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Headteacher's Weekly Update



Our young people sustaining the future
This week, The Whitby proudly hosted an exciting **STEM and Sustainable Energy Event** delivered by colleagues from the **University of Manchester**. The event brought together **65 primary school pupils** and **30 teaching staff** from local schools for a day of hands-on learning, exploration and discovery.

Throughout the day, children participated in a range of engaging activities designed to develop their understanding of STEM subjects and the role that sustainable energy will play in shaping the future. The sessions were expertly planned and delivered, capturing pupils' imagination from the outset and encouraging them to think creatively, solve problems and work collaboratively. The enthusiasm for every activity was remarkable, with children fully engaged and eager to contribute their ideas and questions.

The event also provided a valuable professional development opportunity for staff, who were able to observe effective STEM teaching strategies and practical approaches to delivering active learning in the classroom. The combination of high-quality CPD for teachers and inspiring learning experiences for children made the day particularly impactful.

Perhaps the greatest measure of success came at the end of the event. As the children left, many were still talking excitedly about what they had learned and experienced. Several pupils stopped to share their thoughts and, more than once, I was told that it had been **"the best day ever."** Their excitement, energy and enjoyment were a powerful reminder of the difference that enriching educational experiences can make to young people's aspirations and engagement with learning.

A huge thank you to the University of Manchester team for organising and delivering such a memorable and worthwhile event. It was a fantastic example of partnership working at its very best.

Headteacher's

Weekly Update





Planning for a successful future
This week also saw our highly successful **Whitby Sixth Form Open Evening**, providing prospective students and their families with the opportunity to discover why **The Whitby Sixth Form is the place to grow, belong and succeed**.

The evening was a celebration of everything that makes our sixth form special. Visitors heard about our record-breaking examination results, which reflect the hard work of our students, the expertise of our staff and the high expectations that underpin everything we do. Alongside our excellent academic outcomes, families were able to learn more about the extensive wider opportunities available through sixth form life.

Guests toured our excellent facilities, met our specialist teachers and support staff, and explored the wide range of courses available across academic and vocational pathways. Staff were on hand throughout the evening to provide guidance and help students identify the programmes that best match their ambitions, interests and future career aspirations.

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As part of our wider provision Mr. Merryweather talked about our newly introduced **Thrive Programme**, which sits at the heart of our sixth form experience. Designed to enhance learning and personal development, the programme provides students with opportunities to develop the skills, knowledge and experiences needed to flourish in higher education, apprenticeships and employment.

Particular congratulations go to Head students, Ellie and George who spoke to families about their experiences of sixth form and how their experience had enabled them to grow in confidence towards their next steps.

The event was a fantastic showcase of our thriving sixth form community and reinforced our message to prospective students: whether your goal is university, an apprenticeship or employment, **The Whitby Sixth Form is the place to grow, belong and succeed**.

https://www.whitbyhigh.org/6join/

Mrs G. Fraser
Headteacher

Dates Ahead

Thursday 12th November 2026
Year 13 Parents Evening

Thursday 10th December 2026
Year 9 Options Evening

Friday 18th December 2026
Finish for Christmas

Monday 4th January 2027
Return from Christmas

Thursday 14th January 2027
Year 11 Parents Evening

Thursday 21st January 2027
Year 9 Parents Evening

Thursday 4th February 2027
Year 12 Parents Evening

Friday 12th February 2027
Finish for Spring Half Term

Sports News

Results & Fixtures

U13 Netball: National Sisters n Sport, Round 2
Our U13s travelled to Bury to face St Gabriel's RC High School and came away with a well-deserved **16-11 win**, showing great resilience, determination and teamwork.

A tough first quarter, with too many overhead passes and plenty of interceptions from their excellent GD, left us 6-2 down. After a tactical change and some encouragement at the break, the girls found their game. Bea W, Ava C and Ruby D worked tirelessly in defence to pull us back to 6-7 at half-time. We grew in confidence after the break, stayed composed through some very physical play and led 12-8 going into the final quarter. Brilliant long-range shooting from Lois and Darcey helped us close out the win.



Opposition's Player of the Match:
Lois

Coaches' Player of the Match: Bea

Players: Ava, Thea, Emily, Ruby, Bea, Alice, Lois and Darcey

A huge well done to all the girls for turning around a difficult start with such a convincing win.
Bring on the next round!

Mrs H Gregory
Teacher of Visual and Performing Arts (PE)

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Netball Captains
Following an application process, I am pleased to announce the KS3 Netball captains below:

Y7 - Lois Rigby
Y8 (A team) - Ava Cato
Y8 (B team) - Alice Bell
Y9 - Daisy Pugh

Congratulations to the successful girls and thank you to all of those who applied. It was a real pleasure reading your applications!

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Sixth Form

Latest News

It has been lovely to welcome our Sixth Form students back after the half-term break. I hope everyone had the opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy some time away from the demands of school. As we begin the second half of the autumn term, there is plenty to look forward to, and I am keen to see both Year 12 and Year 13 continue to make the most of the opportunities available to them.

This week we have had some fantastic opportunities for our students to get involved in wider school life, and I would particularly like to recognise and thank those who volunteered their time and enthusiasm.

Our **Sustainable Science Day** was a wonderful opportunity for students to engage with important environmental issues and explore the role that science plays in creating a more sustainable future. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the day and helped make it such a positive and engaging experience. Opportunities like this allow our students to develop their confidence, communication skills and awareness of the world around them, whilst making a valuable contribution to the wider school community.

We also hosted our **Sixth Form Open Evening**, which was exceptionally well attended. It was fantastic to see so many prospective students and their families exploring what The Whitby High School Sixth Form has to offer. I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Sixth Form students who volunteered their time, spoke so positively about their experiences and represented our Sixth Form so brilliantly. Their enthusiasm, maturity and willingness to share their journeys made a real difference to the evening. They were excellent ambassadors for our Sixth Form, and I am incredibly proud of the way they represented us.

As always, our ambition is to ensure that every student feels supported, challenged and encouraged to fulfil their goals, both academically and personally.

Thank you once again to all our students who continue to contribute so positively to Sixth Form life. It is a pleasure to see them growing in confidence, taking on responsibility and making such a valuable contribution to our school community.

Mr P. Merryweather
Director of Sixth Form

In Other News

Literacy Competition
A huge well done to the winners of Mrs McHugh's horror competition! We received a huge number of entries, and it was really difficult to pick just one winner, so we chose six! It was fantastic to see so many students from across all year groups engaging with our first themed literacy event. 🎃

A big thank you to Sephora, Nando's and MINISO for their kind contributions! ✨

Keep a look out for Mrs McHugh's Creative Christmas Competition, coming your way this December! 🎄



Mrs C McHugh
Teacher of English

And Finally...

THE WHITBY HIGH SCHOOL | THE PLACE YOU WANT TO BE

Forum Christmas Appeal 2026

All year groups taking part!

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It's all about you

Forum Housing Association provides supported accommodation to single young people and vulnerable adults, who are homeless or seeking independence. They offer a range of accommodation in Wirral and Cheshire.

How you can help...

We are collecting items to create Christmas gift bags for people supported by Forum.

Items **UNWRAPPED** can include:



- Hand towel / facecloth
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Shower gel
- Shampoo
- Shaving gel
- Deodorant
- Socks
- Mug
- Body spray
- Chocolate
- Sweets
- Gloves, hats, scarves
- Novelty gifts (e.g. puzzles, pens etc)

Please place items in a **medium sized gift bag.**

How this helps towards your Fundraising Pledge...

By donating a gift bag to the Forum Christmas Appeal, you will gain credit **towards your Fundraising Pledge.**

We encourage you to take part in other fundraising activities too!

Collection:

Form reps to bring bags to **Mrs Rimmer's** office in **Overpool.**

Deadline:

Monday 23rd November 2026

1. **Prepare your gift bag**



2. **Take a photo of your bag**



3. **Upload your photo on the Pledge Microsoft Form**

Let's make a difference this Christmas!