



Whitby school  
*Ad finem terrae*

newsletter

ISSUE 43





## HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME



Perched on the cliffs above our town, Whitby Abbey has inspired generations of writers and thinkers. Among them was Bram Stoker, whose words still resonate today:

**“But we are strong, each in our purpose, and we are all stronger together.” - Bram Stoker**

This sentiment captures the very heart of our school community. Just as Whitby's history speaks of resilience and unity, our strength lies in working together - pupils, families, and staff united by a shared purpose: helping every child succeed.

Parent engagement is central to this. When home and school collaborate, we create the best possible environment for our pupils to flourish. There are many ways to be part of this partnership - through everyday communication, becoming a governor, joining our SEN Parent Forum, or supporting the brilliant Friends of Whitby School.

Today, I'm excited to invite you to join the **Whitby Home-School Improvement Partnership**. This Parent Forum will meet regularly to share the same data we present to governors and to offer input on our School Development Plan. Your insight and ideas will help shape the future of Whitby School. The first meeting will be on **Tuesday 9 December, 4.00-6.00pm**.

If you are interested in joining this forum, please email

[post@whitbyschool.co.uk](mailto:post@whitbyschool.co.uk).

We would love to hear from you.

Together, we can ensure that every pupil has the support, encouragement, and opportunities they need - not just for success in school, but for life.

Thank you for being such an important part of our Whitby story.

### Why Parent Engagement Matters

- **Better Outcomes for Pupils** - When parents and school work together, pupils achieve more academically and socially.
- **Stronger Community** - Collaboration builds trust and a sense of belonging for families and staff alike.
- **Shared Vision** - Your input helps shape priorities and ensures our School Development Plan reflects the needs of all pupils.

*With very best wishes, Mr Davies*







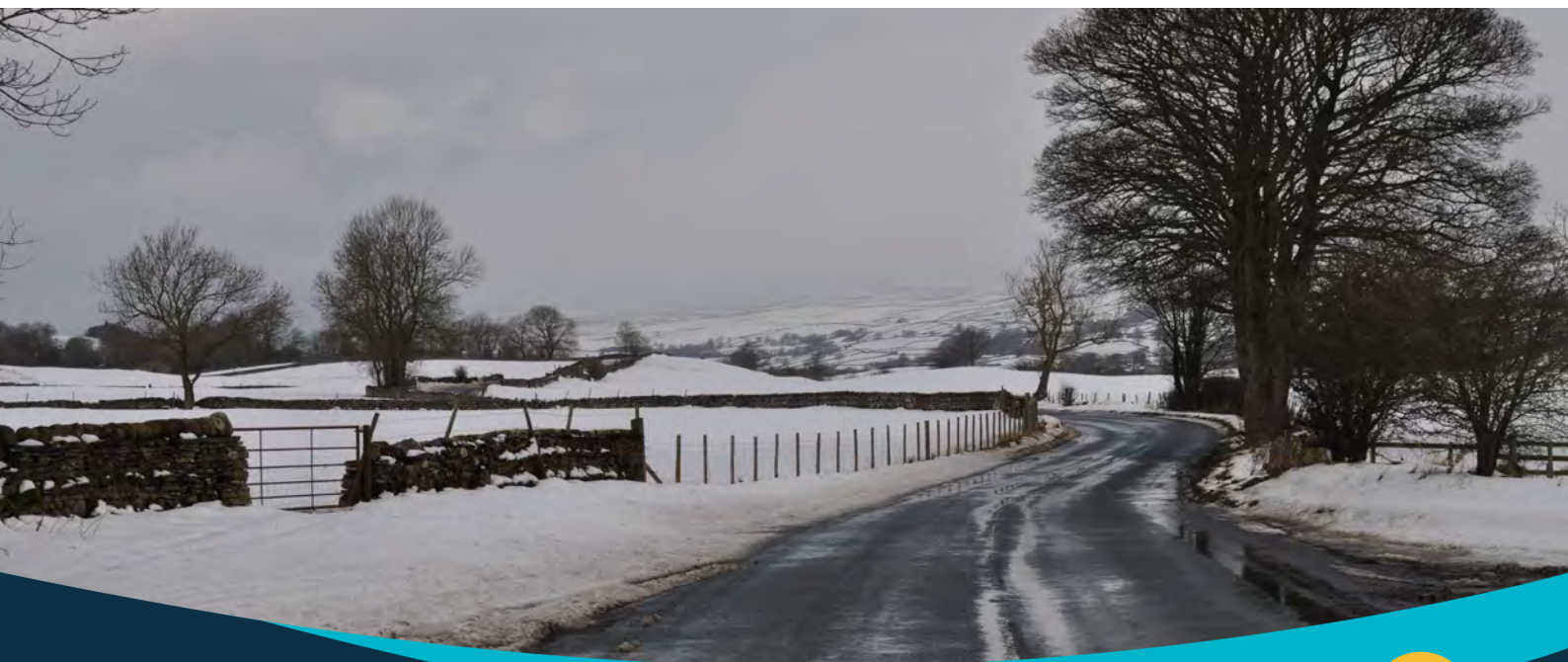
## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S WELCOME



I'd like to begin by saying 'Thank you very much' for your support and understanding during some exceptional circumstances this week. I think that there are few of us who really enjoy change so adapting to emergency situations isn't easy. Our staff have worked tirelessly and responded to situations outside of their control with patience and kindness and it has really helped to have an engaged and supportive parent community.

To reassure you, we do work in collaboration with the North Yorkshire emergency planning team in all circumstances such as these and we carefully risk assess any actions we might take. This is important as working together with others ensures that we take the most appropriate action.

I'm looking forward to continuing to engage with you as part of our '**Whitby Home-School Improvement Partnership.**' This group will build on how we collaborate with the Governing Body and also will build on how parents and carers engage with pastoral staff such as Form Tutors, Care and Achievement Coordinators and Heads of Year. The most important part of this engagement is the realisation that we are all on the same side! We all want the very best for our young people and when we work together and patiently listen to each other we can make this happen.





## DROPPING OFF/COLLECTING YOUR SON/DAUGHTER FROM SCHOOL

Please note that, for health and safety reasons, we need to restrict the movement of traffic on the schools' sites to keep our pupils safe. Parking is unavoidably limited for visitors, particularly on our Prospect Hill Site. However, Mayfield Road has space for parking which is easy to access. There are many pupils leaving the site at 3.30pm and we need it to be as safe as possible for them. Please therefore avoid turning into the Prospect Hill car park if there is space on Mayfield Road. Please also be respectful of our school neighbours and do not block or park in their

private parking areas. This includes Beevers' Furniture Store car park - dropping off/collecting pupils from **Beevers' car park is not permitted**, nor is dropping off/collecting from our neighbours' parking areas at the top of the school driveway. The emergency access bay near to the field gate at our Prospect Hill Site also must be left clear at all times. When driving onto either school site, please note the 5mph speed limit and the reverse only policy for parking so that you only drive forwards out of any parking space. Thank you for your support with these matters.







# 50 WORD MODERN CHRISTMAS NATIVITY STORY

Charles Dickens was a whiz at the Christmas tale – he wrote quite a few more than ‘A Christmas Carol’ – but can you re-tell the original Christmas nativity in a modern way?

**The challenge is to write this wonderful beginning of Christmas tale in 50 words!**

**Either hand-written or Word.doc to  
Mrs Sharp by: Thursday 4 December  
2025**

**Prizes include books and chocolate!  
Winners will be notified in assembly.**

**Think it can't be done?**

**A Modern Nativity at Christmas**

In a humble shelter, a child is born - light breaking into darkness. No palace, but a stable; no crown, but swaddling cloth. Shepherds arrive, guided by wonder; sages follow a star, bearing gifts. Hope enters quietly, yet shakes empires. Love incarnate, fragile yet eternal, begins humanity's most enduring story.





# HAS YOUR CHILD HAD THEIR EYES TESTED YET?

## When should you get your child a free eye test?

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of four. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

## How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an opticians, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices [Find an optician - NHS](#).

## What will it cost?

**Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests.** If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to **help with the cost**.

## Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially
- eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to prevent longer-term eye problems
- even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested
- they are no longer tested in school.

## How can you tell if your child has an eye problem?

Some eye problems don't show any signs, so it is always best to take your child for an eye test.

Signs of a possible eye problem can include:

- having one eye that turns in or out
- difficulty concentrating
- behavioural problems
- headaches
- rubbing their eyes a lot
- sitting too close to the TV
- screwing up/closing one or both eyes
- holding things close to them.

An eye test is very important especially if there's a history of early glasses use, childhood eye problems, squint or lazy eye, in your family.

## Did you know?

Short-sightedness is on the rise and has been linked to a range of factors including screen use. Help your child's eyes stay healthy by managing screen use and encouraging them to get outside often (this helps their eyesight).

## More Information:

- NHS information: [nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/)
- Find an optician: [Find an optician - NHS](#)
- Information on Vision/Eye tests [Humber and North Yorkshire ICB](#)
- Looking After Your Children's Eyes - [College of Optometrists](#)
- Children's eye health - [Association of Optometrists](#)





# SIX - THE MUSICAL

Last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday saw audiences come to experience the 'queen-spirational' musical that is - *SIX* by Toby Marlow and Lucy Moss! *SIX* of Year 11's finest talent took to the stage in an amazing feat of performative skill demonstrating acting, singing and dancing skills for the hour and a half long spectacular. This meant that there was nowhere for them to hide, no breaks to be had and at all times they had to be on top form - they did not disappoint!

This is the second full scale production at Whitby School and is a testament to what can actually be achieved with the support of people both inside and outside of the school. Special thanks go to Mrs Alderson for initial choreography last year and for (Miss) Su Crossland from Mesh Movement for

working with the cast this year and giving up her lunchtimes and after school time! Also thanks to Mrs Beattie for once again guiding vocals. Huge thanks to all the staff who helped out on the three nights with refreshments and tickets and the guess the weight of the sweet jar. The site staff have also worked extremely hard to support both in preparing the stage for the shows and also setting the seating which needed to be changed each day for school in the morning. Without this involvement events like this would just not happen!

The idea to perform *SIX* was formulated after the massive success of *We Will Rock You* in the summer and it was a way to offer the Year 11 Drama group something practical to do that wouldn't impact on the





time when they were doing their GCSEs. Arts subjects are so important as it is not just the intrinsic value of the discipline itself (be that drama, music, dance or fine art) but the creativity that is developed in following such a path, the specific challenges that come from studying a practical subject, the teamwork and cooperative skills that come from working as a group but perhaps most importantly, the chance to develop self-confidence. This is something that was massively self evident when watching these six young ladies 'hold court' on stage in front of so many people.

Here's what people had to say about the show:

*"The production of SIX was brilliant! A well cast ensemble of girls who had real chemistry and talent. Bravo! We all loved it."*

**"The show overall was fantastic, loved the set design, definitely some superstars in the making."**

*"It was a very catchy and very AMAZING singers."*

**"Absolutely brilliant! Everyone of the Queens were great, it would be unfair to pick one who shined because they all did themselves proud, well done."**

*"What an amazing show by such talented queens. It's a long time for such a small number of performers to be onstage without a break but they kept the energy going right to the end. The sheer amount of talent shown was mind blowing. Well done ladies for a superb performance."*

**"Amazing, loved it,"**

*"It was fantastic, so energetic and very catchy."*

**"Amazing talent in such a short time of preparation. Well done all involved."**

*"The girls have done absolutely amazing. They turned that show into their own and it was incredible. I watched twice and neither time disappointed. Mr G did an amazing job at directing and supporting the girls to create the show in their own fantastic way. It is such a cleverly put together show as it is, and they pulled it off brilliantly. Well done to all involved."*

If you saw the show and would like to leave us a comment or message for one (or more) of the Queens please click on the [LINK](#).







## SEN PARENTS' FOCUS GROUP

**The SEN Parents' Focus Group will be taking place on 27 November, 10.00am-12.00noon at the Airy Hill site.**

Within the group we have parents with neurodivergent children of all ages and covering a wide range of SEND.

Please come along to meet everyone. We can offer help and support with a range of special needs issues including completing Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) applications, signposting to services and SEND opportunities locally and taking your questions

and concerns to school management. Parents with children in Years 5 and 6 who attend any of the primary schools in Whitby and who have already got concerns about their child's transition to Whitby School and their possible need for an EHCP are also welcome to join us.

Your questions are always respected, your contribution is valued and your experiences may help another family. Please come along, you are very welcome.

## SPORTS NEWS

### U-15 Girls' Football

These girls are now through to the semi final of the North Yorkshire County Cup after winning on

penalties against Bootham School from York. It was a lovely game played in the right way by both schools. A big pat on the back for all those involved.





## SEVERE WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS

**Under all circumstances, the safety of pupils will dictate our actions and the Headteacher, Head of School or Deputy Headteacher, will endeavour to work with all outside agencies to ensure the safety of all pupils.**

The following points should help us all to be clear about what will occur in the event of extreme weather:

- once pupils/students are in school, we will normally keep them in school until the weather improves to ensure their safety; pupils/students requesting to go home early during a snowstorm should be discouraged
- pupils will be kept in form rooms/hall as directed by SLT until a staff register has been completed to ensure the normal timetable can operate. The instruction to allow pupils to leave form rooms/hall and resume their usual timetable will be given by SLT on site
- under normal circumstances, we will try to stick to our normal transport arrangements, as this is usually the safest plan for pupils/students
- if the weather is particularly poor and pupils/students cannot get home, they will be able to stay in school, with supervision from senior staff. Information to parents regarding our severe weather arrangements will request that parents inform the school of an alternative “home” destination, that is likely to be more accessible, for those pupils/students who live in particularly remote areas
- please note that this system can only work well if we have up to date contact information for both pupils and staff and therefore, the office must be kept updated of responsible adults and home contact information for pupils and students
- pupils/students should not make private arrangements. In poor weather, the Headteacher, Head of School or Deputy Headteacher will act centrally to try and ensure the best arrangements for everyone
- in the event of Whitby School needing to send pupils/students home early, staff will endeavour to contact a responsible adult who will accept responsibility for that pupil going home early. The school will remain responsible for all pupils/students until a parent/carer is able to ensure each pupil's safety. Parents will be notified of this and, if there are to be specific, individual arrangements for any pupil/student, in the event of pupils/students being sent home early, then the school must be informed of this, in advance, by parents/carer
- if the weather is poor overnight, the Headteacher, Head of School or Deputy Headteacher, will make decisions about transport at 7.00am, in consultation with the police and local transport providers. They will contact local Radio, BBC Radio York, Radio Cleveland and Capital FM (North East and Yorkshire)
- information will be put on the school's social media, as soon as possible, once a decision has been made to close the school
- prior to such occasions, parents should ensure that their son/daughter has suitable shoes, a warm coat, gloves, etc for winter weather.





## FEAST - FOOD. ENTERTAINMENT. ARTS. SPORT. TOGETHER.

### **FEAST offers loads of different things to do in the school holidays.**

All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of holiday activities, with free places and a free meal for children and young people receiving benefits-related free school meals.

FEAST partners with leading holiday playschemes, clubs and activity providers from across North Yorkshire to offer a wide range of activities for kids of all ages from Reception to Year 11.

There is so much to choose from – come and take a look at the [fantastic selection of free holiday activities near you](#). If you need help with transport to these activities, you can request support on our [transport form](#).

### **[Discover our frequently asked questions.](#)**

FEAST is here to help families throughout the school holidays, by providing food and things to do without adding to the growing pressure on income.

Everyone in North Yorkshire can join in, with FREE

places for those (from Reception to Year 11) who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Eligible families receive information about FEAST and a voucher to **book their free place via their school through an online system called HolidayActivities**. If you're registered for benefits-related Free School Meals and don't have your voucher, **please contact your school**.





## SIXTH FORM SUBJECT FOCUS: FINE ART

### What will I study?

Are you able to see the beauty and emotion in the world around you? Do you enjoy drawing, sketching and photography? Do you love to experiment with new techniques and styles of art? If you decide to study art, you will build on the skills you have learned in art GCSE, as well as learn some new techniques and approaches. We have a range of equipment across the department for you to access such as a kiln for clay work, screen printing equipment, dark room and cameras, laser cutter, glass-fusing kiln and a 3D printer. You will also have your own base room and desk, to be able to work independently during your study periods. No need to book in or hot desk!

### What do students do afterwards?

We have helped students study at some of the most prestigious universities in the UK, including Leeds, Chelsea, Glasgow, York and Falmouth. These students study a variety of disciplines in the art and design world, including art foundation studies, fine art, sculpture, film, illustration and photography. We have many students who have

gone on to have successful careers in the competitive art and design world as textile artists, photographers and architects.

### How will I be assessed?

60% personal investigation; 40% externally set task

### What can I do to prepare?

Have a look at some of the work exhibited around Whitby School or ask your teacher to show you some of the work students have produced on their Year 12 and Year 13 fine art courses. Talk to some of our students too - they'll fill you in on what they enjoy most about the course.







## REVISION FOCUS: MATHS

The best way to revise maths is practise, practise, practise! Lots of the content has already been covered, so this is the time to bring it back to the front of your mind and refresh things you cannot remember. To start with, focus on specific topics and then once you are confident move onto past paper practice.

### Revising specific topics:

[www.sparx.co.uk](http://www.sparx.co.uk)

Weekly homework is being set on Sparx. Use the homework to practice the content we are covering in lessons and then use the independent practice section to revise topics from last year and KS3.

<https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.php>

Tasks are sorted by grade so you could start at a lower grade and work your way up to build your confidence and skills. Alternatively you can search for a topic you want to practise. The website has videos, questions and answers.

<https://corbettmaths.com/contents/>

Videos, worksheets and practice papers! All worksheets have a QR code which will take you to a video for that topic.

[www.mathspad.co.uk](http://www.mathspad.co.uk)

You can email your maths teacher for your login details if you don't have them. MathsPad has a huge bank of tasks that progress from simple to problem solving on every topic.

### Past papers:

Please see Mr Ford if you would like a paper to work through as he has papers printed in his classroom (M2).

<https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/papers.php>

Lots of past papers are available on mathsgenie. For each paper there is the paper, the mark scheme, handwritten solutions and a video which talks through each question.

[www.onmaths.com](http://www.onmaths.com)

A free website which you can sign up to (but don't have to). The exam papers on here will grade as you go along and are self marking. You can also access topic tasks which are graded.





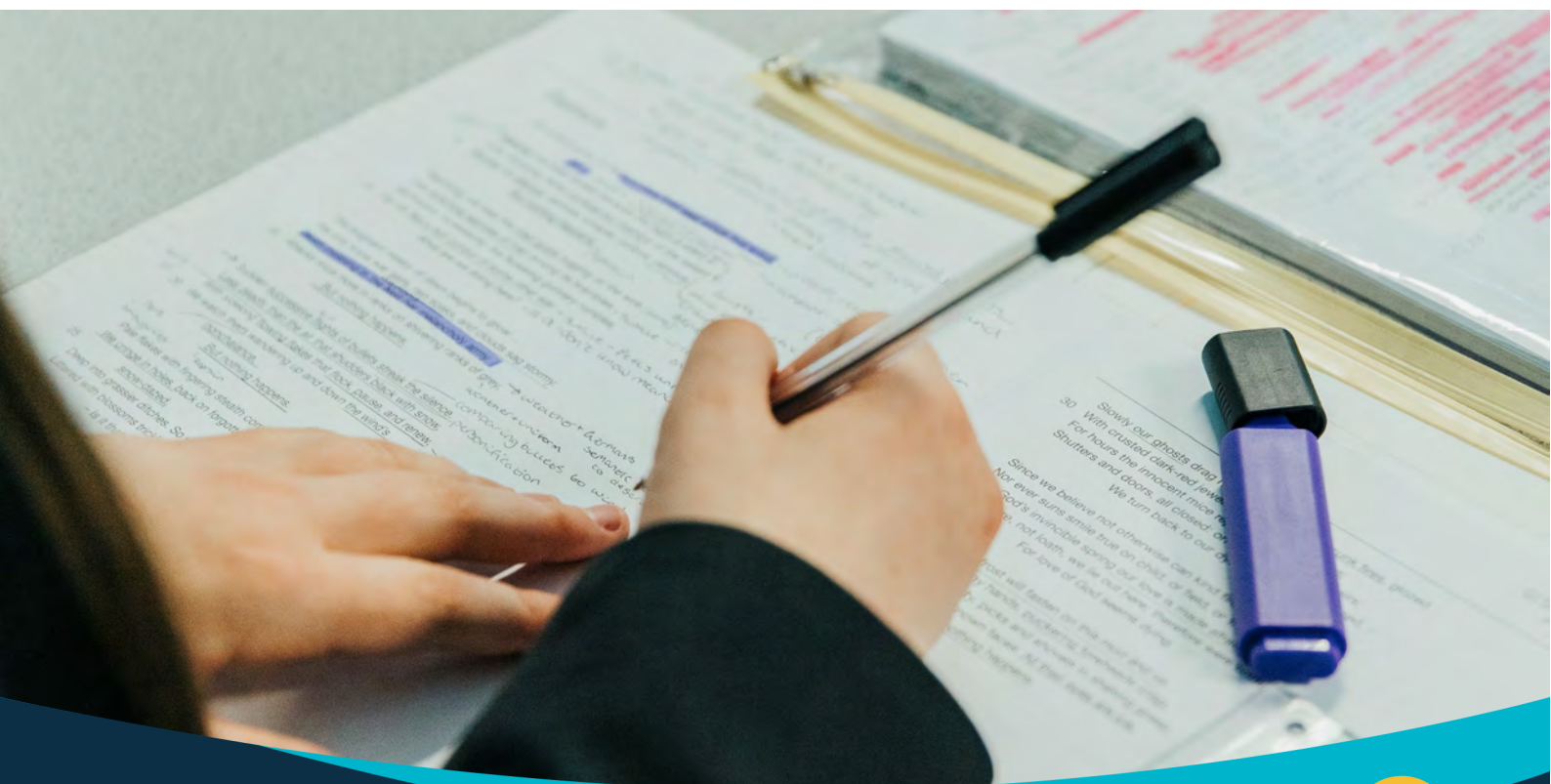
## YEAR 11 REVISION CLASSROOMS

	CLASS CODES	REVISION WEBSITES
ART	Y11 Art Resources and Revision <a href="#">7qwexhc</a>	Resources are in this general Y11 Classroom, they will need to join. This is different to their individual class, Classrooms.
BTEC SPORT	<a href="#">bi4562nq</a>	<a href="#">theeverlearner</a>
DRAMA	<a href="#">nuaj5yb</a> - this is a general Classroom but all revision will be made available on here in a specific section.	<a href="#">eduqas</a> <a href="#">bitesize</a>
ENGINEERING MANUFACTURING	All 3 classes - <a href="#">bbnvp4gg</a>	Revision will be on Classroom.
ENGINEERING DESIGN	11A//Ed1 - <a href="#">4n4ouao</a> 11C/Ed1 - <a href="#">7fd2t2d</a>	Revision will be on Classroom.
HOSPITALITY AND CATERING	11A/Ca1 - <a href="#">wozur4o</a> 11D/Ca1 - <a href="#">l2lp7zy</a>	Revision will be on Classroom.
ENGLISH	<a href="#">zqejqr3</a>	Loads of revision resources on Classroom.
FRENCH	11A <a href="#">q754ps4</a>	All links are on the Google Classroom.
GEOGRAPHY	<a href="#">zmlwvlb</a> - GCSE Past Papers and Mark Scheme <a href="#">jsekvhj</a> - Topic Revision Resources	<a href="#">Geography Google Site (intranet)</a>
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE	<a href="#">mbrzgd4b</a> 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. <a href="#">vw5jqy</a>	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
<b>MATHS</b>	All pupils have been added to the Classroom already. <a href="#">eujrl6ow</a>	Revision materials in the google classroom, papers, revision tracker etc. <a href="#">Sparx</a> - weekly homework on here and the option for independent learning. <a href="#">Mathsgenie</a> - past papers, revision by topic with videos, questions and answers. <a href="#">on maths</a> - good for self marking questions.
<b>MUSIC</b>	All pupils are on Classroom.	<a href="#">Eduqas Digital Educational Resources</a>
<b>RS</b>	<a href="#">yvbygqn</a>	
<b>GCSE PE OCR</b>	Mrs Scales <a href="#">l7y7mwf</a> Mr Mastrodonardo <a href="#">pqnvhn3</a>	<a href="#">YouTube</a> <a href="#">The EverLearner</a> GCSE Pod Resources on Classroom go to 'classwork - all-topics - exams and revision'.
<b>SPORTS STUDIES OCR</b>	<a href="#">fcpdrh6</a>	<a href="#">The EverLearner</a>
<b>BUSINESS</b>	<a href="#">hgzt5m</a>	
<b>SCIENCE</b>	All pupils added on Classroom <a href="#">d5j65f3</a>	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.

## Certificate Collection

Have you sat exams at Caedmon or Eskdale School in the last 10 years and not collected your certificates? We have unclaimed certificates going back to 2016!

The Exams Office on Prospect Hill site will be open on Thursday 27 November from 4.00-6.00pm for anybody who wishes to claim theirs.

You do not have to pick them up yourself but we will ask whoever picks them up to bring ID with them and to sign a form. We will not issue certificates without photo ID.

## Christmas Lunch

- Tuesday 9 December - Prospect Hill site
- Wednesday 10 December - Airy Hill site and Prospect Hill site
- Thursday 11 December - Airy Hill site and Prospect Hill site



Whitby School presents a:

# WINTER PERFORMING ARTS EVENING

Wednesday 10 December,  
6.00pm

Prospect Hill Site, Main Hall

Admission by donation. Refreshments.



**Whitby**  
School



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2018 and 2023.

### TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

### FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

### INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

### DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

### CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

### USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'AirGuard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

### HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

### Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechRadar, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New Statesman. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.



The National College





## 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

- **NEW Science Sparx, 12.45-1.15pm (R6, Airy Hill Site)**
- 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)



## KEY DATES

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

Tuesday 25 November .....	Primary Basketball Final at Whitby Leisure Centre 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 .....	Year 11 Five-a-Side Football v Fyling Hall (A), need to confirm
Tuesday 9 December .....	Christmas Lunch (Prospect Hill site) KS2 Inclusive Dodgeball (Airy Hill site) WHISP Meeting, 4.00-6.00pm (Prospect Hill site)
Wednesday 10 December .....	Christmas Lunch (Airy Hill site and Prospect Hill site) Sixth Form Christmas Shopping Trip, 1.30-10.00pm (Metro Centre) Year 7 Girls Football at Pindar, 3.30pm Winter Performing Arts Evening, 6.00pm (Prospect Hill hall)
Thursday 11 December .....	Christmas Lunch (Airy Hill site and Prospect Hill site) 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
Tuesday 20 January .....	Primary Change 4 Life, 1.00-3.00pm (Prospect Hill site) Year 8 Basketball at Lady Lumley's, 3.00pm
Wednesday 21 January .....	Year 9 Basketball at Lady Lumley's, 3.00pm
Thursday 22 January .....	Year 7 Basketball at Fyling Hall, 4.00pm
Monday 26 January .....	Year 7 Basketball at Lady Lumley's, 3.00pm
Tuesday 27 January .....	Primary Change 4 Life, 1.00-3.00pm (Prospect Hill site)
Wednesday 28 January .....	Year 11 County Basketball Final at York College
Thursday 29 January .....	Reserve Hockey at Scarborough College, 2.30pm
Monday 2-Friday 6 February .....	Hospitality and Catering Practical Exam
Monday 2 February .....	Year 10 County Basketball Final at York College
Tuesday 3 February .....	Year 9/10 to Inspiring Choices Destination Festival at York St John University Primary Key Steps 1 Gym, 1.00-3.00pm (Prospect Hill site)
Thursday 5 February .....	County Basketball Final in York U-15 Swimming Gala (Pickering Leisure Centre) Year 9 Parents' Evening 1, 4.00-6.00pm (Prospect Hill site)
Friday 6 February .....	Cocreate Festival, twelve KS4 musicians at York St John University Primary Key Steps 1 Gym, 1.00-3.00pm (Prospect Hill site)
Thursday 12 February .....	U-13 Swimming Gala (Pickering Leisure Centre) Year 9 Girls' Football at Norton College Year 9 Parents' Evening 2, 4.00-6.00pm (Prospect Hill site)
Mon. 16-Fri. 20 February .....	Half Term Holiday
23 Feb-6 March .....	Year 11 Mock Exams
Monday 23 February .....	House Cross Country
Thursday 26 February .....	Year 8 Netball at Scarborough College, 1.30pm Year 9 Rugby at Malton RFC, 2.00pm
w/b Monday 2 March .....	National Careers Week
Tuesday 3 March .....	Year 8 County Basketball Final at York College Primary Key Steps 2 Gym, 1.00-3.00pm (Prospect Hill site)
Thursday 5 March .....	World Book Day Year 7 District Netball at St Augustine's School, 1.30pm Year 10 Rugby at Malton RFC, 2.00pm
Tuesday 24 March .....	Year 9 to York St John University for the Making Waves Programme



## 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 30<sup>th</sup> September!**





Please donate your pre-owned but pristine toys to Yorwaste's campaign - Reuse Santa.

From table football to scooters, books to puzzles. No gift is too big or too small!

Make a child smile this Christmas!

## What we accept

- ★ Dolls and action figures
- ★ Toy cars, lorries & tractors
- ★ Cleaned baby toys
- ★ Games and puzzles without missing or broken pieces
- ★ Building blocks
- ★ Colouring books that have not been coloured in
- ★ Colouring sets, crayons, etc.
- ★ Children's or teenagers' books

**Please remember to donate toys that are  
CLEAN, and COMPLETE.**



Next time you're taking waste to your nearest [North Yorkshire Household Waste Recycling Centre](#) (HWRC), simply bring your pre-loved gifts along too and let the staff know you wish to donate.





Charity No 1026631



## 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](mailto:photographywhitbyrotary@yahoo.com) for an entry form.

**ARE YOU CARING FOR A YOUNG PERSON  
WITH AN EATING DISORDER?**  
We are here to support you



Drop in for a cuppa and a chat  
27th November 2025 at  
Ginger Hall Cafe, Piercy End,  
Kirkbymoorside, YO62 6DF.  
10.30 to 12.00



[kickrexiout@gmail.com](mailto:kickrexiout@gmail.com)  
07425 346936



# 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](mailto:whitbytabletennis@gmail.com)



**Merry Christmas!**

### December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm