



# Normanby News

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Hello everyone

Thank you for continuing to help us run the school as safely as we can. We've all been back at school for a month now and the new systems of staggered break and lunchtimes, year group bubbles and hand washing are now part of our routine. Please don't become complacent though. You've got to think each day and throughout the day – what can I do to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus. Your teachers will be expecting more of you now that you've settled back into school. Expect their expectations of you and the work you complete to be even higher in the coming weeks.

## Face masks

You'll have seen more of your teachers, myself included, wearing a face mask or face covering more regularly around school over the last week. This is in response to the rise in Covid cases around the country and locally along the North Yorkshire coast. The reason for organising you into year bubbles, for having staggered breaks and lunchtimes and for encouraging you to wash and sanitise your hands so regularly during the day is to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus. Every little thing that each and every one of us does will help contribute to our collective safety. Thank you for the effort you're making. We may speak to you again in the coming days about other things we could all be doing.

## Litter

One of the really positive things I noticed about the Normanby site when I first started as headteacher a couple of years ago was just how rare it was to see any litter around site. Once I got to know Caedmon students, this didn't surprise me because you're all such considerate young people. Just recently though, it's starting to become a problem. After you've eaten in the main hall, canteen or learning centre, please tidy you plates, cutlery and litter away like the vast majority of students can be relied upon to do. And if you're out on the field, please do not leave plastic bottles or other waste lying around. Remember this is your PE classroom... you'd be pretty disgusted to turn up to one of indoor classrooms with this sort of mess on the floor.

## School transport

Remember that when you travel on any public transport, including the train into Whitby, you are legally required to wear a face covering. On the dedicated school buses, the bus companies are asking that you wear a face covering or mask. Not only is it keeping you safer when travelling in a confined space with other students who *aren't* in your bubble, it's also being considerate to other passengers. It's been great to see so many of you doing this without having to be asked before you get onto your bus.

## Movement on corridors

We've made some changes to how you move in and around site.

- Year 11 – you now know to use the outside doors to come in and out of N1 and N2; that you access N6 and N9 from the middle doors adjoining the Learning Centre; and go in and out of N10 using the doors on the Quad next to it. In this way we avoid using the N Block corridor it at all possible.
- There is now a **one way system in the Science block**. The doors from the Quad are 'Entrance only', whilst those downstairs by S4 are now 'Exit only'. All year groups should leave the Science block through

these doors. It doesn't matter which Science lab you're in. Follow your Science teachers' instructions about how to leave the S Block.



There may be other changes in the coming weeks.

**It's really important that you think about how you're travelling from one part of the school to another. If at all possible, use an outside route.**

### Helping keep the school safe

There are several ways in which we can all help keep one another safe in school.



**Follow the one way systems around school and keep apart from students who are in other year bubbles, particularly at break and lunchtimes.**

**Respect the fact that your teachers will also want to keep their distance from you and other members of staff whenever possible.**

**Remember – they have to move from bubble to bubble to teach throughout the day.**

### Student News

I hope that you enjoy the 'Student News' section below, written by or inspired by some of our Year 10 students. If you have an article you'd like to include please contact me and I'll put you in touch with our student editorial team.

Simon Riley  
Mr Riley

# STUDENT NEWS

## Reducing plastic pollution in our school



Although it's been a tough year for all of us, maybe it is true that every cloud has a silver lining. Did you realise that the Covid lockdown has had a really positive effect on the environment? The dramatic reduction in the use of aeroplanes, cars and other forms of transport massively reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

So in what ways can we continue to give our planet a chance to recover? One of the things I've noticed since returning in September is that there is a lot of plastic waste in our school and most of it isn't disposed of properly. Here are 5 things you could do that would have a positive effect on the environment and help our school move towards becoming plastic free:

1. Bring a reusable bottle to school so that you don't have to buy a plastic one.
2. Use metal cutlery. I understand people worry about hygiene with this but the metal cutlery is all fully cleaned and there really isn't any need to use plastic.
3. Dispose of plastic bottles and cardboard in the recycle bin.
4. Where possible ask for your food to be served on a plate and not in a polystyrene tray or container.
5. Finally, pay attention to the recycle and waste bins in classrooms and put your waste in the correct ones. If you're not sure which bin is which, simply ask your teacher!



*Anna (Y10)*

## Returning to school in September - The Year 10 perspective

We've been asking some of the students in Year 10 about how they've felt about starting back at school after six months away from the Normanby site.

Many of them missed the food, especially the jacket potatoes, crispy cakes and chicken! One student told us that "the timetables are slightly confusing but I am enjoying being back and seeing all of my friends". Another stated "I'm glad we've got back to learning because I didn't enjoy online learning particularly. I'm really pleased with the level of hygiene in the school and I feel safe."

Several students had clearly had some concerns before we returned to school in September. One Year 10 student remarked "I'm enjoying the routine and seeing my friends. I'm glad that nothing has changed much but getting used to the changing timetables has been difficult. I am slightly concerned about the effect COVID has had on my learning so I am very glad we are back. I'm very pleased with the amount of effort school has put in to make us feel safe and also the fact that we can still do practical work in music, drama and science."

As well as all of the younger students who've joined us in Year 7, there are some new students in other year groups too. One of the new Year 10 students told us that "Everyone has made me feel welcome. The lessons are very good, challenging but not too difficult."

Thank you to all of the students in Year 10 who took the time to share their views

*Charlotte, Erin & Anna (Y10)*

## Meet the staff

We asked two of new members of staff – Ms Cassell-Osowski and Mr Taylor – a series of quick fire questions so that we could get to know them better. Here are their replies



**Ms Cassell-Osowski**

*Coffee*

*Dog*

*IPhone*

*Mac*

*Seaside*

*Anchovies, olives and artichokes, yummy!*

*None, but it should be Barnsley!*

*Obviously science, it's the most interesting one, there are no other subjects where you get to dissect things or blow things up!*

*I worked hard in all my subjects so there isn't really anything I would change.*

*Flying! Although shooting lasers out of my fingers would be pretty good too! This is a pretty hard question. Flying wins though, that would be cool.*

*One month*

*Everyone is really friendly, kind and welcoming, I hope it stays like that.*

- **Tea or coffee?**
- **Cat or dog?**
- **IPhone or Android?**
- **PC or Mac?**
- **Seaside or countryside?**
- **Favourite pizza topping?**

- **Which football team do you support?**

- **Best subject at school and why?**

- **Which subject do you wish you'd worked harder at when you were at school and why?**

- **If you could have a superpower what would it be?**

- **How long have you worked at Caedmon?**

- **What's the best thing about Caedmon in your opinion?**



**Mr Taylor**

*Tea*

*Dog*

*IPhone*

*Mac*

*Seaside*

*Pepperoni*

*Leeds United*

*English, Art & PE. I liked all these subjects and I was good at them.*

*All subjects! I was too young and immature to work hard in all my subjects and my final report from my headmaster was poor.*

*The power to grow hair on my head!!!*

*6 months*

*Like any good organisation, the best thing about Caedmon school is the people, both students and staff.*

## News from Whitby Sixth Form

It's been a really busy 7 weeks for everyone at Whitby Sixth Form. In mid-August we were busy supporting students in Year 13 as they received their A Level and BTEC results. As you'll have heard on the news, there was a lot of controversy this year because of the way in which grades were, at first, awarded. For many students across the country, including several at Whitby Sixth Form, the grades they were initially awarded were below what both they and their teachers had been expecting. Thankfully, after a few days, the government decided to change matters and students received the grades that their teachers had submitted to the exam boards.

We're really pleased that so many of last year's Year 13 students have secured places at university or are going onto to start higher level apprenticeships with some fantastic employers. Below are just some of these students who are starting university this summer. Only 3 years ago they were all in Year 11 together on the Normanby site and just look at how spread out they've become and the range of courses they've decided to follow!



Emma Parkes  
Leeds  
Art & Visual Communication



Killian Robinson  
Imperial College, London  
Biological Sciences



Abi Parkes  
Surrey University  
Veterinary Science



Matthew Beeforth  
John Moores, Liverpool  
Business Management



Jayden Brown  
Durham University  
Philosophy, Politics &  
Economics



Hermione Richardson  
Cambridge University  
Medicine



Alfie Ramsden  
Newcastle University  
Mechanical Engineering



Isobel Wilson  
Northumbria University  
Food Science & Nutrition



Amelia Braim  
York University  
Primary Education



Jacob Crusher  
Swansea University  
Physics and Cosmology



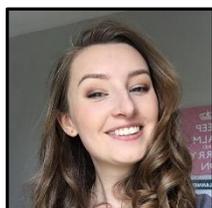
Lucy Hall  
York University  
Film and TV Production



Bradley Greenaway  
Accountancy & Finance  
York St John University



Mackenzie Gordon  
Professional Policing Studies  
York St John University



Pippa Mesley  
Lincoln University  
Midwifery



Michael Swales  
Liverpool University  
Aerospace Engineering



Rose Garrett  
Theatre and Drama  
Liverpool Institute of  
Performing Arts

This is just a selection. We could have filled 3 more pages full of photos and details of the exciting things our Year 13 leavers are moving on to. This year's A-level students are busy writing their university applications at the time. We've let you know how they are doing in a future editions of the *Normanby News*.

## Starting in Year 12

They are over 100 students in Year 12 at Whitby Sixth Form this autumn. We asked two of them – Mollie Burnett from Caedmon and Kealan Brion from Eskdale – to tell us about their experiences so far.



At the beginning of September, I started studying double Health & Social care and double Sport at Whitby Sixth Form. I am really pleased with my choices as they were two of my favourite subjects at GCSE level making the transition from GCSE's to A Levels really smooth. As I am taking two subjects as double awards, there is a lot of work and content that I will be covering over the next 2 years, but they are both such rewarding subjects which will provide me with great knowledge and skills.

I am enjoying sixth form life so far as it has given me a lot more independent time to focus on my studies which I prefer, especially with the inclusion of free lessons as they help you keep on top of the workload. There are many great spaces in sixth form where you can complete work independently, and also areas where you can chill and socialise with friends, which enables you to have a good balance between the two.

With the current situation regarding covid, it was obviously very strange not sitting my exams in the summer, having 6 months off and then starting college, but the Sixth Form Team have welcomed us back, giving us the support we need to ensure we all have a great start to our courses.

After sixth form, I am hoping to study Physical Education at university to work towards becoming a PE Teacher.

*Mollie Burnett (Y12)*



I am studying maths, further maths, chemistry and physics at Whitby Sixth Form. In physics we are currently learning about particle physics, quarks and leptons which is fascinating. In chemistry we are studying elements of life and developing fuels which is also quite intriguing. In maths we are developing our knowledge of GCSE concepts and in further maths we are looking into imaginary numbers (square root of -1 which is equal to  $i$ ).

So far I have enjoyed the calm and relaxing atmosphere in the college as well as the food. As all the students are in one bubble, the covid regulations have not been as restricting on a day to day basis. However, we have been asked to socially distance from the staff members and maintain the "rule of 6" outside of school.

In the future I am hoping to go to a university, possibly to Imperial College London, to study theoretical physics and then to work in a particle accelerator team.

*Kealan Brion (Y12)*

### West Cliff Dance Troupe reunion

It was fabulous to be reunited with my Year 6 (now Year 7) dancers, some of whom have been dancing with Hannah Verity and I for 5 long years since our Dance Club began! We were due to perform in the 'Let's Move 2020 Dance Showcase at the Spa in March - but it was unfortunately cancelled due to Covid. The rescheduled show in December has also been cancelled, so Hannah wanted the dancers to have their T shirts as souvenirs instead. I thought I was just dropping them off at the college and so was delighted when Mr Riley united me with my dancing divas! Hopefully they will continue their dance careers at the college, and maybe one day we will all be reunited together again on stage!

*Mrs Zanelli, Headteacher, West Cliff Primary School*



### Hot Chocolate Friday

Congratulations to students in Years 7 and 8 in the top row below who were nominated by the form tutors and heads of year on Friday 25 September in recognition of the fantastic start they've made to term.

Last Friday, it was the turn of students in Years 9 and 10 (bottom row below), all of whom have had 'Perfect Weeks' – 100% attendance and punctuality, as well as only positive comments – since the start of term. Thank you to Mrs Gordon for nominating this group of Year 10 girls and to Mrs Zanelli, the headteacher at West Cliff Primary School, for joining us for both Hot Chocolate celebrations.

