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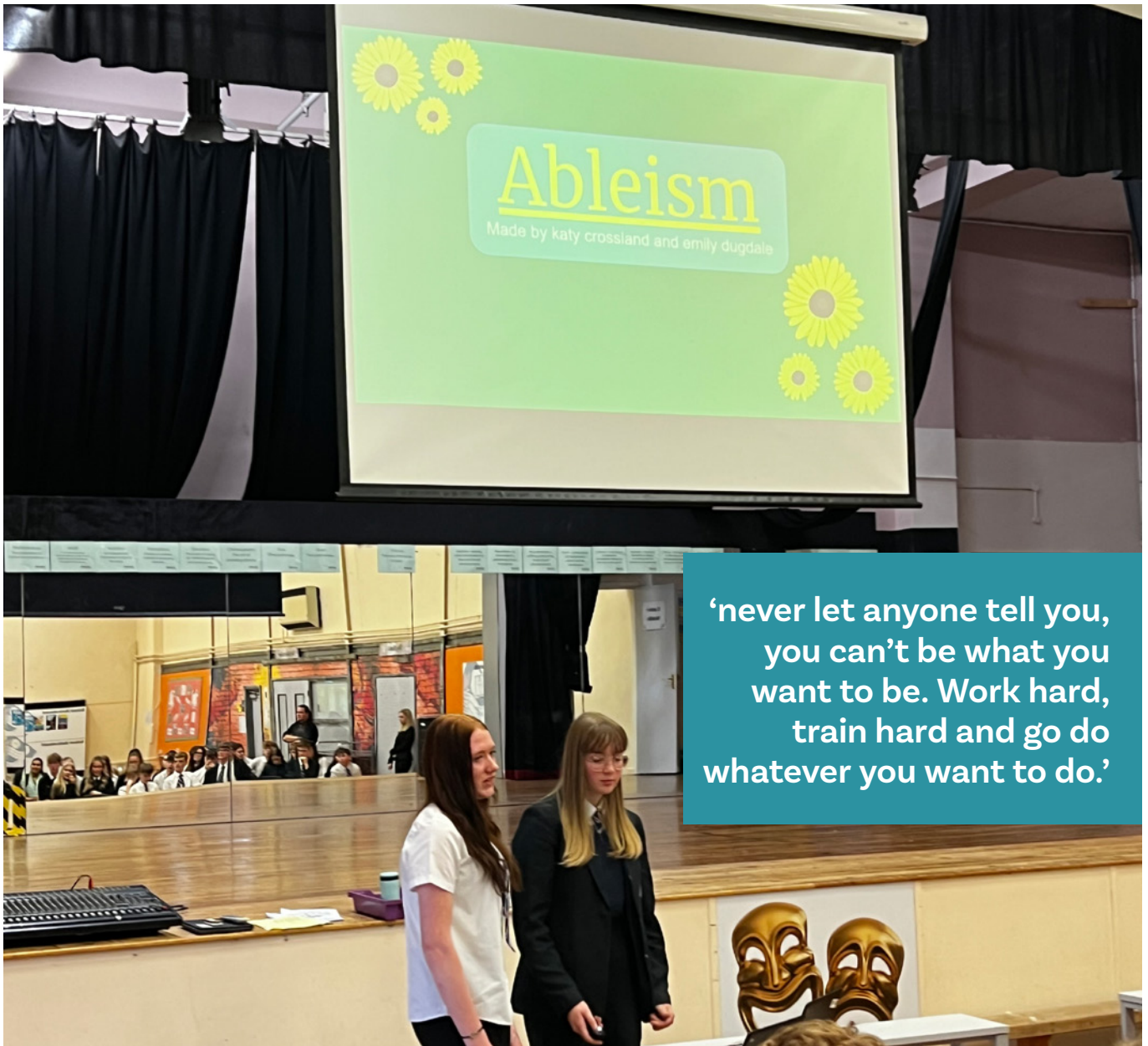
PSHE Diversity and Inclusion project finishes in style

Mrs Winspear, our PSHE lead reports on a fantastic initiative in school:

During the last week of our spring term KS3 pupils from Eskdale culminated their PSHE work on Diversity and Inclusion in two events. The first involved pupils from Year 8 and Year 9 presenting talks, written by themselves, on topics covering the Fundamental British Values and a range of issues relating to Protected Characteristics. Year 7 joined the event to listen to the presentations and carefully peer assess the work of the older pupils. It was a nerve-wracking event for many pupils as there were lots of people in the audience, but pupils were well prepared and had been given excellent coaching on speaking and listening skills by our English department in this cross curricular event.



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On Thursday, our KS3 pupils were all in the audience as we welcomed Ayaz Bhuta MBE to our school to give a talk on his inspiring life as a British Paralympic wheelchair rugby player. Ayaz spoke of his challenges as a child growing up with a disability, his struggles as other people placed limitations on his abilities, and his overwhelming resilience and strength in fighting those limitations and barriers to go on and win a gold medal in the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics. Ayaz was very open to questions and a group of our pupils stayed after the talk to ask a range of questions. Staff were impressed with the inquisitiveness and emotional intelligence shown by our pupils as they chatted with our guest about everything from his disability to his training regime, proudest moments and words of wisdom. Ayaz advised our pupils to **‘never let anyone tell you, you can’t be what you want to be. Work hard, train hard and go do whatever you want to do.’** Wise words indeed and from a very credible source.

We are very proud of every pupil who participated in these events, showing an excellent range of communication skills and our core values of respect, kindness and honesty throughout.



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Welcome



Welcome from Ms Boyd



Hello and welcome to the newsletter. Another busy week is nearly over. As I write this our Year 11 Drama pupils are rehearsing their practical exam which took place on Thursday. They worked so hard on this piece of work and every year the moderators come away really impressed. I am confident we will have the same this year. Special mention to Ms Wright who gives up so much time to rehearse them through this and makes sure she gets the best out of them.

Hot on the heels of Drama is the Art practical exams which start on Monday 29 April and French oral exams straight after that. The message I will give to all of our Year 11 pupils and Year 13 students and parents is that it is never too late to make a difference. Squeeze every last drop out of every lesson between now and the exams and you will definitely reap the benefits.

By the time you read this we will already have had the first transition event. We are starting with inviting Eskdale pupils to see their new site and inviting parents to come along and meet us afterwards. I hope to tell you how it went next week and what the plan is for the next event. Thank you for all your patience in this. We are determined to get it right but it takes a lot of time to do this. Your support is really appreciated.

Like you, I'm hoping to see a change in the weather soon. Our field is quite the bog and I am looking forward to seeing pupils using it at lunchtimes as soon as it dries out a little. Fingers crossed.

Ms Boyd
Head of School





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Welcome from Mr Nicholson



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In whole school assembly this week I spoke to the school about change and how we as humans are always experiencing that whether it be tiny and almost unnoticeable to the huge and sudden. I talked about the seasons changing and the shock of a big change, like when I came to work as normal one day last September and left with a badly broken arm! Given the situation that we are all in with the closure of Eskdale School and the opening of Whitby School in a few months; working on how to deal with change is something we will continue to help all our pupils and staff with. Tutors have carried on this theme in tutor time this week.

Linked to this of course is the transition programme for pupils. It has begun this week and all Eskdale pupils who are moving will have an opportunity to spend some time at the relevant site this term. For our current Year 7 pupils they will transfer to the current Whitby Sixth Form site on Airy Hill and for years 8, 9 and 10 they will be moving to the current Caedmon College site on Prospect Hill. Our Year 11s, if they stay to study at Whitby School will join a Sixth Form based at Prospect Hill too. I know this transition programme has been long-awaited and now that it has begun I am sure it will help pupils deal with the change they are experiencing. Not all the pupils need the same support with transition and therefore some pupils have been identified as needing a different experience to others. This has been carefully considered with staff from Eskdale who know the pupils directly involved. Staff here will continue to support and guide our pupils over the coming months and I would ask everyone to support it. If things aren't quite right during the transition and it becomes apparent that something else is needed, then we will work hard to try and improve it for every pupil.

Next Thursday 25 April is our Year 10 Parents' Evening from 4-6pm in the main school hall and I look forward to seeing pupils and parents there. It is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the progress our pupils have made and share what their next academic steps are. I would remind parents of our Year 10s that we have a Study Skills evening for pupils and parents on Wednesday 15 May from 5-7pm in school and that Year 10 mocks begin on Monday 24 June.

For Year 11, information has gone out this week regarding exam arrangements with the first big week of exams beginning on Tuesday 7 May. Please check this information and come back to us in school if there is anything that isn't clear. It has been brilliant to see how our Year 11s are really taking advantage of the extra-sessions being run in many subjects before, during and after-school. It is not too late to make a difference. The odd mark here or there can really be crucial! Well done to those that have already sat final assessments in practical subjects and to those involved in the PE moderation on Tuesday this week.

In amongst all the academic focus there are several exciting opportunities happening such as the German exchange which is now just a few days away. A Royal Navy visit to school is another highlight. Opportunities like these are here and will remain so for the rest of the term and the pupils can grasp them with both hands!

Mr Nicholson
Head of School



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Pupil success continues in the new term

This week's reward winners began the new term in style by being identified as displaying the school's values and receiving positive acclaim from staff. Well done to:

Form Group Prize Draw

7A Theodore D-H

8A Reegan F

8B Phoenix B-P

9A Elsie L

9B Mason A

9C Zane D

10A Evie C

10B Faye H

11A Carl T

11B Maya L

11C Stan P

11D Brooke G

Pupils of the Week

Key Stage 3 - Brett H

Key Stage 4 - Iris C

Pupils of the week





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Transition Activity Calendar

Dear parents and carers,

Please find below transition information for the term ahead. Letters with full details will be sent to you shortly. Colleagues are working together to create a mix of engaging activities designed to allow children to get to know each other and build friendships.

Transition Activity	Date
<p>Transition Activity Afternoon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Current Year 7 (selected pupils only) » Parents will be contacted with the date their child is invited. 	<p>Thursday 18th April 2024 – Lower School (Airy Hill) or Wednesday 24th April – Lower School (Airy Hill)</p>
<p>Meet the staff and enjoy refreshments event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Current Year 7 Parents & Carers (selected pupils only) » Parents whose child is invited and can join us after school. 	<p>18th April 2024 3.30pm – Lower School (Airy Hill) or Wednesday 24th April – Lower School (Airy Hill)</p>
<p>Transition Activity Afternoon</p> <p>Current Year 7 Eskdale pupils visit to Lower School (Airy Hill) for a selection of mixed groups activities with Caedmon peers.</p>	<p>Thursday 2nd May – Lower School (Airy Hill)</p>
<p>Meet the staff and enjoy refreshments event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Parents and carers of Year 7 children visiting Lower School (Airy Hill) on 2nd May are invited to join us after school. 	<p>Thursday 2nd May 3.30pm – Lower School (Airy Hill)</p>
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<p>Transition Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Current Years 8, 9 and 10 Eskdale pupils to visit Upper School (Prospect Hill) for a selection of mixed group activities with Caedmon peers. 	<p>Week commencing 7th May 2024</p>
<p>Lower School (Airy Hill) Transition Evening Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Open to September 2024 Year 7s & Year 8s (current Year 6 & Year 7) plus their parents and carers. 	<p>Week commencing 24th June 2024 – Lower School (Airy Hill)</p>
<p>Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Days Year 7 into Year 8 Transition Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Full Transition Activity Days 	<p>Week commencing 8th July</p>



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More Showjumping success for Ellie!

Congratulations to Ellie D in Year 8 who with her pony Kiltra Molly won the Liz Fox JC/JD qualifier for the Royal Highland show at Stainsby Grange on Sunday. She'll compete in the final at the Royal Highland show ground in Edinburgh on the 23rd June. What a fantastic achievement - well done Ellie!



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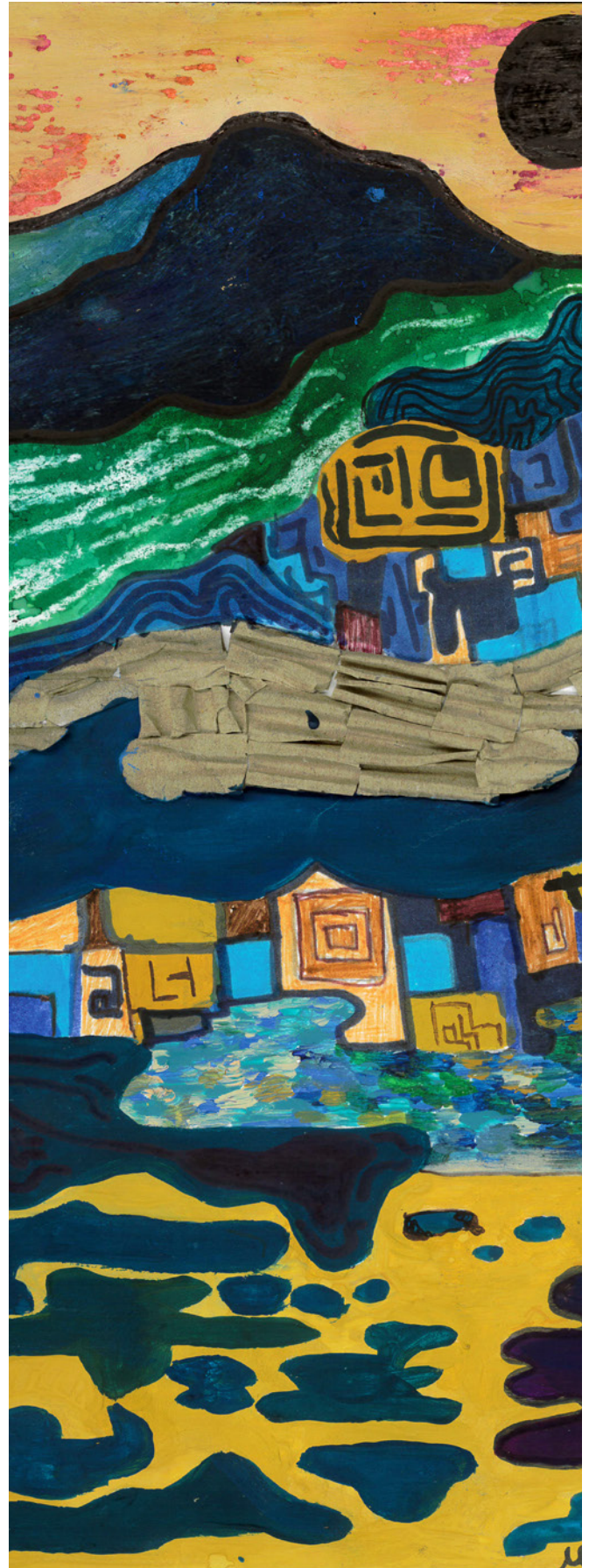


Artwork from our Year 7 and 8 pupils



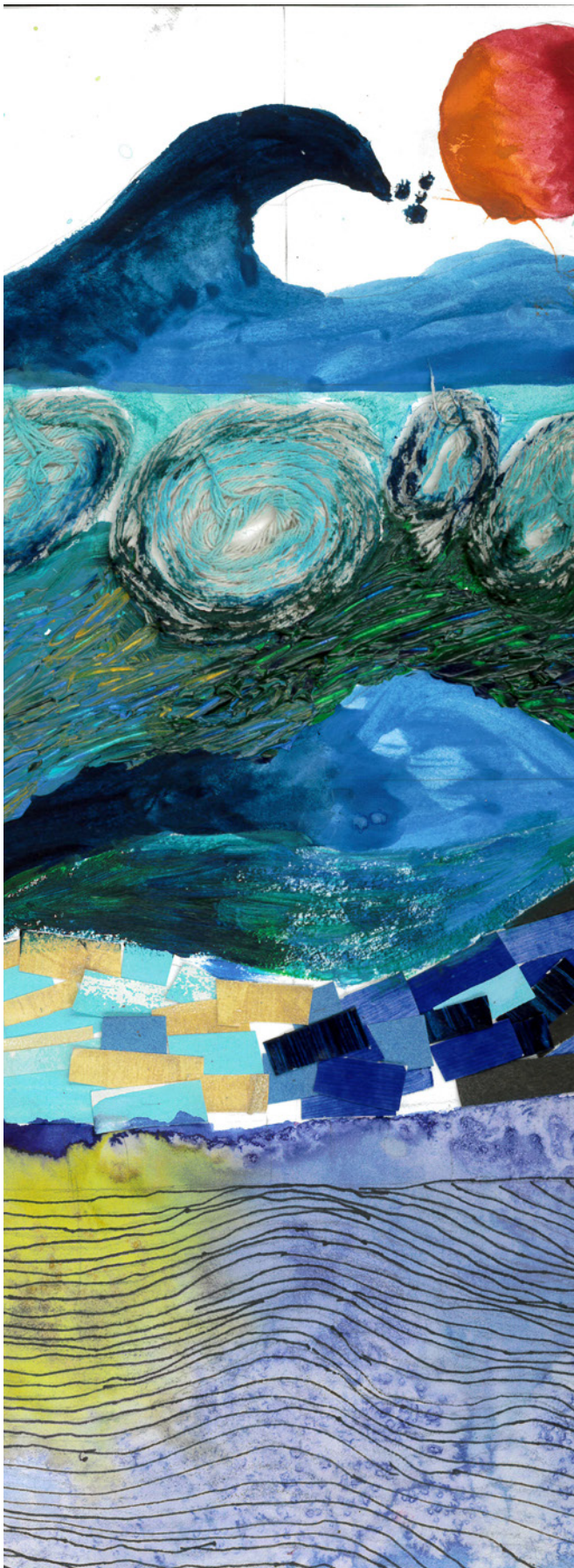


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Careers Update

On Wednesday the Royal Navy came in to talk to our Year 7 students as part of our careers programme. Our pupils found out about the various roles and about the amount of travelling you can do, one of the visitors had been to 45 different countries and also cooked for the Queen!

Our pupils were so interested in learning more about the Navy, especially about working with drones and on aircrafts, they asked the visitors some fantastic questions. They then took part in some sports activities and learned about working in a team and communication by building a mini wind turbine. It was great to see the teams learning to communicate better and listen to other members of their team as they worked towards their goal.





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On Wednesday the Royal Navy came in to talk to our Year 7 pupils as part of our careers programme. Even though the talk was supposed to last half an hour they could have gone on for another 20 minutes with all of the great questions our students asked.

As two of the visitors were chefs in the Royal Navy, they found out about the type of food that is cooked and the money allocated for meals for each person per day: £6.20 for three meals, some good budgeting going on there! They also found out about the various ways the Royal Navy intervenes and supports shipping around the world and that piracy is a real thing. Then 30 pupils took part in some sports and teamwork activities. Their task was to build a mini signalling station, it was great to see their communication and team working abilities grow throughout the 15 minutes they had to complete their project.





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Why study English

Literature at WSF

What will I study?

Words matter. Wars are started over them. Great love affairs happen because of them. Studying English literature will give you the chance to read, think and discuss. In a world filled with 140 characters, Instagram and Snapchat, how often do you get the chance to fully absorb yourself in a good book? From Dracula to The Handmaid's Tale, A-level literature is about amazing novels, poems and plays. Through these great literary texts, students get to grips with a range of texts covering a range of important issues, helping them to think about the world around them and to question and consider everything. Our students are often creative writers, as well as enthusiastic readers and participate in a range of literary competitions. In addition, students will have access to a range of exciting theatre trips.

Literature that changes our world. Join us on the journey!

What do students do afterwards?

Last year, 100% of our students gained a grade C or above; 66% gained A/A* grades. Students have gone on to study English Literature, History, Psychology and Media-based degrees. Some are enjoying careers in the media, such as SKY and Channel 4 and others are continuing their studies at top establishments such as Oxford University.



How will I be assessed?

80% exam; 20% coursework.

What can I do to prepare?

Talk to other students who are already doing the course and ask them what they have done or wish they had done. Read widely; anything that takes your fancy and inspires you to think and discuss.

“I find English Literature a challenging but interesting subject. We have learnt about tireless novels such as Dracula, and classic plays such as Hamlet. The teachers make it exciting and easy to understand.”



MEMORY LANE

Rules for The Grammar School, Whitby, 1963

RULES for THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WHITBY.

Their necessity: Every organised community has definite rules that put some restraint on the individual in order that the community may live more happily. The School as such a community expects of all its members that in everything the good of the School shall be first and our own comfort and convenience second.

Behaviour: All members of the School are responsible to the School for their behaviour and dress. A particular responsibility is expected from those who travel to and from School by public transport.

Entrances: Girls. By the doorway between the girls' cycle sheds or by the glass doors of the Foyer.

Boys. By the doorway at the West end of the main block.

Prefects only are allowed to use the Front Door.

Boys' cycles should be taken along the front of the main building to the racks.

Girls' cycles from Mayfield Road should go by the side of the Hall block, from Stakesby Vale should go behind the Hall block.

Out of Bounds: These places are normally out of bounds: the Hall, Kitchen, Boiler House and Green Room; the respective halves of the School; the Laboratories and Greenhouse; the Gymnasium block; the Library; the Vith. Form Rooms; the Cellar; the Kitchen gardens; the Pavilion; the cycle sheds; the Pannett Art School.

Movement: All moving between periods must be quietly executed in single file on the left of the corridors. Care must be exercised at corners. Forms will wait in file outside the door of the room until told to enter.

Equipment: All clothing and shoes must be clearly marked. Hockey sticks and tennis rackets will be put into their proper racks.

Lockers: There must be no interference with the kit, lockers or desks of others. All Gym. kit and towels will be kept at home when not in use. No borrowing of kit is permitted.

Cycles: Cycles must be put in the sheds in the racks. Improper use of cycles will result in their use being forbidden.

Valuables: All valuables or money will be kept on the person or handed to a member of the Staff for safe keeping. It is particularly important that no valuables should be left in any cloakroom.

All losses must be reported to the Master or Mistress on Duty and entered in the Lost Property Book. All articles found must be handed over at once.

Gymnasium: No one is allowed on the Gymnasium floor unless wearing rubber-soled shoes.

Changing Rooms: Football and Hockey boots will be removed before teams enter the changing rooms. The equipment of the Changing Rooms and Gymnasium will be touched only on instruction from Gymnasium or Games Instructors.

Accidents: Any accident to, or illness of pupils or damage to buildings or equipment must be reported immediately to the Master or Mistress on Duty.

Arrival Times: Pupils are not expected to be on the School premises until 10 minutes before the opening of a session (except those who travel by train or bus).



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Upcoming Events

- U-13 Girls Tennis at Pindar Monday 22 April
- District athletics trials at Malton School Tuesday 23 April
- Year 10 business pupils at CU Scarborough Business Day Wednesday 24 April
- Year 12 business students at CU Scarborough Business Day Thursday 25 April
- Year 8 Rounders v Eskdale (A) Thursday 25 April
- German Exchange Sunday 28 April-Saturday 4 May
- U-15 Tennis at Pindar Monday 29 April
- Year 9 trip to York St John University, 20 pupils from each school Tuesday 30th April
- Year 8 Parents' Evening Tuesday 30 April, 4.00-6.00pm
- GCSE Exams May-June 2024 (final dates TBC)
- Year 10 Rounders at Lady Lumley's Thursday 2 May
- Year 5/6 Tennis at WSF Thursday 2 May
- Bank Holiday Monday 6 May
- Year 8 HPV Vaccination Tuesday 7 May
- Year 7 Rounders at Lady Lumley's Tuesday 7 May
- U-15 Girls Tennis at Pindar Tuesday 7 May
- Year 8 Rounders at Malton Thursday 9 May
- Year 10 Employability Workshops from Inspiring Choices Thursday 9 May-Thursday 6 June
- Primary Tri Golf at CCW Friday 10 May
- Ryedale Whitby Partnership Athletics at Malton School Tuesday 21 May



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Information

Who do you need to contact?

Caedmon College Pastoral Team

SENCo:	Mrs Kirk
Director of Learning Year 7, 8 & 9:	Mrs Harrison
Assistant DoL Year 7:	Mrs Cassell-Osowski
Pastoral Managers Year 7, 8 & 9:	Mrs Wood Miss Clarkson
Director of Learning Year 10 & 11:	Mrs Gordon
Assistant DoL Year 7:	Mrs Ruberry
Pastoral Managers Year 10 & 11:	Mr Taylor Mrs Ross
Email for all is:	post@ccwhitby.org

Eskdale School Pastoral Team:

Deputy Head:	Mr Dixon
Inclusion Manager /SENDCO:	Mrs Kirk
Head of Year 11:	Mrs Scales
Head of Year 10:	Mr Raw
Head of Year 7, 8 & 9:	Mrs Bradley
Pastoral support:	Mrs Wilson
Email for all is:	post@eskdale-school.co.uk

Term Dates

Half term 5	Tuesday 9 April – Friday 24 May
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May
Half term 6	Monday 3 June – Friday 19 July
	<i>(Year 11 off roll at end of June)</i>

