



School Newsletter 387

Values – Care – Achievement

Thursday 26 November 2020

Head's Introduction



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part in the 'virtual' Year 9 Parents' Evening yesterday, we appreciate all the positive feedback. We look forward to doing something similar for Year 13 on Wednesday 16 December.

As we move closer to Christmas, I would like to highlight the school's '12 Days of Christmas', an opportunity for students and staff to take part in group activities within their 'bubbles'. Perhaps the highlight of this will be the ice rink that will be on site for this period - further details to follow in my Head's Bulletin this Sunday.



Coronavirus Tests

If a member of a household is waiting for the result of a test, all other household members **MUST** also self-isolate until the outcome of the test is known.

A positive result = household will need to isolate for 14 days, if anyone develops symptoms, they should book a test on GOV.UK.

A negative result = household can stop isolating, so long as they remain clear of a temperature for 48 hours.

If you are not displaying any Covid symptoms, please do not book yourself or any family member in for a test.

Food for Thought

This week, Form Tutor Collective Worship focused on the importance of empathy, asking how do we make sense of our own feelings and the emotions of others? One of our daily quotes:

"Challenges are meant to be met and overcome."

Liu Xiang, Chinese Olympic Gold medalist and World Champion hurdler

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 30 Nov	Y7 Flu Vaccinations
Wed 16 Dec	Y13 Parents' Evening
Fri 18 Dec	School finishes for Christmas
Mon 4 Jan	Staff Training Day (school closed to students)
Tue 5 Jan	Students return

12 Days of Christmas

Normally, at this time of year, we would be hosting our Christmas Fayre. Obviously, this is unable to go ahead, which means the Unity Fund have lost their main source of income, but would still like to be able to help support the school and local community over the festive period. So, as a whole school incentive, we are launching 'The Twelve Days of Christmas Appeal', where giving a little, can mean a lot.

Each form room has a box where students can drop off donated items to be collated to make Christmas hampers. For those who are able, we would be very grateful if you could pick up an extra treat when you go shopping, that can be brought to school before Friday 11 December.

Suggested items for the hampers that would be really helpful include: Christmas crackers, tablecloth, napkins, stuffing/bread sauce/gravy mix, cranberry sauce, biscuits (sweet and savoury), chocolates, selection box, After Eights, tins of Christmas sweets, Christmas pudding/cake, mince pies, non-alcoholic drinks, savoury snacks, Christmas TV guide, a small family game.

Sixth Form have started collecting already and Mr Nicholson's form have set the bar really high! Thank you in advance for your generosity, it is very much appreciated.



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 School News



Careers Corner



The following Virtual Careers Events are taking place at the start of December with over 120 organisations taking part across two days. It would be appreciated if you could please encourage your child to register. These events are Live during school hours, however, once registered for the event students can return to the website for 30 days after the event and will be able to download information and view content during this time.

These events are great, building knowledge and preparing next steps for leaving school.

The National School and College Leaver Show

Tuesday 1 December, 9.30am-4.30pm

Register at: www.nslshow.co.uk

Over 80 exhibitors, a mix of employers and HEIs with an emphasis on Higher Education.



National Apprenticeship Show

2 December 2020, 9.30am-4.30pm

Register: www.nationalapprenticeshipshow.org

Over 40 exhibitors promoting Apprenticeship opportunities.

How do the events work?

- Students can also download content relevant to the exhibitors they are interested in, view videos and apply for positions.
- Students should research clients in advance and be prepared with any questions they might have, preparation is everything.
- Students can return to the website for 30 days after the event and will be able to download information, view content during this time.
- A list of participating organisations is available on the Homepage.



Amazing Apprenticeships

The November Parents' Pack is now out. Visit: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2020/11/Parent-Pack-November-2020-1.pdf>

Admissions Consultation for 2022-23 Entry

This year's Admissions Consultation is being jointly held by all admissions authorities in the City of York between 12 October and 29 November 2020. The consultation includes the admissions policies and planned number of places available at each school for entry in September 2022. For more information and to respond to the consultation, please visit the admissions page on our website or www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation.

Staff & Community Choir

This year, we will be rehearsing remotely and would like to involve as many members of the school community as possible. We have chosen a classic choice this year, a new arrangement of "We wish you a Merry Christmas."



All the resources (music and rehearsal tracks) for the song can be found at: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yPIBHV-cjdfZnQALIXRjPaEnbBydEBnZ?usp=sharing>.

Once you have learnt your part, please sing along to the performance or rehearsal track (with headphones) and send a video recording (or just audio if you prefer) to us at school via We Transfer or upload to the Google Drive in the 'Recordings' folder. Please email Mrs Newton (mnewton@archbishopholgates.org) at school for further information or support, should you need it! Recordings should be completed by Friday 4 December.

We will be arranging a community Zoom rehearsal for anyone who would like to join us on Thursday 3 December, 5.00pm.

Year 10 - Science Period 6 continues

As part of our commitment to support students with their learning, Science Period 6 (after school) sessions continue on a Monday evening until Christmas. The sessions cover essential Biology, Physics and Chemistry revision and will be led by subject specialists. Students will have received an invite to the sessions which take place in the Harris Building (English block). Those without an invite do not need to attend. Students have been informed which group and room to attend.

To supplement this, each student has been invited to join the Science P6 Google Classroom. This will ensure that all resources covered are easily accessible from home or Homework Club. Please do encourage your child to accept our invitation. Thank you for your support. Mr Lever

Week	Subject	Rooms
11	Physics – Electricity 1 (DC Circuit Rules)	En5, 7 and 9
12	Chemistry – Structures and Bonding 1/ Head Start on Moles	En5, 7 and 9
13	Biology – Organisation 1 (Hierarchy, Enzymes and Digestion)	En5, 7 and 9
14	Physics – Electricity 2 (TBC)	En5, 7 and 9

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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:

- KS3 French – India Illing-Ahmed, 8Di
- KS3 German – Callum Hanson, 8MDn & Finn Greenhouse, 8KMD
- KS3 Spanish - Aela Moore, 7Gr
- KS4 French – Jake Buckton, 10EMo
- KS4 German – Rebecca Teasdale, 11Dn
- KS4Spanish – Emma Lee, 11Hm





This Week's Sixth Form News



Updates from Assistant Head: Acting Director of Post 16, Mr Williams

Sixth Form Applications

A reminder to all Year 11 students to return their Sixth Form applications by Monday 14 December. It has been a pleasure to meet each student individually to discuss their plans for next year. We genuinely believe our Sixth Form is the right place for most of our students and look forward to supporting them through these important next steps. Remember, all course information and videos are available at: <https://archbishopholgates.academy/sixth-form-open-evening/>



An amazing Sixth Form effort

Sixth Formers have been leading the school with a huge collection of food and gifts for the school hampers. This has been a fantastic collective effort and shows the compassion and commitment of students to the local community.

Head of Year 12, Miss Cox

Year 12 Student Leaders and School Captains

Applications are now open for Year 12 Student Leaders. Anyone interested in becoming either a Student Leader or a School Captain should collect an application form from Mr Williams' office and submit their application by Monday 7 December. This is a great opportunity to serve the school community whilst demonstrating important leadership skills for the future.



Year 12 Enrichment

Students were really positive in engaging with their first week of enrichment; the Green Leaders have already taken action, our sports students burnt some energy and didn't complain about the rain.

Students demonstrated high levels of independence and maturity in their academic enrichment, topics include; 'the impact of film', 'fighting for this earth', 'machines trace back to mythology' and 'how social media manipulates our emotions'. We're looking forward to listening to the debates, creative choices and political film analysis next week.

We have welcomed student and parent feedback as we try to introduce this during current challenges; we are working hard to adapt and develop enrichment opportunities as we go.

Head of Year 13, Mr Charlton

Year 13 Mock Results

Students will receive their mock results on Monday 29 November. Following these, we will provide a range of support strategies for each student, including parental meetings and P6 intervention as required. We will be contacting families individually, but please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form team with any questions regarding your child's results.

UCAS Updates

As highlighted in our bulletin over the weekend, UCAS offers are flooding in. This is really exciting news! Here are some key bits of advice from Mr Charlton:

Over the coming weeks, you will continue to receive decisions from the universities/colleges you have applied to. These will either be:

- A conditional offer means you still need to meet the requirements – usually exam results.
- An unconditional offer means you've got a place, although there might still be a few things to arrange.
- An unsuccessful or withdrawn choice removes that option, but you could add more.

Some of you have received all 5 offers already. Once you have, you need to make your final choice, but there is no rush! If you have an unconditional offer, you can select it now to confirm your place. If your offers are conditional on exam results or other requirements, you can pick two so you have an extra one as a back-up.

Firm acceptance – this is your first choice.

- If it's an unconditional offer, the place is yours! So that course provider will expect you as their student.
- Or, if it's conditional, the place is yours if you meet the offer conditions. So just in case you don't, you can pick a second offer as a backup – your insurance acceptance.

Insurance acceptance – the back-up choice to a conditional firm acceptance.

- If you're choosing an insurance, go for something with lower offer conditions – make sure it's somewhere you'd still be happy to go to though. That way, if your results are lower than expected, you might still meet the conditions at your insurance choice; then you'd have your place confirmed there.

Don't rush in to anything. We strongly advise Year 13 students to speak to us directly before making a firm or insurance acceptance offer.





Year 10 Autumn 2 English P6 sessions Every Thursday, 3.10-4.00pm



Date	Room 1 Target 7-9 Students (Ev/Cm) En4	Room 2 Target 7-9 Students (RMe/Hm/CAd) En7	Room 3 Target 7-9 Students (Ed/LBr) En6	Room 4 Target Up to Grade 6 Students (Bm/Est) En10	Room 5 Target Up to Grade 6 Students (Cr/DCl) En11
3 Dec	Language Paper 1 SB Independent Planning	Language Paper 1 SB Independent Planning	Language Paper 1 SB Independent Planning	Language Paper 1 SB Independent Planning	Language Paper 1 SB Independent Planning
10 Dec	Language Paper 1 SB Independent Writing	Language Paper 1 SB Independent Writing	Language Paper 1 SB Independent Writing	Language Paper 1 SB Independent Writing	Language Paper 1 SB Independent Writing

A list of recommended revision materials to support Year 10 and 11 students in their GCSE English revision can be found below:

- JB Priestley, *An Inspector Calls*, Heinemann - ISBN 978-0435232825
- Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*, Wordsworth Classics – ISBN 978-1840227567
- William Shakespeare, *Romeo and Juliet*, Oxford School Shakespeare – ISBN 978-0198321668

If you think your child would benefit from additional revision resources on these texts, we recommend:

- *Romeo and Juliet*: York Notes - ISBN 978-1408248829
- *An Inspector Calls*: York Notes - ISBN 978-1408248737
- CPG *A Christmas Carol: The Text Guide* - ISBN: 9781782943099
- CPG *AQA Anthology of Poetry: Love and Relationships* - ISBN: 9781782943624 (Year 10 only)

Year 10 Maths Period 6

Sessions resume on Tuesday, this half term we will be focussing on Geometry and Data topics. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Group	Higher	F/H (Crossover)	Foundation
Room	EN7 (& 8)	EN6 (& 5)	EN9
Staff	KMd/MSt	SMr/Cb	ACo/CMp
Tue 1 Dec	Transformations	Transformations	Transformations
Tue 8 Dec	Averages (from tables)	Averages	Averages
Tue 15 Dec	Probability Trees	Probability	Probability

PLEASE SHARE: If you would like to share students' achievements and events in the community, please email jsissons@archbishopholgates.org. It's always nice to celebrate our school community.

WOW!
word of the week



Divide: Division is one of the four basic operations of arithmetic. The division of two natural numbers is the process of calculating the number of times one number is contained within another one.

"There are 12 chocolates, and 3 friends want to share them, how do they divide the chocolates?"



Tweet OF THE WEEK

@AHSArtsAward @music_ahs:
Community Choir! This year we will be rehearsing remotely and are going for a classic choice this year a new arrangement of "We wish you a merry Christmas".



Physical Education Department

Newsletter



Sporting Achievement

Due to the current pandemic there hasn't been a lot of sporting achievements going on, but the PE department were elated to hear the news that Lottie Langan, Year 9, took part in the National Schools Cross Country Championships in Loughborough. Lottie was absolutely amazing and beat runners in all secondary age groups. She won outright against students up to Year 11! A fabulous achievement - she is now the National Schools Champion 2020!



Extra-Curricular PE

The new extra-curricular timetable has now started with additional clubs for Year 8 and 9:

- Monday – Y7 Netball (Sports Hall)
- Tuesday – Y9 Basketball (Gym)
Y9 Netball (Tennis Courts)
Y7 Rugby (Field)
Y8 Football (Field)
- Thursday – Y7 Cricket (Sports Hall)
Y9 Dance



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Opportunity to win a Fitbit!



Secondary School Run: Due to the current pandemic, many of the inter school competitions have been cancelled including the cross country event. We are looking to run a virtual competition across schools and this half term's challenge is a distance run. To enter, students need to run the following distance: Y7-8 – 2.5km; Y9-11 – 3.5km. Then enter the time by logging on to www.koboca.co.uk entering the username for Archbishop Holgate's School (Archbishop13 / Ofbe3592e951). To encourage people to stay active in these unprecedented times, York School Sports network are providing a Fitbit Ionic to one student who enters a virtual competition before Christmas (this will be a random selection, not the fastest time). Thank you to everyone who takes part. Kevin Davies, York School Sports Manager.

PE Kit for Period 1

A reminder that students who have PE Period 1 must arrive at school in their PE kit.

School PE Kit

A reminder that all PE kit should be clearly named. If a student misplaces any PE kit, this makes it easier to return items to their rightful owner.

The department would like to clarify that the optional PE hoodie can be used for PE lessons, but we encourage students to wear the reversible PE top as this is safer for rugby.

PE Lessons

Students should always bring their PE kit to lesson even if they are excused by a medical note. If a student is too unwell to take part fully in the lesson, teachers will differentiate so they can be part of the lesson in some capacity.

PE Uniform

Reminder that students will be asked to remove ALL jewellery for PE lessons. This is a health and safety precaution and must be adhered to. Thank you.

Calling all past and future sports leaders!

If you have been a part of past primary PE festivals or someone who would like to volunteer as a Sports Leader in the future, you are welcome to enter another competition to win a Fitbit. Please read and follow instructions in the enclosed letter. Teams can be no more than three students and the competition closes Friday 15 January 2021.

The Leadership Academy is going to look significantly different this year with the restrictions on mass participation events and inability to cross 'bubbles' due to Covid. However, being physically active has never been more important than it is now.

We would like your help in creating virtual opportunities to get young people active. You can work in teams of up to three, to create and design a challenge to get more young people active. To help you get started, here are some national ideas that have been successful in the past: toilet roll keepy-up challenge; can a school travel (virtually) from Land's End to John O'Groats by recording miles walked by students; lots of charities run 'can you complete (set distance) in a month' or 'number of squats in a month', etc. Other examples can be found at: Speed Bounce - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljxxh41aJFg>; Football Challenge - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVB_Yr9KVEw&feature=youtu.be.

You can present your idea through PowerPoint, Prezi, video tutorial or any method you would like. You may want to include someone who is good at media in your group. It would need to be in a format that could be sent to schools to explain and promote your challenge to get young people active. It would be great to have something for social media promotion too. It doesn't need to be long. Something short, sharp and punchy, that is clear for students to understand and take part.

Try and be imaginative. We are looking for something exciting that young people would like to get involved in. The activities should be suitable for secondary school aged students. Please submit your entries to your Head of PE who will in turn pass them on to your School Games Organiser. The best entry from each sports partnership will receive a prize from North Yorkshire Sport.

The winning entry from each area will be submitted and the team with the best idea and presentation/promotion in North Yorkshire will win a Fitbit Ionic each (max 3). Schools across the county will then be asked to take part in the idea. Good luck and please return your entries to your Head of PE by Friday 15 January 2021 (See Newsletter 385 for entry form.).