

Newsletter



Whitecross Hereford
A High School and Specialist Sports College

January 2015 - Happy New Year!

Whitecross is 60!

Did you know that it is exactly sixty years since Whitecross High School first opened its doors to serve the Whitecross area of Hereford? Since then much has changed as the school has evolved from a boys' school to a mixed comprehensive. More recently our move from Baggallay Street to our current site and our development as a Specialist Sports College has seen the school go from strength to strength. Look out for more features and celebrations later in the year.

The Whitecross Trench

The trench has been quiet over the Christmas break and is beginning to look suitably weather worn. Invitations to all Herefordshire primary and secondary schools have been sent out this week and we anticipate a busy year of visits. Mrs E, our Head of History, has put together a fantastic learning programme using our equipment and uniforms and we're very excited about seeing Herefordshire school children from across the county using our trench as a way of learning about the First World War. Our own focus this year will be remembering and learning about the role of the Herefordshire Regiment at Gallipoli in 1915. Check out our twitter feed: @WXFirstWorldWar

Supporting St Michael's Hospice



Well done to Whitecross students for raising a fantastic £1323 for St Michael's Hospice. Together with the Year 7 fete, money was raised through a "Guess the mileage" game as J B's Grandmother rode pillion around Herefordshire ably assisted by Mike Pullen of the Hospice Angels. Mike came in before Christmas to thank everyone involved and of course pick up the cheque for the hospice too!

Read for my School!

Year 7 and 8 students are taking part in this exciting project for the second year running. A wide range of online books are available to read, or students can enter their own ARP books. Last year the number of books read in school increased so much, and students enjoyed taking part in the competitions both within school and nationally.

Mrs T



Dates For Your Diary

Friday 13 February

End of Half Term

Monday 23 February

Start of Term

Thursday 26 February

Year 9 Options Evening &

Years 10/11 Careers Convention

Our value this half term is:

Love

Free School Meals



Are you entitled?

Parents can still pick up information on how to claim for free school meals from reception or from the Herefordshire Council website on www.herefordshire.gov.uk

Calling all Lunchtime Supervisors

If you are interested in helping at school and joining us as a lunchtime supervisor, please contact Mr L for more information. Even if you can spare just one lunchtime a week, we're keen to meet you. Please telephone school or email Receptionist@whitecross.hereford.sch.uk

Parent Pay

A good proportion of Year 7 parents have set up accounts on Parent Pay to pay for their children's lunches and the system is working well.

We encourage parents of any student to register, as this saves you having to write out cheques or send cash in with your children. It is quick and simple to register. Simply contact the school to request an 'activation letter' which details the process.

We intend to extend the use of Parent Pay to school trips and events by the end of the year.



Attendance Matters

If you wake up to heavy snowfall, flooding or storm conditions please check the following to see if school is closed that day.

www.whitecross.hereford.sch.uk
www.herefordshire.gov.uk
BBC Hereford & Worcester 104FM/94.7FM
www.bbc.co.uk/herfordandworcester/local_radio/
Log on to Twitter: @whitecrosshigh



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Lost Something?

There is still a lot of lost property in the Student Services Hub. Students are welcome to look for items at break and lunch times. Any item labelled is always reunited with its owner, but otherwise donated to a charity shop at the end of each term. Please remember to label all your property.

First Aid Matters



If your child suffers from asthma please remember to send in a spare inhaler to main reception so that staff can keep it safe for use in emergency.

Meeting author Katy Moran

A small group of our most imaginative students were invited to the Cathedral School to meet local author Katy Moran, who has written many books for teenagers, the latest being 'Hidden Among Us' a tale set in the present day 'with a twist!'.

Katy's top tip for creative writing – before you start, warm up your brain like you would any muscle before a work-out; spend five minutes or so looking at any object you have to hand and jotting down all the words, characters and emotions which that object brings out in you. You could pick an ornament, toy, picture, coffee mug, anything at all. We looked at an old trumpet, a preserved beetle and an old clown doll which seemed to conjure up all sorts of scary images.

Mrs T

Moon Mission 2015

Launching 20 March.
We're taking part in Moon Mission 2015.
More details will follow soon!



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