



# ESKDALE NEWS

*A place of belonging, a place of inspiration*

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to this issue of Eskdale News. We hope that you enjoy this edition, which is packed with information regarding what our students have been up to over the past few weeks and details of upcoming events, as well as useful information.

We now have the facility to send secure emails, therefore if you do not currently receive emails and would like to, please contact us, with your child's name, at [admin@eskdale.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@eskdale.n-yorks.sch.uk)

## Whitby 6th Form visit

On Friday 11th October, 6 students from our Year 11 visited Whitby 6th Form to have a tour and speak to current staff and students there. Mr Fyfe stated that, as always, our students were a credit to themselves, their families, and Eskdale and that he hoped that visiting the 6th form would inspire them to attend next year. Our students gave us the following feedback;

It was great that we could share our views and ideas for the 6th Form. The staff and students were very nice and it was a very friendly atmosphere

Harriet B

Visiting the sixth form was very eye-opening for me. I wasn't expecting to feel so welcomed! It was lovely to have the opportunity to speak to students about the courses available. Our tour of the college was very exciting... You really have to see it to believe it! Lilly W



# WHITBY SIXTH FORM

Overall I thought it was an amazing opportunity to be able to look around the college. It had a pleasant atmosphere and a great sense on independence. With a few minor improvements it will be a great place to learn. Max U

The 6th Form definitely surprised me. Everyone is friendly and there are so many exciting renovations to the college building

Zach H

# The blood on your hands could easily be your own

## Don't carry knives



We do not have a massive knife crime problem in North Yorkshire, but some young people still make the decision to carry a knife or blade.

You may think it gives you street cred, makes you feel big or earns you respect but the truth is none of these are good enough reasons for carrying a knife.

If you are found with a knife or weapon you could be prosecuted and end up in prison - in the long term it could affect your future employment and travel prospects.

In fact, 7 out of 10 young people who end up in A&E with a knife injury have been stabbed with their own knife. Carrying a blade actually puts you at risk.

## It is against the law to carry a knife or weapon

**Speak up - there is help out there, you can talk to your teacher, designated safeguarding lead or parent/guardian.**

You can also talk to a professional in confidence:  
**ChildLine could be your first call on 0800 1111 or visit**

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

The majority of people do not carry a weapon or knife - for more information please visit [www.northyorkshire.police.uk](http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk)

or contact



**CrimeStoppers.**  
**0800 555111**  
100% anonymous. Always.

# #knifefree

### Important Attendance Information

NYP18-0142

At Eskdale School excellent attendance and punctuality is our aim for every student. Full attendance maximises learning opportunities and parents/carers have the responsibility for ensuring their child's attendance is as good as it can possibly be.

Support from parents/carers is crucial to ensure that their children are present in school at every opportunity, arrive on time and avoid allowing them to stay at home unnecessarily, or taking them out of school without authorisation. As a parent/carer you have a legal responsibility to make sure that your child gets a full time education between the ages of 5 and 16 years old. Evidence shows that students who attend school regularly make better progress both academically and socially.



Do you think that 95% attendance is good ?  
**THINK AGAIN !!**

You will have missed over **57 hours in KS3** and **75 hours in KS4** of learning.  
**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

- 90% attendance means the equivalent of missing 4 whole weeks in one school year.
- Over 5 years this is the equivalent of missing HALF a school year.
- Missing just 17 days in one year can mean dropping a full grade at GCSE.
- Only 10% of persistent truants achieve 5 grade: 4- 9 passes at GCSE.
- 5 or more GCSE passes can increase wages by 42%.
- 75% of pupils with 95% attendance or more achieve 5 grade: 4-9 passes at GCSE.
- Of pupils with less than 90% attendance only 25% achieve 5 grade: 4-9 passes at GCSE.
- Schools are open 195 days a year that leaves 170 other dates for leisure time.
- A child on holiday for 2 weeks during term time will miss 50 one hour lessons. Some never catch up.
- Being late 10 minutes each day for one year is equal to missing approximately 6 school days.

Please give careful consideration to the impact that any leave of absence or a term time holiday may have on your child's learning opportunities. Please be aware that no term time holiday will be authorised and any leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.



## [Eskdale PTA Christmas Fair](#)

[Non Uniform Day](#)

[Friday 25th October](#)

To support our PTA and their upcoming Christmas Fair, on 25th October students are invited to attend school in non-uniform. We are requesting donations of chocolate for their Chocolate Tombola stall

Thank you

# Diary Dates

Monday 14th October

Tuesday 15th October

U16 Netball @ Malton - 4pm

Wednesday 16th October

Thursday 17th October

U14 District Netball @ Scalby -  
1.30pm

Friday 18th October

Monday 21st October

U16 County Hockey @ Queen Ethel-  
bergs - 4pm

Tuesday 22nd October

U14 District Netball trials @ Malton

U16 District Netball trials @ Scalby

Wednesday 23rd October

Y11 Careers Interviews

Thursday 24th October

Y11 Careers Interviews

Friday 25th October

U14& U16 KO Football @ Eskdale

PTA Non Uniform Day - Chocolate  
Donations for Christmas Fair

## Homework Sessions

We are happy to advise that Mrs J Briggs is now running homework sessions in the Learning Support room. These sessions will be available Monday to Friday before school, Monday to Thursday after school until 4.30, and every lunchtime. If you need access to a computer, or just want some time to catch up with work, then this facility is here for you. No need to book in, just turn up.

## ***Do you have an unwanted laptop/chromebook bag?***

Some of our students that need to carry a laptop around with them whilst in school and therefore we would be grateful of any unwanted new or used bags you could donate to us.

Thank you



## Operation Christmas Child has begun!

Get an empty medium sized shoebox, and wrap the box and lid separately in colourful wrapping paper . Attach the appropriate boy/girl label . Select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and attach the label to the top of your shoebox.

Fill your shoebox with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. If possible, include one or two special items you know a child will love such as a doll, cuddly toy or deflated football with pump.

**Due to more stringent import regulations, toothpaste and sweets can no longer be included in shoeboxes.**

Hand in to Mrs C Pearson Lab 4 at Eskdale by Friday 8th November 4pm if possible.

They are being collected at 9am on Tuesday 12th November.

## Eskdale's Icons

This week in school we were celebrating National Poetry Day and to link in with this, our Eskdale Icon is William Shakespeare.

### Sonnet 18

Shall I compare thee to a  
summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and  
more temperate:  
Rough winds do shake the  
darling buds of May,  
And summer's lease hath all  
too short a date;  
Sometime too hot the eye of  
heaven shines,  
And often is his gold complexion  
dimm'd;  
And every fair from fair sometime  
declines,  
By chance or nature's changing  
course untrimm'd;  
But thy eternal summer shall  
not fade,  
Nor lose possession of that  
fair thou ow'st;  
Nor shall death brag thou  
wander'st in his shade,  
When in eternal lines to time  
thou grow'st:

So long as men can breathe  
or eyes can see,

So long lives this, and this  
gives life to thee.





# Letters for Parents



# Eskdale School

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## **Year 9 and 10 Maths Visit 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2020**

Dear Parents /Carers,

We are proposing to take a group of year 9 and 10 students to London and Bletchley Park in July.

The purpose of this visit is to illustrate the importance of mathematics in the past, present and future.

We intend to travel by coach and stay at the Meininger Hotel in London on a bed and breakfast basis.

Our visit includes a visit to the science museum, a visit to the British Museum to try their maths challenge, and a visit to Bletchley Park, the home of the code breakers in the Second World War.

We ran a similar visit 2 years ago and it proved very popular.

The cost of the visit will be approximately £200, depending on the number of students wishing to go. This can be paid in 3 instalments:- £50 deposit, £75 by the end of term (December), and the balance by the end of the spring term (end of March).

This includes all travel, travel insurance, accommodation, entrance fees, breakfast on the second day and a 2 course evening meal in a restaurant.

If you would like your child to attend please return the slip with your deposit to school as soon as possible, and before the 11<sup>th</sup> of October, as places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

If you feel you would like to discuss any issue please contact Mrs Teasdale or Mrs Hurworth at school either by phone or email and one of us will be in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G Teasdale  
Teacher of Mathematics

Mrs Z Hurworth  
Assistant Headteacher

Mr A Fyfe  
Headteacher

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## **Year 9 and 10 Maths Visit 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 – FAO Mrs Teasdale or Mrs Hurworth**

I would like my child ..... Form ....., to take part in the proposed visit.

I enclose £50 deposit and agree to pay the remainder by the given times. (Cheques made payable to Eskdale school). The deposit is non-refundable unless the visit is cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

Signed (Parent/Carer) .....

Date.....

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