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Eskdale Festival

On Friday, Mrs Edmondson-Preedy and Mrs Beattie took over 100 pupils from Caedmon and Eskdale to the Eskdale Festival at the Spa Pavilion in Whitby. The pupils had lunch together before competing against each other in a friendly competition.

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





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Y9 Battle of the Bands

This was won by 9T4 from Caedmon College, performing their arrangement of 'Merry Christmas Everyone' by Shakin' Stevens. It was a well-rehearsed, tight and secure performance that demonstrated how brilliant Year 9 can be.

Y13 and under mixed ensemble with voices

This 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 of Mine' by Guns and 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.

Choir

Caedmon College choir won their class singing 'Dona Nobis', 'California Dreaming' and an African song. They are a reliable group of pupils from Years 7 to 11 who also received some really positive comments on their performance by the high-profile judges.

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 have been asked to perform in the Gala concert this coming Saturday, which is at the Spa Pavilion from 6.00pm.

Well done everyone who performed at the Eskdale Festival.



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Welcome from Ms Boyd



Another busy week as we hurtle towards the end of term. This week we had our first Year 7 Parents' Evening. We had 122 families walking around the building, 122 pupils showing their work and their classrooms to their parents. I had many positive conversations with proud mums, dads and guardians. I hope we have gone some way to making them feel they are part of the school and welcome any time. If you have any questions relating to this event please email at post@ccwhitby.org and we will do our best to answer them. Thank you to Mr Whelan, the fabulous pastoral team, our parking team and Mrs Dale for delicious biscuits.

On Tuesday afternoon, all of our Year 8 pupils took part in "Making Waves", a carousel of careers and progression advice from York St John University. All pupils learnt about student life, how to set goals and aspirations and teamwork and leadership. Feedback from pupils was that it was interesting and useful. Thank you to Mrs Mackle, our careers lead, for organising.

On Monday our sports coordinators organised a primary football event. This is a really important way of extending a welcome to our future pupils and it wouldn't be possible without our current ones. Thank you to our Year 10 pupils who supported this event.

As Year 11 finishes their final mocks, teachers are busy marking and giving personalised feedback to all of their pupils. All of our pupils in KS4 have access to GCSE pod and I hope they are using it to good effect. We are increasingly using it as a way of setting meaningful and targeted revision to our pupils. If you want to know more then please let us know. As they finish their mocks Year 13 start theirs! Thank you to all the people who are working with their children to help them get the best out of school they can.

It's not all exams for our Sixth Form students though. I will leave you with a picture taken by our Year 13 French students, who are currently in France, when they visited Monte Carlo. I hope their French has improved - I'm very jealous.

Ms Boyd
Head of School





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Welcome from Mr Nicholson



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Last week we celebrated World Book Day which was a super event. Lead by the English faculty the school threw themselves into the day and some of the costumes were truly inspired. I enjoyed myself greatly sharing some of my favourite books and authors with pupils during the afternoon. There was a real focus on the books there and it wasn't just about the dressing up. After all Reading is one our core skills! There will be more to follow in subsequent newsletters with a full write-up and photos.

This week sees the school support Red Nose Day with a non-uniform day and a series of activities designed to raise money for that cause. In assembly on Monday I let the school know that since its inception in 1985, Comic Relief has raised over £1.5 billion, which is truly staggering. We will do our bit here to contribute, whilst also helping our Year 11s with their fundraising to help make their Prom financially accessible for all pupils.

Exam season is not far away and the Year 11 Drama group have been performing this week. This contributes towards their final grade and the indications are that the pupils are rising to the challenge. Well done to all staff and pupils involved. Before the main exam season starts on Tuesday 7 May, there are also language speaking exams and the Art exam, so there is plenty for Year 11s to focus on now. Revision plans for the holidays should be in place to make the most of those two-weeks. A reminder to all that there are a range of supportive interventions for pupils to access and digital help is there in the form of Seneca and GCSEPod to name but two.

Mr Jones, our SENDCo finishes officially working at Eskdale School on Friday 15 March. Mr Jones is going to pursue a career outside of education. It is not quite goodbye though as he will continue to work with the school to support the transition of pupils from Eskdale into the new Whitby School opening in September. I'd like to wish him all the best for the future and thank him for his contribution to our community.

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



A letter from the Chair of Governors

March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your patience and continued support as we have worked on the long-term school improvement plan, in addition to creating the new school identity and site structure.

We are delighted to confirm the new school's name will be Whitby School and will be sited across the Prospect Hill (currently Caedmon College) site and Airy Hill (currently Whitby Sixth Form) site.

We wrote to you in December 2023 with our intentions for the site locations for each of the year groups, with the exception of Year 9, as we wanted to account for the options process and consult with the Heads of Department.

We can now confirm the site locations from September 2024 will be:

- » Years 7 and 8 will be based on the current Whitby Sixth Form (Airy Hill) site.
- » Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 will be based on the current Caedmon College (Prospect Hill) site.

As stated in our earlier letter, this structure will allow for a positive environment for pupils and students preparing for and taking examination studies. We also feel the integration of the Sixth Form will allow for clear, structured and aspirational career pathways to be established benefiting students.

Our pastoral teams will organise transition visits for our SEND pupils and any additional pupils whom they think would benefit from a visit to their new school site in order to ensure a smooth transition for September. We will notify parents in the summer term when these visits are organised.

This is an exciting opportunity for us to create something truly unique for the young people in Whitby and we look forward to sharing more with you over the coming months.

Yours sincerely

Brian Crosby
Chair of Governors



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More Reward Winners

They just keep coming! This week the following pupils have been rewarded for their commitment to the school values and ethos. It is so important to recognise their positive behaviour. We do this each week in our whole school assembly and in the newsletter. Well done everyone!

Form Group Prize Draw

- 7A Maisie S
- 8A Eva K
- 8B Harry M
- 9A Taylor L
- 9B Ty C
- 9C Zane D
- 10A Lauren K
- 10B Isaac B
- 11A Kelsie M
- 11B Jack C
- 11C Patsy C
- 11D Nat P

Pupils of the Week

- Key Stage 3: Blake S
- Key Stage 4: Jet H

Pupils of the week





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Jacob, the Hero! Dramatic Dog River Rescue!

Jacob N in Year 9 performed a heroic act in the community. Here he tells the story after details filtered into school:

Thursday 29th February 2024 was the day a lovable but not very intelligent dog, called Kaiser, nearly lost his life. He is a one-year-old English bulldog. He is very friendly, loves to jump in a lot of puddles and likes to have a lot of fun.

This dramatic event happened when I was on a lovely, peaceful walk along the River Esk in Whitby. We had been observing the seals and watching the sun go down. Suddenly, I heard a lot of splashing and I thought it was the seals from earlier, so I quickly turned my head and saw it was actually the dog!

I started to panic, but Kaiser was swimming okay. However, he then made his way back to the bank and tried to jump up, but sadly failed and landed on his back in the water. When this occurred, he sadly swallowed a lot of water, so he couldn't swim any longer. His head just went under! I thought it was the end for him, so I put my full arm into the cold river and just managed to grab hold of his collar under the water. If I had missed his collar he would have sadly passed away, but that is happily not the case! I eventually grabbed his collar and, after a lot of hard work, managed to haul him up to the bank.

As soon as I got him out he passed out on the floor, struggling to breathe with his eyeballs rolling in the back of his head. It was terrifying! I gave him a pat on the back and he threw up lots of water, before he started to get up slowly. We let him have a minute or two to rest.

It was so terrifying to watch! I am just so glad I rescued him and he was fine afterwards, running with joy.

What a real hero Jacob. An act of bravery and kindness.



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Dancing into Spring

On Wednesday 28th February Eskdale and Caedmon Dance Department welcomed Drew from York Dance Space. Throughout the day we worked with over 70 pupils across the two schools. It was a brilliant example of how pupils at both schools are starting to work together ahead of the new school opening in September. The BTEC pupils were developing their contemporary technique as well as their choreography skills, while the year 7 pupils looked at shifting their perspective of dance. It was wonderful to see so many pupils involved in being creative in a new and exciting way. Mrs Alderson is excited to see how we can develop this new link with York Dance Space in the future.

If any pupils are interested in working with York Dance Space during Easter please see the advertisement over the page:





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We're 'Making Waves' in North Yorkshire and we're looking for movers and shakers to be a part of this exciting new initiative. Join local choreographers in a 3-day intensive to make a performance work for an event in which you will perform alongside professional dancers and other local groups. The sessions will include movement classes, learning choreography and working creatively. This is a collaborative project and a chance to work in a new way to develop movement skills and individual artistry.

Open to all young people 11yrs+ whether they are already a keen dancer or a passionate mover looking to get into dance.



Details

Thursday 4th April - Saturday 6th April

10am - 2.30pm

The Stephen Joseph Theatre

Friday 17th May

5pm

Rehearsal

Saturday 18th May

Performance

The Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough.

Timings to be confirmed

<https://sjt.uk.com/events/york-dance-space-making-waves>

Pay What You decide for the whole project.





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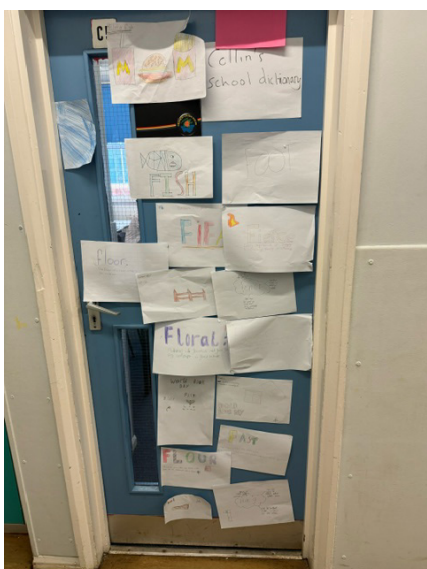
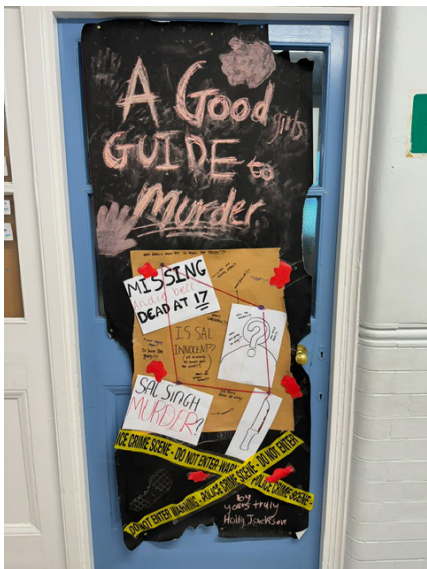
World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, Year 7 and Year 8 pupils decorated their tutor's doors. They had to use teamwork skills and creativity to create a door for a book of their choice. As you can see, students chose a wide variety of books from childhood favourites to classics. Ms Boyd has chosen a winning door and this will be revealed in the end of term assembly. Well done everyone who took part. The doors look brilliant!



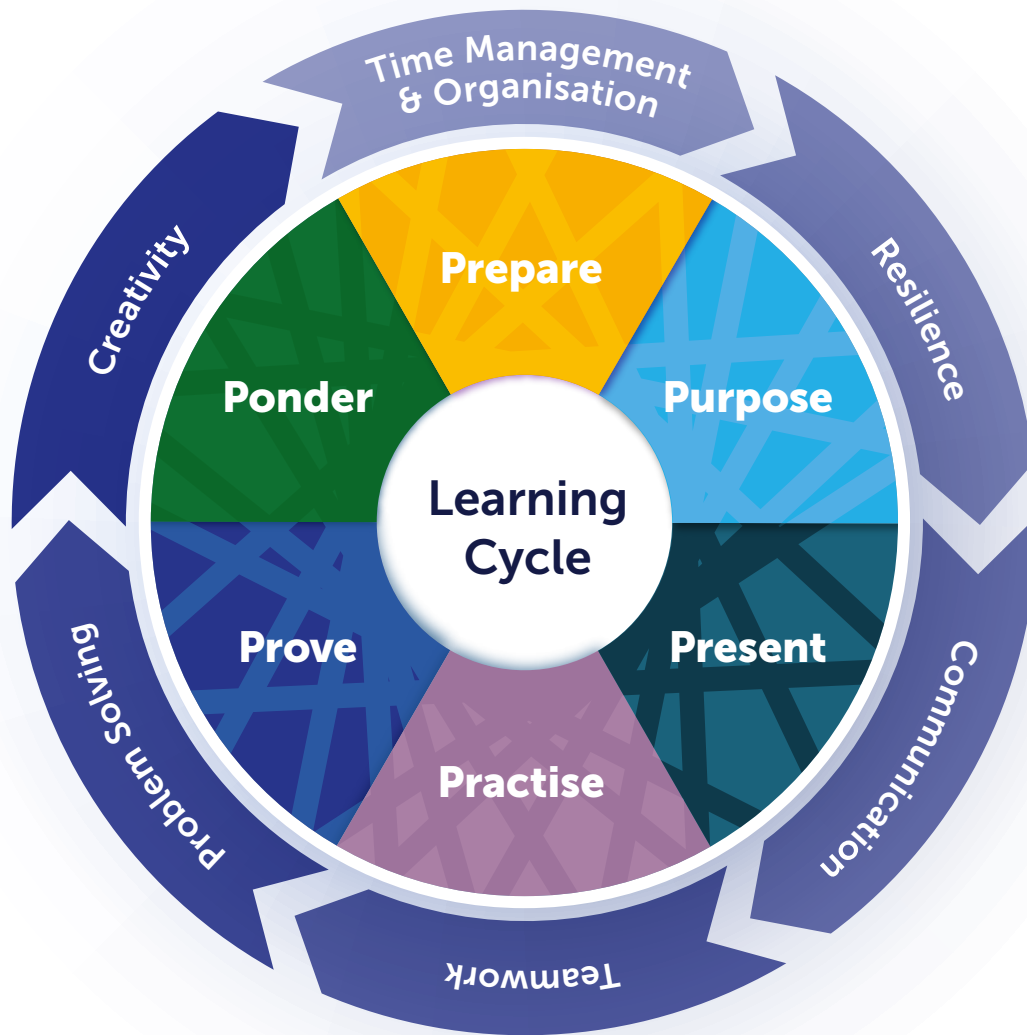


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School Improvement Update

Six-Part Instructional Teaching and Learning Framework seen in action

The core business of any school is its Teaching and Learning. And in any school the desire to continue to improve its core business should be present. At both Eskdale and Caedmon staff have been working hard to deliver lessons of a consistently high standard across all subjects. Training has been taking place in both schools since January with senior staff leading the sessions. Now five of the six parts of the framework have been covered and by Easter the whole of it will have been delivered. Staff have engaged superbly discussing the research that underpins the framework and the associated pedagogy. Both the schools have used their quality assurance mechanisms to look at the implementation of the training and lessons have begun to feature more commonality, especially around the beginning of the framework, namely the Prepare section. This has given lessons a cleaner and more focused start and pupils themselves have recognised that as being the case. All this work will not only benefit pupils over the next few months, but continue to help smooth the transition into Whitby School come September.



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Reminders

Karaoke Battle Fundraiser

Thursday 21 March starting at 6pm will be a fundraising extravaganza! We are hosting a Karaoke Battle where pupils will sing their favourite songs in a bid to be crowned Karaoke King or Queen. The event is open to anyone to attend and there will be a prize raffle and refreshments available – tickets are £3 and all funds raised go to supporting Eskdale's final Y11 Prom. Please email the school email: post@eskdale-school.co.uk for tickets or send your child to see Mr Gaulter.

ALSO

This term's Library competition is up and running – or should that be 'hopping'! For a chance to enter the draw and win some fabulous festooned candied treats ... Easter Eggs ... then simply borrow, read and return three books from the school library. Each return will get you an Easter egg coloured on your bookmark entry token. Three eggs – and your name is in the draw! Winners will be announced in the final week of term. Hoppy reading!

Coming Soon...

More details on transition activities across the school, as plans move on ready for September. All Eskdale pupils will have the chance to visit their new site during the Summer Term.



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Year 9 Netball

The Year 9 netball team played their U-14 Cup Semi-Final against Malton last week. The girls proved themselves to be competitive right until the final whistle, though congratulations were in order for Malton who were the stronger side on the day. The girls have much to be proud of and really grew into the game. Ten out of ten for energy and determination!

This game marked the end of their netball season this academic year, but exciting tournaments and events lay ahead in the coming months as we see the start of the athletics, tennis, cricket and rounders season. All pupils will be welcome to attend these clubs after Easter.

Back row: Lottie, Ariella, Saffron, Thaila, Fynn

Front row: Skye, Layla, Anna and Eve



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Easter Egg Tombola

Taking place in the Learning Centre on Friday 22 March during early and late break. The cost is £1.00 per strip giving you five chances to win a prize. All proceeds will go to the Year 11 Prom Fund. A big thank you to all those who have already donated prizes.

Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities this Easter

We have issued vouchers to all families whose children are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this Easter. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in this email/text to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer across North Yorkshire.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#). For a step-by-step guide on how to redeem your vouchers and book a place using HolidayActivities, [watch this video](#).



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Charity Row

On Sunday 3 March, Whitby Friendship Amateur Rowing Club held a charity row for the POPYRUS charity, which helps prevent young suicide. A lot of people showed up to support us. We started at 10.00am and finished around 5.00pm having rowed 1,300,000 meters the whole day; we also clocked up a lot of meters on the bikes. Throughout the day there were raffles and a tombola and at the end we all got pizza. Overall it was a brilliant day and was a great contribution to charity.

CCW pupils who took part where:

Devon in Year 7, Year 8 pupils Maiya, Bailey, Emmie, Larissa, Maddison, Ava, Ellie, Reneya, Teegan and Elinor and Gracie in Year 10.

BASKETBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

EVERY THURSDAY

OPEN TO ALL

Want to try basketball? Come along and join in the fun.

@CAEDMON COLLEGE GYM
THURSDAYS 3:30pm - 4:30pm



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Free activities for

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for everyone.**

Everyone in North Yorkshire from Reception to Year 11 (Year 13 if SEND) can join in, with FREE places available for eligible children and young people.

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Why study English Language at WSF

What will I study?

English Language students learn how our language works, as well as the power behind those words. Students will consider the impact of gender, age, technology and geography upon our language. You'll never listen to rap lyrics or a Donald Trump speech in quite the same way again! Our students also write creatively, producing their own original writing for coursework. So if writing blogs, stories or articles is something you are interested in, English Language is for you.

What do students do afterwards?

Our students leave with an outstanding understanding of how and why humans communicate in the way we do, giving them routes into a range of careers including the media and journalism, as well as psychology, sociology and nursing. English Language is about communicating with others and some of our alumni now work within the arts such as the fashion brand Lulemon, teaching dance in Dubai and working as journalists for Sky and Channel 4. The ability to use and understand language can take you anywhere!



How will I be assessed?

80% exam; 20% coursework.

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. Read widely; anything that takes your fancy and inspires you to think and discuss.

“English Language is a really interesting A-level subject; you learn about the history of language, and how social factors such as age and ethnicity influence your language use.”



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Whitby Community College pupils at the Whitby Pavilion in 2008

Whitby Competitive Folk Dancing Certificate for Sword Dancing. Awarded to Whitby Grammar School, 24 March 1972





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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	Year 7, 8, 9 Basketball Sports Hall	Year 10,11 Basketball Sports Hall			Year 11 Football Sports Hall GCSE/BTEC intervention H9	Badminton Sports Hall
After School 3.30-4.30	Year 10/11 Netball	Year 7+8 Football Field	Fitness Suite	All years Hockey W6F Astro	Basketball Club - Whitby Jets All Welcome Sports Hall Fitness Suite	

Week B	Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before 8.15-8.45					Basketball + Netball Sports Hall	Basketball + Netball Sports Hall
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After School 3.30-4.30		Year 7+8 Football Field	Fitness Suite	All years Hockey W6F Astro	Basketball Club - Whitby Jets All Welcome Sports Hall Fitness Suite	

Where fixtures are arranged, Clubs may need to be postponed



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Upcoming Events

Y10 House Football Tournament	Monday 18 March
Y13 Biology Field Trip	19/20 March
Sixth Form Rugby 7's at Scarborough	Wednesday 20 March
Y10 HE Intro Trip for 60 x CCW & Eskdale School pupils to YSJ	Thursday 21 March
Y7 Girls Secondary Football Festival at Lady Lumley's (TBC)	Thursday 21 March
Easter Egg Tombola	Friday 22 March
Primary High 5 Netball at CCW	Friday 22 March
Easter Break	Monday 25 March-Friday 5 April
Training Day	Monday 8 April 2024
Y12 Finding the Future You Workshops from Inspiring Choices	Wednesday 10 April, 9.00-11.30am
U-13 Boys Tennis at Pindar	Tuesday 16 April
Y10 Rounders at Norton	Tuesday 16 April
Y12 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 16 April, 4.00-6.00pm
Y7 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
Y10 business pupils at CU Scarborough Business Day	Wednesday 24 April
Y12 business students at CU Scarborough Business Day	Thursday 25 April
Y8 Rounders v Eskdale (A)	Thursday 25 April
German Exchange	Sunday 28 April-Saturday 4 May
U-15 Tennis at Pindar	Monday 29 April
Y9 trip to York St John University, 20 pupils from each school	Tuesday 30th April
Y8 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 30 April, 4.00-6.00pm
GCSE Exams	May-June 2024 (final dates TBC)
Y10 Rounders at Lady Lumley's	Thursday 2 May
Y5/6 Tennis at WSF	Thursday 2 May
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May
Year 8 HPV Vaccination	Tuesday 7 May
Y7 Rounders at Lady Lumley's	Tuesday 7 May
U-15 Girls Tennis at Pindar	Tuesday 7 May
Y8 Rounders at Malton	Thursday 9 May
Y10 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

SENCo:	Mrs Kirk
Director of Learning Year 7, 8 & 9:	Mrs Harrison
Assistant DoL Year 7:	Mrs Cassell-Osowski
Pastoral Managers Year 7, 8 & 9:	Mrs Wood Miss Clarkson
Director of Learning Year 10 & 11:	Mrs Gordon
Assistant DoL Year 7:	Mrs Ruberry
Pastoral Managers Year 10 & 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 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