



A week at

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Headteacher's

Weekly Update

At The Whitby High School, we are incredibly proud of the opportunities that go beyond the classroom. This week, students have been invited to get involved with two creative projects: The Shine Media Awards and the Young Writers' Competition.

SHINE Media Awards provides a chance to produce a magazine as part of a national competition with roles such as: writer, editor, photographer, artist, cartoonist or researcher. As well as being part of something new and exciting, this offers the chance to develop skills for future careers not to mention the opportunity to work alongside new people with shared interests.

Staying with the creative theme, we are also promoting a new Young Writers' competition. Students are invited to write a 100-word saga based on 'Fight or Flight'. Successful entries will be included in a published book and will be eligible to win a £50 prize and a trophy. Miss. Christie will give further details on both projects.

Senior Leaders have met with Curriculum Leaders this week to consider how we can improve homework provision. Further information will be shared as we make developments in this area. In the meantime, please be aware that homework club is now available every day – 15:10-16:00 in the Library. This could be a great time to write a 100-word saga!



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On Monday this week, Year 7 demonstrated respect as they were fortunate enough to have a special assembly to mark Armistice Day. We listened to musical performances, poetry readings and some staff shared personal family stories of experiences during the Second World War. This event provided an opportunity for us to stop and reflect. To recognise all those who gave their lives during the war and all those impacted across the world by war everyday. Thank you to Ms. Walker for organising this important event.

As we look ahead to next week, we are excitedly preparing for our Annual Presentation Evening. I look forward to meeting families at this event, where we mark those who show commitment to learning, academic excellence and achievements across subjects. This promises to be a wonderful celebration.

Best wishes to all in our community,

Mrs. G. Fraser (Headteacher)

This is the place we want to be. Thank you for being here.



Dates Ahead

Autumn Term 2024

Thursday 21st November 2024
Presentation Evening

Wednesday 4th December 2024
Year 8 Information Evening

Thursday 12th December 2024
Y9 Parents/Carers Evening



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Outstanding Achievement and Attitude



Well done Alex

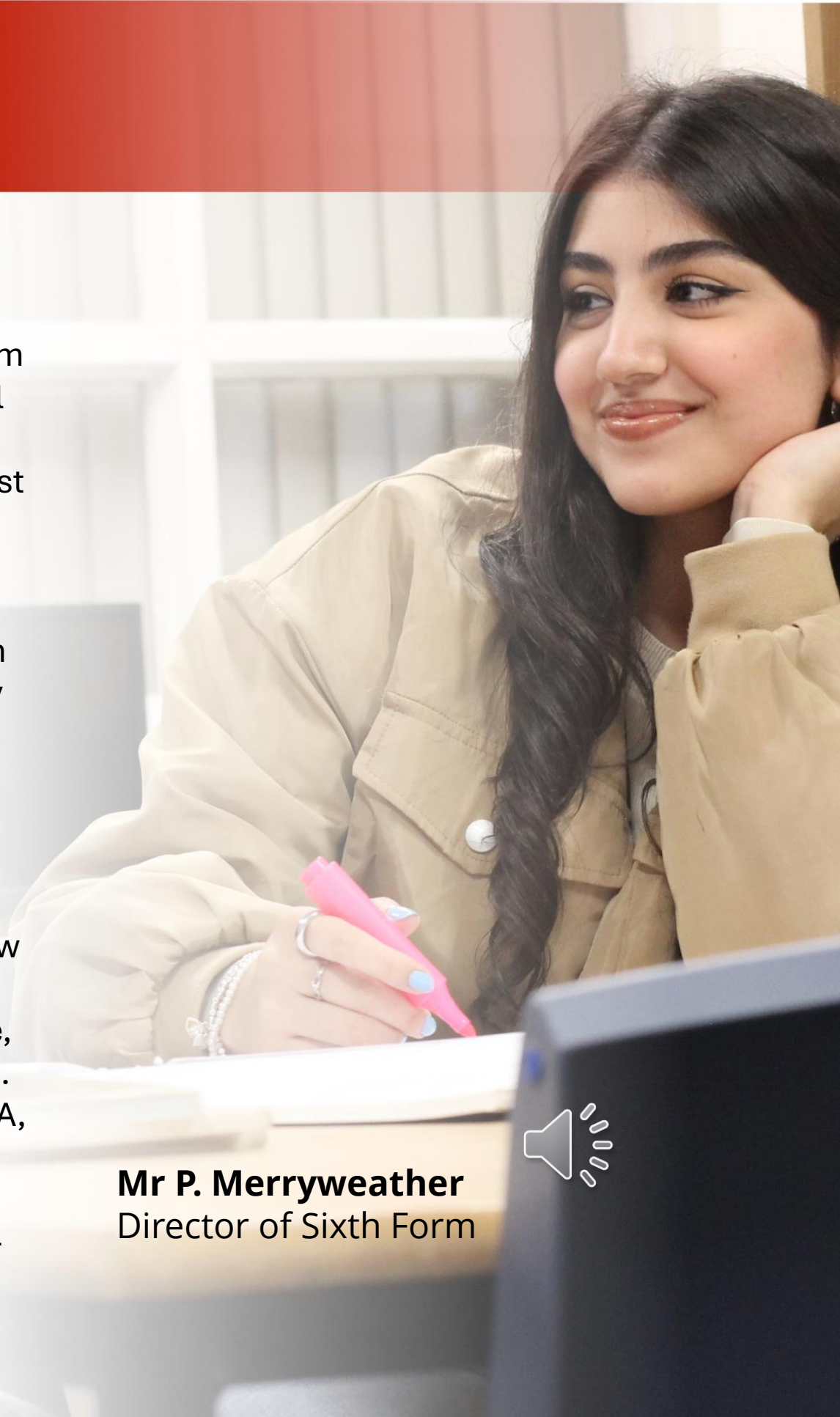
Sixth Form

Latest News

In response to our year 11 students who have expressed interest in various courses for inclusion in our year 12 curriculum next year, I am pleased to confirm that we will be adding A level Sociology and Applied Business to our current offer. This means that we have by far the broadest curriculum offer in the area and cements our commitment to offer a curriculum that is responding the wishes of our students and also the changing employment and Higher Education landscape. If year 11 students who have already applied would now be interested in these subjects they can either email me personally or submit a new application through the website.

A group of year 13 students will be taking part in bleed pack training this week. They will learn how to respond to a real-life scenario e.g. calling an ambulance/information to provide, keeping safe, supporting a casualty, and stemming blood loss. The workshop includes demonstrations and Q&A, the science of blood loss will be explained, and common myths debunked. The students will receive a certificate at the end of the workshop - good luck in the training.

Mr P. Merryweather
Director of Sixth Form



Sports News

Results & Fixtures

District football

On Friday it was the turn of year 8 and 10 to visit EPCH for the latest district football matches. Year 8 went with only 11 players following 3 very late withdrawals, but that still proved to be enough as they ran out comfortable 1 - 0 winners. Year 10 went 2 goals behind in a bad-tempered match but regained their composure in the second half to equalise with 5 minutes to go. In the last minute they had a stone wall penalty denied which would have given them victory. Three wins and a draw against our closest rivals. Well done lads!

District Cross country

On Tuesday, Whitby took 30 students from years 7 - 10 to compete at the district cross country championships. There were several notable performances full of grit and determination

Yasmin Powell Yr 10 - District champion
Tom Arrowsmith Yr 10 - 2nd
Grace Hubbard Yr 10 - 3rd



Ayo Balogun Yr 7 - 3rd
Abi Pinnells Yr 10 - 3rd
Olivia Bailey Yr 9 - 5th
Mathew Huxley Yr 10 - 5th
Jay-Jay Jerrett Yr 7 - 8th

Well done to all those who ran and showed such resilience.



Mr R Millington
Head of Physical Education

General Updates

The “Ellies” are the new reading awards for students in Ellesmere Port for KS3 students. Whether you love reading or have not voluntarily picked up a book in years, these Awards are for you: what matters is that you just read! You don’t have to do anything to enter; reading is enough (bonus points for joining and/or using your local public library).

There are eight prizes to be won from three different categories: 'Most Books Read' prize, 'Most Resilient Reader' prize and 'For the Love of Reading' prize.

Each winner will receive a trophy and a £20 gift voucher. There will also be five awards of a £10 gift voucher for those readers who have pushed themselves and deserve an honourable mention. There will be an awards ceremony at Ellesmere Port Library in March where the overall winner across all participating schools will be announced. They will win the Paramount Trophy and a further £50 gift voucher.



This really is a fantastic opportunity. Let's get reading!



General Updates

Parent Forum Update

Thank you to all the parents who attended this week's Parent Forum. We had a productive discussion about improving communication within the school, including how we manage home learning. We shared the solutions we are already implementing and will continue to seek your feedback as these changes take effect.

Some areas that we discussed included :
Year 7 transition, particularly around homework challenges. In response, we have decided that next year, Year 7 students will not be assigned homework during the first half term, except for reading. During this period, we will offer training sessions for both parents and students on developing effective independent learning skills and making the most of the various educational applications we use.

We will also be providing key information for each year group at the start of every term, along with contact details for relevant staff to help parents reach the right person for support. We will notify parents about where this information can be found on the website.

The school website for international links has been updated and we will be putting the calendar of trips and estimated costs onto this for parents to plan financially over the 7 years.

Home learning continues to be an area of ongoing development, and we are committed to making continuous improvements in this regard. Further details will come out to parents regarding this.

Parents are always welcome to join the parent forum. This link will add your name to the database for future consultation

<https://forms.office.com/e/GL1Gjuvq5V>



And Finally...

Year 7 Remembrance Festival 2024

Thank you and well done to all our students and staff who either performed, read or attended wearing their service uniform or in their role as 6th form house prefects. Our focus this year was remembering D-Day. The year 7 students wrote a message on a paper poppy in their music lesson which created a poppy veil cascading down from the drum altar, and they watched the Festival of Remembrance with respect throughout.

We had performances from our Star Vocal Choir (with guitar accompaniment from Penny in Everglow), the reading of poems and letters from soldiers including Mrs Haggart who read part of a poem by her great uncle who fought in the second world war. It was fantastic to have a voice from not only someone who fought, but who is related to our school community. The voices of soldiers who took part in D-Day were represented by short films and one of our poems was written and performed by Mrs Adams especially for us.

Five of our cadets and Mr Kelly led the formal presentation of the poppy wreath and the two minute silence, which was observed beautifully by all students.

Singing at the Ellesmere Port Christmas Lights Switch On

On the 29th November at 5pm, our choir, 'Star Vocal', will be performing at the switching on of the Christmas Lights at the civic centre, Ellesmere Port. This is a brilliant opportunity for us to perform outside of school and to take part in our local community and we hope you can make it to support them.

Miss Walker

