



A week at

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Headteacher's

Weekly Update

This is the place we want to be

It has been a successful half term with so many opportunities for our students to thrive. We have further laid the foundations for improvements at our school, and we are looking forward to another busy time after the break.

Thank you for the feedback you have provided through the recent survey.

This will close on Monday so do submit your responses so that we have your voice. This really helps us to improve.

We're making changes....

There is still time to sign up for the event arranged for Wednesday 26 February. This is an opportunity to meet the new Deputy Head, to hear exciting plans for the term ahead and to see how we have used your feedback to make things even better.



Headteacher's

Weekly Update

Together we are stronger

Thank you for all that you do to support our school and to enable your child to achieve success. When we work together, we make such a difference.

Your support is appreciated. Your children are wonderful. I hope that they can have a great break and come back ready and raring to go again for the second half of the spring term.

Mrs. G. Fraser

Headteacher

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

Dates Ahead

Friday 14th February 2025

Break up for Spring Half Term

Friday 21st February 2025

Iceland Trip Leave

Monday 24th February 2025

Return from Spring Half term

Monday 24th February 2025

Year 11 Mock Exams Begin

Tuesday 25th February 2025

Iceland Trip Return

Friday 7th March 2025

Year 11 Mock Exams End

Sixth Form

Latest News

The half-term break is a well-deserved time to rest and recharge for all our Sixth Form students and teachers, but it is also an opportunity to take charge of their revision whether you are in year 12 or year 13.

In form time this week, the students have been working through the 9-day challenge to reduce stress over half-term.

Please find the link to the resources so you can support the students in their learning.

 [9-day challenge.pptx](#)

When the Year 13 students return after half-term there are only seven school weeks before their final examinations begin so every opportunity to build their revision should be grabbed with both hands.

For the Year 12 students their end-of-year examinations begin on 23/06/25 and are crucial to creating a stress-free year 13 if they take their revision seriously now.

As always, form tutors and myself are actively offering support to the students. They need to be proactive themselves to ensure that they are ready for the examinations when they arrive.

Have a relaxing half-term.

Mr P. Merryweather
Director of Sixth Form

Sports News

Results & Fixtures

Match Report Summary

After a long five-hour journey to The Cotswold School, the U19 Netball team arrived ready for their national semi-final. They started strong, immediately turning over the first centre pass to score an early goal.

The first quarter showcased their teamwork and skill, ending with a commanding 16-3 lead. Izzi controlled the centre court brilliantly, while Libby made key interceptions to disrupt the opposition. With solid communication and sharp ball movement, the team maintained their momentum in the second quarter, reaching half-time with a 24-6 advantage.

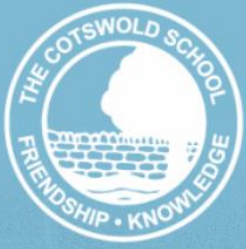
Mr R Millington
SCL for PE

Positional changes in the third quarter saw Lucy bring fresh energy to the attack, Amelie stepped in as shooter, and Freya excelled in defence, limiting the opposition to just three goals. By the end of Q3, Whitby led 37-12. Despite recovering from illness, captain Grace played a key role before being rested in the final quarter.

The team maintained their intensity to secure a dominant 46-19 victory. Freya was named Opposition's Player of the Match for her defensive efforts, while Libby earned Coach's Player of the Match for her tenacity and strategic play. With this win, the team advances to the national finals at Loughborough University in March.

Well done, girls keep this momentum going!

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In Other News...

SAVE THE DATE: SEND Information Evening for Parents & Carers

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to our annual SEND Information Evening, a valuable opportunity to connect with key staff, learn more about our school's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) processes and discover ways to better support your child's learning journey.

Date: 27th March 2025 5.30pm

This event will provide insights into how we support students with SEND, the resources available and practical strategies you can use at home. It will also be a chance to ask questions and share any concerns in an open and supportive environment. Full details will be shared soon – stay tuned. We look forward to seeing you there!

National Apprenticeships Week

Focus on Army Apprenticeships

The army offers a vast number of apprenticeships and is an excellent way to gain qualifications. Please see the link below for further information.

<https://jobs.army.mod.uk/regular-army/what-you-get/apprenticeships-skills/?cid=mail1717038300>

In Other News...

An exciting update about our **Consent Campaign.**

As you are all hopefully aware, we have been fortunate enough to be involved in a BBC3 documentary with James Blake. The documentary is the next in the series following on from his 'Hunting the catfish crime gang'

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001rs7s/hunting-the-catfish-crime-gang>

The next series involved our Year 10 and 11 team discussing consent and also delving deeper into the sexual content they are constantly being exposed to on social media. We have heard this week that this will be aired on Tuesday 25th February on BBC3 iPlayer. The title is 'Hunting the online sex predators'

Watch out for more details and have a look at James first documentary and how he became involved in this.

ScoPay Account

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to remind you to kindly ensure that your child's Scopay account is topped up. This will allow them to purchase food during break and lunchtime at The Whitby High School.

If there are insufficient funds on your child's account, they will need to queue up at reception to collect an emergency lunch voucher for the day. Please ensure the account is topped up to avoid any inconvenience.

In Other News...

Online Safety Week

This week, students have been learning about online scams as part of Internet Safety Week, noting a 2500% increase in teens being targeted online.

Key points to discuss with your child:

- If it sounds too good to be true, it likely is.
- Be cautious of suspicious shopping deals or giveaways.
- Be careful when accepting strangers on social media.
- Avoid sharing personal details like addresses or passwords.

To enhance safety, we're forming student leadership groups on this topic. Here are tips to keep your child safe online:

- Regularly check their phone for inappropriate content.

- Have open discussions about safe phone use.
- Use Life 360 to track their location.
- Apply Google Family Link to monitor usage and limit screen time.
- Keep devices out of bedrooms at night for better sleep.

Remember, while your child has access to the world, the world has access to them. It's vital to monitor their device use to ensure safety and healthy relationships. Stay involved, and if you have concerns, reach out to the school.

For more resources, check out Parents Protect Internet Safety and consider the free Hollie Guard app for your child's safety when out.

Thank you for helping keep your child safe online!

In Other News...

Young Writer's Competition

Before we broke up for our Christmas holiday, KS3 students were busy in their English and Literacy lessons creating mini sagas for the Fight or Flight Young Writer's competition. This is a nationwide competition and gives selected students the opportunity to have their work published.

We are absolutely delighted to have received the news this week that 241 of our students' entries have been selected for publication! This is the largest amount of entries chosen since The Whitby High School has been running the competition. What an achievement! We are so proud of our wonderful students!

Those students who have been selected will receive a letter in due course that will need to be signed by parents/carers.

Well done to everyone!



And Finally...

Medical Career Workshops

Explore medical career opportunities for your child. We invite students in Years 9 to 12 to attend events on medicine and dentistry.

- **Virtual Medical Work Experience:** Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- **Virtual Dental Work Experience:** Paediatric & Dental Surgery
- **Medical Society Webinar:** Nutrition and Hydration Week & Careers Week
- **Dental Society Webinar:** Braces vs Aligners
- **Free Virtual Get Into Medicine Conference**
- **Free Virtual Get Into Dentistry Conference**

Students must register for a conference.

**For Aspiring Doctors:
FREE Get Into Medicine**

Conference Dates:

- Sunday 23rd February, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Saturday 1st March, 9:30am - 3:30pm

[Registration Link](#)

Dr. Safiyah, Dr. Kennedy, and I are here to guide students in gaining experience.

During the conference, students can:

- Interact with doctors/dentists LIVE
- Learn to secure work experience
- Get updates on the UCAT Exam
- Select universities
- Craft personal statements
- Navigate interviews
- Apply for scholarships

Medical Registration Link: [Here](#)

Dental Registration Link: [Here](#)

Guide on Getting into Medical School: [Guide Link](#)

Enquiry Form: [Form Link](#)

Medic Mentor Helpline: 01530 417299 (10am - 5pm, Mon - Fri)



Careers Night

Thursday 6th March 2025

5pm-7pm

Are you considering your future career? Are you passionate about making a difference in other peoples lives?

With more than 350 different careers on offer in the NHS there is a job for you no matter what your interests, skills or qualifications. Come along to the Countess of Chester to find out more about a range of NHS Careers!

Book on to a welcome session before browsing information stalls, interactive activities and speaking to expert staff. Welcome sessions will start from 5pm and run every 15 minutes.

We look forward to seeing you there and helping you find out more about a future career within the NHS.

Location

Education and Training Centre
Countess of Chester Hospital

Booking

For capacity reasons, registration is required to attend and places are limited. tickets can be booked by following the link below and are available on first come first served basis:

www.eventbrite.com/e/nhs-careers-fair-countess-of-chester-hospital-tickets-1076559330939