

HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

Our Leavers' service in the historic and beautiful Methodist Church - which recently celebrated the 260th anniversary of John Wesley first preaching there - was a poignant and memorable moment for the departing Upper Sixth and their parents, and for all of us who wish them the best of luck during their A levels and beyond.

We welcomed Professor Ann MacLarnon, Master of Hatfield College in Durham, as our guest speaker and heard some beautiful music sung by the choir and by our leavers. Lunch in the Atrium and terrace afterwards was a lovely opportunity to catch up and reflect on the journey our students have been on. We celebrate their successes and thank them for such positive contributions over their time at Yarm.

The Art Department allowed us all in to wonder at the unbelievable talent of our GCSE and A level artists this week, with a lovely evening to browse the artistic endeavours of the pupils in the Recital Room and Art Studio. Well done to all for their efforts.

Parents who signed up to the Tooled Up webinar were given an informative overview of the services, support and resources on offer and I encourage parents to sign up to Tooled Up to learn more. You'll find the first of our regular Tooled Up

updates in this newsletter.

Our Under 13 boys continued the unbelievable sporting run for the year with a magnificent second place in the national finals, beating Whitgift in the group stages to reach the national final, with a valiant attempt against Warwick School seeing them get the silver medal. Huge kudos to the pupils and staff who have enabled this quality and consistency of performance!

Our rowers were out in force on the Tees last weekend with some notable wins and placed finishes to celebrate. Seeing the camaraderie on show in the boat club - plenty of vocal support from our vantage point on the Infinity Bridge, support and teamwork at the boat club base - reinforces the value of committing to these activities. Well done all.

Read within about further sporting endeavours as our fencers competed in the British Youth Championships, and First Year pupil, Darcey, danced at the Blackpool Tower Ballroom. We also celebrate fantastic UKMT Maths Challenge results, share careers news, report on an Eco-Meeting and a library visit, say farewell to the EconBus Chairs, and learn about cookery sessions with Sprouts.

Pupils have been preparing for next week's internal exams, and were given sage advice in this week's lower school assembly by Dr Craig's Tutor Group. These are important opportunities to demonstrate progress, of course, but also to practise exam technique and to learn how effective revision strategies have been. I wish our pupils luck.

Dr Huw Williams



Our Upper Sixth Leavers! More photos inside.

ECO-MEETING



The Eco-Committee at Yarm were delighted to be joined by Mr Alan Hodgson, Capital Development Manager and Mr Mark Rathmell Estates Manager at their most recent Eco-meeting. The Eco-reps were keen to learn more about how the Estates team here at Yarm help to keep the school running in an environmentally friendly and sustainable way. Topics covered included the installation of solar

panels and how the hot water and heating systems are centrally controlled via a Building Management System (BMS) to enable effective and efficient monitoring of the systems. Yarm School addresses food wastage, which is recycled and we are proud to have a zero-to-landfill approach for our waste. Other key focal points covered were talking about the schools existing flood prevention

system, tracking power usage and advocating habits such as turning off lights when not in use. The Estates Department has been working hard to transition to full LED lighting. To amplify awareness, the teams discussed initiatives such as encouraging pupils to car share, reducing waste food and involving the student body through workshops and green challenges.

Mrs G Leary

SAYING GOODBYE TO OUR ECONBUS CHAIRS OF 23/24

We said goodbye and good luck to the amazing EconBus Chairs of 23/24 as they prepared to go on exam leave after combining forces for one last EconBus Soc, with an EconBus quiz and lots of prizes. Harry was as competitive as ever but ironically it was out with the old in with the new, as a departing Chair lost to a successor, with Finlay

winning the Toblerone after a very very fiercely fought battle!!

So thank you to Harry, Ollie, Arhana and Adhi. We hope to see them back for their Class of 24 Working Lunch in January 2025 and of course EconBus Soc will be back very soon with new captains at the helm!!

Miss C E Rhodes



CAREERS IN THE BRITISH ARMY

This week we continued to explore the diversity of career opportunities with our summer programmes of visiting speakers. We welcomed Georgina Tognola, a Regional Officer of the Recruiting Team, alongside recently graduated 2nd Lieutenant Scott Pillinger, a young officer from the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

Scott led the presentation detailing his history of involvement in the

military, including his time at Welbeck College, followed by three years at Newcastle University. He spent this time fine tuning his interest in the Army, as well as playing a full part in training, as well as various sporting endeavours. He has recently graduated from Sandhurst and has joined the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

As well as discussing the diversity of roles available and giving an insight

into life in the services, details were shared about the application and selection process, as well as the funding available to support interested applicants.

You can find further details about [career opportunities](#) and the [bursary schemes](#) by following these links.

Mr S Edwards

CAREERS PRESENTATIONS - NEXT HALF TERM

Week One

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

Week Two

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 Three

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

FANTASTIC RESULTS IN THE UKMT JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE



Earlier this half-term 98 First and Second year pupils took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, the last age group to compete this academic year. Pupils puzzled hard to solve 25, multiple-choice, problem solving Maths questions. The results are now in and are very impressive! 91% of pupils got a

certificate, putting them in the top 50% of entrants nationally. This breaks down to 84 Bronze Certificates, 54 Silver Certificates and 24 Gold Certificates. Sixteen pupils also qualified for the next round of the competition, the Junior Kangaroo, which will be held in June. We wish luck to Noah Abbas,

Anirudh Ginagunta, Nathaniel Greenwell, Rehan Krishnamoorthy, Alexander McCartney, Vihaan Mitra, Sid Somanath, Alexander Wormald, Eric Ding, Diya Madhu Kumar, Edie Redhead-Sweeney, Rishi Shenoy, Finbar Tulloch, Euan White, Oscar Whitfield.

Dr K Barnett

SPROUTS COOKING WORKSHOP

On Thursday Night we were lucky enough to have the opportunity to learn how to make/bake cheese straws, stir fry and preparing a luscious cucumber and pomegranate salad with the assistance of the lovely women who came from

Sprouts. It was a wonderful opportunity to cook and meet other people in other years who also shared a want to learn.

Annabelle Kyle and Katie Cheesman,
Second Year



LIBRARY LEADERS



In our activity session this week, the Library Leaders were pleased to welcome Mr and Mrs Booth and show them our new library, before they shared their experiences of working in different local libraries. Mr Booth, a very well-respected and long-serving member of the Yarm School staff, was instrumental in helping to set up one of the first libraries at the school. Pupils enjoyed learning about the early days of the school and the challenges and successes Mr Booth experienced! We were also interested to hear from Mrs Booth who shared information about her professional life as a librarian working in large lending and reference libraries, as well as her role as a librarian in a small community library. It was fascinating to hear about how libraries had changed and evolved over time, as well as highlighting for us the very great impact libraries can have on individuals and communities.

Ms H Blakemore

FENCING BRITISH YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Monday 6th May, the British Youth Championships were held in Sheffield - Mae Kempster and I attended. The poules round immediately proved to us how tough the competition was. Unfortunately we were both knocked out in the direct eliminations. Despite this, it was a great experience for both of us, we learnt a lot from the impressive opponents and we're proud to be ranked 21st and 22nd in this National competition.

Carys McNeill-Ritchie, Lower Sixth

Despite this being my first competition, it was an amazing experience, and I am very glad I did it.

Mae Kempster, Fifth Year

The fencing competition was a blast! There was an electrifying aura around the poules of fencers giving it their all. Some of the best fencers in the country came and enjoyed the experience with enthusiasm. In the poules of fencers and the knockouts they struck their foils with such ferocity and determination, like a viper with its prey. Even though I didn't win, I will always remember the experience of meeting new people and learning new techniques to train harder and seek to better myself for round 2!

Tiger Chahal, First Year

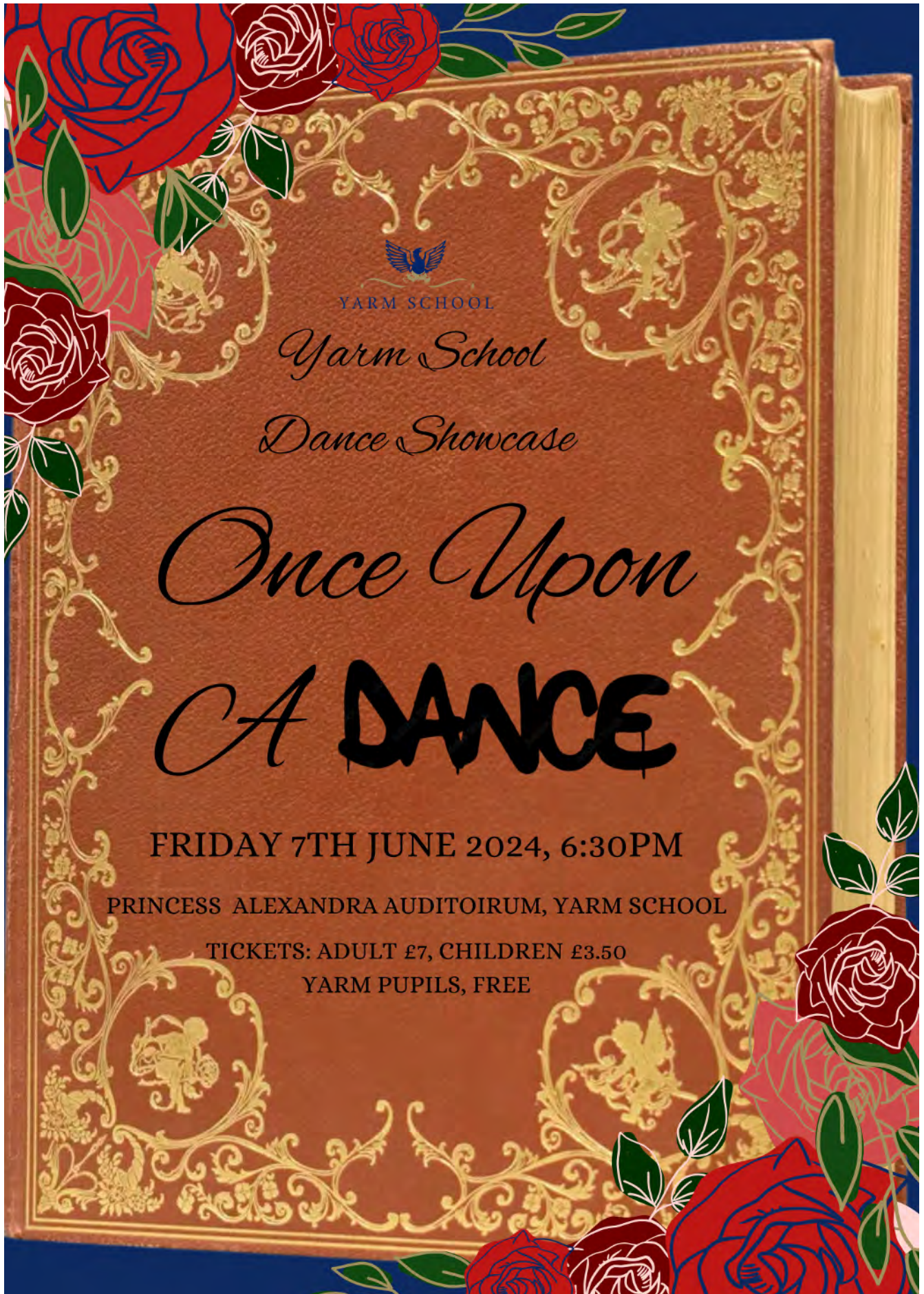


LEAVERS 2024



YARM SCHOOL DANCE SHOWCASE

Book tickets: <https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/once-upon-a-dance-dance-showcase/>



U13 NATIONAL HOCKEY FINAL



The U13 boys reached the National Hockey Final in Nottingham last Friday. They reached the finals by winning the Northumberland / Durham title at RGS in January- they then beat the best of Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire in a tournament at Leeds University in March beating St Peter's York in the final to become the North East Representatives at the National Finals. Played across two groups of 4- Yarm beat Hall Grove from the South 2-1 after an opening goal was converted by strike Wilf White before captain Rorke

Anderson stepped up with a magnificent Argie strike from the top of the circle to secure the win. We then beat St Faiths 3-0 for the East with goals from Ollie Gray, Monty Proctor and Luke Palmer. Most impressively we beat the top hockey school in the country- Whitgift by 2 goals to 1 to reach the final- Ollie Gray scored a superb solo goal from the right hand side of the circle hitting the top corner- this was quickly followed by another amazing goal from Monty Proctor after a weaving run to secure the win and a

place in the final.. Unfortunately the huge effort and the hot weather caught up with the boys in the final and they lost to the Midlands Champions Warwick School- We started slowly and quickly fell behind but a goal from Proctor gave us some hope until he then received a green card for a mis-timed tackle and the opposition opened a 2 goal lead which we couldn't really claw back. Overall the Yarm boys can be incredibly proud of themselves as they set a new school record to become the 2nd Best Team in the Country!

The squad is... Jaydon Zhang, Will Foster, Rorke Anderson, Ollie Gray, Monty Proctor, Luke Palmer, Ben Pumphrey, George Howlett, Austin Elliott, Wilf White, Freddie Birkin.

Mr G Ferguson

BLACKPOOL TOWER BALLROOM SUCCESS

Darcey Pallister, First Year, had a whirlwind weekend at the Blackpool Tower for her closing World Juvenile Competition. (Darcey progresses to the Junior Age category as she turns 12).

Over 64 competitors from all over the world entered the Ballroom and Latin competitions. Darcey competed in both: five Ballroom dances - Waltz, Tango, Viennese

Waltz, Foxtrot and Quickstep and five Latin dances - Cha Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble and Jive.

After an exhausting 5 rounds in each Genre, Darcey was called back to dance in both the Ballroom and the Latin Final! (The top 6 dancers).

When you make the top 6 and dance in the Ballroom Grand Final, you have the luxury of dancing to a live band and singer, it was an amazing



and very emotional experience!

Her results were; 5th place Latin, 7th place Ballroom.

Well done Darcey!

TEES REGATTA



YSBC entered 47 athletes into the extremely local Tees Regatta on a beautiful sunny Saturday. Located in Stockton downstream of our boat club, our men's and women's senior quad started the day with a nice 12km steady row to the event while our younger crews' boats were trailed over. It was a full day of racing with many exciting finals and great results.

Our senior crews made their final preparations for National School while some of our younger athletes built their race resumes, competing in doubles and octuples for the first time. This event also saw J14 athletes Danai Mawoko, Anisha, and Amarah Kaur competing for the first time; congratulations on their first race.

At the end of the day, our team's hard work and perseverance paid off with an impressive tally of 6 wins and 8 second-place finishes, a testament to their skill and dedication.

The women's J15 coxed four of Darcey Allcock, Charlotte Maund, Isabella Turnbull, Sophie Winnard & Oscar Galloway, in only their 5th row in a sweep boat, dominated the field, winning the event by an impressive 4 lengths. Oscar Galloway continued his winning streak, leading the J15 boys quad of Issac Akowuah, Noah Vincent, Jack Maxey, and Charlie Baines, to victory by the same margin.

Our second senior girls' quad is made up of pupils from the J15 - J17 squad, who raced in the open women's event. These girls were in the boat together for the first time on race day. They put together a fantastic rowing performance, finishing second only ½ length behind a seasoned Leeds University crew.

The J14s raced the octuple for the first time after one training session together. Both crews gave hearty performances and finished second behind Infinity Boat Club for the men and Lampton Rowing Club for the women.

The senior girls quad of Poppy Bell, Kitty Brown, Hannah Stewart & Rebecca White had a well-contested race, managing to better Durham ARC by a canvas to win the women's J18 quads. While the J14s continued to show their

potential, winning, both the men's and women's coxed quads.

Congratulations to Aadit Kapoor, Kabir Gandhi, Deen Mohammed, Surya Baskar & Kate Howell for winning the boy's Band 1 event and Gillian Teoh, Bella Yang, Constance Deering, Emma White, and Anya Kansal for winning the women's Band 2 event.

Mr T Kellett



SPORT WEEK AHEAD

The weeks ahead are now available online.

You can [view them here](#).

YARM SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS:



CASINO ROYALE

SUMMER BALL 2024

SATURDAY, JUN 15TH

7PM - LATE

THE PAA

LIVE MUSIC FROM THE BOURBON STREET BAND
AUCTION SUPPORTS CARDIAC RISK IN THE YOUNG
BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE OR VIA CLASSLIST APP



AN EVENING WITH SIR GEOFF HURST - THE FAREWELL TOUR

Sir Geoff Hurst comes to the Princess Alexandra auditorium Yarm on the September 2024 for one final farewell tour. VIP Meet and Greet tickets are available.

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. This will be a great event for football fans.



Sunday 29th September, 7:45pm

[Book Online Here](#)

AN EVENING WITH FOOTBALL LEGEND CHRIS WADDLE

VIP Meet and Greet tickets are available (limited numbers)

Hosted by Richard "Crackers" Cracknell.

Join us for an exclusive evening of fun and nostalgia with football legend Chris Waddle. Chris will share anecdotes from his illustrious 20-year professional career, which lasted from 1978 to 1998, playing for clubs including Newcastle United, Sunderland, Burnley, Sheffield Wednesday, Marseille and Tottenham Hotspur.



Friday 18th October, 8pm

[Book Online Here](#)

AN EVENING WITH JAMES HASKELL

VIP Meet and Greet tickets available

With 77 England caps to his name, it's safe to say James Haskell has had a pretty decent rugby career at the very highest level, also turning out for the British and Irish Lions twice. He now has a number of podcasts, including Good, The Bad and The Rugby, which averages around 150,000 listeners per episode, Radio, his monthly house music show, and Douche, follows James' journey to become a stand-up comedian. As well as appearing on a number of high profile TV shows, including I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here!, James is also a bestselling author. He has published two autobiographies, the Sunday Times Bestselling What A Flanker and Ruck Me, alongside numerous bestselling fitness and nutrition books such as Fit, for Fitness, and Fit.



Monday 21st October, 7:45pm

[Book Online Here](#)

Newsletter, 15.05.2024

This week is **Mental Health Week** so our focus this week is on mental health awareness. But when it comes to mental health, what is that parents need to be aware of?

Let's start with some facts. Adolescence (spanning 9-24 years) is a time of vulnerability to mental health conditions. The World Health Organisation estimates that half of all psychiatric conditions emerge before the age of 14, 75% by the age of 24. Most of these go undetected and untreated.

What can we do? As leading clinical psychologist and author, Dr Lucy Foulkes [argues](#), we can become more literate regarding what mental illness really is and isn't. For example, it's normal to feel nervous before a test or exam, but full-blown panic attacks require clinical attention. It is normal to be anxious about upcoming events but that anxiety should not be *stopping us* from participating or doing what we normally love and enjoy.

We need to help our children understand that life is full of ups and downs but that there *are* things we can do to proactively manage daily stressors and strains. This starts with modelling coping within family life. Our [Coping Menu](#) provides a great springboard for family discussion about which activities belong in our personal toolkits. Aligned with this approach is ensuring that we are giving our children an expressive vocabulary that allows them to give words to feelings. Listen to our [podcast](#) with Professor Marc Brackett on this theme. Our booklist on emotional literacy for younger children can help kickstart chats, and for those parenting teens, tuning into our webinars on topics such as [anger](#) or [performance anxiety](#) with clinical psychologist, Dr Anna Colton, will enrich your knowledge.

For all families, exploring the quality of sleep we all get is a great investment in good mental health. Watch back our recent [Q&A](#) with sleep consultants, a [presentation](#) on adolescent sleep by Dr Faith Orchard or put your own family sleep routines under the microscope using our audit [tool](#)!

We want to keep young minds active. We've been working with philosophy charity SAPERE, and we're delighted to invite Tooled Up parents to our upcoming webinar **Experience Philosophy For Children: Monday 20th May, 19:00 BST**. This fascinating and interactive session will introduce what it means to philosophise, with activities and ideas for enquiries you can do at home! Register [here](#).

Lastly, no matter the age of your child, don't forget the importance of play, time outdoors, exercise, fun and simply investing in that connection with your children. All of these activities listed are good for you and good for them!

Don't forget to follow us on social media to stay up-to-date with all of our latest updates and resources. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).





Philosophy For Children
Webinar



What Mental Health Is and
What It Isn't



My Coping Menu



Emotional Intelligence



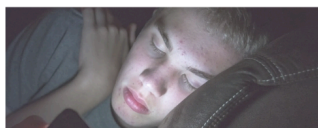
Understanding Children's
Anger



Stage Fright



Sleep Experts Q&A



Sleep and Adolescent Mental
Health



How Well Do I Sleep?

Don't forget to follow us on social media to stay up-to-date with all of our latest updates and resources. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outshine any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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