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Welcome



Welcome from Ms Boyd



Welcome to issue 4 of the Whitby Secondary Partnership Newsletter. It's been great to get some of our good news stories and information out to parents and the community.

Our Year 11 have trial exams this week and last. I have been impressed by the way that they have tackled them and have high hopes for the summer. We will get them back to students for some crucial feedback and then we will roll our revision programme out to students and parents next term. Thank you for your support with this.

This week we are launching our annual winter charity appeal. As last year, we will celebrate Children in Need slightly later so that it doesn't clash with trial exams. **Friday 24 November** is a non-uniform day. Please bring in a donation to Children in Need or an item for the foodbank or both if you like. For the last two years, the staff and students of Caedmon have been the biggest supporters of the local food bank by far. Thank you in advance for your generosity again this year.

We will also be having a fundraising talent show for the students on **Friday 8 December**. We will bring you more news of that nearer the time.

Our KS5 Open Evening happened on **Wednesday 22 November**. If you missed it, don't worry. Please just contact school by phoning or emailing post@ccwhitby.org and we can show you round and talk to you at a time of your convenience. We believe we have the best post-16 results on the coast and the best careers and university advice and we are very happy to talk to students and parents in detail if they want more information.

Ms Boyd
Head of School





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Welcome from Mr Nicholson



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SCHOOL



It is hardly believable that the third week of November is upon us and that the autumn term is hurtling towards December at a rate of knots! As the days shorten and the evenings lengthen our students have continued to grasp the opportunities the school provides. You will read elsewhere in more detail of both musical and sporting events.

For Year 11 the focus has been on their mock exams, which have been conducted with maturity. These are important not only for the subjects themselves, but also for the preparation for the exam period next summer. Students have seen and been part of the process they will repeat in May and June and it should hold no surprises now. A mock report card will follow electronically for parents next month and each student will receive a hard copy too. Mocks are a staging post; a time to reflect honestly (it is one of our school values after all) and then take precise action to improve. There is still plenty of time to do that and plenty of time to make attainment gains. Plans are in place to help guide students with that process and as a school we value parental support with this.

Last Tuesday evening I saw first-hand where that exam success can take our young people by attending the Phoenix Partnership celebration meal at Coventry University, Scarborough. It was a nice evening and hearing from current students who are blossoming with similar backgrounds to our students was a reminder that all youngsters can achieve with hard work and someone to believe in them. Whilst, university isn't for all, I do believe that students here at Eskdale should carefully consider it as an option post-18.

As many of you will know I have just recently returned to work following an injury and subsequent operation. I would like to say thanks to my colleagues who covered in my absence and thank them for their kindness (another one of our school values) during my time off. The staff here continue to do their utmost for the students in their care. As for me? I am sufficiently recovered to be heading to the WWI battlefields of Belgium and France on Friday with a group of over forty of our students and four other staff. Yet, another example of the opportunities available to our young people.

Mr Nicholson
Head of School





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Ned and Paddy

My name is Ned and I am in Year 8. I saw the Shetland Pony Grand National on the TV when I was 7. I've always ridden ponies and really wanted to have a go. We didn't have lots of money for one of the ponies that was good at racing so mum bought me one that some people had tried to race but they kept falling off him.

When he came home he was a bit scared of sudden movements and loud noises. Sometime in the past some people weren't kind to him. I spent lots of time with him getting him to trust me. He likes snacks and giving him lots of them helped him to like me. Now he always looks in my pockets with his nose.

After a year we went to the trials day. Paddy was a bit anxious but he got me round and we did a few shows in 2021. In 2022 we did a few more and this year



we were selected for some really big shows like Royal Windsor and Burghley. We have now been selected to race at London International Horse show for 7 days twice a day from the 12 December as well as at Cheltenham racecourse on 19 November. This is a dream come true and we have had so much fun on our journey.

It is really hard work keeping Paddy fit and he takes lots of looking after. I have to get up very early to muck out and ride him whatever the weather but I don't mind because we are a team and he has made such amazing things happen for me. We have been on Sky Sports and You tube, raced at Newmarket and met some amazing people.

We are raising money for Bob Champion cancer research in the build up to London and would really appreciate any donations to our just giving page. Thank you so much.

"A glorious renewal of the Shetland Pony Grand National at Cheltenham. Ex-champion jockey Richard Johnson has no future as a starter, but young Ned Sayer delivers a polished performance aboard Merkisayre Sir Padre (Paddy)."





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Whitby, Our Whitby Social Change Project

Thirty-eight students from CCW have been working with the National Literacy Trust on a social change and employability programme. The students have worked with an outside tutor over a series of 4 hours so far.

The students have been tasked with identifying one area of their local area they would like to change, and present their ideas as to how to go about it. The last session and celebration of success event was on Wednesday 22 November, and we will report in more detail in a later newsletter.

Mr Mitchell

The Phoenix

Encased in flame, the Phoenix rises
Bright and bold as the glowering sun
Searing beauty, flickering ember
Soft as the spoken tongue

Feathered wings brush the air
Gentle flame spills from the wings
Elegant swift and regal
Truthful, the golden maiden sings

Gliding, swooping, watchful
The honest ally gazes down
Protecting what is unprotected
Ember falling to the ground

And then the time comes much to fast
Withers the friendly flame
Bust from the ashes lying still
The Phoenix rises again

By Lola Walley, Y11





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Passport for Success

In January 2023, we launched the Passport for Success for all Whitby Sixth Form students. Through extensive research into enrichment activities, we created a set of tasks that will improve your life skills that will make you more desirable to employers and universities.

These tasks were categorised into bronze, silver and gold.

- » bronze activities are the non-negotiables that all students should be completing through their time at the sixth form. They include work experience, completing a financial understanding course, having more than 95% attendance, completing the Restart a Heart course we provide for all students and examining their employability skills which includes creating a CV
- » the silver criteria focuses on additional activities that can improve their confidence, such as attending a school trip, completing a first aid course or something similar, helping out at school events and having a part time job
- » the gold criteria is for students who really want to stand out from others when applying for jobs or university. They include raising money for charity and completing an enrichment activity of their choice for example Duke of Edinburgh.

All of the activities have been designed to develop the skills each student needs for later life. It is also an aid for them when writing their personal statements or job applications.

We will launch this again with our new Year 12 cohort in January 2024, and the current cohort's progress will be reviewed in the coming December and rewards will be provided for those who have fully completed each criteria.





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Careers at WSF

A big thank you to all our Y13 parents who came to our parents' evening on Thursday. A special thank you to CU Scarborough and Teesside University, who we work in partnership with, for being on hand to discuss opportunities available to students after their Level 3 studies.

If students wish to discuss their next steps, you can contact our fantastic Careers Team, Ms Mackle (g.mackle@wsp.org.uk) and Ms Wright (k.wright@ccwhitby.org)





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Talent Show

Friday 8 December 2023

in the main hall at lunch time

£1 per ticket

To enter, come and see Miss Ruberry/Ms Beattie,
with name and running time of your act.

1st - £15 Sainsbury's voucher; 2nd - £5 Sainsbury's voucher;
3rd - £5 Sainsbury's voucher





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Parental Information Evening PSHE and Online Safety

Mr Mitchell and Mrs Hargreaves invite parents to an information evening on Wednesday 6 December, 6.00-7.00pm in the Learning Centre on the Caedmon Site.

The aim of the evening is:

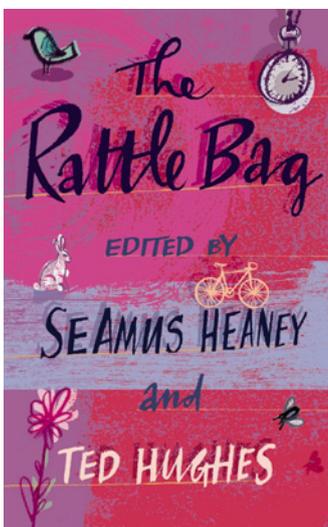
- » to inform parents about the PSHE and relationships and sex education (RSE) provision offered at our school
- » to inform parents about the dangers of being online and strategies for online safety for our students.

Sign up by scanning the code, or email h.hargreaves@ccwhitby.org. We look forward to seeing you.



SCAN ME

My Favourite Book



One of my favourite books is 'The Rattlebag' edited by Seamus Heaney and Ted Hughes. This anthology of poetry is a book to take to a desert island. It has a poem for any day or any mood.

There are poems for when you are sad and want to be sad, and poems to make you smile when you are feeling down. Some are great to read out loud, some are for whispering into the ear of a loved one. The poems in this book make me think of other people's lives and experiences for a change, instead of my own. Be warned: open this book and you may end up on the Congo River, at the battle of Crecy, or out hunting lions...

Dr Heath - Science



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Why study Music at WSF

What will I study?

Do you love singing or playing music? Do you enjoy writing your own songs or creating your own music? Do you enjoy listening to and discussing a wide range of music? Music A-level is the course for you to help to become a confident and creative musician. You will further develop your practical skills through the many performance opportunities we offer. You will also study and analyse a range of music, from symphonies to rock and pop.

What do students do afterwards?

The majority of our A-level music students have progressed onto music or arts-based courses, at university or Conservatoires. We've also had students go on to study a range of other subjects, like maths and science. Music A-level is highly regarded by all universities as a subject that is rigorous, both academically and practically.

How will I be assessed?

30% performance (recital); 30% composition portfolio; 40% exam at the end of the course.

Note: At A2, you can choose to specialise in performance (35%).

What can I do to prepare?

Get involved in as many musical activities as you can - bands, writing and listening to music. Talk to Mrs Beattie or any of the peripatetic teachers or students who have taken the course.

“The A-level music course really helped me become the musician I am today. I hated theory until Hannah made it fun and understandable. I use that knowledge every day now, it’s led me on 9 European tours, millions of streams online and a record deal with one of Sweden’s biggest labels.”

– James



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MEMORY LANE

Theatrical productions at Whitby School.



Tobias and the Angel - 1965



The Caucasian Chalk Circle - 1972



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CHRISTMAS WORDS & MUSIC

presented by the Music and
Drama students of
Caedmon College Whitby

Thursday 21 December, 6.00pm

Normanby Site
Main Hall

Admission by donation





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Eskdale Remembers

On Friday 10 November at 11am, the whole of Eskdale School paused to remember the fallen for Remembrance Day.

The school assembled in the main hall and Mr Nicholson, the Head of School addressed students and staff. The theme of peace and hope from the red poppy was the message, as students were clearly made aware of the significance of the poppy and the reason why it is worn. The current turbulent situation in the world was covered too with the hope for a peaceful resolution to contemporary conflicts. The Last Post was played and an immaculate two-minute silence was maintained by all. It was an impressive mark of respect from all involved.





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Students strike a chord

On Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 November past and present students from Eskdale School and Caedmon College who play in the bands at the Whitby Music Centre on a Saturday morning, performed at the Whitby Christmas Market Festival.

Mrs Edmondson-Preedy who was integral to the event was at all the performances and played with both senior bands on the Saturday as well as performing with her own saxophone quintet, Sweet Harmony, on the Sunday. You can listen to the performances from the bands on the Yorkshire Coast Radio Facebook page.



Back row: L-R Ellen H on bass clarinet, Maisy S on alto saxophone and Dex R on drums.
Front row: L-R Matthew H on trumpet, Theo D-H on soprano saxophone, Molly P on clarinet, Nula R and Rosie K on flute.



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Winter sport continues apace...

Eskdale students have been out and about in the region flying the flag for the school. Thanks to Mr Raw who has taken the teams this time. He reports as follows:

'A huge well done to all Eskdale runners in the final qualifying event of the Scarborough & District Cross Country held at CCW 6th form last week. The ground was soft, but conditions perfect as the Year 10 and Year 11s started proceedings. Emma W (27th), Reggie W (35th) and Joey H(36th) all achieving top 40 places.

Other stand out performances were Esme H 2nd in the Year 9 Girls race and Stella Y 31st in the Year 8 Girls race. A huge well done to all who represented Eskdale in a sport that has long standing profile at school and within its history. This race will be the last time Eskdale are represented at district cross country. A big thank to past and present students who have represented Eskdale and had the opportunity to participate on our course, a course that reflects true cross country #thelines #scraplane

Eskdale entered the Whitby/Ryedale 7-a-side football tournament at Malton 3G on Tuesday 14 November. The team worked hard to create chances on small narrow pitches. A loss to Lady Lumley's in the first game (1-0), meant a hard game against Ryedale. The football was quicker and we created chances only for our best chance to sail over the bar. A draw being a fair result 0-0. The final two games we were beaten by two good footballing sides Malton 2-0 and Norton 1-0. Well done to all 10 boys involved. High praise to Keni S and Riley C who supported Malton who only had 6 players. Mr Raw concludes that it was a pleasure to take the team. For staff that willingly give their time, it is fantastic to get that feedback - well done lads!



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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



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Upcoming Events

Caedmon College Events

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

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 2

Monday 26 February –
Friday 8 March 2024

GCSEs

May to June 2024
(final dates TBC)

Exam Contingency Day

Friday 28 June