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Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs



Year 7 pupils from Caedmon and Eskdale schools got into the festive spirit by heading off to Darlington to watch the pantomime, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*.

It was a lovely day, and students behaved impeccably. So much so that during the interval members of the public remarked to Mrs Wood on how well behaved our students were.

A great representation of our schools!



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Welcome

Welcome from Ms Boyd



Hello and welcome to the last newsletter for 2023. I think I am speaking for all colleagues and students when I say it's been a long half term. By the time you read this we will have had the shortest day of the year and things will start to look a little brighter.

We are finishing our busy half term with a busy week. On Tuesday we took all of our Year 9 students across to the Sixth Form site for a career's fayre. Thank you, as ever, to the brilliant Gail Mackle for organising this with CU Scarborough. Our students attended workshops on careers in psychology, law, engineering and education. They also learnt how to research different careers and apprenticeships with the help of Anglo American.

Our talented students gave a great Words and Music evening this week with help from Hannah Beattie and Kit Wright who always get the best out of our students. What a festive way to finish the term.

I am very much hoping that staff and students get a good rest over the two-week holiday. I hope all of our families have fun and enjoy the Christmas period. Most importantly, stay safe and look after yourselves and each other. I am off to bury myself in the Christmas Radio Times.

See you in 2024.

Ms Boyd
Head of School

Staff Farewell

This week we are saying goodbye to three teachers who will be sorely missed. Luckily, we have secured some good replacements for these teachers and have been able to use our experienced teams to make sure that our exam classes are covered by people who already know the school and teach the same courses.

Dr Rachel Heath has been with us since April 2010. In that time she has taught science, A-level biology and chemistry and BTEC human biology. She has been a tutor (more recently in the Sixth Form) and very importantly, she has been part of the team who organise the Year 11 prom. Rachel is going to take up her dream job of teaching geology. We have a strong team in science to take on her classes, including Jo Cassell-Osowski who is an experienced A-level teacher.

Mark Blackwell joined us in September 2015 in the Geography department. He has a promotion to Head of Department at another school and we are very pleased for him. Jean Banwell will be joining the Geography department full time and the experienced Terry Wigglesworth will be taking some exam classes.

Andrea Jenkins joined our history teachers in September 2021 as we were coming out of the COVID era. She has a job much nearer home which is ideal for her. Brian Jackson, an experienced Head of History, will be joining the history department and Kieran Gildroy and Andrew Whelan will be helping by teaching those coming towards external exams this year.

I always think that it is never sad to see a colleague leave if they are leaving for a good reason. We wish all three the best of luck and I'm sure we will hear about them in the future.



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Welcome from Mr Nicholson



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We are into the last week of term now as time hurtles towards Christmas with the holidays not arriving until Friday. Our school is still full steam ahead with a Year 9 Careers' morning, Year 11 mock exam reviews, a Year 10 English rewards afternoon, an achievement assembly and Christmas activities for students and staff on Thursday and Friday. There is no slackening of the tempo as the big day approaches!

As the calendar year ends it is opportunity to reflect on what has been a tumultuous time in many ways. The year has brought a great many challenges and 2024 will do the same. It is testament to the professionalism of my colleagues here, that there remains a sense of purpose in all we do and an on-going desire to do the best for the students in our care. It has pleased me that several visitors have remarked upon that too. I thank my colleagues for their hard work in difficult circumstances and I commend the students for their continuing endeavours and their general good spirits on a daily basis. Thank you, too to you as parents for your continued support of the school from uniform to attendance to academic matters. Parental support makes a real difference to helping our school function smoothly.

I have had the opportunity in the last couple of weeks to get into some GCSE English classes and the students have been studying, Charles Dickens' novel, A Christmas Carol. It is a famous story of course; one that I remember well from my childhood, but last week I was reminded by our Year 10 students that Tiny Tim symbolises, the inherent human kindness that exists in us all and that his phrase of "God bless us every one!" is really an awareness of being grateful for what we have and also wishing kindness to all, even those who have done us wrong. It struck me that at Christmas there is perhaps no more important messages for us to take into this holiday season. There is always something to be grateful for and a mindset of goodwill to all remains a powerful force for good in our world.

I will close by wishing all our school community a most peaceful and happy Christmas. I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Mr Nicholson
Head of School

Staff news

Mr Bell will leave Eskdale School at the end of this term. We all wish him well for the future. I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Angell will take on the leadership of the maths and science faculty from January onwards. Mrs Angell is an experienced leader in her previous schools and will provide us with exactly what we need. I am also most pleased to add that Mr Dawood who has been with us from the start of the month will continue to work with us to bring specialist maths and science teaching into the faculty. I know staff, parents and students will make him welcome.

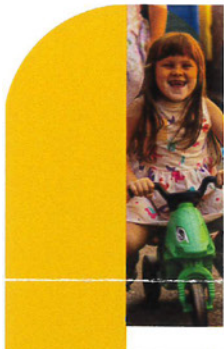


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A selection of activities available in your area

ARCADE: GRUE - SCARBOROUGH LIBRARY

Help build a wonderland of recycled, upcycled materials

TA DA'ANCE HOLIDAY CLUB - ST JOHN'S PARISH

Jam packed days of dance fun

CLOSER COMMUNITIES ENCHANTED CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas celebration for children with SEND

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Multi-sports, activities, food and fun

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Whitby Youth Club



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Food

Support

Games

Arts & Crafts

Chill

Wednesdays

7-9pm

Eastside Community Hub

Open to yr7+

50p per session



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Foodbank Collection

Here at CCW we have been collecting foodstuffs for the Food bank at Whitby as we do every Christmas. Each tutor group has had a box into which students have been invited to add contributions. Thank you very much to all families who supported this drive this year. On Monday 11 December, Mr Mitchell and five students from the 'Student Voice group' collected and sorted the boxes and delivered them to the foodbank behind the Evangelical Church off Skinner street. The annual Talent Show also raised vital funds for the foodbank and we were able to add a cheque for £425 to the food collected from this event. The donations were gratefully received and we intend to run an 'Easter Egg' collection in the spring for this great local cause.

Students involved: Finley, Y7; Evelyn, Y7; Erin, Y10; Beth, Y10; Emmi, Y8.





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Christmas Concert goes down a storm!

In the middle of last week, the school hosted our annual Christmas Concert and it was a roaring success played out in front of a packed house. Students from all year groups were involving in showcasing their talents across the creative subjects with art, drama, dance as well as music well represented.

Mrs Parkin and her art students helped with the set and displayed work from the Year 10 GCSE nature focus, whilst Mrs Alderson's dancers performed a number of routines with Mrs Alderson joining in too! Ms Parlby read her favourite poem, Talking Turkeys by the late great Benjamin Zephaniah, whilst her dramatists performed creatively from Charlie Mackesy's, The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse. The school musicians displayed their composing talents with several GCSE students explaining their compositions and then playing them to the audience via the computer. There were of course Christmas songs with some audience participation interspersed with The Beatles and Guns n' Roses amongst others. On the night staff reflected that the students at Eskdale's last Christmas Concert had done themselves proud and all those students that had gone before them. Well done to all involved for a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Year 10 enjoy rewards afternoon

This week all of Year 10 have had the opportunity to watch the fabulous Disney version of A Christmas Carol. The English faculty rewarded the year group for their exemplary conduct and have been impressed with how hard they have worked this half term- especially in their recent assessments that Mrs Pegden felt a real reward was needed. So, the students have enjoyed the film, their popcorn with hot chocolate or Yorkshire tea all served by the staff! Merry Christmas, indeed!



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Autism and Christmas

Christmas can be a difficult time of year for people with Autism. Everywhere looks different with decorations and lights and usual routines can change without warning.

With this in mind, the National Autistic Society have produced a useful guide for managing the Christmas period, with lots of useful tips covering preparing for the festive period, schedules, decorations and presents. [Click here.](#)

I hope you find the link useful and that you all have a peaceful Christmas and New Year. –Kate Hunter, Lead Teacher of Caedmon Targeted Mainstream Provision

“Christmas scents and candles can be super overwhelming sensory-wise so could be avoided when decorating. Flashing fairy lights can be overwhelming.”

Netball Match Report

On Wednesday 13 December, in the afternoon, Year 9 girls played Lady Lumley’s at Lady Lumley’s site in a district cup match and won 4-2. The game was refereed by Mrs Harrison and Miss Twamley.

The CCW team was:

Goal Shooter - Eve, Thaila

Wing Defence - Sky, Ashlea, Charlotte

Catherine was chosen by Lady Lumley’s as the player of the match. As a whole team we kept our heads up and didn’t give up.

Goal Attack - Fynn, Eve, Skye

Goal defence - Catherine

Wing Attack - Anna, Saffron, Winnie-Lola, Ashlea

Goalkeeper - Layla (Captain)

Layla, Year 9

Centre - Anna, Saffron

Coach - Mrs Harrison



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Talent Show - Winners Perspective

I really enjoyed the talent show for multiple reasons...

I loved that all the contestants were super nice and were cheering and helping each other as well as treating each other with respect. I thought the audience overall enjoyed the show and contributed by waving their hands, clapping and cheering (booing at appropriate points), the people who were brave enough to get up on the stage and show their amazing talents and it was really good performing and knowing that this was for a good cause but, winning the talent show was just the cherry on top.

Molly, Year 9

My Wonderland

My wonderland is simple and kind,
Nobody gets hurt or nobody cries,
People aren't jealous, evil or cruel,
No bad people would never ever rule.

My wonderland is cherished and cool,
And there's no more harmful chemicals
like fuel,
There would be no wars explosions that
boom,
There would be flowers ready to bloom.

Chorus

But nothing like that can happen,
Because the world isn't right,
We've got to stand up and fight,
Because the world isn't just broken in
half,
The world is broken apart.

When things go bad,
Your feeling down and sad,
Because certain people don't know the
world kindness,
But there just jealous because they
can't,
They can't imagine a better place,
A place where we can hide,
From the monster of the night,
Don't have to see those sights.

Chorus

There's people that will say bad things,
Talk behind your back,
But I don't even care no more,
It's just sad.

They'll talk about the way you dress,
The way you wear your hair,
But I could listen to this all day,
Cause I don't even care.

I want a place that's simple and kind,
Nobody gets hurt and nobody cries.
I want a place that's simple and kind,
Nobody gets hurt and nobody cries.

Chorus

The world just broke apart.
The world just broke apart.



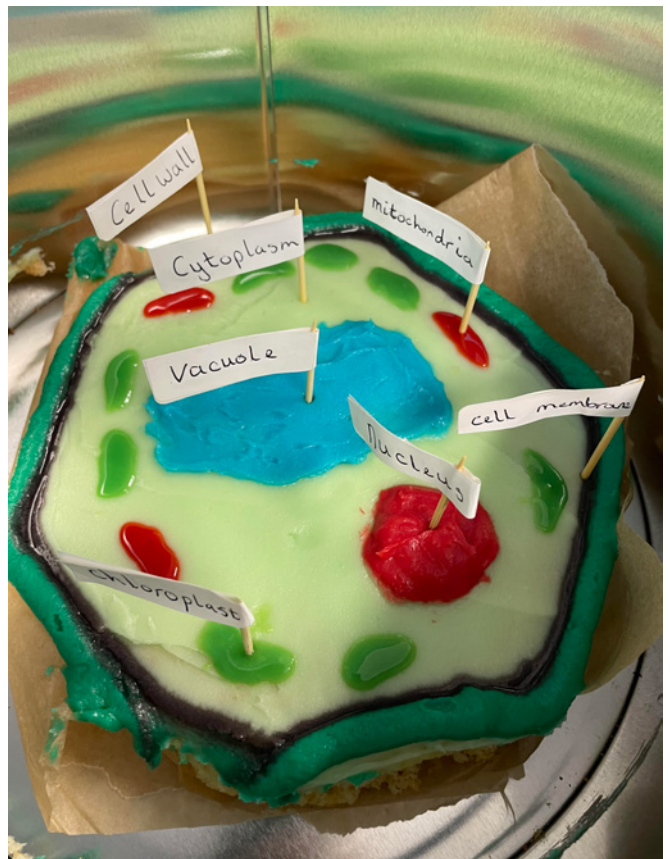
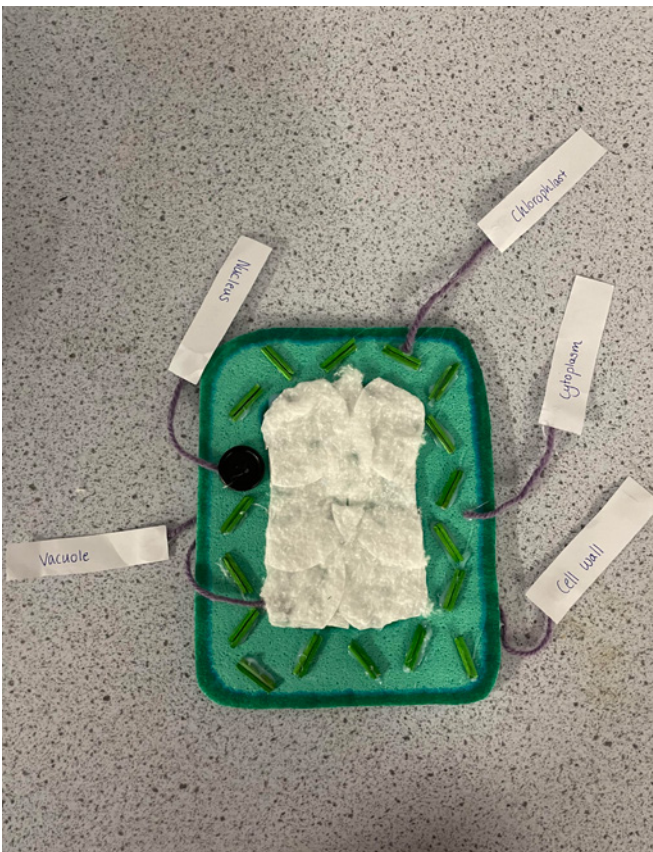
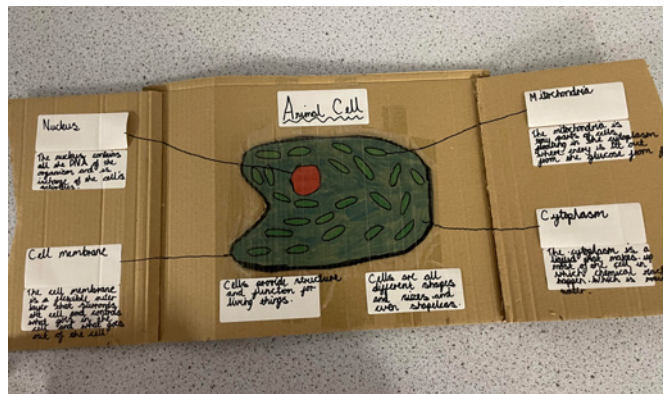
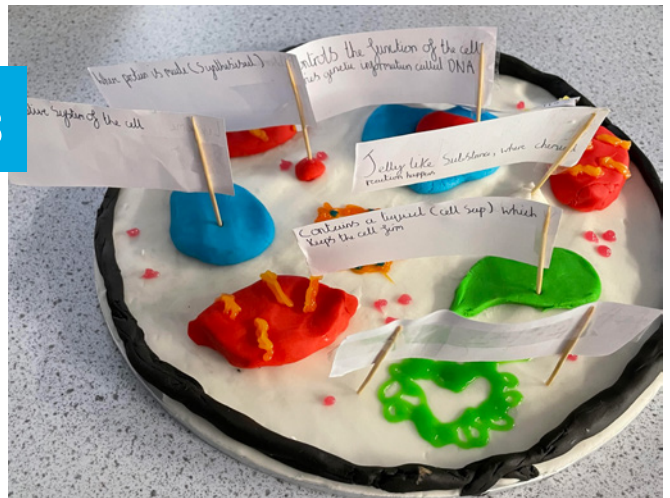
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CCW in Pictures

Year 7 have been making cell models for homework:





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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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Year 9 Parents' Evening

Year 9 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 16 January from 4.00-6.00pm on the main site. Appointments will be available to book via MCaS app or web portal from 6.00pm on Tuesday 9 January.

Festive Food

Year 7 and 8 have been preparing for Christmas by learning to make mince pies, chocolate truffle and snowballs. Delicious!





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PSHE and Online Safety Event

On Wednesday 6 December Mr Mitchell and Mrs Hargreaves hosted parents from Caedmon College for an information evening on PSHE and online safety. Ten parents joined the group and Mrs Hargreaves talked about the structure of PSHE, how and when we deliver content and how Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) is delivered alongside PSHE. If you are interested, the link to the presentation shared in the evening is here. [Information PSHE at CCW](#)

During the discussion with parents it was suggested that Mrs Hargreaves and I would make some tips for parents relating to online safety and share this via this newsletter, as well as signpost a more detailed body of guidance. We will be starting this after the Christmas break, so please watch out for them!

Thanks, Mr Mitchell

Parent Consultation for the WSP Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) Policy

We have made some minor changes to the RSE policy. You can have a look at the policy [here](#). We are legally required to consult on the policy, and would welcome any comments you might have. The easiest way for you to contact us about this is via this [Google Form](#), alternatively you can contact me directly a.mitchell@ccwhitby.org.

Thank you

Mr A Mitchell, Associate Assistant Head



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Year 9 Careers Morning

Year 9 students from both Eskdale School and Caedmon College had a great careers morning at Whitby Sixth Form. They had four sessions about different degrees students can study from the lecturers at Coventry University Scarborough, these included: psychology; early years; primary education and electro-mechanical engineering. They also had two different career sessions focusing on their skills and growing their understanding about the different types of jobs available to them and new jobs that may be developed in the future.

It was quite a packed morning for them! The morning was arranged to build on the knowledge they have already gained about careers from their PSHE lessons and assemblies, so they can make more informed decisions about their career pathways, wherever it will take them.



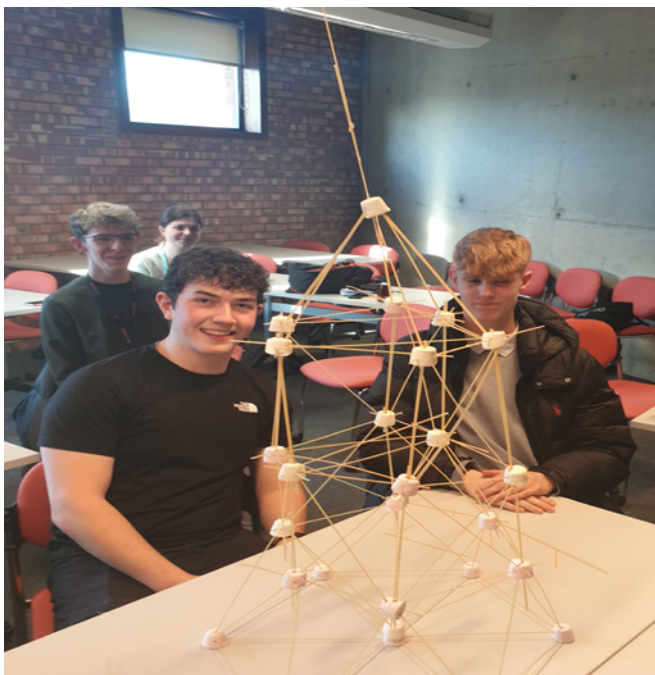


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Whitby Sixth Form Enrichment – Careers

A small group of Year 12 and Year 13 students took part in Project Dare in York St John University on Monday and Thursday last week. It is run by one of our career partners, Inspiring Choices, alongside York Cares.

They had the chance to work with rail engineers from Arup. The first sessions included a tour around York St John and then working in groups with students from Scarborough Sixth Form to see who could build the highest tower made out of spaghetti and marshmallows. There were some great designs!



On the second day the students had the chance to plan a railway line from York to Nottingham, with the help of Arup's rail engineers. It was a great opportunity for them to find out more about different types of engineers and to ask engineers questions about their jobs, as well as to find out about the planning that goes into a real-life engineering task.



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Whitby School Panto 1975 - Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs





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Information

Who do you need to contact?

Caedmon College Pastoral Team

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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

(Year 11 off roll at end of June)



Training Days

Monday 8 January 2024
Monday 8 April 2024



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Upcoming Events

Caedmon College Events

Y9 Carousel Workshops with CU Scarborough

Tuesday 19 December (provisional), 9.30am-12.30pm

Christmas Break

Monday 25 December-Friday 5 January 2024

Eskdale School Upcoming Events

Y9 Carousel Workshops with CU Scarborough

Tuesday 19 December (provisional), 9.30am-12.30pm

Exam Dates

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