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HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME



PACT: A Shared Ethos

At Whitby School, we know that the most powerful outcomes for pupils happen when school and home work together. That's why we're proud to be sharing our school ethos - **PACT** - with families this term. PACT stands for **P**atience, **A**mbition, **C**onsistency, and **T**houghtfulness.

This ethos was developed collaboratively by staff and shaped by feedback from across the school. It underpins our behaviour system and guides how we speak to and support our pupils every day. Our School Council also played a key role in ensuring every form group had a voice in its development.

We're now beginning a conversation with parents and carers about how we can extend this ethos into a **Home-School PACT**. This will form the basis of a shared agreement launching in September.

Here's a summary of each value we're sharing with families:

P is for Patience

We ask families to be patient with us when raising concerns, recognising that many of us teach and that thorough responses take time. In return, we commit to being patient with them – arranging meetings around their availability and responding as promptly as possible.

A is for Ambition

We're asking families to support their child's learning by encouraging attendance, supporting homework, and attending parents' evenings. In return, we commit to holding high aspirations for every pupil and celebrating their achievements, character, and courage.

C is for Consistency

We've explained the importance of consistency in applying policies – particularly around uniform, behaviour, and detentions. We've asked for their support even when they may not fully agree, and we've committed to applying systems fairly and communicating clearly.

T is for Thoughtfulness

We've encouraged families to approach disagreements with thoughtfulness and respect – just as we aim to do. We've acknowledged that mistakes happen, but that we are united by a shared goal: helping every pupil be the best they can be.

We'd love to hear your thoughts. Is there anything else you feel should be included in the consultation version of the Home-School PACT? If so, email me or stop by for a conversation and I'll be glad to add it in.

Thank you for everything you do to model these values every day.



APPRENTICESHIP EVENING

On Tuesday 10 June we held our annual Apprenticeship Evening. It was a great evening with some fantastic speakers and employers there to help our young people and their families discover more about how to apply for an apprenticeship, as well as discover the different vacancies in the town and beyond. The employers were able to share their hints and tips about how to create a successful CV or application form and how to stand out from the crowd. They also shared information about the various roles within a company and how they can be very surprising. Beyond Housing were there with details about their

recently launched apprenticeship scheme, more information about this can be found on their website. For those who are interested in a job related to science, there was an amazing presentation from Boulby Underground Laboratory about the ground breaking work they are doing and the different apprenticeship opportunities that are coming up there. If you are an employer who would like to attend next year's Apprenticeship Evening, please email our Careers and Guidance Leader Ms Mackle: g.mackle@whitbyschool.co.uk.





SIMPSON BUILDERS MEETING AND VISIT

On Friday 13 June, Simpson, the building firm who are currently renovating Whitby Town Hall came to speak to Whitby School pupils who are interested in a job in construction. They learnt about the different types of practical jobs on a building site as well as the management jobs available too. They also got tips and an offer of help with creating CV's for the construction industry, as well as an explanation of the different apprenticeships that would be available to them. This has also included an offer for three young people to have some on site work experience over the summer holidays, which is an amazing opportunity and will ensure their CV really stands out!

If this wasn't enough, a group of twenty Year 9 pupils

were invited to go to the Town Hall site to have a look around and hear from the different people working on the site about the job itself. It also meant they could see for themselves the physical work that goes into renovating a listed building, including the craftsmanship required, such as stonemasonry. It was a great privilege for them to access the site, as most will have never seen inside the Town Hall.

The morning was a fantastic opportunity for the Whitby School pupils to learn from people within the construction industry about how to begin their career in this sector. Thank you to Simpson for taking the time to guide and support our young people.





MEETING WITH BEYOND HOUSING

On Friday 6 June, Beyond Housing came into school to talk to our pupils about the various job and apprenticeship opportunities available within their organisation. Our pupils met three different employees who all had lots of advice and help for our pupils, so they can be successful in their chosen field of work. They heard about the different qualifications required to work within a trade occupation, as well as hints and tips about making a successful application. They also heard about the reality of working within the different trades, including the best and worst parts of the various jobs, as well as the importance of work experience. This meeting will have really helped our



pupils to have a greater understanding about the jobs they are interested in and will help them to decide if they are something they would like to do in the future.





FIRE STATION TRIP



On Friday 13 June, the Achieve cohort were invited to have a day with the Fire and Rescue Service in Whitby. They spent the morning at the station where they were warmly welcomed with bacon butties, got the chance to look around the station, the fire engine and received a fantastic talk about what it means to become a firefighter. Three male and two female firefighters kindly gave up their time to help the young people get the most out of the day.

In the afternoon the team brought their fire engine to

the Airy Hill site where they delivered various activities such as dam building, first aid, fitness tests and team building/problem solving exercises. The obvious enthusiasm for the job from the fire team encouraged the whole group to get stuck in and participate in everything.

I want to say a huge thank you to the Whitby Fire and Rescue Team. They put so much effort into making this a really valuable and memorable day for us all.

Ms K Dannerrole, Achieve Programme Coordinator





YEAR 10 EXPERIMENTING

Year 10 triple science classes had a fabulous time dissecting eyes. They were able to identify key anatomical structures like the optic nerve, cornea, and retina. They also extracted the lens and looked at how it is able to magnify images. Well done everyone!





MRS THOMAS' CULTURE CLUB

Years 10 and 12

Whitby Coliseum have kindly agreed to give Whitby School a private screening of Michelangelo: Love and Death.

"Through expert commentary, stunning visuals and Michelangelo's own words, this film takes a fresh look at a master artist whose life and genius are celebrated in every mark he made. Returning to cinemas in 2025 to celebrate the 550th anniversary of this iconic artist's birth."

This would be perfect for pupils and students studying art along with those of us who simply want to learn.

The screening will take place on **Friday 27 June**, meeting at 1.30pm to walk down to the Coliseum. A contribution of £5.00 is required to help with running costs.

Please email: r.thomas@whitbyschool.co.uk to put your name down.





PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Each week, every subject will nominate one pupil from the Airy Hill site and one from the Prospect Hill site to be their 'Pupil of the Week'. These pupils will be given a reward point on Class Charts, a postcard sent home and a photo with the new selfie board.



COURAGE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK





SEN PARENT FORUM

Since the SEN Parent Forum began over a year ago, we have seen many changes in Whitby Secondary Education. Originally formed to help SEN pupils and their families understand and adapt to the amalgamation of Eskdale and Caedmon Schools. We have been able to offer practical support, completing documentation and attending meetings in order to obtain EHCPs which in turn provides bespoke support for the child. We have signposted parents to other agencies who are available to offer help and advice in a wide range of areas of SEN, and we have shared personal experiences to hopefully help parents understand they need never feel isolated with the issues they are experiencing.

While all our amazing children are unique many of the problems they experience in school and the minefield of documents parents have to navigate to get additional support are generally the same for all SEN families. This group is the bridge between you worrying alone and finding the correct route towards a solution for you and your child. If we as a group are unable to help, we usually know someone who can.

A SEN Parent Forum focus group was started to give more parents the chance to ask questions and express their concerns. More recently we have continued with our regular meetings and collaborated with Mr Davies and the SEN Department. They have been very welcoming and supportive, demonstrating that we are all working towards embracing diversity and meeting the needs of all SEN pupils at the school. Some of our suggestions or questions have related to specific

individuals while others have affected the whole SEN community within school. The SEN team have also been able to share developments and proposals with us empowering us to feel part of the school community and have encouraged us to contribute towards the positive well being of our own children within the school setting. These have included issues relating to 'sensory school uniform', flexibility and support for children who are unable to commit to a fulltime timetable or who are unable to be part of a traditional class group, appropriate use of fidget items in class and additional equipment available to meet a wide range of learning needs. The staff at school can only put things in place for children if they know what is required and this group can take problems and hopefully some





solutions to the SEN Parents' Forum to enable the school to act in the best interest of your child.

We are aware that in the next few months there will be yet more new experiences for our young people, Year 8s transitioning to the upper site and the new Year 7s making the huge leap from Primary to Secondary school. For children and families these can be very worrying times and we hope that by offering you the opportunity to attend our meetings you will be able to raise your concerns, visit the site and meet other parents who have a wealth of SEN experience to share.

We will be holding meetings on the last Thursday of every month 10.00am-12.00noon at The Bungalow, Airy Hill Site, refreshments will be provided. You will

also have the opportunity to tour the school if you have a child moving to secondary in September.

This group provides an opportunity for you to share your views and concerns about your child at school and to provide advice and help where we can. Without you there can be no change. Please come along, meet other parents and contribute to making positive changes for our SEN children and empower them to receive the educational opportunities and lifelong living skills they deserve to enable them to be fully prepared for further education, employment and the changing world that they are apart of.

**The next meeting will be
Thursday 26 June, 10.00am-12.00noon.**

Kind regards – SEN Focus Group



Monday 14 July 2025
4.00–5.30pm

Whitby School, Airy Hill Site, Whitby YO21 1QA

AWARENESS AND SUPPORT EVENT

Including Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

For parents, carers and adults involved with children aged 0-25yrs
Family and Friends Welcome



CARERS PLUS | EAST WHITBY PRIMARY SCHOOL
FYLINGDALES PRIMARY SCHOOL | KICK REXI OUT | MEL RANDELL
CLAIRE WOOLFE | PLACE 2 BE | NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE | SIDEWALK
WOODSMITH FOUNDATION | TURNING TIDES | LESLEY WOOD
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THE ORCHARD AND WELBURN HALL
WHITBY ROTARY CLUB
PLUS MANY OTHER AGENCIES

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS



YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING



Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED



YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION



There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK



While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



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NOTICES

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.

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.

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

- Rehearsals for all members of the chorus We Will Rock You at Prospect Hill Site (Drama Studio)
- Airy Hill Site Band, Lunchtime

TUESDAY

- Rehearsals for all members of the chorus We Will Rock You at Prospect Hill Site (Drama Studio)
- Sixth Form Maths, 3.30-4.30pm (M2)
- Gym Club, 3.30-4.30pm. All years welcome. (Prospect Hill site Fitness Suite)
- GCSE Music coursework help, 3.30-4.30pm

WEDNESDAY

- Choir, Lunchtime (Airy Hill Site)
- Rehearsals for all members of the chorus We Will Rock You at Airy Hill Site (R17)
- Year 11 Maths, 3.30-4.30pm (Higher in room H7; Foundation in room S2)
- Wednesdays and Thursdays after school (alternating days) After school Drama Club for Airy Hill Site - Main Hall; after school rehearsals for main cast WWRY

THURSDAY

- Funk Band, lunchtimes (Prospect Hill Site)
- Music Theory, before school (Prospect Hill Site)
- Gym Club, 3.30-4.30pm. All years welcome. (Prospect Hill Site Fitness Suite)
- Year 11 German Help, 3.30-4.30pm (plus other nights if needed)
- GCSE Music coursework help, 3.30-4.30pm

FRIDAY

- Year 9 Drama Club, Lunchtime (Drama Studio)
- Writers' Club, Lunchtime (H6)
- English Revision, Lunchtime (H6)



KEY DATES

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

Monday 23 June	Years 9 & 10 Anglo American talk 'International Women in Engineering Day'
Monday 23-Friday 27 June	Dutch Student Exchange visit to Whitby
Tuesday 24 June	Year 10 & 12 pupils/students visit Boulby Mine
Tuesday 24 June	Geography Year 10 Fieldwork - Sandsend to Whitby
Wednesday 25 June	Geography Year 10 Fieldwork - Sandsend to Whitby
Wednesday 25 June	Year 10 Employability Workshops
Thursday 26 June	SEN Parent Forum, 10.00am-12.00noon
Thursday 26 June	Year 11 Prom, 6.00-10.00pm (Sneaton Castle)
Monday 30 June	Year 12 students University of York 'Creativity Lab' Trip
Tuesday 1 July	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Tuesday 1 July	Year 7 Hunger Games
Tuesday 1-Wednesday 2 July	Year 12 trip to Oxford University
Wednesday 2 July	Young Carer Hub, Prospect Hill site
Thursday 3 July	Music Exchange Parents Meeting about the October 2025 return visit, 5.30-6.00pm, Prospect Hill site
Friday 4 July	Year 10 pupils 'Project Dare' at Nestle, York
w/c Monday 7 July	Year 6 Transition (Airy Hill site)
8-10 July	We Will Rock You (Prospect Hill site)
Friday 11 July	Sports Day
Friday 11 July	Year 10 pupils 'Project Dare' at Nestle, York
Monday 14 July	SEND Awareness and Support Event, 4.00-5.30pm (Airy Hill site)
Tuesday 15 July	Summer Concert, 6.00-7.00pm
Monday 21 July	Training Day
Tuesday 22 July	Training Day
Thursday 14 August	A-Level Results Day
Thursday 21 August	GCSE Results Day
1 and 2 September	Staff Training Days
Wednesday 3 September	School Opens



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

Ms S Boyd – Deputy Headteacher

Miss J Caddell – 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)

SENDCo

Mrs H Kirk – SENDCo

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

Mrs J Cassell-Osowski – Year 9

Mrs A Scales – Year 10

Ms A Ruberry – Year 11

Care & Achievement Coordinators

Miss A Clarkson – Year 7

Miss E Hutton – Year 8

Miss K Wilson – Year 8

Mr D Jackson – Year 9

Mrs H Ross – Year 10

Mr D Taylor – Year 11

Mr J Daley – Year 12 & 13

SAFEGUARDING



**Designated
Safeguarding Lead**
Miss J Caddell



**Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead**
Mrs J Bradley

SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Mrs K Mallender



Mr A Whelan



Mrs J Robinson



SENDCo
Mrs H Kirk



Governor
Mr M Taylor

WE WILL ROCK YOU

SCHOOL EDITION



8th, 9th & 10th JULY 2025

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or email finance@whitbyschool.co.uk with subject: WWRV Tickets

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Worldwide (TRW) www.theatricalrights.co.uk

YOUNG WILD WRITERS COMPETITION 2025

www.henharrierday.uk/get-involved/young-wild-writers/

**FINAL DATE FOR
ENTRIES: 6 JULY 2025**

We are looking for original writing that clearly shows a single moment in the life of a plant, animal or habitat. Examples could be the beginning of a season, the hatching of an egg, the opening of a flower, the first drops of rain on a leaf, the arrival of the combine harvester in a field, or the melting of a glacier.

Stories must be set in natural conditions, but this could be anywhere from your back garden to the Sahara Desert. We want young entrants to capture a moment in nature that is important to them, but it can be about anything – a bird, insect, weather, trees or anything else.

Write a story, poem,
prose, article, song lyric
or letter up to 500 words
on the theme of

Capture the Moment

Age Categories

Young: 5 - 8 Years
Junior: 9 - 12 Years
Senior: 13 - 16 Years

Prizes

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overall winner, an online
school visit by children's
author Gill Lewis

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COMPETITION
2025



YOUNG WILD PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION 2025

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Enter today

Are you aged between 5 and 16 with a camera or a smartphone? Do you love getting out into nature and watching wildlife? Why not enter our **Young Wild Photographer** competition? There are some great prizes on offer, and you'll get the chance to have your pictures shown on our website and our social channels.

Capture the Moment

We are looking for images from young photographers that capture a single moment in nature. From the first drops of rain on a leaf to the emergence of busy bees and butterflies, or a dew-laden spiderweb caught in early sunlight, we'd love to see your shots of these welcome moments in nature.

Entry Age Categories

Young: 5 - 8 Years
Junior: 9 - 12 Years
Senior: 13 - 16 Years

FINAL DATE FOR ENTRIES: 6 JULY 2025

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Your judge will be
award-winning
wildlife
photographer
Richard Birchett



Full entry details on the website:

www.henharrierday.uk/get-involved/young-wild-photographer/

2026 Calendar Photo Competition

"A YEAR IN NORTH YORKSHIRE"

Are you a young photographer aged 11+?

Photos need to represent York or North Yorkshire.

They can be scenery or street photography, with no identifiable faces. We want to see North Yorkshire at its best throughout the year!

Closing date 31st August 2025



For more information and to enter:
contact Stef on 07398 149496
or email stef@nyy.org.uk

T&Cs apply
Poster image is looking from Grinton towards South in Swaledale

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