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School Newsletter 449

Values – Care – Achievement

Thursday 29 September 2022

Executive Head's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of September it seems as if the first four weeks of term have passed by in a flash. By this point students should be fully settled back into school and enjoying their learning. This is certainly what I see when I visit classrooms. However, families should not hesitate to contact the relevant year pastoral team should your child need any support. This is exactly the reason why we have invested heavily in our pastoral teams.

Next Thursday is our Year 6 Open Evening and we look forward to having as many students as possible supporting this event, acting as either a guide or helping in classrooms. The input from our students is really important to the success of the evening and sharing key information with prospective new parents. A reminder that the day of Open Evening is also a staff training day and school will be closed to students.

Unity Fund

A reminder to parents about both our pre-loved uniform shop and the school Unity Fund. The pre-loved uniform shop can be accessed via the link below and if families require support from the Unity Fund please email either gstainsby@ahs.pmat.academy or krobinson@ahs.pmat.academy for more information:

https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/172

Food for Thought

The theme for our Form Tutor Collective Worship this week has been inspired by the Jewish New Year festival of Rosh Hashanah to reflect on our lives and interactions with others. Our daily quotes have focussed on hope.

"Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all."

Dale Carnegie

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

MAIN SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Thursday 6 October, 6.00pm

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Upcoming Events

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

Year 7 and 8 Accelerated Reader

Well done to Year 7 and 8 students for completing STAR reading tests over the last 3 weeks. Information and feedback from these reading tests have been sent home with students this week (or early next week if you have not received it yet). If your child has been absent whilst we have done these tests, they will catch up over the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please ask your child to raise these with their English teacher and we also have an information session on Accelerated Reader for Year 7 and 8 parents and carers on Monday 10 October, 4.00-4.45pm in the Main Hall.

Students should now know how to access their Accelerated Reader account so that they can quiz on a book they have read once they've finished it - they can access the school specific site from their English and year group Google classroom. Well done to Bethan Candlin (7Cy), Anna Davies (7MPe), Jasper Garnett (7MPe) and Brooke Cooper (8By) for being our first quizzers of the year! Happy reading everyone!

Ms Evans, Accelerated Reader Coordinator

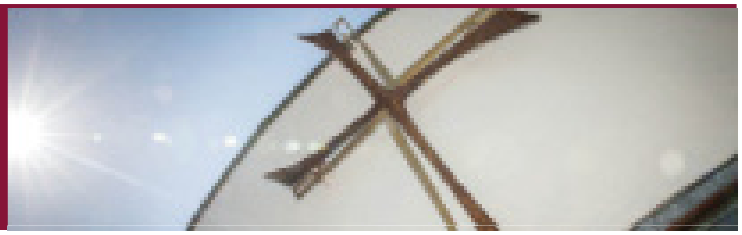
AHS Feedback

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

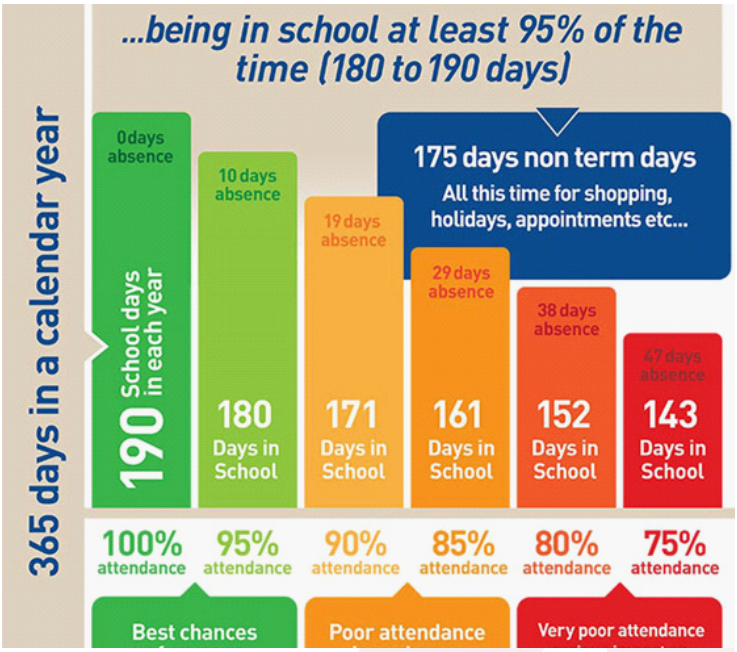


MFL Stars of the Week

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 - Eve Bate, 7Bl
KS3 German - Oliver Temple, 8ERs
KS3 Spanish - Safi Lalowski-Cumberland, 7ASu
KS4 French - Isla Turner Moore, 11CFr
KS4 German - Libby Roe, 10KMd
KS4 Spanish - Martha Newhouse-Nichols, 11Br

Attendance Reminders



News from the Music Department

Huge congratulations to Bryn and Matthew in Year 10 for playing the main stage at the Yorkshire Balloon Fiesta at the weekend with their band The Corsairs!! Well done - you sounded amazing!!

Careers Corner

Leeds Creative Skills Festival First Direct Arena, Leeds

On Thursday 17 November, the Leeds Creative Skills Festival will be hosted at the First Direct Arena, Leeds. This is an opportunity for young people to speak to employers and training providers to find out more about the exciting and diverse range of opportunities in the creative and cultural sector. Find out about the careers available and the skills needed to work in advertising and marketing, architecture, crafts, design, film, TV, music and performing arts, publishing and many more. There will also be performances and activities to participate in on the day. Tickets are free and can be booked online, please visit https://bit.ly/LCSFbookings

Anti-bullying and Discrimination

You can find a copy of our Anti-bullying and Discrimination policy on the school website. We ask that everyone reads this policy. We would like to highlight the following from the policy:

Parents are responsible for:

- Informing their child's Pastoral Team if they have any concerns that their child is the victim of bullying or involved in bullying in anyway.
- Being watchful of their child's behaviour, attitude and characteristics and informing the relevant staff members of any changes.
- Trusting and working in partnership with staff to ensure the child's best interests.

Students are responsible for:

- Informing a member of staff if they witness bullying or are a victim of bullying.
- Not making counter-threats if they are victims of bullying.
- Walking away from dangerous situations and avoid involving other students in incidents.
- Keeping evidence of cyber bullying and informing a member of staff should they fall victim to cyber bullying.
- Working with the school to resolve the bullying.
- Reporting all instances of bullying or discrimination by either talking to a member of staff or using the REPORT IT form.

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.

Message from Head of Year 9

Already into the fourth week of a brand new academic year and it feels like we are well and truly back into our stride. Our students have made an impressive start settling back into routines and expectations quickly, looking smart in their school uniforms and getting down to work with focus and a sense of purpose. It has been lovely to welcome them all back and see how much they have grown. Seeing them again reminded the whole team how much we enjoy supporting this year group, as they really are an impressive cohort of young people. It's incredible to think that Year 9 marks the halfway point in their Key Stage 3 journey.

Their AHS Journey this year focuses on 'Understanding yourself and others ' and opportunities for them to explore this theme will occur throughout the year in such forums as lesson time - vitally important when option choices have to be made later in the year; Acts of Collective Worship; Enrichment days - we are especially looking forward to Industry Day; PSHE lessons and extra curricular activities. Popping into Orchestra Practice extra curricular last week, where a song from the Jungle Book was being rehearsed, and was not only uplifting it was also encouraging to spot our Year 9 students in attendance. Attendance at sports clubs by Year 9's has also gotten off to a good start and we look forward to celebrating any successes our teams may have. Although, It has to be stressed, that any student can attend an extra curricular sports club even if they do not want to be considered for a school team. The new extra curricular timetable can be found on line the school website.

We are also recruiting Year 9 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. They know that they have to register their willingness and interest with Mr Arthur, who will be co-ordinating students' involvement. Students volunteering will need to make their way into school for 5.00pm - having enjoyed a day at home - and the evening will finish at 9.00pm. Students should eat beforehand, though they may wish to bring a snack!

Attendance continues to be not only a school and year group focus, but a Government focus also, and we will all - form tutors and pastoral staff - work closely with our students and yourselves to maximise your children's life chances through encouraging and supporting full attendance. We will continue to award an attendance cup in ACW to the form with the best attendance each week and look to reward any form which achieves maximum attendance for a full week. We know how much many students are hoping to reach this goal. This year we are also continuing our programme of each form taking responsibility for choosing a theme and delivering an ACW to the rest of the year group; one form every half term. Mr Thompson's form 9NTh are delivering this term and we very much look forward to enjoying and reflecting on their ACW.

Breaking news, which will affect our students directly, is the fact that the pastoral team will be moving offices next week. Whilst the students who have needed us have managed to locate us in our new offices, it has been decided that to be more accessible and for the year team to be housed in the same office, we will be moving to the top of the English block. It will be a shorter walk for any of our parents who need to visit us at any time too!

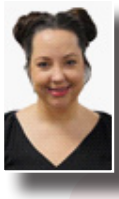
Thinking ahead and to help with planning you may find it useful to know that the Year 9 Options Evening will take place on 26 January, closely followed by the Year 9 Progress Evening on 1 February.

To help support and guide our students through Year 9, alongside the Pastoral team, is the Year 9 Form Tutor team:

Mr Norris: 9WNo have made an excellent start to Year 9, they have returned in a positive frame of mind which I hope continues throughout the year. I have set them the challenge to win the attendance trophy, and hopefully the 100% attendance pizza party, at least once this year as we came very close last year.

Miss Binns: After 22 years working in finance, I decided to retrain as a teacher to pass on my love of Physics to the next generation! After a year at Selby High, I'm looking forward to getting to know my AHS classes, especially my Year 9 form class. I feel 9DBs have settled in brilliantly and are already making me feel like I made the right decision to change career.

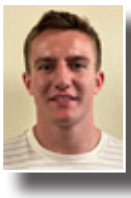
Miss Chase: 9ECe have settled fantastically into our new form room in the new Geography block! We are looking forward to another brilliant year together, making more memories, having more laughs, hopefully winning the attendance award and maybe even Mathvent again! We are hoping to continue to engage in wider school life, representing the school in extra curricular activities such as sport inside and outside of school. Let's have a super first half term 9ECe. I am so happy to be continuing our school journey together!



Mrs Cockle: Here in 9KCe we have hit the ground running, with students having a fantastic start to the year with over 200 merits achieved amongst the form so far - wowee! It was great to hear about the lovely holidays and adventures that the form group had over the summer, too. Well done for a brilliant start to Year 9 and keep it up.

Miss Leplatre: It's fantastic to see them all after the summer. I'm really looking forward to supporting them through this year of GCSE choices.

Mrs Doyle: I have just started as a Teacher of English and Year 9 Form Tutor at Archbishop Holgate's after relocating from London to York. Including my form, I teach four Year 9 classes this year and I've really enjoyed meeting all the students; I have been particularly impressed by their respectful attitudes and studious approach to learning. I am looking forward to having many more interesting discussions in English lessons on our current topic of Prejudice and Identity.



Mr Bainbridge: I am new to the PE department this year and I have really enjoyed my first weeks with my new form. Before I started I was told that I was getting a great group with great personalities; after my first week I am already seeing characters coming through which is nice to see. I've enjoyed getting to know my new form and all their interests and hobbies and I am excited for the year ahead.

Miss Evans: 9Ev has had an excellent return back at school - they look very smart in their uniform; have been organised with their equipment; have been very welcoming towards me and warm and friendly with each other. I am delighted to be one of their form tutors this year, alongside Mr O'Brien and Mr Evans, and remember them fondly from Year 7 when I taught them English. I am really looking forward to seeing them develop as young people during the year and they can find me in En12 Monday-Thursday if they need support if any way.

Mr Appleyard: I'm very happy to be taking my fantastic form for another year. They have settled in really well and seem excited to get stuck into Year 9 and all the opportunities that lie ahead. I'm looking forward to seeing them grow further and support them in this important year when they will be choosing their GCSEs.

Miss Cooper: After a year working with Year 11, I have rejoined the Year 9 team and am enjoying getting to know my new form and discovering all their different personalities. Together we are creating a positive form atmosphere and I am looking forward to supporting them in their journey this year.

Mr Thompson: It's been great to see 9NTh come back with big smiles and a great attitude for the year ahead. I'm looking forward to continuing our journey together as we grow into even more wonderful humans. We've had a good chat about attendance - it would be fantastic if we could keep hold of the attendance trophy (and we'll hopefully be getting a pizza party this year!). Well done to the form for a great start, let's keep it up as we soldier through the year.

Finally, Mrs Mennell, Mr O'Brien and Mrs Avey are very impressed with the start Year 9 has made to the new year - we have been complimented many times form staff about what a great start they have made - and we look forward to what promises to be an exciting year ahead.

Compassion Corner

Year 7 students will have an opportunity during the week beginning 10 October to take part in a sponsored skip to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. As you may know every 5 minutes someone is admitted to hospital due to a stroke, 7.6 million people are living with heart and circulatory disease and 13 babies every day are diagnosed with a congenital heart defect. Money raised during the schools' Restart a Heart week will go towards research and support for people across the country. Students can choose to be part of the solution by taking part in the sponsored skip. Any amount of sponsorship would be fantastic. Thank you in advance for your support.

VACANCIES

Archbishop Holgate's School

Teacher of RE

Teacher of Social Sciences

Required for January 2023
Mainscale to UPS
Closing date: Monday 10 October, 8.00am

For more information visit:
www.archbishopholgates.academy/staff/vacancies
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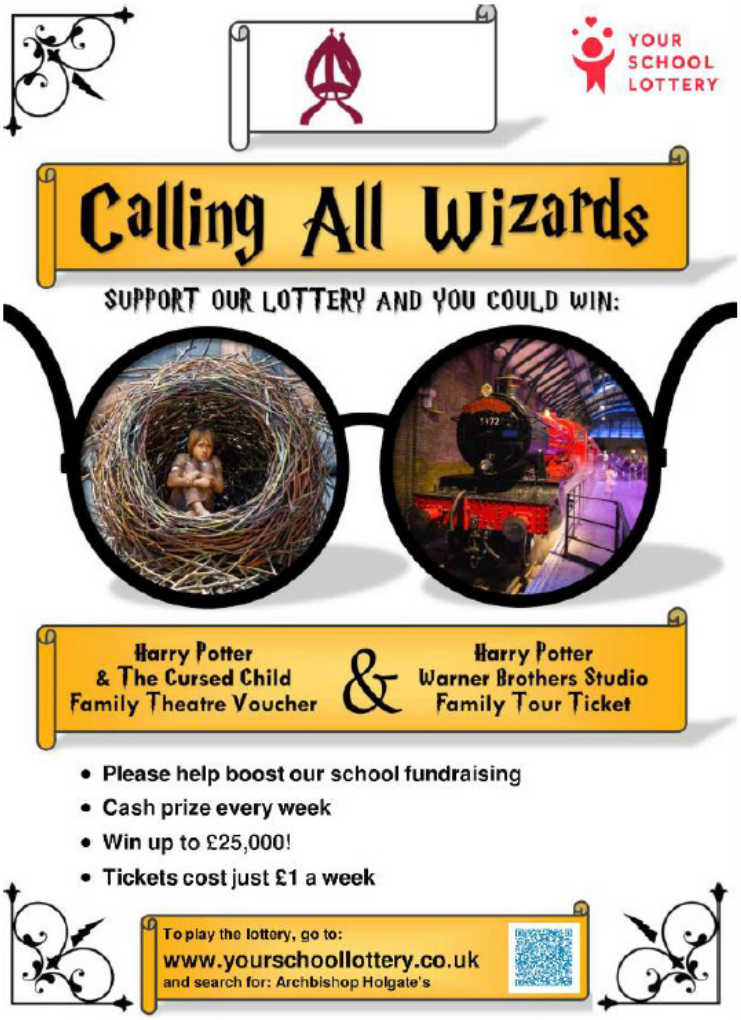


School Menu - w/c 3 October

Monday

Mains
Gammon & Pineapple
Spicy Root & Lentil Casserole(V)
On the side
Herby Diced potatoes
Vegetable
Selection of seasonal vegetables served every day
Snack option
Baked potato & fillings
Homemade Sandwiches
Family Favourites
Eves Sponge & Custard
A selection of: Traybake/muffin, Cookies, Yogurt and Fruit

Tuesday

Mains
Meat balls in a Tomato & Basil sauce
Veggie Balls in a tomato & Basil sauce(V)
On the side
Fusilli Pasta
Vegetable
Selection of seasonal vegetables served every day
Snack option
Baked potato & fillings
Homemade Sandwiches
Family Favourites
Homemade Chocolate Mousse
"A selection of: Traybake/muffin, Cookies, Yogurt and Fruit"

Wednesday

Mains
Toad in the Hole
Veggie Toad in the hole (v)
On the side
Creamed Potato
Vegetable
Selection of seasonal vegetables served every day
Snack option
Baked potato & fillings
Homemade Sandwiches
Family Favourites
Rice pudding & jam
"A selection of: Traybake/muffin, Cookies, Yogurt and Fruit"

Thursday

Mains
Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie
Creamy Vegetable Pie (v)
On the side
Oven Baked Potato wedges
Vegetable
Selection of seasonal vegetables served every day
Snack option
Baked potato & fillings
Homemade Sandwiches
Family Favourites
Peach Cobbler & Custard
"A selection of: Traybake/muffin, Cookies, Yogurt and Fruit"

Friday

Mains
Freshly Battered Fish
Vegetable Burger (V)
On the side
Chips
Vegetable
Selection of seasonal vegetables served every day
Snack option
Baked potato & fillings
Homemade Sandwiches
Family Favourites
Chocolate Orange Marble Cake & Custard
"A selection of: Traybake/muffin, Cookies, Yogurt and Fruit"

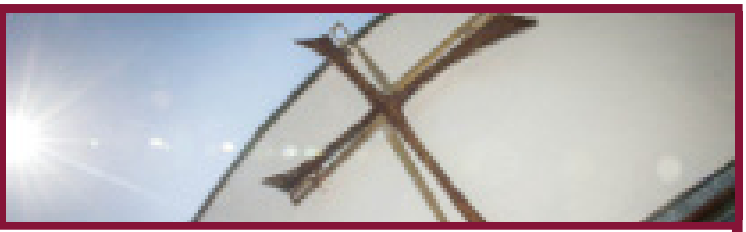
WOW! word of the week

Accumulate: verb - to gather together or acquire an increasing number or quantity.
'Her goal was to accumulate a huge fortune..

Tweet OF THE WEEK

@music_ahs: Great turn out to @AHSYork orchestra today!! Sounding fab!

This Week's Sixth Form News



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

A reminder that next Thursday is a training day for staff - students will not attend Sixth Form that day.

HOWEVER, we do need as much help as possible for the Open Evening in the evening - help from both Year 12 and Year 13, would be hugely appreciated!

Year 12:

Competitive Admissions

Please continue to speak to Mr Charlton if you are interested in this next year. You should all be part of the Google Classroom now.

Student Leaders

Applications for Student Leader close on Monday 3 October.

Year 13:

UCAS

Reminder about personal statements. Students should have submitted a third draft by Monday 3 October. Students should also be completing their UCAS applications online - the sooner these are done, the sooner we can send these off!

November Mocks

These are now heading our way. Students should be thinking about their study plans and looking for support from staff if needed.

Physical Education Department

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

Newsletter

Football

Year 10

AHS travelled to York High on Tuesday for their second fixture of the season. A few new players were in the starting line-up, but despite this, the boys communicated well and dominated throughout. Adam Knowles stepped up to play in goal and had a solid performance. AHS won 5-1. They face All Saints on Thursday.

Sixth Form

Y12/13 Boys fought heroically yesterday against Joseph Rowntree with excellent performances across the pitch from the commanding Lewis Dawson in defence, to the Dunn twins (Asa and Noah) creating and exploiting the channels in midfield and up front. Sebi Ackerley and Noah Hill also deserve special shout outs for their running and vision throughout the game. The boys walked off a little disappointed to have given away the lead and finished the game 2-2, but they should feel mightily confident for facing Fulford next week.

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.

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

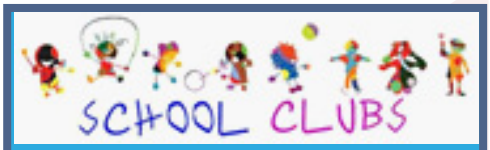
Please see our new extra-curricular programme for this half term. Remember that our clubs are a relaxed environment with a focus on participation and enjoyment, students don't have to be selected in teams. Fixtures are also back on, so if students would like to be a part of a team, they will need to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

Google Classroom

Tweet us @ @AHSPhysEd



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.

Rugby Opportunity

Pocklington U12's Rugby team, would like to invite year 7 (Boys only) to attend an exciting rugby themed open morning on Sunday 2nd October at 10.30am. There is no experience necessary, as it promises to be a fun introduction to rugby through rugby themed games. If possible, we ask all those boys interested in attending to wear rugby/ football boots, bring a water bottle and dress for the weather- but no hooded tops please. Gumshields are ideal to bring if they have one already but not necessary.

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.

Netball

The Sixth Form Netball team took part in the annual York and District Schools U19 Netball Tournament on Wednesday. They played 9 games in total, beating the likes of Sherburn, Bootham, Jo Ro, Fulford and Queen Margaret's and ended up finishing in 2nd place overall coming second only to an undefeated St Peter's. This will now mean they are through to the county tournament in November. The girls played exceptionally well and all of them should be incredibly proud of the effort and teamwork they showed out on the court. Well done to Mia Haendlmaye, Mia Rank, Sophia Mackender, Imogen Mackender, Aimee Reed, Ellie Easton, Sophie Watkins, Liv Goldsmith, Brooke Brandon, Chloe Rouse and Maddison Bayes.

Netball

Fantastic turn out for netball practice this week with 68 students taking part. The new Year 7's made up half of those taking part and have been very enthusiastic!