



# School NEWSLETTER 304

Thursday 17 May 2018

## Head's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



I am pleased to inform families that the exam period has started well with students in Year 11 and Sixth Form approaching this important period in a dedicated and determined manner. Thank you also to our committed staff who continue to lead additional revision sessions. A reminder that

if any additional support is required please do not hesitate to contact school.

## Food for Thought

This week during Collective Worship form groups have been inspired by the hit song by Stormzy, "Blinded by your Grace, part 2", and how it speaks of God's unconditional love. Our daily quotes have been on the theme of Grace:

"In the midst of all circumstances, God's grace, peace and joy are there. Billy Graham



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

## Essay-writing Success

We are pleased to say that Samantha Atkinson, 10MHo, has won an essay-writing competition set by North Yorkshire Humanists. Her answer to 'Is religion more than superstition' won the Under 15 category and secured her the prize of £50! Their comments included: 'Your analysis of pros and cons is a really important skill in critical thinking and academic writing and helps you to make a good case for your strong conclusion. Congratulations on a well-constructed piece of work! Well done Samantha!



## 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.



## BTEC Awards 2018

We are excited and proud to announce that Archbishop Holgate's School has been awarded as 'Highly Commended' for BTEC School or Multi-Academy Trust Year for the BTEC Awards 2018.

Our application impressed the judges so much that we made it to the final, beating competition from hundreds of other centres across the UK, narrowly missing out on taking first place.

Our thanks to Mr Charlton and Mrs Kitney for putting together our application.

## Year 8 Update

Every Friday, students from Year 8 Form Groups visit my office during afternoon registration. It is one of the highlights of my week as Head of Year when I get the chance to catch up and chat – albeit briefly – with each student and to check their planner. I continue to be impressed with their manners and maturity and, for the vast majority of them, their organisational skills and the pride taken in their planners. It offers the opportunity for me to connect with students whom I don't actually teach, and it reminds me what a fabulous Year Group, Year 8 is.

Mrs Avey

## Upcoming Events

Mon 14 May	Summer Exams begin
Thu 24 May	Y13 Leavers' Assembly, 7.00pm, Main Hall
Fri 25 May	School finishes for half term holiday at 3.10pm
28 May-1 Jun	Half Term
Mon 4 Jun	Students return

## Social Media



Please follow us on Twitter @AHSYork or Facebook to keep up to date with the latest news and events!



# 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:

Rosie Dickinson	Charlie Jebson King
Fin Burt	Umut Aktas
Livia Avey	Felix Collier
Harrison Pincombe	Annie Thompson

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

Myles Coombs	Kevin Fu
Rosie Dickinson	Sam Cooper
Ben Goodliffe	Dan Graham
Charlie Jebson King	Georgia Timms
Charlie Cain	Anaise Hitchcock
Maria Topping	Kaitlyn Winterburn
Nicole Powell	Fin Burt
Libby Greaves	Ellie Mae Robson
Umut Aktas	Brogan Newton
Alisha Curzon	Harvey Green
Livia Avey	George Robson
Sophie Alvarez Bronfman	Annabella Bevan
Shalaine Evans	Ellie Gray
Ed Amihaesi	Issac Hudson
Felix Collier	Megan Hasslehurst
Harrison Pincombe	Lauren Jamieson
Sophie Kirkman	Evie Milner
Henry Ewen	Lauren Jamieson
Ella Pickering	Archie Mortar
Iona Ffrench Adams	Helena Matravers
Jak Ostergaard	Betul Kilic
Kharys Day	Annie Thompson
Charlotte Fox	Annie Thompson

## Get Exam Ready!

Top Tip #13: Here are 5 quick ways to alleviate exam stress:



1. Drink some herbal tea or a hot chocolate. Hot drinks can be really soothing.
2. SLEEP! Go to bed on time. Don't stay up all night revising.
3. Watch a film or TV show that makes you laugh.
4. Avoid the exam 'post-mortem' – don't go through every question after the exam and compare your answers to others. You've sat the exam, now move on.
5. Keep things in perspective. Yes, exams are important, but remember that your life is more than just what grade you get.



## Ramadan

We ask that parents please notify school if their child will be observing the period of Ramadan. Thank you.

## Accelerated Reader

Last week was another fantastic week for reading in Year 7. Students completed over 100 quizzes! The results from Accelerated Reader this week are:

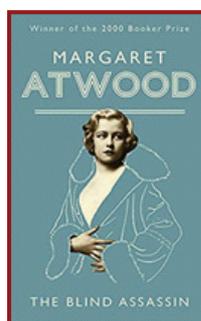
Form Group	Total Quizzes taken	Quizzes this week	Top Quizzer	Points per Form
7Bl	272	41	Eve Holding	1375
7Bm	257	15	Emine Babuchea	1429
7By	107	3	Erin Uttley	626
7Cy	232	8	Georgina Nowell	1072
7Gr	219	6	Neve Mitchell	1111
7Hf	271	16	Lilli Curran	1590
7Hv	152	4	Finley Saunders	635
7Kx	126	2	Lana DeSouza	776
7NTh	163	6	Maisie Midgley	894

**Congratulations to 7Hf!** - 7Hf enjoyed a break time treat with Mr Daly as a result of their success with Accelerated Reader. During April, they completed more quizzes than any other Form. In total, they read and quizzed on 93 books! Mr Daly spoke to the class about their favourite books, and was very impressed with the diversity of their answers.

If we can support your child with reading in any way, please contact Mrs McMurdo on 01904 411341.

## Student success in Cambridge Essay-writing Competition

In March, ten Year 12 students submitted essays for Corpus Christi essay-writing competition. We are very pleased that one student, Alex Downing, was highly commended for her work. Her essay, about the representation of ecology in *The Blind Assassin* by Margaret Atwood, was excellent – we are delighted by her achievement. An extract from her essay is included below:



Ecology is defined as 'the branch of biology that deals with the relationships between living organisms and their environment', but it can also refer to the 'study of relationships between people, social groups, and their environment', or any connections between 'system and environment'. In *The Blind Assassin*, Margaret Atwood explores the ideas of ecology and the undeniable bond between human actions and the environment and explicitly draws attention to it, relating to both definitions of the word.

Although ideas of climate change and ecology are also prominent themes in Atwood's other novels such as *Oryx and Crake* (2003), *Year of the Flood* (2009) and *The Handmaid's Tale* (1985), *The Blind Assassin* emphasises it more than we might expect, given that the novel is not, at its heart, a social comment on ecology in the form of speculative fiction, as the others are. In this way, Atwood consistently suggests that humans are incapable of interacting in supportive ways either to one another or to the environment. This is particularly represented through the negative relationships between the characters, and the environmental downfall that Iris documents.



# This Week's Sixth Form News



## General Data Protection Regulations Consent Forms

Thank you for your support with the new GDPR compliance policy. Please return consent forms as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## Year 13 Workskills Sponsored Walk

Following on from the previous article about the sponsored walk to Whitby, the students would like to announce that they will have raised in excess of £270. This is an amazing achievement from just four students and all money raised is going to a great cause – Cancer Research UK. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported them in raising money.

## Year 13 Last Day

Year 13 will spend their last timetabled day with us on Friday 25 May. There will be a normal start and end time for the school day.

## Year 13 Leavers' Celebration

We are really looking forward to parents and families joining us for the Year 13 Leavers' Assembly on Thursday 24 May, 7.00-8.00pm, in the main school Hall. There will be a short celebratory service led by the Right Rev John Thomson, Bishop of Selby, followed by an assembly with Miss De Lashley, Mr Daly and the Year 13 Form Tutor Team. There will be cheese and wine for you to enjoy afterwards. Your attendance to both parts of the evening would make this event a special way for students to mark the end of their two years at Sixth Form.



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

## 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.

Georgia Sutcliffe, 7Bl - For her amazing, record-breaking 800m achievement in PE. Well done! Mrs Edmondson

Elliot Lucquin, 7Cm - For his efforts and commitment in science lessons – Brilliant. Well done! Mrs Edmondson

Jamie Jackson, 8Ob - Jamie is a pleasure to have in the year group; he is helpful, works hard and simply gets on with the task in hand. Well done Jamie. Mrs Avey

Jess Chase, 8Dn - Jess has demonstrated real resilience and a positive attitude in 1500m. She knocked a full 3 minutes off her time from last year. Well done Jess. Mrs Avey

Taylor Barrett Goodwin, 9Wa - For excellent focus and effort in Sociology! Keep it up Taylor. Miss Gavin

Harrison Briggs, 9Di - For being a lovely and polite member of our form. Miss Dixon

Rhys Mellors, 10Pi - For his commitment and support towards the PE department. Well done. Miss Turvey

Nathan Richardson, 10Pi - For his commitment and effort supporting the PE department. Well done. Miss Turvey

Alisha Ingledew, 11Hm - For her positive attitude and commitment during the exam period. Well done and keep it up. Mr Williams

Mae Tipping, 11Mr - Her teachers recognise the hard work she is putting into her exams. Well done! Mr Williams

Lewis Coleman, 12Da - For 100% attendance and excellent effort in his Business lessons. Mrs Hopkinson-Kearney

Jess Rawcliffe, 12Mi - For 100% attendance and pleasing report predictions. Mrs Hopkinson-Kearney

Genc Jashari, 13Cn - For an excellent final effort and commitment to his exams. Miss De Lashley

Asa Mulvenna, 13Nc - For his hard work and achievement across the subjects. Miss De Lashley

As you may recall, two of our fantastic Year 12 students went to Auschwitz with the Holocaust Education Trust recently and we asked them to write about their experiences. Here's what Sarah and Beth had to say about this sobering, yet awe-inspiring event...

### My Visit to Auschwitz...

In preparation for my visit to Auschwitz, we had to attend an orientation seminar where we discussed and learnt background information in relation to the Holocaust and what life was like before this tragic event occurred. This information was delivered in several formats, which included group discussions, hearing the testimony of Eva Clarke who is a survivor of the Holocaust etc. Hearing this testimony provided me with a deeper insight into what life was like during the Holocaust and how this event affected many thousands of peoples' lives. The account that Eva recalled was information passed to her by her mother as she was too young to be able to remember due to being born in Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. At the end of the Holocaust, Eva had very few relatives that had also survived this horrific event, resulting in her never meeting some family members, with one of these being her father. Not only did she never meet her father, he never knew of her existence due to being killed in Auschwitz before the liberation. Until arriving in Auschwitz, the event of the Holocaust seemed rather surreal to me as I find it difficult to comprehend how an ordinary human has the ability to inflict such extreme pain and suffering on another fellow human. However, on visiting the camp and observing the evidence of the barracks where people existed, the washrooms that were basic and had no privacy and personal belongings that were retrieved from the camp after the liberation. Through witnessing all of these aspects of the camps, it led me to the conclusion that this event of the Holocaust was real and I could no longer escape from evidence that was in front of me. From this experience, there are many things that I have learnt, but for me two of these stand out the most. The first thing is that although this event dehumanised the prisoners of the camps, they did have lives prior to this event in which they should be remembered, not only for experiencing this horrific event, but for the lives they had before this occurred as they were once individuals. The second thing is that Auschwitz is one of many concentration, labour and death camps, in which this only tells part of the story of the Holocaust making it just one small piece of a very large jigsaw. This means you cannot understand the Holocaust from visiting just one camp, this event needs to be looked at in its entirety.

Before going to Auschwitz, I wasn't completely sure what to expect. Just over a week before we went, we attended a seminar at which we learnt about pre-war Jewish life. It was shocking to see how these people who lived 'normal' lives were targeted just because they didn't fit the Nazis ideals. Eva Clarke, a holocaust survivor, spoke to us about how she was born in Mauthausen concentration camp and by several elements of luck (including the gas chambers being blown up and Mauthausen being liberated) both she and her mother remained alive, unlike the rest of her family. This real-life account really put into perspective how real people experienced horrific events, with the majority not surviving their ordeals. This is one thing we dwelled on throughout our trip to Auschwitz - that we must re-humanise and individualise everyone involved with the holocaust, both the victims and the perpetrators. The Nazis took away everything which made the victims unique, including their hair, shoes and even artificial limbs which we viewed at Auschwitz I. Instead, they were provided with the same uniform, tattooed with a number and any remaining dignity taken away. One small child's shoe stood out to me at the front of the shoe display cabinet, highlighting to me the disturbing reality that these innocent lives were taken too soon and how they should be alive today. Another area of Auschwitz I which shocked me was Block 27, where the book of names was kept. This contained the names of all the victims of the Holocaust and we could look through the extensive lists, picking a name which we could later research. The size of Auschwitz I was great enough however, when we arrived at Auschwitz-Birkenau the magnitude of it was incomprehensible. It spanned several kilometres each way. The sun was beating down on us whilst we were there so I couldn't imagine the suffering of the prisoners as they were forced to work long hours with barely any food, rest or sanitation in the same heat. This trip was extremely moving and made me realise how insensitive it can be to use statistics to describe what happened during the holocaust. Instead, we must recognise the individuals, and the lives that they could and should have had.

## Sports Corner

### Gymnastics

Year 8 student, Ally Caswell, participated in the Yorkshire Regional General Gymnastics Competition (Floor & Vault) for Boys at Barnsley. He is part of a competition squad with Ashton's Gymnastics and was placed 1st for Floor & Vault (his best score ever on Vault) and awarded 2 Gold medals. He was also overall Champion for his age category and received a trophy. What a fantastic achievement Ally, congratulations!



### Cricket

The Year 8 Cricket team won their opening game against York High. The Year 8 students, bolstered by Year 7 student, Thomas Holmes, were clearly the stronger side, winning comfortably knocking off the total of 39 runs in a handful of overs.

The Year 8's were also in action against All Saints who proved to be a far tougher opponent.

All Saints batted first and posted a good score of 60 runs off 16 overs. Will Leonard and George Pye opened the batting and were excellent, picking off shots and running between the wickets. George retired with 26 and Will was unlucky to be bowled out on 17. The Archies side went on to win with Josh Ffrench-Adam hitting the winning runs. Well done.



### Rounders

The Year 8's have had a busy week this week attending a Rounders tournament at Jo Ro and a double fixture against Fulford. It was fantastic to see everyone playing to the best of their ability, showing compassion for others and working well as a team coming home with wins for each team. Star players of the matches were Mia Rank with an impressive one handed catch and Sophie Watkins for her impressive innings when batting. Well done Ladies.

**WOW!**  
word of the week



**Repel:** which means drive or force back or away. The prefix **Re-** comes from the Latin 're-' or 'red-', meaning 'again, back'.



**OF THE WEEK**

@AHSart3: Year 7 - Great observation work - Well done!



## Fossils and Geography

The Geography department are enjoying the artefacts that students have been bringing in after being inspired by the topic 'Fantastic Places'. We've seen Russian Dolls, recycled tourist gifts from South Africa and lots of fossils which Mrs Clarke has found amazing! Here are some that we've seen with such detail, the back bone of a fish that is around 135 million years old and the outstanding sparkle of oil soaked shale from the bottom of the sea. The most amazing news was the fossil found by one geography student has been checked by experts and is said to have never been seen before! Geography is amazing... Keep your eyes peeled for unusual objects and artefacts and let your Geography teacher know about your discoveries.



### Pathfinder MAT Vacancy Acomb Primary School - Year 1 Teacher

Required as soon as possible

For more information visit:

[www.pathfindermat.co.uk/new-vacancies-holder/](http://www.pathfindermat.co.uk/new-vacancies-holder/)

Enhanced DBS checks will be required

## A Greener Kitchen at AHS

The catering team have been busy finding ways to reduce the amount of plastic used within the kitchen, which ultimately goes into the bin.

- \* We are working towards using only cardboard cartons for juice, instead of hard to recycle plastics.
- \* All our sandwich sleeves are totally compostable after 14 days.
- \* We also recycle all our old oil from the kitchen.

Matt Richardson, MAT Catering Manager

## MFL Stars of the Week

Students were nominated by Language staff to receive an Effort merit and appear on the 'MFL Stars Wall' for their efforts within the department:

- KS3 French - Summer Dixon, 7Bm
- KS3 German - Ben Hields, 8Aco
- KS4 French - Thisen Wijeratne, 10 MHo
- KS4 German - Louis McLaren, 9Ay
- KS4 Spanish - Beth Mason, 10Gs

## Year 10 - Reminder

A reminder to all Year 10 students – you have your end of year exams in a few weeks. Monday 18 June – Are you exam ready? Do you have 2 pens, 2 pencils, a calculator, a protractor and a ruler?"

The following stationery is available from main school Reception:

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| PEN (Black/Blue/Red) – 15p | PENCIL – 10p        |
| RULER (Large) – 20p        | RULER (Small) – 10p |
| PROTRACTOR – 10p           | RING BINDERS – 60p  |
| CALCULATOR – £6.50         | RUBBER - 10p        |

## York Independent State School Partnership



As part of our ongoing work with the York ISSP, we have been made aware of three free Public Science Lectures this term at St Peter's School which you might be interested in, details of which are below.

**Dr Nessa Carey: Epigenetics – Why DNA is Not Your Destiny**

Thursday 17 May, 7.00pm

The world is full of situations where two genetically identical things differ from each other. Think of a maggot and a fly; the identical twins whom you can tell apart; the trillions of cells in your body. These and many more examples tell us that biological life can't be explained just by thinking about our DNA. Something else must be influencing us, and that something is epigenetics. From new treatments for cancer, to transmission of trauma, epigenetics is teaching us to view the world of biology differently.



Tickets are available via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dr-nessa-carey-epigenetics-why-dna-is-not-your-destiny-tickets-45188228207>. Please print your ticket or display it on your smartphone/tablet on the evening.

**Dr Marina Petri: Exotic Nuclei - On the Edge of Existence**

Thursday 24 May, 7.00pm

In the laboratory, physicists can create atomic nuclei which we haven't otherwise observed in nature, challenging our understanding of the fundamental fabric of the universe. Dr Petri discusses her work in one of the most exciting fields of experimental Physics.

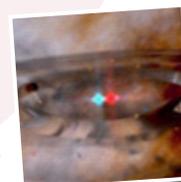


Tickets are available via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dr-marina-petri-exotic-nuclei-on-the-edge-of-existence-tickets-45188264315>. Please print your ticket or display it on your smartphone/tablet on the evening.

**Professor Martin Hendry: Ripples of Gravity, Flashes of Light**

Friday 15 June, 7.00pm

Part of York Festival of Ideas 2018. The first ever direct detection of gravitational waves by the LIGO and Virgo Scientific Collaborations, from the collision of two massive black holes more than a billion light years away, has been widely hailed as the biggest scientific breakthrough of the decade, and led to the award of the 2017 Nobel Prize for Physics to three senior LIGO scientists and pioneers: Rai Weiss, Kip Thorne and Barry Barish. August 2017 then saw another spectacular discovery – as for the first time gravitational waves and light were detected from the same cosmic source: a pair of colliding neutron stars 130 million light years distant. Join LIGO scientist, Professor Martin Hendry, as he explores the amazing technology behind the detection of gravitational waves, and what their discovery might soon tell us about some of the biggest unsolved mysteries in physics and astronomy.



Tickets are available via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/professor-martin-hendry-ripples-of-gravity-flashes-of-light-tickets-45188505035>. Please print your ticket or display it on your smartphone/tablet on the evening.