



Whitby School
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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S WELCOME



We've had another week full of hard work by both students and staff; we're almost at the end of the external exam season and I know students are tired and ready for the break. Please can I remind students how important it is not to be tempted to use their mobile phone while on the school site - you'll know that this is National policy and we want to keep all in our community safe. We're looking forward to the Year 11 Prom and no doubt won't be disappointed by the glamour!!

You might have seen photos on our Facebook Page of The Wellbeing Festival at Dalby Forest - thank you very much to Miss Clarkson and Mrs Harrison for making this happen. It's very clear that students had a great time! This is just one example of daily experiences which are students are able to engage in.

I'm also delighted to share some positive staffing news. Mr Rae has been appointed Interim Deputy Headteacher (Behaviour and Attendance) bringing strong leadership and a clear strategic focus to this important area. In addition, Mrs Bradley will become our Designated Safeguarding Lead, ensuring our safeguarding work continues to be robust, responsive, and student-centred. Both of these roles will begin in September.

I hope you all have a great weekend!

Miss Caddell





YEAR 7 'THE HUNGER GAMES' STYLE INTERACTIVE AFTERNOON

Year 7 pupils recently brought their literary studies to life through a dynamic, interactive afternoon inspired by Suzanne Collins' dystopian novel, *The Hunger Games*. In the book, each district must send two tributes to the Capitol's brutal arena. Before competing, these tributes must visit a training centre to master essential survival skills like weaponry, camouflage, and foraging.

To replicate this experience safely, students participated in hands-on survival and craft stations:

- Archery & Sword Fighting: Pupils tested their precision and combat skills.
- Orienteering & Nature Walk: Teams learned to navigate and identify local plants.
- Camouflage: Pupils practised the art of blending into their surroundings.
- Headband Making: A creative station for crafting district-themed gear.
- Cornucopia Grab: A teamwork game where students raced to recreate an iconic image from the novel.

In the novel, the arena's climate is famously manipulated by the Gamemakers to test the tributes. While we were generally very lucky with the weather this afternoon, a sudden, light hail shower provided a perfectly timed twist, giving pupils their very own Gamemaker-style climate shift to adapt to.

The afternoon perfectly showcased our core school values in action as students tackled these entirely new challenges:

- **Courage:** Pupils stepped out of their comfort zones to try unfamiliar, daunting activities like archery and sword fighting.
- **Ambition:** Every student aimed high, pushing their personal boundaries to master complex survival skills.
- **Endeavour:** Teams showed immense resilience and sustained effort, especially when deciphering orienteering trails and racing in the Cornucopia game.
- **Character:** Throughout the intense afternoon, students championed sportsmanship, integrity, and mutual respect.

A huge thank you goes out to the **Whitby Company of Archers, Mark Bruce (Woodsmith Foundation), Whitby School staff**, and the student **sports leaders** whose hard work made this immersive learning experience possible. Our visitors specifically commented on how beautifully behaved the pupils were throughout the afternoon. High praise goes to all of the Year 7s for their excellent participation and behaviour!



YEAR 7 'THE HUNGER GAMES' STYLE INTERACTIVE AFTERNOON





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 15 June** Year 10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork Trip
- Monday 15-Thursday 18 June** Year 10 Hospitality and Catering Mock Practical, 9.20am-12.45pm
- Tuesday 16 June** Year 1/2 Quad Kids, 1.00-3.00pm (Airy Hill site)
Year 8 Rounders at Malton School
- Wednesday 17 June** Start of Year 10 Exams
All Year 12 students at Leeds Beckett UCAS Fair, all day
Year 10 Music Recital Evening at Grosmont Church, 6.00pm
- 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
- Sat. 27 June- Thur. 2 July** A-level Art Show with work from GCSE pupils at the Pannett Art Gallery
- Monday 29 June** Year 10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork Trip
Year 7 Cricket Final at Scarborough CC, 10.30am
Year 9 Cricket Final at Scarborough CC, 1.00pm



- Tuesday 30 June Year 9 Poetry Workshops, All Day
- Wednesday 1 July Health and Social Care Trip to CU Scarborough
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
- Monday 13 July Vaccination Catch-up (DTP/MenACWY & HPV)
- Tuesday 14 July Year 10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork Trip
- Friday 10 July Sports Day
- Tues 14 and Wed 15 July Summer Performing Arts Showcase Evening, 6.00-8.00pm (Prospect Hill site)
- Monday 20 July 2026 Staff Training Day
- Wednesday 12 August Uniform Collection, 1.00-5.00pm (Prospect Hill site, Sports Hall)
- Thursday 13 August Sixth Form Exam Results Day, 8.30am-12.00pm (Prospect Hill site, Sixth Form Centre)
Uniform Collection, 1.00-5.00pm (Prospect Hill site, Sports Hall)
- Wednesday 19 August Uniform Collection, 1.00-5.00pm (Prospect Hill site, Sports Hall)
- Thursday 20 August Year 11 Exam Results Day, 8.30am-12.00pm (Prospect Hill site, Sixth Form Centre)
Uniform Collection, 1.00-5.00pm (Prospect Hill site, Sports Hall)
- Mon. 7 September Staff Training Day
- Tuesday 8 September Staff Training Day
- Wednesday 9 September School Opens
- Monday 19 October Y12/13 Discover Health and Care Day at CU Scarborough
- Thursday 22 October School Closes
- Friday 23 October Staff Training Day
- Monday 26-Friday 30 October Half Term Holiday
- Monday 2 November School Opens
- Friday 18 December School Closes
- Mon. 21 Dec.-Fri. 1 January 2027 .. Christmas Holiday
- Monday 4 January Staff Training Day



TERM DATES 2026-27

Autumn Term 2026

Mon. 7 September	Training Day
Tue. 8 September	Training Day
Wed. 9 September	School Opens
Thurs. 22 October	School Closes
Fri. 23 October	Training Day
Mon. 26-Fri. 30 October	Half Term Holiday
Mon. 2 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