

## HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

The busy weeks leading up to the end of term offer many opportunities for pupils and parents to admire and appreciate the fruits of much labour as we prepare for a whole host of shows, plays, concerts, sports day, fixtures, regattas and more. Tonight's Dance Showcase is a near sell-out, I believe, and promises to be a rich and joyful demonstration of the passion and talent of so many of our pupils from Prep to Senior School. This weekend sees our rowers out at the Durham Regatta, which always proves to be a thrilling event with Yarm crews performing well across the board and giving their all. I hope to see many of you on the banks of

Annabel, Anna and Poppy who are shortlisted in the National Shine School Media Awards



the river cheering them on!

Next week's opportunities include the Duologue shows, with Junior Duologues on Tuesday and Intermediate and Senior on Friday, both starting at 6.30 in the PAA. Pupils have practised hard and deserve a good audience, who will have a highly entertaining night - do come along and support them in the PAA. Later in the term we have the Leavers' Concert, the Dovecote Concert, Third Year play performances and the Memento Dementia Friendly Choir.

Pupil output has been evident in abundance in this year's edition of 'The Dovecote' magazine - Voice which was printed with generous support from the YSA. We

congratulate all pupils who contributed to the magazine, and particularly to the editing team. As you will see within, the magazine has once again gained national recognition with pupils' work nominated in a prestigious competition. Well done and good luck to all involved! Do buy your copy - with proceeds all going to a great cause.

More pupil news from this week's newsletter - we congratulate Kitty on her recent success in the Oxford German Olympiad, welcome the new Econ and Bus Soc Chairs, hear about Lilian's trip to McLaren and learn about the inaugural assembly of the CCF's new field gun.

Dr Huw Williams

## SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER DEADLINE APPROACHING!

Please ensure to order any uniform required from [perryuniform.co.uk](http://perryuniform.co.uk) by the 30th of June to guarantee arrival by the start of the new school year in September.

[Perry Back to School Order Info](#)  
[PDE](#)

[Perry Website Guide PDF](#)

If you need any help or advice please contact:

**The Uniform Showroom**

Tel: 01642 792588

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## YARM SCHOOL'S STUDENT MAGAZINE, DOVECOTE, HITS THE HAT-TRICK!



'Dovecote', Yarm School's student magazine, was born out of the pandemic - a voice for the students during a time of isolation and uncertainty. In its second year, our students celebrated their regained independence and freedoms. Each year, the team has grown in knowledge, expertise and ambition, and this year was no exception.

Yarm School students have proudly been recognised by the National Shine School Media Awards for the past two years, and this week we received the news that we've hit the hat-trick with our third annual publication, 'Voice'. A group of high-profile industry professionals including Hugh Dickerson from Google, Liz Hunt from the Daily Mail, and Terry Mansfield CBE from Hearst have shortlisted three of our students for awards: Annabel Cochrane (left), Anna Page (middle), and Poppy Bell (right).

Annabel Cochrane has been shortlisted for 'Non-Fiction Writer of the Year' for her compelling article on the human rights crisis in Nicaragua. A special thanks goes to Mr. Edwards for helping Annabel to organise an interview with Abigail Hernandez, a journalist actively working on the front line amidst the atrocities. Annabel was honoured to be able to share Hernandez's voice as she valiantly fights for the voice of her nation.

Anna Page has been shortlisted for 'Fiction Writer of the Year' for her poem 'Inked'. Anna was in the student magazine's Editorial/ Advisory Board and took part in a number of workshops that were organised by the Lead Editors, one of which focused on various means of freely expressing your identity. We considered what our identities meant, how we expressed them, apprehensions that we might have in certain situations, and societal expectations. We feel that Anna's poem (very!) cleverly and stylishly explores all of the above.

Poppy Bell has been shortlisted for 'Photographer of the Year'. Poppy is a keen photographer, and she really rose to the challenge of creating inspirational images for this year's edition of Dovecote. As she's not taking Art at GCSE, Poppy approached the Art Department at the start of the year to ask for help

with refining her skills. Under the expert guidance of Ms. Jenyns, Poppy's natural eye for a 'good shot' developed. Poppy has always found photography liberating and I hope that this validation of her talent means that she continues to pursue her passion.

Over 40 students have been involved with the production of the magazine this year, cultivating the engagement of their peers, Yarm School staff and the YSA. We're thoroughly grateful to all of those who have contributed, and made this year's magazine a success.

**This year's publication, 'Voice', will be on sale in the Dovecote during lunchtime on Friday 16th June. Copies of the magazine will be priced at £2 each. All profits made from this edition will be donated to 'The Junction Foundation', which seeks to work with disadvantaged children through a number of different projects across Tees Valley.**

The National Shine School Media Awards will take place in London on Monday 3rd July - keep your fingers and toes crossed for our deserving (and talented!) students.

Miss A Breslin



# LAUNCH DAY

## DOVECOTE EDITION 3

**IN THE DOVECOTE AT 12:35PM  
ON FRIDAY 16TH JUNE**

2025

£2

# Voice

DOVECOTE EDITION 3



All profits made from this edition will be donated to The Junction Foundation which seeks to work with disabled young children through a number of different projects across Tyneside, aiming to reduce social isolation, support educational goals, help them further themselves and their communities, and receive help to get them outside.

Artwork: Catherine and Philippa; Illustrations: Mrs. Smith; Project: Teachers; Photography: Photography & Design; Design: Mrs. Smith; Photography Consultant: / Mr. Stokings; Art Consultant: / Mr. Edwards & Mr. Gilbert; Content Promotion:

**ALL PROFITS WILL BE DONATED TO  
'THE JUNCTION FOUNDATION'**

**ONLY TWO POUNDS  
GET YOUR COPY**



## GERMAN OLYMPIAD SUCCESS FOR KITTY

Kitty Brown (Lower Sixth) has enjoyed further success in German. Kitty was a runner-up in the Oxford German Olympiad competition. This is an annual contest with categories for different age groups and options on German related topics.

For her entry, Kitty had to research the food culture of a society

anywhere in the world in a period before 1800 and write a story about that period in which food plays a part. Her entry was set in 1621 in the US state of Virginia. In it, the Pilgrim Fathers and the local native American Wampanoag tribe gather together to share a harvest meal. This coming together of the two

hostile groups is still celebrated today through the annual American Thanksgiving meal. Kitty has been invited to attend a prize-giving ceremony at the Bodleian Library in Oxford later this month.

Noch mal, gut gemacht Kitty!

Mr T Fellows

## MEET THE CHAIRS: ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS SOCIETY

Hi I'm Ollie and I'm studying Business, Maths and Physics. I'm an EconBus Chair with responsibility for Business. I've enjoyed getting involved in talks on changes in the workplace e.g. remote working. After Yarm I hope to do either Accounting and Finance or Business Consultancy whether it be via apprenticeship or university. If you want to get involved/are interested in EconBus Soc please come and speak to me.

Hi everyone, I'm Arhana and I'm studying Economics, along with Chemistry and Biology.

I'm an EconBus Chair with responsibilities for Economics. I've especially enjoyed getting involved in talks that show the impact of Business and Economics on other industries and subjects. After Yarm I hope to go into Finance and Accounting. If you want to get involved in the EconBus Soc, please don't hesitate to talk to us.

Hi I'm Adhi, I'm studying Maths, Further Maths, Biology and Economics.

I am an EconBus Chair with responsibility for Economics. I've enjoyed getting involved with the discussions in Grill Club and viewing the presentations in EconBusSoc. If you want to get involved with EconBusSoc please talk to us!!

Hi I'm Harry Rodwell and I'm studying Business, Psychology and DT at A-level. I'm an Economics and Business Chair with responsibility for Business. I've enjoyed getting involved in talks such as remote work and how it affects businesses. After Yarm I hope to study Finance at university. If you want to get involved in the EconBus Soc please come and talk to us!



## DUOLOGUES 2023 - COME AND WATCH!

Please come along and support the Yarm School Duologues next week. They are always fantastically entertaining evenings, comprising comedic and serious sketches put together by our talented students. Yarm School pupils get FREE tickets to see the duologues, so please pop along and support your friends and peers, and enjoy a great night of theatrical entertainment.

The Junior contest will finish about 8.30pm with the Intermediate and Senior performance finishing no later than 8pm.

Mr D Brookes

[Junior Duologue Tickets Available Here](#)

[Intermediate and Senior Duologue Tickets Available Here](#)



Pictures from the fantastic duologues last year!



### Intermediate and Senior Duologues



Friday 16th June  
6.30pm

Adults £5, Children £1 and Pupils FOC

[www.thepaaonline.org](http://www.thepaaonline.org)

### Junior Duologues



Tuesday 13th June  
6.30pm

Adults £5, Children £1 and Pupils FOC

[www.thepaaonline.org](http://www.thepaaonline.org)



## LILIAN VISITS MCLAREN

Before the half term holidays, I was able to visit the McLaren Technology Centre alongside 30 other Arkwright Scholars to learn more about the roles of engineers in motorsports and specifically the roles of engineers at McLaren.

The visit started with a talk about early careers at McLaren and the various programmes that they offer which can help secure a career in motorsport engineering. We were then broken into smaller groups and visited the McLaren Shadow Studio (Esports) where we could drive around Silverstone on the simulators. We were able to get a tour of the



technology centre which included visiting both the Formula 1 factory and the road car factory. We could see the current chassis being worked on in preparation for the Imola Grand Prix. The Technology centre is lined with lots of old formula 1 cars and various road cars that McLaren have produced which was great to see. The visit ended with a talk by current McLaren engineers who spoke about



their roles and their routes into the industry.

Overall the visit was very valuable to learn about career paths and to receive some specific advice about universities and different opportunities.

Lilian Dufton, Upper Sixth

## CCF FIELD GUN TRAINING

Monday was an action-packed CCF for the cadets as they engaged in field gun training.

Led by the cadet training team, the evening allowed the cadets to get acquainted with the CCF's new field gun. The training session worked on developing the cadet's discipline,



teamwork, and fun, all while ensuring safety and no trapped fingers or toes! One fascinating aspect of the field gun training is the tradition behind it, specifically the Royal Navy Field Gun races. This celebrated tradition traces its roots back to the early 20th century when teams of Royal Navy sailors would compete against each other to showcase their skills and teamwork, simulating the movement of Field Guns during the Boer War. These races were initially conducted as part of the Royal Tournament, a prestigious event that aimed to exhibit the talents and capabilities of the British Armed Forces.

Mr T Taylor

## TOP SECRET

Shhh.... The FAME Business Mentors went to their location ie the Prep School. They met with their teams ie the Year 6 pupils... Other than that my lips are sealed, for fear of being accused of industrial espionage... If you want to know more you need to be at the Prep School Summer Fair on 23rd June!

Miss C E Rhodes

## SPORT WEEK AHEAD

The weeks ahead are now available online.

You can [view them here](#).



**UPPER 6TH LEAVERS' CONCERT**

June 26th



7pm

PAST      PRESENT      FUTURE

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Tickets are £5 and are available online at [www.thepaaonline.org](http://www.thepaaonline.org) or calling the  
PAA box office on (01642) 792587



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## DOVECOTE CONCERT

### SUNDAY 2nd JULY 2023, 6PM

Tickets are **free** and must be "bought" from [the www.thepaaonline.org](http://www.thepaaonline.org)

There will be a **BAR** for cool refreshing drinks and a delicious BBQ. These areas will be open from 5.15pm

Tickets for the **Legendary Sodexo BBQ** are available from [www.thepaaonline.org](http://www.thepaaonline.org) at a cost of **£6.00pp**





**YARM SCHOOL'S MEMENTO  
DEMENTIA FRIENDLY**



# **SUMMER HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG**



**THURSDAY 22ND JUNE  
5PM - 6.30PM  
YARM SCHOOL**



**To book places then contact  
[admin@yarmschool.org](mailto:admin@yarmschool.org)**



**YARM SCHOOL**  
**The Good  
Companions**



**Memento**  
Dementia Friendly Choir

**A retiring collection will be held to support future Good Companions activity in the school and community.**



## THE VERY BEST OF TOMMY COOPER (JUST LIKE THAT!)

Recapturing his trademark mayhem and misfiring magic.

The show includes many of Cooper's beloved one-liners, dazzling wordplay and celebrated tricks, including Glass/Bottle, Dappy Duck, Spot the Dog and Jar/Spoon.

Produced and performed by Daniel Taylor.

The Production has the blessing of the Tommy Cooper Estate.

**Sunday 30th July 2023, 7:30pm**

[Book Online Here](#)



## SIMON AND GARFUNKEL: THROUGH THE YEARS IN CONCERT

Simon and Garfunkel: Through the Years is the most authentic sounding concert to the unforgettable music of Simon and Garfunkel.

Made up of Dan Haynes and Pete Richards, Bookends have toured the globe extensively with their concerts being described as 'simply breath-taking'.

Performing the songs in a truly captivating way, against a backdrop of iconic imagery, their delicate recreation of the unmistakable sound of the American folk-rock duo is something of a masterpiece.

**Friday 21st July 2023, 7:30pm**

[Book Online Here](#)



## ANDRE RIEU'S 2023 – MAASTRICHT CONCERT – LOVE IS ALL AROUND

The King of the Waltz invites you to his all-new cinema concert "Love is All Around", from his beautiful hometown of Maastricht!

André Rieu will again stage his glorious annual summer event in the iconic Vrijthof Square this year.

The concert will be a musical feast with heart-warming pieces lovingly chosen by André, covering classics, popular sing-alongs, and delightful waltzes that make you want to dance.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A LIVE STREAMED PRODUCTION.

**Saturday 26th - Sunday 27th August 2023**

[Book Online Here](#)





# 10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

## AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

## CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

## BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

## ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

## MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schootime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

## BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

## TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

## THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

## STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

## USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

## Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.

