



YARM SCHOOL

EDUCATING FOR LIFE

Information for Parents

2024-2025



This booklet is designed to provide information to prospective parents. Inevitably some information may become out of date over a period of time. Parents are advised to contact the School or check the School website (www.yarmschool.org) for the most up to date information.

GOVERNING BODY

Mr M Thompson, BA, ACMA (Chairman)
Mrs B Brown, BA, ACA (Vice-Chair)
Dr S N Akowuah, MB, ChB, MRCP, DRCOG, DCH
Mr P J Barron, MBA
Dr P M Chapman, MA, PhD
Mr J Ferguson, MA, FRCS
Mr C de Jong, MA, MBA
Mr I Lovat, BSc, PGCE
Mrs G Mitchell, BA, QTS
Mr A M Turner, BSc, MB, ChB, FRCS
(Paeds), FEAPU, PhD

If you wish to contact Mr Thompson, Chairman of Governors, correspondence can be sent via the School and should be marked 'Private and Confidential' and posted to the school address: The Friarage, Yarm, Stockton on Tees, TS15 9EJ.

VISITS AND OPEN EVENTS

Individual visits can be arranged throughout the year however, we encourage all families to attend one of our open events:

Whole School Open Morning
Saturday, 28th September 2024
9.00am - 12noon

Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday, 14th November 2024
6.00pm

Prep School Open Morning
Saturday 18th January 2025
9.00am - 12noon

The Prep School also has an open event in May.

ADMISSIONS

Nursery & Pre-Prep:
Mrs Georgina Banham
georgina.banham@yarmschool.org

Prep:
Mrs Louise White
louise.white@yarmschool.org

Senior & Sixth Form:
Mrs Jane Herbert
head@yarmschool.org

USEFUL DOCUMENTS

The School's website is a rich source of information (www.yarmschool.org). The Parents' Handbook, the School's policies and information relating to admissions and bursaries can all be found on the site.

School Policies available on the website: <https://www.yarmschool.org/about-us/policies-procedures-handbooks/>

For further information or to request a copy of a policy please contact the School Office on 01642 786023 or email admin@yarmschool.org

Welcome...

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Since Yarm School's foundation in 1978 it has become the major educational success story in the North East. Our academic results and facilities are outstanding, but the School offers much more than an excellent academic education: we firmly believe in educating for life.

As well as offering pupils the opportunity to reach their academic potential and achieve excellent results in public examinations, we aim to nurture and encourage values that ensure our pupils become adults who will contribute positively to society. We help them develop the attributes and skills sought by employers so that they are equipped for life beyond school. It is important to us that these skills are honed within a caring, friendly and mutually supportive community and our pastoral care ensures that pupils are known as individuals and supported at each step of their journey through the School.

We are clear that a pupil's education should be a broad and varied experience and our pupils are encouraged to step outside their comfort zone and take risks in a safe and supportive environment, discovering new talents and interests which provide much happiness at school and, critically, develop their self confidence, problem solving abilities and interpersonal skills. For example, each pupil has timetabled Activity Lessons where they can choose from a wide variety of activities, ranging from calligraphy to watersports.

Sport, Drama and Music all play important roles in school life. PE/Games receive a more generous time allocation than in many schools and our pupils represent the School in fixtures in a wide range of sports. There are a multitude of opportunities to be involved in musical ensembles, groups and performances, from atmospheric shows in smaller venues to major orchestral and choral concerts. House Drama competitions give large numbers of pupils the opportunity to tread the boards, and our whole school productions are typically of exceptional quality, playing to large audiences in the Princess Alexandra Auditorium.

We have a very active Outdoor Education department which provides experiences from caving to rock climbing, with trips and expeditions near and far. Many pupils undertake the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, through which they acquire self-reliance, resilience and teamwork whilst learning the importance of service to the community.

A Yarm School education starts at three years of age as pupils enter our Nursery and continues through the Pre-Prep and Prep Schools to the Senior School and the Sixth Form. School life at Yarm is varied, exciting, and fast-paced. There is never a dull moment as we embody our philosophy of 'educating for life'. The School has excellent facilities set in an attractive campus on the banks of the river Tees in the heart of the historic town of Yarm. Many of the buildings are modern and were purpose-built and offer an unparalleled environment in which to learn.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to the School for a visit.

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Dr Huw Williams, Headmaster





"This feels a fun place to learn: inside and outside the classroom there is a wide range of discussion and activities. Children are enthusiastic about the opportunities provided, reflected in the faces of both pupils and staff. Being bored just isn't on the radar here."

Admissions

Nursery

Children are welcomed into Yarm School Nursery from the term before they turn 3 years old. No formal assessment of children entering Nursery is undertaken, although parents will be asked about their child's general development and any identified special needs prior to a place being offered. Places are not automatic; in some rare cases a place will not be offered if we judge that a child's development is below the parameters of the Early Learning Goals or that they will not flourish in this environment. All children will be expected to meet our entry requirements for transfer to Reception.

Pre-Prep

Children joining the School at 4+, 5+ and 6+ undertake an informal assessment before a place is offered. For children joining Reception, this takes the form of an age-appropriate nursery book-based assessment, plus simple activities to assess fine motor skills and other basic abilities. For children joining Year 1 and Year 2, the assessment requires that children show a little of their achievements in reading, writing and mathematics. This will take the form of a standardised test. Reports and references will be taken from current schools. Children entering during Year 2 will be required to carry out standardised tests in reading, mathematics and non-verbal reasoning. Assessments are made to identify potential and a willingness to engage in the tasks, rather than mere academic prowess. We understand that children come to us with differing pre-school and school experiences, and at

varying stages of development. All children will be expected to meet our entry requirements for transfer from Year 2 to Year 3.

Prep

Children wishing to join the School in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) undertake written assessments in reading, mathematics and non-verbal reasoning. These are standardised NFER papers, which are age related. Scores of 108 and above are generally required for entry into the School although reports from current schools, behaviour, previous learning experiences and special needs are also taken into account. The assessments are taken in the morning, following which the candidate spends the remainder of the School day with their peer group.

Entry into Year 7 (11+)

Children entering the Senior School at 11+ will be required to sit a Transfer Assessment or Entrance Assessment. This is normally taken in January prior to the September entry. There will be a number of paper-based assessments, designed to measure a child's ability in maths, reading, spelling and extended writing. These are all designed to be accessible to all Year 6 pupils from all schools. Typically, we are looking to accept candidates who are working beyond national age-related expectations. More information will be sent out to all registered candidates before Christmas. The Headmaster will also request a reference from the applicant's current school and offers of places are dependent upon good behaviour.

Any prospective candidates who apply after the January Entrance Assessments have taken place may sit the test by appointment and, if successful, will be offered a place if available or a place on the waiting list if the year group is fully subscribed.

Entry into Sixth Form

In order to secure entry to the Sixth Form all pupils (existing Yarm School pupils and external applicants) must meet our General Requirement and the Specific Requirements for the subjects they wish to pursue at A Level (please see the Sixth Form Prospectus for more details). Those who wish to do so are required to apply for a place whilst in Year 11 using the Application Form. All applicants will be invited to a personal consultation with The Headmaster and Head of Sixth Form. Applicants will be asked to bring along a sample of GCSE work in subjects relevant to their chosen A Level subjects and a recent school report or Record of Achievement. A written reference will also be requested from the applicant's present school.

Appointments for consultations can be made after the Open Morning and consultations commence from early November onwards. Places will be offered after consultations have taken place, around mid-February. Consultations are arranged at a mutually convenient time (after school). If a place in the Sixth Form is offered then this is conditional on meeting the GCSE performance requirements.



Scholarships and Bursaries

Yarm School is keen to attract pupils of considerable potential who will make the most of the opportunities on offer. The School offers both Scholarships and Bursaries.

Bursaries (Senior and Sixth Form pupils)

Yarm School wishes to make it possible for bright, promising children to be able to attend the School regardless of their financial or domestic circumstances. Means-tested bursaries are available for bright children joining the First Year (Year 7) or Lower Sixth (Year 12) in our Sixth Form.

A Bursary is a fee reduction to take account of limited parental resources, funded from deposits set aside for this purpose and from the general income of the School. As a guide, assistance is given on a sliding scale, linked to family income. The School will consider making an award where the total gross family income is less than £55,000 per annum. In some cases the School will also offer financial support for extras such as lunch, trips and uniform.

All applications are dealt with on the understanding that enquiry will be made as a matter of routine into the financial resources (including assets) of any family making a Bursary application. All details made in the application are kept confidential.

Bursaries are always offered for 12 months at a time. The family is required to provide fresh information about their circumstances for every year that their child attends the School.

Parents wishing to understand more about Bursaries should refer to the School's Bursary Policy, a copy of which is available on our website or by request via Mrs Herbert (head@yarmschool.org). A Bursary application form is available and applications must be submitted to the School as soon as possible and before Wednesday, 11th December 2024 at the latest. Bursary applications which are received later than this are unlikely to be successful as the funds are likely to have been allocated. It is likely that there will be more Bursary applications than there are funds available therefore not all applications will be successful.

Music Scholarships (Entry at: 11+, 13+ or 16+)

Pupils at 11+, 13+ or 16+ may apply for a Music Scholarship. Candidates for these awards must, in the first instance, show reasonable all-round academic ability in the Entrance Assessment. A high standard of achievement for the age of the pupil is expected on one or more instruments or voice; candidates may also offer composition at 16+.

A separate Music Audition is given to candidates. Retention of such an award is subject to excellent

musical progress and a high level of involvement in the musical life of the School; in addition, the pupil must make sound academic progress and display high standards of behaviour. Applications must be received as soon as possible, no later than Wednesday, 11th December 2024.

For further information about any of the above or application forms, please do not hesitate to contact the Headmaster's PA, Mrs Jane Herbert, on 01642 786023 or email head@yarmschool.org





Sixth Form Scholarships

Yarm School is pleased to offer up to four Sixth Form scholarships annually of up to 100% off tuition fees for outstanding candidates new to the School. These are means-tested awards and joint parental income must be below £45,000 p.a. The aim of these scholarships is to promote the benefits of an independent school Sixth Form education to those who would not otherwise be able to afford private education.

Four Fully Funded Sixth Form Places

Four fully funded Sixth Form places may be awarded to outstanding applicants new to the School. Candidates must secure a minimum of eight 7/8/9 grades at GCSE.

Application forms are available from the School and must be submitted by Wednesday, 11th December 2024 along with the Supplementary Information Form and a copy of a recent school report. We will then request a reference from the student's current school.

Candidates for scholarships will be required to sit a special assessment in the subjects to be studied at A Level on the morning of Saturday, 18th January 2025. The performance in these assessments, and information from school reports and references will be used to shortlist applicants who will then be called to an interview with the Headmaster and Head of Sixth Form.

Please contact the Headmaster's PA, Mrs Jane Herbert, on 01642 786023 or email head@yarmschool.org for information about any of the above or application forms. All application forms must be received by Wednesday, 11th December 2024.

Arkwright Scholarships (Sixth Form)

Yarm School is one of a limited number of schools which have been selected to offer Arkwright Scholarships for Design and Technology. These scholarships are awarded for the two Sixth Form years. Applications must be made by the end of January in the year the Sixth Form studies are to commence.

Further details are available from the Head of Design Technology, Mr D Spence (dan.spence@yarmschool.org).





Building life skills, fostering resilience and developing confidence in our pupils is at the heart of what Yarm Preparatory School stands for, whether in the classroom, on the stage, sports field or in the clubs and activities programme.



Yarm Preparatory School Staff

Head	Mr W E C Sawyer, BA, PGCE
Deputy Head	Mr G N Stone, MA, BEd
Deputy Head (Academic)	Mrs J E Pawluk, DipRAM, LRAM, PGCE
Head of Pre-Prep	Mrs J Speight, BA Ed, QTS
Deputy Head of Pre-Prep	Mrs L H Cardwell, BMus, QTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs A Arrol, BA, PGCE • Mrs K L Ashford, CACHE Level 3 (Teaching and Curriculum Assistant) • Mrs F E H Barton, BA, PGCE, QTS • Mrs E Broadhead (Teaching and Curriculum Assistant) • Mrs K Connelly, CACHE Level 3 (Teaching and Curriculum Assistant) • Mr B Davies, BA, QTS • Mrs V Dawson (Teaching and Curriculum Assistant)* • Mrs K Donoghue (Teaching and Curriculum Assistant) • Mr S R Frank, BA • Ms R Goodfellow, BA (Languages) • Mr R Gooding, MA, PGCE • Mr J Grundmann, BSc, PGCE • Miss E-M Haggas, CACHE Level 3 (Teaching and Curriculum Assistant) • Mrs K Ham-Ying, BEd, MA, LAMDA (Speech and Drama)* • Mr K J L Harandon, MA, PGCE, QTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs K J Harandon, BA* • Mrs C S H Hart, BA (Teaching and Curriculum Assistant) • Mr K Hutchcraft BA, QTS • Miss E L Jeffries, CACHE Level 3 (Classroom and After School Care Assistant) • Mrs K E Jennings, BA, PGCE • Mrs R Jolly, BSc (Pastoral Lead Years 3 and 4) • Mrs H N Jones, BEd (Learning Skills Co-ordinator) • Mrs J Jones BTEC Nat Dip (Teaching and Curriculum Assistant) • Mrs H Lofthouse-Hill, LLB, QTS • Mr S G Pearce, BA, BEd, ADEE • Mr A Pengilly, BA, QTS • Mrs J E Pratt (Learning Support Assistant)* • Mrs N E Redhead-Sweeney, BEd • Mrs S Reed, BEd * • Mrs H Rickards* (Teaching and Curriculum Assistant) • Mrs C Sanders, CACHE Level 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Teaching and Curriculum Assistant) • Miss H Sanghera, BA • Mrs S M Sawyer, BCom, PGCE, QTS (Pastoral Lead Years 1 and 2)* • Mrs R Shepherd, BSc* • Mr C Simpson, BA, PGCE • Mrs E Simpson, BA, PGCE • Miss E Smith, BA • Mrs D M Symington (Teaching and Curriculum Assistant)* • Mr P D Underwood, BSc, PGCE • Mrs H Wakefield, CACHE Level 3 (Teaching Assistant)* • Miss N Whitehouse, BA, PGCE • Mrs A White*, BEd • Mrs R White*, BSc, PGCE • Mrs L Wright, BA, PGCE (Teaching Assistant)* |
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Head's PA/ Prep School Secretary	Mrs L A White
Pre-Prep School Secretary	Mrs G Banham
First Aid Lead	Mrs L Wheatley
Health and Wellbeing Practitioner	Mrs A-M Hall, BA, PGDip CBT*
Catering Manager	Mrs P Walker
Site Manager	Mr A B Evans

Italics denotes Pre-Prep Staff

**Part time*

Yarm Senior School Staff

Headmaster	Dr P H Williams, BSc, PhD, Biology
Senior Deputy Head	Mrs A C G Kingsbury, BA, Modern Languages
Deputy Head (Academic)	Mr D K Morton, MA, English
Head of Sixth Form	Dr A M Goodall, MA, PhD, Physics
Head of Middle School	Mrs K A Gratton, BEd, Physical Education
Head of Co-Curriculum and Partnerships	Mr D Boddy, BA, MSc, FCIEA, FColIT, FRSA, English

- **Mrs B Addison, BA**
Modern Languages,
Head of Spanish
- **Mr G Addison, BSc**
Mathematics, Physics
- **Mr J J Alexander, BA**
Geography, AGT Enrichment
Coordinator, Head of
Cuthbert House
- **Mrs J C Ankers, BA**
Business
- **Mrs KL Baines, BSc**
Head of Geography
- **Mr E R Baker, MNatSc**
Head of Chemistry
- **Dr K Barnett, MMath, PhD**
Mathematics
- **Mrs A C Beer, BSc***
Mathematics
- **Mr S R Bell, BA, MA (Ed)**
Mathematics
- **Ms H Blakemore, BA, MA**
English, Oxbridge Coordinator
- **Ms A M V Breslin, BSc, MLegSc**
English
- **Mr A J W Bridges, BA**
Head of Modern Languages,
AGT Academic Coordinator
- **Mrs E Bridle, MA (Ed), BSc,**
DipSpLD, NASENCo, PAPAA
Director of Learning Skills (SENCO)
- **Mr M E Bridle, BSc, MA**
Mathematics, Head of
Computer Science
- **Mr D Brown, BEng,**
Mathematics
- **Miss L Brown, BEng**
Mathematics, Physics
- **Mrs T L Brown, BSc***
Mathematics
- **Mr I H Burns, BSc***
Physics
- **Mr P D Collins, BSc**
Director of Digital Strategy,
Online Safety Co-ordinator
- **Miss S J L Cottrell, BEd**
Physical Education i/c Netball
- **Dr T J Craig, MPhys, PhD**
Physics, Primary Outreach
(Science), Head of Oswald House
- **Mr P A Cummins, BSc, MSc**
Physical Education
- **Mr C Dixon, BSc** IT Services
& Data Systems Manager
- **Mrs S Dugdale, BA***
English
- **Mrs J K Dunkley, BA***
Dance
- **Mr S Edwards, BA, M.Phil**
History, Head of Politics,
Head of Careers
- **Mr T E Fellows, MA, MSt**
Modern Languages,
Head of German
- **Mr G Ferguson, BEd**
Director of Sport, i/c Boys' Hockey
- **Miss H Gamble, MSci**
Physics, Deputy Head
of Sixth Form
- **Mr L J Gilbert, BA**
Head of English
- **Mr D R Glen, BSc**
Geography
- **Mr D Gratton, BSc***
Economics, Business
- **Mr T C Grimwood, BA**
History, Politics
- **Miss H Guy, BSc**
Psychology, Biology
- **Mr J S Hall, MA**
Head of Latin and Classics
- **Dr B Harker, BSc, MRes, PhD**
Biology
- **Miss L Hodgson, BSc**
Physical Education
- **Miss N Hodgson, BSc**
Physical Education, Head of
Girls' Games, i/c Girls' Hockey,
Head of Aidan House
- **Miss E M Howell, BSc**
Physical Education,
Head of Fourth Year
- **Mr R A Ivey, BSc, Pdpip**
Geography, Head of SPaCE,
Head of Third Year
- **Mrs A Jackson, BSc**
Head of Textiles



- **Mr A D Law, MA, MRSC**
Chemistry, Assistant
Director of Studies
 - **Mrs G A Leary, BA**
Modern Languages,
Head of First Year
 - **Mrs S L Lodge, MA, BA**
Head of Religion,
Philosophy and Ethics
 - **Mr N C M Lyle, MA**
Religion, Philosophy and
Ethics, Head of Bede House
 - **Mrs K T McLean, BSc***
Acting Head of Psychology
 - **Mr P Menzies, MA***
Examinations Officer
 - **Mr A J Monk, BSc**
Design Technology, Duke
of Edinburgh Award
Scheme Manager
 - **Miss I H Morgan, BA, MA**
English
 - **Mr A J Morrison, BA**
History, i/c YBACC
 - **Mr T E Newman, BSc, MA**
Head of Biology, Careers –
Medicine – MDV Co-ordinator
 - **Mr R A Pawluk, Prof Cert
(RAM), LTCL, ALCM*** Music
 - **Mr T D J Pender, BA**
English, Head of
Theatre Studies
 - **Mrs S J Perks, BSc**
Mathematics
 - **Dr K W Perry, BSc, PhD**
Biology, Assistant
Examinations Officer
 - **Mrs E L Pinkham, MA**
History, Staff Induction and
Professional Learning Lead
 - **Dr P D Prideaux, BSc, PhD**
Head of Physics, Head of ExCEL/
EPQ, Science Co-ordinator
 - **Mr S R Ravenhall, BA,
M.Phil*** Modern Languages
 - **Miss C E Rhodes, BSc**
Head of Economics and
Business, Careers Assistant
 - **Mrs E J Russell, BSc***
Biology
 - **Mrs A Salahshouri, BA,
MA** Modern Languages,
Transition Assistant (First Year)
 - **Mr L M Shanahan, BA**
Physical Education
 - **Mr D J Skirving, BEng, MDA***
Mathematics
 - **Mr D J Spence, BSc**
Head of Design Technology
 - **Ms E Stebbings, BA**
Head of Art
 - **Miss A F Street, BA**
Design Technology
 - **Mr T D A Taylor, BA**
Head of History, CCF CO
 - **Mr P N Telfer, BA***
English
 - **Mrs G Thompson, CertEd**
Art
 - **Mr S M Thompson, BSc**
Chemistry
 - **Mr S J F Tomlinson, BA**
Modern Languages
 - **Mrs T M Troya, BA**
Modern Languages,
Head of Second Year
 - **Mr L A Tucker, MSci**
Chemistry
 - **Ms S V Tucker, MA***
Latin and Classics
 - **Dr A A D Tulloch, MChem, PhD***
Chemistry
 - **Mrs J E Waters, BSc**
Biology, Head of Fifth Year
 - **Mr C A C Webb, BA**
Physical Education, Head of Boys'
Games, i/c Rugby and Tennis
 - **Mr R C Williams, BA**
Acting Head of Music,
School Organist
 - **Mr D J Yates, MA**
Head of Mathematics
-
Head of Department in italics

 *Part time



Support Staff

- **School Manager**
Mrs C J Evans, MA, MBA, ARCM
- **Estates Manager**
Mr M D Rathmell
- **Finance Manager**
Mrs K M Heward, BA, ACMA
- **Capital Development Manager**
Mr A Hodgson
- **School Office Manager/Coach Administrator, Senior School**
Miss R M Algate
- **Resources Officer**
Mrs M Bate*
- **Assistant Head of Rowing**
Mr R Bewick*
- **Cleaning Supervisor**
Miss J Bowkett
- **Senior School Office Assistant**
Mrs K Brearey
- **PAA Technician**
Mr C Bromyard, BSc*
- **Auditorium/Lecture Theatre Manager**
Mr D P Brookes, BA
- **Learning Support Tutor**
Mrs S B Burnham, BA*
- **Speech and Drama Tutor, Head of Drama (extracurricular)**
Mrs H R Charlton, BA*
- **Learning Support Assistant**
Mrs A Close, BEng
- **Head of Marketing**
Mrs L J Craig, BA, DipM*
- **Outdoor Education Instructor**
Mr J Daker, BA
- **School Librarian(am)**
Miss C Dixon-Barker*
- **Marketing Assistant & Content Creator**
Miss J E Dodds, BA, MA
- **Front of House Manager(PAA)**
Miss S Dring, BA*
- **Purchasing & Finance Administrator**
Mrs E Eccles*
- **School Transport Coordinator**
Mr G Elgie
- **Box Office Manager & Marketing Assistant (PAA)**
Mrs S Fletcher
- **HR Assistant/ PA to School Manager**
Mrs J Foggett
- **Learning Skills Assistant**
Mrs J Gray, RGN, Dip Health Visiting*
- **Cleaning Supervisor**
Miss A Groom
- **Emotional Health and Wellbeing Practitioner**
Mrs A-M Hall BA, PGDip CBT *
- **Finance Office Assistant**
Miss M A Healey*
- **Headmaster's PA/Senior School Admissions Secretary**
Mrs J L Herbert, BSc, DipFLB
- **Head of Rowing**
Mr T A Kellett
- **Rowing Coach**
Mrs A K Lund, BEd, MA*
- **Music Partnerships Coordinator**
Mr M J McGrother*
- **Musical Specialist, i/c music technology/popular performance**
Mr A J McIntyre, BMus
- **School Librarian (pm)**
Mrs D Mason*
- **Outdoor Education Co-ordinator, Educational Visits EVC**
Mr A C Mathers, BSc
- **Senior HR Adviser**
Miss M M R Meikle, BA
- **School Staff Instructor (CCF), Music Administration Coordinator**
Mr G A Mist, RMSM
- **Marketing Manager & Partnerships Coordinator**
Mrs A J Parker, MA
- **Caretaking and Maintenance Supervisor**
Mr L C Pereira
- **Uniform Showroom Manager**
Mrs L S Porter*
- **Assistant MIS Administrator**
Miss A V Rigg, BTEC
- **Science Technician**
Mrs M Roberts, BSc*
- **Assistant Finance Manager**
Mrs J Robson*
- **Finance Officer**
Mrs L Saddington
- **Finance Assistant**
Mrs A P Salas-Davison, BA*
- **Rowing Coach**
Mr J Shaw*
- **Receptionist/Secretary, Senior School**
Mrs A M Smith
- **Network Manager**
Mr M Sweeney
- **Assistant Network Manager**
Mr A J Tacon, BTEC
- **Building and Maintenance Foreman**
Mr P Vardy
- **Reprographics Officer**
Mrs J Ward
- **First Aid Lead**
Mrs L E Wheatley

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*Part time

TECHNICIANS

Chemistry

Mrs J S Devlin, BSc, MSc, CChem, MRSC
Mrs V Nicholson, HNC*

Biology

Mr S A Atkinson, BSc

Physics

Mr M Taylor

IT

Mr M Vickers, BTEC

DT

Mr T J P Whitcombe

Senior Theatre

Mr L T James, BTEC

Theatre

Mr T E Milton, BA

Art

Mrs J Humphries*

Fees 2024-25 (update)

	Fee per Term	Monthly Direct Debit (x10)	Notes
EARLY SCHOOL & NURSERY Full day attendance (5 days per week) with Nursery Grant	£2,332	£699.60	Fees are for hours above the 15 hours per week provided by Early Years Funding; Grant is claimed on behalf of parents by the School.
EARLY SCHOOL & NURSERY Nursery without Nursery Grant	£3,361	£1,008.30	
Reception	£3,690	£1,117.97	
Year 1 and Year 2	£3,751	£1,136.47	
PREPARATORY SCHOOL Year 3 and Year 4	£4,697	£1,423.07	
Year 5 and Year 6	£5,195	£1,573.97	
SENIOR SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM Aged 11 - 18	£6,227	£1,886.63	
LUNCHES All ages (compulsory)	£352.80	£107.80	
DIRECT DEBIT	All fees and lunch charges are collected by monthly Direct Debit in 10 equal instalments from 1st August to 1st May inclusive, with the exception of part-time Nursery fees which are collected by Direct Debit termly in advance.		
REDUCTIONS	Some Scholarships and Bursaries are available, subject to appropriate conditions being met. Please see the website.		
EXTRAS	Public examinations fees: prices set by Examination Boards. Apart from lunches and public examination fees, other extras are few as it is the School's policy to make the fees as inclusive as possible. Nearly all text books are included in the fees except in the Sixth Form where students will need to buy a few books per subject.		
REGISTRATION FEE	£75		
REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT	£250		Refunded via a credit on your final fee statement, but not refundable if your child does not take up a place at the School.

FEE INCREASES

Fees naturally tend to increase in line with teaching costs and general inflation and it is the School's policy to cover these increased costs by means of annual changes to the fee levels.

VAT implication: The base fees for the Spring and Summer terms 2025 have been reduced by the School, prior to adding the VAT, to mitigate the cost impact. Looking ahead to the 2025/26 academic year and beyond, the Governors are hopeful that further support will be available to phase the impact of VAT to families.

Exam Results 2024

Yarm School celebrated eclipsing regional and national averages, and breaking school examination records in 2024. This year's results have yet again, positioned Yarm as the leading academic school in the area.

We are extremely proud of all of our pupils and students and wish them the very best for their bright futures.

A Level Results

With strong results across the board, 30% of students achieved three or more A*-A grades with nine students securing three or more of the very highest A* grades.

The extraordinary nine students accumulated 32 A* grades between them. These students have not only excelled academically but have also fully embraced the

wide range of extra-curricular opportunities on offer at Yarm.

One student was recognised as one of the highest performers in the country in her English Literature examinations.

Alongside the traditional A level subjects, students can also complete an Extended Project Qualification which is highly regarded by universities. At Yarm, the majority of students choose to carry out an independent project to obtain the qualification and in 2024 61% achieved A*/A grades. Three students achieved full marks.

Students secured places at a wide range of highly competitive courses and destinations, with six students achieving places at Oxford or Cambridge Universities this year. They will be heading to study a wide range

of subjects: engineering, medicine, classics, chemistry and German.

Popular courses for Yarm students include Engineering with over 18% of the cohort going on to read an engineering degree. Medicine and Business courses remain popular choices with more students opting to study Psychology this year.

Newcastle University has been popular this year with eighteen students choosing to study there and remain in the North East, other popular destinations include Durham, York and Nottingham. One pupil is heading further afield to the USA to study at Brigham Young University.





Information for Parents

GCSE Results

Yarm School is celebrating its best ever GCSE examination results with 54% of all grades awarded being the top 9-8 grades (A*), with a third of all grades at grade 9.

Yarm surpassed the national average number of grade 9s by more than 6 times. Yarm pupils got more than four times the national average for grades 9-8. The national average was 12.1% compared to our 54% of grades 9-8 (A*). In the North East 17.8% of all GCSE grades were a 7 or higher compared to Yarm's 75% – again more than four times higher.

More than 21% of the cohort (27 pupils) gained a straight set of 9/8 grades with 15 pupils achieving the impressive feat of 10 or more grade 9s.

One pupil was recognised as one of the top performers in the country in his OCR Computer Science exam.

Our pupils broke Yarm's GCSE records by beating the top grades achieved in examinations in previous years but have also performed impressively outside the classroom. The 2024 GCSE cohort has also excelled in a wide range of extracurricular activities, showcasing their talents on national stages in sports, music, and drama.

These outstanding results reflect the determination and ambition of our pupils. Furthermore, they are also a strong affirmation of the quality of teaching and support given to pupils at Yarm.

We encourage every pupil to be the best they can be, only only in the classroom, but on the stage, sports field or in the varied clubs and activities on offer at the School. Pupils at Yarm balance both academic and extracurricular success at Yarm and help pupils develop 'soft' skills that are not only highly sought after by universities and employers, but prepare our pupils for challenges beyond school. Encapsulating the School's ethos 'Educating for Life.'

Within these impressive results are a range of individual success stories that reflect personal endeavour, exceeding their own expectations and aspirations. We celebrate the success of these terrific year groups who have contributed a huge amount to the wider life of the school.

A Level Results

5 Year Average excluding covid years (2020-2022)

	Yarm School %
Overall Pass Rate	99.8
Percentage of A* grades	20
Percentage of A*- A grades	51
Percentage of A*- B grades	77

GCSE Results

5 Year Average excluding covid years (2020-2022)

	Yarm School %
Percentage of Grades 9-8 (A*)	47
Percentage of Grades 9-7 (A*-A)	70
Percentage of Grades 9-6 (A*-B)	93
Percentage of Grades 9-4 (A*-C)	98



Transport

Coach Route 1

Nunthorpe, Stainton, Ingleby Barwick

Coach Route 2

Skelton, Saltburn, Normanby, Marton, Acklam

Coach Route 3

Darlington, Hurworth Place, Middleton one Row, Middleton St George

Coach Route 4

Sedgefield, Wynyard

Coach Route 5

Guisborough, Newton under Roseberry, Great Ayton, Great Broughton, Kirkby, Stokesley, Hutton Rudby

Coach Route 6

Thirsk, Northallerton, Osmotherley, Ingleby Cross, Faceby, Carlton, Seamer, Hilton

Coach Route 7

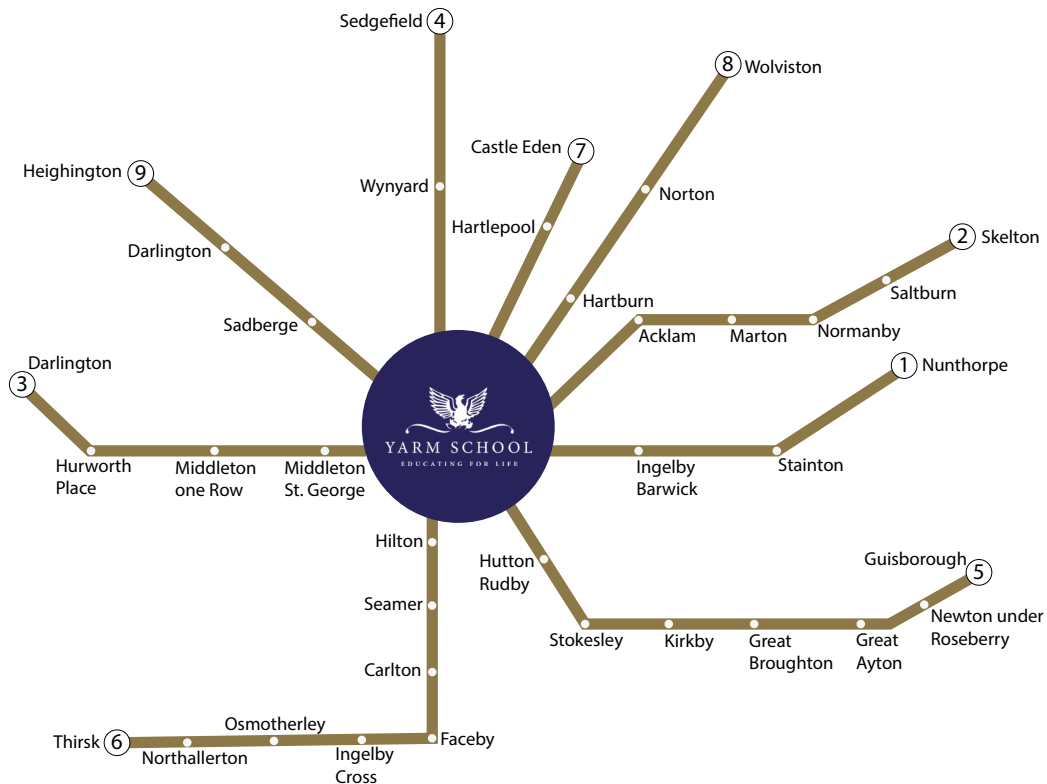
Castle Eden, Hartlepool

Coach Route 8

Wolviston, Norton, Hartburn

Coach Route 9

Heighington, Darlington, Sadberge



There may be a possibility of timing changes to reflect traffic flow or weather conditions. Please check the website for the latest version. The route can change each year.

For enquires and information, please contact Miss Rachel Algate: coaches@yarmschool.org or 01642 786023

Application Form

Pupil Details

Forename(s)		Date of Entry	
Preferred name		Entry Year Group	
Surname		Date of Birth	Sex (male/female)

Present School/Nursery Details

Name of school/nursery		Headteacher/Centre Lead	
Address		Dates attended at present school/Nursery	

Parent 1

Title	Forename		
Surname			
Address 1			
Address 2			
Town/City	Postcode		
Email			
Telephone/Mobile			

Parent 2

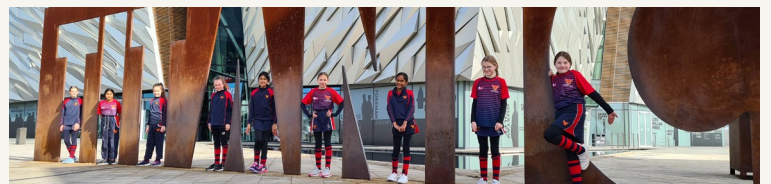
Title	Forename		
Surname			
Address 1			
Address 2			
Town/City	Postcode		
Email			
Telephone/Mobile			

Name of siblings

Name	Date of Birth	Sex (male/female)
Name	Date of Birth	Sex (male/female)
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Medical or educational circumstances that may require special consideration







Location

Yarm School is easily accessible by road and public transport. Visitors can use online mapping and Sat Nav directions by inputting the School postcode: TS15 9EJ (Senior School) or TS15 9ES (Preparatory School).

By car

From the South: take the slip road off the A1 at Dishforth to the A168/ A19 Northbound. From the A19, exit onto the A67 signposted 'Yarm'. Follow the road for 2 miles until you reach a roundabout with a Shell petrol garage. Go straight across onto The Spital towards Yarm High Street. The Nursery,

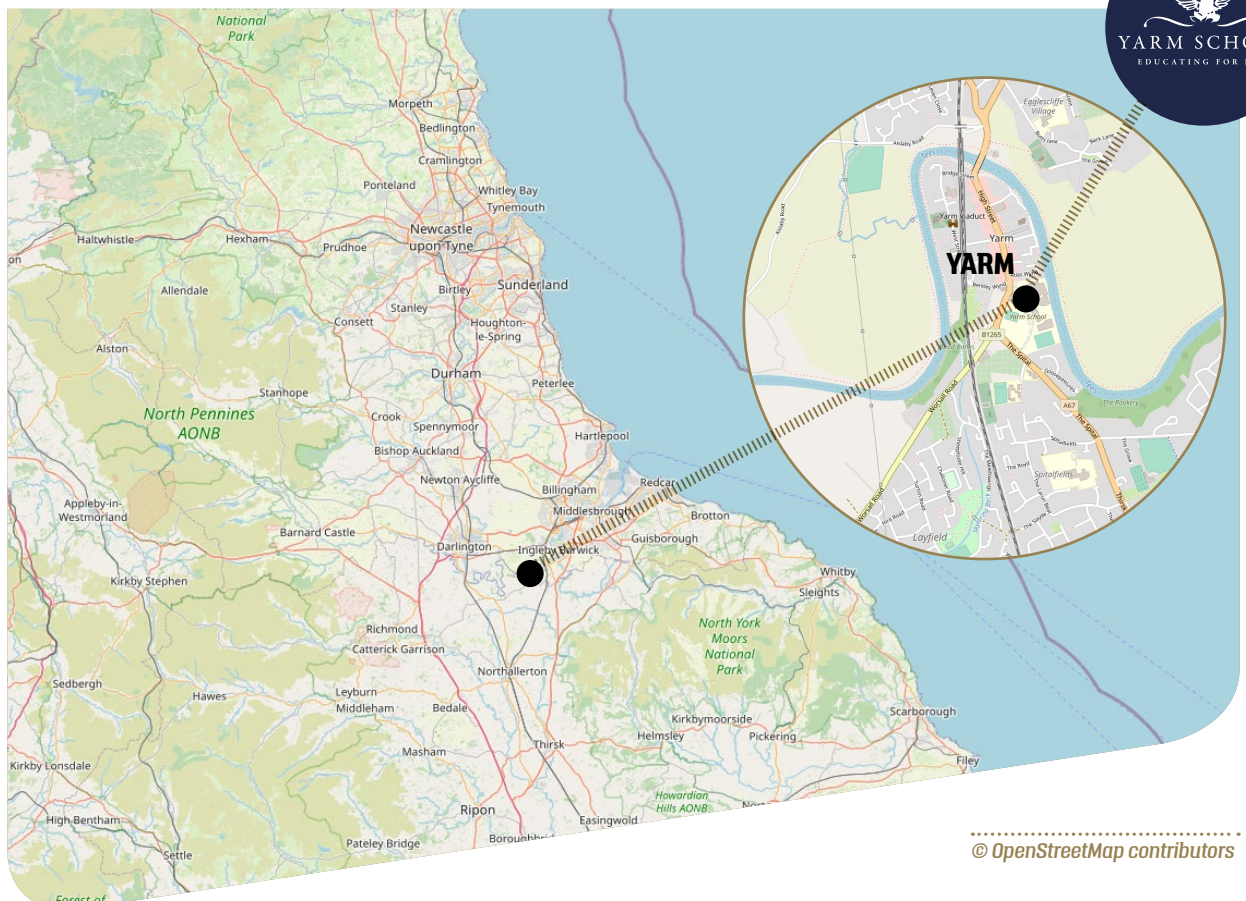
Pre-Prep, and Prep School are on the left opposite the Senior School exit. The Senior School entrance is on the right after the corner.

From the North: using either the A19 South or the A1 South, from both roads, follow signs for the A66, Stockton and Darlington or Teesside. Follow the A66 to the junction signposted 'A135 Stockton & Yarm'. From here follow the signs for 'A135-Yarm' and continue on this road directly into Yarm. An entrance to the Senior School is on the left hand side at the end of the High Street, after the Church. The Nursery and Pre-Prep, and Prep School are further along the Spital on the left hand side.

Parking: Visitor parking at the Prep School and Senior School is available. The Senior School visitor parking is onsite. Please sign in at the Senior School Reception. The Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep School parking is just before (from South) or just after (from North) the Pre-Prep building.

By train

The principal station is at Darlington. There are frequent links to both Eaglescliffe and Yarm Stations. Both are a fifteen/twenty minute walk from the School. Station Taxis operate from Eaglescliffe Station.



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