

## HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

Last week's dance showcase was a triumph and all the dancers, those in cheer and anyone who helped deserves huge congratulations. Seeing 180 pupils from 8-18 perform their technical, energetic, emotional and hugely entertaining routines, set magically to music with sophisticated video and lighting was a joyful experience. Mrs Dunkley, Miss Gamble, the technical team and all other staff involved deserve our thanks and praise for coordinating a fabulous show.

This was followed by a triumphant weekend at the Durham Regatta for our boat club, with some stunning victories over university, college and club teams seeing us claim numerous places in finals as well as a crop of trophies and titles. Thank you to all

the staff involved, and to the parents coordinating such a brilliant marquee on the banks to help feed and water the massed ranks of supporters, who included a number of former pupils and parents wanting to cheer on the crews.

The week of sport continued with an athletics league meeting at Green Lane with All Saints and St Michael's. Our 1st XI cricket team played the Yorkshire and North East Forty Club at Yarm Cricket Club. We also welcomed St George's Church of England Academy to school on Wednesday for hockey coaching.

This week has seen the Duologues competitions, with the junior competition on Tuesday delivering humour, suspense, slapstick comedy

and dark, sinister scenes.

Congratulations to all the pupils who entered and performed and good luck to our Inter and Senior competitors who will tread the boards this evening.

We welcomed next year's First Year pupils for their induction day on Wednesday and the Fourth Year had a day off timetable designed to challenge them to think about teamwork, transferable skills and life in the Sixth Form. There are reports within which offer a further insight into recent events and activities including some wonderful pupil art, a Debating competition against Conyers and a trip to Bootham's in York for some Sixth Formers.

Dr Huw Williams



## QUAKER EDUCATION CONFERENCE



Last Saturday, we had the wonderful opportunity to go with Dr Goodall and represent Yarm at the Quaker Education Conference, which was held at Bootham School in York. The main aim of the day was, together with 120 other students from across the world (including from as far away as India), to produce a youth education manifesto that would be presented to education experts and policymakers at the Radix Big Tent Ideas Festival this weekend (17th June). The day consisted of listening to six incredible speakers as well as time to discuss our ideas and develop our manifesto in the sub-groups that we were assigned. Some of the speakers included Body Image and Mental Health campaigner, Natasha Devon, Senior Fellow at the Institute for Government, Sam Freidman, and Ruth Ibegbuna, the founder of the working class student activism charity RECLAIM. All of the speakers

were extremely knowledgeable and engaging. The speeches covered a range of topics such as: manifesto writing and lobbying practices as well as speaking about their personal experiences in educational policy and shared with us ideas of what can be done or changed and how their work tries to achieve change in the education sector. All the speakers emphasised the notion of community and how we can use education as a

tool to provide knowledge to not only better ourselves, but allow us to bring positive change to the community around us. The combination of the fascinating speakers and the opportunity to meet and discuss ideas with people from around the world, meant that it was a conference rich with culture. Everyone brought open minds and unique perspectives, which made the day a very enjoyable and thought-provoking one. Once again, it was a fantastic opportunity to be able to attend and represent Yarm School at this unique event.

James Waine and Sara Banerjee,  
Lower Sixth



## 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 PDF](#)

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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



## INTER SCHOOL HISTORY DEBATE VS CONYERS

### 'THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THAT 'COMMUNISM AS A POLITICAL IDEOLOGY CAN NEVER WORK IN PRACTICE'



On Tuesday, A Level History students welcomed Conyers School for an inter-school History debate on communism. The motion being, 'This house believes that communism as a political ideology can never work in practice.' Students at both Yarm and Conyers study the application of communism as part of their A Level curriculum, with Yarm focusing on the transformation of China from 1936 to 1997, and Conyers studying the imposition of communism in the Soviet Union. Yarm's team was made up of Jacob Rutter, Charlotte Sowerby, and Morven Hawthorne.

Yarm, as the home side, proposed the motion, and we heard first from Jacob. He carefully defined communism as 'a far-left wing sociopolitical, philosophical, and economic ideology, centered around common ownership, distribution, and exchange that allocates products to everyone in the society based on need.' Jacob argued in depth that it is unrealistic to suggest a society can function with all its members providing labour that does not directly benefit them. He also

pointed out that communist states have a tendency to exploit certain groups for labour, a tactic most noticeably used by Stalin and Mao,

perhaps the two most prevalent communist leaders.

Grace from Conyers then replied and argued that communism has led to significant advancements in science, technology, and medical care. She acknowledged that communism has, at times, failed due to leaders being overly powerful. Using Cuba as an example of a country where society has been transformed by the imposition of communist ideology and as a country where citizens were valued equally.

Charlotte rebutted some of the claims made by Conyers and cited examples, particularly from rural China, where the economic imposition of communism had led to the greatest man-made famine the world has ever seen from 1958 to 1961. Charlotte also cited the argument that communism requires a strong central authority which, in practice, led to authoritarian regimes that have stifled opposition and dissent, and led to the emergence of dictators such as Stalin, Mao, and the Kim dynasty.

Kiera from Conyers looked at the use of communism to alleviate social inequality in society. Again using China as an example, she looked at the number of people that China had lifted out of extreme poverty, and how in Cuba, education had been used effectively. For example, Cuba has the highest patient-to-doctor ratio in the world and literacy rates of 99.8%. Additionally, Kiera pointed out how communist countries had been able to avoid the 'boom and bust' economics of capitalist countries, for example, during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Morven picked up on a number of points made by the Conyers team and rebutted them. Particularly, she cited that in Cuba, the average wage was just \$87 a month. Morven pointed to the argument that communist governments have always had to fight against mass emigration of their citizens who were desperate to escape the authoritarianism and censorship of the state. Morven made a very clear and persuasive judgement that 'history proves communism to be a grossly impractical ideology. It has proven to be a breeding ground for irreplaceable dictators, famine, and fear. Not only does it fail, but it reverts back to what Marx created in opposition to—capitalism as a remedy.'

## INTER SCHOOL HISTORY DEBATE VS CONYERS (CONTINUED)

Finally, Matthew from Conyers identified the argument that Marx's ideology of communism has never been fully implemented, and therefore, it is very difficult to agree with the motion that it can never work in practice. Leninism, Stalinism, and Maoism, rather than being Marxist, have deviated from the designed ideology in reality. Matthew spoke about the desirable parts of communism: equality, human advancement, and increased prosperity, and pointed to the fact

that these could work in the future. We then had some questioning from our judges, which was dealt with well by both sides, before further questioning from an inquisitive audience. At this point, the judges left the room to confer, and an audience vote was taken. The majority agreed with the motion at the start of the debate; however, some had changed their minds by the end of the debate.

Finally, after some tension had built,

we received the judges' verdict. They gave feedback that the quality and standard of the debate were extremely high from both sides, and it was a very enjoyable debate with very well-presented arguments. The verdict was a Yarm victory, albeit against a very strong opposition. Well done to all debaters from both sides, and thanks to Mr Bridges for chairing, and Mrs Pinkham and Mr Grimwood for judging. A return fixture will be organised.

Mr Tim Taylor

## TELL ME MORE, TELL ME MORE...



Last week we were delighted to welcome Daniel Orlopp (Class of 2020) for a Working Lunch.

Daniel is completing a Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship with EY and currently has a role as a Consulting Service Delivery Associate in Newcastle.

He explained that he is in the final year of his degree in Business Leadership and Management Practice, through Northumbria

University. This enables him to combine the benefits of student life (he can access the social life, societies and in person teaching) but he is also earning, gaining experience and securing his professional qualifications as he will soon become a Chartered Manager (CMgr MCMI).

Daniel shared his story of life after Yarm and answered questions, giving a fair and balanced appraisal of the apprenticeship programme and an insight into what it is really like working for one of "The Big Four". He was happy to give practical advice to those looking at making applications and gave us an appreciation of what his job actually involves in professional services. His role works on engagements and support on projects which provide a range of crucial services at the heart of

today's financial services industry across the UK and Europe, from EY in Newcastle. He is involved with monitoring and managing everything from anti money laundering to cyber security threats for organisations across Europe, the Middle East, India and Africa. He also helps clients to navigate ever changing global regulations and the impact they can have on their business.

We are really grateful to Daniel for coming in to talk to our students and for the link he has maintained with the school and ongoing support.

We are proud of what he has achieved to date and will continue to follow his career with interest.

Miss C E Rhodes





**YARM SCHOOL'S MEMENTO  
DEMENTIA FRIENDLY**



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



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



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



## ARTISTS' CORNER

Our Second Year pupils have had lots of fun experimenting with a variety of media and techniques to create these colourful prints inspired the Spanish architect Antoni Gaudi.



Jesse Bissett Brown



Sam Lane



Sanju Vasireddy



Danai Mawoko



Mattia Larder



Mahanya Podalakur

## DURHAM REGATTA

With the summer weather finally arriving, the white picket fence painted and the tent ready it was time for Durham Regatta. The weekend started well with the first races at 8.03 on Saturday morning so the bacon buns supplied by Mrs Willis and her team were very welcomed.

The morning progressed well with 7 crews racing, 5 of whom made the final in their event. There were some excellent wins with Hannah Bettinson, Cecily Deering, Sophie Jewitt and Lucy Bardgett winning the U16 girls' quad. U15 girls' eights Jenny Atkinson, Rebecca White, Evie Stoker, Abby Stewart, Sally Mathews, Poppy Bell, Annabel Cochrane, Cody Staggs and cox Dani Devlin also winning. The highlight was the boys' eight winning though several rounds, beating a good York University crew in the semi-finals by 6 feet, before a comfortable win against Hatfield College in the final.

In the afternoon the boys' quad of Archie Norton, Harry Wildridge, Will Woodhead and Deacon Laverick beat local rivals St Peter's in the final of U18 quads. On the Sunday Will and Deacon took the day to revise and were replaced by former pupils Alex Shaw and Toby Reid and the crew went on to win the open Championship quads. Hopefully the crew can carry on

their form at Henley at the end of the month. With over 70 crew entered from all over the World the competition even to qualify for Henley and side by side racing will be tough. Congratulations to Archie Norton who as been invited to next month's race off for the final GB crew formation. We wish him well.

The U15 crews raced hard all Saturday in a range of boats making 4 finals. They were just unlucky to keep meeting Hexham and Talkin Tarn crews who have regularly medalled at national level.

On Sunday we had another early start and the highlight of the morning was a win for the girls' four Emily Dunn, Cordelia Deering, Harriet White and Lilian Dufton winning the women's championship coxless fours. After a very tight race against Tyne Rowing Club they had a comfortable win against Leeds University in the final. With the addition of Dani Devlin in the cox's seat this crew will be racing in the coxed four event at Women's Henley this weekend, hoping to go one better than last year's semi-final. Good luck!

This four was joined by Storm Smith, Hannah Stewart, Kitty Brown, Eve Kempster and cox Dani Devlin in the open eight. This crew raced hard, but were unlucky all weekend racing top class opposition. In the championship

coxed four they led a quality Newcastle University crew until the last 100 metres. This was similar story for the senior boys' four losing in a close race to Durham University.

The U15 girls' crew Rebecca White, Jenny Atkinson, Evie Stoker, Abby Stewart and cox Anya Kansai raced well to win their age group quad. In the afternoon they stepped up an age group making the final of the U16 coxless quads.

After several disappointing results the U16 boys' crew Will Lewis, Jack Pritchard, Sia Sidaginamale, Austin Bridle with cox Alfie King finally won the U18 event with a dominant display against Tyne United in the final.

The weekend finished off with the closest race in the final of the open eights against Collingwood College. This was the boys' eight from Saturday trying to repeat their win, but in the next class up with Will Woodhead and Deacon Laverick being replaced by Will Jeavons and former pupil Jacob Spence. After an early lead they slipped back, only to put a charge in at the end winning by a foot.

After 20+ years this was my last Durham Regatta with YSBC and I could not have asked for a better finish.

Mr A Guest



# DURHAM REGATTA





## SHYLOCK

Explore the tragic, funny and often unbelievable life of fiction's most famous Jew in this acclaimed theatre production that has toured over 50 countries.

Written and performed by Gareth Armstrong, and directed by Frank Barrie, this is a play which explores the world of Shakespeare's most controversial character, Shylock from the Merchant of Venice.



**Tuesday 10th October 2023 7:00pm**

[Book Online Here](#)

## AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL PORTILLO

Michael Portillo makes a welcome appearance in Yarm to talk about his life and career. This special event will see Michael talk with flair and humour about his political recollections punctuated with hilarious anecdotes, will discuss today's politics and behind the scenes glimpses into the filming of his popular railway journeys, which have now covered 5 different continents over 11 years.

Audience questions are an important part of the event, so come prepared. A lively and fascinating event not to be missed!



**Friday 27th October 2023 7:30pm**

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## 333 WITH GRAHAM GOOCH OBE

Come and join former Essex and England Captain Graham Gooch; the most prolific run scorer that top-class cricket has ever seen.

Mr 333 will entertain you with tales of batting heroics during a twenty-year career which cemented him in the hearts of the nation and established him as one of the premier sportsmen of his generation.

We have a pre-event signing and photo session for you to meet Graham at only £35\* which includes meeting Graham prior to the main show.



**Thursday 2nd November 2023 8:00pm**

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONEY MULING

Money muling involves individuals – very frequently young people – being recruited to transfer illegally obtained funds into and out of their bank account on behalf of criminals (often without even realising that's the kind of activity they've become embroiled in), and usually being allowed to keep a certain amount for themselves. It's essentially a digital form of money laundering. This guide highlights some of the risks associated with money muling, and provides parents and carers with useful tips to help safeguard young people against becoming ensnared by this growing online hazard.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS

Young people may be lured by the promise of quick, easy money, but by doing so they will become unwitting participants in activities that can have severe legal and financial consequences. Money muling is a serious offence under UK law: involvement in such schemes can result in imprisonment and fines (or both). Remember, the threshold for criminal responsibility in the UK is 10 years of age.

### ONLINE RECRUITMENT

Cyber-savvy criminals are increasingly using various online methods, including social media apps and gaming platforms, in their attempts to recruit young people as potential money mules. The criminals often deploy persuasive, deceptive tactics to gain children's initial interest and attention, then seek to exploit their trust and naivety.

### POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

Money muling is frequently carried out in tandem with other organised criminal activities such as the drugs trade or human trafficking. Not only is money muling a criminal offence in its own right, therefore, but it could also expose young people to harmful situations as well as potentially putting them in contact with some extremely dangerous individuals.

### FINANCIAL LOSSES

If they (even unknowingly) transfer funds that are traced back to criminal activities, money mules can face considerable financial losses: their bank may freeze their accounts, and they can be held liable for any illegally obtained funds. People involved in money muling often also find themselves at greater risk of becoming entangled in other forms of criminal financial exploitation and fraud.

### LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

Involvement in money muling can have a lasting negative impact on a young person's reputation, education and employment prospects, and place colossal strain on their family life. A conviction for financial fraud would significantly damage a young person's future opportunities: they could be blocked from opening a bank account, taking out a mortgage or even securing a phone contract.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### EDUCATE AND COMMUNICATE

Talk to your child about the risks and consequences of money muling, emphasising the importance of making informed decisions and seeking guidance if they need it. Create an open, non-judgmental space which encourages them to share their concerns and experiences, ensuring they feel comfortable getting help if they suspect they may have become involved in money muling.

### MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

If you have concerns, you might want to keep a closer than usual eye on your child's online presence, including their profiles on social media and any gaming platforms that they use. These can often serve as useful early warning systems which might help you to detect any signs of attempted recruitment by criminals or other types of suspicious behaviour.

### TALK ABOUT MONEY

Discussions about avoiding being recruited as a money mule are also good opportunities for a refresher with your child about financial responsibility and good money management. It's also a helpful starting point for highlighting the importance of earning their money by honest means and the potential consequences of getting involved in illegal activities, both online and offline.

### STAY INFORMED

Criminals' methods and approaches to recruiting young people as money mules frequently evolve to reflect the online landscape. Try to stay aware of criminals' current tactics and make time to regularly check out resources provided by schools, law enforcement and financial organisations. The Don't Be Fooled Campaign (at [www.moneymules.co.uk](http://www.moneymules.co.uk)) has plenty of useful information and advice.

### REPORT YOUR SUSPICIONS

If you have reason to believe that your child, one of their friends, or someone they know has been recruited into a money muling operation, seek support and then report your suspicions. For your own safety, please don't attempt to directly confront anyone you suspect of organising money muling. Instead, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 655 111.

### Meet Our Expert

Ross Savage has a proven track record in countering financial crime, having spent 13 years with UK law enforcement – specialising in money laundering investigations and asset recovery from organised criminal groups. He now holds senior visiting expert positions at various organisations and delivers customised training and consultancy to government and private-sector clients worldwide.



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