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Headteacher's Weekly Update



Open Evening 2026: This is the Place You Want to Be
Choosing the right secondary school is one of the most important decisions a family can make. It is about far more than academic success alone; it is about finding a community where young people feel valued, inspired and supported to become successful and happy. At The Whitby High School, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to thrive, and we are excited to showcase everything our school has to offer at our **Open Evening on Wednesday 23rd September from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.**

This is the place to learn
This year, visitors will have the opportunity to explore the many exciting developments that continue to enhance The Whitby experience. We are proud to offer enhanced facilities with a brand-new classroom for Art, Intervention spaces in The Hub and our newly developed Library provision, alongside our extensive PE facilities and specialist teaching spaces designed to inspire the next generation of STEM innovators. Combined with our commitment to employing specialist staff as standard, these facilities help create an environment where students can flourish academically, socially and personally.

Our recent examination results further demonstrate the strength of our provision. We continue to celebrate exceptional Sixth Form outcomes, alongside year-on-year improvements at both GCSE and A Level. This summer saw our highest-ever proportion of students achieving grades 9-7 at GCSE, while many of our students progressed to prestigious universities, sought-after apprenticeships and exciting career opportunities. We prepare our young people for an exciting future.

This is the place to grow
Success at The Whitby goes far beyond examination results. Our extensive Personal Development curriculum ensures students develop the skills, confidence and character needed for life beyond school.

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Enrichment opportunities are a vital part of this journey, with students benefiting from unforgettable experiences through international visits to places such as Iceland, New York and Kenya, helping them broaden their horizons and develop a truly global perspective.

With opportunities for student leadership and through our Pledges system, our young people leave us with a broad experience and have the confidence to take their next steps confidently and well-equipped.

This is the place to belong
Everything we do is underpinned by our core values of *Respect, Kindness, Inclusivity and Commitment*. These values shape our culture, guide our decision-making and ensure every student feels a genuine sense of belonging.

We warmly invite prospective students and their families to visit us, meet our staff, talk to our students and experience our school community first-hand. Come and discover why so many young people choose The Whitby High School.

Join us to find out what sets The Whitby High School apart. I look forward to telling you more at the event and through two Headteacher talks - **17:45 – Sycamore Hall and 18:30 – Overpool Hall.**

This is the Place You Want to Be.

Dates Ahead

Wednesday 23rd September 2026
Open Evening

Friday 25th September 2026
INSET Day

Tuesday 29th September 2026
Sixth Form Induction Day

Thursday 1st October 2026
Year 11 Information Evening

Thursday 8th October 2026
Year 10 Information Evening

Thursday 15th October 2026
Year 8 Information Evening

Thursday 22nd October 2026
Year 7 Form Tutor Settling in – Parents Evening

Friday 23rd October 2026
Finish for Autumn Half Term

Sports News

Results & Fixtures

Netball Club
Just a reminder that Netball Club is on every Monday straight after school. Last year we had 40 girls attend club most weeks and multiple fixtures and successes throughout the year.

It is totally free to attend, and you do not need to sign up, just bring your trainers and join in!

I will be waiting to meet you at the PE office in the sports hall from 3.15pm and we aim to play until 4/4.15pm depending on the light.

We have entered the U16 (Y10/11) and U13 (Y7/8) into the Sisters n Sport National competition and so teams will be selected for the first round soon.

Year 7 also have their first round of the local league soon.

See you all on Monday!

Mrs Gregory

Mr C. Bell
Senior Curriculum Leader for PE

Sixth Form

Latest News

Celebrating Our Future Student Leaders!

I am delighted to announce the launch of our Sixth Form Student Leadership opportunities, with applications now open for students who are keen to make a positive difference to our school community.

One of the things I enjoy most about working with our Sixth Form students is seeing the confidence, enthusiasm and sense of responsibility they develop during their time with us. These leadership opportunities are a fantastic way for students to take that next step, challenge themselves and play an even greater role in shaping the experience of others.

We are inviting applications for Head and Deputy Head Student roles, Sixth Form Leadership Team positions and Subject Ambassador roles. Each offers something different, but all provide the opportunity to develop valuable skills, represent fellow students and contribute to the wider life of The Whitby High School.

Our Head and Deputy Head Students will take on senior leadership responsibilities, working closely with staff and students to help shape our students experience. The Sixth Form Leadership Team will support the organisation of events, student voice initiatives and activities that bring our community together. Subject Ambassadors will work alongside subject staff to promote enthusiasm for their subjects and encourage younger students to get involved.

I am particularly excited to see the ideas and enthusiasm our students bring to these roles. You do not need previous leadership experience to apply. What matters most is your willingness to get involved, your commitment to our school and your desire to make a positive difference.

Application packs are available for each role, providing further information about the responsibilities and application process. I would encourage any student who is interested to take a look and consider how they could contribute.

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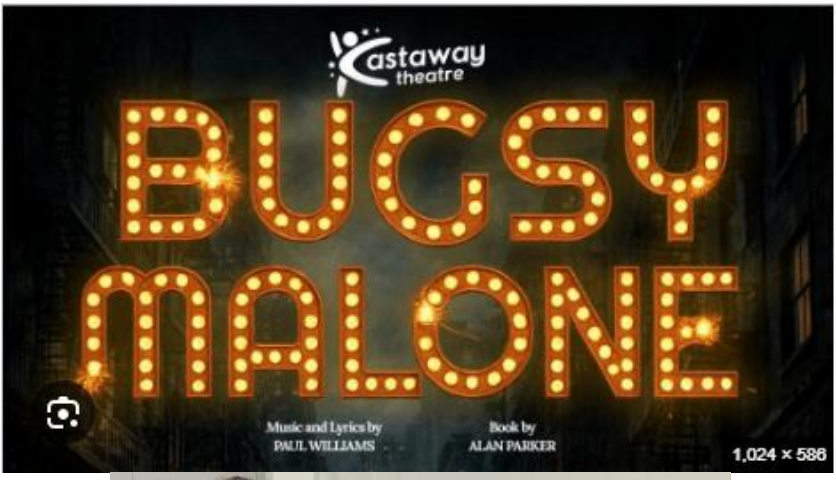
I am incredibly proud of the students who step forward to take on responsibility, support others and help make our Sixth Form such a positive place to be. I look forward to seeing our new student leaders develop and make their mark on Sixth Form life.

Good luck to everyone who applies!

Mr P. Merryweather
Director of Sixth Form

And Finally...

Following the huge success of Castaway Theatre's previous production at the **Storyhouse Theatre**, bigger, bolder, and stronger than ever, they are presenting their production of ***Bugsy Malone*** from **Thu 1 – Sat 3 October 2026**





4 Students from the Whiby High School, Ellis, Alice, Poppy and Isaac are starring in this. They have been rehearsing since April, often for as many as 8 hours per week.

Please come along to support them and enjoy a fantastic show.
Mrs Burgess