

Newsletter

“ Being the best
we can be! ”

Scalby Academy

December 2025

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Latest from the Headteacher

Week Commencing: Monday 1st December

Firstly, thank you for your support during the recent snowy weather.

Following the challenges caused by the snowy conditions two weeks ago, we would like to extend our appreciation once again for your patience and understanding. Despite difficult travel across Scarborough, staff worked tirelessly to ensure that the academy remained open and safe. A special thank you goes to our site team, who were in early each morning clearing and gritting pathways and ensuring the grounds were safe for students and staff. Our teaching and support staff also demonstrated real commitment in maintaining a calm, structured environment throughout the disruption. We are incredibly grateful for the collective effort across our school community.

We are now in a busy period of assessment across the school Year 10 & 11 trial exams and key stage 3 assessments across all of the EBACC subjects. Our Year 11 Trial Exams are progressing well, and students have approached them with maturity and determination. These assessments provide essential preparation ahead of next summer's GCSEs. At the same time, Key Stage 3 core assessments in English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, French and Computer Science are also underway. These help us track progress closely and ensure that each student receives the support and encouragement they need. Parents will receive feedback on these assessments at the end of January when reports are sent home. Thank you for continuing to encourage students to arrive prepared and ready to do their best.



Dates for your Diary



Y11 Trial Exams
Start Monday 24th November



Y9 Virtual Parents Evening
Thursday 4th December 4-7pm
Online only
Book online here



Christmas Holidays
Closes
• Friday 19th December, at 12.30pm
Closed
• Monday 5th January (staff training day).
School re-opens
• Tuesday 6th January 2026.

As we move into the final month of term, we have taken the time to revisit key expectations with students. This includes: Behaviour standards, Uniform, Equipment, Movement around school and Conduct during assessments.

This reset ensures clarity, consistency and a safe, positive learning environment for all students.

To support this consistency during our CPD sessions I have asked staff to ensure they are:

- Supporting students fully during the trial exam and assessment periods,
- Maintaining clear routines following weather disruption,
- Reinforcing calm, purposeful starts to lessons,
- Upholding high standards around behaviour, uniform and equipment.

At the start of the half-term, a group of our Year 9 students and staff visited Holland as part of an enriching Geography and History trip. The visit included cultural experiences, historical learning and subject-focused activities. Students represented the academy exceptionally well throughout — showing curiosity, maturity and excellent behaviour. Staff have reflected on how positive the experience was, with students gaining valuable insights and memories that will stay with them. A huge thank you to the staff who organised and supervised the visit. Your work and commitment provided an outstanding opportunity for our students.

As we move through the final weeks before the Christmas break, we greatly appreciate your continued support. Working in partnership ensures students feel valued, supported and ready to achieve their potential.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the academy office.

Warm regards
Chris Robertson
Headteacher



Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening

Our Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening, will take place on Thursday 4th December. This event provides an important opportunity for you to meet your child's subject teachers, discuss their progress at Scalby School, and begin conversations about subject choices ahead of their KS4 GCSE studies.

Please note that each appointment is limited to five minutes, and the online system will automatically end the meeting once the allotted time has finished.

As some teachers teach multiple Year 9 classes, appointment slots will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Each parent/carer may book a maximum of eight appointments.

Bookings can be made on our online system - <https://scalbyschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. To log in, please enter the details for you and your child when prompted. The system will open for bookings on Monday 24th November at 5:00pm and close on Monday 1st December at 5:00pm.

Please contact the school if you have missed any bookings, and would still like to speak to subject teachers.

School Telephone Number

Please be aware that our school telephone number changed in September. The new contact number is 01723 628607.

The temporary divert from the old number has now ended, so we kindly ask that all future calls are made using the new number.



Free NHS Eye Tests for children

[Please click here for further details of free eye tests.](#)



Staff Update

Congratulations to Mrs Richardson who welcomed her new addition last month. Both mum and baby are doing well!



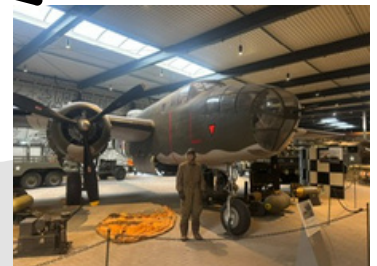


Year 9 Holland Trip: A Journey Through History, Wonder and Wildlife

Our Year 9 students recently returned from an unforgettable educational trip to the Netherlands, where they explored the rich tapestry of Dutch history, culture, and nature. Over four action-packed days, they visited poignant memorials, thrilling theme parks, and immersive wildlife exhibits—each day offering new experiences and lasting memories.

🔦 Day 1: Reflecting at Camp Vught and Overloon War Museum

The journey began with a powerful visit to Camp Vught, a former WWII concentration camp turned national memorial. Students walked through the preserved grounds, gaining insight into the lives of those who suffered and the importance of remembrance. Later, at the Overloon War Museum, they explored extensive exhibits on the Second World War, including tanks, aircraft, and personal stories that brought history vividly to life.



🦄 Day 2: Fairytales and Fun at Efteling

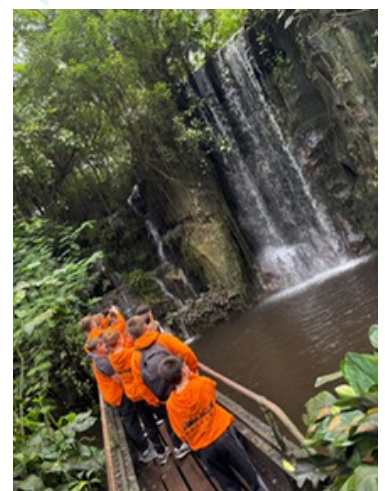
Day two was all about magic and adventure at Efteling, one of Europe's most beloved theme parks. From the enchanting Fairytale Forest to adrenaline-pumping rides like Python and Joris en de Draak, students experienced the joy of storytelling and imagination in motion. It was a day of laughter, bonding, and wide-eyed wonder.



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Day 3: Exploring Nature at Burgers' Zoo

The third day took students to Burgers' Zoo in Arnhem, where they journeyed through ecosystems from around the world. Highlights included the tropical rainforest, desert habitats, and the impressive Ocean exhibit. The immersive environments and close encounters with wildlife sparked curiosity and appreciation for biodiversity and conservation.



Day 4: Honouring the Past at Arnhem War Memorial

The final day concluded with a visit to the Arnhem War Memorial, commemorating the soldiers who fought in the Battle of Arnhem. Students reflected on the courage and sacrifice of those involved, deepening their understanding of the impact of war and the value of peace.

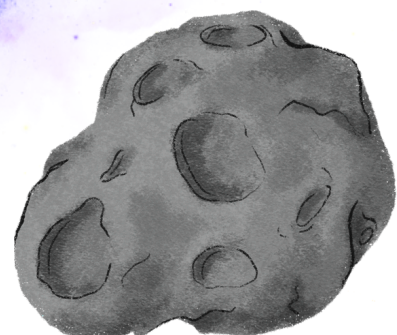
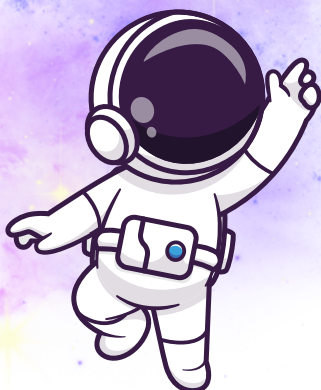


A Trip to Remember

Throughout the trip, our students showed maturity, empathy, and enthusiasm. They returned with new friendships, broader perspectives, and a deeper appreciation for history and nature. A heartfelt thank you to the staff who made this enriching experience possible.

UK Space Design Competition

Students from Scalby School took part in the North of England Regional Final for the UK Space Design Competition 25 on Saturday 15th November at York University. Working as a team to design a spacecraft operating throughout the inner solar system, they were placed a fantastic joint second overall. Nabeel, Zack, Charlotte, Isaac and Bruce from Yr11 formed the Engineering, Propulsion and Business sub-teams along with students from Filey Academy and Lady Lumleys to ensure their design met an exacting brief. As well as taking part in the competition the Yr11 students were treated to a tour of the Physics, Engineering and Astrophysics facilities. Despite not quite winning, everyone had a fun but exhausting day! Dr Harron.



Performing Arts & Music Department



SCALBY ACADEMY PRESENTS

GUYS AND DOLLS JR.

AT THE YMCA THEATRE

THURSDAY 9TH JULY | AT 7:30PM
FRIDAY 10TH JULY | AT 7:30PM
SATURDAY 11TH JULY | AT 2:30PM & 7:30PM

TICKETS FROM £12.50 AVAILABLE AT
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MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
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BOOK BY
JO SWERLING AND ABE BURROWS

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YMCA
THEATRE

Our rehearsals for Guys and Dolls junior are in full swing, and we are having a great time! The students are working so hard and enjoying this amazing musical. Friendships are being made across year groups and it has been brilliant to see how supportive our students are of each other.

Tickets for the show will be made available from the YMCA Theatre very soon!



Meanwhile, to put you into the Christmassy mood, the cast performed at Scarborough Sparkle on the 30th November.

We will also be hosting our annual Christmas concert at St. Marks Church on the 18th December at 7pm. Please come and join us and celebrate Christmas!



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Free school holiday activities near you

FEAST Information

Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities this Christmas.

We have issued FEAST vouchers to all families whose children/young people receive benefits-related free school meals. These vouchers entitle your child to free places on FEAST activities this Christmas holiday, where they'll also receive a free healthy meal.

You should have received this voucher via email or text, from a platform called HolidayActivities. Follow the link to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area.

Please note that this Christmas, families can request places from Monday 17 November, but bookings won't be confirmed until Friday 21 November. This short wait gives everyone time to browse activities and express interest before places are allocated. You should hear back within a week to let you know if your child has a place. This new approach helps make things fairer, giving every family an equal chance to enjoy FEAST activities and meals.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, visit the website.



The graphic features the FEAST logo at the top, followed by the text 'Free school holiday activities near you'. Below this, there are six colored boxes listing participating organizations: Krash Labs Digital (YMCA Scarborough), Desapline Martial Arts (The Fusion Centre), Nigel Carson Sport School (Northstead Primary School), Flash Company Arts (Flowergate Hall), Street Rocks (CaVCA, The Street), and Camp Sandcastle (YMCA Scarborough). A row of four small photos shows children engaged in various activities. At the bottom, there is a call to action to visit [feastny.org](https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast-activities/?utm_source=print&utm_medium=assets&utm_campaign=2025) and a QR code. Logos for North Yorkshire Together, HolidayActivities, North Yorkshire Council, and the UK Government are at the very bottom.

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See our full list of activities and learn more at [feastny.org](https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast-activities/?utm_source=print&utm_medium=assets&utm_campaign=2025)

NORTH YORKSHIRE TOGETHER **HolidayActivities** **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL** **Funded by UK Government**

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Year 11 Afterschool Intervention

Monday

Subject	Location	Staff
Science	Subject Classroom	Subject Teachers
GCSE PE/Sport	V14	Mrs Peake /Mr Curran Miss Trotter
KS4 Art Support	A2	Mrs Morrison
KS4 Textiles	V13	Mrs Devaney
Year 11 Drama	Drama	Mrs Buric (3.30-5.30pm)

Tuesday

Subject	Location	Staff
French Higher Tier	L2	Mrs Pearson

Wednesday

Subject	Location	Staff
GCSE Maths Support	Subject Classrooms	Subject Teachers
GCSE History Support	Subject Classrooms	Subject Teachers
Art – All other YR groups	A2	Mrs Morrison

Thursday

Subject	Location	Staff
GCSE English	Subject Classrooms	Subject Teachers
GCSE Geography	Subject Classrooms	Subject Teachers
KS4 Art Support	A2	Mrs Morrison

Friday

Subject	Location	Staff
GCSE French (Foundation tier)	L2 L3	Mrs Pearson Mrs Pickering
GCSE Geography	Subject Classrooms	Subject Teachers
Art (all other YR groups)	A3	Mrs Devaney
Year 11 Drama	Drama	Mrs Buric (3.30-5.30pm)
Year 11 Music	V12	Miss Bancroft