

Filey School News



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A welcome from our new Deputy Headteacher. Mr Clark



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Welcome to the first edition of Filey School News of 2024 and best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year. This edition celebrates successes from last term and looks forward to the new year.

This edition represents another first as it affords me my inaugural opportunity to address you in my role as the new Deputy Headteacher here at Filey School. Having worked at my previous school – just a short drive from my home – for 16 years, it was going to need to be something special for me to move on and begin a daily lengthy commute of the sort I am now experiencing; but Filey School is special and the chance to work with the staff and students here was one I could not let pass. I am delighted to have been given this new opportunity and look forward to working alongside yourselves – as well as colleagues in school and across the Coast and Vale Trust – to provide the best possible experiences and outcomes for the youngsters in our care.

My career in teaching began in my home town of Goole, working as an English teacher in the school I had gone to as a child. After four years, I became Head of English at Wolfreton School, a post I held for seven years before joining the senior leadership team there as Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Teaching and Learning. In the time since, I have led on a variety of strategies including Staff Development, Whole-School Reading and Raising Standards amongst others, and will enjoy putting this experience to work at Filey School. Being in the classroom interacting with students remains the most enjoyable part of my job, and I look forward to playing my part in developing the quality of Teaching and Learning within the school to help our students fulfil their potential.

My previous students know me for my love of Manchester United, of English Literature – particularly the peerless *To Kill a Mockingbird* and the works of Charles Dickens - of cricket, and of writing my own stories and collating joke books - so please keep your eyes out for the latter when Comic Relief and Christmas come around!

Already I have been impressed by the achievements of the students here and by the culture of the school, some examples of which you can read about in this edition. The introduction of PROUD Thursdays where students can share their best work with senior staff has been a superb innovation, as has the Golden Ticket awards scheme which I was fortunate enough to see in action just before Christmas. It has also already been a joy to hear year 7 recite the Filey song whilst at the other end of the school I have seen the immense efforts being made to support our year 11s as we push towards their terminal exams in May / June.

I hope you will enjoy reading about the exploits of the staff and students below and I look forward to many successful years of collaboration with our students, staff, carers and community.

Filey Lions Christmas Dinner - Saturday 9th December



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On Saturday 9th December, Filey School hosted the Filey Lions Christmas Dinner. Guests were able to listen to the school choir performing a number of Christmas tunes both prior to and after the meal. The full Christmas lunch was prepared in the school canteen by our kitchen team and was served to the guests by our students.

The event was a superb start to the Christmas season and brought our community together for lovely time.



Filey Lions Christmas Dinner - Saturday 9th



Our new Sports Leaders Programme



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Pictured above - Left to Right

Kiah G, Sierra R, Paige P, Isla H
Leah M, Ellie L



Centre Approval
Certificate
October 2023

Sports Leaders.

Y9 and Y10 students are training to become Sports Leaders and have begun their learning on how to become the most effective Sports Leader. Throughout the next few months students will learn the most important attributes of leadership and then apply them in four one-hour PE lessons to Filey School students. This is a fantastic opportunity for our successful students.

At the end of the qualification students will become YourTime Sports Leaders and will receive a signed certificate from an athlete.

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Coventry University Scarborough



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We know that making decisions for future study is very important and that there are many pathways to consider when students leave us at the end of Year 11. Coventry University Scarborough delivered a session to Year 9 students on 27th November and 1st December looking at the possibilities in higher education; how this may benefit their future prospects and the range of courses on offer both at CU Scarborough and other HE institutions. Thanks go to Hayley at CU.

It's never too early to think about your future! You can find details of open events at local post-16 providers on our website. <https://www.filey.coastandvale.academy/for-pupils/careers-and-guidance/>



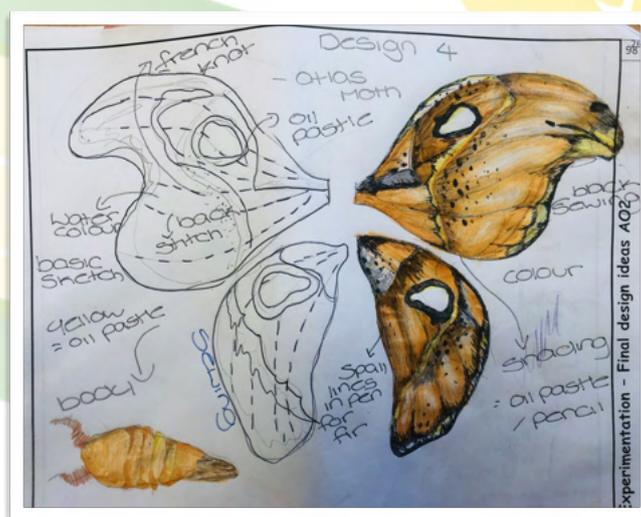
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Outstanding Work in Textiles

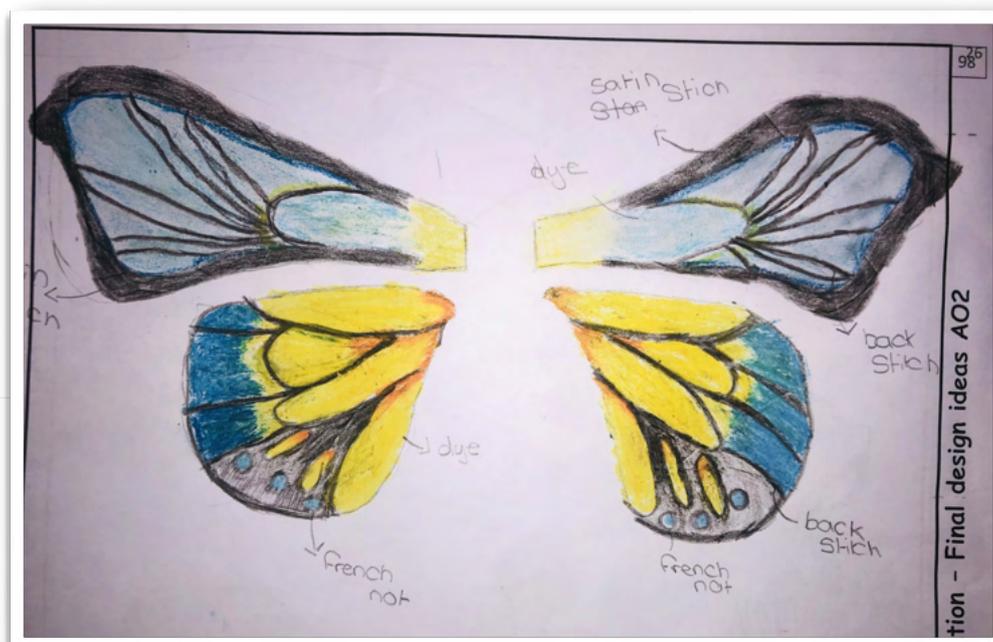


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GREEN - Macy M, BROWN - Ellie M, BLUE / YELLOW - Maisie S



Pictured here are three superb examples of Year Nine student work in Textiles.

The designs are inspired by Yumi Okita, a North Carolina artist who creates beautiful textile sculptures with various textiles.

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Half Term Bake Sale: Raising Money for East Coast Tigers



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Just before we broke up for the half term holiday, the school held a bake sale event to raise money for the East Coast Tigers Cheerleading club, who next year have the opportunity to travel to America to compete in the final of a cheer leading competition (which includes some of our own students- Alexa C, Phoebe B-C and Lily H) . This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the girls and the club. Staff and students alike donated cakes and sweet treats. In total we raised £160. Thank you to everyone involved.



More Sporting Success! Table Tennis



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Max D, Theo W, Liam J, Dillon R

On Monday 29th November our table tennis team travelled to Graham School to take part in the Scarborough Schools Cup.

Our team played fantastically well, winning the competition whilst displaying great ambition to succeed. The team played Graham School, Pindar School and Scalby School.

Special thanks must go to Dillon R who stepped in at the very last moment to complete the team!

Ambition!



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Reading Maps - The Skilful Way!



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Year Seven students learning valuable map skills and developing their knowledge of their local area using Ordnance Survey maps in Geography.

In these days of modern technology, the art of reading a traditional Ordnance Survey map has been forgotten by many due to the ease of use of phone apps such as Google Maps.



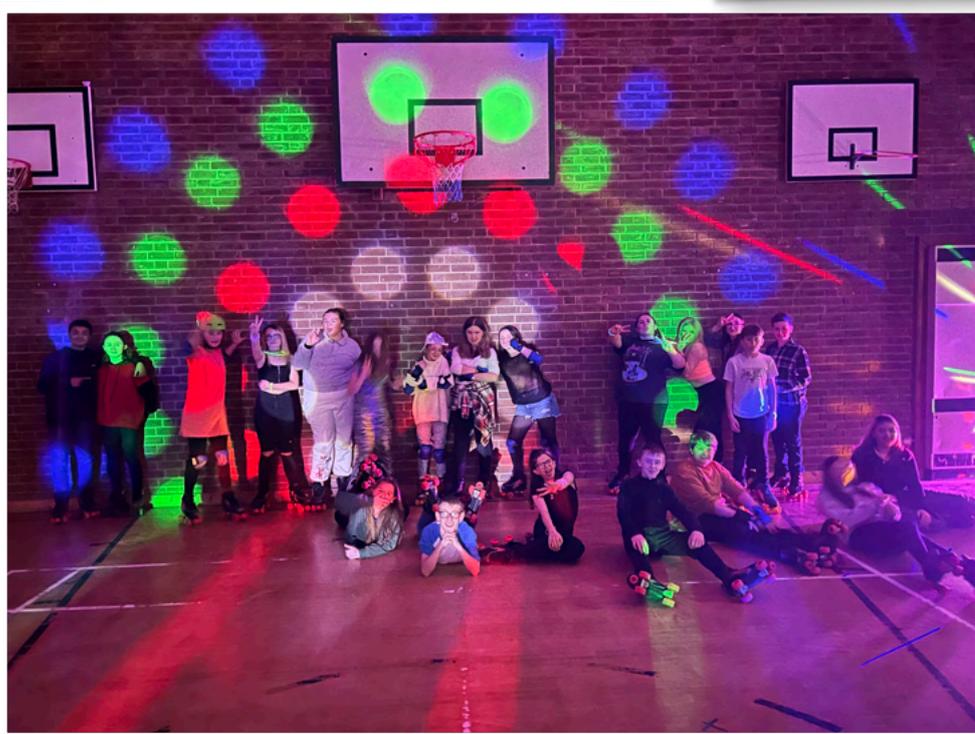
In the Autumn Term of Year Seven, all students are introduced to maps and map skills. Over a period of weeks after learning the basic skills, the course culminates in activities based on the study of an Ordnance Survey of our local area including Filey, Hunmanby and Flamborough. Challenges are set for students to tackle using the skills they have learnt through the term.

It's Roller Disco Time at Filey School



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Our KS3 students skated throughout the night to raise money for the Y11 prom and the Wave Charity. We managed to raise over £300 (final total pending).

A huge well done to our Deputy Head students and Y11 girls who assisted with the evening, helping it run as smooth as possible.

A huge thank you will also go to the Brazier family who all came out to support and run the event; amazing support from the Filey community!

And finally, a huge thank you to the staff who helped run the evening.

Year Eleven Mock Interviews - November 2023



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To help get students ready for the world of work, Year 11 took part in mock interviews on Friday 24th November. Students were able to practise their interview techniques and learn how to showcase their transferable skills. A huge thanks goes to Cura Insurance, CU Scarborough, the British Army, and Haven; we were only able to offer students this invaluable experience thanks to their support.

Katherine Lavender of Haven said, "Thank you so much for having us, all the team found the mock interviews really rewarding and had so much praise for each of the students on their behaviour, politeness, and energy to achieve."



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Year Eleven Mock Interviews - November 2023



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Here at Filey School we are committed to providing our students with a planned programme of activities to equip them with the necessary information and experiences to help them make appropriate choices regards future study and employment.

You can find out more about our CEIAG (careers education, information, advice and guidance) on our school website under the 'for pupils' section, careers and guidance.



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We Will Remember Them

Sunday 12th November

Lily G - Yr 8



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On Remembrance Sunday I was part of a parade in Scarborough. I am a member of the Sea Cadets band. On the Saturday night we stayed in the unit in Scarborough and were treated to a pizza party in the evening! In the morning it took us ages to prepare as we needed to put all our webbing on. We then marched to St Mary's Church and then marched down to the lifeboat station where we honoured the 2 minute silence. We then enjoyed a lovely hot chocolate at the Harbour Bar. The whole day was amazing and I really enjoyed it.



News from the Learning Resource Centre



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Christmas cheer has descended on the LRC once again! This has been helped enormously by the amazing response we had to our Autumn book fair. We reached sales of nearly £620, which gave the library over £240 back to spend on books from Scholastic! The lucky winners of the draw for a free book were: Ben and Esme (year 7), Poppy (year 9) and Jasmine (year 10)

The tension is also mounting in our Christmas Chess Tournament as we move into round 2!



Year Seven Song Competition!!



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7 LAD



7 KKE



7 LTA



7 MBO

On Friday 15th December during assembly time, the four Year Seven Form groups took to the stage to present to the year group, in front of a panel of three judges the song that they had spent many weeks preparing.

All the songs were very well presented but there had to be a winning entry. After some very tight decisions, 7LAD were crowned the winners!

Congratulations to 7LAD



Our host and judging panel.

Successful Students at Filey School - Ellie S - Yr 10



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SCARBOROUGH SPA & TONY PEERS LTD PRESENT

7th December - 1st January 2024

ON SALE NOW!

Star Of Milkshake!
AMY THOMPSON
as Jill

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

DANIEL DEAN
Back By Popular Demand

Scarborough Spa WWW.SCARBOROUGHSPA.CO.UK · BOX OFFICE 01723 376774 TONY PEERS

I've been performing in the Scarborough Spa Pantomime of Jack and the beanstalk. I go to a dance school called TLC who perform every Christmas. We play villagers and backing dancers. I've done it for 4 years and every year we start rehearsals mid way through October right up to the start of December when we do our first show. We are split into different teams and each team performs every other day. Our rehearsals are every Sunday and sometimes throughout the week. When we get to the last week of rehearsals we take a few days off school to run the full show before we have an audience.

I love doing the pantomime because it's a great experience and I get to do it with my friends and meet some great people. The shows are nerve racking but exciting because of the audiences we get. When we start doing panto it makes me feel more christmassy as well because it's like a countdown to Christmas. I love making up the routines and helping to teach them to each team. It's a great experience and i will be sad when it's over,

Autumn Sports Roundup



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Basketball was the focus this term with all year groups playing at Pindar school on Tuesday nights. The new Scarborough schools' format is working very well with a league format across all sports with a winner at the end of the summer term. The five schools competing are Pindar, St Augustine's, Graham, Scalby and us. The Year 11 boys played exceptional well finishing second overall. Year 8 and 9 had a mixed team playing some lovely basketball and finished 3rd overall.



Our Year 7 netball team played their first ever competitive fixture for Filey School. The girls played fantastically with player of the match Lola S.

Year 9s played their first competitive netball tournament this half term. Player of the match Kiah G.

Well done to the Y8 netball team who played in the Scarborough partnership netball tournament this half term. Player of the match Libby H.

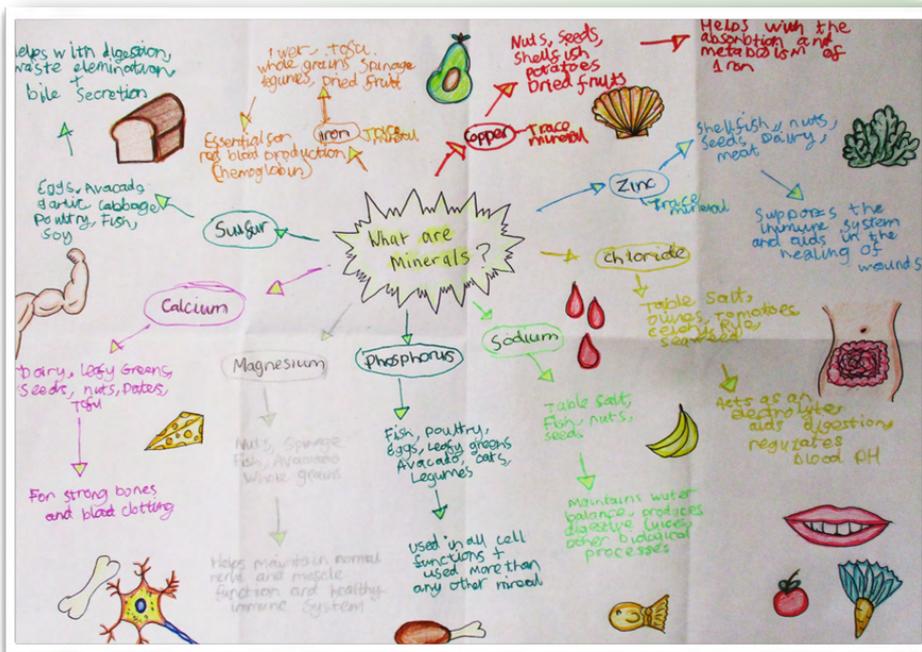
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Creative Work from Design Technology



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Year Nine Food

Year 9 were asked to find out about minerals found in various food types. There were some amazing pieces of work submitted by the class but this piece demonstrated some real style and ambition by creating a very creative and detailed mind map.



Year Seven Food

Year 7 were asked to create a mind map about macronutrients, their function in the body and the food sources they are found in. These show outstanding effort.

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Filey School Christmas Dinner



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On Friday 15th December, Students were offered the opportunity to have a Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings.

The catering team worked extremely hard from early in the morning to ensure that everything was in place for the start of lunch at 12.20.

Students were treated to turkey, stuffing, Yorkshire pudding pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, carrots, peas and gravy - all finished off with a generous portion of Christmas pudding and custard!

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Outstanding Work in Year 8 English



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At the end of this term, Year 8 were given a creative project to craft and design book boxes, focusing on our text, Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror.

The students had to write a sophisticated review of the novel on the back, design a colourful and meaningful front cover, and then fill their boxes with 10 items relevant to the story and its themes.

Year 8 showed fantastic resourcefulness in this project, with many students bringing in cereal boxes for one another and sharing materials from home (and from outside!)

However, the effort and engagement Year 8 demonstrated with this project was not over yet!

Once all boxes were finished, they had to stand in front of the class and present their finished book box, explaining their reasoning for their design choices and their inclusion of themed items.

Myself, and wonderful guest judge Miss Hammond, then had the trouble of deciding winners from the presentations we saw, and the competition was fierce.

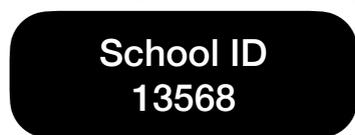
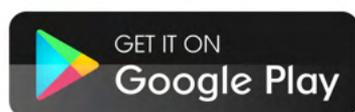
Despite an excellent effort all around, the results were: Maizie W and James F sharing third place, Jasmine K in second place, and a very proud Sam C achieving first place.

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'My Child at School App' - Improving Communication



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As a school we continue to improve our communication channels. Our most important channel is the one between the school and our parents / carers. We are constantly exploring ways to improve this communication so that parents are provided with up to date messages and information.

We are delighted to have launched our new communication portal. We hope this platform will prove an effective and successful way to keep you updated with school events and life.

To ensure you are in receipt of all the relevant messages we send out, please download the 'My Child at School' app from either the App Store or Google Play. This is a free app. We hope you find it easy and informative to use.

If you have any questions regarding the app or how it will be used, please contact the school and we will provide the assistance you require.

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