



Whitby School  
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newsletter

ISSUE 3





We Will Rock You Auditions took place on Wednesday night after school. What amazing talent we have! The Performing Arts team were blown away by the standard. We really appreciate the effort made by those auditioning to learn the song and, where appropriate, the script.

So much expression, clear diction and characterisation was evident. We will be in touch regarding call-backs for main parts in the next couple of weeks.

If there is anyone who missed the audition last night and would like to audition for a chorus or main part, please contact Mr Gaulter as soon as possible.

Thank you to those who attended and thank you to parents/carers for your support.

We are aware of a few pupils who were unable to make the auditions last night but who would really like to be involved in our production of We Will Rock You. If your child/ward falls into this category, please ask them to ask or email Mr Gaulter/Mrs Edmond-Preedy/Mrs Alderson/Mrs Beattie to add you to our list. We will then arrange a time to audition you.

Closing date is Monday at noon.

*Thank you - Performing Arts Team*





# MESSAGE FROM MRS MALLENDER

It was wonderful to see all the pupils in the reward assemblies at the end of term. They are working hard to collect positives for:

**Endeavour:** try my best

**Courage:** be brave

**Character:** make a positive impact

**Ambition:** be my best

Alongside these we rewarded pupils for their attendance. We should all be aiming for 100% attendance, this is excellence. The table below is taken from the department of education booklet on attendance which shows the effect of how many days learning are lost:

100% Attendance	0 days missed	Excellent
97%	5 days missed	Good
90% Attendance	19 days of absence	Poor
85% Attendance	28 days of absence	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 days of absence	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 days of absence	Unacceptable

It is so important that your child attends school regularly:

- to learn
- to make new friends
- to experience new things in life
- to achieve
- to develop new skills
- to build confidence and self-esteem.

Attending school really does give your child the best start in life, please discuss attendance with them and track their progress at home. Let's all aim to be at least good, and have 95% attendance or higher.

*Katie Mallender*



# YEAR 13 RESEARCH SKILLS

During our PSHE lesson just before half term, Inspiring Choices came in to present a study session about different research techniques to help them with their current and future studies. Following on from this we also shared with our students about the help

Whitby Library can give with research also, as they have access to over 30 million academic articles through 'Access to Research', which can be accessed by going into Whitby Library itself.





# DRAMA TRIP - WHITBY REBELS

Thursday 24 October saw the majority of KS4 Drama pupils heading to Scarborough's Stephen Joseph Theatre to see the hilarious true story of the 'Whitby Rebels'. The play documents (with some embellishments) the tale of a Captain Jack Lammiman who set sail to the Arctic Circle following the voyage of his hero: William Scoresby. The play was an unusual set design and has given the pupils lots to think about in terms of set, lighting and sound effect use.

The pupils were a credit to the school. We hope that this is the start of many more events and collaborations with local arts establishments!





## SOCIOLOGY NEWS

The Year 13 Sociology group have been working hard on their Media topic, exploring how different groups within society are represented in the media. The students completed their own research on their given topic. From this research they were tasked with preparing an engaging and informative PowerPoint presentation. The department staff were hugely impressed by the manner in which they presented their own work. All students spoke clearly and confidently about their topics and were fully prepared to ask and answer questions from their peers at the end of their presentations.





## SPORTS UPDATES

### Primary Sports Events

Busy end to the first half term of primary sports events.

Over 350 primary pupils participated in rugby, a big thank you to Whitby Rugby Club and Dean for helping run and host the events. Also well done to the 60+ sports leaders from Years 8, 9 and 10 at Whitby School for making the events a success.

A huge congratulations to Airy Hill, winning both Year 5/6 football and rugby events.





## Sixth Form Football

Fantastic result for our Sixth Form football team against Scarborough Sixth Form. An excellent performance all around. Goals from Henry, Billy, John and a hat trick from Ewan secured us a 7-4 victory. Well done!

## Equestrian News

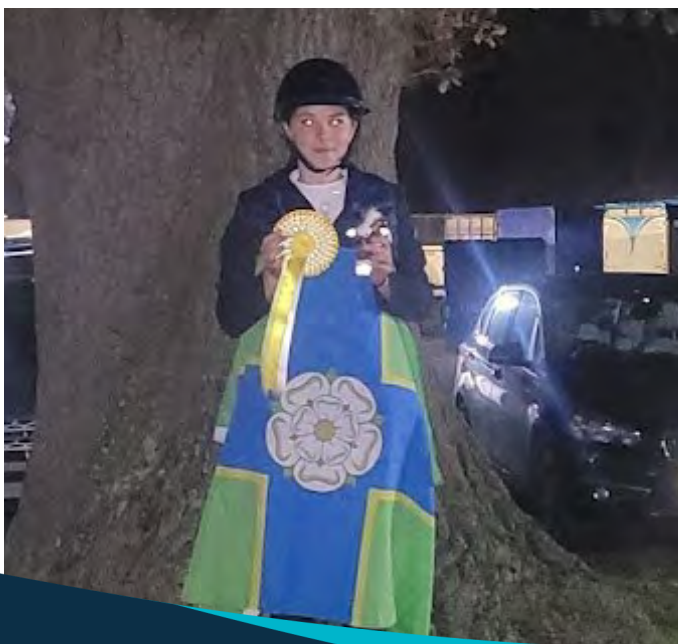
Saffron Verrill and her horse Lahorna Lassie represented Whitby School in the National School Championships Northern festival at Alnwick Ford Equestrian Centre in October.

Saffron had some brilliant results, a third place in the 95cm category, 1st place in the 105cm category and another first place for the 110cm category.

Saffron is now qualified for the Nationals and will represent Northern England in the Nations cup.

If anyone would like to join the equestrian team then please collect a letter from Whitby School reception. Pupils/students need their own horse and transport.

For more information have a look at [nsea.org.uk](http://nsea.org.uk)







## Year 11 District Rugby

Second place for the Y11 Rugby team at the District Tournament. The team's excellent level of commitment produced competitive matches dominated by hard hitting tackles and explosive attacks. Each member of the team should be proud of the way they conducted themselves, narrowly missing out in the final against Ryedale.

Player of the tournament Arran, top scorer Lucas.



## Scarborough and District Schools Cross Country

### Round 2 - Malton

Another strong turn out from Whitby School at the second District cross country event to strengthen their positions in the league.

Congratulations to everyone for their superb performances across all six races.





## WHITBY RUGBY CLUB SUPPORTERS Ltd.

Whitby Rugby Union Football Club

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and Yorkshire R.F.U.



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20<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Mr Thornton,

I write to you in relation to a member of your staff and their behaviour. I guess when you hear that first line you can think worst case scenario, well I would like to say that this letter is nothing but positive and an observation of the professionalism your staff showed. I write to you in relation to Mr. McGovern. At Whitby Rugby Club we continue to support local schools, education and personal development amongst all our players and their families. I have assisted Mr. McGovern last year and this year. This year two events have been recently held at Whitby Rugby Club in collaboration with the primary schools and your absolutely fantastic sports leaders. The two events held were the mega fest and the schools tag tournament which led to 500 children undertaking rugby, which is absolutely outstanding. Mr. McGovern has been pivotal in the success and the organising of these events. He has been very organised with his communications and correspondence before and on the days which has led to the events being very positive and well managed. His feedback and encouragement at these events to all pupils, sports leaders, teaching staff and parents was wonderful to see and very proactive.

The sports leaders on the first event did an excellent job managing and organising 330 pupils. At the event it was brilliant to observe all the sports leader's gaining confidence and showing great service delivery and ensuring the pupils understood the fun tasks they had ahead of them. On the tag tournament the young gentlemen, Harry, Ted, Issac, George and the other three gentlemen I didn't quite catch their names I wish to highlight to yourself and compliment them. They had a very difficult job managing and refereeing the fixtures. They were true ambassadors of your school. They encouraged, develop and coached the players who weren't quite sure of what was expected in the fixtures. This was witnessed and complimented by teaching staff and headteachers as I walked around the pitches. In Rugby we have core values which we actively encourage, these are Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship. This was certainly shown by these sports leaders and marvelous to see this being implemented to pupils.

Please pass on my appreciation to all the sports leaders and Mr. McGovern, they are all a true asset and an inspirational reflection of your school.

Yours Sincerely

**Dean Grason**

Vice Chair and Youth Development Coordinator

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# PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2024-25

LOWER	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunchtime</b> 12.45-1.15	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Football</b> Astro	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Basketball</b> Sports	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Basketball</b> Sports Hall	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Football</b> Astro	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Football</b> Astro <b>Basketball</b> Gym
<b>After School</b> 3.30-4.30		<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Football</b> Field	<b>Netball</b> (Week A)	<b>Netball</b> (Week B)	

UPPER	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School</b> 8.30-8.50			<b>Fitness Suite</b>		
<b>Lunchtime</b> 12.45-1.15	<b>Year 9, 10, 11 Basketball</b> Sports Hall	<b>Year 9/10 Netball</b> Sports Hall <b>Year 11 GCSE Intervention</b>	<b>Year 11 Football</b> Sports Hall	<b>KS4 &amp; Sixth Form Badminton</b> Sports Hall	<b>Year 11/Sixth Form Netball</b> Sports Hall <b>BTEC intervention</b> H9 <b>Year 10 GCSE PE Intervention</b> S4
<b>After School</b> 3.30-4.30		<b>Year 9 Football</b> Field <b>Fitness Suite</b>	<b>Netball Club all years</b>	<b>Fitness Suite</b>	

Where fixtures are arranged, Clubs may need to be postponed. Fixtures can be found on the PE noticeboard and [Fixtures 2024-25](#)



# NOTICES

## Year 8

During the Easter holidays Darlington Hippodrome theatre is putting on a production of Dracula! As it is in the holidays we can't do a school trip, however the theatre has offered us a discount code for you and your families to use. £12 is a real bargain for theatre tickets so why not ask your parents or carers whether they would like to go?! YOU guys will be the experts. The message below is a message from the theatre: "We are more than happy to extend the discount to young people from Whitby School attending with their parents/carers – I have set up an offer code WHITBY which means they can purchase £12 tickets either online or via the box office (01325 404505)."

*Mrs Whelan*

## Young Carer Hub

Monday 2 December (lunchtime) - in Pastoral Room 1. This will be a monthly support slot for our young carers.

## Notice about the School Buses Week beginning Monday 11 November

### 308S

There is to be a full road closure at Ruswarp High Street from Monday 11 November to Friday 15 November. There will not be any vehicular access so, unfortunately, Coastal and Country will not be able to serve Briggswath and Ruswarp during this period on route 308s. Children from Briggswath will have to board and alight at The Salmon Leap Hotel bus stop.

### 310S

Re the minibus that collects the children from Sneaton and meets the 308s in Ruswarp. The minibus will collect the children from Sneaton and take them to The Salmon Leap Hotel bus stop to meet the 308s there for transport to school on the morning run. On the evening, we will drop the children off at The Salmon Leap Bus Stop and they will be collected by the minibus to take them back to Sneaton.

Whitby School presents:

# Music and Dance Winter Concert

Thursday 12 December, 6.00pm

Prospect Hill Site, Main Hall

Raising money for musical equipment.  
Admission by donation. Raffle. Refreshments.



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# TABLE TENNIS SESSION

Thursdays  
3.30-4.30pm

Airy Hill Site Gymnasium

Open to all ages

FREE TO ATTEND

Supported by Whitby Table Tennis Club

# 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.



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# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## PROMOTING PHYSICAL WELLBEING

Physical activity isn't only beneficial for our bodies; it also plays a role in promoting mental wellbeing. With both the Euros and the Olympics this summer, it's an opportunity to engage young people in regular exercise which can reduce stress, improve mood and boost self-esteem. Despite these benefits, many children face barriers to participating in physical activity.

### 1 MAKE IT FUN



Incorporate activities that children enjoy, such as playing games or dancing. Encourage participation in team sports or group activities to foster social connections and a sense of belonging.

### 2 MIX MOVEMENT WITH LEARNING



Educational settings can incorporate movement breaks and physical activities to enhance focus, concentration and cognitive function. Embedding exercise into the curriculum can also reinforce learning and stimulate creativity. 'Revision walks' with podcasts and flashcards can benefit older learners.

### 3 CREATE OPPORTUNITIES

Provide clear chances for physical activity throughout the day, both indoors and outdoors. Schools can encourage active play during breaks and at lunchtimes, while limiting screen time at home can help keep children up and about.

### 4 PROVIDE POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT



Praise and encourage children for their efforts and achievements in physical activity. Recognise their progress and celebrate their successes to reinforce positive behaviours. Educators could do this in several ways, such as applauding their efforts at assemblies or celebrating their accomplishments in newsletters.

### 5 VARIETY IS KEY



Introduce a selection of physical activities to keep children engaged and prevent boredom. From swimming and cycling to yoga and martial arts, trying different types of exercise can help children to discover what they enjoy most.

### 6 ENJOYMENT OVER COMPETITION



Encourage children to focus on the enjoyment of physical activity rather than winning or achieving perfection. Emphasise effort, improvement and having fun rather than outcomes, to minimise the amount of stress that children can sometimes associate with sports and other competitions.

### 7 SET REALISTIC GOALS



Help children set achievable physical activity targets based on their interests, abilities and preferences. Celebrate their progress and successes to maintain motivation and enthusiasm.

### 8 MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE



Ensure that children have access to safe, suitable spaces for exercise at home, at school and in the community. Advocate for inclusive environments which accommodate diverse needs and abilities. Be a change maker in your community if facilities aren't already available.

### 9 LEAD BY EXAMPLE



Parents and carers can be positive role models by prioritising their own exercise and involving children in their fitness routines. Gentle walks, bike rides or sports activities can be wonderful opportunities for bonding and staying active together.

### 10 ENCOURAGE PERSISTENCE



Help children develop resilience and perseverance by encouraging them to overcome challenges and setbacks in physical activity. Teach them the importance of perseverance and the value of effort in achieving their goals.

## Meet Our Expert

Adam Gillett is a learning and development specialist who, as well as working for Minds Ahead, is associate vice principal for personal development at a large secondary school in Barnsley. He was asked to be part of an expert research group for the Department for Education, one of only three school leaders to be asked to do so.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



# 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  
Mrs R Jackson – Year 9  
Mrs H Ross – Year 10  
Mr D Taylor – Year 11  
Mr J Daley – Year 12 & 13





## THE ROTARY CLUB OF WHITBY & DISTRICT



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**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](mailto:photographywhitbyrotary@yahoo.com) for an entry form.