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HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME



Speak Out Safely - Supporting Every Child

We were really pleased that during our most recent visit from the local authority last year, every pupil spoken to said they felt they had an adult in school they could talk to. This is something we are incredibly proud of.

However, we also recognise that some children may be more introverted, or may feel nervous or reluctant to share concerns directly with someone. We want every child to feel safe, supported, and heard - whatever their personality or situation.

That's why, after the half-term break, we will be relaunching our website's anti-bullying reporting contact as part of our new SOS - Speak Out Safely campaign.

This initiative is designed to ensure that all pupils have a clear, accessible way to ask for help. The campaign features a lifebelt symbol - not only as a nod to Whitby's nautical heritage, but also as a powerful reminder that help is always within reach.

We'll be launching posters around the school and in the wider community to promote the campaign after the break.

We hope you and your family have a restful and enjoyable half term. Please remember: your child can report any concerns - even during the holidays - through the SOS link on our website.

*With very best wishes,
Mr Davies*





HEAD OF SCHOOL'S WELCOME



Thank you for your support and enthusiasm in ensuring we've had a really positive first half term. I hope you have a great week and some time to recharge ready for all that the next half term will bring.

In terms of safeguarding, please can I remind you of the advice and contacts below, should you require support or have concerns about a child:

Whitby School Designated Safeguarding Lead email, this will be monitored during the half term:
dsl@whitbyschool.co.uk.

Where there are significant immediate concerns about the safety of a child, you should contact the Police on **999**.

Everyone has a responsibility to refer a child when it is believed or suspected that a child:

- has suffered significant harm and/or
- is likely to suffer significant harm and/or
- has developed welfare needs which are like only to be met through provision of family support services (with the agreement of the child's parent)
- if you believe the situation is urgent, but does not require the police, please call **0300 131 2 131** to make telephone contact with MAST (Multi Agency Safeguarding Team) at North Yorkshire Council.

Should your call be outside of business hours (Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm) please continue to call **0300 131 2 131** and ask to speak to the Emergency Duty Team.

With very best wishes, Miss Caddell





MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING AFTERNOON

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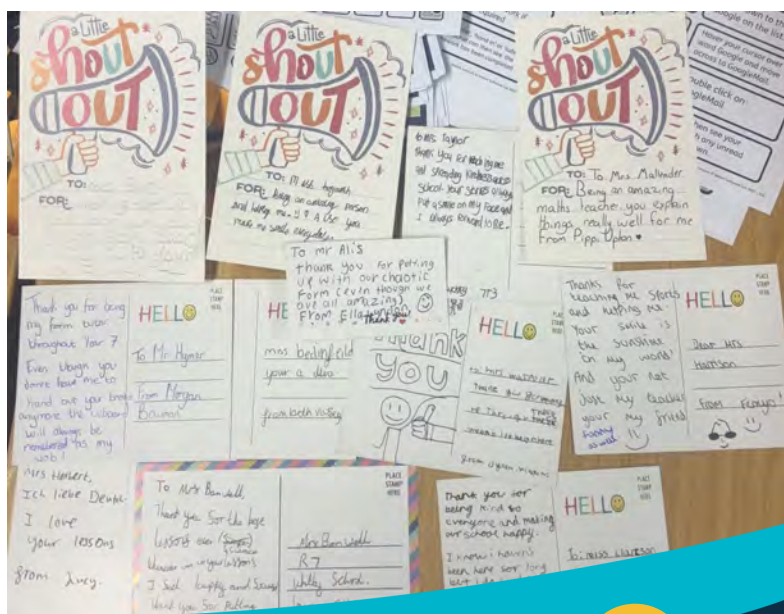
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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE VISIT

A huge thank you to North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service who visited the lower site on Tuesday 21 October for a special assembly focusing on the recent North Yorkshire moorland fires. Following the significant wildfire events near Langdale, the firefighters shared vital information about the impact of these blazes and, crucially, how we can all play a part in wildfire prevention. The assembly covered essential topics like moorland safety, the dangers of careless

actions (such as littering or lighting fires), and what to do in an emergency. Pupils even got to try on some uniform and equipment, thank you to Leah for being a wonderful model!

The Fire Service also spoke to pupil about a 'free home visit check' they offer to families, ensuring they have a working smoke detector and replacing batteries where needed.





MUSIC EXCHANGE RETURN VISIT

This month saw our eagerly awaited return visit of our music exchange with St Georges Sand school in Chambéry, France. Twenty-six pupils from both partner schools were involved. This is the seventh time we have hosted pupils from France in Whitby for a music exchange; we have a long-standing tradition of music exchanges in Whitby and this year was at least as special as all those that came before.

In March, we spent a week in the French alps being hosted by our correspondents and it was with great

excitement that we greeted them on the afternoon of Sunday 12 October. Many were treated to a hearty Sunday dinner with their host families but not before a quick and very sweaty game of lazer tag as a whole group!

On Monday we began the day in school singing with legendary local choir leader and music practitioner Rebecca Denniff; the pupils then took part in dance and drama workshops led by Mrs Alderson and Mr Gaulter - all based on our theme for the week,





'Revolution'. In the afternoon, pupils were split into groups and undertook a 'band photo' challenge in and around the town centre - a super chance to show our visitors the local sights, which are very contrasting to where they live.

On Tuesday, the entire group travelled across country to Liverpool, to explore further the theme of 'Revolution' in the World Museum, a walk down Mathew Street and along the riverside before visiting The Beatles Story. A well earned stop for tea at Macdonald's on the way home was made before returning home to Whitby.

On Wednesday, we had a super singing session once again, singing a range of songs as a whole group, including the very apt 'Happy Together'. Everyone then took part in some sport, organised by our PE department. Just like the Monday workshops in school, all pupils from both schools got stuck in and had so much fun.

Thursday was the final day and it was wonderful to hear about the things that everyone had been up to with their correspondents the previous evening - from filling The Magpie to showing the beach at Robin Hood's Bay, playing games and eating waffles together! We travelled to York and took part in workshops run by York St John University Performing Arts department - samba and improvisation. This trip was really insightful and inspiring. There followed some time to explore the sights of the historic city of York before returning back to Whitby.

A big thank you to all of the staff who took the time this week to help with the trips, the organisation and putting on workshops. A huge thank you also must go to the families of our pupils who hosted a French pupil (or two!). There were lots of tears upon departure on



Friday morning and the pupils have memories of their time in Whitby with you to last a lifetime.

The next trip planned will be to Chambery in March 2027 and will be open to pupils who are in Years 9 and 10 at that time; the return visit will be October 2027 with the same pupils. Please ask Ms Beattie for more information... and watch this space!





SIX - OUR PERFORMERS

Micah

As a group, we chose to perform SIX the musical because it is incredibly empowering. The narrative of queens who have lost their voices in history coming back to reclaim their stories and prove that they are their own people is such a strong message because it is relevant even today. We can all suffer at times when we forget who we are or what we can achieve when we work together but this musical serves as a reminder that our lives are dictated solely by ourselves; we can always overcome our circumstances and rise up for what we believe in, no matter how difficult it seems.

In SIX, I play Catherine Parr, who was Henry VIII's final wife and I especially enjoy being able to explore Catherine's story because of how strong and wise she was. As the first woman to publish a book in her own name, Catherine was brave - she broke stereotypes and expectations for women at the time, becoming powerful, independent and a loving mother figure for the future Queen Elizabeth I. Catherine exceeded all

expectations, arising from the grief of being a widow to become a symbol of prosperity and hope. In the context of SIX the musical, I find Catherine Parr to be exceedingly interesting to play as somebody who incentivises such a colossal change is extremely uplifting for me. I see the late queen as an inspiration and to play such a character is incredibly rewarding.

When I was first informed of the musical, I was very anxious about taking on the role and I have struggled to find the confidence it takes to perform in front of an audience. However, during rehearsals, being able to work with such a talented and kind group of people has helped me find courage. It has been such a wonderful experience to work as part of a team for this production and I have especially enjoyed making memories during my final year of school. It has been particularly fun to design costumes and I have become friends with amazing, supportive people who always remind me to be positive and find the fun in what once was a fear.

Molly

Hi, I'm Molly and I am playing Catherine of Aragon in SIX the musical. I love SIX as a whole but I especially like Catherine because she was such a strong woman who stayed by Henry's side for so long. Our rehearsals have been going great and now that I can see it all coming together. One thing that I have found challenging is the pronunciation of certain words whilst learning the script but after some practice I have mastered it and I am now very excited to perform!



Emily

Hey! Jane Seymour here! Y'know? The queen that Henry truly loved. But what I really love is SIX! I love our choice to put on SIX - not only is it an amazing musical but it has helped all our bonds grow as friends, not just actors.

I have always believed that drama is an amazing hobby, but this show so far has really helped convey that, even as queens, it's really important not to compare

ourselves to others and personally, I really think that message really hits hard.

As a cast we have faced many challenges, whether it has been trying not to break out into song during our actual lessons or memorising lines! I still love my choice of being a part of this fantastic histo-rewrite and these memories will stay with me forever.

So come see the one he truly loved and the rest of... SIX on our 'divorced, beheaded, live tour... because what hurts more than missing out on our tickets?

Katy

Hi, I am Katy and I play Anne Boleyn in our production of SIX the musical and I love playing her because she is very excitable and bubbly but also quite sassy - plus she can hold a grudge! It has been a bit challenging to learn the lines and get truly into character but it has been a truly fun experience. I have loved the rehearsals as it is a really great vibe and everyone is just so good at lifting each other up.

Mr G

Because of the small size of the current group, we have really been able to explore a wide range of curriculum ideas in a short space of time. This led to finishing off our lessons with a 'vocal cool down' in the form of musical karaoke, this in turn led to the discovery that all of the SIX knew practically all of the songs from the eponymous musical by Toby Marlow and Lucy Moss! After the roaring success of We Will Rock You, I was keen to explore the idea of putting on this fantastic musical.

The pupils have been simply amazing and have been responsible for their own costumes and developing the dance moves with influences for Mrs Alderson last year and Su Crossland from MESH Movement. There have been challenges in learning some of the lines -

including those that changed significantly from the original West End version.

SIX - Teen Edition is a sassy, frantic and glittering exploration of what would happen if all of Henry VIII's wives got together to see who had the worst time of it. The ending however is somewhat unexpected and infinitely more satisfying. A true testament to the power of how conflict and struggle can bring people together - if only they can stop comparing each other!

Tickets are priced at just £7.00 and there will be a bar open from 6.15pm till curtain up at 7.00pm and also a raffle so please come armed with plenty of change! We hope to see you there on the 11, 12 and 13 November at the Prospect Hill site. To purchase tickets please see reception at the upper site or email finance@whitbyschool.co.uk.



Tickets are now on sale for SIX the musical - Tickets are only available from Prospect Hill site reception or by emailing finance@whitbyschool.co.uk

SIX

TEEN EDITION

SIX: TEEN EDITION

By Toby Marlow and Lucy Moss

11, 12 & 13 November 2025

Whitby School – Prospect Hill

Doors open : 6.15pm – Curtain : 7.00pm

General Admission - £7

Tickets available exclusively at Prospect Hill site or email finance@whitbyschool.co.uk using reference 'SIX'

This amateur production of
SIX: TEEN EDITION is presented by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.
www.concordtheatricals.co.uk



SPORTS NEWS

Well Done! Sixth Form Football Draw

Well done to the Whitby Sixth Form Football team beating Malton 4-3 on Wednesday 22 October in the County Cup.

Big shout out to Riley, Man of the Match and George scoring the winner.

Next round details can be found below:

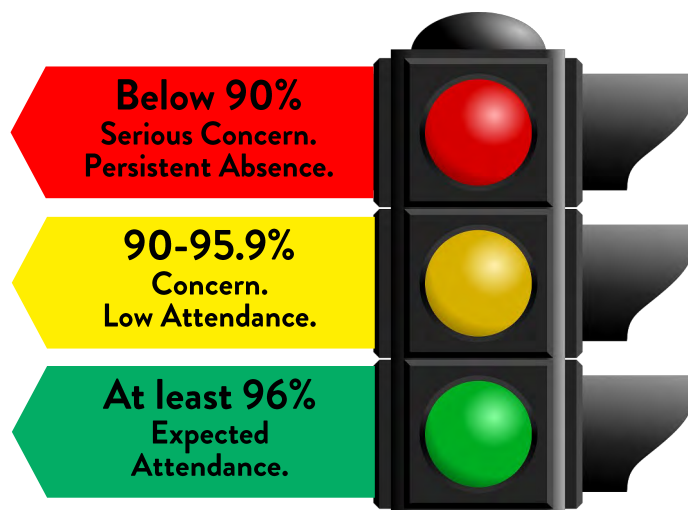
[County Football Draw - Click here](#)



ATTENDANCE FOCUS EVERY DAY COUNTS!

If your child is unwell and unfit to learn, please can you ensure that the reason for absence is reported by 9.00am on each day of absence. Ideally this should be done via the My Child at School app or by calling school and choosing option 1 to leave a voicemail. As you will be aware schools are not permitted to authorise holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If it is necessary for a holiday in term time to be taken, please complete a leave of absence request form (can be collected from reception at both sites), stating your reasons/ exceptional circumstances, so that these can be considered. Schools are not able to authorise a leave of absence retrospectively, so it is important that a request is made in advance.

Please can you notify school if your child will be late due to a medical appointment. If we do not receive notification, your child's arrival will be marked as late



Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!

in line with school's policy and may result in sanctions being issued.

Thank you for your continued support.



YEAR 9 GREEN MAN ARTWORK

This term Year 9 have been exploring gargoyles and the Greenman in their first project 'Curious Creatures'. They started by producing detailed pencil drawings exploring form and here are some examples

of their collage work where we explored materials, layering shapes and textures to create a decorative character representing nature and the change of the seasons. Well done Year 9!



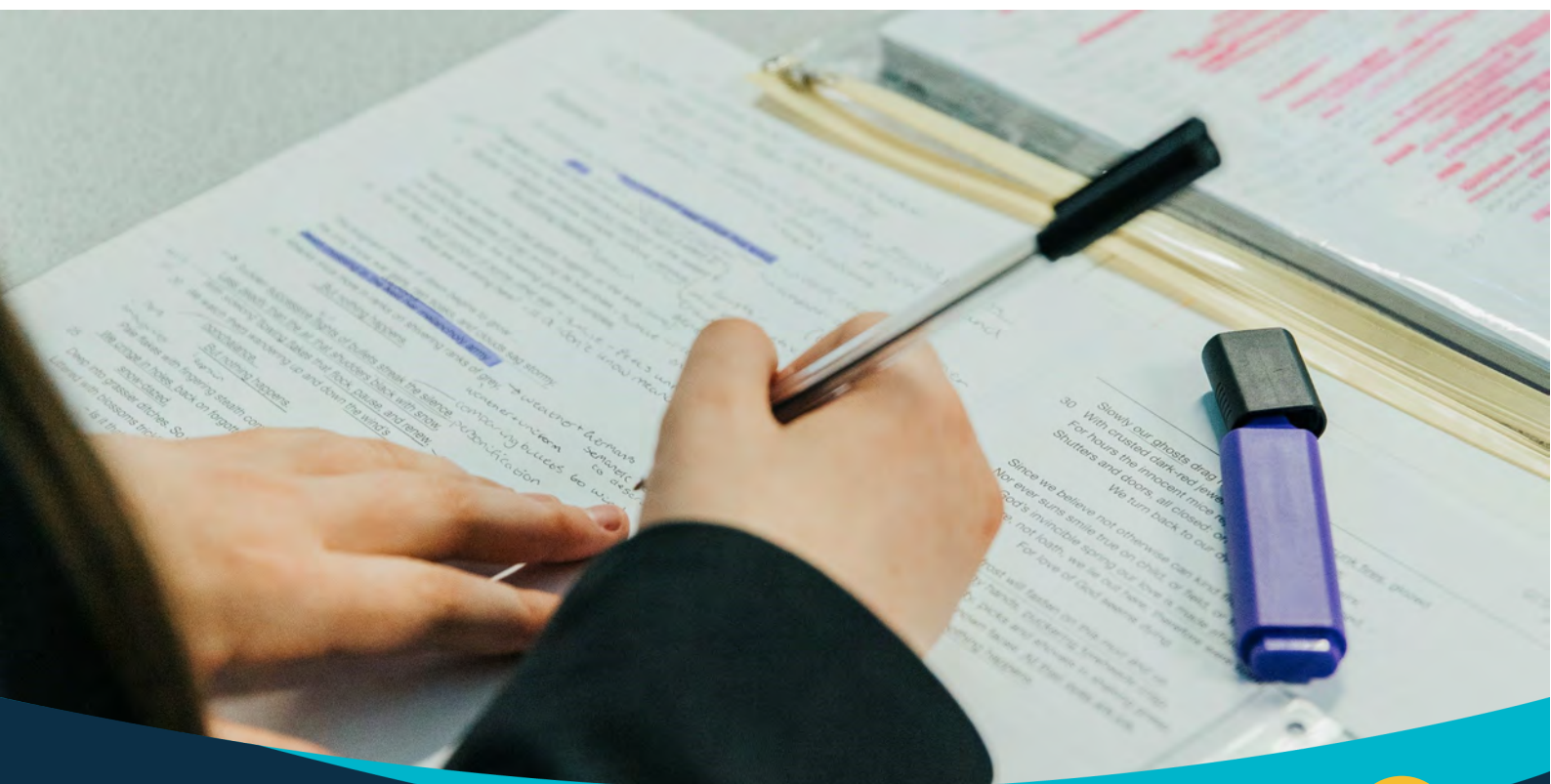


YEAR 11 REVISION CLASSROOMS

	CLASS CODES	REVISION WEBSITES
ART	Y11 Art Resources and Revision 7qwexhc	Resources are in this general Y11 Classroom, they will need to join. This is different to their individual class, Classrooms.
BTEC SPORT	bi4562nq	theeverlearner
DRAMA	nuaj5yb - this is a general Classroom but all revision will be made available on here in a specific section.	eduqas bitesize
ENGINEERING MANUFACTURING	All 3 classes - bbnvp4gg	Revision will be on Classroom.
ENGINEERING DESIGN	11A//Ed1 - 4n4ouao 11C/Ed1 - 7fd2t2d	Revision will be on Classroom.
HOSPITALITY AND CATERING	11A/Ca1 - wozur4o 11D/Ca1 - l2lp7zy	Revision will be on Classroom.
ENGLISH	zqejqr3	Loads of revision resources on Classroom.
FRENCH	11A q754ps4	All links are on the Google Classroom.
GEOGRAPHY	zmlwvlb - GCSE Past Papers and Mark Scheme jsekvhj - Topic Revision Resources	Geography Google Site (intranet)
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE	mbrzgd4b Pupils are working on HSC coursework until 1 December. R032 Principles of care in HSC is the exam unit of work. A revision schedule will be posted in December.	A revision work book is posted on Classroom under the unit title RO32.
HISTORY	All Year 11 History pupils are now on the same Google Classroom page. Revision materials will be put on here. vw5jqy	Pupils are being directed towards Seneca Learning for Home Learning Revision. Teachers are checking this weekly and putting on negatives for those not completing it. We are also selling revision guides through the department.



	CLASS CODES	REVISION WEBSITES
MATHS	All pupils have been added to the Classroom already. eujrl6ow	Revision materials in the google classroom, papers, revision tracker etc. Sparx - weekly homework on here and the option for independent learning. Mathsgenie - past papers, revision by topic with videos, questions and answers. on maths - good for self marking questions.
MUSIC	All pupils are on Classroom.	Eduqas Digital Educational Resources
RS	yvbygqn	
GCSE PE OCR	Mrs Scales l7y7mwf Mr Mastrodonardo pqnvhn3	YouTube The EverLearner GCSE Pod Resources on Classroom go to 'classwork - all-topics - exams and revision'.
SPORTS STUDIES OCR	fcpdrh6	The EverLearner
BUSINESS	hgzt5m	
SCIENCE	All pupils added on Classroom d5j65f3	Lots of revision resources on the Classroom.





NOTICES

Sixth Form Bursary

If your child is in the sixth form and in receipt of free school meals, or your household income is below £28,000, they are eligible to apply for the bursary to support their Sixth Form studies. Further information and application forms are available from the sixth form team.

Health and Social Care

Health and Social Care subject interventions are available for all pupils and students studying HSC. Monday and Thursday lunch times and Tuesdays after school 3.30-4.45pm in N9.

Post 16 Transport

Applications are now open and parents can apply online www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-and-college-transport/transport-sixth-form-or-college.

Whitby Sixth Form Instagram

Follow us to see the exciting things our students are achieving at Whitby Sixth Form.

[ws_sixthform](https://www.instagram.com/ws_sixthform)



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

- Year 7-8 Football, 12.45-1.15pm (Astro, Airy Hill Site)
- Airy Hill Choir, 12.45-1.15pm (Music Room, Airy Hill Site)
- Year 9 Football, 12.45-1.15pm (Sports Hall, Prospect Hill Site)
- Health and Social Care Intervention, lunch time (N9, Prospect Hill Site)

TUESDAY

- Year 7-8 Football, 12.45-1.15pm (Astro, Airy Hill Site)
- Airy Hill Band, 12.45-1.15pm (Music Room, Airy Hill Site)
- Year 10 Football, 12.45-1.15pm (Sports Hall, Prospect Hill Site)
- Year 7-8 Football, 3.30-4.30pm (Field/Astro, Airy Hill Site)
- Football Club, 3.30-4.30pm (Field, Prospect Hill Site)
- SEN Homework Club, 3.30-4.30pm (Both Sites)
- KS3 Drama Club, 3.45-4.45pm (Prospect Hill Site)
- Health and Social Care Intervention, 3.30-4.45pm (N9, Prospect Hill Site)

WEDNESDAY

- Chess Club, 12.45-1.15pm (Library, Airy Hill Site)
- Writers' Club, Lunchtime (Prospect Hill Site)
- Year 9 Football, 12.45-1.15pm (Sports Hall, Prospect Hill Site)
- Year 7-8 Netball, 3.30-4.30pm (Courts, Airy Hill Site)

- Year 10-11 Netball, 3.30-4.30pm (Sports Hall, Prospect Hill Site)
- SEN Homework Club, 3.30-4.30pm (Both Sites)
- Whitby Table Tennis Club, 7.00-8.00pm (Gym, Airy Hill Site)

THURSDAY

- Year 7-8 Football, 12.45-1.15pm (Astro, Airy Hill Site)
- KS4 Racket Sports, 12.45-1.15pm (Sports Hall, Prospect Hill Site)
- Funk Band, 12.45-1.15pm (Music Room, Prospect Hill Site)
- Health and Social Care Intervention, lunch time (N9, Prospect Hill Site)
- SEN Homework Club, 3.30-4.30pm (Both Sites)

FRIDAY

- Year 7-8 Football, 12.45-1.15pm (Astro, Airy Hill Site)
- Games Club, 12.45-1.15pm (R4, Airy Hill Site)
- BTEC Sport Intervention, 12.45-1.15pm (H9, Prospect Hill Site)
- Year 10 GCSE PE Intervention, 12.45-1.15pm (S4, Prospect Hill Site)
- Writers' Club, Lunchtime (H9, Prospect Hill Site)



To find out more about upcoming events and visits, please view the Whitby School Calendar.

KEY DATES

Mon. 27-Fri. 31 October	Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 November	Year 8 NSPCC 'It's Not Ok' Play and Workshops
Tuesday 4 November	Year 7 Navy Day, 10.40am-2.30pm Year 9 NSPCC 'It's Not Ok' Play and Workshops Year 11 Girls Football at Malton, 3.30pm
Wednesday 5 November	Year 7 Navy Day, 10.40am-2.30pm Year 11 BTEC Dance Written Assessment Component 2, 10.40am-12.45pm Young Carer Lunch Hub, 12.45-1.30pm (R4, Airy Hill site) District Cross Country, 2.00pm start (H) Year 11 Seven-a-Football at Malton, 3.30pm
Thursday 6 November	Year 13 Personal Statement checking by CU Scarborough Year 11 Revision Session, 4.00-5.30pm Year 12 Presentation about University from CU Scarborough, 5.00pm
10-14 November	Year 11 Health Promotion Presentation Week
10-14 November	Year 12 Health & Social Care Work Experience
Tuesday 11 November	Primary Basketball (Airy Hill site) Year 10 Seven-a-Side Football at Malton, 3.30pm U-13 Eleven-a-Side Football v Fyling Hall, 4.00pm (H) SiX Performance, curtain up 7.00pm (Prospect Hill site)
Wednesday 12 November	Year 7 Five-a-Side Football at Malton, 3.30pm SiX Performance, curtain up 7.00pm (Prospect Hill site)
Thursday 13 November	Aerospace Engineering Day U-13 Hockey at Scarborough College, 2.30pm Year 9 Five-a-Side Football v Fyling Hall (A) SiX Performance, curtain up 7.00pm (Prospect Hill site)
Monday 17 November	SEND Forum, 1.45-3.00pm (Airy Hill site)
Tuesday 18 November	Primary Sports Hall Athletics, 1.00-3.00pm (Prospect Hill site) Year 10 Badminton v Fyling Hall (A) Year 10 Girls Football at Malton, 3.30pm
Wednesday 19 November	Year 9 Seven-a-Side Football at Malton, 3.30pm
Thursday 20 November	Year 11 Parents' Evening 1, 4.00-6.00pm (Prospect Hill site)



Friday 21 November	Primary Sports Hall Athletics, 1.00-3.00pm (Prospect Hill site)
Tuesday 25 November	Primary Basketball Final at Whitby Leisure Centre (TBC)
	Year 9 Girls Football at Malton, 3.30pm
	Year 10 Badminton at Fyling Hall (A)
Wednesday 26 November	Young Carer Lunch Hub, 12.45-1.30pm (R4, Airy Hill site)
	Year 8 Seven-a-Side Football at Malton, 3.30pm
Thursday 27 November	U-15 Hockey at Lady Lumley's, 2.30pm
	Year 11 Parents' Evening 2, 4.00-6.00pm (Prospect Hill site)
30 November-6 December	German Exchange Visit to Germany
1-12 December	Year 11 Mock Exams
Tuesday 2 Dec & Wed 3 Dec	Year 7 Navy Presentation and Workshops
Wednesday 3 December	Year 7 Seven-a-Side Football at Malton, 3.30pm
	Year 8 Girls Football at Pindar, 3.30pm
Thursday 4 December	Five-a-Side Football v Fyling Hall (A), need to confirm
Tuesday 9 December	KS2 Inclusive Dodgeball (Airy Hill site)
Wednesday 10 December	Year 7 Girls Football at Pindar, 3.30pm
	Winter Performing Arts Evening, 6.00pm (Prospect Hill hall)
Thursday 11 December	Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening, 4.00-6.00pm (Prospect Hill site)
Thursday 16 December	Year 7 Pantomime
Mon. 22 Dec.-Fri. 2 Jan.	Christmas Holiday
Monday 5 January 2026	Staff Training Days
Wednesday 7 January	Year 11 Basketball at Lady Lumley's, 3.00pm
Thursday 8 January	Year 8 Woman in Black Theatre Trip
	Year 7 Parents' Evening 1, 4.00-6.00pm
Friday 9 January	Year 8 to York St John University for the Making Waves Programme
Monday 12 January	Year 10 Basketball at Lady Lumley's, 3.00pm
Tuesday 13 January	KS3 Badminton at Fyling Hall
w/b Monday 2 February	National Careers Week
Monday 2-Friday 6 February	Hospitality and Catering Practical Exam
Mon. 16-Fri. 20 February	Half Term Holiday
23 Feb-6 March	Year 11 Mock Exams
Mon. 30 March.-Fri. 10 April	Easter Holiday
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 7 May	Exams begin
Mon. 25-Fri. 29 May	Half Term Holiday



TERM DATES 2025-26

Autumn Term 2025

Mon. 1 & Tues. 2 September	Training Days
Wed. 3 September	School Opens
Wed. 15 October	Training Day
Fri. 24 October	School Closes
Mon. 27-Fri. 31 October	Half Term Holiday
Mon. 3 November	School Opens
Fri. 19 December	School Closes
Mon. 22 Dec.-Fri. 2 January	Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2026

Mon. 5 January	Training Day
Tues. 6 January	School Opens
Fri. 13 February	School Closes
Mon. 16-Fri. 20 February	Half Term Holiday
Mon. 23 February	School Opens
Fri. 27 March	School Closes
Mon. 30 March.- Fri. 10 April	Easter Holiday

Summer Term 2026

Mon. 13 April	School Opens
Mon. 4 May	Bank Holiday
Fri. 22 May	School Closes
Mon. 25-Fri. 29 May	Half Term Holiday
Mon. 1 June	School Opens
Fri. 17 July	School Closes
Mon. 20 July	Training Day



MEET THE STAFF

Senior Leadership Team

Mr G Davies – Headteacher

Miss J Caddell – Head of School

Ms S Boyd – Deputy Headteacher

Mrs J Bradley – Assistant Headteacher (Prospect Hill site)

Mrs K Mallender – Assistant Headteacher (Airy Hill site)

Mr A Whelan – Assistant Headteacher (Sixth Form)

SEND

Mrs H Kirk – SENCo

Safeguarding

Miss J Caddell – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs J Bradley – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Heads of Year

Mrs A Harrison – Year 7

Ms D Reddy – Year 7

Mr A Raw – Year 8

Ms A Ruberry – Year 9

Mrs J Cassell-Osowski – Year 10

Mrs AM Scales – Year 11

Care & Achievement Coordinators

Miss A Clarkson – Year 7

Miss E Hutton – Year 8

Miss K Wilson – Year 8

Mr D Taylor – Year 9

Mr D Jackson – Year 10

Mrs H Ross – Year 11

Mr J Daley – Year 12 & 13

Speak Out Safely



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Miss J Caddell



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs J Bradley



Mrs K Mallender



Mrs J Robinson



Mr A Whelan



Mrs H Kirk, SENDCo



Mr M Taylor, Governor



Whitby
School

Airy Hill Band

**Tuesday
Lunchtime
Music Room**

Bring a packed lunch.

*For all
instrumentalists.*



FUNK BAND



**Whitby
School**

PROSPECT HILL SITE
THURSDAYS, LUNCHTIME
IN THE MUSIC ROOM
BRING YOUR LUNCH

AIRY HILL CHOIR

**Mondays,
Lunchtime
in the
Music
Room**



**For anyone who enjoys
singing. Bring your
lunch and a friend or
come along and meet
our friendly singers.**



**Whitby
School**

**KS3 Drama Club
Year 7 8 & 9
TUESDAYS
3:45-4:45pm
UPPER SCHOOL
Drama Studio**

Opens 30th September!



Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm



WHITBY TTC

JUNIOR CLUB NIGHTS

WHEN: Wednesdays, starting September 3rd

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 pm

WHERE: Whitby School Gymnasium
(Airy Hill site)

£ COST: £2

Come along, have fun and improve your table tennis skills! All abilities welcome.

Contact: whitbytabletennis@gmail.com

WHITBY RAINBOW COLOUR RUN

SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2025, WHITBY BEACH, WEST PIER

ENTRY PRICE INCLUDES T-SHIRT & SUNGLASSES
ADULTS & OVER 12'S: £15, UNDER 12'S: £10,
FAMILY OF 4: £30 (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN)

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 11AM RUN STARTS AT 12NOON

TICKETS AND INFO AVAILABLE FROM THE LIONS WEBSITE:
whitbylionsclub.org.uk/whitby-rainbow-colour-run
<- OR SCAN THE QR CODE

YOU CAN ALSO PURCHASE TICKETS FROM THE WHITBY PET SHOP
 15 STATION SQUARE, WHITBY YO21 1DU



@WHITBYRAINBOWCOLOURRUN





WHITBY MUSIC Centre

Music ensembles for all ages, all instruments & all abilities

We rehearse at Whitby School, Airy Hill site most term time Saturdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm & our Pop Choir rehearse on Monday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.45pm

Contact Richard.Wood@northyorks.gov.uk
for more information

www.whitbymusiccentre.co.uk



SING WITH WHITBY'S OWN

POP CHOIR

POP **SHOWS** **ROCK**

EVERYONE WELCOME

Term-time Mondays
6.30-7.45pm
Whitby School

More details @ whitbymusiccentre.co.uk

Rotary **YOUNG MUSICIAN** COMPETITION



Friday 14 November, 6.00pm at the Order of the Holy Paraclete, Castle Park, Whitby

CALLING ALL YOUNG MUSICIANS

Share your gift of song or mastery of a musical instrument and perform live in the annual Rotary Young Musician competition. (Up to the age of 17)

Contact: Stephen Maltby

s.maltby@hotmail.com

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Great Britain & Ireland



THE ROTARY CLUB OF WHITBY & DISTRICT



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RIBI **YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER** COMPETITION

If you are aged 11-17 years old and love photography this is the competition for you!

The theme for this year's competition is:

'Happiness in Nature'

Get your camera/mobile phone out and have a go at taking photos that capture the theme.

You can then submit your best photo to the competition.

We look forward to seeing the results. Deadline 30/11/25

Prizes will be awarded to winners.

Go for it!

Ask your parent/guardian to email photographywhitbyrotary@yahoo.com for an entry form.



TOGETHERNESS

An update on

WELLBEING FOR EVERY SCHOOL PARENT

Your NHS learning space created by psychologists

Togetherness is the new face of inourplace, the NHS emotional health digital learning hub funded in your area to provide your family with free access to expert learning about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help you to connect with your children and make sure they thrive.

The parent pathway to better relationships and behaviour



Understanding your child:
from toddler to teenager

Online learning journey to empower your parenting anytime, anywhere.
[bitesize e-learning](#)

Adolescence: Tools for teens to help protect mental health



Learning resources on
teenage brain development

Including teen reviews of the online learning pathways for young people.
[series of 1 minute video reviews](#)

5 things to protect your mental health whatever happens



Togetherness ideas for
World Mental Health Day 2025

Ideas to help care for your wellbeing everyday and the secret to emotional resilience.
[3 minute read](#)

Falling out and making up: parent relationships



Life skills for arguing and
healthy grown up relationships

Resources to help you model falling out and making up for your children.
[short films and quick reads](#)

Thinking about SEND and emotional wellbeing?



Understanding your child
with additional needs

Online learning pathway to help you connect with your unique child.
[bitesize e-learning](#)

Expert insights for your parenting: meet our Togetherness team



Follow us on TikTok
or Instagram

Short films on sleep, toddler tantrums, school behaviour, teenagers and much more.
[bitesize video content](#)