



# School NEWSLETTER 295

Thursday 1 March 2018

## Head's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



Making the decision to close school is an extremely difficult one as providing high quality education each day to students is my key priority. Yesterday, I arrived at school extremely early, and faced with exceptionally difficult road conditions made the decision (like all other

Secondary Heads in the city) that school would not open. This was based around health and safety considerations for both students and staff. Unfortunately, we have had to make a similar decision this morning. Should the poor weather continue, we will review this again tomorrow morning and once a decision has been made we will communicate with parents as soon as possible. I apologise for any inconvenience this weather has caused.

As you will be aware the situation has been compounded by the fact that the School Show is scheduled to take place this week and I know that many staff and students will have been extremely disappointed that the performances have not been able to go ahead as planned. I can confirm that we will move the entire three nights of the show to a future date during this half term. This of course means that there will be no performance this Friday (2 March).

### Vacancy

#### Education Welfare and Attendance Officer

Grade 6 (pro rata salary: £17,871 - £20,230)

Full Time (37 hpw), Term Time + 2 weeks

Visit [www.archbishopholgates.org/our-school/vacancies/](http://www.archbishopholgates.org/our-school/vacancies/) for details. Enhanced DBS check will be required

## Iceland Trip 2018

Vor er næstum hér and it's time for an update and reminder about this massively exciting trip. There will be an information meeting about the trip on Thursday 15 March, 6.00pm, in the Sixth Form Library, to include the itinerary; equipment list; spending money; rooming; unexpected opportunities; any questions. Looking forward to seeing you there! (Mr Dodson)



## AHS Feedback

We welcome all feedback and thank all parents for their valuable contributions. If you have a query or simply an observation about the school please complete the form online.



## Upcoming Events

Tue 13 Mar	Annual Holgate Science Lecture, 7.30pm, NSLC
Thu 15 Mar	BBC School Report Day
Thu 15 Mar	Iceland Trip Information Evening, 6.00pm
Wed 21 Mar	Y10 Parents' Evening, Main Hall, 3.45-7.15pm
Wed 21 Mar	Y11 and Y13 Year Group photo
Thu 22 Mar	Y11 Parents' Information Evening - Exam Skills, Sixth Form Library, 6.00pm
Fri 23 Mar	School finishes at 3.10pm
Wed 11 Apr	Y12 and Y13 Parents' Evening, 3.45-7.30pm

## Annual Holgate Science Lecture

This year's lecture, Green Chemistry for Tomorrow's World Today, is given by Dr Avtar Matharu, Senior Lecturer and Deputy Director of the Green Chemistry Centre of Excellence, University of York, on Tuesday 13 March, 7.30pm, in the National Science Learning Centre, University of York. Everyone is welcome to attend, admission is free.



## Food for Thought

This week during Collective Worship form groups have been thinking about the 'Stewardship of the Seas', the problem that plastics cause for the planet and linking this to the Church of England's Lent Plastic Challenge. One of the quotes we have spent some time thinking about is:

"Responding to climate change is an essential part of our responsibility to safeguard God's creation." The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby



To receive the daily Thought for the Day straight to your phone or other electronic device sign up to @AHSChaplaincy on Twitter.

## Social Media



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# This Week's Main School News



## Year 11 Rewards

Each week, teachers identify students who are going above and beyond in their lessons. The following students have all been nominated by teachers for demonstrating exceptional effort in their lessons. Well done! Vouchers will be awarded to:

Lia Thompson	Jacob Hudson
Ellie Mae Robson	Kate Coupland
Josephine Sinaga	Mae Tipping
Korben Wilson	Annie Thompson

The following students will have their work displayed on the school's 'Wall of Excellence':

Ben Pateman	Elke Whitter
Faisal Faisal	Jack Allerton
Lia Thompson	Mia Garvey
Mohamad Douba	Tom Hield
Carmen Sharples	Charlie Jebson King
Daniel Graham	Isabelle Shutt
Jacob Hudson	Kian Gurney
Ellie Mae Robson	Gabbie Miller
Jamie Rhodes	Matthew Jackson
Natasha Smith	Nicole Powell
Adam Jackson	Alice Wainwright
Alisha Curzon	Ben Kennedy
Erika Pearse	Fin O'Hern
Kate Coupland	Kian Oliver
Lily Tibble	Megan Heather
Tom Smith	Alexandra Callaghan
Annabella Bevan	Chloe Rochester
Josephine Sinaga	Russell Ensing
Kaspar Callum	Jodie Hardcastle
Mae Tipping	Owen Duffin
Victor Pugliares	Zuha Neeved
Abi Robinson	Ben Goodliffe
Bryn Martin	Evie Milner
Harrison Pincombe	Harry Johnson
Korben Wilson	Leah Chapman
Lily Moody	Oliver Coleman
Rebecca Mardall	Sophie Kirkman
Annie Thompson	Connor O'Donovan
Elliot Stead	Harith Timen
Iona Ffrench Adams	Jak Ostergaard
Jensen Brown	Kharys Day
Megan Senior	Tom Burdett

## Get Exam Ready!

Top Tip #5: We have already mentioned the importance of drinking plenty of water. It is also essential that you maintain a balanced diet. This will give you the energy you need to stay focused in lessons, revision sessions and when working from home. Could you eat more of the following 'super brain' foods?



Apples	Bananas	Blueberries
Broccoli	Oily fish	Tomatoes
Nuts and seeds (great alternatives to sweets and chocolate)		
Wholegrains	Berries	Dark chocolate

## Year 11 Updates and Period 6

A reminder to all Year 11 students to start returning replies for the Year 11 Prom, Hoodies, Alton Towers and the Yearbook. We'd also like to clarify that Pupil Premium students can use this funding to attend the school prom.

Students will be accessing thorough exam revision in all lessons in the run up to Easter, focusing on exam technique, memory retention and core content. Clearly, full attendance at school in all lessons is vital. I'd also like to remind parents about the suite of Period 6 revision sessions on offer each night and the rewards that are linked to these. Sessions are highlighted below.

A reminder that there will be a revision morning for Year 11 on Thursday 22 March and a Parents' Information Evening for Exam Skills on the same day from 6.00-8.00pm. This is intended to offer further support and guidance during the busy exam season. If you have any further questions or require more support, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Williams (Head of Year) or Mrs Chappell (Pastoral Support Worker).

Mon 5 Mar	English English Maths Maths	Romeo and Juliet plot Sign of Four themes Algebraic Fractions Interest and Financial Maths
Tues 6 Mar	RE Art Business Sociology  Graphics Product Design ICT French  Engineering Travel & Tourism Music  Media  PE Drama Food Textiles	Christian Practices Assessment objective 2 Unit 3 Promoting a brand Crime and deviance: how to write extended answers Exam content: presentation Exam content: manufacturing processes Revision Paper 1 Listening skills—Multiple Choice in Section A and Section B Robotics Development of assignment and meeting the needs Composition support and programme notes Unit 1: TV serial dramas; Improvements and completion of horror trailers and assistance with evaluations Levers, planes and axes Component 3: The Tempest Evaluative Work: Sensory analysis Assessment Objective 2: Development of ideas
Wed 7 Mar	Science	Forces
Thu 8 Mar	History Geography Computer Science	Weimar and Nazi Germany Source Skills Urban Issues and challenges Revision Paper 1



# This Week's Sixth Form News



## Year 13 Leavers

Year 13 will sadly be leaving us shortly and I would like to draw attention to a number of commemorative opportunities to mark the occasion and celebrate their achievement in completing Sixth Form. Students have received letters with full payment details. Should you require any further information do please get in touch.

### • Leavers' Assembly

This year, we are hosting a Leavers' Assembly to include families. We feel these occasions would be even more celebratory if families were involved. This year's event will take place on Thursday 24 May, 7.00-8.00pm in the Main School Hall. There will be a short celebratory service led by the Bishop of Hull followed by an assembly with Miss De Lashley, Mr Daly and the Year 13 Form Tutor Team. Afterwards there will be cheese and wine available. Attendance to both parts of the evening would make the event a special way to mark the end of the two year period.

### • Leavers' Prom

The Sixth Form Leavers' Prom will take place on Friday 29 June at Hilton, York, 7.00-11.30pm. Tickets cost £35 including a drinks reception, three course meal, DJ entertainment, Photo Booth and Photographer.

### • Leavers' Yearbook

The Leavers' Yearbook is being developed with an external company, but led by Year 13 themselves. It will primarily focus on time within the Sixth Form. Cost of the Yearbook is £12.50.

### • Leavers' Hoodies

Leavers' Hoodies will have the school name and logo embroidered on the front and on the back, a print of the whole cohort and personal nickname above. Cost of the Hoodie is £25.

## Sixth Form Parents' Evening - Reminder

Please be reminded that this is now Wednesday 11 April, 3.45-7.30pm.

## Career Ready

Our Career Ready students had a great insight into professional life in a range of areas at the UK's leading health and wellness company this week, when they visited Nestlé for a session on Networking and Communication. Students had a sneak peak at KitKat 5 whilst it was producing it's 5 million bars for that day and had helpful Q&A with the Engineering, Business and Commercial apprentices, as well as staff from the factory and Human Resources teams. There were some great tips on body language, presentation, interview skills, developing and strengthening personal networks which will be useful as Year 12s think more about the direction of their future career progression routes. (Mrs Hopkinson-Kearney)

## Key Dates

Second Sixth Form Parents' Evening	Wednesday 11 April
Year 13 Leavers' Day	Friday 25 May
Year 12 Internal Assessment week	w/c Monday 2 July



## Rewards and Recognition

**The Gold Award** - At Archbishop Holgate's, we truly value hard work and effort. Each week, Heads of Year select two members of their year group to appear on the "Wall of Excellence" reflecting exceptional work and effort where students have done something extra special in lessons or in the wider life of the school. Winners of the Gold Award will receive a weekly prize. The following students have been awarded the Gold Award...

Summer Dixon, 7Bm - For her commitment to swimming sessions and superb progress with it too! Well done. Mrs Edmondson

Frankie Garcia, 7Hf - For making superb progress in his English lessons. Well done! Mrs Edmondson

Pippa Smith, 8Dn - Pippa is always polite and well-mannered, offering a smile to everyone. Very organised with her work and puts effort into every task. A real credit to the form. Well done Pippa. Mrs Avey

Oliver Wootten, 8ALa - Oliver is a conscientious, hardworking student. He contributes to form, class and whole school activities. He is a credit to the year group. Well done Oliver. Mrs Avey

Jay Ogilvie, 9Wa - For superb work in Business Studies, recognised by Mr Charlton, and a mature approach to some difficulties this half term. Mr Williams

Mia Barlow, 9KI - For an excellent report. Keep up the hard work! Congratulations. Miss Kincell

Alex Hindle, 10Mb - For a superlative performance during the Year 10 Enrichment Day. Well done! Miss Turvey

Luke Robinson, 10Gs - For an impressive performance during the Year 10 Enrichment Day. Well done! Miss Turvey

Annie Thompson, 11Wb - For showing resilience and drive in her mock exams. Well done. Mr Williams

Charlie Jebson King, 11Ap - For a notable improvement in effort and work. Many staff have commented on Charlie's current work ethic. Long may it continue. Mr Williams

Alice Lonsborough, 12Lv - For an excellent attitude, great work in lessons and regular praise from teaching staff on progress. Mrs Hopkinson-Kearney

John McGuire, 12Lv - For being motivated and enthusiastic in lessons, engaged and questioning to learn more. Well done! Mrs Hopkinson-Kearney

Tamzin Rhodes, 13Nc - For exemplary work ethic that has been sustained over a prolonged coursework period. Well done! Miss De Lashley

Luke Walsh, 13La - For getting the job done! He is clearly working hard and has kept his focus on end of Year 13 outcomes. Well done. Miss De Lashley

## Commonwealth Day, Service at Westminster Abbey

Last week, Mrs Lambert received a rather extraordinary and very exciting invitation...

Students from AHS have been selected to attend The Commonwealth Service held at Westminster Abbey. Held on Commonwealth Day, Monday 12 March, the Commonwealth Service is the largest annual multi-faith celebration in the UK. The aim of the Service is to celebrate the unity, diversity and linkages of the modern Commonwealth and foster greater understanding of the Commonwealth's achievements and role, particularly among young people.



The service typically takes place in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, and the British Prime Minister (or a representative), as well as other important dignitaries and 700 other UK school children.

During the service students will hear a mix of testimonies, readings and musical performances by talented artists from across the Commonwealth and will reflect the 2018 Commonwealth theme of 'Towards a Common Future', focusing on building on the strengths of the Commonwealth to ensure we are ever responsive to global challenges that present themselves and continue to deliver a more prosperous and fair future for all its citizens, particularly its young people!

Nine students will have the opportunity to attend the service, accompanied by Mr Nihill, Lay Chaplain. Mr Nihill and Heads of Year will select the students who they think would enjoy and benefit from this event, although whittling it down to just nine will of course be very hard!

We look forward to the feedback from students after their visit to Westminster Abbey!

**PLEASE SHARE:** If you would like to share students' achievements in the community with us, then please email [jssissons@archbishopholgates.org](mailto:jssissons@archbishopholgates.org). It's always nice to celebrate what students are accomplishing outside of school

## Sports Corner

### Year 10 GCSE PE Sports Leadership Enrichment Day



GCSE PE students from Year 10 had the opportunity to develop their leadership and coaching skills last week, when they took part in Enrichment Day. External coaches from local and national organisations were in school to help our future sportsmen and women to hone their communication, teamwork and problem solving skills. Dance, volleyball, rugby and football were on offer and feedback from students has been extremely positive. The coaches were all extremely impressed with the way students performed on the day and we will certainly be recruiting them to assist with upcoming sports festivals held in school. A big thank you to all those who made the day go so smoothly, including Mr Davies, who was able to organise such fantastic coaches and instructors.

**WOW!**  
word of the week



**Decelerate:** Reduce or cause to reduce in speed. De- is a prefix from the late 19th century, which means 'removal'.



**OF THE WEEK**

@AHSPhysEd: Snow didn't stop play for the Year 9's today! An indoor hockey tournament for 9D. Great effort all round!



## Literacy News

### Accelerated Reader

This week's results for Accelerated Reader are very impressive – students have now completed 1300 quizzes! As part of World Book Day, all Year 7 forms will take part in a 'March Madness' competition. The form to complete the most quizzes successfully in March will win a very special prize!

Form Group	Quizzes taken	Top Quizzer	Points per Form
7Bl	143	Zach Hindle (most quizzes passed)	766
7Bm	181	Lucie Durot	887
7By	76	Aidan Niven	361
7Cy	159	Bea Small (average of 96.7% across all quizzes)	753
7Gr	131	Alice Woolway (most quizzes passed)	592
7Hf	179	Isabella Stockdale (average of 98.4% across all quizzes)	1034
7Hv	101	Elizabeth Middleton (average of 96% across all quizzes)	425
7Kx	95	Heidi Fothergill (average of 90% across all quizzes)	597
7NTh	80	Thomas Reed (average of 96.7% across all quizzes)	426
7Wm	155	Isabel Collinson (most improved quizzer)	782

Several parents have been in contact to ask how they can support their child's reading on Accelerated Reader. All students have a logon; their site contains information on what they have read, how much they have read and how they have performed on the Accelerated Reader quizzes. If your child is consistently scoring less than 85%, this is a sign that they may not be reading an appropriate book. If you would like more advice on the reading age of books, please contact Mrs McMurdo via [kmcmurdo@archbishopholgates.org](mailto:kmcmurdo@archbishopholgates.org).

### Blog Post of the Week

By Arthur Sharpe, 8Dn - Extract from a novella

Chapter one

† A dragon is more commonly referred to by humans as a dragonfly, and damselflies are referred to as damsels. Now, for some reason, you are wondering what an actual damsel is in the English-resembling pixie language, K'hagial. Well, it is one of the stranger ones, with damsels being referred to as yhuns (you-n-ss). Along with that, some other strange K'hagial words are crisps (or chips in 'merica) being called sfyillg (ss-fee-ll-k) and potatoes being called shiiuji (sh-ee-oo-hi).

†† A tree commonly found in the Amazon rainforest.

Some people live life like it is a puzzle waiting to be solved. Too complicated. Some live their life without thinking. Irrational. Some people shorten their life to 5 words. Run, catch, eat, sleep repeat. Too long. I live my life by one word. Survive.

Crunch. I bite down on one of the thousand ants I seized from my trap. Honestly. Easy food. Put a guiding trap on the entrance of their nest, set up a temporary shelter, and bam, you've got food for a week. After a week they realise and move on, founding another nest. This results in the ants unintentionally supplying a nearly endless amount of almost trouble-free food. I mainly eat ants. They're small and don't fight much, even the queens, and they are extremely liable to traps. Unfortunately, they're hard to find and you have to pick your moments to lay your trap. One ant: easy pickings. 5 ants: slightly tougher, maybe more defensive in fighting style. Ambushed by a swarm of bullet ants inside their own nest: bad, now you're in a giant mess.

Extraordinarily, I've only been in that situation once and was saved by a bird that I could not identify. It swooped down as if it would swallow the black specks in one gulp, completely distracting the flood of insects. By some means, I managed to escape. Want to know what would have happened to me had the bird not arrived? Even though I thought birds ate bullet ants, a few hours later I revisited the site and came away with a few grams of bird meat. I didn't need to fire a single arrow. Still, I sit, eating an *Ectatomma tuberculatum*, (or honeydew ant as I like to call them, due to the workers collecting honeydew and storing it in their mouths, making for a sweet treat) when suddenly, I hear a noise.

The noise, a buzzing sound, is frantically alternating between being loud or soft. A telltale sign. A dragon†. Just as the creature tears past me, I duck, but still have enough time to identify it. Yep. Suspicions confirmed. A *Megaloprepus caerulatus*, or helicopter dragon. Well, technically a damsel, although in the forest there is no difference in diet or ferociousness. And it still has a wingspan I could lie across almost three times. And pixies are one of their backup foods, when hungry. And this one is hungry. Very hungry.

Zip. Due to its momentum, the dragon has to take its time turning around. Time. A small amount of time. I seize my bow and 3 arrows, and hurriedly fire them at the dragon, all at once. I miss, and now I am standing on a thin cashapona†† branch, with a dragon hurtling at me. There's only one option. Without hesitation, I jump, at a slight angle, as to land on the dragon's back. In mid-flight, I realise my idiocy. Well, no turning back now. Another terrible idea. I successfully land on the dragon's thin, jet black body, and I, as the creature's abdomen cannot support the weight of a pixie, immediately slide off it. I'm now plunging from the canopy towards the forest floor, with a dragon right behind me.

As I'm falling, I wonder what heaven will look like. Maybe heaven will be a pixie civilization like the one I was ripped out of when I couldn't even remember, but also one I have no intention of returning to. Who knows. I start to wonder but immediately stop. Open your eyes, Naomi. Naomi. Where did I get that name from? It has nothing to do with my real name, SN106, or my code name, Outlaw 2. For some reason, I try to remember how I remember my real name. I was only a baby after all. Argh. Stop. Come on Naomi. Analyse the situation. Stop dreaming. I think and think hard. I have a plan. But, it vanishes as now I have to focus on getting this damn dragon away. It's almost within striking distance. In desperation, I lash out with my feet, and by pure luck, I manage to hit the beast in the eye. Its big stinking left blue eye. Luckily, it works, and the creature becomes preoccupied with fighting off a hornet which I pushed it into. Yeesh. Today is a bad day. Normally I only deal with dragons or hornets once every couple of months, not two in one day. Come on. I need another plan. I'm now way past the understory, so my earlier plan won't work. Fortuitously, I seem to be falling towards a fungi patch. Not perfect, due to the thousands of aggressive bugs inside it, but better than the most likely outcome, falling into a bug's nest or mud floor. Here we go.

Thud. I hit the floor hard, although the fungi slightly cushioned my fall. Slowly, a searing pain emerges in my chest as though I was stabbed. Analysis. Several broken ribs. Probably nothing else. Lucky, I would say. Loudly, I curse myself for making such basic hunting errors (no-one can hear you in the forest), but I climb back onto my feet to be greeted by the curved, jagged horn of a rhinoceros beetle.

### AHS English Writing Blog

Students are warmly invited and encouraged to visit the new AHS English writing blog at [www.ahswriting.wordpress.com](http://www.ahswriting.wordpress.com).

Here, students can explore examples of their teachers' writing, as well as having the opportunity to submit their own writing to be read by peers and teachers. Students are encouraged to submit examples of their own personal, creative writing, or pieces they have done in class and are proud of. Through the blog, students can then read and comment on each other's work, or directly Tweet their writing to the AHS English Twitter feed.

All students need to do is click on the 'Submit Writing' button on the main menu, type it up or copy and paste it from a document, and wait for it to be approved by their teacher. After that, their writing will appear on the website for all to read!



## KS5 Maths Star of the Month

Caitlin Hall (12a1)



Has showed determination and tenacity in Mathematics. Worked extremely hard and is reaping the benefits!

**Feb**

**ALSO NOMINATED:**  
 Stanley Gaskell, Emily Hayes, Rachel Duxbury, Sarah Kelly, Abdul Bajri, Natasha Sanderson, Gabriel Lira, Vincent Sinaga, Alex Downing, Ellie Townson, Aditya Vashist, James Taylor, Sam Russell, Sam Russell, Jenny King, Asa Mulvenna.



MR DODSON

## KS4 Maths Star of the Month

Millie Southall (10a2)



Millie has worked very hard this half-term, showing strong understanding of the mathematics and a great attitude in lessons.

**Feb**

**ALSO NOMINATED:**  
 Betsey Knight, Katie Fearnley, Mack Theakston, Antonio Barnett, Lydia Smith, Lucy Hall, Oli White, Ashley Snowden, Madia Harvey, Gaby Sanderson, Elishia Bridges, Antonio Barnett, James Belt, Ria Denney, Harriet Watkins, Chloe McGrath, John U, Oscar Pendlebury, Brad Willis, Lily Atkin, Taylor Boardman, Mala Green.



MR DODSON

## KS3 Maths Star of the Month

Emily Bamford (7b1)



Emily has worked really hard to ensure she remains near the top of the group. She always completes her homework to a high standard.

**Feb**

**ALSO NOMINATED:**  
 Ruby Rhodes, Shaden Alasmar, Eleanor Gordon, Taylor Gray-Richardson, Ruby Hunter, Axa Dunn, Toby Driscoll, Emine Babucheva, Laura Ramshaw, Jack Farrow, Francisco Garcia, Faustia Jablonskyte, Eve Holding, Callum Costanzo, Matthew Bloomfield, Elliot Ewen, Claudia Moore, Aidan Niven, Phoebe Pollard, Amy Halsey, Minnie Cotton, Lana De Souza, Imogen Bradbury.



MR McBRIDE