Archbishop Holgate's School

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Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust

School Newsletter 448

Values – Care – Achievement

Thursday 22 September 2022

Executive Head's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope families are having a good week. Yesterday, as a high performing Multi Academy Trust, we were delighted to have a visit from the new Secretary of State for Education, Kit Malthouse, who spent time at both New Earswick Primary School and Archbishop Holgate's. As well as meeting lots of young people across the two schools we were able to talk about our school values, the AHS Journey, as well as our wider partnership working both within York and as far afield as Cape Town. The Secretary of State was extremely impressed with all the young people he met and as well as congratulating us on the quality of education we provide also commented on how well ordered and hard working our school felt. The visit once again reminded me of how much we have to be proud of both as Archbishop Holgate's and as a wider family of schools.

MAIN SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Thursday 6 October, 6.00pm

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Food for Thought

The theme for our Form Tutor Collective Worship this week has been inspired by the Queen's funeral and how in times of grief and loss we can have faith and hope. Our daily quotes have been from the Bible on hope.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

The Bible, Romans ch15: v13

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

Upcoming Events

Fri 23 Sept	Y11/13 - School Photographs
Thu 6 Oct	Training Day (school closed to students)
Thu 6 Oct	Open Evening
Mon 10 Oct	Restart a Heart Week
Mon 10 Oct	Y7/8 Accelerated Reader Parent Drop-in
Tue 11 Oct	Bewerley Park Information Evening
Thu 13 Oct	Arts Award Celebration Evening
Fri 14 Oct	Y8/9 Flamingo Land Trip
Fri 14 Oct	Y11 IAG Day

Trust Board Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for a Trustee to join the Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust Board. The Trust is at an exciting stage of its development as it expands and is now working with over 4,300 pupils in eleven schools across York. As multi academy trusts have evolved and developed over the last few years, one thing has become abundantly clear: the quality of a Trust's Board is fundamental to its success. The role of the Trustee is to work with the Chief Executive Officer, leadership team and other Trustees to develop the Trust's strategic vision, values and ethos. Trustees monitor, challenge and support the CEO and leadership team, understanding the challenges and pressures on schools and helping leaders navigate these issues with sensitivity, optimism and ambition. They act with integrity and honesty in all their dealings with the schools. We are particularly looking for individuals with a commitment to the Trust's vision and values, who have a broad experience of managing within large organisations, and who are excited about improving outcomes for young people. Legal, safeguarding and finance expertise is particularly welcome. But more than that, we want Trustees who are prepared to dream. People who care about the Trust's aspirations for children's futures. People who are aligned with our values and who are motivated to make a difference. Does this sound like you? The MAT Board meets six times a year in York with additional committee meetings from time to time. If you'd like to know more, you can read our Welcome Guide for more information about the Trust; and you might like to assess the possible "fit" by looking at the skills audit for MAT Trustees provided by the National Governors' Association. If you're still interested, we'd love to hear from you: please email info@pmat.academy with your CV and a covering letter explaining the skills and experience you could bring to the Trust Board. The closing date for applications is Monday 3 October at midday. Thank you in advance for your interest in considering this opportunity.

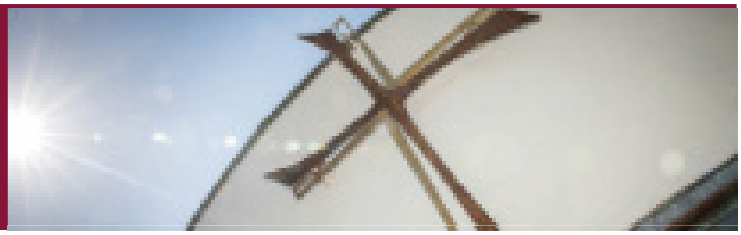
AHS Feedback

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



Free School Meals

AHS has a quick and easy way to claim Free School Meals to ensure no one is missing out. Parents of children attending York schools can apply for Free School Meals if they are receiving certain benefits.

To process the application we will:

- use your details to confirm eligibility by checking information held by the Department for Work and Pensions and HMRC; this quick online check means we can often confirm eligibility immediately.
- call or write to you to inform you of the outcome, if successful.

Benefits include:

- a free school meal for your child, which is good for their health and could help their learning.
- savings worth over £350 a year.

Free School Meal claims:

- We treat all claims in confidence and schools provide the same meals whether they're paid for or provided free.
- Your child does not have to take up a meal every day - you can still provide a 'pack up' as and when you want to.
- We will transfer your child's entitlement if they move to another school, so you will not need to take any further action.
- It will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

How does it work?

Complete the Free School Meal Eligibility Checker form included in this Newsletter.

Student Achievement

William Roelofs attained a Merit in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad, an annual event organised by the UK Mathematics Trust for children in Year 8 or below. William was only in Year 6 when the event took place, being in the top 40% of participants is an amazing result.

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 - Sam Button, 8SMr
KS3 German - Lily Thompson, 8SBl
KS3 Spanish - Lowri Spruce, 9Cr
KS4 French - Dunyasha Dolamulla, 11Hu
KS4 German - Libby Roe & Ben Kitson, 10KMd
KS4 Spanish - Soren Tait, 11Kx

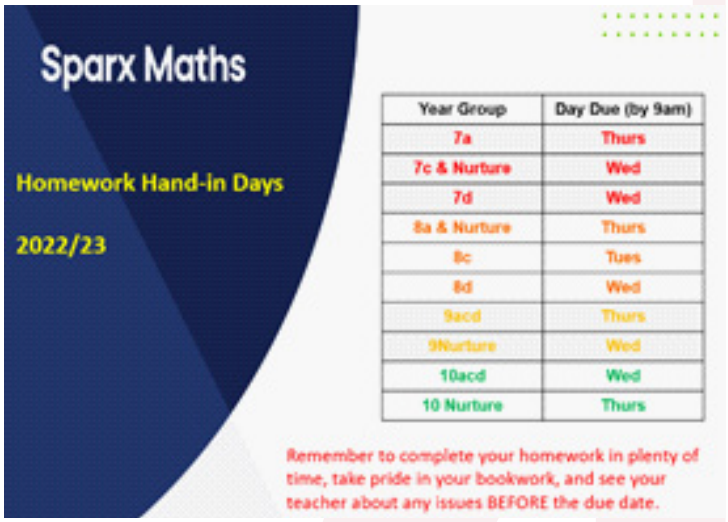
WOW! word of the week

Acquire: noun - to buy or obtain something for oneself. Learn or develop a habit, quality or skill.
'He was quick to acquire the knowledge needed for the test.'

Sparx Maths Homework

Students in Y7-10 will be receiving their first official Sparx homework this week. We are looking forward to seeing how our student get on with their tasks, and of course, we're looking out for brilliant bookwork! Video instruction guides will be available via Google Classroom for anyone needing a reminder of how to log in etc...

The table below indicates which day of the week Maths homework is due to be handed in for each group.



Careers Corner

success at school

Free guides for parents on Apprenticeships, STEM and University

Success at School have developed a range of free guides for parents to find out more about apprenticeships, university and STEM subjects. The University guide provides information on how to apply to university with a guide to UCAS, personal statements, student finance, placements and interviews. The Apprenticeship guide offers an introduction to apprenticeships, how to find the correct apprenticeship, how to support your child when deciding on apprenticeships and more. The guide to STEM explores 10 different STEM subjects to help young people understand more about careers in the field, along with profiles on how each subject can tackle an environmental challenge. For further information and to access these guides, please visit https://tinyurl.com/ye2829x4

Tweet OF THE WEEK

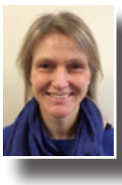
@PathfinderMAT: We were delighted to welcome the new Secretary of State for Education, @kitmalthouse to @AHSYork and @NewEarswickPS today to share our work as a multi academy trust and wider partnership working across York.

Message from Head of Year 8

We have enjoyed a fantastic start to Year 8 this year with our new cohort and could not be more delighted with the good manners, kind actions and hard work we have seen. As students settle into their new lessons and form new friendships, it's been lovely to hear positive feedback from teachers and celebrate our first Student of the Week and Gold Award nominations. The theme of Year 8's AHS Journey is 'Opportunities' and we are pleased to see students already starting to seize these with drive and enthusiasm. Our focus on opportunities through lessons, rewards and extra-curricular opportunities will underpin our vision for the year.

As part of our duty of pastoral care, we hold high expectations of our Year 8 students' behaviour, attendance and uniform in line with our school policies and we will guide every member of our year group to meet these high standards. So far, the vast majority of students have impressed us greatly. Throughout Year 8, we will also be supporting students to foster greater resilience and independence, which will serve them well in their developing relationships and as they take the next tentative steps towards being responsible members of a future society. It has been pleasing in the first few weeks to see students responding well to the consistent expectations and routines we have in place in Year 8.

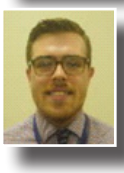
As with Year 7, students have a comprehensive pastoral support system in place for Year 8. We are fortunate to have an immensely strong and experienced team of form tutors who have begun building the supportive relationships that will last throughout the AHS journey. Unlike in Year 7, the Year 8 team will largely remain the same until students leave in Year 11, so the start of Year 8 really does mark a moment of lasting commitment as we care for your child throughout their time in school. Please see our team of wonderful form tutors:



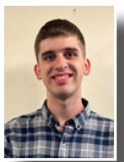
Hello, I am Mrs Robertson, 2i/c RE at Archbishop's. I joined the school in 2020 and have since been a Year 10 and 11 form teacher. Last year, I had the pleasure of teaching RE to 7MLn and was delighted to discover that I have been selected to be their form tutor. They are already meeting my expectations and I am looking forward to seeing them grow as they embrace the many opportunities that Year 8 presents.

Hi, my name is Miss Brown and I am a teacher of History and Law at Archbishop Holgate's. Last year, I was a form tutor to Year 8 so I am well equipped and ready to bring in a new academic year with the brand new 8CBn. So far, we are getting to know one another and almost celebrating our first birthdays on our tutor board. I look forward to the year ahead and seeing how positive and proud 8CBn can make me.

Hello, I am Mr Gibson. I teach German and Spanish and lead the Year 8 trip to Barcelona. I am from Northern Ireland and I've worked at AHS for four years. I am really excited to be part of the Year 8 team this year.



My name is Mr MacFarlane and I am a History and Politics teacher. I love the subjects that I teach, but the part of my role that makes me the proudest is my incredible form that I have very fortunately taken through from Year 7 into Year 8. Our focus on being the best continues, bringing a great deal of pride and success to our name. In the new year though, our priorities are updated with a focus on opportunities, involvement and representation. Every member of our form is part of a team and we must be there for each other as we work hard and enjoy all elements of school life.

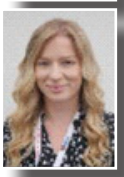


Hi, I'm Mr Tilbrook, I teach Science, but my favourite is Chemistry! It's my first year at AHS, but the form have made a great start; I'm really excited to see how each member of DTk can develop throughout this year. I can get quite competitive, so I'm expecting big things from us with the attendance trophy, sports day, reading challenges and any other opportunity to prove just how amazing we are! Outside of school, I love travelling and football - I'm a huge Man United fan!

Hi there, I'm Mr Bryan and I mostly work with students with Special Educational Needs in Sixth Form as well as IT. I have been at Archbishop's for 8 years and in teaching for 15 years. I'm looking forward to the year ahead and working with my new Year 8 form. I recently took a Year 7 form all the way through to Year 11 and I look forward to hopefully being able to do the same with 8By. In my spare time I enjoy music and sport. I'm a big Coventry City fan and will have to regularly be reminded by my form to stop talking about football!

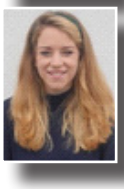
Hi, I'm Mrs Dugdale, 8BDu's form tutor and I teach Art and Food. This year I am looking forward to seeing my form grow, develop and thrive, seeing what opportunities they immerse themselves in the coming year. 8BDu have settled fantastically into Year 8. They are a wonderful set of individuals who represent themselves and the form so well around school.

My name is Mrs Beddall and I teach Food, Textiles and DT and I am really excited to be a Year 8 form tutor this year. I'm really looking forward to getting to know 8SBl and they've all made me proud so far with an excellent start to Year 8.



Hello! I am Miss Rogers, I am a teacher of RE and PSHCE at Archbishop Holgate's. I joined the school this year and it'll be my third year as a teacher. I am really excited to have a Year 8 form group this year as I teach a lot of the Year 8 groups and so far they have all been impeccable. I am looking forward to seeing the students progress this year at Archbishop Holgate's!

I have joined AHS this year as a Geography teacher and as a Year 8 form tutor. I am really excited to get to know the school and its fabulous community better, so far I have been warmly welcomed by my form, 8LAy! After a brilliant first two weeks, I know I've made a good choice joining this school!



Miss Sinclair, I am MSr's form tutor and teach Geography. I am thrilled to be teaching at AHS and working with Year 8. This year I am looking forward to seeing my form grow, develop and thrive, seeing what opportunities they immerse themselves in. 8MSr have settled fantastically and I am grateful that they have helped me settle in so quickly too, achieving the attendance trophy in the first week! They are a fantastic set of individuals who represent themselves and the form so well around school.

Once again, we have a number of extra-curricular clubs which started in earnest last week and are encouraging all of our Year 8 students to attend. As part of our mission to support students in becoming well-rounded and flourishing members of society, we want all students to engage in the wider life of the school. As well as the clubs on offer, students are also welcome to join the Year 8 Student Council, for which the first meeting will be held on Thursday 29 September after school in EN1. Mrs Reeder (Assistant Head of Year) will chair the Student Council meetings and students will be welcome to discuss a number of decisions and preferences for activities in their year group, including helping to plan school trips later in the year.

We are also recruiting Year 8 student helpers to take part in the school Open Evening on Thursday 6 October; this is a fantastic opportunity for your child to participate in activities for their favourite subject area and chat to prospective Year 6 students and their parents about what they have enjoyed about school. Students involved will need to make their way into school for 5.00pm and the evening will finish at 9.00pm. Students should eat beforehand, though they may wish to bring a snack.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 6 October – School is closed for Open Evening
Friday 14 October – Flamingo Land trip
Friday 24 October – Last day of half term
Wednesday 30 November – Year 8 Progress Evening

Our Year 8 Head of Year office is based next to the Year 8 social area by the Courtyard Café and our team is available before and after school and each break and lunchtime to hold conversations with students. We are on hand throughout your child's school experience to support and we want to work closely with families to ensure the best outcomes for your child.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child in Year 8, please contact school reception to speak to someone in the Year 8 pastoral team, or you can email reception@ahs.pmat.academy.

Miss Chambers (Head of Year), Mrs Reeder and Miss Waines (Assistant Heads of Year)

Attendance Reminders

School Attendance Policy

The school attendance policy is now available on the school website: https://archbishopholgates.academy/our-school/policies/ . We would like to highlight the following:

- All absences must be reported each morning, on each day of absence, and advise when they are expected to return by either phoning school 01904 411341 or using the ClassCharts App.
- We will inform you by ClassCharts if we have recorded a session's attendance as unauthorised. This is very important because we have either been unable to evidence that the absence was avoidable or we believe the absence was avoidable. As a school we have a legal obligation to ensure students have good attendance, as such we expect all students to attend whenever possible. We will monitor attendance and identify those whose attendance is below 90% (at this stage we must address the reasons for the poor attendance). At this stage we will listen and understand and facilitate support. For those whose attendance does not improve we will then formalise this support, before enforcing attendance. Anyone with 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a 12 week period will automatically start along the Council's fast track process towards legal enforcement.
- Students who arrive after 9.55am with no good reason will have their attendance automatically set as unauthorised.
- All students must be in form time by 8.45am. Anyone who arrives after 8.45am and before 9.55am will receive a lunchtime detention.
- The Headteacher will only grant a leave of absence to a student during term time if they consider there to be 'exceptional circumstances'. A leave of absence is granted at the Headteacher's discretion, including the length of time the student is authorised to be absent for. We define 'exceptional circumstances' as "Exceptional circumstances are one off events which are unavoidable, examples may include the death of a close relative, attendance at a funeral, respite care of a looked after child, a housing crisis which prevents attendance." A good example of what is not an 'exceptional circumstance' is a holiday during term time (even if you believe there are good reasons to take it).
- We ask that all requests for leave of absence are put in writing 2 weeks prior to the event. This will allow us to inform you if the request does not meet the criteria under which we are allowed to grant it and hence if it is taken, it will be recorded as unauthorised absence and will result in us having to inform the Council to enforce the school attendance.

We would like to thank all parents/carers in advance for ensuring that their child has no avoidable absences. There are only 195 days of school, which leaves 170 to do other things, such as go on holiday, go shopping, seeing family or having appointments that can be changed.

Anti-bullying and Discrimination

It is only by everyone standing up and reporting all bullying and discrimination that we can stop it! If your child is being bullied or discriminated against please inform your child's Pastoral Team or you could use our REPORT IT form:

VACANCIES

Archbishop Holgate's School

Cleaning Assistant

Required as soon as possible
Part Time (20 hpw - 3.30-7.30pm) Full Year
£9.50 per hour

School Assistants

Required for September 2022
Part Time (32.5 hpw, 8.20am-3.20pm), Term Time Only
Grade 4 - £14,266 (this is the actual salary)

Pathfinder Teaching School Hub

Receptionist/Admin Assistant

Required as soon as possible
Part Time (16 hpw , Mon-Thu, hours/days to be negotiated)
Term Time Only
Grade 4 - £7,023 (this is the actual salary)

For more information visit:
www.archbishopholgates.academy/staff/vacancies
Pathfinder MAT is an equal opportunities employer, committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
Enhanced DBS check will be required.

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

Educational Psychology Service
City of York Council

Educational Psychology (EP) Support Line

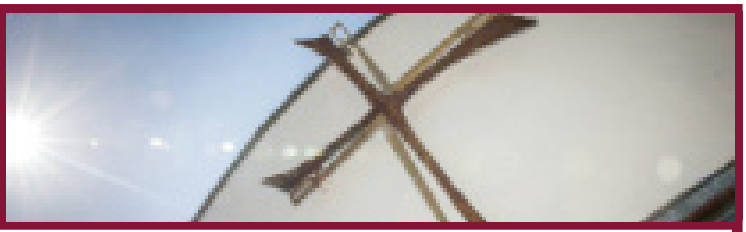
A confidential telephone support service, staffed by Educational Psychologists, to talk through questions or concerns about children and young people's **wellbeing** or **learning**.
Open to **all** parents/carers of children with additional needs or SEND living in the City of York (who have not had recent EP involvement), and any practitioners working with children who live in/attend an educational setting in York.

Calls of up to 30 minutes, available during term time:
Wednesday mornings 9.30am-11.30am
From **5th September 2022** onwards **(term time only)**
To book a slot, please e-mail: EPsupportline@york.gov.uk
with your name and a contact telephone number.

On the following Tuesday, we will e-mail you with a time slot for your consultation. Booking for each week will close on Mondays at 5pm. Spaces are allocated on a first come, first served basis. This is a one-off consultation provided by City of York Educational Psychologists on a rota basis

Please note: the helpline offers short slots to talk with a psychologist about specific concerns; unfortunately, within the time available, we cannot advise on complex situations where different agencies need to work together to support a child or young person.

This Week's Sixth Form News



Messages from Mrs Williams, Head of Year 12 and Mr Charlton, Head of Year 13

We have had another great week in Sixth Form. Below are a couple of whole cohort reminders and then specific year group reminders:

Open Evening: Please return slips if you are able to support on Open Evening. Your help is invaluable. Thank you in advance!

Lanyards: It is important that these continue to be worn.

Year 12

Career Ready - Please let Mr Charlton know if you are interested in this programme. It is ideal for anyone interested in employment or apprenticeships after Sixth Form.

Competitive Entry - Please let Mr Charlton know if you are interested in competitive entry next year.

Volunteering - Students should keep their eyes open for volunteering opportunities over the coming weeks.

Enrichment - We hope that students are enjoying their enrichment each Wednesday. These are valuable opportunities to gain skills outside of the usual curriculum.

Year 13

Competitive Entry - This Friday is the deadline to notify Mrs Tipping if you need to take an admissions test. See Google Classroom for details of what to send through.

Career Ready - Students have participated in some excellent internships over the summer and there has been some great feedback. The next masterclass for the current cohort is Wednesday 12 October.

Personal Statements - Students should have now submitted a second draft of their personal statement to their form tutor. It is important that students are keeping on top of this and their UCAS application.

Extra-Curricular MUSIC 2022-23	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	A-level Composition L40 	Music Tech Club Y8/9/6th L40 (DC) 	AHS Academy Choir Y7, 10, 11 and new members L37 	A-level Composition Support L40 	Music Tech Club (Y7/10/11) GCSE Music Support L40
PM Reg		Brass Ensemble Y7-13 (Ne) L40 	AHS Academy Choir Y7-13 (Ne/ZBl) L40 		
After School	Backstage Club Main Hall (Gl) Soul Band L40 (AMo) 	Boys Aloud! Y7-13 L37 (BB/Ne) Y11 Music P6 L40 	Band rehearsals (by appointment) Studio 	Orchestra Y7-13 L37 (Mo/ZBl) 	AHS Unity Choir L40 (Ne/ZBl) (by invitation only) UNITY CHOIR

Physical Education Department

"Equipping students with the knowledge, skills and motivation to live active, healthy lives."

Newsletter

Football

Year 11 - The Y11 football team kicked off the 22-23 season with a comfortable win away at York High. The team went into an early 3-0 lead which led to wholesale positional changes. The defence went into attack and attack to defence in order to even the game up. Despite the changes, the team continued to dominate and should have ended up with more goals than the eventual 5-0 win. It was difficult to pick a player of the match but Henry Tegetmeier who was both brilliant in is hold up play when up front but also extremely composed when playing centre back.

Year 10 - The Y10 boys played their first game of the season at home against Fulford this week. The visitors played some excellent football in the first half and took an early lead. AHS struggled to get a grip on the game but they increased their intensity in the second half and scored twice from corners. Freddie Peel scored his third goal with 15 minutes to go and despite a late goal from Fulford, AHS went on to hold their lead. Harry Glaves was strong in defence and Aidan Fewlass provided excellent support for the attack.

Year 7 - First game of the year for the Y7 and 8 team. Great teamwork and sportswomenship! End result 3-0 to AHS, well done girls!

Loaned PE Kit

If any student has borrowed school PE kit, please can it be returned to a member of the PE department.

School PE kit is usually labelled "AHS".

If you have any unwanted school PE kit, we would be extremely grateful for any donations.

PE Period 1 or 5

If a student has PE Period 1 they should still attend school in their normal school uniform.

Likewise, if a student has PE Period 5, they are allowed to leave school in their PE kit if they wish to do so.

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.

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.

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.

Extra-curricular PE

Please see our new extra-curricular programme for this half term. Remember that our clubs are a relaxed environment with a focus on participation and enjoyment, students don't have to be selected in teams. Fixtures are also back on, so if students would like to be a part of a team, they will need to attend training to be eligible for selection.

Google Classroom

On Google Classroom students can access general PE information, their Programme of Study, the Extra-Curricular Programme, Community Links and a curriculum map outlining what students study each year.

Tweet us @ @AHSPhysEd

SCHOOL CLUBS

MONDAY
- LUNCHTIME (12.15-12.50pm)
  - Y8 & 9 Football (Sports Hall)
- AFTER SCHOOL (3.15-4.00pm)
  - Y7-9 Girls' Football (Back Field)
  - Y12-13 Football (Back Field)
  - Y7-9 Badminton (Sports Hall)

TUESDAY
- LUNCHTIME (1.15-1.50pm)
  - Y10 Football (Sports Hall)
- AFTER SCHOOL (3.15-4.00pm)
  - Y11 Football (Sports Hall)
  - Y7-11 Rugby (Back Field)
  - Y7-10 Netball (Tennis Courts)
  - Y10 Fitness (Fitness Suite)

WEDNESDAY
- LUNCHTIME (12.15-12.50pm)
  - Y8/9/SF Detentions (PE1)
- LUNCHTIME (1.15-1.50pm)
  - Y7 Spikeball (Gym)

THURSDAY
- LUNCHTIME (1.15-1.50pm)
  - Y7/9/11 Detentions (PE1)
- AFTER SCHOOL (3.15-4.00pm)
  - Y11-13 Netball (Tennis Courts)
  - Y7 Football (Sports Hall)

FRIDAY
- LUNCHTIME (12.15-12.50pm)
  - Y8 Aerobics & Dance (Gym)
- AFTER SCHOOL (3.15-4.15)
  - Y7 Rookie Lifeguard (Swimming Pool)

Extra-Curricular Sport

If your son/daughter has had recent success in a sporting activity please contact the school, we would love to promote what they have done.

English Enrichment

Opportunities within English:

- Apollo Reading Challenge.
- 16 by 16 Challenge.
- Challenging Reads for KS4 and KS5 – after school on Tuesdays.
- Dead Poets Society – after school on Mondays.

Success stories:

Well done to all our new Year 7 students for a fantastic start to English at AHS!

Well done to Year 10 for a really focused start to their GCSE courses in English Language and Literature.

Our highlights:

We are absolutely thrilled with the fantastic results that our Year 11 and Year 13 students achieved in August. This success is testament to the sustained hard work of students, staff and parents. After a challenging few years, our students demonstrated real resilience and motivation over the summer exam period so these grades are richly deserved. We wish them all the very best of luck at they move on to their next steps.

We are also very happy to welcome Mrs Doyle to the English department. She is a fantastic addition to our amazing team of teachers who support our young people day in and day out. We look forward to working with you over the coming you.

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful summer with your loved ones. We are really excited for the new academic year, and we have lots of fantastic units of learning to kick things off. Year 7 have started studying 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave, a novel about courage and wonder. Year 8 have the joy of studying the Michael Morpurgo's 'Private Peaceful'; the story of two brothers leaving their idyllic village life for the trenches of WW1. Year 9 have started the year with the fantastic 'Prejudice and Identity' unit where they will explore a range of diverse texts from slave narratives to recent news articles. We hope our students enjoy these units of work as much as we enjoy teaching them. Lastly, we would like to thank parents and guardians for their continued support as we all settle into the start of a new academic year; we're looking forward to working with you to support your children.

Free School Meal Eligibility Checker

Please return to main school reception, in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of the Data Manager

The information provided below will only be used for the purpose of supporting those parents with children who may be eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium. In providing this information you consent to Archbishop Holgate's School using this information to check eligibility on your behalf. The information will be used to check eligibility each month for the duration your child is at Archbishop Holgate's School, you will not need to contact us with further information if your circumstances change. Free School Meal and Pupil Premium eligibility does not affect any other benefits you may already be claiming.

Name of child: _____

Child's date of birth: _____

Full Name of parent: _____

Parent's date of birth: _____

Address: _____

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Parent's National Insurance Number: _____

I understand and consent to Archbishop Holgate's School sharing this information for the purpose of eligibility checks for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium.

Name of Parent: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Menu - w/c 26 September

Monday

Mains
Chicken Korma
Vegetable Tikka Masala(V)

On the side
Rice
Onion Bhaji

Vegetables
Selection of seasonal vegetables served every day

Snack Selection
Baked Potato & fillings
Homemade Sandwiches

Family Favourites
Apple Crumble & Custard
A selection of: Traybake/muffin, Cookies, Yogurt and Fruit

Tuesday

Mains
All Day Breakfast
(sausages, bacon, tomatoes, mushrooms, baked beans, Scrambled egg)
Veggie all day breakfast (V)

On the side
Hash Browns

Vegetables
Selection of seasonal vegetables served every day

Snack Selection
Baked Potato & fillings
Homemade Sandwiches

Family Favourites
Lemon Drizzle cake
A selection of: Traybake/muffin, Cookies, Yogurt and Fruit

Wednesday

Mains
Roast Joint of Beef
Creamy Vegetable Kiev(V)

On the side
Roast Potatoes
Yorkshire pudding

Vegetables
Selection of seasonal vegetables served every day

Snack Selection
Baked Potato & fillings
Homemade Sandwiches

Family Favourites
Syrup sponge & Custard
A selection of:Traybake/muffin, Cookies, Yogurt and Fruit

Thursday

Mains
Beef Bolognese
Veggie Bolognaise(V)

On the side
Spaghetti
Garlic Bread

Vegetables
Selection of seasonal vegetables served every day

Snack Selection
Baked Potato & fillings
Homemade Sandwiches

Family Favourites
Jam Roly - poly
A selection of: Traybake/muffin, Cookies, Yogurt and Fruit

Friday

Mains
Freshly Battered Fish
Vegetarian Quiche (V)

On the side
Chips

Vegetables
Selection of seasonal vegetables served every day

Snack Selection
Baked Potato & fillings
Homemade Sandwiches

Family Favourites
Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce
A selection of: Traybake/muffin, Cookies, Yogurt and Fruit

Going to School:
don't let your child miss out!

Let's work together to make sure your child doesn't miss out on school and gets the best start in life.

Children and young people can become **anxious** or **worried** about going to school. You might want to let them stay off school, but it does not help things to get better.

Why it is **important** for your child to go to school.

We know that children who go to school every day are more successful.

Going to school helps them to:

- ✓ Learn
- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Make friends
- ✓ Get new experiences
- ✓ Get the qualifications that help them to get a job
- ✓ Increase their confidence

and most of all...

- ✓ Have the best start in life

What can happen if your child misses lots of school?

- X Find lessons difficult
- X Do less well in their exams
- X Be worried about going to school
- X Have lower self-esteem and fewer friends
- X More likely to get involved in crime or anti-social behaviour

It's **really important** to talk to your child's school if your child is worried about going in.

For more information on school absence in York visit:
www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance

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Is it ever okay for my child to be off school?

Sometimes children have to miss school if they are ill. You **must** let your school know if they are too sick to go in. Children might need to attend a medical or dental appointment in school time.

You should always try to make appointments such as dental check-ups during the school holidays or after school hours if you can.

Other reasons that your child might not be able to go to school could include the death of someone close to them,or taking part in an agreed religious activity. Your child's headteacher will decide whether to agree to them being out of school or not.

You **must** tell your child's school if they cannot go in, and why not.

If the school agrees that it is okay for them not to be at school, it is called an **'authorised absence'**. That means they **can** be off school.

What does the **law** say?

The law says that all children of 'compulsory school age' (between 5 and 16) must get a suitable, full-time education.

As a parent, you are responsible for making sure this happens, either by registering your child at a school or by making other arrangements which provide a suitable full-time education.

If your child is registered at a school **you are responsible** for making sure he or she attends regularly.

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If your child is **anxious** or **worried** about going to school you can speak to other organisations that might be able to help you and your child:

CAMHS Single Point of Access
tewv.camhsspayorkselby@nhs.net
01904 615345

CAMHS Crisis Line
0800 0516171

Family Information Service
yor-ok.org.uk

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
01904 551900
mash@york.gov.uk

Special Educational Needs Independent Advice Service (SENDIAS)
www.yorksendiass.org.uk
01904 554319

York Mind
www.yorkmind.org.uk
01904 643363

The Island
Enhancing children's quality of life through mentoring (theislandyork.org)
01904 628449

York Travellers Trust
http://ytt.org.uk
01904 630526

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What happens if your child **does not attend** school?

1. If your child does not go to school regularly - the school can request that City of York Council considers taking **legal action** against you.

2. If your school has not agreed that your child can be off school, it is called an **'unauthorised absence'**.

3. If your school is worried that your child is not coming to school regularly, they will get in touch with you. They will talk to you about what you and they can do to get your child to school every day.

4. They will review the impact of this contact four weeks later to see if your child has been at school as expected. If they are still not going to school every day, your school will set up an Attendance Panel with you to set a target for when your child's attendance.

5. If they do not reach this target, the school can request that City of York Council issue you with a fine called a **Fixed Penalty Notice** of £60 that can rise to £120 if not paid.

6. **If this is not paid or attendance issues continue, you could have to go to Court** where a fine of up to £2,500 may be imposed and/or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 months.

7. The court can also impose other penalties, such as a **Parenting Order** or a **Community Order.**

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How can you help?

- ✓ Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep
- ✓ Talk to your child about what they do at school and let them know when they've done well
- ✓ Speak to your child if they are missing school or seem unhappy
- ✓ Make sure your child is ready for school in time every morning
- ✓ Make sure your child attends and is on time every day for both the morning and afternoon registration
- ✓ Let your school know promptly if your child is ill and cannot go to school
- ✓ Ask in good time for any necessary Leaves of Absence so the school can consider if these can be authorised
- ✓ Book dentist's or doctor's appointments outside school time whenever you can
- ✓ Only take family holidays during the school holidays
- ✓ Go to parent evenings and events at your school
- ✓ Speak to your child's school if you're worried about any problems so you can work with them to make things better
- ✓ Work closely with the school and other agencies if attendance problems develop

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What if my child **has** to be off school?

✓ Make sure you let your school know about any time away from school well in advance, ideally **14 days** before.

Remember that if your school doesn't agree to your child's absence but you still take your child our of school, then they can ask for a Fixed Penalty Notice to be issued by City of York.

✓ **Authorised absence may include**:

- illness
- medical appointments
- days of religious observance
- leave granted in exceptional circumstances

Only the headteacher can authorise a child's absence from school.

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