

HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

It's been lovely to welcome everyone back to all after what was, I hope, a good break at Easter. The pupils have certainly arrived in good spirits, with an abundance of smiles and positive energy suffusing the school. This has been buoyed by more outstanding sporting news, with our U14 boys hockey team heading off to the National Finals and returning as the fourth best school in the country - a quite wonderful feat! Other sporting successes are also described within, with pupils gaining selection and success with Leeds Rhinos and Grangetown netball clubs - well done all.

Trips and activities over the Easter break included Duke of Edinburgh, Rowing camp, Outdoor Ed climbing trip to Font, a trip to Paris and a number of revision sessions for students preparing for exams. 20 of our students were also lucky enough to spend a fascinating few days at the Darlington Economic Campus on the inaugural work experience week, organised by Mr Edwards alongside a range of civil servants working at the DEC. A terrific experience, I gather, and no doubt inculcating a range of new skills, aptitudes and aspirations for our students.

Mr Edwards has been busy, with Miss Rhodes and others, coordinating the extraordinary Career Convention which took place last night. A wonderful turnout from delegates from a wide range of sectors, industries and tertiary education destinations and an equally impressive attendance from pupils, parents and guests to the school. I am indebted to Mr Edwards and all those involved behind the scenes for putting on such a worthwhile event.

Earlier this week we were in School for the annual Fashion Show, which saw pupils from prep and senior school come together for a joyous evening with some real technical and

creative skills on show. Well done to all involved, including our Prep Pupils who brought such energy to the evening, and thank you in particular to Ms Jackson and Mrs Dunkley and the technical team at the PAA for putting on such a professional show.

We welcomed students from our partner school in Germany, EGW Werther, this week and it was lovely to see them mixing happily with their hosts on Wednesday and Thursday. In other German news, we congratulate Kitty for her terrific achievement in gaining a Scholarship - do read on for details.

Dr Huw Williams



Young Apprentice award winners: Ollie Best (Winner and Outstanding Leader), Arhana Pradeep (Outstanding Team Player), and Harry Rodwell (Runner-up and Outstanding Creative Spirit)

YARM APPRENTICE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

We were delighted to present our Yarm Apprentice winners with their certificates, prizes and our overall winner with the trophy in assembly this week. Twenty-four students have competed in the over subscribed YA competition this year (the 11th year of YA).

The competitors have faced five challenges where the students have developed a Mocktail for the new Yarm Heritage Centre, sourced, stocked and manned a Christmas themed stall for the YSA Fair, added value to miscellany from Primark to raise money for good causes, developed a Recruitment strategy for a local business and produced resources to enrich the experience of the Year 5 pupils on their trip to London! All whilst facing five

different Lord Sugars in tense Boardrooms. Thanks must go to local councillor Peter Monk, Dr Williams, Mr Stone, Ms Meikle and local business man Karl Pemberton for entering in the the spirit of the role. And Miss Rhodes must also thank her "Tim and Karren"s for their enthusiasm and support i.e Mr Menzies and Imy Slack (our first student YA assistant).

Competitors have worked in teams, led on tasks, been creative, juggled workloads and encountered conflict. They have developed new skills and have all received pitch training courtesy of Darlington Building Society, raised £1162.33 for charities of their choosing and the winners can now be declared...

Peer Voted prizes are awarded to:

- Arhana Pradeep as outstanding team player across all tasks
- Harry Rodwell as most creative individual across all tasks
- Ollie Best as outstanding leader across all tasks

In the overall competition:

- Harry Rodwell was a worthy runner up

But there can only be one winner and this year the Winner of Yarm Apprentice is:

- Ollie Best

In the words of his peers...

"Ollie was good at effectively delivering in accordance with the brief and getting the best out of people in his group (playing to their strengths)"

"He pitched well"

"Listened to the whole team"

"Included everyone"

"Was well organised"

"Supported those who were struggling"

"Was good at crisis management"

"Was good at communicating with the team"

YA will be back next year... Who will be the winner of YA 2024?

Miss C E Rhodes



Ollie Best (Winner and Outstanding Leader) is presented his award by last year's winner, Belle.

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

- Can you lead?
- Can you make decisions?
- Can you manage your time?
- Can you work in a team?
- Can you deal with people who don't pull their weight?
- Can you deal with conflict?
- Can you bounce back after failure?
- Can you think of a charity which means something to you, and raise money to support it?
- Can you pitch?
- Can you justify your ideas?
- Can you stand up for yourself?
- Can you take calculated risks?
- Can you have fun whilst building the skills needed for UCAS, apprenticeships and employability?
- Can you compete?
- Are you in the Lower Sixth next year?
- Can you be the 2024 Yarm Apprentice?
- Sign up for Yarm Apprentice - Tuesday Activities 2023/24!

Miss C E Rhodes

YA FUNDRAISING

It's not all about the money, money, money ... but this year we are very proud that the Yarm Apprentices have raised a fantastic £1162.33 for good causes, whilst enjoying competing in the Yarm Apprentice 2023 competition, developing their own employability skills, and applying their classroom learning of Economics and Business.

The breakdown is as follows:

£440.57 for Cash for Kids

£61.01 for Breast Cancer Now

£509.79 for Yarm Wellness Centre

£95.55 for Phab

£55.41 for Make a Wish

Once again thanks to the students and everyone who has supported them in helping so many fabulous causes.

Miss C E Rhodes

WORKING LUNCH WITH ABISHEK

The final Working Lunch of the Easter term saw the welcome return of another former pupil, Abishek Naguleswaran (Class of 2019). After A Level Economics, Physics, Maths and Further Maths, Abishek continued his studies of Economics at UCL and now works as an Investment Professional at Oaktree Capital Management (A distressed private equity and credit investment firm with over \$160 billion assets under management).

A full room of Sixth Form, including several from beyond the

department, happily sacrificed their lunchtime to hear more about how to break into finance, especially for a role in the buy-side. Questions were plentiful with students keen to secure advice, guidance and the benefit of Abishek's experience and hindsight.

We are extremely grateful to Abishek for his generosity in speaking to our students and for all the ongoing support he has given the department over the last few years. We hope to see

him return again soon and in the meantime wish him every success with his career.

Miss C E Rhodes



FASHION SHOW

Pupils amazed audiences with their spectacular creations at the Fashion Show. Pupils from across the Senior School showcased their designs, with eco, toiles, GCSE and A Level garments all on display.

The fashion show started with a bang, Senior and Prep pupils performed two mesmerizing group dances which featured 61 pupils in total. A little taster of what we can

expect coming in this year's Dance Showcase (see poster).

Pupils then took to the stage to model their garments bringing energy to the catwalk and showing confidence to wear their garments and walk out to an audience of 250 parents and peers.

The fashion show was a fantastic opportunity to display the beautiful designs that our pupils achieve

guided and supported by Mrs Jackson.

We are proud that we have had several Former Pupils that have gone on to study at fashion and delighted that this has led to exciting careers with the likes of Asos. Five Textiles Former Pupils were on hand at this year's Career Convention to advise current pupils about the world of design.



UK GERMAN CONNECTION SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

Kitty Brown (Lower Sixth) has won a prestigious UK German Connection Scholarship. This is a four-week summer holiday programme run and fully funded by the German Educational Exchange Service (Pädagogischer Austauschdienst). Competition was strong this year as the programme restarted after a three-year hiatus owing to Covid 19 restrictions, and Kitty had to complete an essay in German, submit written work, and take part in an

interview to win her place. She will participate in the course with other students from around the globe and will travel around Germany with visits to Bonn, Cologne, Berlin, Hamburg and Munich.

There will also be a two-week stay with a German host family and project work with mixed international groups. This is a wonderful opportunity and previous participants from Yarm School have thoroughly enjoyed the programme,

while their German has benefited greatly from the immersive experience. Gut gemacht Kitty!

Mr T Fellows



CHARITY CONCERT

Cassie Woodier is organising a Charity Concert on Thursday 4th May, with all money going to Teesside Hospice. The event starts at 7pm in the PAA and tickets are £5. It looks to be an amazing event, full of talent from in and out of school, is suitable for all ages and all money made goes towards a great cause, so please come and support if you can!

[Tickets available online](#) and at the box office.



YARM APPRENTICE REFLECTIONS

What an opportunity! Having had 5 tasks, 5 Lord Sugars, and 5 boardrooms, Yarm Apprentice was a platform that allowed everyone who participated to develop a plethora of skills whether it be leadership based, communication or teamwork, all within a competitive albeit supportive environment.

Having had professional training on pitching and presentations, opportunities to raise money for charity, creative tasks in which our own ideas came into fruition, the activity has been extremely fun and rewarding. I recommend it to all of the upcoming Lower Sixth, especially those who do business/economics.

Ollie Best, YA Winner 2023

This year Yarm Apprentice started with a mocktail task for the local heritage centre, which our team "yarum sunset" won. Many tasks followed this including a Christmas stall charity task, a dovecote stall task, starting a recruiting agency for a local firm and most recently the final task, developing a resource for the Year 5 Prep pupils' London trip. There were a lot of challenges along the way but it is definitely a fun activity. It helps build teamwork and communication skills and is great for your personal statement and CV. I would definitely recommend this to any pupils going into the Lower Sixth, particularly if you are taking Economics or Business, It's a great experience.

Harry Rodwell, YA Runner Up

NATIONAL READING CHAMPIONS QUIZ 2023

Shortly before the Easter break a team of First Year and a team of Second Year pupils competed against 24 other school teams in the north east regional heat of the National Reading Champions Quiz. The quiz, run by the National Literacy Trust, is now in its third year and is aimed at promoting reading enjoyment, encouraging diverse reading, and improving reading stamina. The questions cover multiple genres of fiction and include everything from Greek

mythology to graphic novels and books adapted into Netflix series. Teams from 23 regions across the UK take part.

Whereas previous book quizzes we have participated in have involved an annual trip up to Newcastle in the minibus, the post-pandemic version entailed competing online in the comfort of our own school meeting room! Our teams faced seventy five questions over 8 rounds, each with a different theme – one of which included ‘relatives in fiction’ and

another guessing the book from a number of short video clips acted out by the quiz master, Mr Dilly!

Well done to our First Year team of Ewan Green, Jacob Bandeira, Dihain Madapathage Don, and Waleed Ahsan who came 21st, and the Second Year team of Hira Rauf, Amarah Kaur, Bee Williams, Ellie Williamson, and Sarah Abbas, who came 16th.

Mrs D Mason

Report by Amarah

On Monday 27th of March the First and Second Year teams competed in the National Reading Champions Quiz. The team consisted of four students from each year.

There were 7 rounds which tested us on our teamwork and recall skills. Some examples of the questions were; fill in the gap, video quiz and unscramble the words. The quiz was a great experience and great fun with interactive activities and there was even a cheerleader prize!

Overall it was good fun and not what you think it is, it tests you on your general knowledge not just books. Thank you Mrs Mason.

Amarah Kaur, Second Year



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6.30PM IN THE PAA

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FESTIVAL BALL 1970-2020

NETBALL

Huge congratulations to Sienna Hyndman and Ava Holmes who were both chosen to play for Leeds Rhinos last weekend, against Manchester Thunder. Leeds Rhinos took two teams to play 4 matches against Manchester Thunder. Sienna was chosen to captain the Leeds Rhinos squad and both girls came away with Player of the Match titles. Keep up the fantastic work girls!



Congratulations to Ruby Kitson, Olivia Wildridge and Molly Raine (part of the U13 Grangetown team, and pictured below) and Libby Scott and Charlotte Fenwick (part of the U12 Grangetown team) who won the South Durham and Cleveland Netball tournament in their respective age groups at Macmillan School on Sunday 23rd April.

A fantastic effort and great to see Yarm School players playing netball outside of school!



HOCKEY

Congratulations to our U14 boys hockey team who travelled to London to play at the Olympic park to compete in the National Hockey Finals. An exciting 3-2 win against The Perse School followed a 1-0 victory in our opening game against Solihull School. These results set up a group decider versus top hockey school Whitgift to reach the final- this proved a step too far as we lost 2-0 against a very well drilled opposition which set up a 3rd/4th place play-off against our old foes- King's School, Chester. After a slow start and going down in the early stages of the game, the momentum turned as a result of some tactical changes and the boys clawed back an equaliser to take the game to a penalty shoot out. Unfortunately, the boys came short and finished the tournament 4th- that is to say... the 4th best team in the country. This equals the boys 4th place finish in the 7 aside version of the game this time last year displaying a fabulous level of consistency!

Well done to the following players- Jasman Sidhu, Dan Rubal-Garcia, Deacon Hughes, Henry Bottomley, Max Hassani-Millington, Sam Shawcross, Mustafa El-Sherif, Ollie Dunkin, Paddy Key, Oliver Mowbray, Jude Crack, Aidan Robinson, Ben Bardgett, Olly Carr and Jacob Hardy. Also, a big congratulations to Mr Skirving who manages and coaches this team.



SPORT WEEK AHEAD

The weeks ahead are now available online.

You can [view them here](#).

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GHOSTS?

An experiential ghost story, unlike anything you have ever experienced before.

Welcome to a haunting night at the theatre. Are you feeling brave? If you are, join us, and we will tell you all the secrets of what goes on when the theatre goes dark, when the only thing to guide you is the Ghost Light. We will raise the hairs on your arms and send chills down the back of your neck ...

Thursday 1st June 2023, 7:30pm

[Book Online Here](#)



SUN RECORDS THE CONCERT - 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Where Rock'n'Roll Was Born – the Official Sun Records Concert Show.

Featuring musical instruments of the era, starring a multi-talented cast of singers and a supporting cast of amazing musicians, the sound of Sun is brought to life live on stage in the official concert show that takes you back to the birthplace of rock'n'roll.



Saturday 10th June 2023, 7:30pm

[Book Online Here](#)

CRAZY COMEDY COMPANY

Leading the madcap mayhem is Jordan Conway, comedian, actor, total lunatic with enough energy to light up the national grid.

Joel Hatton tries to keep him in check whilst attempting to juggle and unicycle, with not much help from the acromaniac Matt Knight. Adding, glamour and aerial skills, but not much common sense is the amazing Romy Bauer.

Together they present the freshest and funniest new family show in the business suitable for all ages including seniors and adults without kids!

Sunday 4th June 2023, 2:30pm

[Book Online Here](#)



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OFCOM'S 'CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES' REPORT 2023

Each year, Ofcom – Britain's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has just been released, and we've pulled out some of the report's most thought-provoking findings which relate to online safety ...

