



A week at

THE

WHITBY

Headteacher's

Weekly Update



This is the place you want to be...

On Thursday this week we welcomed our new Year 7 students and their families to school. The purpose of the evening was to provide an opportunity to ask questions, to explore the school site, and to begin to feel part of 'The Whitby Way'.

With a jam-packed hall, I opened the floor to take questions from our new Year 7 students with the aim of offering reassurance and enabling our brand-new students to feel confident and ready to take their next big step.

The questions were wonderful and showed thoughtful maturity from students. Here are some of the highlights:

"How do you help children with dyslexia?"

We talked about our offer to support every young person through our identification of needs and our skilled staff to enable learning to happen for every individual. We outlined the range of different needs at our school and how children with additional needs have individual plans to enable them to achieve success.

The success of every individual matters at The Whitby High School.

"What do you do for children with health needs?"

We are currently working with primary schools to make sure we have a smooth handover of information, and we will also gather information from our new parents. Children with specific health needs will then meet with key staff in school. This meeting will enable us to put a plan into place to ensure that health needs are met. This means that we can look after everyone and ensure they have all that they need to be successful, happy, healthy learners.

Keeping children safe and looking after them well is our priority.

Headteacher's

Weekly Update

What trips can I go on at The Whitby High?"

This year we have had trips to so many exciting places such as New York, Paris, Iceland, Austria, France. In the summer a group of our children will be travelling with Camps International to Kenya and our new ski trip has just launched with an opportunity to go to Norway. With trips near and far, there is something for everyone.

Exploring new opportunities and seeking new challenges is what sets our young people apart.

There were lots of questions about the day-to-day practicalities such as lesson time, break and lunchtime, clubs and enrichment, navigating the building and sports teams. Children who asked questions were incredibly brave to speak in front of such a large audience, and I know that the questions asked will have been useful to help all present to feel reassured.

After the Q&A, our student ambassadors led groups around the school building with the intention of getting to know the site and making the transition from smaller primary settings to our much larger school. I am so proud of our students for leading with such pride and confidence. It takes a great deal of courage to take a group of people you have never met before and to engage in conversation and be open to answering questions. I am proud of you! You are what makes our school so special.

We are now looking ahead to the transition events so that our new students are ready and raring to go. We are so excited to welcome you and for The Whitby High School to be the place you want to be.

Year 10: From Examinations to the World of Work

Year 10 have continued to impress this week as they have come to the end of their mock examination series. They have grown in confidence and have shown a mature approach to examinations. Invigilators have commented on how impressed they have been with our young people and how they have taken their examinations so seriously. This will really give them strength as they prepare for their final examinations next year and will enable them to enter the exam halls focused, ready and prepared.

Headteacher's

Weekly Update

Speaking another language...

Year 11 have done incredibly well for their modern foreign language speaking and listening examinations this week. This is such a unique skill set and requires a great deal of confidence and preparation. Well done, Year 11 – you are impressive.

Examination Season is here!

Good luck to all of our hard-working students who are now at the beginning of the examination period. You are well prepared, you know what is needed, and we have faith in you.

Go on and be brilliant! You have got this.

Mrs. G. Fraser

Headteacher

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

Dates Ahead

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

Thursday 11th June 2026

Year 4/5 Information Evening

Thursday 25th June 2026

Year 10 Transition to Year 11 Evening

Friday 26th June 2026

Year 11 Prom

Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July 2026

Year 12 Work Experience

Sports News

Results & Fixtures

Ski Trip

The recent ski trip to Obertauern in Austria proved to be an outstanding success, with students demonstrating excellent progress throughout the week. From the outset, students showed great enthusiasm and determination, quickly building confidence on the slopes. Impressively, many groups moved off the beginner runs far sooner than expected, embracing new challenges with a positive attitude.



Weather conditions presented some difficulties, as warmer temperatures affected the snow quality at times. However, the resilience and adaptability shown by the students were truly commendable. They remained focused and motivated, making the most of every opportunity to develop their skills.

The trip included a range of enjoyable après-ski activities, which added to the overall experience. Highlights included the Alpine roller coaster, a fun round of mini golf, and a memorable visit to the beautiful city of Salzburg. These activities provided a great balance to the physical demands of skiing and allowed pupils to relax and socialise.

Accommodation at Hotel Joseff was excellent, offering a variety of facilities and activities to keep students entertained in the evenings. The welcoming environment contributed greatly to the success of the trip.

By the end of the week, all groups had made significant progress, with every student confidently skiing on red runs—a fantastic achievement. The positive attitude, behaviour, and effort shown by all students were exemplary, and they should be very proud of what they accomplished. Overall, the trip was a tremendous success. Students not only improved their skiing ability but also demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and independence. It was a truly enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone involved. Letters for next year's trip are now available from Mr Millington.

Sports News

Results & Fixtures

Whitby Year 8 Football Team Reach Wirral Cup Final in Thrilling Semi-Final Victory

We are delighted to share some fantastic news from our Year 8 football team, who delivered an outstanding performance in the Wirral Cup semi-final.

The match took place at Bidston Sports Centre, where Whitby faced a strong Mosslands side in an exciting and high-scoring encounter. Despite overcoming late withdrawals before the game due to illness and managing injuries sustained during the game, the team showed remarkable resilience, determination, and teamwork throughout to secure an impressive 9–6 victory.

A special mention goes to Balogan, who led the scoring with an incredible five goals. Walker contributed two goals, while Lewis and Forster each added one to complete the tally. Every player played their part in what was a truly excellent team performance.

This result means Whitby now progress to the Wirral Cup Final, which will be played at Prenton Park, the home of Tranmere Rovers. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are extremely proud of the team's effort and commitment.

We wish the players the very best of luck in the final and look forward to sharing more good news with you soon!

Adventure Awaits!

We are pleased to inform you of an exciting opportunity for our Year 7 students this October: an outdoor and adventurous residential experience at PGL. This visit will provide students with the chance to develop confidence, teamwork, and independence through a range of structured activities in a supportive environment.

Letters containing full details have been emailed home. We ask that you read this information carefully with your child.

Deposits should be paid via ScoPay by the stated deadline in order to secure your child's place. We look forward to offering students this valuable and enriching experience.

Mr C. Bell

Senior Curriculum Leader for PE

Sixth Form

Latest News

As we move further into the term, it has been wonderful to see the continued commitment and maturity shown by our Sixth Form students.

Year 12

Many of our Year 12 students have made excellent progress in organising their work experience placements. It is encouraging to see the initiative, independence, and professionalism they are demonstrating as they prepare for this important opportunity. These experiences will play a valuable role in helping them explore future career pathways and develop key skills.

We would like to remind parents and carers that a small number of students have not yet secured their placements. All students are expected to have a confirmed placement by the end of this half-term. We appreciate your support in encouraging them to take the necessary steps to meet this deadline.

Year 13

All Year 13 students, along with their parents and carers, have now received full details regarding leaving arrangements and the final celebration event. This marks an important milestone, and we are looking forward to celebrating their time with us as a school community.

External examinations are now beginning, and we would like to remind students and families of the wide range of support available during this period. Subject teachers, pastoral staff, and revision resources remain accessible to help students feel as prepared and confident as possible. We encourage all students to make full use of this support and to maintain a healthy balance between study and wellbeing during the exam season.

And Finally...

New PCF (Parent Carer Forum) Newsletter Out Now!

Catch up on upcoming events, SEND reform consultation news, practical resources, coffee events, webinars and support for families. Lots of opportunities to stay informed, get involved and have your voice heard. Read and share!

[Your April Parent Carer Forum News is Here!](#)

MFL

We would like to extend a big well done to Year 11 MFL students. The vast majority demonstrated an excellent approach to their GCSE speaking assessments by preparing well and showing real resilience and determination throughout the process. Thank you to parents & carers for helping with those preparations and helping to control those pre-assessment nerves. What a great start!

We would also like to recognise our MFL teacher examiners for their tireless enthusiasm and the excellent administration of the assessments. Your dedication ensured everything ran smoothly and successfully.

We are very proud of you all—keep up the fantastic work throughout the GCSE period!