



A week at

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# Headteacher's

## Weekly Update

### **Made for Success**

This week marked a step-up for our Year 10 students as they took part in MADE Education, a dedicated workshop focused on building strong revision habits and developing the confidence needed for the challenges ahead. Students explored practical strategies for organising their study time, managing distractions, and approaching revision with a positive mindset. Their engagement throughout the sessions showed real maturity and determination. Students left the sessions well equipped to prepare for effective revision.

We were also delighted to welcome parents and carers to a follow-up workshop again delivered by MADE Education. This session offered clear, supportive guidance on how families can help their children revise effectively—whether that's creating a calm study space, encouraging healthy routines, or understanding the pressures young people face during exam preparation. The turnout was fantastic, and the conversations were thoughtful and encouraging. We hope, parents and carers, that you now feel better equipped to navigate through this time with your children.

These events were a real celebration of our community working together. The enthusiasm from students, the commitment from families, and the support from staff demonstrates what we are all about at The Whitby High School.



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A big thank-you goes to Martin at Made Education, whose expertise, warmth, and energy made a lasting impression on everyone involved.

### **Making Plans for the Future**

Our Year 13 students have been stepping confidently into the final phase of their school journey. This week, the Senior Leadership Team spent time mentoring them individually, helping them reflect on their progress, set goals, and prepare for their upcoming exams. These conversations were thoughtful and ambitious, and it was a privilege to support students as they shape their next steps—whether that's university, apprenticeships, or entering the world of work.

Their focus and maturity were clear to see, and they continue to make a great impression on everyone who works with them.

### **Making a great first impression**

We rounded off the week with a well-supported Year 7 Parents' Evening. This event offered a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our newest students, many of whom have made an excellent start to secondary school life. Teachers and families shared conversations about progress, wellbeing, and the exciting opportunities ahead as Year 7 continue to grow in confidence and independence.

The positive conversations throughout the evening reflected the hard work of our students and the strong support they receive at home.

### **Making a difference in partnership**

Thank you to all with children in Year 11 who completed our recent survey. We are delighted with the results. You are telling us that your child feels safe and happy, that you feel well informed, and that we communicate effectively with you. You feel that when you raise concerns they are dealt with and that your child is making great progress at school.

Your feedback matters to us and it is so very rewarding to see the overwhelmingly positive responses shared. Thank you.

**Mrs. G. Fraser**

Headteacher

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

# Dates Ahead



**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Year 11 Mock Exams**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Year 10 Parents Evening**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**SEND Information Evening**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Year 8 Parents Evening**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**  
**Finish for Easter Half Term**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**Return from Easter Half Term**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**  
**Finish for Easter Half Term**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**Year 10 Mocks**

# Sports News

## Results & Fixtures

### **Year 8 Football Team Reach Wirral Cup Semi-Finals in Style**

Whitby High School's Year 8 football team delivered an impressive performance in the Wirral Cup quarter-final against St Mary's Catholic College, played at Whitby. In an exciting and high-quality encounter, Whitby ran out 6–2 winners to secure their place in the semi-finals.

Whitby started brightly and quickly set the tempo, going into half-time with a commanding 3–1 lead. The attacking play was sharp and confident, with Balogan and O'Brien proving clinical in front of goal. Both players went on to complete superb hat-tricks, accounting for all six of Whitby's goals in a dominant display of finishing.

While the final score suggests a comfortable victory, it perhaps flattered Whitby slightly, as St Mary's posed a strong challenge throughout and tested the team on several occasions. Defensively, Bernard and Jerrett were outstanding, providing composure, strength, and crucial interventions to maintain control of the game.

Overall, it was a fantastic team performance with hard work, determination, and teamwork evident from start to finish. Congratulations to the squad on a well-earned victory, and we look forward to supporting them in the semi-finals of the Wirral Cup.

**Mr C. Bell**

Senior Curriculum Leader for PE

# Sixth Form

## Latest News

It has been a productive and purposeful beginning to the new half term in the Sixth Form, with students demonstrating excellent commitment to their studies and personal development.

### **Academic Mentoring – Year 13**

Our Year 13 students took part this week in academic mentoring sessions with senior teachers. These meetings have provided valuable opportunities for students to reflect on their progress, review attainment data, and receive personalised guidance as they approach their final examinations. The focus has been on refining revision strategies, strengthening subject knowledge, and ensuring every student feels confident and well-supported in the lead-up to the summer term.

### **Recognising Excellence in Attitude to Learning**

We are also delighted to celebrate our top Attitude to Learning (ATL) students in Year 13, who were invited to meet with Mrs Fraser, our Headteacher, in recognition of their outstanding dedication and consistent commitment to their studies. This special acknowledgement reflects not only their academic achievement, but also their resilience, independence, and exemplary approach to learning. We are incredibly proud of the standards they continue to set.

### **Looking Ahead**

On 18th March, students in Years 12 and 13 will take part in MADE training focused on developing positive mindsets. This session was selected as the most popular choice by our Sixth Form students, highlighting their enthusiasm for personal growth alongside academic success. We look forward to seeing the impact of this training as students continue to build confidence, motivation, and strategies to support both their studies and future aspirations.

As always, we are proud of the maturity, ambition, and positive spirit shown by our Sixth Form community.

# In Other News

## **French A level Trip to Paris**

At the end of last term, Mrs Kilmister and Mr Kelly had the absolute pleasure of taking our French and History A-level students on a four-day adventure to Paris.

The aim of the trip was to put their language skills into action, soak up the richness of French culture, and explore historical landmarks that bring the A-level French Revolution curriculum to life.

We walked *everywhere*, through rain, wind, snow, and even the occasional burst of sunshine! Thanks to everyone's **commitment** and **resilience**, we managed to experience an incredible amount. Highlights included climbing the Eiffel Tower, exploring the Louvre, following in the footsteps of royalty and politicians at the Château de Versailles, visiting Marie Antoinette's prison, and wandering the magical (and very rainy!) cobbled streets of Montmartre.

We were incredibly proud of how each student conducted themselves with **kindness**, **respect**, and true **inclusivity**—

whether trying new foods, becoming pros on the Paris metro, or giving their French a go in shops and restaurants.

A fantastic trip filled with curiosity, teamwork, and unforgettable moments.



# And Finally...

Congratulations to all students who took part in the Sapphire Dance Co. shows at the Civic Hall last week. All the students involved showed incredible commitment having worked extremely hard over the past year to put on 3 nights of amazing dance performances. Well done.



## Staying Safe

It is great to see a return to lighter mornings and evenings when it feels much safer for students to travel to and from school. Cheshire Police and Road Safety organisations regularly ask that we remind students about keeping safe in the local community.

Please remind your child to take care to and from school, and in the local community:

- Cross roads with care and attention, remove headphones and keep phones away
- Wherever possible, walk or travel with a friend or in a group
- Avoid talking to anyone who is not known to you
- Stay in well-lit, well-populated areas and avoid places that you might think unsafe
- Always make sure your family know your plans so they know where you will be
- **Always tell a trusted adult if you are unsure about something.**

Remember, staff in school are here to help. If you need our support, please just let us know.