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Headteacher's

Weekly Update



This week, I spent some time with Edsential, our catering providers, looking closely at the menus and talking through how we can make the dining experience better for our students. We're aiming for more choice, better nutrition, and good value for families. A survey will be heading your way soon so you can tell us what you think, and we'll be offering prizes to encourage as many people as possible to get involved. Your views really will shape what happens next, so keep an eye out for that survey and give us your views. Your feedback matters and makes such a difference.

A big shout-out goes to our Year 10s, who have been out on work experience this week. They've really stepped up and embraced the challenge of being in a real workplace. We've had some brilliant feedback from employers, praising their attitude, effort, and maturity. It's fantastic to see them getting a taste of the working world and representing the school so well.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students are really powering through their exams. They've shown real determination and focus, and they're definitely ready for a bit of rest next week. We'll be right there with them as they tackle the remaining papers after half term. They have worked incredibly hard and, once again, have left the exam halls in good spirits feeling confident that they did a great job.

There's also a real buzz around school as the cast of Matilda Jr. get ready for their performances on 9th and 10th June at 7pm. Rehearsals are full of energy, and it's shaping up to be a brilliant show. We'd love to see as many families as possible in the audience cheering them on. We will be joined by our primary school children who will be the very first audience to see the full show. We know they are going to love it! I am really looking forward to seeing the full run through this afternoon as the cast put the final polish on their performances.

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After half term, we'll be putting a big focus on rewards and recognition. Mrs. Blackwell and Mr. Suddaby will be sharing more details soon, but the aim is simple: to celebrate students who consistently show great attendance, punctuality, behaviour, and all-round effort.

The House Points leaderboard is being prepared, with some exciting rewards on the horizon — film afternoons, World Cup viewings, and highly sought after early entry to WhitbyFest!

Watch this space – more information to follow...

And following our focus on rewards we are currently preparing for the Annual Celebration Evening which will take place at the Civic Hall on Tuesday 7th July. Award winners will receive their invitation very soon.....Good luck to our hard working, committed students – this is your chance to shine!

I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved half-term break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1st June.

Mrs. G. Fraser

Headteacher

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

Dates Ahead



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 17th June 2026

Year 8 Immunisation

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

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd July 2026

Year 6/7 Transition Days

Sports News

Results & Fixtures

Year 7 PGL Residential - Adventure Awaits!

An exciting opportunity awaits our Year 7 students this October: an outdoor and adventurous residential experience at PGL Boreatton Park.

This residential visit will give students the chance to develop confidence, teamwork, resilience, and independence through a wide range of structured outdoor activities in a safe and supportive environment.

Letters containing full details of the trip have been emailed home. Please take the time to read the information carefully with your child. The deadline for payment of the deposit is Monday 1st June.

We are delighted to be able to offer students this valuable and enriching experience.

The links below provide a flavour of the fantastic activities and accommodation students will enjoy during their stay:

Virtual Tour:

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/Files/Templates/Designs/PGLCore/res/swf/virtual-tour/boreatton-park/tour.html>

Boreatton Park Overview:

<https://adventureholidays.pgl.co.uk/camps/boreatton-park/>

Parent Guide:

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/resources/parent-guide/about>

Mr C. Bell

Senior Curriculum Leader for PE

Sixth Form

Latest News

Sixth Form Update

Today marks an important milestone for our Year 13 students as they officially begin study leave following a wonderful celebration this afternoon. It was a fitting opportunity to come together, reflect on their time with us, and recognise all that they have contributed to our school community over the past seven years.

Our Year 13 cohort have been outstanding role models throughout their time in the Sixth Form. They have approached school life with maturity, enthusiasm and determination, making valuable contributions both inside and outside the classroom. Whether through academic achievement, leadership opportunities, enrichment activities, sport, music, charity work or simply the positive example they set for younger students, they have left a lasting impact on our school.

We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved so far and we wish every student the very best as they prepare for their examinations in the weeks ahead. We know that they will approach this next stage with the same resilience and commitment they have shown throughout their journey with us.

Although today marks the beginning of study leave, our support for Year 13 certainly does not end here. Staff will continue to be available throughout the examination period and until the end of term to provide guidance, encouragement and any additional support students may need.

We thank Year 13 for all they have given to our school community and look forward to celebrating their successes in the months ahead.

Good luck, Year 13 — we are all behind you!

Mr P. Merryweather
Director of Sixth Form

In Other News

Introducing The Whitby Champions League

After half term, something BIG is coming to The Whitby High School...**The Whitby Champions League**

This is your chance to lead your form to glory as you come together to earn the title of Whitby Champions. Week by week, the league table will rise and fall as you compete to reach the very top!

How It Works

Every week, your form will earn points through:

- ✓ Attendance goals
- ✓ Excellent behaviour
- ✓ Bonus challenges

With **different challenges every week**, it really is *anyone's game* — so every form and every individual have a chance to rise to the top!

What Can You Win?

There are **fantastic rewards every single week**, including:

- Jump-the-queue passes for break or lunch
- FREE breakfast for your entire form
- Cinema afternoons
- World Cup matches on the big screen
- Golden tickets
- ...and bonus prizes!

The BIG Prize!

Be in with a chance to win the ultimate reward: **EARLY ENTRY to WhitbyFest!**

At the end of the competition, one form in each Year group will be crowned:

 **Whitby Champions League Winners** 

Want to know more?

Make sure you're in on **Monday 1st June** for the official launch — and your first chance to win!

In Other News

Matilda Production

We are delighted to share that our whole-school production of **Roald Dahl's *Matilda The Musical JR.* ** is almost here. Our talented students have been working incredibly hard, and we can't wait for you to see their fantastic performance full of energy, imagination and a touch of Matilda-style mischief.

Performance dates:

- Tuesday 9 June, 7:00pm–8:30pm
- Wednesday 10 June, 7:00pm–8:30pm

Tickets: £3 per person

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/matilda-the-musical-tickets-1989460410643>

We will be running a raffle on both nights to raise funds for future school productions, so if you are able to donate anything, or if you know of any companies/local businesses that would donate, that would be amazing!

We look forward to welcoming families to celebrate our students' creativity and hard work.



And Finally...

Celebration Evening

We are delighted to share that a number of our students have been nominated for awards at this year's **Celebration Evening**, taking place on **Tuesday 7 July** at **The Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port**.

This special event recognises students who have shown exceptional effort, progress, personal development and commitment to our school values. Award winners have been contacted directly and will each receive **two tickets** for the evening.

All award recipients must arrive by **5:00pm** and attend in **full school uniform**.

Tickets must be booked in the **student's full name** using the Eventbrite link below:

Book tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-evening-2026-join-us-tickets-1989640331792>

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students and sharing this memorable evening with families.