



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy term at Caedmon, as you can see from some of the articles in this newsletter. It has been great to get back to doing those extra things at school, which the pandemic has prevented us from doing in the past couple of years. I am writing this on the morning after our Christmas concert, which is one example of these events - and a fantastic opportunity to see so many students performing so well, to the delight of family and friends.

Other highlights of this term have been: meeting up with our Year 7 students at the campsite in Comondale and seeing them making friends and enjoying the countryside; enjoying a Christmas lunch made by students in our Sixth Form; seeing so many different teams competing in football matches, netball matches, equestrian events, etc; leading the whole school in a Remembrance Day ceremony; attending the postponed Year 11 prom at the wonderful Sneaton Castle; seeing our Sports Leaders working with primary school students; visiting lessons to see students engaged in their learning; and being proud of the charity events in which the students have raised money or collected food bank donations. I could go on, but this is just a flavour of the things that have taken place over the last 14 weeks.

Of course, this term has been affected by Covid, and we appreciate your support in continuing to deal with the issues that the pandemic presents. In the short time since I

started here at Caedmon, I have been impressed by the strength of the community, which is a partnership between students, parents and staff. Whatever next term brings in terms of the pandemic, I am sure that we will be able to meet the challenges together.

We are sad to say goodbye to a few colleagues this week: Roger Hartley, one of our Science technicians for the last 10 years, is retiring; Terry Hogarth, Senior Administrator, is retiring after 15 years of service; Martin Colclough is leaving after 10 years as a teacher of Geography; Steve Graham is moving on to be a headteacher at another school, after 6 years here as Assistant Principal, and Jess Pasco leaves to go to another school after nearly 6 years with us in the Languages department. We wish them all well in the future and thank them for all their hard work and contributions to Caedmon.

I hope that you and your family will be able to spend some quality time together over the Christmas break, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Thursday 6 January, 2022. We have been asked by the government to carry out Lateral Flow tests on students when they return to school in January and so we will do this either on the Thursday or the Friday.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

*Jon Norden*  
Principal

# STUDENTS FLEX THEIR MUSSELS

Our Year 9, 10 and 11 hospitality and catering students had an amazing opportunity to flex their mussels 'thai' style this term. Most had not tried them before and even more had never cooked them. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We had several staff pop in and try them with lots of staff loving the smells coming from the food room. The majority of students that tried them were surprised by how good they were and took recipes home to make them for their families. Something that the students say would not

have happened without the experience they had in school.

Thank you to the Food Teachers Centre, The Fish Heroes Programme and all those involved to make this happen.

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@foweyshellfish @mjseafood  
@freshdirectuk @syscospeciality



# UNIFORM

**T**hank you for your support throughout the past year. I would like to continue with the high standards of uniform to start 2022.

Could I remind students and parents/carers that facial piercings are not permitted along with any kind of false/gel nail with extensions, this is for health and safety reasons, to that end, may ask that these nails are removed before the start of the new term in January. Please take a look at the uniform policy on the College website, under parents/uniform.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

*Best Wishes, Jonathan Bond*

# FRENCH IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

**T**his term Mrs Thomas has been teaching French at Castleton Primary School, and Mrs Herbert has been teaching French at Glaisdale Primary School. They have been doing this one afternoon a week for the Years 3 and 4, and 5 and 6 pupils. Both teachers have enjoyed this experience, and will miss the lovely primary school pupils next term. It was lovely getting to know them, and when they go to secondary school, hopefully they will know a lot more French!

# MFL NEWS

## DUOLINGO STARS

**W**ell done to the following students who regularly do the app Duolingo in their own time, to improve their language skills. Some of these students have been doing Duolingo for nearly two years now, and have a 600 day streak! That's amazing, and I am very impressed.

These are the students that I know of. Please let me know if you are doing it.

- Josh Harland - Year 11
- Anna Derham - Year 11
- Isabel Herbert - Year 11
- Paige Burgess - Year 11
- Emily Coates - Year 9
- Theo Bedingfield - Year 9
- Katie Brewster - Year 9
- Billy Randell - Year 9
- Yavor Kolev - Year 7

Mr Mitchell was also doing it for a while. Can you start doing it again Sir?!

*Mrs Herbert*

## LATIN LESSONS

**A** big thank you to Mr Cox who teaches Latin to some girls in Year 11, as an extra GCSE. The girls say he is an excellent teacher and is very funny in lessons!

A big well done to these girls who have taken on this extra and useful GCSE: Lucy Groark, Anna Derham, Isabel Herbert and Annabel Zanelli.

# CAMPING DIARIES

## MRS HARRISON

7B3, 4 and 5 were very lucky with the weather, which meant that Mr Graham was able to light a campfire - something that he has come to master over the years, and no amount of rainfall the previous day was going to defeat him! The students enjoyed toasting marshmallows, and some very memorable entertainment from Mrs Herbert (singing!).



The camping trips to Comondale this year will go down in history as being the

wettest followed by the warmest! Both trips were equally brilliant and rewarding for the students (and staff) and for this we are really thankful to Mr Graham and Mrs Wood for their planning and organising.

## MRS WOOD

Even the weather didn't dampen the first trip. Mud slides, rope swings, laughter all in the rain. The other trip, we needed sunscreen and hats. Students stuck in the trees, everyone helping each other, but mostly everyone having fun with the staff, all making lovely memories.

## 7T1

We started off with a train delay so spent over an hour sitting on the floor at Whitby Station. Little did we know that that would be the driest we would be on our trip. On arriving at the campsite it was then a race against time to get the tents up before the storm arrived... with very few students or staff with experience of putting up a tent it





was a crazy hour but we managed to finish just in time. The students created the best ever mudslide, whilst Mrs Sedman and Mrs Wood cooked a feast in the dining block. Then followed a night of non-stop rain - those of us who followed the packing list and were wearing waterproofs were very thankful!

What a difference the following morning, sunshine and warmth! Bacon sandwiches were cooked on the stoves and the students got time to explore the campsite whilst the staff finally made use of the camping chairs they had brought. A wonderful experience for all albeit a little wet!

### 7T3

Such a fab fun trip with lots of friendships made!!! I think the wet muddy weather made it even more memorable with the mudslides, rope swings, the puddle of doom to go to the toilet and midnight roaming sheep past the tents.

### 7T4

I totally loved my first Year 7 camping trip to Commondale! We were so lucky with the weather on the second trip, apart from sleeping in the tent which was freezing! I loved the scenery, being in the fresh air, the staff friendships, getting to know 7B4 and 7B5 (who were ALL lovely and respectful, and funny), the activities, the





food, the singing at the campfire, and the students having the freedom to enjoy the rope swing and the wonderful campsite area. I had an absolute blast, and came back thinking I'd been on a holiday and not a school trip, because of their good behaviour. I feel like I have a better relationship with my form, 7B4, because of this trip. Great memories.



### 7T5

The weather was glorious and the shouts of 'campsite' rang around all of Castleton. It felt like we were on holiday! Such a lovely atmosphere filled with fun and friendship.



# YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION

The Rotary Club of Whitby and District is delighted to announce the results of the local Whitby heat of the Rotary National Young Photographer Competition 2021-22.

## 11-13 years

First: Lola Walley - Caedmon  
Second: Maisy Squire - Caedmon  
Third: Emily Coates - Caedmon

## 14-17 years

First: Mia Clews - Whitby 6th Form  
Second: Amber Humble - Caedmon  
Third: Amber Clews - Caedmon  
Congratulations to all the winners.  
Summer Simpson and Tristan Greig from

Caedmon also took part in the competition.

The Rotary Club of Whitby and District would like to thank all the young people that entered the competition.

The theme for this year's photography competition was 'Colours of Nature'.

The judges were very impressed by the quality and variety of the photographs submitted and had a difficult job on their hands choosing the winners.



# ENGLISH NEWS

The English department has thoroughly enjoyed Year 10s super presentations on 'A Christmas Carol'. Great contributions from everyone!

Good luck to all students who entered the creative writing and poetry competitions this term!

Well done to all our students of the term. We are proud of the hard work of all our students but since September, the following have been identified as being really exceptional.

## English Department 'Student of the Month' this term:

Bella Buckley	Matthew Visker
Sam Atkinson	Skye Simpson Jones
Lola Walley	Daniel Ainsworth
Emily Geaves	Tristan Greig
Jacob Easter	Ellie Harland
Owen Dickinson	Izzy Ashton-Wickett
Evie Craven	Huw Prust
Megan Bradder	Ayrton Patterson
Anya Wales	Josh Trowsdale
Abi Skiba	Ewan Mould
Issy Price	Emma Knaggs
Ben Hall	Caitlin Hewison
George Harland	

## PEARSON'S 'MY TWIST ON A TALE' WRITING COMPETITION

We had 9 great entries for the Pearson's 'My Twist on a Tale' writing competition which were sent in and acknowledged at the end of November.

We're keeping our fingers crossed for our KS3 & KS4 entrants!

Mrs Sharp

# A Merry Christmas!



# A CHRISTMAS CAROL



# CAREERS NEWS

## SCARBOROUGH SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING WEEK

Scarborough Science and Engineering Week was back this year so our Year 8 students got to go to experience it. They visited lots of stalls including: Fire Brigade; Flamingoland; GCHQ; Anglo American; NHS; The Skills Village; Beyond Housing; The Army; McCain; Dale Power Solutions; Imagineering Solutions and many others.

They left with bags of leaflets, balloons, key rings and information about possible careers for the future - a successful day!



## CYBER FIRST WORKSHOPS AT CU SCARBOROUGH

Up to 50 students from both Year 8 and Year 9 were given the opportunity to go to interactive Cyber First workshops at CU

Scarborough, these workshops were sponsored by Anglo American. It gave the students an opportunity to find out more about what a career in cyber actually is first hand from cyber specialists. Year 8's had the opportunity to learn how to customise a website using HTML; use digital forensics to track a fictional person, and Year 9's used data to create the perfect Quidditch team and to learn code cracking techniques. Both year groups created their own adverts and the results were outstanding (as we would expect from our talented students). Here's a link about [Cyber First](#).



## TRADING GAME

Year 8 had a great afternoon playing the Trading Game from NYBEP, they were able to play a fictional stock market, increasing their maths skills as well as learning transferrable skills like teamwork; communication skills; leadership; flexibility and problem solving. A big thank you goes to Anglo American for providing the funds for this event.

## NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP SERVICE

Some of our WSF students have taken part in NCS this term. From exploring Tees Barrage, to axe throwing and even practicing independent living skills! They also took part in a Social Action project and raised an amazing £165.00 for on their sponsored walk for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.



## CYBER SECURITY APPRENTICESHIPS WITH ANGLO AMERICAN

Anglo American came in to talk to our Whitby Sixth Form Year 13 students about their new cyber apprenticeships, closing date for these are 31 December and we already have a couple of students who have applied. More information about the apprenticeships can be found [here](#).

## APPRENTICESHIP FAIRS

There have been a couple of virtual apprenticeship fairs shared with CCW students in Y10 & 11 and WSF students in Y12 & 13. The latest one is still available to access until 17 December. Here's the [link](#) if you want to access it.

## JOB AND APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION

Job and apprenticeship information is regularly shared with CCW students in Y11

and WSF students in Y12 & 13 via the 'careers classroom' and also on a noticeboard in the Learning Centre on the WSF site.

There are also a lot of resources on the Careers Page on both CCW and WSF websites, please take a look. On the WSF website there is also an employability programme to help our students enhance their skills and further develop their employability skills. The WSF careers page is [here](#) and the CCW careers page is [here](#).

**ASSEMBLIES AND TUTORIALS:** we've had visitors from Hull University; ASK apprenticeship and Fire Brigade to talk to students. Students have also started to explore Unifrog a little, which is a fantastic resource to help them to explore the many and varied careers available to them as well as discovering the transferrable skills they learn within their subjects.

# STUDENTS TAKE OVER CAPTAIN COOK MUSEUM

**T**akeover day is an event run with Kids in Museums where youngsters all over the country will take over museums on the same day.

The students were given lots of roles, including answering calls, interviewing visitors, giving tours of the museum to the public, running the press office (we took plenty of pictures) and Caedmon School even made our own display!

Plenty of visitors came for tours and a look round and left with big happy smiles.

The students in the press office were out and about interviewing students, staff and the inquisitive guests.

There was also a lot of interest in the students who were showing a table of handling objects, including spices and weapons that had been brought back from Captain Cook's travels.

While walking about, the visitors paused to give their opinions on the museum and how it's being run.

One of our visitors, an American tourist named Amy said: "I like it a lot, this is something I will never forget," and her husband, Randy, stated, "It's super cool and great."

Eskdale student, Ashya, who was working as a tour guide, said: "I think it's a good way to learn more about history in a place that's not school.

"I think the museum is very educational because you learn a lot about plants and people."

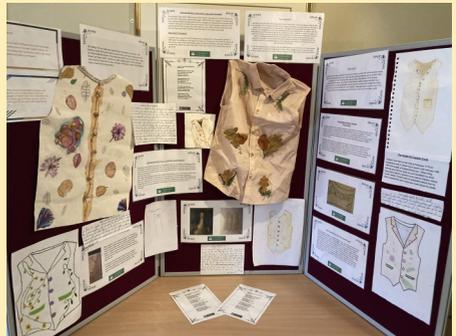
At the end of Ashya's tour, visitor Michael complimented her good knowledge of the artefacts and the museum.

He also complimented the front desk, Ariella and Katy, for being organised. Caedmon College student, Emily, who was in the 'End of the Earth' room showing a mini exhibition made by the students, said: "It's very historical and I'm very excited to get people coming into our room."

Other Caedmon students, Ariella and Fynn, both agreed that it's a good and exciting experience because it gives young people the opportunity to work in a museum.

Miriam, who works at the museum and organised the day, said: "We're so delighted with how professional and articulate the students are and I want to thank them for their amazing behaviour and contributions on the day. The students are an absolute credit to Whitby."

The students involved did their own research and put the display pieces together so beautifully, so much so that the Museum asked us if they could keep our display on show to the public until the end of the season. They all did an amazing job and Miss Jenkins can't wait for the next History Club Project!



## NEWS IN BRIEF

Miss Coaten and Mr Cox took a group of students to Lady Lumley's School last week where they took part in a Pantathlon event and came first winning gold medals all round.

Huge well done to Josh, Deejay, Jasmin, Leah, Ethan and Codie.



## DIARY DATES

- **Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 January** - Bank Holidays
- **Wednesday 5 January** - Training Day
- **Thursday 27 January** - Year 11 Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 3 February** - Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 10 February** - Options Evening
- **Friday 18 February** - Break up for Half Term
- **Monday 28 February** - College re-opens
- **Thursday 3 March** - Year 8 Parents' Evening

# HAPPY CHRISTMAS

*best wishes for 2022 from  
the staff and students of  
Caedmon College Whitby*



# PE NEWS

## CROSS COUNTRY

A beautiful sunny first cross country race on the WSF site back in September. What a turn out from this committed bunch of students, ranging from Y7-11.

The Year 7 Girls Cross Country team were the overall champions after three district meets. We are so proud of them. Dex Robinson, Winnie Long and Anna Young have also made it into the District Team and will run again in the new year.



## NETBALL CLUB

The Netball Club has been growing from strength to strength this term with numbers averaging 40+ girls attending each week. All year groups have some fixtures to look forward to in the new year, but ultimately the

club is about having fun, making friends, exercising and developing character through competition! Mrs Harrison and Mrs Raw look forward to working with the girls again in the new year.

## NETBALL TEAM

The Y8 Netball team had their District tournament in November. The girls finished second in their group which meant that they had a semi-final game against the winners of the other group. Both teams were drawing at half-time but CCW were just pipped to the post by their opponents. Such a great experience though and a performance to be proud of.

For lots more sports news follow us on Twitter: [https://twitter.com/PE\\_CCW](https://twitter.com/PE_CCW)





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