# Archbishop Holgate's School

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# School Newsletter 460

Values – Care – Achievement

Thursday 5 January 2023

## Executive Head's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start this first Newsletter of 2023 by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. As we start this new term, it's very important that all students get off to the very best start. Below is a reminder of key staff to contact. There is also the AHS Feedback Tab on the school's website for your comments and questions which come direct to myself, Mr Green-Harding and Mr Furniss and we will endeavour to reply within 24 hours of receiving it. Details of the pastoral teams are included below:

| Year: | Head of Year: | Assistant Heads of Year: |
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| 7 | Miss Cooper | Mrs Halifax, Miss Powell |
| 8 | Miss Chambers | Mrs Reeder, Miss Waines |
| 9 | Mrs Avey | Mrs Mennell, Mr O'Brien |
| 10 | Miss Deacon | Mr McPaul, Mrs Robinson |
| 11 | Mr Avery | Mr Deamer, Mrs Stevens, Miss Stocks |
| 12 | Mr Charlton | Supported by: Mrs Walton |
| 13 | Mr MacFarlane | Mrs Wheatley |

### Directors of Key Stage:

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| KS3 | Mrs Short |
| KS4 | Mr Avery |
| KS5 | Mrs De Lashley |

### Deputy Heads:

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| Pastoral Care | Mr Furniss |
| Curriculum | Mr Williams |
| Achievement | Miss McDermott |

## Term Dates 2023

### Spring Term 2023

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| Half Term | - 13-17 Feb 2023 (inclusive) |
| Term Ends | - 30 Mar 2023 |
| Staff Training Day | - 31 Mar 2023 (School closed to students) |

### Summer Term 2023

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| Students return | - 17 Apr 2023 |
| May Bank Holiday | - 1 May 2023 |
| Coronation Bank Holiday | - 8 May 2023 |
| Half Term | - 29 May – 2 Jun 2023 (inclusive) |
| Term Ends | - 21 Jul 2023 |
| Staff Training Days | - 24-25 Jul 2023 (School closed to students) |

## New Staff

We welcome the following new members of staff to Archbishop Holgate's:

Mrs Atha - Teacher of RE
Miss Brown and Miss Collins - Teachers of English
Mrs Sadler - Sixth Form Study Supervisor
Miss Stevens - Assistant Head of Year 11
Mrs Robinson - Assistant Head of Year 10

## KS4 Book of the Half Term

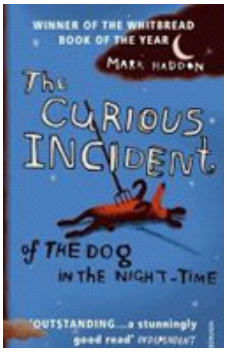
Well done to everyone who read our second KS4 Book of the Half Term, 'The Five People You Meet in Heaven'.

There is now a sequel called, 'The Next Person You Meet In Heaven' if you'd like to know more about the little girl Eddie saved. 'Tuesdays with Morrie' is a thought-provoking memoir by Mitch Albom too if students would like to extend their reading.

Well done to all students who have been attending the KS4/5 Book Club. New members are always welcome and we meet on Tuesdays after school in En2, 3.15-3.50pm.

### Presenting our KS4 Book of the Half Term for Spring 1

Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals, but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the colour yellow.




Although gifted with a superbly logical brain, for fifteen-year-old Christopher, everyday interactions and admonishments have little meaning. He lives on patterns, rules, and a diagram kept in his pocket. Then one day, a neighbour's dog, Wellington, is killed and his carefully constructive universe is threatened. Christopher sets out to solve the murder in the style of his favourite (logical) detective, Sherlock Holmes. What follows makes for a novel that is funny, poignant and fascinating in its portrayal of a person whose curse and blessing are a mind that perceives the world entirely literally.

If your child would like to read this novel, they can borrow one from their English teacher.

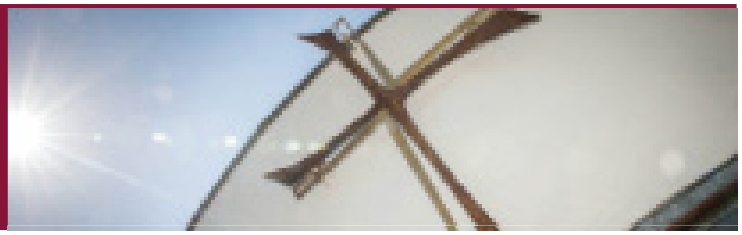
## AHS Feedback

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



## Food for Thought

This week the Form Tutor Collective Worship has been linked to the arrival of the Wise Men to visit Jesus and themes contained in their story. Our daily quotes have focussed on new hope and fresh start of a new year.

"Every moment is a fresh beginning."

T S Eliot

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

## Upcoming Events

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| Wed 18 Jan | Y11 Progress Evening |
| Thu 26 Jan | Y9 Options Evening |
| Wed 1 Feb | Y9 Progress Evening |

## Tweet OF THE WEEK

@music_ahs: brass ensemble serenade pupils as they head home for the holidays. Sounds beautiful.

## Update from Health and Catering

A 'Happy New Year' to all our students and families!

At the end of last term, students may have noticed some changes our catering team have made to the break time items, including porridge, oatmeal and raisin cookies, malt loaf and fruit bags.

Mrs Calvert, Catering Manager, and Mrs Plowman, School Nurse, are meeting regularly to work together to ensure we are providing healthy, brain-boosting foods for our students!

Providing the best food for our students has a direct impact on their attainment, behaviour and cognition.

Over the next few terms we will be seeking feedback from our students on the provision of food in school and delivering a short presentation during assemblies to ensure students understand what is available to them and how our Free School Meal students can make the most of their daily allowance.

Please can we remind all students to bring a water bottle into school every day, there are 4 hydration stations around school to refill them.

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.

## School Menu from w/c 9 January

### 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

# Personal Development @AHS – Autumn Term 2022

Autumn 2022 has been a very busy time for Personal Development at AHS – here are a few updates on some of the amazing things our students have been doing in Autumn 2022…

## 'BBC 100' Visits to AHS – 'Share Your Story' and Careers

In the Autumn term, the BBC visited AHS twice as part of their 'BBC 100: 'Share Your Story' Tour', and then again to give a Careers Presentation to Year 10 and 12. This tour is part of the BBC's centenary celebrations and they are planning to visit around 400 secondary schools across the UK, reaching approximately 400,000 students.

In the first session with Year 8 and 9, carefully selected BBC Ambassadors shared their inspirational journeys with students, in a bid to inspire them through the power of storytelling. This included a woman who experienced a significant family bereavement at school to go on to be a Radio Presenter at BBC Radio York. This story was followed by a young man who overcame a significant stammer as a child and a girl who is fighting against stereotypes to become one of very few black, Muslim professional footballers at Brentford Ladies FC. The students were respectful and engaged throughout the presentations, and asked some wonderful, insightful questions that really impressed our visitors!

Later in the term, the BBC returned to give some careers input to our Year 10 and Year 12 students. The visitors spoke of how they were motivated to do the job they are currently in and the education and training they went through in order to get to where they wanted to be. The visitors included a presenter from Look North, a Design Director and a Digital Assistant for Jorvik Viking Centre. This input from these visitors in mostly creative careers, with local relevance to the York job market, was invaluable. Again, much like with the first visit, students were very engaged, behaved impeccably and asked interesting and insightful questions of our guests.

## The 'Speak Out Challenge'

During the term, around 50 students from Year 10 took part in the Yorkshire Speakers Trust 'Speak Out Challenge'. The Speak Up Yorkshire Programme aims to make a huge difference in the lives of young people. Almost 50% of students in Yorkshire start the workshop saying they had no competence in speaking up in front of a group of people. This number is higher than in any other part of the country. In the last academic year, the Yorkshire Speakers Trust were able to provide free public speaking and communications training to over 1700 Year 10 students in over 80 state schools in Yorkshire.

Every student participating received a one-day public speaking workshop with an expert communication skills trainer. During the workshop, students were given the skills and confidence to develop and deliver a speech on a topic they feel passionate about. The students participating in the workshops learned skills they can apply in the next stage of their education training and employment. The aim of the training and subsequent competition is to increase young peoples' confidence and sense of agency and amplify their voices.

The following students won their respective rounds and will be moving onto the next stage of the Speak Out Challenge in the Spring Term…

Sharanyo Mazumdar
Emily Barber
Toby Hassall
Sarah Norman
Clementine Ensor

These students will be preparing a short public speaking presentation that they will be delivering to Year 7 during the Spring term - watch this space for more updates!

## The York Civic Trust Public Speaking Competition

Last term, Simeon Dean (8SMf) and Hannah Birkinshaw (9ECe) represented Archbishop Holgate's in the York Civil Trust Secondary Public Speaking Competition. Participants were provided with a list of topic questions and Hannah and Simeon chose the following to investigate...

When the Amazon Rainforest is being destroyed, is there any point in aiming for zero carbon emissions in a small city like York?

Hannah and Simeon argued that whilst York may be a small city, it could and should be a beacon of hope for other cities across the world in helping to reverse the impacts of climate change. Furthermore, the pair discussed how we can take inspiration from York's past, present and future to promote green sustainability across the UK and beyond.

Both Simeon and Hannah had worked very hard in preparation for the event; researching, structuring, writing and rehearsing their speech. We are so proud of their performance and they were outstanding ambassadors for the school! As you can appreciate, public speaking is something that takes a lot of courage, both Hannah and Simeon not only performed exceptionally well, but they took a lot of confidence from the experience. Following the event, both students received a certificate from the Lord Mayor of York for their participation.

We are incredibly proud of both Hannah and Simeon, they represented the school superbly throughout the course of the evening.

## Roots to Success

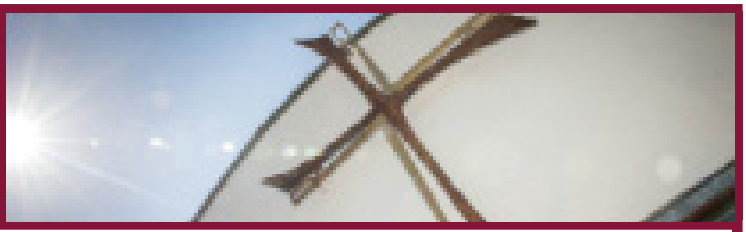
Last term, 20 Year 7 students look part in 'Roots to Success'; a York-based programme designed to support students' aspirations and expectations for the future. Roots to Success is a collaborative project between the University of York, York St John University, York College University Centre and University Centre Askham Bryan. The programme has been in place since 1998 and its aim is to engage with students over an extended period of time to support young people in York to make informed decisions about their future.

The visit to York St John included a campus tour and Codebreaker Challenge, a 'School v University' workshop, and a 'Coping with Change' workshop where students looked at the transitions through their lives. A great day was had by all and the students took a lot out of the day. Miss Powell and Mr Pennock were very complimentary of the students taking part and we look forward to sending Year 8 and Year 9 on their 'Roots to Success' visit in February.

## PP Trip with Mr Stevens to Liverpool

During December, Mr Stevens took 14 Pupil Premium students to Liverpool for the day on a culture trip of the city. After an early start, the students made it in good time to the Royal Albert Dock overlooking the river Mersey. Following this, the group visited the 'British Music Experience; a museum looking at the changes in popular music from the 1950's to the present day. This visit involved completing a workshop, followed by a tour of the museum which was informative and interactive. After lunch, the group embarked on a bus tour of the city through Liverpool's rich history. The students tried to count how many times the guide talked about the Beatles, but they lost count pretty early on! The traffic on the way back was the only thing that didn't run smoothly, but the conduct of the students was exceptional and everyone had a great time. Mr Stevens wishes to express how great a pleasure it was to spend the day with these fabulous Year 10 students on the trip.

# This Week's Sixth Form News



## Messages from Mr MacFarlane, Head of Year 13 and Mr Charlton, Head of Year 12

**Welcome Back!** We hope you had a restful and happy break and that students are ready for the new term. It's a busy one. We welcome Mr MacFarlane as Head of Year 13 whilst Mrs Williams is on maternity leave.

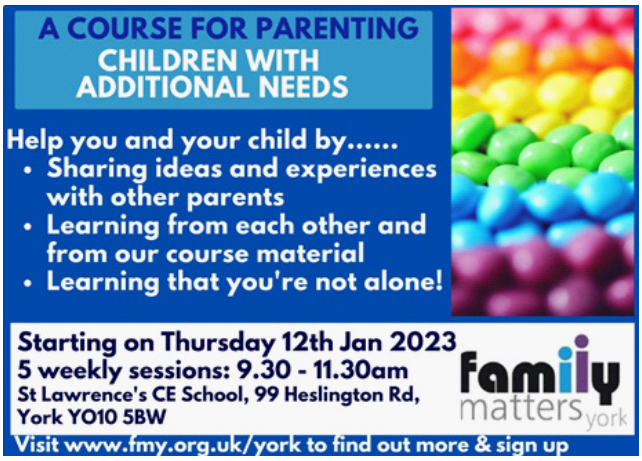
**Year 12 Mock Exams** - These will take place wc 16 January for our A Level students. It is a rigorous process, but one which will work to establish what support is needed and to commend the hard work that has been demonstrated over the Winter term. When results are released they will be followed by a Parents' Evening in March (further information to follow).

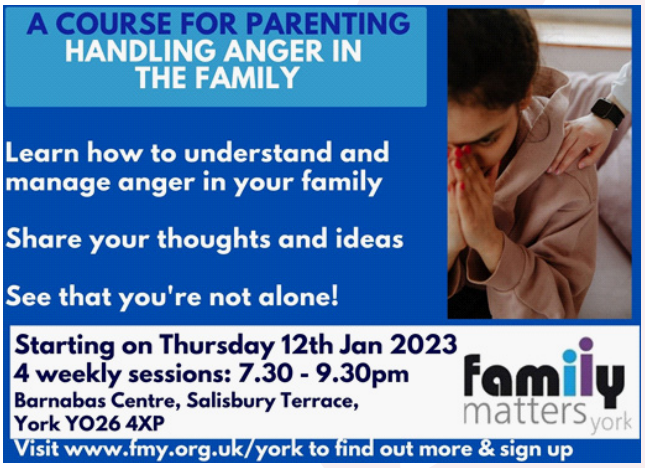
**BTEC January External Assessments** - These take place for our Year 13 students and some of our Year 12 students across January. Mock exams have taken place and feedback issued. Students have individual timetables.

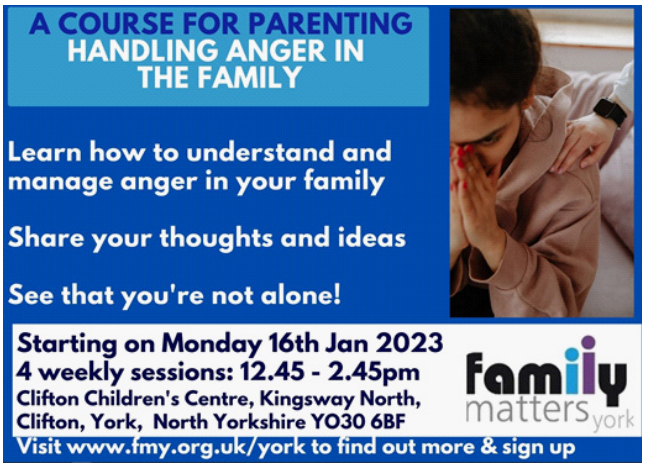
**Lanyards** - We would appreciate your support in ensuring students comply with safeguarding protocol in school and wear lanyards as an alternative to school uniform. We regularly have to make new orders for lanyards because so many of our students forget them at home and have a small collection growing.

**GCSE Maths and English Resit Results** - GCSE resit results will be distributed on Thursday 12 January, between 8.00-8.40am, in the Sixth Form Foyer. Please do get in touch if you wish for any further information regarding their results once they have been received.

**Year 13 Competitive Admissions Success** - We are delighted to congratulate many of our competitive admissions applicants on their invitations to interview and their efforts in preparing for interviews prior to Christmas. It is extremely competitive to get onto such academic and demanding courses and certainly at Oxford and Cambridge, we are so proud of all of their efforts in the application process. We eagerly await further communication.



# Physical Education Department

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

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## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## New PE Policy Update

In order to ensure a smooth transition from the changing rooms to PE lessons, we have made a change to the current PE kit policy. Starting from this Monday, 31 October, there will be a new policy for Key Stage 3 (Y7-9) students and a separate policy for Key Stage 4 (Y10-11).

If a KS3 student forgets an item of their PE kit it will result in a PE code. This will be repeated in the second instance they forget an item of kit. If a student forgets an item of kit for a third time, this will result in a lunchtime detention. A lunchtime detention will be triggered from that point onwards each time an item of kit is forgotten. This is then reset each half term.
The policy regarding a student failing to bring in all of their PE kit (which results in a lunch detention) will continue as normal.

If a KS4 student forgets an item of their PE kit it will result in a PE code. If a student forgets an item of kit for the second time, this will result in a lunchtime detention. A lunchtime detention will be triggered from that point onwards each time an item of kit is forgotten. This is then reset each half term.
The policy regarding a student failing to bring in all of their PE kit (which results in a lunch detention) will continue as normal.

For KS3 (Y7-9) who have two lessons per week, this means for each half term:

- When a student forgets an item of PE kit = PE code
- Student forgets PE kit for the second time = PE code
- Student forgets an Item of PE kit for the third time = lunchtime detention
- If a student forgets all of their PE kit for a lesson = lunchtime detention
- This process is reset each half term.

For KS4 (Y10-11) who have one lesson per week, this means for each half term:

- When a student forgets an item of PE kit = PE code
- Student forgets an Item of PE kit for the second time = lunchtime detention
- If a student forgets all of their PE kit for a lesson = lunchtime detention
- This process is reset each half term

MONDAY
LUNCHTIME (12.15-12.50pm)
- Y8 Basketball (Gym)

AFTER SCHOOL (3.15-4.00pm)
- Y7/8/9 Badminton (Sports Hall)
- Y10/11 Basketball (Gym)
- Girls' Fitness - all years (Fitness Suite)

TUESDAY
LUNCHTIME (1.15-1.50pm)
- Y9 Basketball (Gym)

AFTER SCHOOL (3.15-4.00pm)
- Y7 Netball (Sports Hall)
- Y8 Netball (Gym)
- Y10 Fitness (Fitness Suite)
- Boxing Academy (Studio)

WEDNESDAY
LUNCHTIME (12.15-12.50pm)
- Y8/10/SF Detentions (PE1)

AFTER SCHOOL (3.15-4.00pm)
- All years Volleyball (Gym)

THURSDAY
LUNCHTIME (1.15-1.50pm)
- Y7/9/11 Detentions (PE1)
- Y9 Netball (Gym)

AFTER SCHOOL (3.15-4.00pm)
- Y8/9 Fitness (Fitness Suite)
- Y10 Basketball (Gym)
- Girls' Basketball (Sports Hall)

FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME (1.15-1.50pm)
- Y7 Trampolining (Sports Hall)
- Y7 Roundnet (Gym)

AFTER SCHOOL (3.15-4.15)
- Y7 Rookie Lifeguard - invite only (Swimming Pool)

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# OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

## Support Staff Vacancies

**For details and to apply, visit our website or scan the QR code**

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| Job | Finance Assistant |
| School | Archbishop Holgate's School |
| Details | Grade 4 – £21,120 to £22,288 (actual salary £13,282 to £14,881) 27.5 hours per week, 9.00am-3.00pm (with a 30 minute lunch break) Term Time Only |
| Closes | Thursday 19 January at 8am |

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| Job | Occupational Specialist in Hairdressing |
| School | Archbishop Holgate's School |
| Details | Within the range £27,305 to £38,810 depending on qualifications and experience. |
| Closes | Monday 9 January at 8am |

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| Job | Casual Exam Invigilators |
| School | Archbishop Holgate's School |
| Details | £10.00 per hour – This is a casual position and, due to the nature of the role, will provide flexible working hours at the convenience of both the school and invigilator. Further details available on request. |
| Closes | N/A |

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| Job | Teaching Assistants 1:1 - Possible job share |
| School | Hempland Primary School |
| Details | Grade 4 Level 1-4 (£21,120 – £22,288 per annum) reduced pro-rata<br>Permanent, Term Time Only contract – Monday to Friday, up to a maximum of 30 hours per week |
| Closes | Thursday 19 January at midnight |

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| Job | Business Admin Apprentice |
| School | Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust |
| Details | Apprentice national minimum wage<br>37 hours per week - Term time only<br>1 day per week release time to attend college. |
| Closes | N/A |

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| Job | School Cleaner |
| School | Heworth Primary School |
| Details | £10.50 per hour<br>Permanent—Part time, 15 hours per week<br>Term time + 2 weeks |
| Closes | N/A |

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