidence of the news as glorified gossip. He further developed on the actions of newsagents as a business manipulating stories for profit. Bede also went on to address the use of news as a form of presenting reliable information, to which he responded with Matt Hancock's false information regarding a Coronavirus variant and also the interview the members of the proposition had with a current employee of the Daily Telegraph who confirmed that the businesses promote stories that will attract readers, not what is factually correct and most important. Bede concluded at the point that for news providers, profit is the only agenda.

Ammar opened for the opposition in rebuttle to the proposition's evidence of false information being spread through the evidence that those news companies are being sued due to cases

such as the one mentioned and that it is not the norm with the news. He then went on to define news and make the distinction between the gossip column and actual news, defining gossip as "involving details that are not confirmed as true".

Ammar then continued emphasising the importance of news listing some of the monumental events that have been captured and shared through the news whilst also supporting the community by spreading awareness of government guidelines and accurate information.

Piya then continued the proposition's argument by retorting the opposition's evidence as information taken from 1945 and 2008 explaining how gossip is created through the evolution of society and that humans can still function perfectly without reading the news. She further conveyed how "fake news" exists and is focused on making money and the human dependence of drama. Piya then gave an example of an important governmental change being overshadowed by the death of Michael Jackson taking priority of news coverage for weeks after. Piya concluded on today's news being

tomorrow's history and news relying on people being entertained by what is shown.

Continuing the opposing debate, James clarified the proposition's argument by emphasising that there is always gossip in the media, which is not the news. He then swiftly focused on the motion and emphasised the misguidance one has when living without the news focusing on the spread of political information and awareness that is necessary for a democratic society to work. He further conveyed the importance of political issues to also be raised and shared, which are essential for citizen's decision making when electing a new leader and understanding what their society requires.

Closing for the proposition, Cassie took to clarifying that gossip does not always have to be negative yet it is still classed as gossip a separate idea to what news actually is. She then focused on how media is presented differently on different platforms and therefore has to be gossip or facts would only be presented in the same way. Cassie then talked about Princess Diana as a victim of news and raised the question whether news sources can be trusted. Concluding the proposing debate by explaining how, what is important is decided for consumers through the articles they promote.

Miriam closed for the opposition

## HOUSE DEBATE CONTINUED

closely following the proposition's closing debate with emphasis on social media not being evidence based so is therefore not news. She then focused on the role of journalists and the news in countries running under dictatorship regimes that are not aiming to spread gossip or fake news, but factual life saving information that journalists risk their lives to share. Miriam further focused on news having an undeniable impact on each of us in some way everyday and further pressed that at the core - news is factual information about current events, thus concluding the inter house debating arguments.

The Judging panel then gave questions to both sides. Beginning with the proposition who's responses focused on any source being able to create gossip through differing consumer interpretations, the vulnerable target markets that

businesses take advantage of and the purpose supposedly being spreading truth yet the most engaging information being regarded as the most important. The opposition replied to their questions through the idea of news being factual but the commentary being gossip, social media not being news but the underlying point stays the same despite format differing and fake news that is perceived as factual is still not the news.

The judges were split after being highly impressed by the debaters research, strong arguments and rebuttals, but on the basis of the opposition's answers to the questions being stronger - Oswald House was announced as the winners of the inter house debate competition of 2023!

Simone Sharma, Lower Sixth

## FOURTH YEAR STUDY SKILLS

This week, the Fourth Year took part in an afternoon of study skills workshops to find out more about effective learning habits for consolidating learning and revision. The workshops built on the Learning Performance session delivered in October and covered a wide range of topics, including how to manage stress and anxiety, the use of apps and online resources to aid revision,

effective planning and how to make best use of revision tools such as flashcards, notes and brain dumps. These practical sessions should prove very helpful for our Fourth Year, who are encouraged to reflect on the tools and strategies they explored when tackling their independent studies, in preparation for their future examinations.

Mrs Bridle

## GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE!

Good News For Everyone! (formerly Gideons UK) is a charity which exists to distribute copies of the Christian scriptures to people in many places and walks of life. Their copies of the Bible can often be found in hotel rooms, beside hospital beds and in prison cells, among other places. They have kindly offered copies of their pocket edition of the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs to share with any pupils new to the school this academic year. Any pupil who would like to receive one should speak to Mr Boddy, or contact him by email: [DB@yarmschool.org](mailto:DB@yarmschool.org)

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## FORMER POLITICS STUDENT RETURNS FROM WESTMINSTER TO SPEAK TO SIXTH FORM

Amy Booth left Yarm School five years ago, heading to Leeds University to read Politics. She had a keen eye on a rather special course offered by Leeds that students can apply for and if accepted their course transforms into Politics and Parliamentary Studies. This programme lasts a year longer but involves an entire year spent in Westminster in the office of a Member of Parliament.

In her time Amy worked with Nigel Evans, Conservative MP for Ribbles Valley in Lancashire. In her final year at Leeds she was fortunate enough to secure a permanent, paid position as the Parliamentary Assistant to Nigel following her graduation.

Amy discussed the Leeds programme with students, outlining how it enhanced her profile, her political awareness as well as her study skills, returning for her final year after the intense and

industrious placement. She also discussed the nature of the work in the parliamentarian's office, made all the more interesting by the fact that Nigel Evans is Deputy Speaker of the Commons, and in this role is denied the right to vote in debates. He nevertheless has considerable reach and connection to be able to address concerns of constituents. Amy very much hopes to be in this position up to and beyond the election, looking forward to the experience of a General Election from the perspective of Westminster. Amy shared some of her thoughts regarding future plans, which excitingly did not exclude the possibility of running for office herself sometime in the future.

It was a pleasure to welcome her back to school and we wish her all the best as she continues to develop her political career.

Mr S Edwards



Amy Booth with a group of current Upper Sixth and Lower Sixth Politics students

## VACCINATION INFO

Dear Parents/Carers,

The School Aged Immunisation Service will be in school on Thursday 18th May to deliver first and second dose HPV vaccinations to pupils in the Second and Third Years. To provide consent, please visit [www.hdftsais.co.uk](http://www.hdftsais.co.uk) and enter School Code **111769** or call the team directly on 0300 003 2554. Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Wheatley, First Aid Lead

## ECON BUS SOC

This week's EconBus Soc was introduced by our fabulous Chairs Ben and Laura who utilised a recording of Mr Cordwell-Smith (Ben's Dad) being interviewed on the Radio last week, which led a lively discussion following from this, and building upon a subsequent interview they themselves had conducted with Mr C-S this week.

Covering a wide range of topics including capital investment, taxation, bureaucracy, affordable housing, nitrates and working from home, we were only curtailed by the arrival of 6CER trying to get into the classroom.

Thank you to Ben and Laura for their never ending enthusiasm.

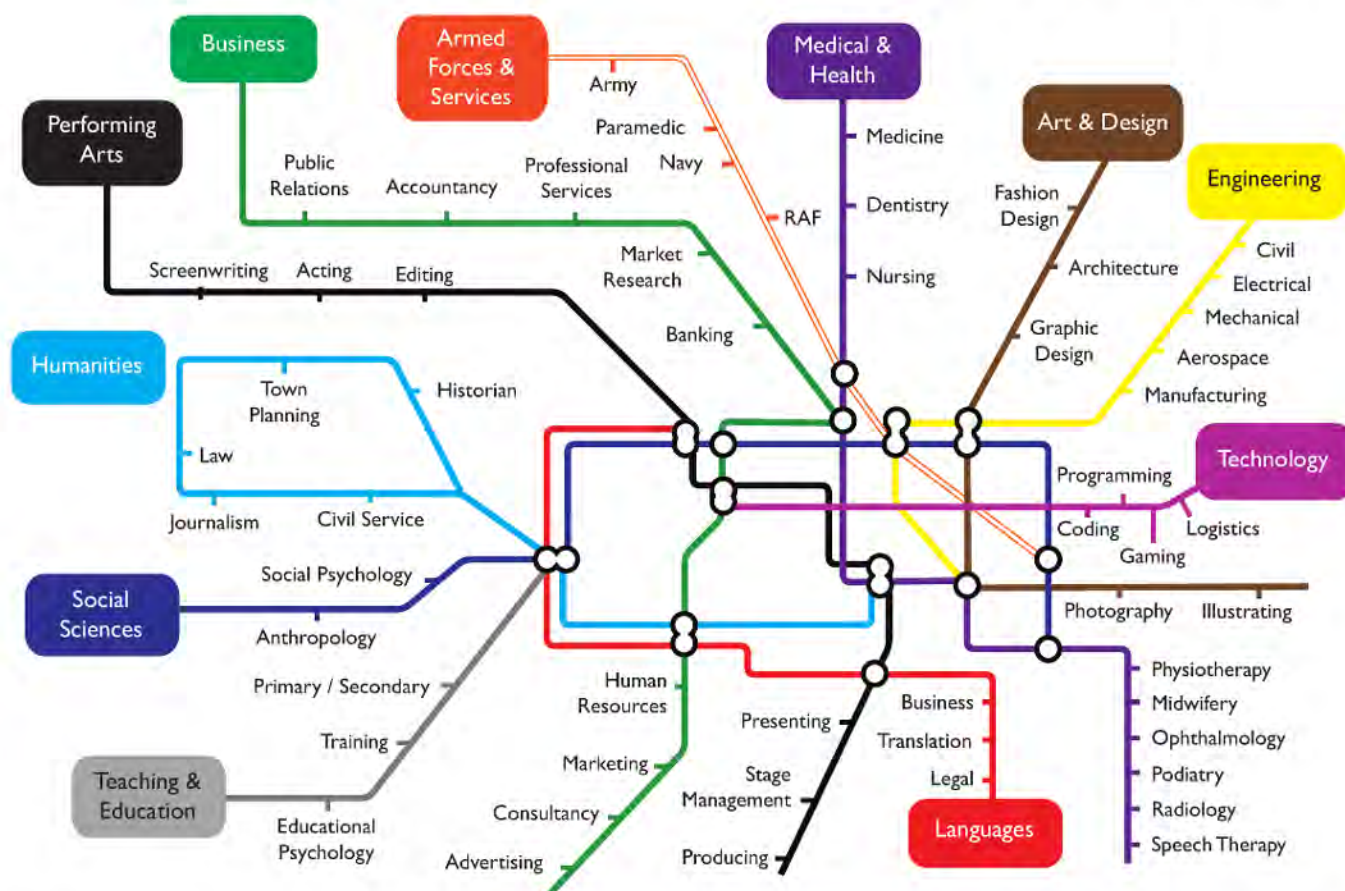
PS. The selection process for the new EconBus Soc chairs will commence after Easter.

Miss C E Rhodes



# Yarm School CAREER CONVENTION

Thursday 27th April, 6.30pm



## CAREERS CONVENTION TIMINGS

with two optional talks

- 6.30pm - Arrival
- 7.00pm - 'Choosing a Gap Year' Talk
- 7.30pm - Choosing a University: A Guide for Parents Talk
- 8.00pm - Close of Convention

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## ARTISTS' CORNER

Hira Rauf in Second Year has painted this beautiful bold landscape using acrylic paints on canvas. She produced this independently at home and was inspired by a photograph that she found online. Well done Hira!

Mrs G Thompson



I'm really impressed with the vibrant spring collage that Eliza has created - the images she has selected are really eye catching. She has clearly spent a long time carefully composing the piece.

Miss A Street



*A Spring morning along the Tees at Yarm School*

# 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**

## UNDER 16 BOYS HOCKEY RETAIN THE NATIONAL TITLE IN EMPHATIC STYLE

The Yarm School Under 16 boys were fantastic at the National Schools Hockey Championships in Nottingham on Monday 20th March. The team retained several of the players that were successful at the same tournament last year and after achieving a national top 3 slot in the indoor version of the game, the boys went into the tournament with high confidence.

The boys qualified for the tournament after beating local opposition they then went on to beat the Yorkshire & North Lincs Champions (Hallcross School) in a 7-1 win in Doncaster last week.

The first game brought up up against Skinners' School (Tunbridge Wells) and initially the game didn't go to plan as their star player ran through what seemed to be the full Yarm team before unleashing a shot towards the top corner, fortunately James Muir was on hand to make a fingertip save and deflect the ball over the bar. This was quickly followed by an opposition short corner which Muir turned around the post with a reached out kicker. Yarm need to wake up fast!

Captain Max Mowbray and Will Ferguson in the middle began to assert themselves through the midfield and a defensive shape through the pressing of Jack Van Niekerk, James McGee and Timmy Foley proved the turning point. Yarm



Foley tackling a Worksop player

got a short corner which was drag-flicked into the bottom right hand corner by Ferguson and he followed this up soon after with a trade mark 'argie'. The best goal of the day saw a sweeping move from back to front that went through the outstanding defensive group of Oliver Gatenby, Oscar Thomas, Marcus Walters and Finn Davie, through Mowbray, Matthew White, and into Ferguson before releasing Van Niekerk on the baseline who drove the ball into the circle first time into the path of a diving Jake Leader who deflected it past the keeper - the goal of the season! Two more goals followed from a Ferguson top corner drag flick and a trademark close range poacher's goal from Van Niekerk to make the final score 5-1.

The second game pitched us against Worksop School from the Midlands, they had won their first game so this was in effect a group decider. It was

very clear to the Yarm coaches that the boys would need no motivation - they were well and truly up for it. The pace was great throughout and Yarm went into the lead very early through a penalty stroke from Ferguson that was well dispatched into the bottom right hand corner. He then put another short corner flick into the bottom right hand corner and when the outstanding Foley dribbled past the last defender to finish with an 'argie', it looked like the game would be plain sailing. However, Worksop fought hard throughout the 2nd half and if it were not for some outstanding saves from our other goalkeeper Zach Parker, the final outcome could have been somewhat different. At this stage, Diego Garcia and Alex Bromiley provided fresh legs though the midfield which again was key to Yarm regaining control to finish as 3-0 winners.

In the final group Yarm came up

## BOYS HOCKEY NATIONALS (CONT.)

against Churcher's College from the South, the challenge here was to guard against complacency as the boys had effectively already booked their place in the final barring a big defeat. The coaches had nothing to worry about as this was probably the best performance this team has ever had! Ferguson opened the scoring with another drag flick and after Van Nierkerk pounced on another close range effort, the floodgates effectively opened. It was great to see striker James McGee score two fantastic 'argies' and Leader double his account for the day. Captain Mowbray made it 6 with a well deserved goal after dribbling through the middle and striking from the top of the circle. However, the highlight of the game came as Dhruv Wadehra made the tackle of the day as an England Under 16 player went past two Yarm defenders before running into Wadehra who calmly block

tackled him before distributing the ball wide and setting up another Yarm attack.

The final was against Eltham School from London who had won their group and it was clear both teams were highly motivated. However, other than a couple of scares Yarm were the dominant team throughout. Shot after shot whistled past the post, was saved or missed from close range- it looked like it could be one of those days! Thankfully Will Ferguson scored his 7th and last goal of the tournament (finishing the matches as tournament top scorer) through another drag flick and when Foley and Mowbray combined to set up our captain to finish things off. It was pretty clear that the boys would be crowned champions. Final score 2-0!

This set of performances were superb but could only be achieved by a group that had been so committed for many years to school and club training.

They were also a fantastic example of how to compete hard but represent the school in the right way. Well done to the following national champions- James Muir, Zach Parker, Oliver Gatenby, Oscar Thomas, Marcus Walters, Finn Davie, Max Mowbray, Jake Leader, Will Ferguson, Matthew White, Jack Van Niekerk, Timmy Foley, James McGee, Dhruv Wadehra, Diego Garcia and Alex Bromiley.

Mr G Ferguson

## OTHER RESULTS

### Pocklington Block

U15- Yarm 5-0 Pocklington

U14- Yarm 5-0 Pocklington

U13A- Yarm 7-1 Pocklington

U13B- Yarm 4-2 Pocklington

U12A- Yarm 6-1 Pocklington

U12B- Yarm 5-0 Pocklington



Will Ferguson scores against Skinner's College



McGee and Ferguson celebrate a McGee goal

## INDOOR HOCKEY

Our U14 and U15 indoor hockey sides have been competing in the Durham Ladies Indoor League this term. They have massively improved over this period and have come away with some impressive wins against Stockton HC, Hartlepool HC and Redcar HC.

The league finished with our U14s coming 4th and our U15s 3rd, which is excellent for their first year in the league.

A massive well done to all the players involved!

Miss N Hodgson



## CROSS COUNTRY

Sabie Anderson competed in the English Schools Cross Country Finals this weekend in Nottingham. What an amazing achievement to reach the final stage of this competition and compete against the best runners in the country. Well done Sabie!

Miss N Hodgson

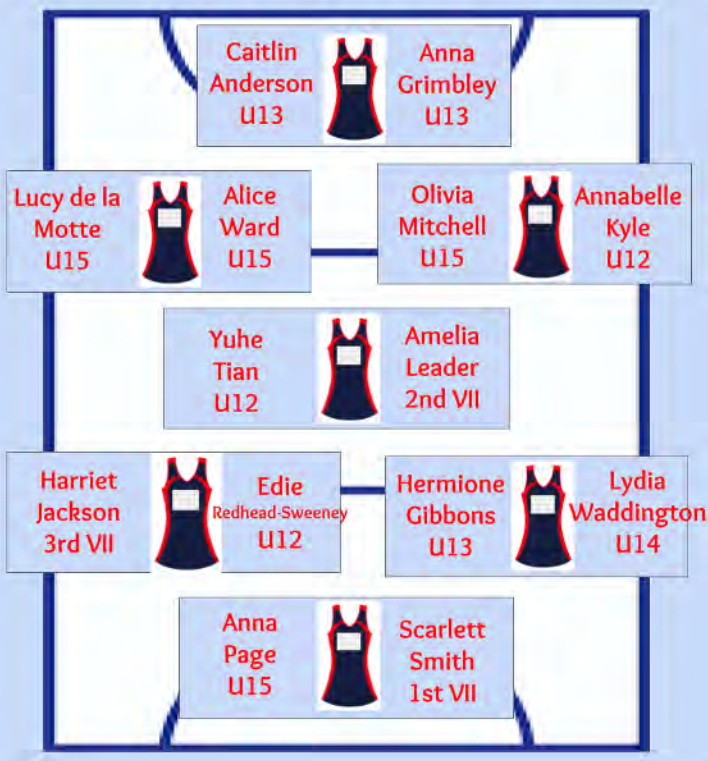


## YARM SCHOOL NETBALL



### TEAM OF THE WEEK

13th March -19th March 2023





## BRITISH SCHOOLS KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP

A team comprising Luke Walton, Cooper North and Josh Wood represented Yarm School in the local finals of the British Schools Karting Championship (BSKC).

In keeping with last year's outstanding effort, this new team also won the local final, and have now progressed to the regional finals, which will be held in Leeds on 10th May, where they'll take on teams from Newcastle, Hull and Sheffield.

Well done boys!



## SPORT WEEK AHEAD

The weeks ahead are now available online.

You can

[view them here.](#)

## SWIMMING

Alice Ward recently travelled to Edinburgh to compete in the Edinburgh International swim meet in order to achieve times in the national window. She competed in the 200 fly on Saturday and managed to drop 5 seconds off her personal best which placed her in 9th (0.5 seconds off of the junior final) after entering into the event in 18th. On the Sunday, she had 400IM, which she also dropped 5 seconds in placing her tenth, leaving her with two times she hopes will get her a place in English Nationals during the summer.

Lucy Oliver recently travelled to Coventry as part of Team North East to attend the English School

Swimming event. She competed in 3 individual events and 2 relays; the 100m freestyle (5th), the 100m butterfly (2nd) and the 200m butterfly (1st), making her English School champion. Her relay team came third in the Individual medley relay and first in the freestyle relay. Overall, her age group, the North East Junior girls won and the North East won the English Schools overall.

Some fabulous news from our young swimmers, we look forward to following the rest of their progress through the season.



## NETBALL

On 10th March, the U16 netball squad travelled down to Oundle to compete in the National Schools Final the next day.

Throughout the day there was an immense sense of team spirit between all of us. In the first match, we all worked fantastically together, with lots of communication. This attitude was maintained throughout the day, leading us to win four out of our eight matches in our group. We learnt from our mistakes and worked on them as a team to improve our play across the day.

Overall we all did absolutely amazingly, beating Yarms U16 age groups previous record for placement, coming an outstanding joint 13th place overall.

Well done girls!

### Highlights

Mara Morrison - "Winning the first game against Millfield, as we didn't expect to win. It gave us more confidence and empowered us to compete better in the rest of our games."

"Our teammates' little brothers cheering us on from sidelines with our team mascots, Derek and Seth (teddies) in hand."

Ruby Kitson: "The venue was really nice and the competition was well organised."

Naila Krishnamoorthy (Capt): "It all

went so fast. We haven't really had time to process everything but I could not be more proud of our squad. I can't believe what we have achieved, especially with a particularly young squad! We didn't expect to win as many games and to get as far as we did but we started winning and just carried on." Amelia Hudson: "We really worked well together. We have bonded more as a team as the year has gone on and supported each other the whole way."



## FOOTBALL

Barnard Castle First XI 2 : 5

Yarm School First XI

Handshakes across the field. The blue and red of Yarm against the brown and blue of Barnard Castle. A rivalry today to match no other. Barney, Scarborough, then Barney again: the Yarm boys are back for a second shot. The bitter taste of defeat still in their mouths from last time out, still seeking their first win in over 4 years. The field tingles with anticipation. Yarm's fabulous father of football, Mr Ravenhall, dishes out the last of his tactics to the boys as the fans begin to settle. The apprehension lifts as the sound of the ref's whistle breaks the crisp silence of the afternoon and a roar erupts from the Yarm end. Here we go. Both sides start the game nervously, neither really getting a strong hold of the ball until the ball breaks to Joe Roberts, our fiery-haired Ødegaard, who plays it to Will Ferguson to knock the ball into the back of the net. First blood - Yarm. Yarm - 1, Barney - 0. However, after this opening delight for Yarm, the boys sit back and become quite tentative, a shell of the Yarm we know and love. A quick break from Barney sees them draw level a matter of minutes later, and it's time for the first subs of the game. Last minute addition to the squad, Tom Graham is brought on to bolster the midfield whilst a still heavily strapped up Freddie Butler makes

his return from injury to refresh the flavour in attack. Instantly, the two childhood friends combine with Graham playing a pass to Butler to carve open the Barney defence. Butler then unleashes a speculative effort destined for the top corner had it not been for a rare moment of heroics from the keeper. Corner Yarm. Captain Best steps up, whips in a delectable cross to Roberts who finishes it off with aplomb to mark his first goal of the game and Yarm's second. 2-1 Yarm. The Yarm boys grow in confidence and knock the ball about with a sense of purpose about them, such assurance in the way they play, but alas, the half-time whistle blows, giving Barney an escape for what was surely the start of an onslaught. Refreshed, renewed and revitalised, the Yarm boys step out onto the pitch for the second 45. Within minutes the inevitable occurs: a long ball out from Holmes in goal, brought down by Butler who lays it off to Roberts who picks out Mowbray from 30 yards and the crowd hold their breath. Mowbray skips past one, skips past two and then curls one into the bottom corner to put a stamp on this game. Barney have their work cut out here. Yarm come once again at the Barney attack, like a never ending stampede, and again Graham plays a sumptuous ball through to Roberts who runs through and bags his second of

the game to make it 4-1 to Yarm. Ravenhall goes nuts. Barney however, now looking to avoid embarrassment on their home turf in front of their beloved fans, turn up the heat and catch the Yarm defence half asleep and despite Holmes' best efforts, the two goal deficit is restored - 4-2. Unhappy with not getting the last laugh, Garcia bursts through on goal and chips it over the helpless keeper who can only stand and watch as the score turns 5-2. The last few minutes of the game are upon us and the Barney boys are already thinking about their journey home, as Roberts catches them napping on the left wing to unleash Butler like a horse out the gates at Cheltenham, who leaves the full back in the dust. As he is racing toward the touch line, he puts in a cross that teases the defenders and just sails past his fellow comrades. Much like the score, the time is "five to", 90 minutes have been played and the ref blows his whistle to end the game. Yarm win. The boys make a statement with a convincing 5-2 win to show that the phoenix has well and truly risen from its ashes.

Freddie Butler, Lower Sixth



## ONE NIGHT IN DUBLIN

The Wild Murphys guarantee one glorious night of high-energy Irish Music and more than a little bit of Irish Craic. In their own inimitable style, multi-award-winning Irish tribute band The Wild Murphys perform classics tracks including: Galway Girl, Tell Me Ma, Dirty Old Town, The Irish Rover, Brown Eyed Girl, Seven Drunken Nights, Sally MacLennane, When You Were Sweet Sixteen, Whiskey in the Jar, Wild Rover and Molly Malone, guaranteed to have the audience's hands clapping and toes tapping all night long.



Thursday 13th April 2023, 7:30pm

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## ROB LAMBERTI – PRESENTS PERFECTLY GEORGE

No other tribute artist captures George's musical talent, charisma and passion as closely as Rob Lamberti. With some of George Michael's personal musicians proudly joining Rob's band, his performances are guaranteed to hypnotise your senses and do justice to one of the greatest singer-songwriters of our time. With each tour the attention grows from the media and audience alike, with rave reviews attracting sell-out crowds at venues over 2000+capacity.



Saturday 6th May 2023, 7:30pm

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## NT LIVE: BEST OF ENEMIES

David Harewood (Homeland) and Zachary Quinto (Star Trek) play feuding political rivals in James Graham's (Sherwood) multiple award-winning new drama.

In 1968 America, as two men fight to become the next president, all eyes are on the battle between two others: the cunningly conservative William F. Buckley Jr., and the unruly liberal Gore Vidal.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A LIVE STREAMED PRODUCTION AND IS NOT PERFORMED LIVE AT THE PAA.



Thursday 18th May 2023, 7:00pm

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# Ten top tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

## BE UNPREDICTABLE

We often choose passwords which are easy to remember: featuring the name of our favourite sports team or favourite film, for instance. Those are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will routinely try various combinations of passwords relating to sports teams, actors, musical artists and the like – and they often focus on these during major sporting events or around high-profile movie releases.

## AVOID GETTING PERSONAL

Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names or favoured holiday destinations. The problem here is that we also typically post about our holidays and our family on social media – making that information potentially visible to cyber criminals and supplying them with clues which could help them in narrowing down possible passwords we might have set.

## NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD

Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the victim's other accounts. This is because the criminals know that, for convenience, people often use the same password across different services. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.

## LONGER IS STRONGER

Our passwords are often stored by online services in an encrypted format. In case the service suffers a data breach, the strength of this encryption, however, is dependent on the length of the password you've selected. If your password is only a short one, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.

## CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that we limit who can see our posts via each platform's privacy settings. It's also wise to consider what we're posting and if it's really safe to share online. If we restrict what cyber criminals can see, we reduce the chance of them using that information to identify our passwords.

## Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



CCTV IN OPERATION

## 'DOUBLE LOCK' YOUR DATA

It's possible that cyber criminals may eventually discover your username and password. Enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts, however, reduces the chance of them obtaining access to your data, as they'd also require a code which is provided via an app, SMS message or email. MFA isn't infallible, but it does definitely provide extra protection and security.

## DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS

Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within it – including usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's wise to make sure that you delete your entire account and not just the actual app. If the service no longer has your data, there's zero risk of it being leaked should they suffer a data breach in the future.

## TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS

Even though most of us have numerous online accounts to manage these days, it's advantageous to avoid password re-use. Specialist password management software (like Dashlane or OnePassword, among others) can help by storing a different password for every online service that you have an account with: the only one you or child will need to remember is the single master password.

## GET CREATIVE

The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the 'three random words' technique. This method helps you create a password which is unique, complex and long – yet which is memorable enough to stay in your mind ("FourBlueShoes", for example). Also the NCSC website, incidentally, also offers plenty of other useful information relating to personal cyber security.

## STAY VIGILANT

The best way to protect your accounts and your data is to be vigilant and careful. If you receive an email or text message that's unusual or unexpected, treat it as suspicious until you're able to verify whether it's genuine and safe. Starting from a position of vigilance and caution will reduce the likelihood of you or your child being tricked by a malicious email, text or phone call.



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