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Battlefields Visit

Mr Gildroy writes:

86 Year 9 students from both Caedmon and Eskdale went to Belgium and France as part of our Battlefields visit. The visit enabled the students to develop their prior knowledge of the First World War and to see first hand the scale of its impact on the Western Front.





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The students spent Saturday around Ypres in Belgium where they saw war memorials at Tynecot and Langemark. As well as visiting trenches at Sanctuary Wood and Hooze Crater. In the evening students spent time in the centre of Ypres where they had the opportunity to buy some Belgian chocolates before observing the final post ceremony at Menin Gate.

The following day we ventured into France to visit the historic sites at Vimy Ridge and the Somme. Students visited the Thiepval war memorial where a Caedmon College poppy wreath was placed by one of our students.

“I found the visit very well organised by all the teachers and led by Mr Gildroy. My favourite part was definitely when we went to Sanctuary Wood and the trenches when I got a feel of what it was like to be a soldier in the tunnel and the interesting talks by our tour guide” - **Charlie C**

“The visit was really good fun. We learnt a lot from our tour guide Tony and the staff organised the visit very well.” - **Winnie L**



“The visit to France and Belgium was a great experience! That was a once in a lifetime opportunity. It was greatly organised by Mr Gildroy, Miss Jenkins, Mrs Taylor and Mr Daley. Special thanks to our tour guide Tony for his fantastic knowledge.” - **Mason S**

“It was really interesting being in the trenches and memorials. Our tour guide Tony was really good and gave us loads of information”. - **Dex R**

“The visit was really interesting, and it was good to learn about and experience what WW1 soldiers went through”. - **Sam L**

“The visit was extremely interesting and well organised. The facts were very helpful and so were the teachers. It was fascinating to see the different trenches”. - **Ziva T**



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Welcome



Welcome from Ms Boyd



Hello from a busy Caedmon College. Firstly, thank you very much for your generosity towards Whitby Food Bank this year. We have already collected many items but there is plenty of time if you still want to donate. Our last day for students bringing in items is Friday 8 December which is when we will have our talent show.

This year, as usual, Mrs Cooke has organised a trip to the pantomime for Year 7 (oh no she hasn't!). The trip is due to take place on 12th December and is always a good day out. There are still some tickets available. If you have a son/daughter in Year 7 and would like them to attend, please contact school.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Whitby Sixth Form Open Evening last week. It felt busy and productive. The governors and LEA are committed to growing the sixth form in Whitby and the team does a great job bringing out the best in our post 16 students. If you missed it but want to know more, please contact sixthformwhitby@ccwhitby.org and someone will ring you to organise a visit. Deciding what to do is tricky but I would recommend that all students look at every option so they can make an informed choice.

Ms Boyd
Head of School





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Welcome from Mr Nicholson



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I am writing this less than 24 hours since returning from a most successful four-day overseas educational visit. It was my great privilege to accompany 41 of our students to the World War One battlefields in Belgium and France. A more detailed account will follow in subsequent newsletters, but it is sufficing to say for now that the students' behaviour and attitude was superb. The commitment staff team of Mr. Bloor, Mrs Kitchingman, Mr Jones and myself were brilliantly led by Mrs. Hodgson, who choreographed the whole visit wonderfully. It was a really memorable visit. And thanks too to colleagues back at school who supported the visit in their own way by covering for staff on the visit.

Elsewhere in school it is important for students to refocus their efforts in lessons as the excitement of Christmas looms into view at the end of the week, as there is still plenty of the term left. These are all precious days that can make a difference. Students should reflect on that and make the most of every learning opportunity they are presented with. Most students are doing this, most of the time. We are working towards all students, all of time! I would remind students of the importance of following the school's core values. Respect, Kindness and Honesty help bind our community together and need to be enacted at all times by everyone here, students and staff alike. A reminder too, that we expect high standards of uniform and there is a fairly large selection of second-hand items available should it be needed. Please contact the school if you do need any; we want to help.

There are plenty of opportunities still to be grasped both in and outside the classroom (I have just seen a group of music students depart for a concert in Durham tonight), so I'd challenge our youngsters to take up those chances as soon as they can!

Mr Nicholson
Head of School





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County Cricket Success

Huge congratulations to Maiya in Year 8 who has been successful in achieving a place on the Yorkshire County Cricket Club Under-13 County age group programme!

Good luck with all of the training and well done!

Music Exam Success

The results are in, and absolutely superb for four young and hard working musicians in their recent instrumental exams.

Christine Zhang: grade 2 violin with distinction

Mylo Lonsdale: grade 2 guitar with distinction

Lilac Cavany-Bearman: grade 2 violin with merit

Anya Liu: grade 1 violin with distinction





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Sixth Form Foundation Group

Since September the Sixth Form Foundation group have been on a variety of visits.

In September we visited Scarborough and went ten-pin bowling. Our new starters were the top of the leader board.

In October, we visited Beacon Farm and Lidl to source pumpkins for our pumpkin carving art lesson.

November has seen us having another trip to Scarborough to visit the Stephen Joseph Theatre to watch 'sing a long' Matilda.

We have also been to York where we visited 'York Chocolate Story' a successful day where a fair amount of chocolate was made and eaten.

A trip to the pantomime in Middlesbrough is planned in December.





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Why study Politics at WSF

What will I study and how will I be assessed?

Lively, relevant, controversial. These are just some of the ways to describe A-level Politics. Covering news and events in the UK and USA (past and present) we will look at different political controversies, such as: should Matt Hancock have gone on I'm a Celebrity? Will Donald Trump become US president again?

100% examination at the end of the course on three papers:

Paper 1: Government and Politics of the UK (33.3%) - This unit comprises a study of the nature of the UK, constitution and the issues and debates around it. You will examine the structure and role of parliament and how accountable it is. The topic of the Prime Minister and their relationship with Cabinet and Parliament. As well as the relationship with the EU and devolved nations.

Paper 2: Government and Politics of the USA and Comparative Politics (33.3%) - this unit is made up of topics similar to the UK and include the US constitution, the president, and civil rights. A comparative unit is included based on UK and US politics.

Paper 3: Political ideas (33.3%) - This unit looks at four distinct ideologies, three of which are compulsory: Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism. As well as one optional ideology from Nationalism, Multi-culturalism, and Feminism (which will be decided with the class which they would prefer to focus on). Students are given the opportunity to examine each ideology, the various 'thinkers' associated with each ideology and relate this to thinking on human nature, the state, society, and the economy.

What do students do afterwards?

Politics is an increasingly popular academic qualification which is highly valued by universities and employers, due to students developing research, written communication, and debate skills. Students have gone on to study various topics at university such as, politics, sociology, history, advertising. The course has helped provide students with employment in various industries including politics, law, international organisations, the media, government and the civil service.

What can I do to prepare?

The best thing that you can do is to keep up to date with what is going on with politics. You can do this by watching the news, PMQs or reading what is happening on your phones. Come and talk to Mr Gildroy who will be happy to discuss the content and style of teaching and learning in more depth. If you can't come and see us send an email with any questions you have.

Enrichment opportunities

Such as inviting guest speakers, mock elections, visits to hear prominent speakers.



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Talent Show

Friday 8 December 2023

in the main hall at lunch time

£1 per ticket

To enter, come and see Miss Ruberry/Ms Beattie,
with name and running time of your act.

1st - £15 Sainsbury's voucher; 2nd - £5 Sainsbury's voucher;
3rd - £5 Sainsbury's voucher





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Sports Day 2008

With fine weather predicted for the annual Normanby Sports Day expectations around college were high. The morning of the 21 July however proved anything but with cold winds and an overcast sky, temperatures barely making it into double figures. Despite the cold, once again we saw an impressive number of participants across all the year groups and high-quality performances in a whole range of activities.

The golf tournament began the day's festivities. Despite an abbreviated competition due to the inclement weather, the event held at Whitby Golf Club was eventually won by Cholmley after a great performance from Dan Brown who stood up to the ferocious conditions a la Padraig Harrington in the British Open. It was Cholmley House who began the morning activities in fine form. Victory was theirs in the trampolining, orienteering, indoor rowing, and badminton competitions. Kerry Storr deserves the plaudits for a solid trampolining routine that gave her a convincing victory. In a close orienteering event Cholmley managed to pip Scoresby to victory by seconds. The tables were turned in tennis with Scoresby defeating Cholmley into second place. Albany came out on top in the Cross Country competition, their only victory in the morning activities. The race was won by Jack Jordan (Scoresby) but impressive runs by Sam Hutchinson, Adrian Swaine, Tom Steyert and Tom Lodge gave Albany enough points for overall victory. In a dramatic Rounders event Cholmley finally secured the win with a



narrow 5 rounders to 4½ defeat of Scoresby in the last game (on such fine margins are Sports Days won and lost!).

By the conclusion of the morning activities Cholmley had a narrow lead over Scoresby with Albany struggling in third: Albany 36 points, Scoresby 50 points, Cholmley 58 points.

By the time the afternoon activities began the question on everybody's lips was 'could Cholmley hold on to their lead?' (well, nearly everybody's lips!).

One of the newer events for Sports Day – the Chess competition (for the less energetic but more intellectually inclined students) – was closely fought with eventually Cholmley declared the winners.

The afternoon events ran like clockwork with the sun finally deciding to make an appearance adding to the atmosphere for both competitors and spectators (who incidentally were a credit to the College, enthusiastically cheering on the competitors). In the 'big' team events each House battled away for every point available but it was Cholmley who continued to set the pace with 4 vital victories in the football, hockey, cricket and rugby competitions. Scoresby were successful in the basketball competition and Albany took the honours in the netball tournament. In a closely fought table-tennis competition all three houses finished level.

All the students came together during the last part of the afternoon to take part in and support the track athletics





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competition with students participating in various relay races. The enthusiasm and commitment was fantastic and it was Cholmley who were crowned athletics champions for the second year running!

With the competition reaching its inevitable climax could the recently introduced staff/student fun relay race be the defining moment. Despite the enthusiastic response from the crowd, a fine effort from Ms Malone the answer, alas, was no. Nobody exactly knows who actually triumphed despite protestations from some staff and counter claims of cheating from others.

Ultimately, by the time of the last event - the tug-of-war competition - Cholmley had wrapped up a comprehensive Sports Day victory and the ensuing battle was purely for the runners-up spot (Albany managing to pip Scoresby for the honour).

Cholmley successfully finished the day with 159 points which sets a new overall points tally for Sports Day and was their first victory in four years. Defending champions Albany came second on a distant 120 with Scoresby finishing in a close third on 117 points.

Students not participating in the 'competition' events took part in a very active session of body combat, well done Ms Drummond and Ed Turner. My thanks must go to the PE department for ensuring Sports Day was, once again, a



real success. Both competitors and spectators conducted themselves admirably and were a credit to their respective Houses. Thanks must go, also, to staff involved in the day, particularly those who took responsibility for events and ensured their smooth running from start to finish. Lastly, a final thank you to Ann Noble who acted as scorer on the day, as she has done for many years, and who is retiring after 30 years of teaching at Whitby Community College!

- Final result:**
- 1st Cholmley - 159 points
 - 2nd Albany - 120 points
 - 3rd Scoresby - 117 points

Dale Corcoran, July 2008





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CHRISTMAS WORDS & MUSIC

presented by the Music and
Drama students of
Caedmon College Whitby

Thursday 21 December, 6.00pm

Normanby Site
Main Hall

Admission by donation





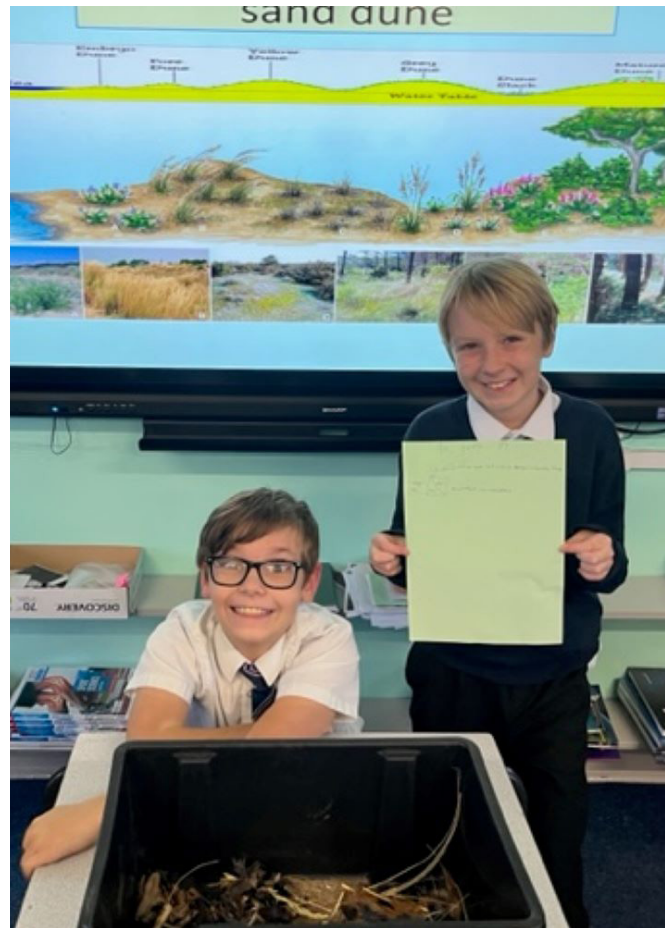
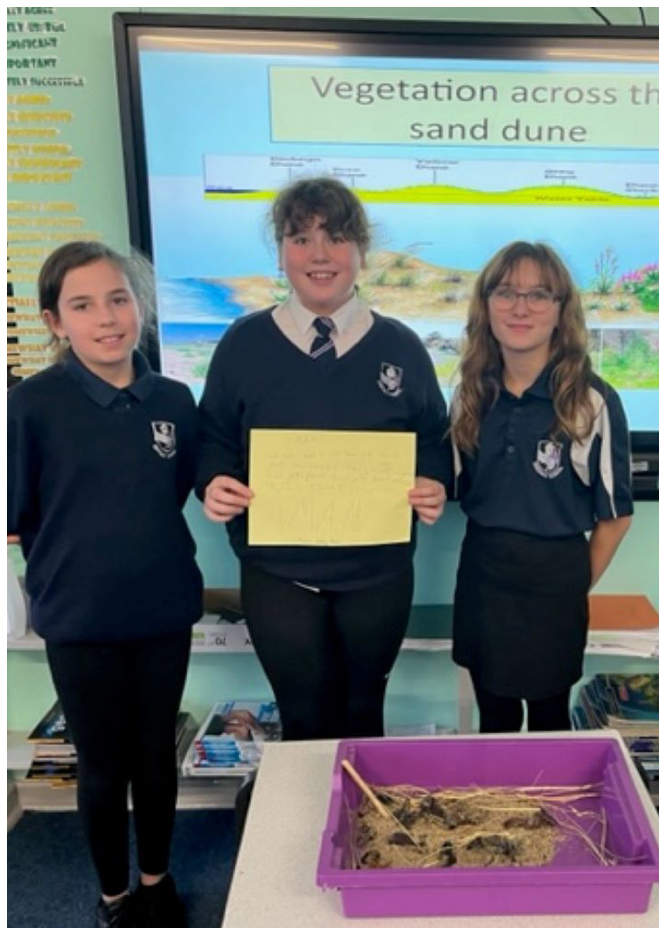
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Creativity shines in lessons

Our Year 7s have been working on coastal management and sand dune creation in their geography lessons. The students were given a brief to create a model using sand and sea weed or old grasses to show how dunes develop over time. Given our coastal location it is especially valuable that our youngsters learn about the challenges of living near the sea and this unit of study does exactly that. The results are impressive with the students really engaging in the activity. The product of their endeavours are shown below.





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It is not just our youngest students who have been showing their creative side, as our Year 10 artists have been exploring nature with Mrs Parkin's guidance.

The students who are in their first term of their GCSE studies have been developing their traditional skills, whilst concentrating on the topic of nature.

Mrs Parkin reports how carefully and purposefully the students are working and they are producing some lovely outcomes as you can see.





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Whole School Assessment Information

Remaining Parents' Evenings 2023-24

Year Group	Date
7	Thursday 14 March 2024
8	Thursday 2 May 2024
9	Thursday 18 January 2024
9 Options Evening	Thursday 8 February 2024
10	Thursday 13 June

N.B. All parents' evenings run from 4-6pm and take place in person in the main school hall. We look forward to seeing parents there.

Upcoming reports

All year groups will receive a report card in December. This includes Year 11 who will receive their mock grades from the November exams.

Parental reminder: If you need to contact school you are welcome to do so via the following email: post@eskdale-school.co.uk or phone on 01947 602856 and one of our admin team will make sure the right person deals with your enquiry. Thank you for your continued support of the school.



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Information

Who do you need to contact?

Caedmon College Pastoral Team

SENCo:	Mrs Kirk
Director of Learning Y7, 8 & 9:	Mrs Harrion
Assistant DoL Y7:	Mrs Cassell-Osowski
Pastoral Managers Y7, 8 & 9:	Mrs Wood Miss Clarkson
Director of Learning Y10 & 11:	Mrs Gordon
Assistant DoL Y7:	Mrs Ruberry
Pastoral Managers Y10 & 11:	Mr Taylor Mrs Ross
Email for all is:	post@ccwhitby.org

Eskdale School Pastoral Team:

Deputy Head:	Mr Dixon
Inclusion Manager /SENDCO:	Mr Jones
Head of Year 11:	Mrs Scales
Head of Year 10:	Mr Raw
Head of Year 7, 8 & 9:	Mrs Bradley
Pastoral support:	Mrs Wilson
Email for all is:	post@eskdale-school.co.uk

Term Dates

Half term 2	Monday 6 November – Friday 22 December
Half term 3	Tuesday 9 January – Friday 9 February
Half term 4	Monday 19 February – Friday 22 March
Half term 5	Tuesday 9 April – Friday 24 May
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May
Half term 6	Monday 3 June – Friday 19 July <i>(Year 11 off roll at end of June)</i>



Training Days

Monday 8 January 2024
Monday 8 April 2024



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Upcoming Events

Caedmon College Events

Y13 Mock Exams

Monday 27 November-Friday 8 December

Y7 Pantomime Trip

Tuesday 12 December

Y9 Carousel Workshops with CU Scarborough

Tuesday 19 December (provisional), 9.30am-12.30pm

Christmas Break

Monday 25 December-Friday 5 January 2024

Eskdale School Upcoming Events

Y7 Pantomime Trip

Tuesday 12 December

Y9 Carousel Workshops with CU Scarborough

Tuesday 19 December (provisional), 9.30am-12.30pm

Exam Dates

Mock Exams – Series 2

Monday 26 February –
Friday 8 March 2024

GCSEs

May to June 2024
(final dates TBC)

Exam Contingency Day

Friday 28 June