

WHITBY SECONDARY PARTNERSHIP

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Open Evening

Wednesday 22 November
5.00 - 7.00pm

Why Study at WSF?

Our results:

A*-A 25% **A*-C 81%**

All of these measures are on or above national averages.

Join us at our Open Evening to find out more!



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Welcome



I would like to thank our parents and wider community for completing the survey regarding Eskdale School and Caedmon College, plus sharing views on the new Whitby school, over the last few weeks. It is important, as we look to create our new school, that we reflect and learn lessons from the past, acknowledge and address every challenge, while also working together to help shape a positive future for our town, colleagues, parents, and children.

We now look forward to sharing those views with colleagues, respecting confidentiality when requested, to address the common threads identified and later to share the finalised future direction of our schools once we have consulted with both colleagues and pupils.

Our consultation with colleagues will use those common threads identified by parents and our wider community to inform our views and help shape our responses, as we also reflect and plan. Undoubtedly any change brings a degree of uncertainty, but through discussion led by our Heads of Schools, we will ensure each step is communicated effectively in our school communities, as we work collegiately, to allay concerns as they arise and to provide support when required. Through our newsletter we will aim to keep parents informed and provide opportunity for further consultation, as well as taking time to celebrate the achievements of your children.

The journey ahead is an exciting one and we are grateful to all who are seeking to contribute, support and help shape our future together.

Over the next few weeks and months, it is our intention to:

- » Finalise feedback from parents and our wider community, as submitted through the questionnaire.
- » Consult with colleagues at Eskdale School, Caedmon College, and Whitby Sixth Form on thoughts regarding the creation of a new school for Whitby.
- » Consult with pupils at Eskdale School, Caedmon College, and Whitby Sixth Form on thoughts regarding the creation of a new school for Whitby.
- » Appoint a Headteacher for the new school.
- » Finalise and communicate the name, vision, values, uniform, and identity of the new school.
- » Finalise and communicate the school's collaborative improvement plan through to 2026.
- » Finalise and communicate the specialist care and inclusion provision for children with special educational needs.
- » Finalise and communicate the staffing structure for the new school.
- » Finalise and communicate the financial recovery plan for the partnership to facilitate investment.
- » Finalise and communicate the site location, specialist capacity and program of works as required for September 2024.

We look forward to sharing each step along our journey, as we start to shape the future for children currently attending Eskdale School, Caedmon College, and Whitby Sixth Form, as well as those who will be joining our community in years to come. As with our fabulous colleagues, parents and wider community, we help shape an exciting future for current and future generations.

Mr J Britton
Executive Leader



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French and Music Exchange

This year I was one of the lucky students who got to take part in the French exchange trip. A few weeks ago the students from France came to Caedmon. It has been an amazing experience where we all met new people and made some great friendships. We took the French students around Whitby, up to the Abbey, a ghost walk around Whitby and a treasure hunt around the town. Students from the French school and Caedmon were mixed into drama and music groups. We did some rehearsing during the week and all performed in a concert to each other and family on the last night. It has been an amazing experience which pulled all of us out of our comfort zone. This trip has been something neither the English or French students will ever forget.

Emily, Y11





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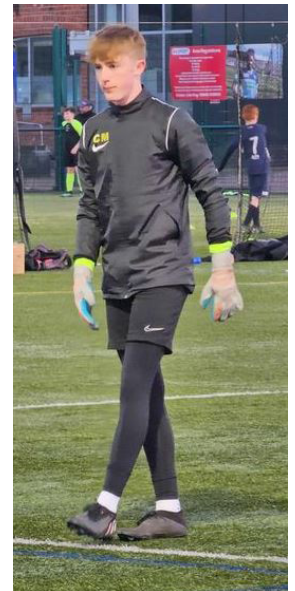


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Football Success

A huge well done to CCW students Callum and Kian, who were both selected for the Junior Premier League North Representative team. This is a fantastic achievement as they have been selected from nearly 500 players from Sheffield to Newcastle and Scarborough to Liverpool. Well done lads.

Another great success is CCW student Mason, for being the only student selected to the North Yorkshire Soccer Academy FA U14 Squad. A brilliant accomplishment! Well done, Mason.



Year 8 Girls Football

Bootham School, 17 October 2023. When we started the ball was kept to their side as we tried shooting many times, with our great defenders we always kept it away from our half. Then after 5-10 minutes we scored and after celebrating we got back in the game. Minute after minute we kept getting closer and closer and scored again! Then it was half time, Mrs Raw was very encouraging and said what we could improve on and what positions need changing. When we got back in the game for the first few minutes we had it on our side until someone kicked it far to our half and a fast girl sprinted with the ball and scored. After a while we scored again, but a girl got studded on the other team and had to sit out. When we finished the score was 3:1 to Caedmon, their school played very well and at the end we had orange juice and Kitkats given to us by Bootham School. Over all we had a great time.

Martha, Y8



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Caedmon College Equestrian Team

Huge congratulations to Olivia, Ruth, Mary, Saffron and Ned who qualified to represent the Caedmon College equestrian team in the National Schools finals at Addington Equestrian centre. The students travelled through the storm last week to spend the weekend at Addington Equestrian centre.

Students showed their reliance and amazing team spirit. We had flooding, lots of mud, clear rounds, poles, falls but most of all the students were amazing showing their dedication to a sport they all love.

The 85cm show jumping team placed a very respectable 13th out of the 45 teams, Olivia won a 95 warm up class, Saffron represented the Northern England team in the Nations cup and the team was placed 3rd and Ruth rode beautiful clear rounds all weekend.



Most of all the students were the best ambassadors for Caedmon College Whitby. Thanks to all the parents and helpers who make these opportunities possible.



WSF Health Conference Visit

WSF students attended CU Scarborough yesterday for their Health Conference. The two keynote speakers Ian Donaghy and Jamie Peacock MBE were absolutely phenomenal and gave our students a real insight into the Health professions.

Thank you to CU Scarborough for having us.



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Meet the Teacher – Mrs Brown



I took a keen interest in business when I studied it at GCSE. I had an excellent teacher, she supported me through my GCSEs and was an excellent role model. Because of her, it was easy to pick my A-level subjects. I chose: Maths, IT, Accounting and Business.

After college I went to university, and started my degree in Business Management. I knew I always wanted to be a teacher, but in case my plans changed, I found business to be the most well-rounded subject that could lead me down various different career paths.

After university, I couldn't get enough of education and knew that teaching was the career choice for me, so I applied and was accepted onto a Business and Economics PGCE course. I knew I made the right choice, and I got my first teaching role at The JCB Academy in Stoke-on-Trent. I worked there for two years and as much as I loved it, I loved Whitby more. So, in 2016 I moved with my partner, my 4-year-old and my 4-month-old and started my new job at Caedmon College Whitby.

I love teaching business, it's the only subject that no matter where you work you will always work in a business, therefore the information you learn will always be relevant. It is engaging, keeps up with the current economic climate and could potentially make you a lot of money in the future (please don't forget your wonderful business teacher when you become rich!).

We have had many students move onto wonderful things when doing the business course, from university, apprenticeships and job opportunities, studying business opens endless doors.

As a final note, I would like to say that I really enjoy my job, teaching can be so rewarding, but it does come with its challenges. When I feel like I am having a bad day, I just remember that when a famous person sadly dies, it's someone's job to change all the verbs to the past tense on Wikipedia.

Place2talk

Just to remind everyone Place2talk continues to run. Providing a safe confidential space in which you can come along for twenty minutes to discuss matters personal to you, which may be impacting on your thoughts, feelings, emotions and well-being.

Wednesday: Sixth Form - Lunch and break time. To book an appointment either email Place2talk@wsp.org.uk or pop a slip/piece of paper into the Place2be box with your name and time you would like to attend. I am in the Place2be room near the maths class.

Thursday/Friday: Caedmon - Lunch and Break time at present email Place2talk@wsp.org.uk my Place2be box is still looking for a new home.

Caedmon College

Talent Show

The annual talent show will take place on 8 December in the Main Hall during lessons 4 and 5. Tickets will be limited so get yours early, £1 per ticket available from your tutor. Remember no ticket, no entry!!!

All proceeds go to Whitby Food Bank.



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Writers Club

A Warning

The broken walls barely stand the test of time,
Weathered and forgotten, concealed with grime
The sun dips down low, a single watchful eye
Bold orange brushstrokes sweep across the sky

The night draws in, a haunting shadow
Rough and reckless as the churning sea
Spectres dance in macabre hall, frolicking wild and free
Malevolent, they cackle and riot
Rarely found, always present, never quiet.
The invisible beast is always prowling
In the chill of the alley, or in the winter wind howling.

A rap on your door
Blood splattered in the floor
A broken dish that wasn't there before.
They always watch
Haunted cursed or hexed
And you never know,
You may be next.

Lola, Y10

Eyes in the wind

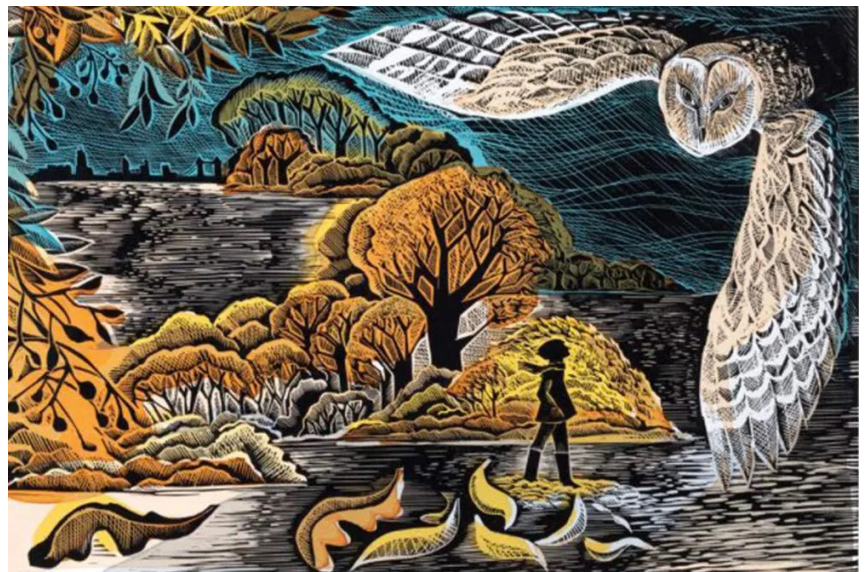
Alluring, through the midnight mist
A presence beyond eyes, before souls

The exchange inequitable, the biased decide
A heartbeat for a heartbeat, a life for a life

Protruding through a canvas, brittle bones reside
A thirst for only unjust, a glance from tainted knives

Newcomers take no warning, whilst in the know take heed
Retract your breathe, cross round your neck, a silent melody.

Safi, Y9



Book Review

As part of the KS3 Reading for Pleasure programme, students in all tutor groups in Y7 and 8 read books together in form time. This is a review of the book 'October, October' by Katya Balen.

Synopsis: This book is about a girl called October, who lives in the woods with her dad. However, after an accident, she is forced to go and live in London, with the woman who is her mother. This book basically follows the story of her trying to fit in, and keeping her emotions in check, even when the world was crumbling beneath her feet.

Who would enjoy this book: Personally, I think anyone would enjoy this book as it is written so beautifully, it literally sounds poetic.

Christine, Y8



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Army Supercamp Day

On Friday 26 October, 65 Caedmon and 33 Eskdale students made the trip up north to Albemarle Barracks, home of the third regiment The Royal Horse Artillery. On arrival the students and staff were fitted up with military fatigues and boots. Students were bussed to a disused airfield and began a rotation of activities. The students switched between ‘archery dodgeball’, ‘basic combat manoeuvres’, ‘first aid in the field’, ‘mechanical engineering race’, and ‘bridge construction’.

The weather was very heavy and the students’ resilience was noted by the officers in charge, who commented that other schools who had undertaken the same trip would have given up, but the Caedmon/Eskdale collective was tough enough to thrive in the rain! After the activity rotation we de-kitted and changed into warm clothes before wrapping up the day with an Army careers talk before heading home. All in



all a great day with both schools working together as a team. Well done to Mrs Hargreaves for organising the day and thanks to the staff from both Eskdale and Caedmon for taking the students.

Student views:

It was fun, I was surprised to learn about all of the different job roles you can get into in the army. – **Riley**

I think it was a really good experience to learn about teamwork and we had a fun time. – **Saffron**

We got very muddy! – **Anna**

I enjoyed working with the people I worked with, and was really pleased I was able to complete the bridge task the quickest with my team. – **Noel**



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Eskdale students watch live performance in Newcastle

Miss Parlby our Head of Creatives, who organised and led the successful visit writes:

On Wednesday 25th October the Year 11 Eskdale drama students were joined by Whitby Sixth Form's Year 13 drama students to see *Metamorphosis* at Northern Stage in Newcastle. This was a new interpretation by the renowned theatre company Frantic Assembly who interpret theatre through physicality and visual means. The students really engaged with this style of work in their follow up lessons and it has really given them some ideas for future practical work as well as giving them lots to evaluate in their written exam. It was a huge privilege for our students to see this high-quality theatre.

More opportunities for our students interested in creatives!

Elsewhere in creatives, Mrs Edmondson-Preedy is leading a visit to another beautiful part of the north-east; this time to the city of Durham. Students are invited to travel by coach from school on Tuesday 28 November with some of their counterparts from Caedmon. After two popular visits in 2022, students this year have the chance see the acapella Choir 'Full Score' in concert at St.Oswald's Church in Durham City. This will also include a performance from Durham University Jazz Band. The concert finishes at 9pm. Letters and further details about this fantastic evening can be obtained from Mrs Edmondson-Preedy.





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Library competition winners announced



Congratulations to Jasmin B in Year 7, Isabella C in Year 8 and Maddie A in Year 9 who were the winners of the Halloween competition overseen by Mr Gaulter and the team of dedicated school librarians.

The library bake sale was fantastically well supported and students have raised over £70 which will be used to purchase prizes for this half term's library challenges. Watch this space, but it will be wintry and Christmas themed! Details of the challenge will be finalised this week and information will go out via tutors and be available in the Library.

Thanks to all the librarians (and the staff!) for their support with this event and keeping the library running smoothly! As Reading is one of our school's core skills, this couldn't be more important - Well done all!



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MEMORY LANE



The scene inside the school sports hall, where stalls and sideshows did a good trade.



An Army display proved popular with the boys.

School fayre nets £1,300

Despite overcast and occasionally damp weather, a large crowd of parents and friends visited Whitby School on Saturday afternoon for the annual summer fayre organised by the Whitby School Home and School Association. Advance publicity was provided during Saturday morning by Town Crier Mr Rex Greenwood and by the Whitby Jets Juvenile Jazz Band performing in Crescent Gardens. The fayre was attended by Deputy Town Mayor Maurice Hatton and by the chairman of Whitby School Governors, Mrs S. Jackson. Displays were presented in the arena during the course of the afternoon by the Airy Hill School Morris Dancers trained by Mr Joe Brown, and by the Streonshalh Morris Dancers. The school break-dance team which featured recently in the musical "Witch to Love", presented as part of the Whitby Festival, entertained visitors in the dining hall where tea was provided by members of the school canteen staff under the direction of Mrs Hazel Lloyd. The Whitby Jets Juvenile Jazz Band performed during the course of the afternoon and much interest was also focused upon a display of Cleveland Bay horses.



Whitby Jets on parade.

Stalls and sideshows were erected in the school sports hall and were well patronised by the many visitors.

METRO

By courtesy of Harrison's Garage, a Metro was available in a dice throwing competition but remained unclaimed. Static displays were presented on the school field by the Armed Services, St John Ambulance, St Catherine's Hospice and others. The Home and School Association treasurer, Mrs Ann Natriss, spoke of the assistance given by many parents, pupils and members of staff and reported a profit from the event of approximately £1,300.

The money will be used to support various school projects including the provision of a replacement mini-bus. In the raffle, the winner of the first prize, a £60 Hinton's voucher, was T. Unsworth, Whitby School. Other winners were: Nicola Hutchinson, c/o Mr and Mrs Dunn, K. Dunn, D. E. Eatough, c/o Mr and Mrs Dunn, Sanderson Shop, Hinderwell, John Thurstans, Julie Trillo, Bylands Road, T. Helm, Board Inn, Lealholm, J. Walker, Falcon Terrace, Michael Weatherill, Danby, Mr Hoggarth, Thorneywaite, Mrs Blackburn, East Way, Raymond Kitching, Lambeth Road, Middlesbrough, Mrs Crosby, Mayfield Road.



Left - Young archers try their skill.

Above - A traction engine and display were among the outdoor attractions.



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Why study Computer Science at WSF

Our A-level Computer Science qualification helps you understand the core academic principles of computer science. Classroom learning is transferred into creating real-world systems through the creation of an independent programming project. Our A-level will develop your technical understanding and ability to analyse and solve problems using computational thinking.



Why study Computer Science?

Computer Science is an intensely creative subject that combines invention and excitement and can look at the natural world through a digital prism. The aims of this qualification are to enable learners to develop:

- » An understanding and ability to apply the fundamental principles and concepts of computer science, including: abstraction, decomposition, logic, algorithms and data representation
- » The ability to analyse problems in computational terms through practical experience of solving such problems, including writing programs to do so
- » The capacity to think creatively, innovatively, analytically, logically and critically
- » The capacity to see relationships between different aspects of computer science
- » Mathematical skills.

How you will be assessed

The course is assessed by final examinations.

Where can the subject lead?

Any career involving ICT, computing, web design and network management.



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Information

Who do you need to contact?

Caedmon College Pastoral Team

SENCo:	Mrs Kirk
Director of Learning Y7, 8 & 9:	Mrs Harrion
Assistant DoL Y7:	Mrs Cassell-Osowski
Pastoral Managers Y7, 8 & 9:	Mrs Wood Miss Clarkson
Director of Learning Y10 & 11:	Mrs Gordon
Assistant DoL Y7:	Mrs Ruberry
Pastoral Managers Y10 & 11:	Mr Taylor Mrs Ross
Email for all is:	post@ccwhitby.org

Eskdale School Pastoral Team:

Deputy Head:	Mr Dixon
Inclusion Manager /SENDCO:	Mr Jones
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 2	Monday 6 November – Friday 22 December
Half term 3	Tuesday 9 January – Friday 9 February
Half term 4	Monday 19 February – Friday 22 March
Half term 5	Tuesday 9 April – Friday 24 May
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May
Half term 6	Monday 3 June – Friday 19 July

(Year 11 off roll at end of June)



Training Days

Monday 8 January 2024
Monday 8 April 2024



Why is homework important?

Homework is valuable for the following reasons:

- » It helps students to make more rapid progress in learning
- » It allows students the opportunity to develop the practice of working independently, this method of working is vital in the later stages of secondary education and beyond
- » It helps students develop skills learned in the classroom
- » It involves parents and others in the students' work for their mutual benefit
- » It can provide opportunities for long term research and other work that benefits from being developed over a longer period of time
- » It gives students valuable experience of working to deadlines and forms a link with various methods of study crucial to success at secondary school.

How do we help students organise their homework?

Each student is given a homework planner at the beginning of the year. Students can use these to record their independent study for each subject as a reminder of the task and its deadline date or they can access the google classroom where they will be able to find this information.

How can parents or guardians help with homework?

Parents and carers can:

- » Access the Google Classroom to see what homework has been assigned
- » Help their son/daughter to organise their time to best advantage so that things are not all left to the last minute or forgotten
- » Try to make sure that there are suitable working conditions at home
- » Take a positive and active interest in their child's work at home.

Parents and carers are encouraged to let staff know if there are problems with homework. Perhaps a child seems to be doing too much, or not enough, or is finding it too easy or too difficult. In these cases, contact with the College is essential so that we can look into the matter.



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Upcoming Events

Caedmon College Events

Y13 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 14 November, 4.00-6.00pm
Whitby Sixth Form Open Evening	Wednesday 22 November, 5.00-7.00pm
Half Term	Monday 30 October-Friday 3 November
Y11 Mock Exams	Monday 13-Friday 24 November 2023
Y13 Mock Exams	Monday 27 November-Friday 8 December
Y7 Pantomime Trip	Tuesday 12 December
Y9 Carousel Workshops with CU Scarborough	Tuesday 19 December (provisional), 9.30am-12.30pm
Christmas Break	Monday 25 December-Friday 5 January 2024

Eskdale School Upcoming Events

Y11 Mock Exams	Monday 13-Friday 24 November
WSP visit to World War Battlefields	Friday 24-Monday 27 November
Y7 Pantomime Trip	Tuesday 12 December
Y9 Carousel Workshops with CU Scarborough	Tuesday 19 December (provisional), 9.30am-12.30pm

Exam Dates

Mock Exams - Series 1	Monday 13 November – Friday 24 November 2023
Mock Exams - Series 2	Monday 26 February – Friday 8 March 2024
GCSEs	May to June 2024 (final dates TBC)
Exam Contingency Day	Friday 28 June