

HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

It has been lovely to welcome back our pupils after the Easter break, being greeted with a refreshing energy and a distinct lack of lethargy at the gates in the morning. Their enthusiasm to be in school is a hugely rewarding aspect of working at Yarm. For those lucky enough to have been involved in one of the many and varied trips over Easter, I have heard positive comments from pupils about their experiences and gratitude towards staff whose time went into coordinating and running such varied and interesting opportunities. I have also been delighted to get reports of the exemplary behaviour of our pupils whilst away, representing the school with real distinction and noted by

members of the public at a number of destinations.

Next week, we welcome our latest speaker in the Enrichment Lecture series, recounting his record-breaking polar adventures and explorations: more details on the next page, but I do hope that pupils will take the opportunity to enrich and extend their horizons as our speaker, Alex Hibbert has done in his expeditions. Alongside reflections from former pupil Poppy Joy, Mr Edwards provides a helpful summary of the careers opportunities and presentations on offer this term - a broad and fascinating programme to support pupils thinking about next steps.

The results of this year's Yarm

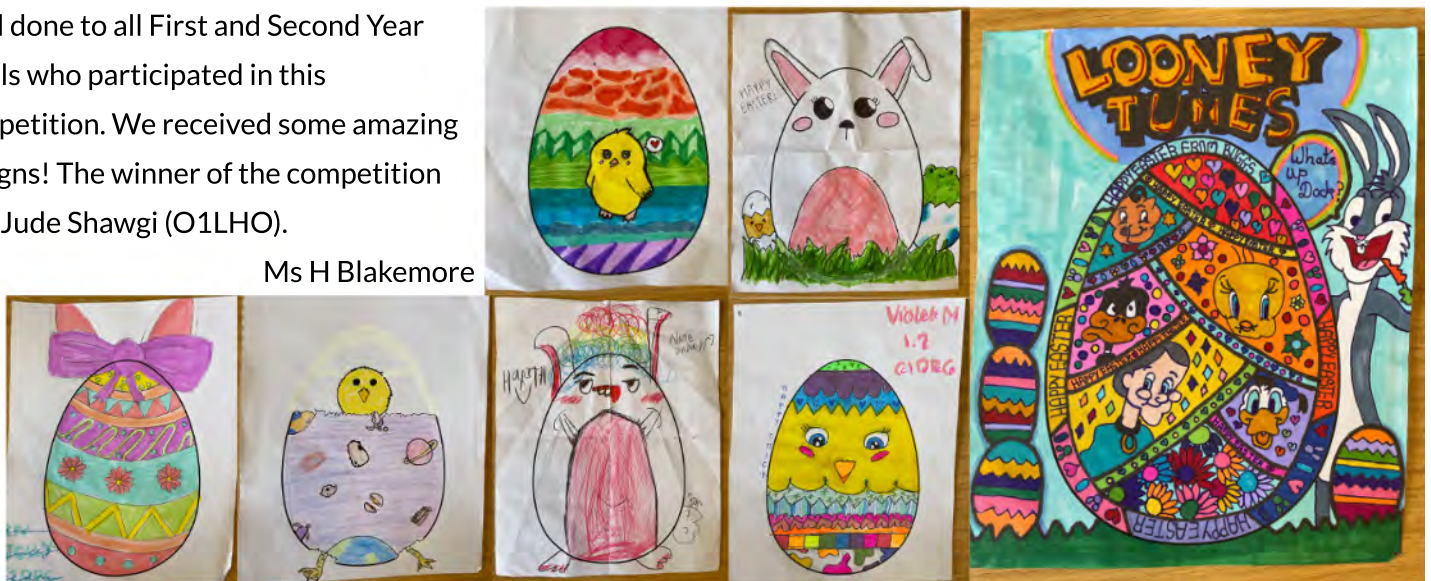
Apprentice competition are revealed within, too, with a range of challenges forming a really productive and creative learning process for those who took part as evidenced by their reflections on what they got out of taking part. Congratulations to Jack on his victory this year. As well as the forthcoming YSA summer ball - details within - we look forward to another in the wonderful Concert and Cake series of informal concerts on May 2nd and, more imminently, tickets are selling fast for the next extraordinary musical collaboration with the Wildcats of Kilkenny on April 27th, which will see our pupils perform in what promises to be a night not to be missed.

Dr Huw Williams

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Well done to all First and Second Year pupils who participated in this competition. We received some amazing designs! The winner of the competition was Jude Shawgi (O1LHO).

Ms H Blakemore



ENRICHMENT LECTURE: ALEX HIBBERT - POLAR EXPLORER



On Wednesday 24th April, we are very excited to welcome Alex Hibbert. Alex is the world record-holding polar traveller who has skied further on an unsupported Arctic journey than anyone in history, and is one of only 11 people to have broken the polar unsupported 1000-mile barrier. In July 2008, Alex completed his 1374-mile, 113-day 'Long Haul' return crossing of a new ice sheet route along with team-mate George Bullard. They received no resupplies or physical support and completed the final week on almost no food. In addition to a practical workshop with some of our outdoor education students, Alex will be discussing his travels and experiences, in what promises to be a hugely exciting and unique talk.

Highly active in the polar and cold regions, Alex has led independent

projects for well over a decade. Journeys since the Long Haul journey have included a high-speed icecap crossing (330 miles in less than 12 days), an on-going Dark Ice Project (North Pole in winter via a novel route) and nearly half a year living with the Polar Eskimos.

He is a prolific speaker with business clients including Rolls-Royce and Aberdeen Asset Management, and has also been a guest speaker at both Cambridge University and the Oxford Union. Alex has authored four books; *The Long Haul*, *Maybe*, *Kalaallit Nunaat* and *Polar Eskimo*, and has appeared as an expert commentator on Sky News, the BBC, Channel 4, FIVE and for national newspapers. His photographic collection has been published in every corner of the globe and he has been a BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year finalist

three times - this passion for the natural world leading to a degree in biology from Oxford University.

Alex has been described as 'ground-breaking' by Sir Ranulph Fiennes, 'passionate... and fascinating' by *Wanderlust* magazine and his strong writing style has attracted both accolades and debate. He has a growing social media audience exceeding 100,000 subscribers.

Alex's lecture will be a rare opportunity to hear from such a ground-breaking and experienced explorer. It will take place on Wednesday 24th April at 16:15, and as always, it would be lovely to see some of you there. Do email at rcw@yarmschool.org if you would like further information.

Mr R Williams

CAREER PRESENTATIONS - SUMMER TERM

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| Week 2 | Tue 23rd April, 1300 - 1330 (FT) | Nursing Isobel Francis-Jones will talk about her experiences and opportunities within the career of nursing |
| | Thu 25th April 1300 - 1330 (P3) | Exploring Gap Years Claudia Bettson-Burdett of Project Trust will present and take questions on how to explore opportunities for a gap year |
| | Fri 26th April 1300 - 1330 (P3) | Law Charles Rowell, former pupil and current solicitor degree apprentice, will give advice and guidance on his experience undertaking a degree apprenticeship in law |
| | Fri 26th April 1245 - 1330 (B1) | Studying abroad whilst at university Matthew Heathcote, former pupil and current student of Nottingham (Economics) will discuss his experiences of and the benefits of a year abroad within a university degree programme |
| Week 3 | Thu 2nd May 1300 - 1330 (P3) | RAF Sgt Brian Tumilty of the RAF will give a presentation and take questions on opportunities within the RAF |
| Week 4 | Fri 10th May 1245 - 1330 (B1) | Banking Ayoosh Choudhary will discuss his experience working in Investment Banking |
| Week 5 | Mon 13th May 1300 - 1330 (P3) | British Army & Engineering 2nd Lieutenant Scott Pillinger, a young officer from the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, who completed their Officer training will present on opportunities within the British Army British Army & Engineering |

HALF TERM

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| Week 1 | Tue 4th June 1245 - 1330 (FT) | Business, Enterprise, Design, Construction Gary Giles, a Dragons' Den success will discuss his experiences working with Ogel, the UK's leading eco-friendly garden building specialists Business, Enterprise, Design, Construction |
| Week 2 | Tue 11th June 1245 - 1330 (FT) | Studying in Leeds Victoria Pearce from Leeds Beckett will discuss the offerings of the university, its courses and student life living in Leeds |
| | Thu 13th June 1245 - 1330 (FT) | Choosing a university and course Elle Zientek from Lancaster University will discuss how to choose the right university and course, and how best to do your research |
| Week 3 | Tue 18th June 1245 - 1330 (FT) | Financing Business Jonanthan Gold will discuss his work involving planning a business with ambition to grow |
| | Fri 21st June (TBC) | Piloting & Aeronautical Engineering An opportunity for L6 students to visit Draken at Teesside Airport |

POPPY JOY CAREER CATCH UP



We recently caught up with Poppy Joy who left Yarm School last summer and has embarked

on an exciting career in the world of fashion. Poppy took a chance on choosing not to go to university, but rather to launch herself directly into her chosen profession.

Tell us about your current role?

What does a normal day look like for you?

I currently work in fashion PR and communications which involves working alongside some of the largest international fashion companies to ensure promotion of new products reach target audiences via the use of different marketing channels. I work 5 days in the office which means I work an all round job when it comes to PR, every day is different and usually involves packing and sending samples out to stylists for magazine shoots and celebrities, creating PR packages for influencers and press to promote new releases and working from the in the office showroom to ensure new product is featured. I also cover press for certain brand accounts which involves reading fashion

magazines such as Vogue on the daily which I love.

How did you land this current role? I think you did an internship beforehand. Can you tell us about that and the application process for your current job?

After deciding not to go to University and deciding to dive straight into work, I used connections within the fashion industry to gain an internship for a fashion rental company where I was able to take on multiple roles and gain valuable experience. Pretty Little Thing offered me an internship with them off the experience I had previously gained and here I worked a PR role which I loved and knew I wanted to carry on with this role. I relocated to London for this internship which lasted around a month, when it ended I decided to stay down in London and ended up applying for the job I now have.

How are you adapting to living in London? Does that feel like a big change from your previous life in Teesside? What are the best parts of it and what has been more challenging?

I love living in London. I always knew I wanted to live in a big city at one point in my life but honestly thought that would be a long time in the future. I'm very extroverted so I

love how social London is, I enjoy going out and dressing up which I never got to do as much in Teesside. Luckily I knew people down in London so it was pretty easy for me to integrate into London life. It's extremely different to Teesside however I come home regularly to see my family which I'm so grateful I am able to do as often as I can. I had four days to move down to London so it was very stressful to begin with trying to find both accommodation and pack all my things, I wasn't sure how it was going to work out but I'm so glad I took the risk as I now feel like I'm living my dream life!

What would you say prepared you well for your current work? Are there experiences you had at school, or maybe outside of school that have helped you in your journey?

I honestly don't think I could have prepared for what I'm doing now, certain experiences throughout my life definitely helped shape resilience which massively helped when it came to getting rejected from certain jobs. I like to always be positive about things that don't always work out as even though it can be frustrating there's always something better that comes later down the line.

POPPY JOY CAREER CATCH UP

I know it's early days but how do you see your career developing?

What might be the next steps, and what would be the dream job and location?

My ultimate dream is to live in Malibu and own my own designer vintage store or my own clothing brand. For the near future, i'm staying down in London and gaining relevant industry experience. I would like to travel around South East Asia

and spend a few summers in Ibiza before I move to California and settle down with a job out there.

What advice would you give to other students perhaps considering a similar type of career in your sector?

Take on any opportunity given to you even if it's not exactly what you want to do within the industry, experience is the most valuable and crucial component when applying for

jobs in fashion. My first few internships were unpaid but the experience gained from them helped me achieve my first paid job. Also don't be afraid to ask around, if you know someone or have any connections, the worst someone can say is "no" and most of the time people would be more than happy to help.

Mr S Edwards

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL, 2024, 7.30PM

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After two terms, 22 competitors, 6 tasks (plus one subtask), 8 Lord Sugars, and some fantastic challenges including designing a Wellbeing Package for a Law Firm, competing to sell raffle tickets, manning and running a stall at the YSA Christmas Fair, designing Alumni merchandise, adding value to a bag of Boyes miscellany, developing a "5 minutes craft" Vlog for EYFS children and branding and marketing a new shampoo... Yarm Apprentice has reached its conclusion.

£1095.75 has been raised for Shelter, Save the Children, Breast Cancer Now, Young Minds and our own

Music School.

I am delighted to announce...

The Winner of Yarm Apprentice 2024 is Jack Van Niekerk

The Runner up of Yarm Apprentice 2024 is Ishita Pathare.

The Peer Voted Awards are as follows:

Outstanding Leader - Ishita Pathare

Outstanding Team Player - Alex Walton

Outstanding Creativity - Olivia Miller & Oliver Ayton

Massive thanks must go to my "Tim & Claude", AKA Mr Menzies and Arhana Pradeep who have both been my

extra eyes and ears, sounding boards and unwavering support, and superbly enthusiastic throughout the process and of course to my amazing Lord Sugars: Lucy Adams and Leah Duffield (Knights Law Firm), Rory Stephen (YSA), Imy Slack (FP), Lisa Saddington (our own Finance Department), Joanne Speight (Head of Pre-Prep) and Tom Newman and Josh Alexander (Senior School).

And thank you to all the fabulously enthusiastic Lower Sixth who competed this year and developed such a breadth of employability skills whilst taking part.

Miss C E Rhodes

YARM APPRENTICE REFLECTIONS

Not only have I found Yarm Apprentice extremely enjoyable and exciting, it has also been excellent for developing soft skills such as team working and presenting. Each task presented to us was a new and exciting challenge, testing different strengths.

My personal favourite task was the final 'create a shampoo brand' task, as it gave me a chance to prove myself and ultimately culminated in winning YA. I really enjoyed the creative aspect in this task, but especially enjoyed the depth of the task. We had to create logos, design the product,

determine pricing, and gather research. It was also my first opportunity to be Project Manager, so the stakes were high! But I did also really enjoy the Christmas Craft Fair task as it gave me a chance to sell produce and communicate with customers.

Another fantastic part of YA was the Boardroom where each team got a chance to present their ideas and a winner would be selected by one of the Lord Sugars. Presenting puts me far out of my comfort zone, however I think that this skill has improved during the process of YA.

Participating in Yarm Apprentice has massively increased my confidence and given me skills and a new found confidence that I will take forward into my future career.

Jack Van Niekerk (Winner)

I really enjoyed doing Yarm Apprentice as it allowed me to gain a lot of experience in working within a team and using my leadership skills - I was able to apply any feedback from one task to the next and it allowed me to improve over the course of the activity. I also really enjoyed the competitive aspect of it and the ability

YARM APPRENTICE REFLECTIONS CONTINUED

to compete with others as it made the experience exciting and fun, especially if the competition was happening in real time - like when we were selling items in the Dovecote for a particular task. I think the activity is really good for anyone as it is accessible and fun, it lets you gain lots of experience in pitching and dealing with many different situations while also giving the chance to raise lots of money for good causes.

Ishita Pathare (Outstanding Leader Award)

For the last two terms Upper Sixth student Arhana has assisted with

Yarm Apprentice. She shares her reflections...

My role as Yarm Apprentice Student Facilitator was to aid and provide guidance to both Miss Rhodes and the Lord Sugars. I did this through observing competing teams, participating in the Boardroom, and advising on points. I particularly enjoyed this role, as it was an opportunity to learn from my experience last year (when I was Peer Voted Outstanding Team Player), and to reflect on the different skills needed during the series of business-related tasks. It also taught

me to think critically and analyse when hearing the candidates' ideas.

As well as this, this experience has helped me to gain a deeper understanding of good business decisions. Overall, my role as Yarm Apprentice Student Facilitator has been thoroughly congenial and compelling, which I have benefited from greatly. I am thankful for this opportunity, and wish the best of luck to the next student facilitator.

Arhana Pradeep

(Upper Sixth, Yarm Apprentice Student Facilitator)

Concert & Cake 3

Thursday May 2nd, 5pm
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(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



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Friday 3rd May, 7.30pm

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