



Whitby School

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newsletter

ISSUE 2





KENYA TRIP 2024

Back in July, fifteen pupils from the then Caedmon College and Eskdale school embarked on an amazing opportunity to Kenya for a four-week trekking expedition. All pupils got to experience the warm and welcoming culture that Kenya is famous for on this immersive expedition. They spent their days working on sustainable projects with local people, helping to support the local community, wildlife and environment. They got to know the inspiring Mamas of the local village who taught traditional skills of making elephant dung paper and native dancing; they got to meet the world-famous Maasai Tribe and excitingly got to experience the magic of a safari at Tsavo East National Park – one of Africa’s top wildlife destinations. To bring the whole expedition together, all pupils then took on Africa’s second largest mountain - Mount Kenya! And although they were unable to summit the mountain due to weather conditions getting just 70 metres away, all pupils found this tough but a rewarding experience.





“It was the best experience I’ve ever had. I’ve learnt about different cultures, how to be independent. My favourite part was going to the schools and interacting with the children. Seeing the wildlife was brilliant and I would absolutely love to do it again!” - Trinny

“My favourite part was working on the school project and mixing with the children. I have learnt all about their cultures and how other people in the world live which makes me feel eternally grateful. The mountain was a challenging experience and I feel very proud that I was determined to summit the mountain” - Sydney





MESSAGE FROM THE HEADS OF YEAR 7 AND 8

We just wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to parents/carers of Year 7 and 8 pupils for supporting us in our endeavour to help them settle into their new school over the past 7 weeks. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our new cohorts and all of their personalities, passions and wonderful qualities; what a privilege it is to be in their presence and experience the smiles and energy that they bring to our lower school community.

This half term pupils have had so much information to process and we're really proud of them for being resilient and courageous with all the newness that they've experienced!

Pupils have been able to start extracurricular clubs such as football, netball, drama and choir, as well as participating in fixtures, including cross country where the Year 7 and 8 teams have already had great success. Year 7s enjoyed a 'Meet the Tutor' event and Year 8s

had a fantastic STEM trip. Both year groups were involved in our recent Open Evening, working their socks off in their favourite departments or guiding our visitors around the school on tours.

This week we will be celebrating their first term at Whitby School by holding Rewards Assemblies - it has been extremely difficult for us to choose pupils for the Head of Year award, and we know that tutors have had the same issue when selecting their Tutor Stars. Next term there is much to look forward to including a trip to the pantomime, and dare I say it, some activities to get us into the Christmas spirit.

Thank you for everything that you do to ensure your child attends school each day and is prepared and ready to learn. We hope you have a well-deserved break together and we look forward to seeing them in a week's time.

Mrs Harrison and Mr Raw





MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF YEAR 9

A massive well done to all my lovely Year 9 pupils. You have made a tremendous start to the school year. Staff have been impressed by your “can do attitude” and I am looking forward to seeing how the year progresses for you all. It has been great to see so many new friendships in the making and the positive interactions that you are having with staff and other pupils. I have

been especially pleased with our year group’s athletes, footballers and sporting talents. They have been showing us what they are made of both in and out of school and it is a real treat to hear about all their achievements. I look forward to the coming months to see how impressive you all can be!

Mrs Cassell-Osowski





MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF YEAR 10

It has been an absolute delight to have begun forging new relationships with all the members of the Year 10 cohort. They have really made myself and the pastoral team feel welcome within the new school. They have shown many positive qualities and have strived to overcome many personal challenges as we all adapt in Whitby School.

Each week they have reflected on their own progress and looked at how little changes can make a big impact. Wednesday tutor times have seen them engage in word puzzles which has tutor groups battle it out to gain top spot! Finally, they are looking at their own goals over the course of the year and the barriers that they may face achieving them.

They are a talented bunch of young people both in and out of school and I would like to commend them for having a 'can do' mentality, wanting to be the best version of themselves. From cross country, football and rugby to kickboxing, swimming and rowing.

I look forward to the next half term.

Mrs Scales





SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING WEEK

As part of our careers programme, our Year 8 pupils went on our annual trip to the fantastic Scarborough Science and Engineering Week Fair on Tuesday. There were lots of different employers and universities there with interactive stalls for our pupils to take part in. Engaging in and trying the activities on the stalls helped our pupils to learn about the very diverse nature of Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) jobs. The feedback forms revealed the different jobs they had discovered such as Medical Engineer, Forensic Computing, Professional 3D printer and also that there are plumbers and other maintenance jobs in hospitals. It was a fantastic day and we heard from the employers that our pupils were well behaved throughout the trip. It was a great way for our pupils to build up their confidence and learn about the wide variety of STEM jobs at the same time!



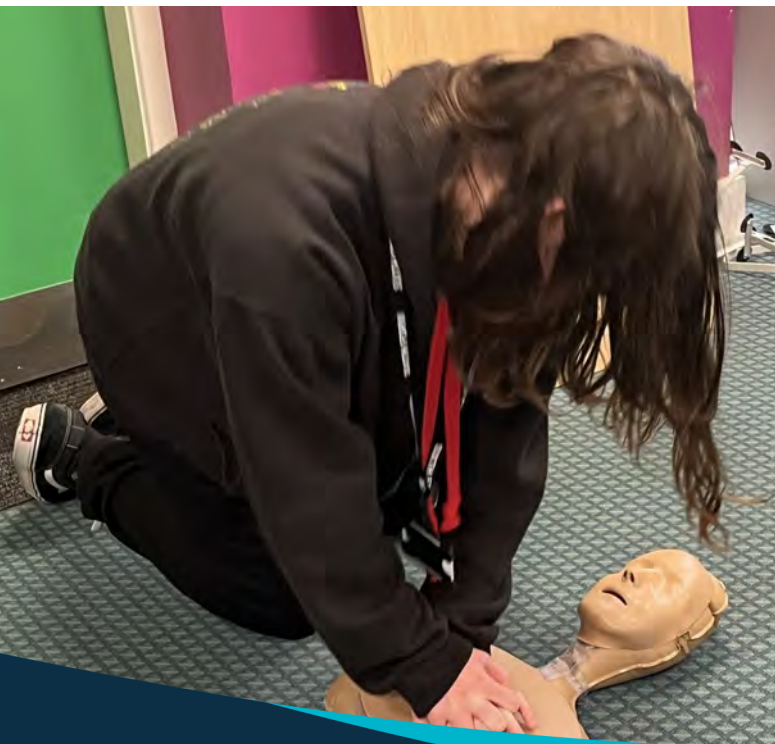


RESTART A HEART DAY

Sixth Form students participated in the national Restart a Heart event. After receiving CPR and defibrillator training in schools and colleges, 4 out of 10 cardiac arrest patients are expected to survive, compared to just 1 out of 10 without such training. Last week, all Year 12 students learned CPR and how to use a defibrillator in emergency situations.

Effective CPR improves survival rate from 6% to 74%

80% of heart attacks take place outside of hospitals.





The first steps in preparation for our EPIC production are underway and there are some key dates and sessions to be aware of:

AUDITIONS

Will take place on Wednesday 6 November in the Main Hall at the Prospect Hill site from 4.00pm

SHOW DATES

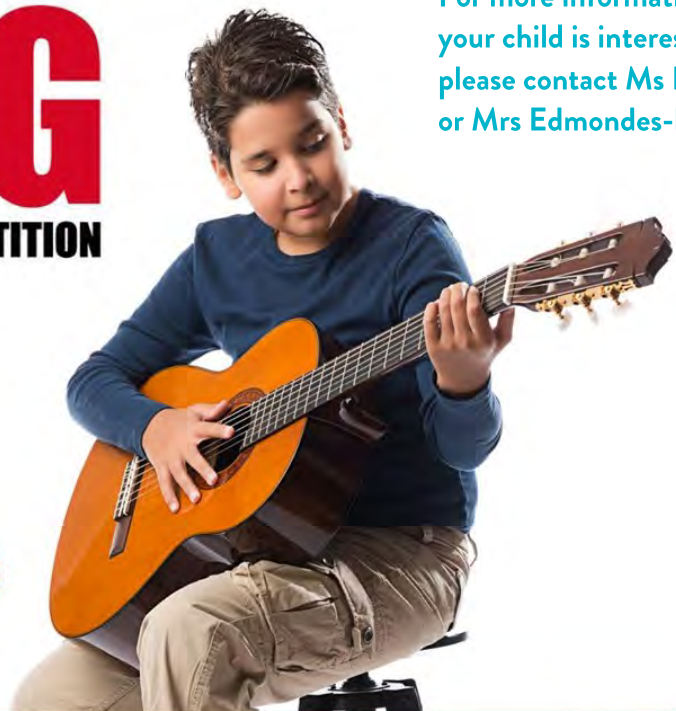
Our show dates have been confirmed as the 8, 9 and 10 July 2025 - tickets will be priced at £7.00 - details on where to get them from will be released nearer the time.

Rotary **YOUNG** MUSICIAN **COMPETITION**

Whitby Competition

Friday 15 November, 6.00pm

**at the Order of the Holy Paraclete
in Whitby.**



For more information or if your child is interested, please contact Ms Beattie or Mrs Edmondson-Preedy.



MUSICIANS PERFORM AS GUESTS AT DALESMAN CHARITY CONCERT

On Saturday 5 October, a Gala concert was held at Danby Methodist Church. This was a charity concert to raise money for the Whitby Area Music Centre and the Whitby Young Musicians Trust. The concert was hosted by The Dalesmen Singers, an all-male choir who have been singing together since 1971.

Pictured here are two Whitby School musicians, Izzy and Stephen, who were invited to perform as guest soloists as part of the concert. The audience was full and they both gave outstanding performances - Izzy performing a piece from Finzi's 'Five Bagatelles' on her clarinet and Stephen performing 'I remember Clifford' on his trumpet. Both pupils were highly praised by the Dalesmen, who themselves gave incredibly slick and entertaining performances. In addition, some younger pupils from local primary schools also performed solos. Over £1,000 was raised for the two causes.

Each Saturday morning, rehearsals are held for all musicians in Whitby in a range of ensembles, from strings to Big Band. It is a valuable experience for all involved and concerts are held by these ensembles regularly throughout the year.

The Whitby Young Musicians Trust is a charity run by local music teachers who help out young musicians who may need assistance with lesson fees, paying for sheet music and instruments. They also sponsor concerts and workshops.



If you are interested in finding out more about the Whitby Music Centre or the Young Musicians Trust, please get in touch with either Ms Beattie or Mrs Edmondson-Preedy.





NOTICES

Free School Meals

For pupils eligible for a free school meal, please ensure that your child understands that the amount provided each day will cover the cost of a school meal - ie, food to the value of £2.90. It does not include drinks and, therefore, if pupils also take a snack from the canteen at break time, this will mean they will not have much left at lunchtime to spend on food. The canteen staff will be happy to advise your child on what constitutes a meal within the daily allowance. This is also displayed on posters in the canteen. For items taken over the value of £2.90 each day, additional money will need to be paid onto your child's account, and this should be in advance of your son/daughter taking additional items of food or drink from the canteen. Please do not allow your child's account to get into debt. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Uniform

Thank you for continuing to support our new uniform policy. We had a number of ties broken in the first half term which have been replaced. We have stocks of spare ties on order. Please be aware that any ties required after half term will need to be paid for at the cost of £8.00.

Are you an aspiring writer?

Follow the BBC 500 words link for ideas and decide if you'd like to enter the official competition, or whether you'd like to enter the Whitby School In-House Writing Competition of writing a story in 500 words or less (about 1-2 sides of A4!). Hand to Mrs Sharp or send by email by Friday 8 November (first Friday after half term) to be in with a chance of winning books and chocolate! Winners will be notified in an assembly.

Mrs Sharp | l.sharp@whitbyschool.co.uk



TERM DATES DATES

Autumn Term 2024

School Closes	Friday 25 October
HALF TERM	Monday 28 Oct. to Friday 1 Nov.
School Opens	Monday 4 November
School Closes	Friday 20 December
CHRISTMAS BREAK	Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January 2025

Summer Term 2025

Bank Holiday	Monday 21 April
School Opens –	Tuesday 22 April
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 May
School Closes	Friday 23 May
HALF TERM	Monday 26 to Friday 30 May
School Opens	Monday 2 June
School Closes	Friday 18 July

Spring Term 2025

School Opens	Monday 6 January
School Closes	Friday 14 February
HALF TERM	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February
School Opens	Monday 24 February
School Closes	Friday 4 April
EASTER BREAK	Monday 7 April to Friday 18 April



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MEET THE STAFF



Senior Leadership Team

Mr D Thornton – Headteacher
Ms S Boyd – Deputy Headteacher
Miss J Caddell – Deputy Headteacher
Mrs J Bradley – Assistant Headteacher (Upper School)
Mrs K Mallender – Assistant Headteacher (Lower School)
Mr A Whelan – Assistant Headteacher (Sixth Form)

SENDCo

Mrs H Kirk – SENDCo

Safeguarding

Miss J Caddell – Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs J Bradley – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Heads of Year

Mrs A Harrison – Year 7
Mr A Raw – Year 8
Mrs J Cassell-Osowski – Year 9
Mrs A Scales – Year 10
Ms A Ruberry – Year 11

Care & Achievement Coordinators

Miss A Clarkson – Year 7
Miss E Hutton – Year 8
Miss K Wilson – Year 8
Vacancy – Year 9
Mrs H Ross – Year 10
Mr D Taylor – Year 11
Mr J Daley – Year 12 & 13



THE ROTARY CLUB OF WHITBY & DISTRICT



Charity No 1026631



RIBI YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION

If you are aged 11-17 years old and love photography this is the competition for you!

**The theme for this year's competition is:
'Wonderful Water'**

Get your camera/mobile phone out and have a go at taking photos that capture the theme.

You can then submit your best photo to the competition.

We look forward to seeing the results. Deadline 30/11/24

Prizes will be awarded to winners.

Go for it!

Ask your parent/guardian to email photographywhitbyrotary@yahoo.com for an entry form.