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'Battle of the Bands'

Mrs Edmondson-Preedy gives the lowdown on the 'Battle of the Bands', which created a real buzz in both Whitby schools.

Both Caedmon and Eskdale Year 9s have been working towards the 'Battle of the Bands' project since October. Each class chose a song, created their own arrangement of it and worked towards a performance of the song with everyone in the class having a role be it playing the keyboard, the guitar, claves, glockenspiel, saxophone, drums or singing. No matter how simple or difficult the part a student played, each part and person was equally important. This topic pulled together many skills learned over the past three years and also gave the students a flavour of ensemble work which is part of the GCSE coursework.

It takes a lot of bottle to stand up in front of your peers and perform. Some students were out of their comfort zone and were nervous, some seemed to be unphased whilst others clearly enjoyed performing. The main thing was that they did it! They overcame technical problems with microphones to give super performances. We were so proud of all our Year 9 students. Each class pulled together as a team. As the

only members of the audience too, they were all wonderfully supportive of everyone performing.

The proceedings were adjudicated by four boys from the Eskdale GCSE music group who did a superb job - thank you. In total, three groups from the two schools will be going through to compete against each other at The Eskdale Festival. Good luck to all three groups!

Feedback from students at Year 9 Parents' Evening was that this was the best topic they have done in music. Feedback from parents has been really positive with some saying how pleased they were that their child had gained so much self-confidence during this topic, another saying how it has motivated their child to pick up their guitar and play more and another saying that their child has sung nothing but their class song for weeks at home and the whole family now knows it inside out too!

Finally, we would like to say a huge well done to all the Year 9 students who participated. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining afternoon at Caedmon and morning at Eskdale.



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Welcome

Welcome from Ms Boyd



Hello and welcome to our latest newsletter

So far this term, it's felt as if our performing arts students have had a real chance to shine. On Friday I had the pleasure of going to the annual panto put on by the Apollo Players. It was a great evening out, a real hoot and such a professional and slick performance. Great credit to our students who gave up so much of their time and really stood out. Safi Swales and Anna Young held centre stage as Hansel and Gretel. Hannah Halder and Mya Kirk were menacing as a pair of crows on Heelys. Winnie Long was perfectly cast as a wise owl. The chorus were a singing and dancing sensation. Well done to them, particularly Lula Broadley, Chloe Burgess, Paige Burgess, Hannah Halder, Mya Kirk, Winnie Long, Lola Micallef, Olivia Nightingale and Macie Smith.

On Friday we also had our Year 9 Battle of the Bands competition. Every-one in there was blown away by the enthusiasm of the students but we had to have a winner and that is 9C4 music group. Everyone I ask cannot even pick out the best in that group. They were, in the words of Ms Beattie "all brilliant". Thank you to all the students taking part and to Ms Beattie and Ms Edmondson-Preedy.

Ms Boyd | Head of School

Whitby Futures

We would like to invite our Year 9 students and their parents/carers to our Options Evening at the Whitby Sixth Form site on Thursday 8 February, 4.00-6.00pm.

Come and find out about what options are available in Year 10 and how the process works.

Susan Boyd and Phil Nicholson

Options Evening



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Welcome from Mr Nicholson



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The last few days have seen school battered by storms and heavy snow, which have provided another challenge to face! What a great job the staff did here in supporting the students who made it in through the snow. The facilities team were out and about shovelling snow and gritting pathways to make the site safe, whilst teaching and non-teaching staff were adaptable and flexible to allow the school to function as normally as possible. And for the most part students were sensible and followed the instructions designed to keep them and everyone else safe.

Year 9 Parents' Evening did go ahead on Thursday and thank you to all that attended or subsequently have been in touch for feedback. It was a positive night and I always enjoy chatting to the students and their parents at these events. A reminder that the Year 9 Options Evening is planned for Thursday 8 February. It will be at Caedmon College from 4-6pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 9s and their parents to really delve into the courses on offer in September at the new school.

My whole assembly on Monday focused on the British Value of individual liberty, set against the loss of that liberty in Nazi Germany. On Saturday it is International Holocaust Memorial Day and the assembly and subsequent work in tutor time has raised awareness of this important event. There is much we can all do in our day-to-day life to prevent prejudice and discrimination growing.

Finally, I would like to welcome Miss Caddell to our senior team to help cover some long-term absence we have here. She has already made a difference in school. Managing staff absence is a complicated business, but I would like to reassure students and parents that behind the scenes I am always working to fill any spaces, when I have some certainty over the length of absence. I will update you via this newsletter when I have more.

Mr Nicholson
Head of School





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SEND Update – Parents

The joining together of two schools is a golden opportunity to bring together communities of learners, curriculums, staff and parents to create something truly remarkable. It therefore gives me great pleasure to introduce the first of our monthly updates on the school improvement work that is ongoing to make September 2024 a real success. The focus this month is special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). This piece of work is being driven in collaboration with the leaders at both schools and, if you have a child with barriers to their learning, we need your help.

Our approach to developing our strategy for special educational needs will be one of consultation. Already, Mrs Kirk and Mr Jones have made contact with the feeder primary schools to identify the level of needs that we should expect to see in September. However, this year we have gone further. Although we understand pupils' needs change, we now have a better understanding of pupil needs for the next three years. This means we can start to plan the training that colleagues need in order to deliver for our pupils, your children.

Currently we are working on enhanced transition arrangements for pupils with barriers to their learning. This means doing more to ensure children with SEND have a settled and enjoyable start to their time with us. We want our transition arrangements to consider the social, emotional and academic impact on pupils joining Whitby Secondary School in September. To get this right, we need your help, knowledge and views.

Mr Jones and Mrs Kirk are identifying a group of parents who might be willing to represent the views of parents who have an understanding and experience of SEND at both Eskdale and Caedmon. These parents will be invited to attend our SEND forum at regular intervals throughout the year. The SEND forum will be a place of collaboration and consultation. Here we will share draft policies and approaches and seek your views on the efficacy of our proposals. In doing so, we hope to keep you informed and included as things progress.

What is a SEND strategy?

There are myriad reasons why pupils with SEND can be more vulnerable at school. The barriers pupils face in their learning can make accessing lessons and learning more challenging or frustrating. Our SEND strategy aims to do everything possible to remove barriers to learning and provide the support that pupils with SEND need to thrive and succeed. When needs are highest this can mean additional adult support. However, this is not always the best approach. Over the coming months, the SEND strategy will focus on the following key areas:

- » Leadership of SEND
- » Identification and Environments
- » Checking on progress and outcomes
- » Curriculum
- » Building partnerships.

I look forward to updating you as our plans and policies are delivered. In the meantime, if you are approached to join our SEND forum, please do engage with us. This is an exciting opportunity to work together to build a bright future for all pupils in Whitby.

I look forward to meeting with you at our first meeting in the coming weeks and sharing our strategy proposals in more detail.

Mr C Pearce
Executive Leader



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ASK Apprenticeship Evening

This event which is for all students in Year 9 and above from Caedmon College, Eskdale School and Whitby Sixth Form will take place on Thursday 29 February, 4.30-6.30pm.

The evening is to find out more about apprenticeships, dispel some of the myths about them and find out the best way to get an apprenticeship.

There will also be employers to speak to about local and national apprenticeship opportunities.

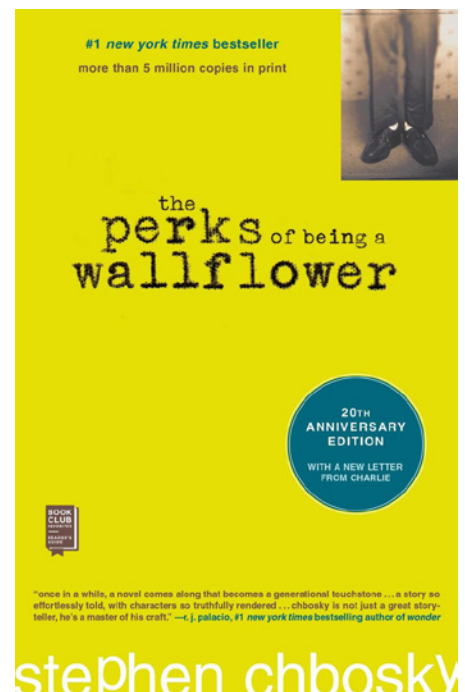
This is a really great evening for anyone who is thinking about an apprenticeship.

If you want any more information about the evening please contact our Careers Leader, Ms Mackle: g.mackle@wsp.org.uk

My Favourite Book

My favourite book is the Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky, I feel as though it helps teenagers especially feel relieved and comfort in knowing everyone goes through different experiences when they are growing up. The book celebrates inclusivity and tolerance by showing both how people can blossom when they are accepted for who they are but also how painful life can be when they are mistreated or ignored. It teaches the readers to connect more with themselves and to always be optimistic.

Elle M - Year 11





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Looking back at Eskdale's Christmas celebrations

A month or so ago, we were all getting ready for the end of the long autumn term and the festivities that followed. At Eskdale, our Christmas celebrations were choreographed by Mrs Scales and the school threw themselves into the activities as the photos show. It was a lovely way to end the term and the photos show that some special memories were created for all involved.





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Why study Geography at WSF

What will I study?

Geography is the eyes of the world - we see so many things in our daily lives and often appreciate our surroundings without understanding how interconnected our world is. A-level Geography aims to allow us to see more clearly how our lives are affected by the environment and development of countries. Understanding the risk of buying a home near a river; of how quickly Hurricane Irma devastated the Caribbean and the aid needed to help, or to simply gaining an awareness that migration will continue and increase as our world moves towards ten billion people.

What do students do afterwards?

Geography at Caedmon College teaches more than just A-level, we aim to give you the research skills to be successful at university, bridging the gap between your college and university education. The world in which we live is likely to change more in the next fifty years than it has ever done before. Geography explains why, and helps to prepare you for those changes. The transferable skills which geography fosters are an asset in the complex world of employment today. Geography is about the future and encourages flexible thinking across topics such as hazards, international development, coastal system and carbon cycles; geographical studies fosters these qualities and provides a firm basis for life-long learning. Geography involves the study of both natural and social sciences; it is seen as the 'bridge' between the sciences and the arts, leading to degrees in human or physical geography or geo-sciences, and employment ranging from marine biosphere conservation to town planner and tourism.

For further information please speak to Mr Wigglesworth or see our specification on the AQA website (7037)

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037/specification-at-a-glance>

“Geography is an inspiring course that covers both the human and physical aspects of the subject. You get to experience a range of exciting and beneficial trips, such as central London and the east coast. You get to study different locations in the UK as well as previous and current climate issues which I find particularly interesting.”



Y11 REVISION EVENING

**Monday 5 February,
4.00-5.30pm
in the Learning Centre**

Find out how we are supporting your son/
daughter and how you can do so too. We
will have revision guides available to order
on the evening and we will issue a free
login to GCSE pod to all our students on
the night.



JOIN US FOR OUR COMMUNITY CHARITY SPONSORSHIP EVENT TO ROW 1.288 MILLION METRES ON OUR ROWING MACHINES AND BIKE ERGS - OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE YET!

FOR OUR VIKING CHARITY ROW IN 2022 WE ROWED THE DISTANCE TO NORWAY 643KM, THEN IN 2023 WE ROWED EVEN FURTHER 1 MILLION METRES! THIS YEAR WE ARE GOING BEYOND 1 MILLION, TO NORWAY AND BACK AGAIN!

WHITBY FRIENDSHIP AMATEUR ROWING CLUB'S MORE THAN A MILLION METRES FOR MENTAL HEALTH



100% OF FUNDS RAISED FOR:



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ANDYS MAN CLUB

SUNDAY 3RD MARCH, 10AM

**WHITBY FRIENDSHIP AMATEUR ROWING CLUB,
6 NEW WAY GHAUT, CHURCH STREET, YO22 4DH**

DONATE VIA: WWW.JUSTGIVING.COM/TEAM/WHITBYFRIENDSHIPARC

We will be raising awareness & sponsorship funds for both: PAPYRUS - The UK charity for the prevention of young suicide & ANDYS MAN CLUB - Wanting to end the stigma surrounding men's mental health through the power of conversation.

Anyone can come and join us to complete the challenge or support the event, we will be running a cake sale raffle and chocolate tombola on the day - open for all!

This event is also an opportunity to take a look at our facilities on offer and ask any questions about joining our club. Join our journey of improving physical & mental well-being through participation in a local sport.



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PE Extra Curricular Timetable 2024

Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before 8.15-8.45				Basketball + Netball Sports Hall	Basketball + Netball Sports Hall
Lunchtime 12.45-1.15	Y7, 8, 9 Basketball Sports Hall	Y10,11 Basketball Sports Hall		Y11 Football Sports Hall GCSE/BTEC intervention H9	Badminton Sports Hall
After School 3.30-4.30	Y10/11 Netball	Y7+8 Football Field	Fitness Suite	All years Hockey W6F Astro	Fitness Suite

Week B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before 8.15-8.45				Basketball + Netball Sports Hall	Basketball + Netball Sports Hall
Lunchtime 12.45-1.15	Y7, 8, 9 Basketball Sports Hall	Y10,11 Basketball Sports Hall Y10 GCSE Intervention		Y11 Football Sports Hall GCSE/BTEC intervention H9	Badminton Sports Hall
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Where fixtures are arranged, Clubs may need to be postponed



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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 Harrison
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 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 Day

Monday 8 April 2024



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Upcoming Events

Caedmon College Events

Y8 Basketball at Pindar	Monday 29 January
Mental Health Nursing Taster session for Sixth Form Health and Social Care students	Tuesday 30 January, 10.30am
Y7 Basketball at Pindar	Wednesday 31 January
U13 Partnership Netball at Ryedale	Wednesday 31 January
Y11 County Basketball at York College	Wednesday 31 January
Y8 Five-a-Side v Fylinghall + Eskdale (H)	Thursday 1 February
Y9 Partnership Basketball at Lady Lumley's	Thursday 1 February
Y10 Netball at Ryedale	Thursday 1 February
Y13 Finances and Student Life Workshops from Inspiring Choices	Wednesday 7 February, 9.00-11.00am
GCSE Options Evening	Thursday 8 February, 4.00-6.00pm
Half Term Holiday	Monday 12 –Friday 16 February

Exam Dates

Mock Exams - Series 2	Monday 26 February – Friday 8 March 2024
GCSEs	May to June 2024 (final dates TBC)
Exam Contingency Day	Wednesday 26 June