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Year 11 Geography fieldwork in sunny Redcar...

Mrs Winspear who led the visit reports:

'Last Thursday 42 Year 11 geographers headed to sunny Redcar to complete their GCSE fieldwork. Fieldwork is an important part of geography as it gives pupils the opportunity to develop and extend their geographical thinking to the real world.

Our geographers spent the morning on the beach investigating coastal processes and gathering some great primary data. Pupils showed impressive team work and problem-solving skills, working in very windy conditions.

After lunch we moved onto our human geography locations on the seafront and high street to gather data on the regeneration of Redcar. Pupils impressed staff once more when asking the public to complete their questionnaires. This can be a nerve-racking experience and our pupils tackled it with great maturity and good manners.

Pupils will collate, present and analyse their data back in the classroom to prepare for their Paper 3 exam in June.'





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Welcome

Welcome from Ms Boyd



Hello and welcome to our last newsletter of the term. I hope you are all looking forward to an Easter break. I know I am.

Staff here have been working hard on lesson structure. We have some great teachers and we all want the best for our pupils. The great thing about the six-part framework that we are moving to is that it gives our pupils a structure. It eliminates variance between outcomes while allowing our teachers to keep their creativity and good ideas. Pupils know what to expect and they have a really clear understanding of what we are learning, why and how we are going to get there.

As we go through the training and start to see its impact you will hopefully hear your child talking about “the six Ps”.

We have been busy putting our first transition newsletter together to go out to Year 6 pupils after Easter. We are looking forward to giving you more information about how September will look and when we will get to see you before then. I'm so pleased Year 7 and Year 8 will be on the Airy Hill site. There are some great facilities and plenty of space to exercise at lunchtime.

We have some competitions coming up and we need their input. If you know anyone in Year 6 make sure they look out for it

Have a great Easter. Have a proper rest. Stay safe and we will see you in April.

Ms Boyd
Head of School





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Welcome from Mr Nicholson



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One of the shortest terms I can remember has reached its end and Spring is nearly here! The brighter and slightly warmer days have certainly made my daily lunch duty a more pleasant experience! In the last week there has been plenty packed in again.

On Friday Red Nose Day was supported by the school with real gusto. The driving force of Mrs Scales' leadership saw our Year 11s pick-up the challenge and you can see their photos and fun below. Really well done to everyone involved, who responded to my messages in last week's assembly about what Charity really is. Mrs Winspear reports that Year 11s also showed great maturity out on their Geography fieldwork on Thursday; they made the most of the opportunity to complete this vital component of their GCSE course. Drama and Hospitality and Catering pupils have been undertaking the practical elements of their courses over the last few days as we near the final exams in the summer. Year 11 have been receiving feedback in lessons on classroom based mock assessments and the final push is now underway. Not all subjects set mock assessments, due to the individual nature of the subjects, but all pupils in all subjects should have plenty of work to be concentrating on over the Easter break. For Year 11s this is not a complete holiday. Investing now will reap dividends and the missed holiday time is offset by the long summer break.

Elsewhere in school we welcome parents and carers in for our Year 7 and Year 8 Parents' Evening last Thursday. It was a positive and well-attended evening, under Mrs Bradley's watchful eye. We also invited parents and carers in to discuss our RSE provision and thank you to those that engaged with that.

On Monday in our Achievement Assembly we celebrated our weekly award winners and also achievement and effort winners in the different subjects. There were awards for pupils who displayed the school's values too. The assembly was closed with our successful key stage 4 musicians' rendition of Guns N' Roses' 'Sweet Child o' Mine'! It was a high octane start to a school week!

I wish all our community a restful and peaceful Easter. And I look forward to welcoming all the pupils back into school on Tuesday 9 April ready for the summer term. There will be plenty to do here at Eskdale and the transition preparations will gather pace for the opening of Whitby School in September.

Mr Nicholson
Head of School

Key Dates for the diary

Year 10 mock exams from Monday 24 June - Friday 5 July in the gym

Year 10 Parents' Evening is now Thursday 25 April 4-6pm in the main school hall

Year 10 Study Skills Evening is Wednesday 15 May 5-7pm in school



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Spring Term's final awards winners

Don't worry there will be more next term! Well done to this week's winners, who are nominated by staff for upholding the school's values:

Form Group Prize Draw

- 7A - Theo D-H
- 8A - Miah B-P
- 8B - Brett H
- 9A - Joshua L
- 9B - Freya K
- 9C - Ruby S
- 10A - Riley C
- 10B - Nate G
- 11A - Carl T
- 11B - Maya L
- 11C - Stan P
- 11D - Violet B

Pupils of the Week

- Key Stage 3 - Maisy S
- Key Stage 4 - Eve W

Pupils of the week





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Success for musicians at Eskdale Festival for Whitby pupils

Mrs Edmondson-Preedy and Mrs Beattie (CCW) took over 100 pupils from Caedmon and Eskdale to the Eskdale Festival at the Spa Pavilion in Whitby. The pupils ate together before competing against each other in a friendly competition!

It was good to see so many pupils performing. For some, it was their first time on a big stage outside of school, experiencing participating in a music competition and nerves did take over. Others rose to the occasion and took it in their stride.

The Year 13 and under mixed ensemble with voices was won by a band from Eskdale School with seven pupils from a mixture of Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11. They performed Count on Me by Bruno Mars and Sweet Child o' Mine by Guns N' Roses. All the performers in this group were praised for their technical competence, their phrasing and dynamic contrasts. They were awarded a distinction. Competing against them and also gaining a distinction mark were the Caedmon Funk Band, who performed Stevie Wonder's 'Superstition' and 'Hi Ho Silver Lining' by Jeff Beck, in addition to the Year 10 GCSE class from Caedmon who also performed a very tight and well-rehearsed duo of pieces. It was fantastic to see every pupil from all of these three groups being so interested and inspired by what the others were doing and to see the encouragement and admiration that they had for one another.

Earlier in the week, a number of brave pupils entered various other classes, including group drama pieces, a composition class and solo instrumental classes. Many of our pupils went on to perform in the Gala Concert at the Spa Pavilion last weekend (see below).

Well done everyone who performed at the Eskdale Festival.



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Eskdale Festival Gala Concert

Following successful performances in the Eskdale Festival competitors were invited to perform at the Gala Concert on the evening of Saturday 16th March at the Whitby Spa Pavilion. The Gala Concert marks the end of the Eskdale Festival and showcases some of the best entries in the Festival. This year's Gala Concert was a superb evening with a wide variety of performances from 18th Century folk band to contemporary dance. Performers were at different stages of their musical pathways and so there were beginners as well as Grade 8 standard and beyond with each performance being their very best.

Eskdale School Band won their category in the competition, as you will have read in last week's newsletter, and were honoured to be invited to perform 'Sweet Child o' Mine'. Their performance was absolutely fantastic and they received a lot of positive feedback afterwards. The band is a mixture of pupils from Year 9 to Year 11: Johnny N, Josh L, Joe H, Scott M, Leon P, Rohan F and Skyla S. Well done!

Also performing were:

Maddie C as part of 'A Winter's Tale' Piano Trio

Elsie Lee - freestyle dance

Performing with the Concert Band and/or Whitby Jazz Collective.

Elsie Lee and Mrs Edmondson-Preedy.

it was an absolutely brilliant evening. Well done to everyone and thank you to the organisers of the Eskdale Festival.



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Year 7 bake up some chocolate treats!

Year 7 had a great time making chocolate nests. Staff report they were great fun, although noisy! They have come on leaps and bounds with their cooking and can be seen in action modelling the school's new aprons, which have really helped.





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Hall Superstars

The brother and sister duo swam at the Edinburgh International Meet last weekend for their club Boro and Stockton.

Luca in Year 11 competed in an open race meaning he races against swimmers up to the age of 35. No PB this time but he was delighted with his performance.

Esme in Year 9 competed in the 200m breaststroke and in a time of 2:41:67secs gaining a new PB and was two tenths of a second off the British Olympic Trials time.

Not disappointed, Esme just sees it as another step closer to her dream. She was the youngest competitor in the final and so plenty of time to improve.

Both are looking forward to their summer swim camps in America. These two youngsters epitomise our mantra that hard work pays off. Their dedication and commitment to their passion is to be commended, as are their humble qualities. Fantastically, well done to both pupils.



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Red Nose Day

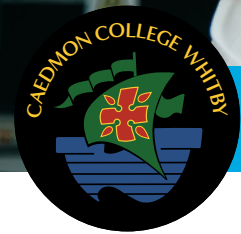
Red Nose Day competitions in school so far have raised over £50. The prize winners were Jackson P in Year 11 who guessed 1459 baked beans in jar. There were actually 1499!

Faye Harland and Skye Parker guessed correctly the twelve staff behind the Where's Wally glasses. And Thank you to Year 11s Reegan W, Marcus C and Imogen C for using their break and lunchtimes to run these competitions. A great effort from everyone involved.





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WoW Project 'Whitby our Whitby'

This project organised by 'The Literacy Trust' was a five-week long project, where students worked in groups of their choosing to highlight an area of their local community where they felt things could be better.

They then worked in their groups to present their research and suggest ways the situation could be improved. The final session took place on Wednesday 22 November. A panel of local business and charity figures were on hand to judge the efforts and to pass comment on how the presentations could be improved.

- » Group 1 were Emily, Eva and Lexie, who spoke about the need for greater sporting opportunities for girls in the local area.
- » Group 2 had a single speaker, Finlay, who presented a case for better transport links around the town and how access for some groups was severely challenging.
- » Group 3 were Evelyn, Carys, and Safi. This group were particularly impressive in delivering their thoughts on marginalised groups in the local community, they spoke very powerfully about the normalisation of offensive language and the desire they had to overcome this in school.
- » Group 4 featured Charlie and Zach, and they spoke about their desire to change the timings of the school day, specifically making it shorter to facilitate more time to explore their own interests.

- » Group 5 features Jaxson and Callum and they explored the topic of a previously unknown (to me) group of individuals called 'Furries' who enjoy dressing as cartoon animals.
- » Group 6 and 7 were large groups, but most vocal among them were Emmie, Amelia, Dakota and Kaycee who again advocated changes in the operation of the school, with uniform and homework in particular in the firing line.
- » Group 8 was led by Alisha and she advocated the need for beach wheelchairs to allow disabled people better access to the beach.
- » Group 9 was Freddie and Finley who explored the complex issue of second home owners in Whitby, with ideas about how some of their wealth could be better distributed in the community.

The project ended with a celebration event with cake!

The students involved enjoyed stepping out of their comfort zones and in particular those who spoke benefitted from experiencing the fear only public speaking can produce!



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Sixth Form Foundation Group

Since September the Sixth Form Foundation group have been on a variety of visits.

In September we visited Scarborough and went ten-pin bowling. Our new starters were the top of the leader board.

In October, we visited Beacon Farm and Lidl to source pumpkins for our pumpkin carving art lesson.

November saw us having another trip to Scarborough to visit the Stephen Joseph Theatre to watch 'sing a long' Matilda.

We have also been to York where we visited 'York Chocolate Story' a successful day where a fair amount of chocolate was made and eaten.

A trip to the pantomime in Middlesbrough took place in December.





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Shrek the Musical

At the start of December 2023, we took part in “Shrek the Musical” at the Spa Pavilion.

We played the roles of the Dragon (Safi) and Mama Bear (Winnie) along with some other Caedmon students. Lola in Year 10 as Lord Farquaad, Beth as the Pied Piper and Erin as the Witch. We also had some Year 7 students join us with Amelia and Olivia as two of the three little pigs.



There were a wide range of costumes for all the characters to try. Not only were there students from Caedmon but from Fyling Hall and Eskdale too.

The rehearsals were enjoyable and there were always things to do, even if you were off-stage. The choreography was suitable for all ages whilst still looking professional.

To conclude, it was a great production that the whole cast thoroughly enjoyed.

Safi and Winnie-Lola, Year 9





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We asked the current students... Why study at WSF?

- » excellent results
- » good subject choices
- » close to home - no getting early buses
- » one to one progression support, lots of help applying for university.
- » supportive and experienced A-level teachers
- » I could study a combination of BTEC and A-levels
- » I get an allocated tutor who I go and see as I need, I don't have to attend tutorial every day!
- » Subjects are well organised and they all use Google Classrooms
- » I have study lessons when I can complete my independent work





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WSF Results

A* – A 25%

A* – B 52%

A* – C 81%

A* – E 99%

All of these measures are on or above national average! These results are the best in the area!

85% of students applying to university got their first choice (compared to 79% nationally).

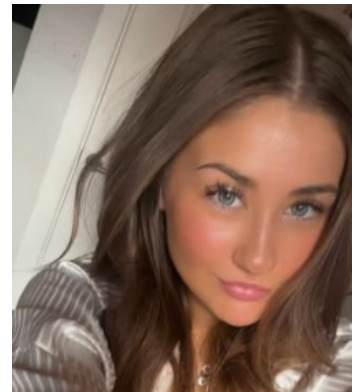
Current Students



“I like how the teachers are always encouraging you to ask for help and challenge you to push yourself beyond what you may think you’re capable of yourself.”

- Josh

“Whitby Sixth Form provides a caring, intimate and propelling setting which encourages progress and ability amongst every student, paired closely alongside the excellent support of the welfare department, which helps to uphold every student when inevitably times get tough, and not let them give up on themselves or their future. This combination of drive and care is what creates well rounded students ready to healthily achieve their full potential in the world of work.”



- Imogen



“I feel really safe at WSF. My teachers are really friendly and I know I can gain help from them at any time. As well as the teachers, the pastoral team are always around if there is anything that I need”



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- Kitty

Past Students

“I felt very supported at WSF, especially by the pastoral team. They are very down to earth people and I feel that I could talk to them about anything.” - Lily



“I have truly enjoyed my time at Whitby Sixth Form, the staff are always friendly and kind whilst still maintaining a sense of humour. As the school is smaller there is more time and focus allocated to each student than a regular college, the smaller size also allows students to stand out more and makes socialising less intimidating. Alongside this there was lots of support with our UCAS application and potential career goals which I know was not as present in other colleges; as we had a dedicated teacher for university applications.” - Martin





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Enrichment – What is it?

Our aim is for every student to complete an enrichment activity that will help develop their skills and understanding that can be needed for further education or work. Enrichment is an important part of your studies, it is a chance for you to complete something you enjoy away from academic pressures that could enhance your UCAS applications, improve your CV or give something back to the community. Whatever your motivation, make sure you get involved, there are plenty of activities to choose from.

- » Duke of Edinburgh
- » coaching
- » sports teams
- » clubs and sports leadership opportunities - primary/secondary
- » Work Experience
- » running lunchtime clubs in the LRC on Normanby Site
- » MOOCs – Available on Unifrog or try futurelearn.com. These are courses for you to complete to give you a better understanding of a topic that you may be studying at university or it may just be something you have a passion for.





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Financial Help

A Sixth Form bursary is available for WSF students to apply for if you have a household income of less than £28,000.

St Hilda's Bursary: This is available for all students to apply for. You can use the St Hilda's bursary for anything that enriches your life experiences.

The Paul Hogarth Bursary: Last year Paul Hogarth passed away. He was an integral part of ICL Boulby Mine for 27 years, as well as his role as a Central Overseer at ICL Boulby, Paul and his family ran their family farm near Whitby and all his children studied at Caedmon College Whitby/Whitby Sixth Form. Paul was an early enthusiast for Polysulphate, a product which ICL Boulby now mines.

The Hogarth family along with ICL Boulby (Cleveland Potash) launched the Paul Hogarth Bursary.

The bursary awarded is £5000 for each year of study at university, this could be for a 3 or 4 year course.

The bursary is not means tested, therefore anyone intending to study at University and is a student at WSF can apply.

This year the bursary was awarded to Grace Fuller.

Any questions email
post@sixthformwhitby.org

Or call on 01947601901





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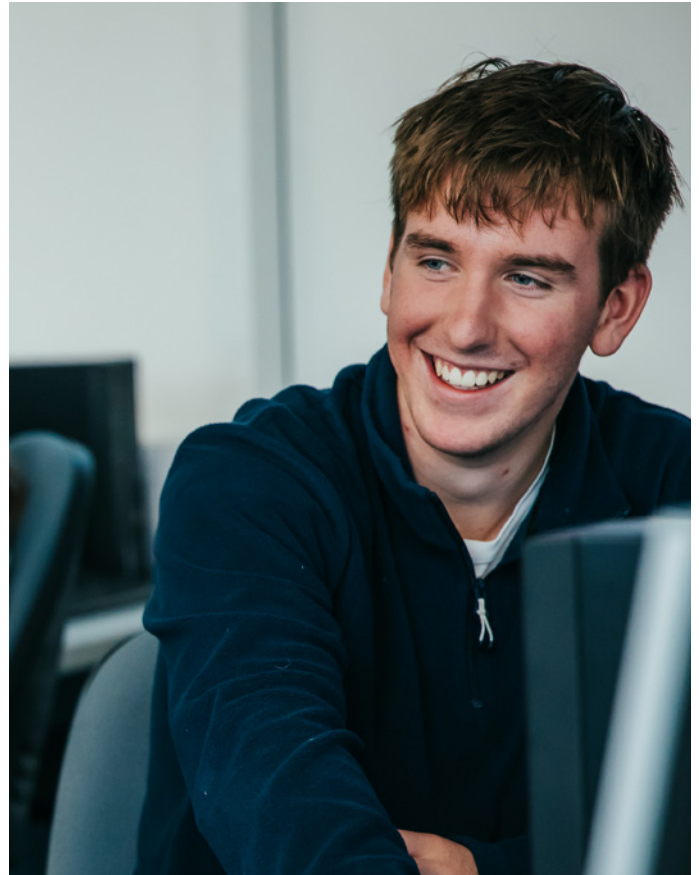
Why study History at WSF

What will I study?

History is packed full of the greatest characters you could ever wish to see on the TV or stage and they don't get any bigger than Henry VIII or more fascinating than the colossal struggle during the cold war between the leaders of America and Russia. Immerse yourself in the sixteenth century with the Tudors and use the cold war to help you to understand the state of the world today. All of the course is brand new learning and is accessible to anyone with a willingness to learn and a passion for the past!

What do students do afterwards?

In recent years, our A-level history students have gone on to study a wide variety of subjects including history (of course!), Egyptology, archaeology, teaching or any other degree course.



How will I be assessed?

80% exam at the end of the course, with 20% of coursework completed between Years 12 and 13.

What can I do to prepare?

Talk to other students who are already doing the course and ask them what they have done or wish they had done. Come and talk to one of the teachers who will be happy to discuss the content and style of learning in more depth. Send us an email if you can't come and see us. Read some history - any period; reading relevant books is always good preparation.

“History is a fascinating subject that explores how the world was and how it has changed over time. I particularly enjoy learning about the Tudor dynasty and how they have shaped Britain as we know it!”



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MEMORY LANE

Letter from the Headteacher, The Viking No.81

Mr John Oakden Potter, Headmaster of Whitby School 1966-1983

THE HEADMASTER'S LETTER 1968-9

As I write this letter at the end of the Spring Term, I have very mixed feelings about 1968-9. This term has been a very difficult one—bad weather, electricity failure, North Sea gas conversion, and all the attendant cancellations, postponements, re-organisations and so on have caused many headaches.

Last September saw two school records broken—a total school population of over 400 for the first time, and a sixth form of over 100. We had a first form of 76, and would have made them into 3 forms if we had had room. But we had no room!—The problem of space was so critical that we had to put classes and private study in the pavilion, a situation made just about tolerable by the installation of electric convector heaters in there. It is not ideal but at least it gives us a little room to manoeuvre. The numbers in our sixth form sets have made it necessary to create 2 sets for English and Geography and while this has increased the number of subject combinations available it has added to staffing and accommodation problems.

I don't think we can be accused of dragging our feet—some would say we are doing so many 'new' things that we are losing sight of a Grammar School's traditional values. I hope we shall never do this, even when we are no longer a Grammar School in the traditional sense of the word. Our traditions of work and conduct are the base on which we must build the school which will, before long, replace this one, and the new building in its academic and moral sense must have a firm foundation. Innovations should not replace what is good in the past, they should enhance it. I hope you will remember this and that 1968-9 will be remembered in the words of our newly-adopted school hymn, in which we sing "May we love and serve each other".

How much service have you given to the school this year, what effort have you made to make the lives of others who work here more pleasant and more profitable?





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Upcoming Events

Easter Break	Monday 25 March-Friday 5 April
Training Day	Monday 8 April 2024
Year 12 Finding the Future You Workshops from Inspiring Choices	Wednesday 10 April, 9.00-11.30am
U-13 Boys Tennis at Pindar	Tuesday 16 April
Year 10 Rounders at Norton	Tuesday 16 April
Year 12 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 16 April, 4.00-6.00pm
Year 7 Royal Navy Assembly	Wednesday 17 April
U-13 Girls Cricket at Pickering	Wednesday 17 April
Year 1/2 Quad kids at WSF	Thursday 18/Friday 19 April
U-13 Girls Tennis at Pindar	Monday 22 April
District athletics trials at Malton School	Tuesday 23 April
Year 10 business pupils at CU Scarborough Business Day	Wednesday 24 April
Year 12 business students at CU Scarborough Business Day	Thursday 25 April
Year 8 Rounders v Eskdale (A)	Thursday 25 April
German Exchange	Sunday 28 April-Saturday 4 May
U-15 Tennis at Pindar	Monday 29 April
Year 9 trip to York St John University, 20 pupils from each school	Tuesday 30th April
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 30 April, 4.00-6.00pm
GCSE Exams	May-June 2024 (final dates TBC)
Year 10 Rounders at Lady Lumley's	Thursday 2 May
Year 5/6 Tennis at WSF	Thursday 2 May
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May
Year 8 HPV Vaccination	Tuesday 7 May
Year 7 Rounders at Lady Lumley's	Tuesday 7 May
U-15 Girls Tennis at Pindar	Tuesday 7 May
Year 8 Rounders at Malton	Thursday 9 May
Year 10 Employability Workshops from Inspiring Choices	Thursday 9 May-Thursday 6 June
Primary Tri Golf at CCW	Friday 10 May
Ryedale Whitby Partnership Athletics at Malton School	Tuesday 21 May



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Information

Who do you need to contact?

Caedmon College Pastoral Team

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Assistant DoL Year 7:	Mrs Ruberry
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Eskdale School Pastoral Team:

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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
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Term Dates

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