



School NEWSLETTER 307



Thursday 14 June 2018

Head's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



I would like to draw families' attention to the upcoming events highlighted below as we enter a really busy time at Archbishop's.

Year 11 and 13 are coming to the end of their examinations and we look forward to celebrating their time with us at the upcoming Proms.

We also look forward to the important Transition events, not least the Year 6 Information Evening and Induction Day. We realise that this is an important time of year for families.

York Pride

A large group of students and staff spent Saturday celebrating York Pride. Students from Year 7 through to Year 13 marched with staff to show their support for those who identify as LGBTQ. Students had spent weeks planning for the day and produced a range of banners to celebrate the event. It was fantastic to see the passion and support from all involved both in school and at the event. In the week leading up to the Pride march, all forms spent form times exploring issues surrounding the LGBTQ community and explored ways we can celebrate love and ensure all people can work in a school which is inclusive and compassionate for all.

If you would like further information about the school's Stonewall work or would like further guidance on how you can support an LGBTQ student, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Williams, Assistant Head: Pastoral Care.



MFL Stars of the Week

Students were nominated by Language staff to receive an Effort merit, a postcard home and appear on the 'Stars Wall' for all their hard work during assessments:

- KS3 French - Henry Lucas, 7Bm
- KS3 German - Nicole Haigh, 7NTh
- KS4 French - Millie Southall, 10Mb
- KS4 German - Jessica Bone, 10Mb
- KS4 Spanish - Betsey Knight, 10Mb

Food for Thought

This week during Collective Worship form groups have been marking the centenary of women's suffrage in 1918 and the struggle for equality today. Our daily quotes have been on the theme of 'Justice and Equality':

"We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back" Malala Yousafzai, Nobel Prize Winner

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



Upcoming Events

Mon 25 Jun	UCAS Information Evening for Parents , Sixth Form Library, 7.00pm
Thu 28 Jun	Y11 Prom
Fri 29 Jun	Y13 Prom
30 Jun	Exam season ends
Mon 2 Jul	Y6 Information Evening
Wed 4 Jul	Y6 Induction Day
Thu 5 Jul	Iceland Trip Information Evening, 6.00pm, Main Hall
Tue 10 Jul	Y10 Parents' Sixth Form Information Evening, Main Hall
Wed 11 Jul	Y7 Parents' Evening, 3.45-7.15pm, Main Hall
16-17 Jul	Purchase new school uniform, 4.00-6.30pm, Main Hall
September	New school uniform for Y7, 9 & 10

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.



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



Literacy News

AHS English Writing Blog

Students are warmly invited and encouraged to visit the new AHS English writing blog at 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!



Blog Post of the Week

By John Smallwood-Thompson, 9Hp

Innocent Vs. Evil

Wind howled down the tightly compacted alleyways. Fog suffocated the city below. Streetlamps were fallen stars, the only bit of light seeping through the thick layer of fog. The cries of drunken men echo throughout the city. Innocent, tiny and crying owls fly above, looking down on the tranquil town beneath them. It was just a normal, peaceful and happy Saturday night.



James wasn't like most teenagers. He didn't go out drinking, partying or just roaming around; but instead stayed at home revising and helping his elderly mother. James was the most loving, caring and compassionate boy in the cold. His blond hair was raggedy and his prominent teeth gleaming. However, James wanted to walk around the town and get some fresh air, rather dwell in the continuous stress of exams. He had no clue what would happen that night.

Cold air circles around him, clinging onto him. Rain splashes on the ground, creating a tidal wave splash onto James. He turns down a darkened alleyway, lost in the complexity of the city. He doesn't know what, but something is giving him the chills. Having only moved here two weeks ago, James has no idea where to go. Fog has now masked the light of the moon, a symbol of hope now lost.

A deafening sound of music leaps out the bars, filling the street. Slumped against the pub wall, blacked out, is a big built black shadow. Step by step, his masked face becomes clearer. Tyler. His smashed teeth grinning at poor, defenceless James. His broken nose smelling the fear. Tyler is the school bully, who makes James' life a misery. Street lights rapidly flicker, music overpowered by screaming. Suddenly, the screams stop. Everything goes silent, deafeningly silent.

A crimson river flows out of his ghastly skull. Blood seeps out rapidly, creating a pool of regret. Sprinting, turns back to see people uncovering the now bloody body. Mortified screams ring out. Unsure of where to go, panic descends upon him. An unbelievable feeling rushes through his brain, he is a murderer. But who is the victim?

Accelerated Reader

Year 7 students continue reading and completing quizzes. The latest results are:

Form Group	Total Quizzes taken	Quizzes this week	Quizzer of the week	Points per Form
7Bl	276	0	-	1419
7Bm	269	6	Katie Alexander	1512
7By	120	1	-	727
7Cy	239	2	Bea Small	1091
7Gr	228	2	Ben Middleton	1231
7Hf	295	11	Isabella Stockdale	1792
7Hv	160	4	Sophie Dobson	672
7Kx	137	3	Amelia Ripley	859
7NTh	170	3	Lewis Blythe	966
7Wm	230	4	Leona Harvey	1478

Archbishop Holgate's School Association

Students at Breakfast Club would like to pass on an enormous 'Thank You' to the Archbishop Holgate's School Association for the much needed and appreciated financial support over the past year. The Association has been solely responsible for the provision of all the food that is available, giving student nutritional choices to last them throughout the day. Money received has also purchased a microwave, which has enabled the club to include a hot food menu. Staff and students would like all to know how important and worthwhile the School Association's continuing support is to our students. (Mrs Tomlinson, Breakfast Club Coordinator)

North Yorkshire Medical Careers Day

A reminder that this event takes place for Year 9-11 students at St John Fisher School in Harrogate on Tuesday 19 June, 1.30-6.15pm. As an external event, we are unfortunately unable to provide transport - this would need to be arranged privately. If you would like your child to attend the event, you can still make a private booking by emailing john.waterworth@mcsprojectsLtd.co.uk. Please ensure you provide a note in your child's planner to confirm their attendance, to ensure that our registers are correct.

York Schools Youth Trust

In association with York Schools Youth Trust (YoYo) we will be running a Youth Alpha course on Friday lunchtimes in the school Chapel. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Our course is for students in any year group who wish to come along and ask questions about God, life or anything!





This Week's Sixth Form News



Year 12 UCAS Exhibition

On Tuesday, our Year 12 students headed to the University of Hull for the Humberside Higher Education Exhibition. This gave them the opportunity to explore a wide range of academic and career opportunities, with a particular focus on undergraduate study. They spent the day with UCAS experts, university and college representatives, and industry professionals, giving them a great opportunity to hear from visiting exhibitors. It was great to see our students take full advantage of the day, attending inspirational talks, topical seminars, application process advice, and interactive stands (not forgetting the plenty of free pens on offer!)

UCAS Information Evening

A reminder about our UCAS Information Evening, Monday 25 June, from 7.00pm, for those parents of students in Year 12 who are looking to make an application to University. The session will cover various aspects of the application process as well as providing information on Student Finance. Presentations will take place in the Sixth Form Library, refreshments will be available in the Sixth Form Café on your arrival. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and speak to members of staff about any specific queries. Please return reply slips as soon as possible.

Year 12 and 13 Results Day -

If your son or daughter is unable to attend Results Day on Thursday 16 August, they can make a request to have them posted. This must be arranged prior to Results Day. Please contact the Examinations Officer (01904 411341) before the end of the exam period to arrange this, results cannot be given out by telephone or email.

Reminders

- Year 13 Prom - starts at 7.00pm on Friday 29 June at the Hilton, York
- Year 12 internal assessments - commence Monday 2 July

PLEASE SHARE: If you would like to share students' achievements in the community with us, then please email jssissons@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.

Laura Wilkie, 7Cy - For her achievement in drama events outside of school, gaining the lead role. Well done! Mrs Edmondson

Ben Hawksworth, 7Bm - For his excellent sporting achievement: he set a new school record for the 800m – 2 mins 45. Well done! Mrs Edmondson

Ava Doughty, 8Kd - For her excellent English assessment result and improvement on her attendance. Well done! Mrs Avey

Ethan Heffernan, 8La - For his amazing Cricket performance in PE, plus demonstrating excellent team working and sportsmanship skills. Mrs Avey

Roxanne Wilson, 9NA m - For being a polite, kind and bubbly student to have in form time and for continually living the school values. Well done. Mrs Amos

Tyler Price, 9KI - For always being positive, working hard and living the school values. Keep it up. Miss Kincell

Sophie Eastwood, 10MHo - For continued hard work and resilience. Miss Holmes

Josh Morrirt, 10Hu - For continued excellence in performance, resilience and thoughtfulness. Mr Hunt

Trinity Powell, 12Db - For showing so much effort and determination towards her Maths GCSE and her Functional Skills exams for Maths and English. Mrs Hopkinson-Kearney

James Cain, 12CFr - For organising the school staff vs students football charity event and doing great in his role as Head Boy. Mrs Hopkinson-Kearney

Upcoming Iceland Trip!!!



It's only a matter of weeks before we head to Iceland, and with that in mind, we thought we'd reflect each week on one of the main activities we can look forward to experiencing when we're there. So, read on to find out more about our first stop, The Blue Lagoon...

The Blue Lagoon is one of Iceland's most popular attractions, and it's not hard to see why... The Lagoon is actually a lake with a perfect temperature of 39°C/102°F. It is situated on the Reykjanes peninsula in southwest Iceland. It is only around a 30-minute drive from the capital city of Iceland, Reykjavik, making it the perfect first stop when arriving in Iceland. National Geographic named the Blue Lagoon one of the top 25 Wonders of the World, meaning the Lagoon is now internationally famous and on the top of many people's 'To Do' lists. BUT... The Blue Lagoon is actually a man-made structure, as it formed next to the geothermal power plant, Svartsengi in the 1970s. Some people go as far as saying that the lagoon itself is an environmental disaster, but mostly it is considered to be a fortunate environmental accident. The water is completely clean and does not contain any chemicals, only natural minerals that have proven to be very good for people's skin! In fact, the first person to bathe in it was a young man called Valur Margeirsson. He had Psoriasis and wanted to try anything to help relieve the skin, so got permission from the chairman of the geothermal plant to bathe there. He noticed that the water and the algae in the water did wonders for his skin and was the first one to name the water 'The Blue Lagoon' and the name stuck! Following on from this, the Blue Lagoon has quickly become one of the most visited attractions in Iceland and is now a world-class spa, open for hundreds of thousands of guests each year, including those lucky students going on the Iceland Trip in July! We can't wait!!!



Sports Corner

Football

Following last week's success of former student Jack Clarke's achievements with Leeds United we are pleased to announce that current Year 11 student, Katie Astle, who plays for Leeds United Ladies team achieved the same as the men's this season. They won their league and did a lap of honour of Elland Road during half time at the Queens Park Rangers game alongside Jack and his teammates. Katie is on the back row (5th from left). It's great to see you doing so well Katie. Well done.



Race for Life

A special mention to Robyn Hinchliffe who completed her first 10k sponsored Race for Life run at Temple Newsam, Leeds. Family and friends have now raised £1,450 so far for Cancer Research UK and 20,000 people have viewed the 'check your breasts' awareness video she made on Facebook.



Karate

Congratulations to Esme Sharpe (Year 7) being awarded her Karate Black Belt. She was brilliant in the grading and has worked really hard for it. Thoroughly deserved!



WOW!
word of the week



Dialect: A particular form of a language which is peculiar to a specific region or social group. Dia-, from Greek, meaning 'mark out by lines.'

Tweet OF THE WEEK

@AHSChaplaincy: Collective Worship 'al fresco' with Miss Harper and Year 9 in the Spiritual Garden @AHSYork. Reflection in the summer open air. @DioceseOfYork



Compassion Corner



Two years ago, a group called Abaana visited our school from Uganda. They are a charity that invest in children by building schools, supporting churches and sponsor over 1,500 children. They also work with children on the streets and have managed to change so many lives. When they visited our school, they did a show for us where they danced and told us their stories. It was truly a memorable and emotional event. We were so touched and inspired by them, that we decided that we wanted to do more to help. We found a charity called East African Playgrounds, which builds playgrounds in Uganda. In East African Communities children spend time out of school looking for work or helping with chores at home, rather than playing. Play is incredibly important for children's learning, wellbeing and for healthy brain development and this charity enables them to do so. Abaana has completely opened up our eyes and inspired us to go to Uganda. We would also like to thank Archbishop's for presenting this opportunity to us in the first place and welcoming Abaana to our school. This school has really enlightened us and taught us the importance of support and compassion through the values we grew up with for 7 years. A personal thanks to the school for raising £400 towards our fundraising for the East African Playgrounds charity. We are well on our way to reaching a goal of £1600! We are very excited to go in August and you can find out more about both charities at: www.abaana.org/ and www.eastafricanplaygrounds.org/. If you are interested in donating towards our own personal fundraising then you can support us via: www.eastafricanplaygrounds.org/Fundraisers/help-eda-and-zeyneb-support-east-african-playgrounds-in-uganda Once again, thank you to our school for organising charity events and constantly reminding us to do more! Zeyneb and Eda Caglar

Ex-student receives RAF Commendation

Congratulations to Pilot Officer Adam Waudby who has been awarded an Air Officer Commanding Commendation in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Adam has been a member of the Air Cadets since his teenage years, working his way to Cadet Warrant Officer, before continuing his service as an adult volunteer, holding the rank of Sergeant. From here, he became heavily involved in the development of C&E Yorks Wing Music Service. Under his leadership as bandmaster, musical activities across the local squadrons have grown enormously, even supporting national events. In late 2017, Adam was appointed as Wing Music Officer, and promoted to the rank of Pilot Officer. The citation accompanying the honour praised his work ethic: 'Adam is a highly dedicated, diligent and effective officer', and described his work as having made 'a huge difference to so many young people'. Whilst the commendation is predominantly for his service to cadet music, it also hails his valuable time and effort he contributes to his local squadron, 2487 (Easingwold) Squadron, where he holds the role of Training Officer. Upon receiving his award, Adam commented: 'This has been an unbelievable surprise, and I am honoured to receive it. I have never even dreamed about being part of the Queen's Birthday Honours - and this week has just been amazing. I'd like to thank my music team for all their hard work - which this award reflects, and those cadets and staff that have supported my years across the organisation.'



May Maths Stars

KS3 Maths Star of the Month

Orla Durmaz (8C1)

Absolutely - Orla has worked incredibly hard to improve her confidence in Maths which is really paying off. Well done Orla, you should feel very proud

ALSO NOMINATED:
Harrison Cain, Rhys O'Dowd, Niall Shannon, Tegan Wright, Ruben Miner, Abbie Driffield, Matthew Burn, Ben Wray, Jayde Langan, Josh Rose, Adam Peters, Chloe Whitwell, Oliver Redhead, Harry Cook, Josh Bettison, Ally Caswell, Kitty Lewis Ogden, Alisha Rensison, Jocelin Leites, Freya Bruce, Kenzie Booth, Mia Haendlmayer, Earl Owen, Sam Harrison, Beth Greenaway, Aylea Croylan, Fin Wood, Ellie Holland, Lily Doyle, Ben Southby.

MRS SHAW

May

KS4 Maths Star of the Month

Amy Bettles (10a2)

Amy has shown great attitude and is hardworking and focussed. She pushes herself to do the best she can.

ALSO NOMINATED:
Thomas Pinder, Emily Brown, Bailey Furman, Maia Hallam, Rowen Polland, Holly Thompson Jack Adams, Maya Hayes, Gabby Sanderson, Beth Pheasney, Cameron O'Driscoll, Sebhar Osman, Alice Jackson, Amy Birshall, Dylan Bloomfield, Ruby McLaughlin, Antonin Barnett, Erin Cain, Nathan Richardson, Marley Sharples, Dec Rafter, Bailey McBride, Amanda Sha Kallings, Lewis Flanagan.

MR DODSON

May

KS5 Maths Star of the Month

Abdulaziz Bajru (12d1)

Abdulaziz work well has a great attitude and engages fully with Mathematics. Keep up the good work!

ALSO NOMINATED:
Levina Bell, Elle Townson, Elena Fothergill, Emily Hayes, Max Osman, Dan Bryan-Smith, Brandon Hirst, George Fox, Aditya Vashist, Alfie Atkinson, Louie Cawood, Benjamin Beard, Matthew Bryan-Smith, Liam Marshall, Joe Musson.

MR DODSON

May

Hempland Annual Summer Fair

Friends of Hempland are holding their Annual Summer Fair on Saturday 23 June, 11.30–2.00. Everyone welcome, it would be lovely to see some of old Hempland pupils. (Rachel Shaw, Chair, Friends of Hempland)

