





# HEAD OF SCHOOL'S WELCOME



I've been watching with great interest the progress of the Ireland team in the Six Nations Rugby Championship. However, I have to say I become even more excited when I see our own school teams returning from tournaments!

In this Newsletter, Mr Hopper has written about the success of the Year 10 team – huge congratulations to them. They make us incredibly proud. While it is fantastic that they won, what matters even more is hearing about their teamwork, determination and strength of character.

I happened to meet the team last night in the school car park when they returned. They were proudly showing off their cuts and bruises – a sure sign of the effort and commitment they had given!

It has also been wonderful to see more pupils being nominated for the 'Golden Ticket'. Our staff are truly

spoiled for choice when selecting recipients, which says a great deal about the positive attitudes and achievements we see across the school every day.

You may also have noticed that our new reception area on the Prospect Hill site is well on the way to being completed which will make a real difference for our school community. I would like to take a moment to thank our incredible staff as they rise to challenges time and again in order to improve the experiences and opportunities we provide for our children. Making changes and improvements is not always easy and many might give up along the way - but not here at Whitby School!

Thank you as always for your support.

*With very best wishes,  
Miss Caddell*





# FREE EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES WITH FEAST



**FEAST** is back this Easter, offering free holiday activities with food for children and young people across North Yorkshire.

## What's happening when?

- from Monday 2 March – browse activities on the FEAST website and view the offline activity listings to see what's on in your area
- midday, Monday 9 March – vouchers go live. Eligible families will receive a text or email from HolidayActivities to redeem their voucher and request places
- from Wednesday 11 March – activity providers begin allocating places.

Free places are available for children who receive benefits-related Free School Meals (or who are eligible by exception – see the [FEAST FAQs](#) for

details). Each activity you book includes a free healthy meal for your child.

If you believe your child is eligible and do not receive your voucher on 9 March, please contact your school office.

Families who are not eligible for free places may be able to book paid places directly with providers.

Visit the [FEAST](#) website from Monday 2 March to explore what's on this Easter.

**“He loved it, and couldn't wait to go back the next day. He had so much to tell me afterwards and really enjoyed himself” - Parent**



# SCIENCE AFTER SCHOOL REVISION (YEAR 11)

Over the coming weeks, the science department will be delivering revision sessions on topics that have been identified as areas of weakness.

Please see the beginning of the schedule below, this will be posted (and updated) on the Year 11 Google Classroom.

These sessions will take place on a Thursday 3.30-4.15pm.

Mrs Fleming

<b>Thursday 12 March</b>	The periodic table - group 1 and group 7 (Room S8)
<b>Thursday 19 March</b>	Biology food tests required practical (Room S11)
<b>Thursday 26 March</b>	Topic to be confirmed
<b>w/b 30 March</b>	EASTER
<b>w/b 6 April</b>	EASTER

## SPORTS NEWS

Year 9 Rugby team competed at Malton Rugby club in the Scarborough and District School Tournament. Congratulations to all of the team members for their courageous performance throughout the event, representing Whitby school with a clear togetherness.

Mr Hopper was delighted with the level of **character**, **endeavour** and **ambition** to lead one another to success. As confidence grew during the afternoon, there were some special moments proving that with commitment anything is possible.





## Congratulations to the Year 9 Rugby team

Once again we have reason to celebrate with success at this Thursday afternoon's District Rugby Tournament. I can honestly once again say that Whitby School was represented with real pride and passion, each player pulling together to uphold the highest standard of discipline.

Representing the school is an honour and these certainly made the most of the opportunity claiming applause from coaches, schools and teachers in attendance. There were some stand out performances from Michael (top try scorer), Ned, Barry, Ben and Sam proving their commitment to club rugby is paying dividends.





## Year 10 Rugby - Scarborough and District Champions 2025-26

### Rugby Team Match Report

An excellent series of performances from the Year 10 Rugby team, showcasing **character, endeavour** and **ambition** helped to secure District Champions. Excellent skills, and real teamwork throughout the fixtures to overcome some strong opposition at Malton Rugby Club.

Across all matches, the team displayed well-timed tackles, dazzling running with the ball, fluent passing, and impressive tactical decisions, making them a

constant threat in attack while remaining solid in defence.

The real strength of the squad was the togetherness shown on and off the pitch. Every player contributed, relying on one another to deliver consistent performances in each match, which made the difference in several key moments.

The results reflected this outstanding team effort:

- wins against Scalby, Norton, and Malton
- a hard-fought draw with Ryedale.

A fantastic effort from the entire rugby team - well played everyone!





## Whitby school

Each week staff are being asked to nominate a pupil to receive a golden ticket to be entered into a prize draw to win a Clara's voucher.

This week on Lower Site some of the reasons pupils have been nominated are...

**Name: Freddie Tutor Group: 7T6**  
**Nominated by: Miss Hutton & Miss Clarkson**  
**Reason: For always being kind, has amazing morals and gentle nature**

*Endeavour* - Striving for excellence to reach our potential.



*Courage* - Exploring new opportunities with determination for personal growth.

**Name: Archie Tutor Group: 8T1**  
**Nominated by: Miss Thompson**  
**Reason: Always working hard, staying positive and very helpful**

**Name: Lily-Mae Tutor Group: 7T6**  
**Nominated by: Miss Reddy**  
**Reason: Every lesson without being asked Lily-Mae hands the books out. She is very lovely and helpful**

*Ambition* - A strong desire to succeed in achieving our goals.



*Character* - Demonstrating qualities of honesty, integrity, kindness and respect in all we do.

**Name: Anya Tutor Group: 7T4**  
**Nominated by: Mrs Parkin**  
**Reason: An outstanding moodboard and great start to new project**



## MESSAGE FROM MRS BRADLEY



This week our assembly themes have been respect and responsibility. One of the issues we looked at in particular was the way pupils conduct themselves on the occasion they have a supply teacher taking a lesson.

I was therefore delighted to receive no fewer than three different messages from supply colleagues this week, who have delivered some of my lessons whilst I have been training.

*"I just wanted to let you know that I allowed Year 11 to do some quiet revision as they all seemed to have worked VERY hard in their English exam... they produced pages*

*and pages of work and seemed very proud; definitely deserved some praise."*

*"Your Year 9 group was fantastic. Really enthusiastic."*

*"Great assembly this morning - loved it! Had Year 9 lesson 1 and they really took on board the messages. Lovely to teach and helpful."*

Well done and thank you to our fantastic pupils who have taken the messages to heart and showed themselves in a fantastic light. I'm so proud of you!

Mrs Bradley





# WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day on Thursday 5 March was a fantastic celebration of reading here at Whitby School, with our Year 7 and 8 pupils fully embracing the occasion. It was wonderful to see so many pupils dressed as their favourite book characters, while others enjoyed taking part in non-uniform, all adding to the vibrant and creative atmosphere across the school. The effort and enthusiasm shown by everyone made the day feel truly special, and it was clear how much our pupils value the joy of books and storytelling.

Throughout the day, teachers shared their favourite books during lessons, sparking lively discussions and inspiring pupils to explore new titles and authors. Pupils also brought in their own favourite books,

enjoying dedicated reading time and the opportunity to recommend them to both staff and classmates.

The book token competition has now been officially launched, and we are excited to see the creativity and imagination of our Year 7 and 8 pupils shine through. We look forward to receiving your entries and seeing the fantastic designs you create. Good luck to everyone taking part!

We are also grateful for the generous donations of chocolate and sweets for the Friends of Whitby School, Easter tombola. Overall, it was a hugely successful event that celebrated reading, creativity and our strong school community.





## ESKDALE FESTIVAL

A selection of Whitby School pupils' artwork has been on display at the Eskdale Festival during March 2026. All exhibited work is managed with care, and previous displays have been very well received. Further details about the festival are available [HERE](#).





## SIXTH FORM POETRY DAY

On Friday 27 February, A-level English students enjoyed a poetry workshop provided by English Heritage and Oxford University. Students learnt about the fascinating history of our iconic abbey and were then tasked to write creatively as they reimagined inspiring voices from the past. Students had the opportunity to dress as Benedictine monks- including replica underwear that would only have been washed once a year. Students even re-enacted the slightly horrifying 'shame on you' public humiliation of a fellow monk (Head of English, Mrs Whelan!)

We are so lucky to live somewhere with an iconic and important building. A great day out and a chance to learn beyond the classroom.



# How does your attendance impact your future?



Whitby  
School  
Ad finem terrae

Data released by the UK Department for Education shows that the lower your attendance the less likely you are to achieve in your GCSEs.

100%

82%

Achieved 5 GCSEs  
Grade 5+

(inc. Maths and English)

OVER 95%

77%

Achieved 5 GCSEs  
Grade 5+

(inc. Maths and English)

92%-93%

53%

Achieved 5 GCSEs  
Grade 5+

(inc. Maths and English)

BELOW 90%

43%

Achieved 5 GCSEs  
Grade 5+

(inc. Maths and English)

Research shows that for every 17 days you miss across your school career, your GCSE results go down by one whole grade!

£

Achieving 5 or more GCSEs at Grade 5+ has shown to increase your lifetime earnings by 41%

There are  
365 DAYS  
in a year

175  
are not spent  
in school!

\*That gives you plenty of time for holidays, TV, shopping and video games.

# Great Attendance

*Means being in school 97% of the time*



Whitby

School

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**90%** 19 Days Absence  
**PROBLEM**

**YOUR ATTENDANCE MATTERS**  
Days off cost good grades

**93%** 13 Days Absence  
**CONCERNED**

**95%** 9 Days Absence  
**GOOD**

**97%** 6 Days Absence  
**EXCELLENT**

**100%** 0 Days Absence  
**PERFECT**



## EXAM SUCCESS... MANAGING EXAM NERVES

### NORMALISE NERVES

A few butterflies are natural - they show your teen wants to do well. Understanding this helps them see nerves as energy, not fear.

#### How you can help:

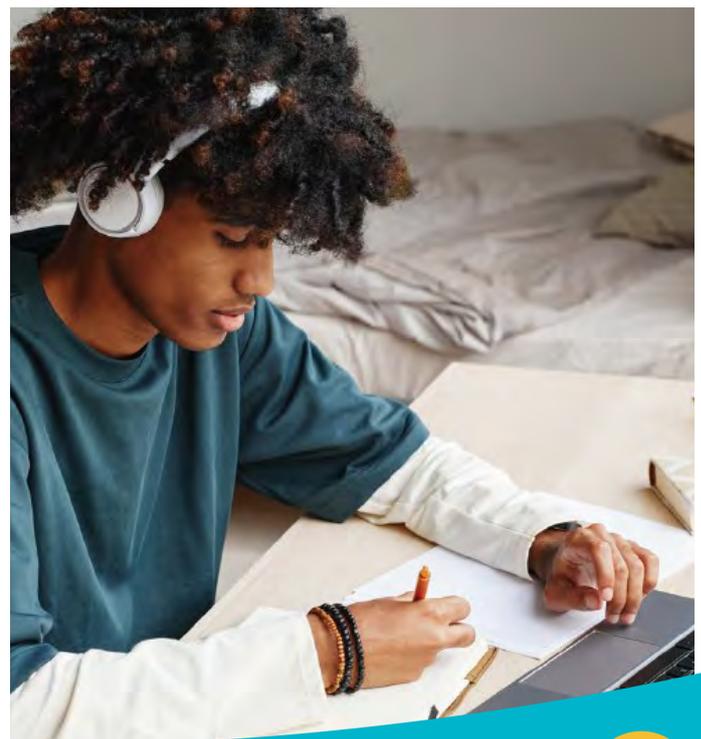
- talk about nerves as something normal and temporary
- share your own experiences
- encourage them to focus on what they can control - preparation and effort
- know when to seek extra help - if anxiety feels overwhelming or constant, speak with a teacher, school counsellor, or GP.

### KEEP PERSPECTIVE

Teens can see exams as all-or-nothing moments. Reminding them they're just one step on a longer journey reduces pressure.

#### How you can help:

- reassure them that exams don't define their future
- focus on effort and progress rather than grades
- encourage balanced days with time to rest and reset
- help them take things one paper at a time rather than worrying about the whole series.





## BUILD CONFIDENCE THROUGH PRACTICE

Familiarity reduces fear. The more they practise under exam-style conditions, the more confident they'll feel.

### How you can help:

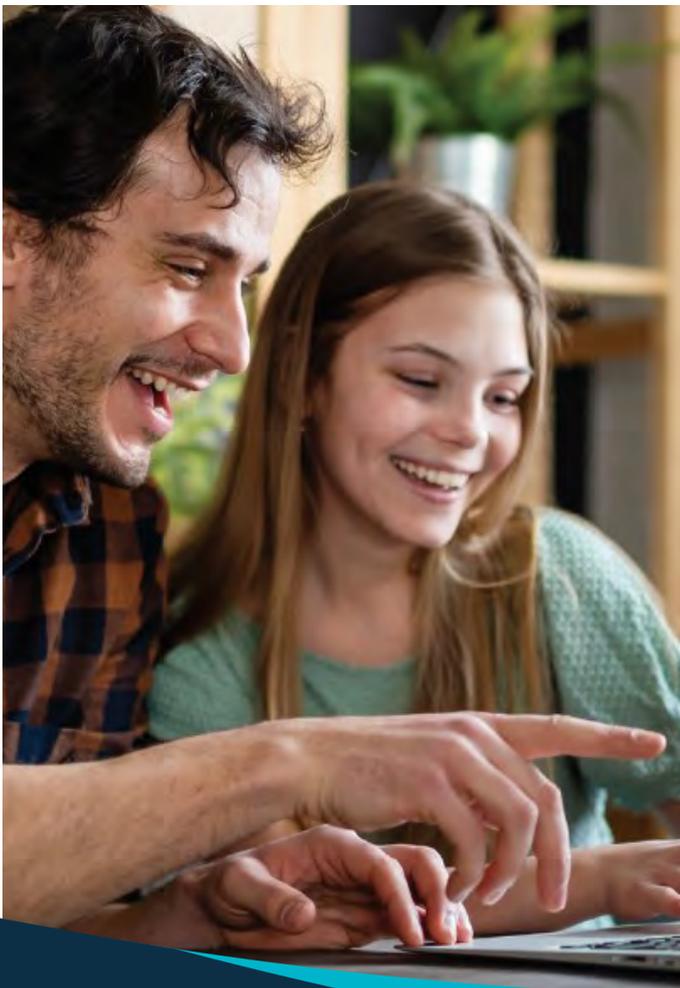
- encourage timed practice sessions at home
- praise their consistency, not just their scores
- after each practice, talk briefly about what went well
- remind them that mistakes in practice are useful - they show where to focus next.

## KEEP CALM AT HOME

Your mood sets the tone. A calm, encouraging home helps your teen stay composed and positive.

### How you can help:

- stay relaxed about small setbacks - they're part of learning
- avoid last-minute stress or panic talk before exams
- celebrate effort throughout the process
- give them space after exams before asking how it went.



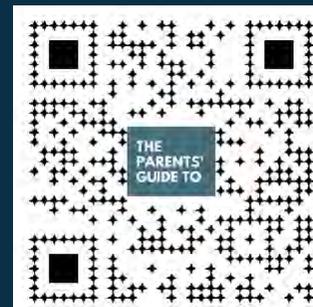
## Don't stop here

*There's more support waiting for you!*

Join Parent Club for trusted advice and practical support for parents of teens in Years 9-13.

You'll receive regular emails packed with helpful tips, expert guidance, and access to parent guides and live Q&As - all designed to help you support your teen through each stage of the school year.

Scan the QR code or visit [HERE](#) to find out more.





# SIXTH FORM SUBJECT FOCUS: SOCIOLOGY

## What will I study?

Do you want to learn about how society functions? Why do men tend to earn more money than women? Why has Britain got a higher rate of teenage pregnancy than other European Countries? Are we free or do we follow the crowd? How does the society you live in affect your life? If you think these are all interesting questions then sociology, which is the study of society, might be the course for you.

## Units of study within sociology are:

Families and households  
Education Research methods  
Crime and deviance  
The Media  
Theory and methods.

## What do students do afterwards?

Sociology students are prepared for entry level positions in health services, non-profit organizations, law, criminal justice, and human resources. Sociology is also excellent preparation for law school and for graduate study, not just in sociology, but also fields such as public health, criminology, public policy, business, public health, social work and

education. One sociology graduate even became President of the United States!

## How will I be assessed?

100% exam at the end of the course comprising three exams of two hours each.

## What can I do to prepare?

Watch the news, watch films watch people within your society. Ask yourself why do people react the way they do, what makes people who they are.





# NOTICES

## Spring-Summer Menus

Our new spring-summer menus are available to view on our website. Choose from traditional, fusion or street dishes with yummy desserts including jam roly poly and custard! Scan the QR code and take a look.



## Young Science Writer's Award

A national writing competition that celebrates young people who can explain science clearly, creatively, and accurately, using evidence and reliable sources.

First prize: £1000 and work published (+ runner up prizes)

Open for entries: Now

Entries close: Wednesday 19 March 2026

Everything needed to enter (including suggested themes and FAQs) can be found [HERE](#).

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

### 1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.

### 2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

### 3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

### 4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorfy and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

### 5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

### 6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

### 7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

### 8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like PolyIno and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

### 9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

### 10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

## Meet Our Expert

Carl Pattison is a literacy advisor and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing. In addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English Hub and Literacy Excellence Centre.



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## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### MONDAY

- Year 7-8 Football, 12.45-1.15pm (Astro, Airy Hill Site)
- Airy Hill Choir, 12.45-1.15pm (Music Room, Airy Hill Site)
- Year 9 Football, 12.45-1.15pm (Sports Hall, Prospect Hill Site)
- Girls Active 'Just Dance', 12.45-1.15pm (Dance Studio, Prospect Hill Site)
- Health and Social Care Intervention, lunch time (N9, Prospect Hill Site)

### TUESDAY

- Year 7-8 Football, 12.45-1.15pm (Astro, Airy Hill Site)
- Airy Hill Band, 12.45-1.15pm (Music Room, Airy Hill Site)
- Year 10 Football, 12.45-1.15pm (Sports Hall, Prospect Hill Site)
- Year 7-8 Football, 3.30-4.30pm (Field/Astro, Airy Hill Site)
- Football Club, 3.30-4.30pm (Field, Prospect Hill Site)
- SEN Homework Club, 3.30-4.30pm (Both Sites)
- KS3 Drama Club, 3.45-4.45pm (Prospect Hill Site)
- Health and Social Care Intervention, 3.30-4.45pm (N9, Prospect Hill Site)
- Gym Club, 3.45-4.45pm (Prospect Hill site)

### WEDNESDAY

- Debating Club, lunchtime (Room 3, Airy Hill site)
- Chess Club, 12.45-1.15pm (Library, Airy Hill Site)
- Writers' Club, lunchtime (Prospect Hill Site)

- Year 11 Football, 12.45-1.15pm (Sports Hall, Prospect Hill Site)
- Year 7-8 Netball, 3.30-4.30pm (Courts, Airy Hill Site)
- All Years Badminton, 3.30-4.30pm (Sports Hall, Prospect Hill Site)
- SEN Homework Club, 3.30-4.30pm (Both Sites)
- Whitby Table Tennis Club, 7.00-8.00pm (Gym, Airy Hill Site)

### THURSDAY

- Year 7-8 Football, 12.45-1.15pm (Astro, Airy Hill Site)
- KS4 Racket Sports, 12.45-1.15pm (Sports Hall, Prospect Hill Site)
- Funk Band, 12.45-1.15pm (Music Room, Prospect Hill Site)
- Health and Social Care Intervention, lunchtime (N9, Prospect Hill Site)
- Debating Club, lunchtime (H4, Prospect Hill site)
- SEN Homework Club, 3.30-4.30pm (Both Sites)
- Gym Club, 3.45-4.45pm (Prospect Hill site)

### FRIDAY

- Science Sparx, 12.45-1.15pm (R6, Airy Hill Site)
- Year 7-8 Football, 12.45-1.15pm (Astro, Airy Hill Site)
- Games Club, 12.46-1.15pm (R4, Airy Hill Site)
- BTEC Sport Intervention, 12.45-1.15pm (H9, Prospect Hill Site)
- Year 10 GCSE PE Intervention, 12.45-1.15pm (S4, Prospect Hill Site)
- Writers' Club, Lunchtime (H9, Prospect Hill Site)



# KEY DATES

To find out more about upcoming events and visits, please view the Whitby School Calendar.

- Monday 9 March ..... Year 3/4 Hockey Coaching (Airy Hill site)
- Tuesday 10 March ..... Digital Futures for SEND Learners, 10.40am-12.45pm - Year 8 pupils  
Year 8 Rugby at Malton RFC, 2.00pm  
Straws Cup Football, 4.00pm (3G Pitch)
- Wednesday 11 March ..... Year 7 County Basketball at York College  
U-14 Netball reserve date
- Monday 16 March ..... House Football Tournament
- Tuesday 17 March ..... Primary Quick Sticks Hockey, 1.00-3.00pm (Airy Hill site)  
Year 7 Rugby at Malton RFC, 2.00pm
- Wednesday 18 March ..... U-14 W/R Partnership at Lady Lumley's School  
Year 10 Six-a-Side Football, 2.00pm (Airy Hill site)
- Thursday 19 March ..... U-12 T1 Rugby at Malton RFU  
Year 8 Parents' Evening 1, 4.00-6.00pm (Airy Hill site)
- Friday 20 March ..... Primary Quick Sticks Hockey, 1.00-3.00pm (Airy Hill site)
- Tuesday 24 March ..... Year 9 to York St John University for the Making Waves Programme
- Thursday 26 March ..... Year 11 BTEC Dance Assessment, 1.30-3.30pm  
Year 8 Netball (reserve date) at Scarborough College, 1.30pm  
Oxbridge Visit for some Year 10 and 12 pupils and students, 2.30-3.30pm (Prospect Hill site)  
Year 8 Parents' Evening 2, 4.00-6.00pm (Airy Hill site)
- Friday 20 March ..... Primary Cross Country - League 3, 1.45pm (Airy Hill site)
- Mon. 30 March.-Fri. 10 April ..... Easter Holiday
- Thursday 16 April ..... Year 11 BTEC Dance Assessment, 1.30-3.30pm
- Friday 17 April ..... Year 5/6 Cricket at Whitby CC, 10.00am TBC
- Tuesday 21 April ..... Year 3/4 Quad Kids (Airy Hill site)
- Friday 24 April ..... Year 3/4 Quad Kids (Airy Hill site)
- Tuesday 28 April ..... Primary Tennis, 1.00-3.00pm (Airy Hill site)
- Friday 1 May ..... Primary Cricket at Mulgrave CC, 10.00am-3.00pm
- Monday 4 May ..... Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 6 May ..... District Athletics Trials at Scarborough College, 1.30pm
- Thursday 7 May ..... Exams begin



- Friday 8 May ..... Primary Tri Golf at Whitby Golf Club, 1.00-3.00pm
- Wednesday 20 May ..... Year 8 to York St John University for the Conference for the Making Waves Programme
- Thursday 21 May ..... Year 10 Employability Day
- Mon. 25-Fri. 29 May ..... Half Term Holiday
- Monday 1 June ..... Year 9/10 Senior Golf Taster at Whitby Golf Club, 4.00-6.00pm
- Tuesday 2 June ..... Year 10 Rounders at Ryedale School, 1.30pm
- Wednesday 3 June ..... Year 10 Six-a-Side Cricket at Bridlington CC, 10.00am
- Thursday 4 June ..... Year 7/8 Senior Golf Taster at Whitby Golf Club, 4.00-6.00pm
- Friday 5 June ..... Year 5/6 Quad Kids, 1.00-3.00pm (Airy Hill site)
- Saturday 6 June ..... County Athletics Trials/Championships at York University
- Mon. 8-Fri. 12 June ..... Year 10 Work Experience (Health & Social Care and Achieve cohort)
- Tuesday 9 June ..... Year 8 Six-a-Side Cricket at Whitby CC, 10.00am
- Wednesday 10 June ..... Town v Country Track and Field Athletics at York University, 10.30am-2.30pm
- Thursday 11 June ..... Year 8 HPV Vaccinations  
Year 9 Rounders at Scalby School
- Friday 12 June ..... Year 5/6 Quad Kids, 1.00-3.00pm (Airy Hill site)
- Tuesday 16 June ..... Year 1/2 Quad Kids, 1.00-3.00pm (Airy Hill site)  
Year 8 Rounders at Malton School
- Thursday 18 June ..... U-15 District Tennis at Ryedale School
- Friday 19 June ..... Year 1/2 Quad Kids, 1.00-3.00pm (Airy Hill site)
- Tuesday 23 June ..... Primary Athletics, 12.00-3.00pm (Airy Hill site)  
U-13 District Tennis at Ryedale School
- Wednesday 24 June ..... Exam Contingency Day  
We're Here If You Need Us Evening, 4.00-6.00pm, with internet safety talk delivered at 5.00pm
- Thursday 25 June ..... Year 7 Rounders at St Augustine's School  
Year 11 Prom
- Monday 29 June ..... Year 7 Cricket Final at Scarborough CC, 10.30am  
Year 9 Cricket Final at Scarborough CC, 1.00pm
- Wednesday 1 July ..... Year 8 Cricket Final at Scarborough CC, 10.30am  
Year 10 Cricket Final at Scarborough CC, 1.00pm
- Friday 3 July ..... Primary Tri Golf Competition at Whitby Golf Club
- Monday 6 July ..... Inter School Golf Championships at Whitby Golf Club, 1.00-4.00pm
- 7-9 July ..... Transition - Year 6-7; Year 8-9



## TERM DATES 2026-27

### Autumn Term 2026

Mon. 7 September	School Opens
Thurs. 22 October	School Closes
Fri. 23 October	Training Day
Mon. 26-Fri. 30 October	Half Term Holiday
Mon. 32 November	School Opens
Fri. 18 December	School Closes
Mon. 21 Dec.-Fri. 1 January 2027	Christmas Holiday

### Spring Term 2027

Mon. 4 January	Training Day
Tues. 5 January	School Opens
Fri. 5 February	School Closes
Mon. 8-Fri. 12 February	Half Term Holiday
Mon. 15 February	School Opens
Fri. 19 March	School Closes
Mon. 22 March-Fri. 2 April	Easter Holiday

### Summer Term 2027

Mon. 5 April	School Opens
Mon. 3 May	Bank Holiday
Fri. 28 May	School Closes
Mon. 31 May-Fri. 4 June	Half Term Holiday
Mon. 7 June	School Opens
Fri. 23 July	School Closes
Mon. 26 July	Training Day

*Two additional Training Days TBC*



# MEET THE STAFF

## Senior Leadership Team

Mr D Perry – Executive Headteacher  
Miss J Caddell – Head of School  
Ms S Boyd – Deputy Headteacher  
Mrs J Bradley – Assistant Headteacher (Prospect Hill site)  
Mrs K Mallender – Assistant Headteacher (Airy Hill site)  
Mr A Whelan – Assistant Headteacher (Sixth Form)

## SEND

Mrs H Kirk – SENCo

## Safeguarding

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

## Heads of Year

Mrs A Harrison – Year 7  
Ms D Reddy – Year 7  
Mr A Raw – Year 8  
Ms A Ruberry – Year 9  
Ms J Osowski – Year 10  
Mrs AM Scales – Year 11

## Care & Achievement Coordinators

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

RIFFS HOOKS AND LINES PRESENTS

AN EVENING WITH...

# HANNAH ROWE

SUPPORT FROM SOLSTICE

7.30PM  
20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
EIGHTEEN91,  
WHITBY, YO21 1RB



£3 - Scan QR Code



*Solstice* are a group of teens local to the Whitby area. They formed as a band just over a year ago in a feat of mutual passion for music. They specialise in covers ranging from alt rock to much loved classics such as singles by The Cure and Radiohead.



## Easter adventure awaits!

The school holiday countdown is on, and we've got a fun-filled, action-packed programme planned. From Adventure Club and Family Activity Days to exciting courses, there's something for everyone!



Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre, Pateley Bridge  
East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre, Whitby

30 March to 10 April

[outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays](http://outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays)

**YOLS** North Yorkshire  
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WHITBY  
MUSEUM

# SCIENCE DAY

With Boulby Underground Lab

@ Whitby Museum

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

11am-2pm

VR Lab Tour!

Cloud Chamber!

What to wear in the mine!

Lego Cars!



UK Science and  
Technology  
Facilities Council  
Boulby Underground  
Laboratory



Find out more: [www.whitbymuseum.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.whitbymuseum.org.uk/whats-on)  
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No booking necessary, children must be accompanied by an adult. Normal admission applies.

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# ENSEMBLES PROJECT DAYS



15 March  
19 April  
14 June  
20 June

10am - 3pm



The Regen  
Centre  
Landing Lane  
YO19 6PW

Play an instrument?

Love making music with others?

Come and be part of our Instrumental Ensemble Days

A fantastic opportunity to rehearse, perform, and develop your ensemble skills with other musicians from across North Yorkshire and York in a supportive and welcoming environment.

Ensemble Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York above grade 2 on their instrument.

For more details, email:  
Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk



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# VOCAL PROJECT DAYS



7 March  
18 April  
16 May  
20 June

10am - 3pm



Escrick C of E  
Primary School  
Carr Lane  
YO19 6JQ

Love to sing?

Want to perform with others?

Come and be part of our new Vocal Groups

A fun and inspiring space for young and aspiring singers from across North Yorkshire and York to rehearse, learn, and grow together.

Vocal Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York in Years 4 to 13

For more details, email:  
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Whitby Literary & Philosophical Society presents

# Mined Over Matter



With Chris Toth of Boulby Underground Lab

**Talk: 2pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
at Whitby Museum, Pannett Park

Tickets £5 non-members (includes cup of tea/coffee),  
Members Free from museum reception.

Tickets can be bought online (booking fee applies)  
for details <https://whitbymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/>  
Or scan the QR code



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## Whitby SEND Community Fair

Calling all professionals!

Do you run a SEND activity group in the Whitby area? If so, we would like to invite you to a networking event with other local providers. Together, we can explore ways to offer widespread support to SEND families in the Whitby area.

A light lunch and networking will take place from 1:30pm and we will open to the Whitby community from 2pm.

So, if you run an inclusive SEND accessible sports group, arts and craft session, youth group, wellbeing group or any other inclusive group in the Whitby area we would love to offer you a stall at our SEND community event!

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March | 1:30pm to 5pm  
WHISH, St. Hilda's Hub, Waterstead Lane, Whitby, YO21 1PF

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# EASTER MUSICAL THEATRE

30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL  
10AM -3PM  
FYLING HALL SCHOOL



01 Music



02 Drama



03 Dance

£95 PER CHILD  
LIMITED PLACES

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## 2027 Calendar Photo Competition

# "A YEAR IN NORTH YORKSHIRE"



We're on the lookout for seasonal photos to feature in our 2027 NYY Calendar!

If you're a young person aged 11-19yrs (up to 25yrs with additional needs) why not get involved? Winners will receive a £10 gift voucher and a copy of the calendar.

Photos must represent York or North Yorkshire and can include scenery or street photography — just make sure there are no identifiable faces. Closing date: 31st August 2026

For more information and to enter:  
contact Rachel on **07881 797 716**  
or email [rachel@nyy.org.uk](mailto:rachel@nyy.org.uk)

T&C's apply - see [www.nyy.org.uk](http://www.nyy.org.uk)



# Speak Out Safely



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Mrs J Bradley



Mrs K Mallender



Mrs J Robinson



Mr A Whelan



Mrs H Kirk, SENDCo



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