

## Newsletter

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### **HEADMASTER'S WELCOME**

Watching pupils throw themselves into House Charity Week has been fun, with the seemingly tireless stair climb a particular highlight, alongside some excellent busking and a variety of other innovative team efforts. Our House Bake Off is coming to a climax with the final, which I have the pleasure of judging, coming up next week. Hot Cross Buns with two 'twists' is the order of the day, and I wish our bakers luck! Phab Club this week saw the arrival of a quite extraordinarily large tractor with two young cows in tow, courtesy of Mr Dugdale, which delighted our Phab Club members; this remarkable club, coordinated by Mrs Lodge and supported by a number of staff, sees our pupils having fun alongside children with disabilities who come every fortnight and have a wonderful experience and opportunity to make friends and try out new things.

Eco Week was a great success, and gets a detailed write up within. Thanks to staff and pupils who put so much effort into organising the events, and for raising awareness about these important issues. A number of Sixth Form students have taken groups of Prep Year 2 pupils to Redcar for a beach clean which, while blighted with poor weather, was a

sunny and happy occasion. Four of our pupils teamed up in highly successful fashion representing the School in the 'Top of the Bench' Chemistry competition, ending up in a champions. terrific fourth place nationally - well done to them and do read on for more details. Josh Jewitt continues to blaze a trail on his bike with more national success, and our fencing team have shown grit and determination in some recent tournaments.

Our rowers are away at Eton for the National Junior Sculling Head, with our rugby players having spent time at staff who support their efforts the Rosslyn Park National Sevens competition with some outstanding rugby on show during the week; well done to them. Mr Ferguson and

wonderful results seeing our pupils reach IHSC finals at and come third in the Plate Competition at U15, and the U13s becoming the regional

Last weekend, our U14 and U16 netballers travelled to the National Finals and performed brilliantly, with the U16s securing 13th place overall in the whole country, and the U14 team storming through the group stage and securing an astonishing 3rd place (report next week). This is really outstanding, and the girls - and the deserve much praise and our hearty congratulations.

**Dr Huw Williams** 



Theatre Studies performances earlier this week.

### YARM STUDENTS AMONGST THE BEST YOUNG CHEMISTS IN THE COUNTRY!

of young chemists made the journey to Edinburgh Napier University for the Royal Society of Chemistry Top of exam done in pairs to test chemical the Bench Competition National finals. Representing Yarm against the other 30 regional champions from around Great Britain and Northern Ireland were Ajay Selvan, Patrick Ward, Christina Lin and Sophie Pritchard. They were accompanied by Mr Baker and Mr Tucker.

The team arrived at Darlington Railway station at a cold and frosty 6:50 am only to find out that the train was cancelled and they would have to wait an hour for the next one. Luckily for them this minor problem was not to prove costly. As they travelled up through Northumberland and the Borders the team made good use of the time on the train to complete some last minute revision from a variety of sources including GCSE flash cards, revision guides and the Usborne lift the flap "Periodic Table" book which was surprisingly useful for interesting and important little known facts about the elements.

Arriving in Edinburgh the team enjoyed the taxi journey to the University passing close to many interesting sights including Edinburgh Castle, The Royal Mile, Princes Street and Murrayfield.

On Saturday 16th March Yarm's team Arriving in the nick of time the team were registered and quickly ushered into the first challenge of the day - an knowledge. The students emerged 45 minutes later confident that they had performed well answering guestions on uncertainties and flame tests to name but two of the varied topics covered.

> Over lunch the team gathered themselves for the afternoon challenge - working in the University laboratories completing experiments on the theme of Water.

Working methodically and purposefully the team successfully used titration techniques and solubility tests to solve a range of practical problems. After an hour and a half of hard work the team had finished the challenges for the day.

Whilst they waited for the marks to be counted and the skills to be assessed the students were invited to hear a lecture on the techniques employed by the chemical industry to purify water. A great deal was learned but the team couldn't help but be distracted by the thought of the results that would soon be revealed.

When the results were announced our Team was delighted to be awarded 4th place overall. This was a fantastic result! To be ranked fourth



out of the hundreds of schools who entered the competition is an incredible achievement. Every secondary school in Great Britain and Northern Ireland is invited to take part and to even reach the finals is superb. To finish in 4th place shows the brilliance of our young chemists, the quality of their scientific skills and their determination to succeed.

After a successful and enjoyable day the team arrived back in Darlington perfectly on time to be met by very proud parents. Next year a new team will be selected to try to emulate this performance or even surpass it. Ajay, Patrick, Christina and Sophie are definitely a very hard act to follow.

Mr E Baker

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### **CAREERS IN SCIENCE**

Sciences at Yarm School can be popular choices at A Level, with many students using the subject for its gateway into certain vocational professions particularly within health professions. Sometimes more overlooked are the many opportunities that exist in other science-related fields. This offering from Success In Schools showcases some of the diverse offerings, as well as exploring the different routes to such destinations.

### CYCLING SUCCESS CONTINUES FOR JOSH

I competed in the National Youth Omnium round at the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome in Glasgow last weekend. There were 43 under 16 boys entered. The Omnium consists of 5 different events. I started by setting a PB in the kilo time trial, placing 2nd, just 2/10ths of a second off first. I followed up with good positions in the following races (scratch, elimination, sprint and points race) finishing second overall, just one point off the win! Good to be on the podium. There are three more qualifying rounds before the final in the summer. Hopefully this result sets me up well to qualify.

Josh Jewitt, Fourth Year



Mr S Edwards

### H & M, URBAN OUTFITTERS, SHEIN, HOLLISTER, ZARA... VERSUS VINTED?

This week the topic in EconBus Soc was Fast Fashion, with Cara, Kyra and Lexie examining the ethics of a topic which is of increasing interest to a generation who have grown up with global markets as the norm and expecting to shop online. They chose to particularly consider child labour, contemplating whether businesses should be held accountable for the actions of their suppliers. This was interesting, well researched and well delivered. They retained their composure when answering a plethora of questions from students and staff, and concluded with a well received quiz, won by Indeya! Thanks to all three presenters and to the audience for enthusiastically engaging.



### **REMEMBER, REMEMBER, REMEMBER, REMEMBER ... FAME !**

Yes, it really was a case of, "I feel it coming together" when, on Tuesday night, our fabulous delegates from the apprenticeships, world of Finance, Accounting, Management and Economics started convening on the PAA or dialling in to the Google Meet (from as far afield as London, Belfast, Cambridge and the Channel Islands) for a Careers Cluster which has been many, many, yes, many, months in the planning and preparing. Past students and friends of the school readied themselves to face an audience in excess of 250 (CER tried to count... and suspect it was far more than that!) enthusiastic attendees comprising of students, parents and teachers from Yarm School and other local schools.

First up was a panel of established professionals chaired by Miss Rhodes and we heard from those in academia. PR, accounting, finance and banking. All were generous with their advice and open with their contributions. Mr Edwards then chaired a panel we viewed as being those in early and establishing careers, so this time we had delegates from diverse career paths including accounting, financial services, commercial and investment banking, project management and consulting. The audience were keen to with their time on the evening and for ask questions and different routes to destinations began to be explored.

recent leavers, with degree professional qualification apprenticeships, Oxbridge, a year in industry and a Masters all represented. Miss Rhodes asked a plethora of questions (as those who are used to Working Lunches will be used to!), but the attendees were equally as enthusiastic and keen, for example, to hear the merits of university versus apprenticeships. As is often the case, time passed all too quickly, but we were able to open up the Atrium for our visitors and delegates to chat further and we were delighted with the extensive take up of 1-2-1 conversations.

We are so very grateful to all of our delegates for their generosity, both sharing their emails and offering follow-up advice and guidance to The third panel comprised of the more students and parents.





So when thinking about paths for the future...."Light up the sky" and... remember... remember....remember... remember..... FAME !

**Miss C E Rhodes** 

### FENCING CLUB ATTEND TWO REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

The last month has been a busy time for the fencing club with fencers attending two regional competitions.

On Sunday 18th February Ben, Oscar, Finn, Zack and Carys represented Yarm School Fencing Club at the Mercia Novice Open competition in Derby. The open nature of the competition meant that Yarm School fencers were pitted against all ages and the majority of fencers there were from university fencing clubs. Despite this all the fencers who went showed an amazing attitude and enjoyed the day while fencing against lots of different people and learning from the experience.

We all had some tough matches in both the poule and elimination stages, with each of us being the youngest in our respective disciplines, but we fenced well and cheered each other on. We all enjoyed travelling on the Minibus together - making good memories and funny misunderstandings which I'm sure we'll talk about for years to come.

Carys McNeill-Ritchie, Lower Sixth Getting to the quarter finals made me realise the skill range of the competition, having had to face the same person who came 2nd overall. I'm very pleased with my performance and I'm glad I could play overall I did well against some tough against some very skilled opponents as I was able to drastically improve my game and the way I approach different styles of fencing.

All fencers fenced well against tough competition - especially Zach and I as it was our first competition. I really enjoyed it and can't wait to take part in another

competition.

Oscar Lane, Third Year

It was a great experience to get involved in fencing as well as fighting and getting tips from lots of different people. It was the first time I have seen sabre fencing which looked very fun! It was a great opportunity to fence many people of different ages and experiences from different clubs. It was fantastic!

Finn Tulloch, Second Year

I think it went well, I won a match in a tight bout. I really enjoyed it and I think opponents and I had some very close fights.

Zach Armstrong, Second Year On Sunday 17th March, a fencing Ben Desics, Upper Sixth competition was being held at

Wetherby High School. A handful of students attended the competition. those being Ava Carter and Carys McNeill-Ritchie in the Lower Sixth. Adam Paul and Hatim Khan in the Third Year, and Amelia Cheesman in Prep School Year 6. It proved to be one of the hardest we've ever attended so far. After a round of poules to garner some points, Amelia and Hatim were knocked out in the eliminations before the quarter-finals, and Adam managed to make it to the quater-finals but lost to his tough opponent. Surprisingly enough in the U17 eliminations, it was a Yarm-on-Yarm fight for a position in the quarter-finals, with Carys and Ava fencing, with eventually Carys coming out on top with 15-7 and proceeding to tough competition in the quarter-finals and being knocked out there.





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### **FENCING CLUB (CONT.)**

While no one walked away with a medal, Considering this was one of the hardest it was definitely a good learning experience to fence people we usually don't have the chance to and learn from those experiences. As my first competition, it was hard fencing against such strong opponents and while I could only score a couple of points against each of them, I'm happy enough that I was brave enough to even try to compete. I want to keep practising and honing my technique so that I could maybe fight them again on a more even level.

Ava Carter, Lower Sixth

competitions I've fenced in due to the talent present, everyone performed really well and showed good teamwork when supporting each other.

Carys McNeill-Ritchie, Lower Sixth







Yes, not satisfied with a full evening of (PwC) in Glasgow, within the Risk Career Cluster this week, we were keen to show that FAME "lives forever" and we supplemented our EconBus opportunities with another WL, this time with Chartered Accountant and Semi-Professional Musician Matt Bonavia (Class of 2014)

Matt Bonavia left Yarm in 2014, after fourteen years, having joined at the age of four. He read Maths at the University of Nottingham before joining PwC in 2018 as part of their graduate programme in Audit (Assurance) and subsequently qualifying as a Chartered Accountant love of music which Mrs Staggs still (CA). He currently works as a Manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers his candour and willingness to answer

### **EVEN MORE FAME!**

Modelling Services team, specialising in valuing derivatives (financial instruments). He has also been able to volunteering his time so generously, continue his love of music and, as a semi-professional musician, regularly performs throughout Glasgow.

Matt enlightened the room on the role of an auditor and then clarified what valuing derivatives actually means. He was open as to the work-life balance of his role and the pressures at the financial year end. It was very evident how much he enjoys and finds his career fulfilling, but values the opportunity to pursue his gains much credit for. We appreciated

such a profusion (have already used plethora this week!) of questions. We are very grateful to Matt for and we wish him and his wife all the best as they look forward to welcoming their first child in June.

Miss C E Rhodes



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### **3 CONCERTS IN 9 DAYS**

Two wonderful Concert and Cake recitals sandwiched a stunning pop, jazz and sound concert for Mother's Day. Congratulations and thank you to all our talented musicians from all year groups for performing so beautifully.

Mrs K Staggs



### **MATHS CAMP**

Last weekend, 57 Upper-Sixth A Level mathematicians went to the much-anticipated Maths Camp. With 6 hours of maths (involving both lectures and practising questions) on Friday, 8 hours on Saturday, and just over an hour on Sunday, it's fair to say we are all now top-notch mathematicians.

We covered nearly the entire course, providing very good consolidation and showing us which sections we will need to revise further ourselves. Booklets for everything we did were provided, meaning that we all have a great set of notes we can now refer back to. We had a great evening unwinding with sugary drinks and snacks. We also roasted marshmallows and made delicious smores with Mr Skirving's fire at the fire pit, and played some extremely entertaining card games. On Saturday afternoon between maths sessions, a group of us opted to spend some time outside and went for a beautiful walk at Lordstones.





After the day's maths was completed, many of us gathered to watch England play (and lose to) France in the Rugby Six Nations. Later on, we broke out the Nintendo Switch and played Pico Park - a game of intense teamwork and unparalleled skill. It involved much shouting and screaming as many of us are quite incapable of surviving in



Pico Park. We then switched to Mario Kart, where we discovered Brooke's immense Mario Kart skill it is safe to say that she beat us all by a long shot. Overall, Maths Camp exceeded expectations and was a great weekend of learning and having fun with fellow mathematicians!

Kayla Roberts, Upper Sixth

### WORLD BOOK DAY BOOK REVIEW SERIES

### **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas** by John Boyne

John Boyne's 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' is war from a child's perspective. We view it through the eyes of Bruno, whose father is actually a German officer in charge of the concentration camps; the irony is that ultimately Bruno is killed by the machines his father uses to murder millions of Jews.

Over the course of the novel, Bruno befriends a young Jewish boy named Shmuel. We can see that the message Boyne wanted to convey is that diversity shouldn't separate us like a wall -- and that true friendships last till the very end.



Navina Muthukrishnan, First Year

Last week was the Senior School's Eco-Week and the Eco team organised a variety of activities to increase environmental awareness on how to become more eco-friendly.

On Monday and Tuesday there was a smoothie bike in the atrium where pupils enjoyed making smoothies with a mixture of ingredients and the power of the bike to blend them together. The pupils donated 50p to make each smoothie. It was a great success and we raised over £30. Many thanks for the catering team for their support with both the smoothie bike and other initiatives to raise awareness during Eco-week.

Monday's full school assembly included members of the eco-team presenting to the school the activities prepared for the week and why we were having a meat free meal the following day. The catering staff created a delicious meat free lunch on Tuesday so that the pupils could see how they could reduce their carbon footprint and still eat delicious food.

Members from the Eco-schools team went to Redcar on Wednesday to take part in a beach clean with a year 2

### **ECO WEEK REPORT**

class from the Prep School. We went on a long walk along the beach picking generously. The teams showcased up rubbish that we found along the way. Although we had lovely weather, it was rather windy and we tried not to blow away!! It was great to inspire the younger pupils on how they can help their environment. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience and hopefully we can organise more beach cleans in the future.

Naeha and Gabriel, pupils of the Lower Sixth, took the initiative to organise a football tournament to raise awareness of one of the Eco-Team's main aims this year, Healthy Living. The tournament ran at designed by the eco-reps during lunchtime and each team played 3 games. There were nine teams playing in the lower school tournament and 5 teams for the upper schools. The pupils were enthusiastic and had a great time playing against their friends, helping us raise £120 despite the rain! We will decide how to distribute this money at the next eco-meeting. The netball fundraiser kicked off with an enthusiastic gathering of staff and sixth form players, eager to contribute to the

cause, with all players contributing their skills as they battled it out in a friendly match. The staff came with a strong team and the score was very close all game. But it ended with a victory to the sixth formers, winning 14-12. Both teams had a great time and enjoyed helping the eco-schools charity. Winning team captains for the football: Anirudh Ginagunta, Avrton Cant and Henry Wall and for the netball; Estelle Orr collected Fairtrade associated chocolate prizes in full school assembly.

Pupils completed eco-quizzes tutorial time and discussed ways in which we could help the environment. Pupils were encouraged to enter an eco-poster competition recommending small, medium or large sized portions in the dining hall.

Hopefully, this week's activities have encouraged others to take up new activities and lifestyle habits to consider the impact we have on our environment!

Emma Rubal-Garcia, First Year









### 'WE CHOSE YOU' POLITICS LECTURE BY KATE ADIE

Last Thursday members of the Lower Sixth Politics group travelled to Newcastle in order to watch a lecture given by Kate Adie. Focused on the central theme of 'We Chose You', Adie, who has an extensive rapport in her time as a reporter for the BBC directly from warzones and key events such as the Gulf War, decided to speak on her experiences as an adopted child growing up in the 1950's and the impact that that had on her.

Adie had always known that she was adopted, a knowledge that she says helped her to never feel out of place in the postwar middle class Sunderland where she grew up. However, Adie did also mention that adoption was not particularly discussed, with books at the time only occasionally mentioning 'foundlings' and even then only reflecting stories which have a happy ending and teach good values, a characteristic that Adie believed was as a result of the impact of World War Two, in which for so many their lives were devastated. Adie further expanded into her experience as a young girl and later a young adult in such a stifled society, in which issues were hidden in order to portray the public image of a 'perfect' life or home life. One way in which Adie depicted this was in the differences



in comic books, where boys were allowed to read 'Beano' and 'The Eagle'; it was only accepted that girls read comics that were deemed as 'for girls'. Adie then mentioned how, more worryingly, women's careers could be derailed by childbirth, with women becoming fearful about the impact that this could have on their education.

Adie has had an illustrious career. whether that be from her frontline reporting for which she is most known or her work on the radio. However, she attributes this and her life in general to the supportive surrounding that she had through her adoptive parents, and later with her birth mother after they reconnected. These experiences caused Adie to believe that our younger years as a child are perhaps the most impactful on the person that we become, something close to Adie's heart as she recognised that had her adoptive parents not chosen her, her life may

have turned out much differently than it did. This has led Adie to have close connections with Coram, a children's charity that was born from the foundling hospital of the same name that was established in 1739 which works to improve the opportunities for young children in difficult situations. Adie also praised how in recent years, she has seen greater support for adopted children, with changes in legal phrasing when referring to these children and overall a greater public knowledge surrounding the idea of adoption.

All in all, Adie spoke in great detail and with purposeful reflection on her experiences of adoption, particularly during the times that she grew up in. Once again we as the Lower Sixth would like to thank Mr Grimwood and particularly Mr Edwards for organising the excursion.

Eva Speight, Lower Sixth

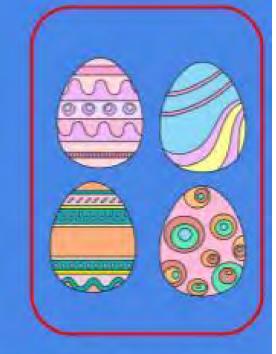
### **Community Action Group Easter** Fundraiser

Game Guess NO. eggs in jar

Food Stall Range of easter goodies

1st + 2nd Year Egg Colouring Competition







### **NEWS**

### POLITICS BOOK REVIEW: BORDER WARS BY KLAUS DODDS

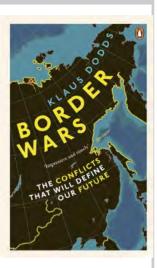
In 'Border Wars' Dodds expertly navigates both the development of country borders and the conflict that have arisen or could arise from borders and border disputes. Dodds' summary of his position on the idea of borders in the afterword is that "For all the attention given to building 'beautiful walls' our experiences tell us that barriers and borders rarely work in the way their creators hope" and as Dodds navigates the idea of borders thematically rather than chronologically, he is able to show not only how borders have developed over time more effectively but also predict how our borders of the future may appear and the disputes that could arise over them.

Dodds begins by investigating borders that have been significant throughout time, such as watery borders and land borders. However, Dodds does also suggest that the very idea of a 'border' is a relatively modern invention, as countries became more centralised and the world more globalised. Water borders for example have always been around as a natural border between states, but Dodds draws on modern examples such as deep sea mining, and the disputes over who is allowed to mine where, due to factors such as the amount of nautical miles that a country surrounded by ocean owns (usually up to 200 nautical

miles each). Dodds then extends this to countries who attempt to gain ownership of more of their surrounding seas and oceans, such as China's creation of man made islands in order to increase their control over their surrounding oceans and seas. Dodds is therefore able to theorise how in the future, age old conflict such as these will only continue to worsen due to issues such as climate change

Dodds also warns against the notion that borders will solve all of our problems, citing disputes over unrecognised borders such as the Cyprus Buffer Zone, which separates the Greek Cypriots from the Turkish Cypriots, in a dispute that even with the lack of direct conflict, continues to haunt the island. Dodds continues with the idea of demilitarised zones and unrecognised borders being a cause for concern as he cites the DMZ in Korea, which since 1957 has separated North and South Korea, however to this day there are still tensions between the two states. with soldiers stationed on either side and occasional gunfire. Here, Dodds is able to properly display the problems that borders have and will in the future cause. Finally, Dodds discusses how borders may develop in the future with the creation of 'smart' borders. As technology only continues to evolve,

Dodds touched on topical (albeit slightly dated due to the fact that this book was published in 2021) issues



such as the rolling out of facial recognition ID at borders, and the pooling of citizens data in order to differentiate between citizens and not citizens of a state. Whilst this will streamline border control there is still the concern of government overreach and people's own private security concerns, which whilst governments across the world are trying to resolve these issues, still stand as a point of concern, which Dodds believes is a surge that will only continue to grow.

Overall, this was an engaging piece for familiarisation with the ideas and issues surrounding borders and border control. Whilst any of the conflicts brought up by Dodds could very well be books of their own, Dodds is able to use them in such a way as to provide a clear summary of the many past, current and possible future conflicts that surround global borders.

Eva Speight, Lower Sixth

## YARM SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

## SUMERBALL 2024 SATURDAY, JUN 15TH

EARLY BIRD TICKETS JUST £75 FROM CLASSLIST TICKETS SALES GO LIVE ON 15TH MARCH 2024



7PM - LATE

THE PAA

### A VISIT FROM THE BANK OF ENGLAND

Did you know that the Bank of England stores £200b. of gold in London? This was just one of the many enlightening facts expounded on by Mr Harrison, agent for the Bank of England, when he came in to speak to an audience of Lower Sixth **Business, Economics and Maths** students, about what the Bank of England actually does!

With the next meeting of the MPC imminent (by the time this goes to press we will know if the interest rate has changed from the 5.25% at the time of writing), we heard about the Bank's role with monetary policy, printing bank notes and regulating the banking sector.



Mr Harrison also discussed routes into careers with the Bank of England and the growing opportunities beyond London, as well as detailing his own career path. It was evident how interesting his personal role was, as he is one of two agents in the North East of England who engage with businesses and then feedback to the MPC in advance of interest rate

decisions.

The audience were clearly engaged and asked a plethora of interesting questions.

We are really grateful to Mr Harrison for his generosity in coming in and so enthusing our students.

Miss C E Rhodes

### **ENRICHMENT LECTURE**

"AI will not take your job; someone using AI will!" This was the fascinating healthcare, and it's on healthcare that and empowerment. This promises to tagline for last half term's enrichment the theme of our next enrichment lecture, where Chris Williams, an AI consultant gave a well-attended audience a fascinating insight into the psychiatrist is coming to discuss world of AI, how it's utilised across a number of different sectors, and the moral and ethical dilemmas that arise. The engagement and enthusiasm of those was made very clear through the extensive question and answer session, giving lots of food for thought.

One of the sectors that Chris mentioned AI was being trialled in, (in some of the wrongs by ensuring

a number of different contexts) was lecture discusses. Dr Venkatesh Muthukrishnan, a consultant liaison "healthcare inequalities and what society can do about it".

The North East of England has some of the most deprived places in the country: Dr Muthukrishnan explains what causes and perpetuates this, and please wait to be invited in by a discusses the possible solutions. It is vital that future generations are aware of this to enable them to right

inclusive growth through social justice be a very thought-provoking and pertinent lecture, relevant to all.

As always I look forward to seeing as many as can make this talk at 4:15 pm on Tuesday 26th March in the Friarage Theatre. If you are interested in attending, please email me at rcw@yarmschool.org to register your interest. Doors will open at 16:05, and member of staff.

Mr R Williams

### **NEWS**

Yarm School Choral Society, Festival Chorus and Yarm Senior and Prep School Choirs accompanied by the world famous Black Dyke Band present:



## **Bisney** Inspired Recycled Garment Competition

### Products will be worn Tuesday 23<sup>th</sup> April Fashion Show

Senior School PAA - 6:00pm (tickets not required) See Ms Jackson for details

### Garments constructed from **unwanted materials.** Judging Criteria:

- Use of the Disney theme
- Quality of the product
- Originality of the design

### SPORT

### SIXTH FORM LEAVERS BOW OUT ON A HIGH

### 1st XI- Ashville 1-2 Yarm

A big congratulations and a huge thanks to the boys who played their last hockey game for Yarm this week in a 2-1 win at Ashville College. Many of the boys (Jacob Rutter, Ammar Soni, Tom Graham, Johnny Carr, Harry Rodwell, Matthew McCullagh, Benji Fleming and Freddie Butler) have been on a hockey journey with Yarm School since they joined the senior school in 1st Year. Others such as Ollie Best, Myles Brown and captain Joe Roberts have joined us along the way. Many of them have played at National Finals level and represented the school with great distinction. It is hoped they will return at some point in the future or even better continue to play hockey into their University years. For the record, Yarm took the lead through a

Myles Brown drag flick but after a fairly laid back first half Ashville came back into it to make the half time score 1-1. Fortunately, 2nd XI Captain Johnny Carr stepped up to save the day with a well taken penalty after Benji Fleming was upended by the Ashville keeper. A big well done to all concerned!

2nd XI- Yarm 6-0 Ashville

Mr G Ferguson



### **U13 BOYS ARE NORTH EAST CHAMPIONS**

After winning the County Tournament last month at RGS, the 2nd year boys travelled to Leeds to compete in the regional finals in a 10 team tournament. It would be fair to say the boys grew into the tournament with slow starts in their opening games. However they were able to overcome Pocklington by 2 goals to 0 followed by QEGS Wakefield with the same score. The group began to awaken by the 3rd game with an impressive 3-0 win v Ashville and another 3-0 v King Ecgberts School. With maximum points from all of the group games, it was a straight cross over final against St Peters, York. The boys saved their best performance for the final and after Ollie Gray converted a short corner, the boys were in control. Wilf White added another with minutes to go to give the boys the North East Champions title and a place at the National Final in Nottingham in April- well done to other players involved including Ben Pumphrey, Monty Proctor, Luke Palmer, Rorke



Anderson, Jaydon Zhang, George Howlett, Austin Elliot and Freddie Birkin.

Mr G Ferguson

## U18 ENGLAND HOCKEY CUP- NATIONAL QUARTER FINAL- 1ST TEAM DEVASTATED

### Yarm 1-2 Altrincham Grammar

The boys 1st XI have lost form at the wrong time after exiting 2 national competitions at the quarter final stage in the space of a week- the boys left the field on Monday in a state of shock and devastation. They enjoyed the best of the early encounters and were unlucky not to go ahead from some early short corners. However, the team lacked its usual sharpness and competitive edge and Altrincham grew into the game- they took the lead with a well taken drag flick and this was doubled early in the 2nd half from a close range shot. Yarm threw everything at them for much of the rest of the game and had several chances to score but just could not convert- a last minute goal brought some consolation but this was to be a sad end to a competitive season that promised so much.

Mr G Ferguson

### **POCKLINGTON BLOCK - U12**

Under 12A: Pocklington 1-6 Yarm On Saturday 16th March, Yarm travelled to Pocklington for their last Saturday fixture of the season. Yarm took an early lead, by Seth Tailor making an expert pass to me in the corner and I (Eddie Shakesheff) dribbled into the D and pushed it into the bottom corner. Soon after, Seth Tailor guickly crossed the ball into the D and James Callaghan made an excellent push into the bottom right corner. And with some brilliant defending by Charlie Millman and Rehan Krishnamoorthy we kept them out till the second half. After Seth Tailor once again made an amazing pass over the defenders sticks to me and I chipped it over the keeper and pushed it into the

bottom right corner. I completed my hat-trick by dribbling around the defender and flicking it into the middle left over the keeper. Henry got the fifth goal by powerfully hitting it into the top left corner. Rehan Krishnamoorthy recovered the ball and released it perfectly to James Callaghan. And he dribbled down the line and hit it into the bottom left. James Callaghan showed his versatility by playing an extremely good game by trying central midfield (rather than his preferred right midfield) because we were missing a few players. The game ended with an impressive 6-0 victory to Yarm.

Eddie Shakesheff, First Year Under 12B - Pocklington 0-7 Yarm

### U15 BOYS QUALIFY FOR THE NATIONAL ISHC

### Yarm 3-2 Rugby School

This tie was a last 12 in the Plate Competition with the winner to book a place at the National Finals in Nottingham to be held in the same week. It was a tight affair throughout and even though Yarm kept the ball during many of the opening encounters, they went 1 behind. However, this was the catalyst for Yarm to move up through the gears and striker Olly Carr finished from a tight angle after some incredible skills along the baseline. This goal was swiftly followed by a slick short corner routine which saw Olly Mowbray tee up Jude Crack from close range to give the home team the lead. When Carr added a second (and Yarm's third) with a well struck 'argie' it looked like Yarm would win comfortably- but this was not to be. Rugby regrouped 2nd half and were tough to shake off and when they scored off a short corner with 10 minutes to go, it was squeaky bum time. However, there was some fine defending from Max Hassani-Millington and Mustafa El-Sherif, not to mention a couple of well timed saves by keeper Jasman Sidhu.

Mr G Ferguson

### POCKLINGTON BLOCK CONT.

#### Under 13A- Pocklington 1-3 Yarm

The match started off very intense and each side were thirsty for a goal. Pocklington, at the start of the game, had the ball a lot of the time but Yarm quickly woke up and obtained possession of the ball. We played well by getting the ball to the wings and then passing to the striker to make it 1-0 and finish the first half. As the second half started we had a rocky start and they equalised to make the score 1-1. As soon as Pocklington had scored the Yarm boys realised they have to work harder if they want to win-we kept our heads up and made the score 2-1. With 10 minutes remaining, however, Pocklington were not giving up with a few chances by then but some great saves at the same time. As the last 3 minutes were ticking away Yarm got one last goal to put the game to bed to finish the game Yarm 3 Pocklington 1.

Will Foster, Second Year

Under 13B- Pocklington 0-4 Yarm

**Other Results** 

U14- Yarm 6 - 0 Pocklington

U15- Yarm 4 - 0 Pocklington

YARM SCHOOL BOYS HOCKEY TEAM OF THE WEEK 13th to 20th March 2024



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Tony and BAFTA Award winner Ralph Fiennes stars in a brand-new

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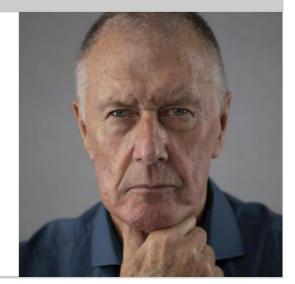
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Sir Geoff Hurst joins us for his farewell tour, he will talk amusingly about his illustrious WEST HAM and ENGLAND CAREER. Sir Geoff made his name with club side West Ham United, with whom he made 499 league and cup appearances, scoring 248 goals. He was Player of the Year three times and won the F.A Cup with West Ham in 1964 and the European cup winners cup in 1965.

Sunday 29th September, 7:45pm Book Online Here



# Looking After Your

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.

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