



A week at

THE
WHITBY

Headteacher's

Weekly Update

Strengthening Partnerships

On Thursday this week, I was joined by local Primary Headteachers for our half termly partnership meeting.

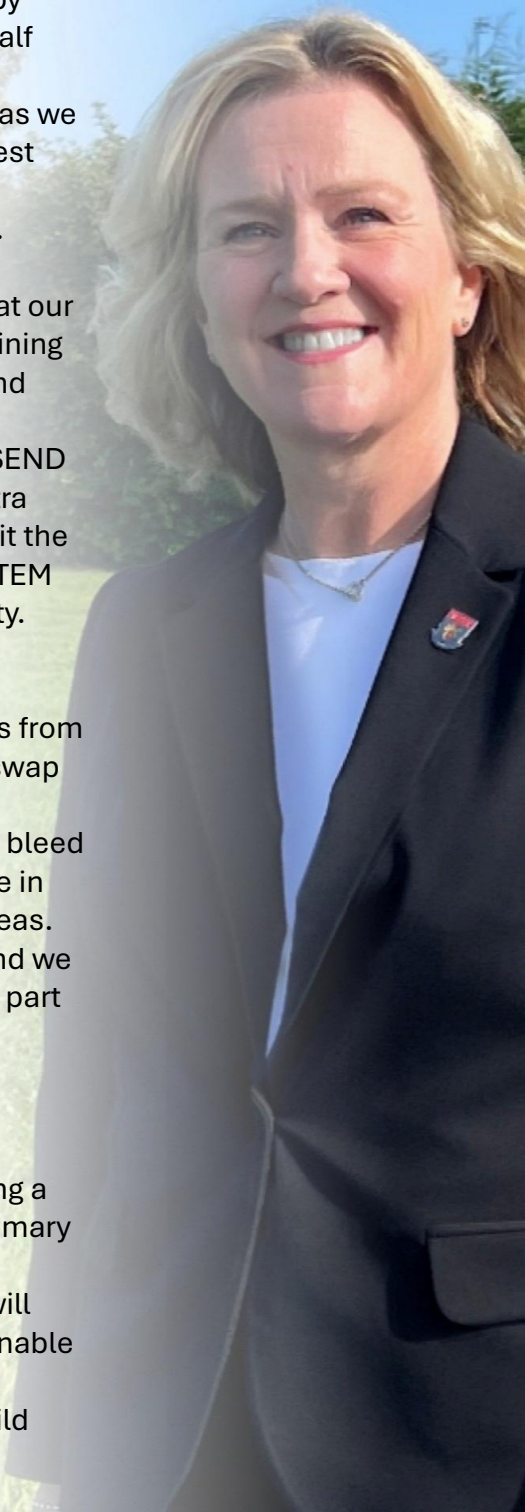
This is an important date in the diary as we work collaboratively to get the very best school experience and curriculum provision for the children in our town.

On the agenda this week, we looked at our transition plans to ensure children joining us in September are fully prepared and ready for their exciting step-up to secondary school. We talked about SEND provision and how we will provide extra support for those children who need it the most, and we launched an exciting STEM project through Manchester University.

We also revisited an action from our previous meeting led by Danni Adams from Blades Down in relation to the knife swap initiative currently running. Primary schools acknowledged receipt of the bleed kits and delivery of safer knives to use in their food preparation and kitchen areas. This has been a fantastic initiative, and we are incredibly grateful to have been a part of it.

Strengthening STEM

In collaboration with Manchester University, we are excited to be leading a STEM project day for 6 of our local primary schools. Through this workshop, our primary children and their teachers will learn about wind turbines and sustainable energy and will be able to take their learning back to the classroom to build and extend their knowledge.



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Our very own Ambassadors will also have an opportunity to support our primary school visitors and to build their skills and confidence whilst having a fun-filled day!

More information to follow about this exciting opportunity.

Strengthening futures

Next week we look forward to the Year 11 mentoring day where all students will have an allocated session with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. This is a valuable opportunity to go into the Easter period equipped and ready to get fully locked into revision.

During these meetings, we will issue useful resources to support our students at this crucial stage of their examination preparation.

Our Easter school is all set to go with final bookings open until Tuesday! With sessions running every day of the holiday, it is wonderful to see the commitment of our students and, of course, our staff who are giving up their holiday to provide these sessions.

To our staff: We are grateful to all of you for always going over and above for the students at our school.

The next Headteacher's Question Time is booked for the 1st April and I am very much looking forward to listening to feedback from parents and carers and having an opportunity to talk through some of the exciting work happening at our school.

There are limited places for this event. If you would still like to book a place, please see the link sent via Arbor or call our main reception who will be happy to help.

The last day of term is Thursday 2nd April and we return to school on Monday 20th April. Wishing all in our community, a safe, happy and restful holiday.

Mrs. G. Fraser

Headteacher

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

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Weekly Update

Be in to Win! Attendance Matters

We are so proud of our students at The Whitby High School who have fully embraced our attendance focus this term

In just 3 weeks, students have earned **over £200 in vouchers** simply by showing up every day and investing in their future

It has been fantastic to see such commitment, positivity and determination across the school

We know attendance is not always easy, and we truly value the continued support from our parents and carers. Together, we are making a real difference

And the excitement is not over yet... 🎉

There are still **amazing prizes** up for grabs including Cheshire Oaks vouchers and Easter treats 🍌

You have to be in to win 🙌



Dates Ahead



Thursday 2nd April 2026

Finish for Easter Half Term

Monday 20th April 2026

Return from Easter Half Term

Tuesday 21st – Thursday 30th April 2026

Year 10 Mocks

Thursday 30th April 2026

**Year 7 New Admissions Welcome to
Whitby Evening**

Thursday 7th May 2026

External Exams Begin

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd May 2026

Year 10 Work Experience

Friday 22nd May 2026

Finish for Whitsun Holiday

Monday 1st June 2026

Return from Whitsun Holiday

Sports News

Results & Fixtures

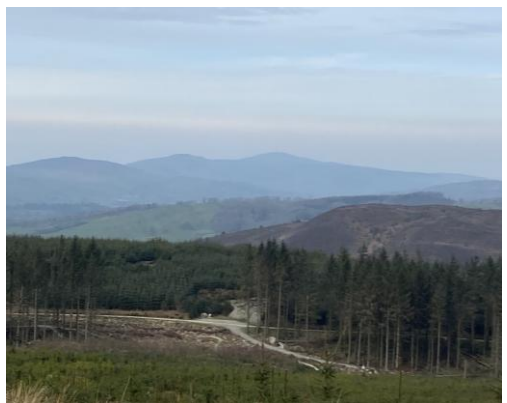
Bronze DofE Practice Expedition

On Sunday, a group of our year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants completed their practice expedition in Llandegla, tackling an 11.5km circular route and completing around 17,000 steps in total!

The morning began cold and cloudy, but spirits stayed high, and the afternoon sunshine rewarded everyone's effort with beautiful views across the Clwydian Hills and Moel Famau in the distance.

Working in small groups, students navigated independently around a scenic reservoir before tackling a steep climb and winding their way through a pine-lined forest trail. Along the route, they developed their teamwork, communication, and navigation skills — all crucial preparation for their upcoming qualifying expedition.

It was fantastic to see such excellent resilience and cooperation throughout the day. Every group should be proud of what they achieved and the progress they've made on their DofE journey.



Mr C. Bell

Senior Curriculum Leader for PE

Sixth Form

Latest News

EPQ Success: Celebrating Outstanding Presentations

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of a group of students who have successfully completed their Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), culminating in a series of hugely impressive final presentations.

Congratulations to **Tom, Ed, Rowan, Harvey, Josh, Jayden, and Zak**, who all showed exceptional dedication, curiosity, and resilience throughout their EPQ journeys. Their presentations showcased not only the depth of their research, but also their ability to think critically, communicate clearly, and engage their audience with confidence.

The EPQ process is no small undertaking. From selecting a topic and conducting independent research, to developing a final product and presenting their findings, each student has shown remarkable commitment and maturity. Their hard work was evident in the quality and professionalism of their final presentations, which were both informative and inspiring.

Staff were thoroughly impressed by the range of topics explored and the passion each student brought to their work. These projects are a testament to their perseverance and intellectual ambition.

We are incredibly proud of all seven students for reaching this milestone and for representing the very best of The Whitby High School Sixth Form. Congratulations once again on this fantastic achievement! Current Year 12 students will soon have the opportunity to embark on their own EPQ journeys and in assembly this week they were introduced to the process and invited to spend some time considering if the EPQ is for them. Applications for the new cohort will commence after the Spring Break.

In Other News

Berlin 2026

Last week, 13 students and 2 members of staff travelled to Berlin for a joint German, Art and Photography trip. Highlights included an informative and entertaining walking tour around the main historical sites such as Checkpoint Charlie, the Holocaust memorial and the iconic Brandenburg Gate. We also visited the TV tower, East Side Gallery and the Reichstag building. Whitby students were a credit to school, their families and themselves and made some unforgettable memories!



In Other News

Let's Be Blunt

This week, This Whitby High School proudly took the Let's Be Blunt pledge, becoming the second high school in the North West to make the switch to safer Viners Assure knives.

The Let's Be Blunt campaign is all about reducing the risk of serious injury by encouraging the use of rounded tip kitchen knives. These knives are designed to carry out everyday tasks while significantly lowering the chance of harm, helping to create safer environments in homes, schools and communities.

Local community organisation Blades Down, who are proud ambassadors for the campaign, donated the knives to the school. This forms part of their wider mission to encourage all schools, homes and community spaces across Ellesmere Port and Chester to make the switch to safer alternatives.

Danni, founder of Blades Down and Student Engagement Lead here at The Whitby High School, was joined by a group of students who are volunteers and ambassadors at Blades Down, to carry out the swap in the food technology department. The change has also been rolled out across all staff rooms and life skills spaces, ensuring a consistent approach to safety throughout the school.

A powerful step towards safer spaces and a stronger community.



And Finally...

Support for families continues

The Government's Household Support Fund will end on 31 March 2026 and will be replaced by a new Crisis and Resilience Fund from 1 April 2026.

Support for residents experiencing financial hardship will continue. You do not need to take any action at this stage. More information will be shared soon.

If you need help now, you can find support, advice, and support.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/benefits-and-welfare-help/cost-of-living/crisis-and-resilience-fund>