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Come and look around, speak to staff and discuss your progression options.



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



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”

- 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



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.



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





Welcome

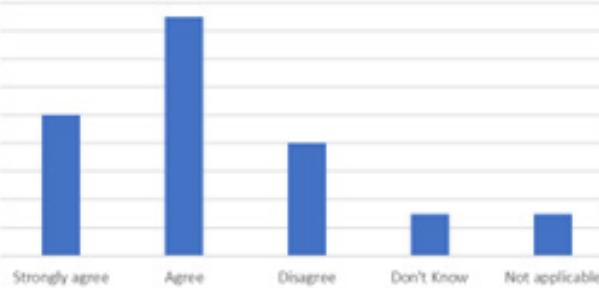


I would like to thank our parents and community who supported one of our schools in its recent Ofsted Inspection. Following the previous inspection, as I have explained earlier, a follow up inspection was expected by a Majesty's Inspector of Schools (HMI) and an Ofsted Inspection team. Children and colleagues were simply wonderful, and throughout the two days the Senior HMI and colleagues undertook a forensic review of the school focusing on the same areas we had identified in October. We will be sharing the report itself and those recommendations once the report has been produced, quality assured and officially published by Ofsted.

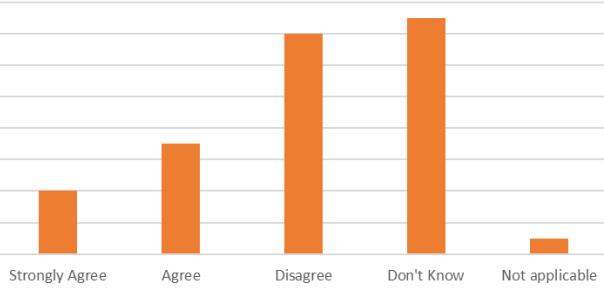
I would also like to thank our parents who participated in the recent questionnaire about the creation of our new school. We intend over the next few weeks and months to shape a unique and exciting vision for our new school, as part of the ongoing consultation. It is clear our parents and our wider community see this as a priority, and we would agree.

I am also pleased to announce that the Chair of the Whitby Partnership Board, supported by colleagues, has established a working group to define the name, mission, and values of our new school. The working group intends to consult with colleagues, parents, our children, and wider community. As part of this process, we will publish its final recommendations, subject to approval by the governing body, by the end of the year.

The school name recognises the heritage and history of our community.

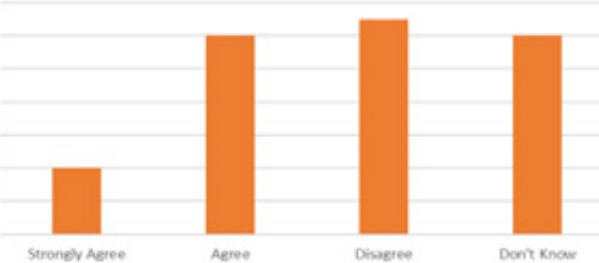


The school values are 'lived into being' and create a common sense of purpose.



Our survey issued before half-term, indicates most parents believe the names of both schools do recognise the heritage and history of our community. We will also carefully consider the mission and values, as they will come to define our community and shape its sense of purpose.

The school recognises and celebrates the heritage and history of the community it serves.



Celebrating the heritage and history of our schools and town was acknowledged as being important, but again some felt this was not as prevalent as it should be, and other parents felt unable to comment based on their current experience.

Your thoughts and feedback will be carefully considered and the detailed responses from parents will be referenced in our ongoing discussions.

We look forward to sharing more responses to the survey in a future issue and once again, I would like to thank parents for participating and would ask all to contribute to the wider consultation, as we shape the future of education in Whitby, for our children and generations to come.

Mr J Britton
Executive Leader



School News

Tales of the Unexpected Winner

by Jacob, 7T7

I let out a groan as I landed on my shoulder, pain pulsed through my body and I tasted blood in my mouth. The spectre slowly drifted toward me, leaving destruction in its wake. Its face was contorted and ugly and it was wearing a scruffy white nightgown. Attached to its wrists were two instruments of torture: a spiked ball on a chain and a handcuff smothered in blood. I tried to back away but the ghost slammed the ball into the ground above my head, mere millimetres away from making my head into an unidentifiable mush. It bent down so its face was practically touching mine.

It spat, “Never cross me again, now hand back the stone.” I fumbled in my backpack and pulled out an amber stone, which throbbed with a mystical energy. Legend has it that every time it throbs, a person’s life is saved. An artefact worth billions. “If you or any others touch my stone again, the human race shall pay.” It said in a raspy voice. I couldn’t get out of there any quicker, I bolted for the doors and barged through them. I didn’t care that it hurt, all I cared about was getting as far away as I could from that thing before it realised I gave it a fake. A piercing howl came out of the cemetery and I grinned. I got the stone.

I woke up breathing heavily and sweating even harder. “It’s ok, it was all just a dream” I said to myself, trying to reassure my brain. I swung my legs round and hopped out of the bed. “You’re at Alex’s sleepover, remember, it’s all ok.” I heard the TV talking so I realised Alex must already be up. I stomped downstairs and into the living room. “Alright Alex,” I said, but he didn’t respond. Engrossed in the television I guessed. On it was the news, the main story being about paranormal murders. “Probably just some bloke dressed up as a ghost, eh Alex,” I said. No response. “ALEX!” I said, a bit louder. I playfully pushed him, but he just slumped over to one side. He was limp and his skin was pale. Blood pooled out of his mouth and nose.

Suddenly, I heard, “Behind you” in a raspy voice. I turned around just in time to see the grinning face of my killer, before it all went dark..



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'Creative Careers' Week

It is 'Creative Careers' week this week and all staff at both Eskdale School and Caedmon College were encouraged to get involved. There are many jobs related to Creative Careers: working in film and TV; music; publishing and literature; architecture and gaming just to name a few. Many of the subjects our students study in school and at Whitby Sixth Form can give students the skills and qualifications they need to be successful in these career sectors. Here is a link to the fantastic Creative Careers website if you want to find out more about the many different careers in this career sector: <https://discovercreative.careers/explore/#/> and also a link to the videos about the many roles related to these creative industries: <https://discovercreative.careers/video-programme/>. These links have also been shared to our students' Google 'Careers Classroom' so they all have a chance to explore the varied roles within this career sector.

Matt: I took A-level music at Whitby in 2005-2007 and went on to study jazz at Leeds Conservatoire and the Royal Academy of Music in London, and am now a professional musician and lecturer. I really enjoyed my A-level studies examining a whole range of music, working on performances with my friends and developing original compositions, and I'd really recommend it!





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Beth: Classical voice was my primary instrument when I took A-level music with Mrs Beattie.

A-levels are a lot of work and that period of time can be quite stressful, with a lot of major decisions resting on your shoulders. I chose to take music as it was something I loved, so in truth, it seemed like one less stress because I genuinely enjoyed studying the subject, so much so that I went on to study music at university. I have since graduated with BA (Hons) in music.

Coming out of my degree, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, but much to my surprise, I had so many doors open to me. From positions within record labels, to journalism, to teaching, the list goes on.

I spent some time interning at a music magazine before going into music marketing. Since then I've worked in marketing for a local coffee company and their royal warranted sister company based in London and now I am Contracts and Marketing Officer at Tees Components, a heavy engineering specialist in East Cleveland.

If you were to ask me at 16 years old embarking on my A-levels if I saw myself in engineering, or marketing in 15 years time I would definitely have said no. Even now, whenever I connect with people, they're fascinated by my musical background.

To anyone considering taking music at A-level, I would encourage them to go for it, even if it's not your ultimate goal, as it will provide you with valuable tools to go on to so many paths.



My Favourite Book

Ms Boyd – Caedmon College, Head of School

I like a book that makes me laugh and cry.

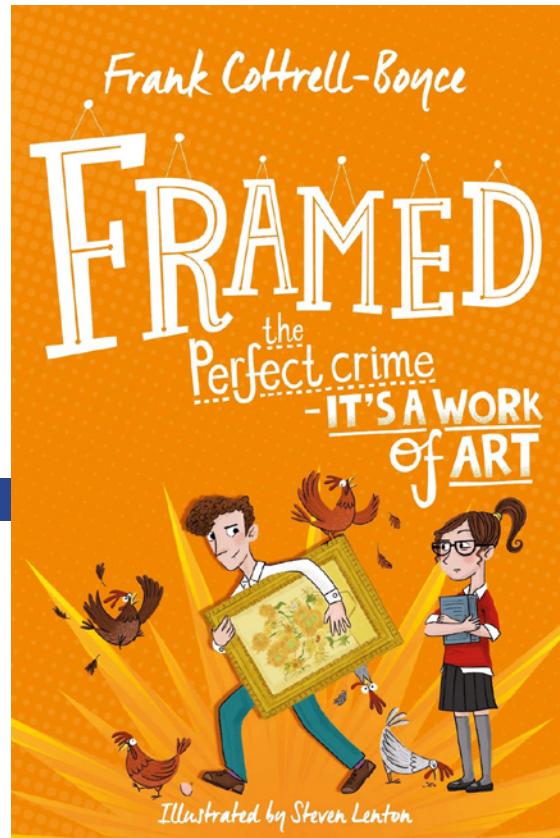
I love *Framed* by Frank Cottrell Boyce. This is a book about a boy who loves Ninja Turtles but is mistaken for someone who loves famous paintings. Can't think why! I love it because the characters are great and the way the paintings change the town are great too.

Place2talk

Just to remind everyone Place2talk continues to run. Providing a safe confidential space in which you can come along for twenty minutes to discuss matters personal to you, which may be impacting on your thoughts, feelings, emotions and well-being.

Wednesday: Sixth form – Lunch and break time. To book an appointment either email Place2talk@wsp.org.uk or pop a slip/piece of paper into the Place2be box with your name and time you would like to attend. I am in the Place2be room near the maths class.

Thursday/Friday: Caedmon – Lunch and Break time at present email Place2talk@wsp.org.uk my Place2be box is still looking for a new home.





School News

German Exchange Visit to Whitby by students and staff from Heinrich Böll Schule

Mr Bloor, who masterminded the whole visit reports on a fantastic experience for our young people, as the photos show:

After a break of almost 5 years due to the pandemic, we are delighted to welcome a group of 27 students and two teachers back to Whitby at the beginning of October. Eskdale School has had a successful exchange programme with the Heinrich-Böll Schule in Fürth (south-west Germany) since 2002. The school is in a beautiful forest area of Germany (the Odenwald) about 50 miles south of Frankfurt. This visit was designed to restart the exchange programme with just 4 German students staying with host families and 23 students staying at East Barnby Outdoor Centre. The idea was to enable German students to get to know English students of their own age through a range of activities and build on these connections in the future.



The German students flew from Frankfurt to Manchester and arrived by coach at East Barnby at lunch time on Saturday 7th October. After settling in, they walked from Kettleness to Runswick Bay to spend some time on the beach (Fürth is over 300 miles from the sea!). The Sunday was spent with students from Eskdale and Caedmon College who showed the German students around the town.



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On Monday the group explored the local area (North York Moors Railway/Goathland and the Moors) as well as going on a short boat trip out to sea. Tuesday morning gave the students an opportunity to experience lessons at Eskdale and Caedmon College and then in the afternoon students from both Whitby schools met with the German young people and the French exchange group from Caedmon for an afternoon of activities (art, drama, problem-solving and sport). This was a fantastic afternoon with young people from 3 countries communicating, interacting and having fun with each other.

On Wednesday the German group were accompanied by English students on a day trip to York and in the evening some of the same Eskdale and Caedmon students joined the Germans for a farewell party and campfire at East Barnby. After a final morning in Whitby (in brilliant sunshine) the German party left for Manchester airport.

The German students and staff all had an amazing time in Whitby. The Eskdale and Caedmon College students involved in the exchange went above and beyond to make our guests feel welcome and I am very grateful both to them and the host families. Danke!

We are looking to have a return journey to Germany just after Easter with the opportunity for our students to stay either with a host family or at a local youth hostel. Watch this space!





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Year 8s enjoy a Spooktacular Ghost Walk!

On Friday afternoon linked to our English curriculum, Year 8 students visited the town to enjoy a series of spooky stories told by Whitby Tour Guide – Gill Locker. We were treated to several creepy chronicles – some factual, some fabricated – but all in glorious rhyme. The walk took us around the town and Gill made sure to drop some local knowledge in there too and even spent some time answering some of our student questions.

Students were complimented on their excellent behaviour and there were only a few complaints about sore feet! Everyone had a fantastic time and undoubtedly the walk will be inspirational now our students are back to their writing tasks in lessons.





Library News

This half term's competition is up and running for the chance of winning some mystery Christmas presents!

On the newly created 'Library Challenge Board', students will be able to choose from a range of tasks which all have a points value on them. Once completed (with evidence!), students can see a member of the library team who will record their name and points total. Once students reach 200 points they will get entered into the Christmas Competition. Winners will be selected on the last Friday before we break up for Christmas.

Some dates for your diary

To support our continuing efforts to promote reading, as one of the school's core skills (communication and responsibility are the other ones!) and provide new and exciting material for students to read we will be holding another Bake Sale in the last week of term – Christmas themed of course! Any donations would be greatly appreciated – please don't feel like you have to bake loads! The festive confections will then be on sale at breaktime on Thursday 21st December.

The library will also be hosting a Christmas themed 'Hot Chocolate Story' event on Wednesday 20th December as a reward for those students who have impressed the English faculty this term. Hopefully lots of people will be invited!





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The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council.
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THE COUNTY SCHOOL, WHITBY

Head Master:

Dr. W. A. BRADLEY, B.Sc. Lond., A.R.C.Sc.
Head Mistress: Miss L. L. Ross, M.A.

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Mr. W. W. Metcalfe (Manual Training).

Mr. F. L. Grainger, B.A. Lond. (temporary).

The School was opened in 1912 by H.R.H. the (late) Duchess of Albany, and is on the Board of Education published list of approved and efficient Secondary Schools. The Staff is fully qualified by training and experience to teach all the subjects of a good general education, and therefore to prepare pupils for every sort of career, including trade, office work, engineering and technical business, and the University.

Examination results last July.—6 Higher Certificates, 11 Matriculations, 17 School Certificates, 1 State Scholarship and 1 Exhibition, 6 Senior Scholarships, and other successes.

Good laboratories for Chemistry and Physics, Art School, Reference Library, Astronomical Observatory. Sixth Form for advanced work in Arts and Science. Playing Fields at the School. Health and physical training under expert supervision.

The next School year begins on 19th September, 1933. Entrance Examination for new pupils on Saturday, 8th July, at 9.30 a.m. Application should be made immediately, accommodation being limited, to the undersigned.

V. SEATON GRAY,
Solicitor, Whitby.

Parents living at some distance from the School are requested to inform the Clerk to the Governors if they would prefer accommodation for their children as part-weekly boarders in an approved Hostel at moderate cost.

NORTH RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

THE COUNTY SCHOOL, WHITBY.

Applications are invited for the post of HEAD MASTER of the above School, the appointment to take effect from the commencement of the Autumn Term, 1934.

The School is recognised by the Board of Education, and the number of boys and girls at present in the School is 226.

Applicants must be Graduates of Universities in Great Britain, and must not be under 30 nor over 45 years of age.

Salary—£600 per annum, less 10% economy cut.

Application must be made on the printed form which may be obtained from The Secretary, Education Offices, County Hall, Northallerton, upon receipt of a stamped addressed foolscap envelope, and must be returned not later than the morning of Saturday, the 10th March, 1934.



Information

Who do you need to contact?

Caedmon College Pastoral Team

SENCo:	Mrs Kirk
Director of Learning Y7, 8 & 9:	Mrs Harrion
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 2	Monday 6 November – Friday 22 December
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 <i>(Year 11 off roll at end of June)</i>



Upcoming Events

Caedmon College Events

Whitby Sixth Form Open Evening	Wednesday 22 November, 5.00-7.00pm
Half Term	Monday 30 October-Friday 3 November
Y11 Mock Exams	Monday 13-Friday 24 November 2023
Y13 Mock Exams	Monday 27 November-Friday 8 December
Y7 Pantomime Trip	Tuesday 12 December
Y9 Carousel Workshops with CU Scarborough	Tuesday 19 December (provisional), 9.30am-12.30pm
Christmas Break	Monday 25 December-Friday 5 January 2024

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Exam Dates

Mock Exams – Series 1	Monday 13 November – Friday 24 November 2023
Mock Exams – Series 2	Monday 26 February – Friday 8 March 2024
GCSEs	May to June 2024 (final dates TBC)
Exam Contingency Day	Friday 28 June