

HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

Rehearsals are in full flow for House Drama with pupils working collaboratively between year groups to shape and rehearse some exciting performances for this entertaining evening of fun and theatrical enthusiasm on Thursday 5th October. Tickets are now on sale via the box office, and I heartily commend the event to you all, where you will enjoy the fruits of our pupils' labours; it is always a great evening.

Our musicians managed to rehearse and perform two outstanding pieces for the Senior Prize Giving ceremony last week and my thanks go to all performers and to the Music Department for coordinating that in such a short space of time since the beginning of term. It was a lovely event, welcoming back last year's Upper Sixth and congratulating them, and pupils in other years, for their individual and collective achievements. Dr Bill Scott, OBE, provided our students with a sense of what is possible with determination, ambition and integrity through his inspiring speech as our Guest of Honour, and it was wonderful to welcome Governors and our special guests, founding Headmaster Mr Neville Tate, OBE, his successor Mr David Dunn with Mrs Fiona Dunn, and Mr David Woodward, Deputy Head for 22 years.

This week, it was a pleasure to welcome Upper Sixth Parents in for meetings with the students' teachers, and I am beginning my series of meetings with each of the Upper Sixth as they complete their UCAS applications or consider other routes and destinations after A levels. It is inspiring to hear of their ambitions and future plans and to get a sense of their academic and extracurricular engagement here at School in what is a busy and productive time for them.

This weekend includes our annual presence at the Stokesley Show on

Saturday, and I look forward to chatting to parents at our marquee if they are visiting the show. We are also looking forward to our Open Morning here at Yarm on Saturday 30th September, with thanks in anticipation to our pupils for their participation and support in making this important event run smoothly by volunteering in departments or leading tours of the school with our visiting families. Please do encourage anyone to come and visit us if they might be interested in joining our community here at Yarm!

Dr Huw Williams



Upper Sixth students visit the Draken facility at Teesside Airport

ECO SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER: INTO THE NEW ECO YEAR!

Our Eco-Schools Committee here at Yarm is looking forward to the new ways in which we can continue to improve the School's Eco objectives this year. We are aiming to focus on three main areas; *global citizenship, waste and healthy living*. Our first aim is to promote healthy living through energy conservation and improving air quality. One of the ways we hope to do this is by reducing the amount of idling in and around the school grounds by raising awareness of the issue.

What is Idling? Leaving a vehicle's engine running while it is stationary



FACTS:

Idling creates worse emissions than driving
More than 10 seconds of idling uses MORE fuel than restarting the engine
Idling can reduce the operating life of engine oil by 75%
Idling can make your engine dirtier as fuel is not burnt completely

Idling can negatively impact our environment by releasing greenhouse gases and harmful chemicals like carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide and many more: all harmful for our environment and to us! Carbon monoxide is toxic and can cause breathing problems whilst sulphur

dioxide contributes to acid rain, asthma attacks, bronchitis and the irritation of the nose, lungs and throat. **We would therefore like to encourage all parents / visitors to the school site to refrain from idling in their cars.**

Our ongoing initiatives include the newly introduced battery recycling bin that can be found at the top of the Tate Building staircase. If you have any old batteries that can be recycled, bring them in and recycle them to help! Future initiatives we are looking at include: encouraging more plant based meal options, supporting mental health and reducing waste through sharing second-hand textbooks.

To help further improve our school's impact on our environment, look out for our Eco-Schools meetings on the Tutor notice boards or join our Tuesday Activities sessions.

- Eco-Schools Committee

A FANTASTIC INTRODUCTION TO ROCK CLIMBING FOR FIRST YEAR

The first Outdoor Ed trip of the year for new First Year pupils headed to Brimham Rocks last Sunday for a day of scrambling, squeezing, rock climbing and abseiling.

With damp conditions greeting us the enthusiastic group headed off on a scrambling weaselling mission working their way over, under and through some of the exciting rock formations. Being challenged, trusting feet and helping each other out were the orders of the day as the group completed a complete lap of the grounds before heading off to 'Cyclops' for some roped climbing.

As well as tackling the slightly damp climbs that had been set up, the pupils had to work together to belay each other in a supportive manner as well as brushing up on their knot skills as they learnt how to tie on using the correct knot.

After each pupil completed at least two climbs, we then headed over to the 'Notice Board' for a nice airy abseil. With a number of spectators, each pupil abseiled down the rock face in a very confident and controlled manner. The day finished off with two more scrambly squeezey challenges before heading back to school.

My thanks go to Mr Roberts and Miss Street for helping on the day. There are three more exciting First Year Outdoor Ed trips this half term. Keep your eyes out for the information.

Mr A Mathers



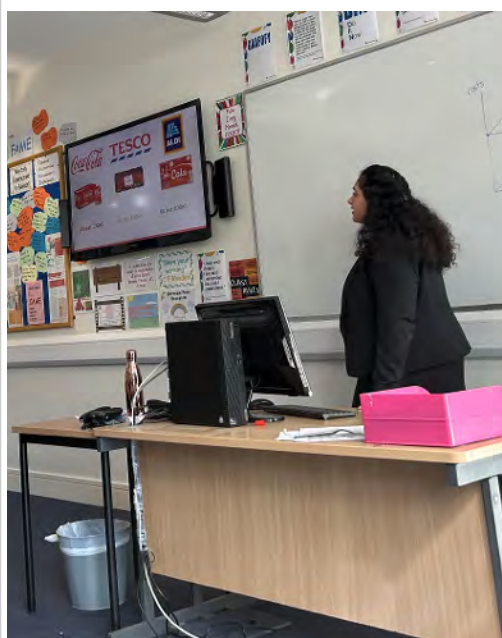
ECONBUS SOC

Another week and another EconBus Soc, and we were delighted to have Simone Sharma present on a topic she has been investigating as part of her EPQ, namely "Competition: Industry's secret weapon".

Described as, "a dive into how competition is used by businesses to maximise their profits and minimise our satisfaction," Simmi examined markets including cola and chocolate and discussed brands including Cadbury and iPhone, before the floor was opened up for questions and discussion.

We are grateful to Simmi for giving so generously of her time and to the assembled crowd of Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth from Econ, Bus and beyond who make Thursday lunchtimes so entertaining.

Miss C E Rhodes



WORKING LUNCH: 20 YEARS LATER...

We were delighted to launch the 23/24 programme of FAME Working Lunches this week with former pupil James Knox (Class of 2003). In a well attended session, members of the L6 and U6 heard about James' life after Yarm (where his A levels included Business). James had continued his study of Business at Lancaster University and, after a short period of experience in a different business setting, had established himself within the family business, located near Bedale, a diversified agricultural enterprise where he is the Managing Director of the The Yorkshire Dales Meat Company.

James spoke about the challenges and rewards of working alongside family, as well as the problems which the business had experienced due to Brexit, Covid and now the cost of living crisis.

Students were fascinated to hear applied examples of what they study in class and James faced a plethora of probing questions.

We are really grateful to James for volunteering his valuable time to support our department and we look forward to welcoming him back in future years.

Miss C E Rhodes



BY THE STUDENTS... FOR THE STUDENTS... ECONOMICS & BUSINESS SUPPORT

Thank you to Johnny Carr (Upper Sixth Economics) and Molly Ogden (Upper Sixth Business) for launching their respective Wednesday lunchtime drop in sessions. Any Lower Sixth students wanting to make use of these new sessions should call into B1 from 1.10 pm. We are very appreciative of Johnny and Molly being so generous with their time.

Miss C E Rhodes

FUTURE HIGH FLIERS VISIT DRAKEN

In what felt from its very inception like a unique and privileged opportunity, last Friday saw a group of enthusiastic Upper Sixth students visit the Draken facility at Teesside Airport. We were welcomed into the facility, and after some time navigating the necessary security protocol, we were led to a briefing room for an introduction to the site and the work of Draken. Few realised how long the facility at Teesside had been in operation. It was fascinating to hear details of the operations of the company, including the roles and responsibilities of staff members, in particular those involved in flying. Ben Cornwell, one of the pilots, talked us through his own career, as well as providing insight into the

flight missions, including posing as 'the enemy' in training sessions with the RAF. Draken has also worked with numerous air forces around the world. The highlight of the visit was always going to be getting hands-on with the fleet of aircraft. The students were fortunate enough to be permitted to access the aircraft, learning first hand about their capabilities.

It was an exceptional visit and our two hours were packed with invaluable insight and perspectives. The students, largely future aeronautical engineering students and/or pilots, were clearly thrilled with the whole experience.

I really enjoyed the visit to Draken and found it very interesting. Both pilots that took our group round the site were great to speak to and were able to answer all our questions. My favourite part would obviously be sitting in the Falcon 20 jet, after rehearsing the names of the jets on site, and immediately noticing how little the pilots could actually see out the cockpit. All in all it was a great experience and it has given me a fresh perspective into the world of engineering.

Alfie King, Upper Sixth

Mr S Edwards



PITCH PERFECT WITH DBS

The Yarm Apprentices truly benefited this week from life lessons when Darlington Building Society came in to deliver pitch training. Whilst directly relevant to their current task, where they must develop and propose a Wellbeing Package for Knights, the transferable employability skills will prove beneficial for academic life, and both internship and Apprenticeship applications.

We are extremely grateful to Andrew Richardson, DBS's Learning and Development Content Designer for giving his time so generously to support YA.

Miss C E Rhodes



Brahms

REQUIEM

.....also including several performances by students from Yarm School

**Thursday 12th October
2023
7.30pm**

Stockton Parish Church

Tickets £8/£5 Concessions

Tickets are available from
thepaaonline.org
 Or by phoning the box office on
 (01642) 792587

POLITICS BOOK REVIEW

CONSUMED: THE NEED FOR COLLECTIVE CHANGE - AJA BARBER

Consumed by Aja Barber takes an in depth look at the effects of consumerism as well as unpack the social political issues which have unknowingly developed this consumerist society that we live in today. It is easy to interpret this book as one that feels as though it is shaming the reader or making one feel guilty about their spending habits but instead it focuses on bringing awareness about the society and industries, the fashion industry in particular, that we benefit from everyday. Covering topics such as colonialism, racism and classism, this book was a moving read as well as educational as I gained a deeper understanding about the fashion industry and how it operates to maximise its profits through fostering a consumerist society.

I read this book to aid my research for my EPQ which looks at the effect that consumerism and the ability that we as the consumers have on being able to develop a more sustainable future. This book was nicely broken down into two parts in which the first delved into consumerism. Answering questions such as what are its roots and what effect does it have in today's society. A prominent topic that resonated with me was the relationship that the developing world has with the more economically developed countries

such as America. These nations, including the United Kingdom, are the places where it is clearest to see how consumerism has become ingrained in our society. How often do you buy a 2 for 1 deal at the supermarket because it is a 'good deal'? Or buy 'trendy' clothes only to throw them away after a few months or a year?

This book highlights the harshest truths that are sometimes easier to ignore as we succumb to blissful ignorance. In the western world, we fully indulge in consumerism and capitalism as well as glorify the wealthy who mindlessly splash out on multiple cars and million pound homes. It has become quite common to determine success through monetary means as we often have the debate of 'can money buy you happiness'? This book contextualises the labour that goes into a garment each time we buy from a fast fashion brand such as Shein. Each time we think we are getting a cheap deal, more than half the world is living off less than \$5.50 a day as these companies do not pay their workers properly for their labour yet they are unable to leave their jobs as their economy depends on these industries to keep them afloat. It becomes a vicious cycle as the resources and labour get extracted from countries such as India and Bangladesh for our



overconsumption that is aided through cheap prices and fast delivery.

With our society in an age of technological age, we are experiencing 'hyper-acceleration' where we feel as though everything must happen rapidly, we must feel a sense of instant gratification and a dopamine rush. We can see this happening in the fashion industry as we see trend cycles become shorter and shorter which only contributes to overconsumption as look to fast fashion brands to buy cheap, trendy clothes so we can 'fit in' but when these clothes become dated, due to the lack of quality, the only option is to throw them out and buy another set of clothes which trending in that moment of time. This book did a great job at helping you see the bigger

BOOK REVIEW (CONT.)

picture, showing you that you are a cog in this machine that is the world. Your actions do not just affect you and only you.

When you buy an item from the supermarket or order a dress from H&M, there are multiple people behind that product. Each with a story just like you and me. We cannot just say that it is a dog's dog world where everyone is an individual and that our actions and lives are independent of one another's.

Globalisation is a phenomenon that has occurred and we now live in a world where corporations transcend just national economies and make up some of the largest economies in the world. It is their job to maximise profits and capitalise on ideas whether that be through cultural appropriation or exploiting smaller

businesses. I do not believe that book is trying to paint anyone as the villain but instead trying to bring an awareness on how our world operates but I do believe that Barber was trying to make a point that sustainability encompasses both people and the environment. Through corporations using cheap labour we get improper factory conditions where actual human lives are lost each year or pollution of rivers due to the effluent released that these populations rely on as a water source.

The second part of the book felt more empowering as it shifted its focus on providing solutions to these problems. Collective change is what Barber emphasised throughout the second half, there is power in the masses. What stuck out to me was

the idea that we must begin to ask questions, who benefits from these systems on a large scale? What place do I hold in this consumerist society? Through curiosity comes education and the more people are informed, the more people are able to come together and show that the masses expect a higher standard from these companies. Barber finishes off with saying that humans are creatures of habit yet they are able to be broken. I can truly say that this book was an enlightening read and has definitely made me take an introspective look at myself and how I see consumption of goods. I would recommend this book to anyone and to start a conversation about consumerism and its effects with the people around you.

Sara Banerjee , Upper Sixth

REMINDER OF LAW CAREER CLUSTER EVENT

A final reminder of this exciting careers event for pupils from Fourth Year to Upper Sixth and their parents and teachers. Students from all schools are welcome, so spread the word!

Join us for three panel discussions with questions from the audience. Among our guests will be law students, trainee solicitors, an apprentice solicitor, senior partners, lawyers working in family, shipping, commercial and criminal law, and more. There will then be the opportunity to speak directly to professionals at four stalls representing law firms from the region. [Download the programme here.](#)

[Click here](#) to register.

Mr S Edwards

Career Cluster: Law

Mon, 25th Sept
6pm - 8pm

Join us in the PAA to find out more about working in the law profession.

Discover the different pathways to your ideal career.

Register to attend at:
<https://bit.ly/law-career-cluster>



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GIRLS HOCKEY

1ST & 2ND XI VS SCARBOROUGH

The 1st and 2nd XI hockey teams hosted Scarborough on Wednesday last week. The 1st team started with impressive tempo and intent, this led to flowing hockey in attack and giving nothing in defence.

It was a good team performance and win. The 2nd XI were a bit slow to start but this brand new team soon found their feet leading to three goals from Summer Hyndman and one from Olivia Mitchell taking the win 4-3.

Well done seniors!



U16 COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Our U16 team started their quest for nationals on Monday with their first hurdle, the U16 county tournament. The team will have harder competition to come but this tournament of four wins from four with seventeen goals scored and four clean sheets is a great start and a solid foundation to continue to build on.

Bring on the Area Tournament in November. Well done team!



GIRLS HOCKEY

U12 VS WAKEFIELD

Saturday saw the U12s travel for their first away trip of the year, a long coach ride to Wakefield.

The U12Bs started the game well with Willow, Pippa and Nona staying strong and composed in defense. As the game went on the midfield and attack found some shape and Jess, Violet found some nice passes wide and high into space to put some pressure on the opposition's defense. The team showed good improvements throughout the game but were defeated 2-0 in the end. There is more to come from this young team.

The U12A team had a slow start with Ellie and Maisy making great tackles and outletting in defense. The second half saw the team increase the intensity and the attack of Daisy and Beatriz put massive pressure on Wakefield defense, this meant we won the ball higher up the pitch so Louisa, Amelie and Gabrielle could play some lovely attacking hockey linking with the attack to finish the game 2-0.

Well done to both teams!



U13 VS BARNARD CASTLE

The U13A team hosted Barnard Castle in the 1st round of the Independent Schools Hockey Cup Competition last Thursday. This was always going to be a tough game and this was proven with the game finishing 2-2 at full time. This meant extra time, and the girls turned on the afterburners to give Barnard Castle zero space to play leading to Yarm attack after Yarm attack and 2 goals to finish the game 4-2 and a place in the second round of the cup.



SPORT WEEK AHEAD

The weeks ahead are now available online.

You can [view them here](#).

SHYLOCK

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.

The play examines religious and racial intolerance, the history of plays in performance and, above all, celebrates the richness of Shakespeare's language.

Tuesday 10th October 2023, 7:00pm

[Book Online Here](#)



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.

There will be an auction and raffle with some great prizes up for grabs and the opportunity to ask Graham questions and to purchase some fantastic memorabilia.

Thursday 2nd November 2023, 8:00pm

[Book Online Here](#)



GERARDO RODRIGUES

The Portuguese pianist Gerardo Rodrigues released, in September 2021, his second original album "Estado de Alma", a composition that continues the work started with "Improvisos", in 2020, and marks his journey of self-discovery in times of change and uncertainty, fueled by the pandemic.

Gerardo Rodrigues now brings the "Estado de Alma" to the European stages and the promise is to excite, surprise and inspire all audiences.

Saturday 11th November 2023, 7:00pm

[Book Online Here](#)



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
16+

In UK and Europe;
rest of the world 13+

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.



THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.



CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutcliffe is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and texting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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