



School NEWSLETTER 312



Thursday 19 July 2018

Head's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



As we approach the summer break, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff and students for their considerable efforts during the course of the year. I look forward to the four final assemblies tomorrow when I will have a chance to reflect with each year group on the things we are proud of this year.

I would like to congratulate the eight primary schools in the Pathfinder family on the excellent SATs outcomes achieved this year. As a MAT, our results are extremely strong for both attainment and progress. I look forward to sharing more detail in the MAT Magazine which will be coming your way in September.

We look forward to the launch of the new uniform in September (further details within this Newsletter). I know parents appreciate that we have listened to their views regarding branded trousers and that these would be an added expense. As such, I would encourage all families to ensure that they do not purchase skinny fit trousers.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Staff Farewells

As ever at this time of year we say goodbye to valued colleagues who, for various reasons, are leaving the school. Whilst these members of staff will be missed we also feel excited about the calibre of new staff joining the school in September. A special mention must go to those colleagues who have served the school so well and we wish them all the very best for the future: Mrs Anelay, Mr Milner, Mrs Shaw, Miss Snow, Mrs Long, Miss Nordbrond, Mrs Towse and our School Chaplain, Revd Nobel.

Food for Thought

This week during Collective Worship, form groups have been looking at the life of Nelson Mandela as the world and South Africa celebrate the centenary of his birth. Our daily quotes have focussed on all his wise words:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela, Political Prisoner, Nobel prize winner and former South African President



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

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.



Values Week

Last week was 'Values Week' within school. Students spent the week exploring the school values in and outside of lessons whilst taking time to appreciate what they value about the school, themselves and each other. Thursday culminated with a Form Fuddle where each form came together as a community to share a meal. We took a break in the middle of this to try and do something as a whole school community. In very hot conditions, the whole school met on the back field and formed a huge human cross. There are over 1000 people in the picture!



Start of Term - Tuesday 4 September

Students return on Tuesday 4 September. In order to ensure a smooth start (and to help Year 7 settle in) we will have a staggered start on this day:

- 8.45am - Year 7 to the Main Hall
- Year 12 to the Sixth Form Library
- Year 13 to Form Rooms
- 9.30am - Year 8 to Form Rooms
- Year 9 to Form Rooms
- Year 10 to Form Rooms
- Year 11 to Form Rooms

The Year 9/10 Common Room will be available if students arrive early. Students using the A41/A42 buses on this day should receive a letter regarding arrangements. Please contact school if you have not received this information. Those using other bus routes, please check the relevant bus service timetable.

Upcoming Events

Fri 20 Jul	School finishes at 2.10pm
Thu 16 Aug	KS5 Results Day
Thu 23 Aug	KS4 Results Day
September	New school uniform for Y7, 9 & 10
Mon 3 Sept	Training Day (school closed to students)
Tue 4 Sept	First day of term

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



New School Uniform

A reminder that from September 2018 Year 7, 9 and 10 will wear the new uniform, whilst Year 8 and 11 will continue to wear the existing uniform for one more year.

There will be no change to the existing school PE kit.

Please find below recommended shops to purchase uniform items (shirts, skirts and trousers):

SHOP	ITEM	QUANTITY	PRICE
KEAL TEAMWEAR	Shirts (boys/girls)	2 pack	£12.95 - £15.95
	Skirts	1 pleated	£14.99 - £16.99
	Trousers (boys)	Per pair	£16.50 - £18.50
	Trousers (girls)	Per pair	£16.50 - £18.50
M&S (age 11+) currently have 20% offer	Shirts (unisex)	2 pack	£12 - £16
	Skirts	1 pleated	£10 - £14
	Trousers (boys)	Slim leg (not skinny)	£11 - £15
	Trousers (girls)		£11 - £15
ASDA	Shirts (unisex)	2 pack	£7.50 - £12.50
	Skirts	Pleated	From £5
	Trousers (boys)	Adjustable	From £7
	Trousers (girls)		From £7
TESCO	Shirts (unisex)	2 pack	From £8
	Skirts	2 pack pleated	From £11
	Trousers (boys)	Per pair	From £7
	Trousers (girls)	Per pair	From £7
SAINSBURYS	Shirts (unisex)	3 pack	From £8.50
	Skirts	2 pack pleated	£11 - £13
		2 pack tulip	£12
	Trousers (boys)	2 pack	£12
	Trousers (girls)	Per pair	From £8
PRIMARK	Trousers (boys)	Per pair	From £5
	Trousers (girls)	Per pair	From £5
NEXT	Shirts (girls)	5 pack	£22 - £27
	Shirts (boys)	5 pack	£22.50 - £28
	Skirts	Black pleated	£9 - £18
	Trousers (boys)	Per pair	From £7
	Trousers (girls)	Per pair	From £7

You are welcome to call into Reception where you can view a variety of acceptable and non-acceptable school trousers and skirts, and gain additional guidance or clarity.

Acceptable school trousers	Unacceptable school trousers
Fit: Regular, straight/slim leg	Skinny, super skinny fit are not allowed No leggings, jeggings or jeans allowed
Material: 100% Polyester, Polyester/viscose mixed (usually 65/35% mix)	Not school materials: Viscose/polyamide/elastane mixed, polyester/elastane mixed, cotton/elastane mixed, lycra and jean material
Length: To cover the whole length of the leg	Incorrect length: No ankles showing Decoration: Trousers should have no decorative zips, studs or pockets.
Acceptable school skirts	Unacceptable school skirts
Pleated, box pleats, straight (but not tight fitting) Materials as above Length: Skirts must be worn to the knee	No tube, bodycon or other tight fitting skirts No lycra, elastane and materials as above Length: Skirts must be worn to the knee.

Bright Sparks Learning Challenge Winner

Thanks to all the Year 7 students that have contributed to the Bright Sparks Learning Challenges this year;



the quality of the entries has been stunning. Students are invited to complete up to 3 challenges, with the winner receiving a £10 voucher and a meeting with Mr Daly. The final award this year goes to Adam Hodgson, 7Cy, who has commented on how Ronaldo is better than Messi, the use of mobile phones, emojis and also successfully saw into the future to predict that France would win the world cup. Well done!! We hope our young people have enjoyed the challenge of learning in a different way and the freedom to structure their work however they choose. Thank you.

Uniform Donations

We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents for supporting the school to maintain our high standards and dress code with the donations of school uniform. We truly appreciate the response we have received.

Please can we ask that any school skirts and trousers that students have outgrown, but are still wearable, continue to be donated, they will be put to good use in the coming school year. Thank you.

News from the Music Department

Music Stand Covers

Thank you very much to Textiles students who have been giving up their lunchtimes to work with Mrs Harvey to produce 20 wonderful stand covers for the Music department. We are very much looking forward to using them in our concerts and performances next year.



Student Achievement.....

Congratulations to Ellie Willcox (9Di) for achieving a Distinction in her Grade 4 Flute exam! Well done Ellie.

Term Dates 2018-19

Autumn Term 2018

Staff Training Day - Mon 3 Sept 2018 (School closed to students)
 Students restart - Tue 4 Sept 2018
 Staff Training Day - Tue 25 Sept 2018 (School closed to students)
 Half Term - 29 Oct - 2 Nov 2018
 Term Ends - Fri 21 Dec 2018

Spring Term 2019

Staff Training Day - Mon 7 Jan 2019 (School closed to students)
 Students restart - Tue 8 Jan 2019
 Half Term - 25 Feb - 1 Mar 2019
 Term Ends - Thu 11 Apr 2019
 Staff Training Day - Fri 12 Apr 2019 (School closed to students)
 Summer Term 2019

Students restart - Mon 29 Apr 2019
 May Bank Holiday - Mon 6 May 2019
 Half Term - 27-31 May 2019
 Term Ends - Fri 19 Jul 2019
 Staff Training Day - 22 Jul 2019 (School closed to students)



This Week's Sixth Form News



Goodbye for now...

Year 12

What a great year you have had. It seems like only two minutes ago that we were welcoming you in September and seeing lots of nervous and unsure faces. It didn't take you long to find your feet and look at you now. You have been graceful and extremely hard working. I am delighted that we are only half-way through, you are going to be excellent role models for the new cohort in September and you are going to push the boundaries of success next year. Your work ethic and aspiration is admirable. Rest well it is much deserved!

Year 13

I hope you are already enjoying a summer to remember. It is a long one and one of great adventure and anticipation. I cannot wait to see you all on 16 August when we will be able to celebrate your achievements and see the fruits of your labour. Thank you for the year group you have been, you are forceful and are sure of what you want. The recipe for a great generation! See you soon.

Francesca De Lashley, Assistant Head: Director of Sixth Form

Teddy Bear's Picnic for the Great Get Together

Year 12 hosted a Teddy Bear's Picnic and Values Week quiz with a communal potluck lunch as part of the Great Get Together. It was a lovely afternoon celebrating our Sixth Form community and enjoying some time together, finding out more about the things we have in common.



GCSE and Post-16 Results Days

If you are unable to attend Results Day to collect your results please provide a stamped addressed envelope to Mrs Kelly, our Exams Officer, as soon as possible.

Year 13 Post-16 Results: Thursday 16 August, 9.00-10.30

Year 12 Post-16 Results: Thursday 16 August, 11.00-1.00

GCSE Results and Sixth Form Enrolment: Thursday 23 August, 9.00-11.00

AHS Community Coffee Morning

The AHS Community Coffee Morning was, as agreed by everyone, a big success. The guests enjoyed cakes baked by Year 9 students, drank plenty of coffee and had a great time taking part in Bingo, a quiz, a raffle and enjoying a performance by the Year 9 band. The event was hosted in the Main Hall from the start of school up until break. All the Year 9 year group made a contribution be it serving at the tables, giving out bingo cards or just making the decorations. I am sure that everyone who came enjoyed it, and wish next year's Year 9s good luck in putting on the event themselves! (Written by host Fin Ensor, Year 9 student)



Library News

The Library took part in Values Week last week. We wrote postcards to our friends, telling them why we appreciate their friendship. Cards, starter sentences and rhyming words were all available, along with a post box so that cards could be collected and delivered to form. Some lucky members of staff got one too! This week we are looking at setting up reading groups. Book Club books can be borrowed over the holiday, and we will get together in our groups, armed with book club questions at the start of next term.

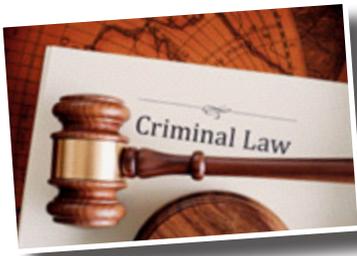


Healthy Week Art Competition Winner

Niamh Foster-McGlynn, Year 8, won the Healthy Week Art Competition with this medal design for sports Day. The design was carefully planned out and incorporated a good graphic idea of a heartbeat line, incorporating a heart shape and the school cross into the design, which made for a simple but effective design. Runner up was Aimee Landsbury, Year 7.



Criminal Law Workshop, Leeds Law School



Huge congratulations to those Year 10 and 12 students who took part in the Criminal Law Workshops with Leeds Law School last week. The students were a credit to their teachers and the school, and were very entertaining when they performed their own mock trials and acted as Judge, Jury, Barristers and Witnesses in a (mock) criminal trial of a young man accused of attempted murder. The Law School reported that the students were fantastic on both days and were impressed by their knowledge and understanding of the legal process, as well as the efforts they went to in getting 'trial ready'. It's safe to say the students got lots out of it too – an opportunity to get to grips with the intricacies and delicacies of criminal law. It's worth mentioning that their acting skills were superb and that many of them seemed to relish the opportunity to act as legal professionals a la Suits!

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

Sports Corner

Rounders

The Year 7 Rounders team had their last match of the summer against Fulford this week. They played two games, winning one match by 2 rounders and narrowly missing out by 0.5 rounders in the second. Fantastic effort from all the girls. Significant progress made by all. Star player of the games, Caitlin Calvert, for her consistency when batting. Well Done Ladies!



Football

Elen Valentine was at Queen Ethelburga's School this week watching England v Republic of Ireland U18 match as part of her football development. Not only did she gain valuable experience, she also got to meet the one and only ex England footballer, Philip Neville.



Tennis

A special mention to the Barnard brothers, Hugo & Theo, in Year 7, who have been fantastic representing the school tennis team this year. Not only have they performed well, but they constantly display the school values each time they set foot on the court. Well done boys.



Dance

Grace Bruce completed her 5th dance show, held at Joseph Rowntree's Theatre with "Just Dance" Well done Grace.

WOW!
word of the week



Community: a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.



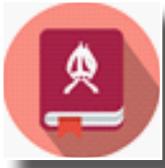
Tweet OF THE WEEK

@AHS_Reception: York Food Bank have just collected our last food collection for this school year. Many thanks to all those who have donated throughout this term.



AHS English Writing Blog

-Winners Announced!



The AHS Writing Blog is a website, especially developed for the students of AHS to contribute examples of their writing. Writing can be submitted under three genres: opinion, narrative and descriptive. Over the past term, students have been submitting both work done in class with their teacher, and examples of their own personal writing. Each week, the English department has selected a 'blog post of the week' to submit in the school Newsletter (www.ahswriting.wordpress.com).

Alongside the overall winner, we have also selected winners from the three blog areas: descriptive, narrative and opinion writing. These winners will each receive a £10 book voucher for their efforts. This week we share the work from the Opinion writing overall winner, Fast Fashion Persuasive writing by Jessica Turton, 9Ry. We think this piece sits perfectly with our school value of 'Compassion'.



Dear CEO of Primark,

I'm utterly disturbed by your morals and goals as a company, so disturbed that in fact I am restless writing this, as I feel a deep sympathy for the people who have to work for you. Changing how your business works seems like the only option for real success now, as a man has died from a brain tumour under your conditions.

Of course the main issue is that you should honestly manage your 'factories' (or in your case: sweatshops) with more care and in a more compassionate way. For 12 hours plus your workers tirelessly make garments and clothing for Primark; the amount of wages they receive is inconsiderate and highly unreasonable as 14p per hour isn't enough to live off, never mind provide for a whole family. The minimum wage they should receive is at least £5 an hour for the hard manual labour they perform daily, and that's on top of the other scenarios they tackle at work on top of that.

Children as young as 12 years old feel that they have no choice but to also participate in making clothing as they need to help make enough money for their family to live off. Unsafe buildings put everyone's life in danger the minute they step foot through the door. Do you want to know the worst part? It's the part where they only do it for your benefit and the profit, you seem to get instead of the wages they know they should get but don't.

Some people might hold the view that what you're doing is perfectly acceptable; some people are wrong. Just because the clothes customers have access to are cheap but good quality doesn't mean that you're allowed to pay your manufacturers less money too, especially when the toxins on the cotton plants are causing birth defects for new born babies.

Let's look at the evidence: your unsafe building collapsed and killed 1400 people in 2014, you enforce child labour and CEOs like you get more and more money even though people are dying. Utterly disgraceful.

You must know better out of all people what actually goes on behind the scenes of the industry and how people are treated, so you will understand the back-breaking pain, sweat, and tonnes of energy that people use for your fast fashion industries. You need to change fast. Cast your mind back to the hellish rampages of feisty Black Friday shopping, the capacity of people in the shop and the amount of clothes bought. It's brutal. Brutal for the production team, making more products than their human bodies can manage. Are they even human? Because no human should ever be treated that way.

Ultimately, you need to show justice for your committed production team and provide them with safe working environments and the wages that they truly deserve and can live off, rather than the minuscule amount you think is right.

They help you, so help them back. Do you understand the true cost?

Yours faithfully, Jessica Turton