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Careers Newsletter



As we approach the Christmas Holidays we'd like to share some exciting updates from this term in our Termly Careers Newsletter.

This term, Year 8 students took part in the engaging Trading Game, where they developed key skills in decision-making, teamwork, and financial literacy. Our Post-16 Options Trip was a great success, offering students valuable insights into the range of career paths available to them after school. Additionally, we launched Work Experience for our Y10 & Y12 Students, providing students with hands-on opportunities to explore potential careers and gain real-world experience in May and July 2025. We've also had many students taking advantage of careers advice appointments, helping them navigate their future educational and career choices.

As we head into the break, we'd like to wish all our students and their families a happy and restful Christmas. We look forward to another exciting term ahead! Warm regards,
The Careers Team

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Work Experience Launch for Y10 & Y12



At the start of the new academic year we launched our Work Experience programmes for Year 10 and Year 12. This invaluable opportunity is designed to provide students with a firsthand experience of the working world, helping them develop essential skills and insights into potential career paths.

Work Experience Dates Year 10 students will have their work experience from **19th to 23rd May 2025**, while Year 12 students will be participating in their placements from **14th to 18th July 2025**. These dates are an exciting milestone in their educational journey, offering them the chance to step out of the classroom and apply their learning in real-world settings.

Placement Process through Grofar To support the process, Archbishop Holgate's uses **Grofar**, an online platform that helps students manage their work experience placements. Students are encouraged to use Grofar to explore available placements and connect with potential employers. They can either secure a placement independently or choose from a list of opportunities provided on Grofar.

Students who wish to organise their own work experience placements are encouraged to do so, as this provides them with the chance to pursue career interests that may not be listed on the portal. This flexibility allows for a more personalised experience, empowering students to take the initiative and seek opportunities that best align with their aspirations.

Benefits of Work Experience Work experience offers a range of benefits that go beyond just learning about a career field. Some of the key advantages include:

- **Developing key skills:** Students will build crucial workplace skills such as communication, time management, teamwork, and problem-solving.
- **Insight into the working world:** Placements provide students with a valuable understanding of what it is like to work in a particular industry or role, allowing them to make more informed decisions about future career options.
- **Boosting employability:** Completing work experience enhances a student's CV and increases their chances of standing out to future employers or universities.
- **Building confidence:** The experience helps students gain confidence in their abilities as they navigate a professional environment.
- **Networking opportunities:** Students will have the chance to make important connections with professionals, which could lead to future internships or job opportunities.

Archbishop Holgate's School is committed to supporting students throughout the work experience process. Miss Robinson, the school's Careers Coordinator, is available to offer guidance and support. Whether students need help using the Grofar platform, advice on securing placements, or assistance with planning their work experience. For help and support please contact **srobinson@ahs.pmat.academy**

Work experience is an essential part of the school's career education programme, providing students with a head start in their future careers. By participating, students will gain invaluable insights, skills, and confidence that will serve them well as they move forward in their educational and career journeys.

We look forward to seeing the many exciting work placements our students will undertake in May and July 2025!



Post 16 Options trip to GMI Construction, York College & The Grand



In October, a group of Year 11 students embarked on a fascinating and insightful trip. The visit was designed to broaden their horizons and provide valuable exposure to potential career pathways, offering them a glimpse into the world beyond secondary school. The trip took the students to three key locations in York, each showcasing different aspects of the professional and educational world and inspiring the students to think about their aspirations as they approach the next stage of their education.

GMI Construction Site: Exploring the World of Building and Development

The day began at the GMI Construction site on James Street, where students were given a first-hand look at a live construction project. GMI Construction is known for delivering high-quality building and infrastructure projects, and this site was a great example of how a construction project progresses from start to finish. Students were guided around the site by construction professionals, who explained the various roles involved in a large-scale project, from architects and engineers to site managers and tradespeople.

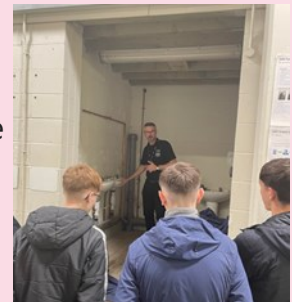


The students had the opportunity to ask questions about the different careers available in construction, as well as the skills and qualifications required to pursue these roles. For the students, this was an eye-opening experience that helped them understand the practical and dynamic nature of the construction industry.



York College: Discovering Future Learning After the construction site tour, we made our way to York College, where we were given a comprehensive tour of the campus and an overview of the various courses on offer. The visit allowed the students to see the wide range of educational and vocational options available at the college, including vocational qualifications and apprenticeships.

Staff from York College provided detailed information about the different pathways students could pursue, highlighting subjects such as Bricklaying, Electrical Engineering and Plumbing.



The Grand Hotel: A Glimpse Into the Hospitality Industry The final stop of the day took the students to the iconic Grand Hotel in the heart of York city centre. The hotel is one of the city's most luxurious venues, offering world-class service and facilities. Students were given a behind-the-scenes tour of the hotel, where they learned about the various roles involved in the hospitality industry, we received a fantastic talk from Dan the Restaurant Manager who explained the interview process and what employers look for.

During the tour, the students were introduced to the various departments within the hotel, and they gained insights into the skills required for a successful career in hospitality. The students were particularly interested in the range of career opportunities available in this thriving sector, especially as York is a major tourist destination with a growing demand for skilled professionals in hospitality and tourism.



The trip provided the students with important tools and knowledge to support their decision-making as they begin to consider their future Education & career aspirations. The experience also encouraged them to think about their skills, interests, and the steps they need to take to achieve their goals after Year 11.

Y8 Trading Game



On 21st October our Year 8 students had an exciting and educational experience when they participated in a Trading Game delivered by NYBEP, an organisation dedicated to providing young people with real-world career and enterprise skills.

The game, which simulates the workings of the stock market, challenges students to buy shares in imaginary companies and sell them at a higher price to maximise their profits. Throughout the sessions, the Year 8s worked in teams to make strategic decisions, keeping an eye on the fluctuating prices of their chosen companies.



The Trading Game always proves to be an engaging and hands-on way to introduce students to the concepts of money management, investing, and the stock market. Students learned the importance of research, timing, and decision-making as they navigated the highs and lows of trading.

Building Confidence and Skills Beyond the financial and academic benefits, the game also helped students develop valuable life skills. Working in teams, they practiced communication and organisational skills, learning how to work together to achieve a common goal. The competitive nature of the game also fostered confidence and a sense of achievement as students saw their strategies unfold in real time.

By the end of the sessions, students had not only enjoyed a fun and competitive experience, but they had also gained a deeper understanding of the financial world and the role that the stock market plays in it. They left with a better grasp of concepts such as buying, selling, and managing shares, as well as an enhanced ability to think critically and make informed decisions.

The feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive, with many noting how much they had enjoyed learning through the game. It was an experience that combined learning with excitement, making it a day to remember for the Year 8s. A huge well done to the students, they did fantastically well.

A Big Thank You to NYBEP The success of the event would not have been possible without the support of NYBEP, who expertly facilitated the game and provided insights into the real-world applications of the skills the students were learning. The organisation's commitment to helping young people build essential life skills through practical experiences like the trading game is truly commendable. We were lucky enough to have some employers attend and mentor the teams as well as being part of the 'Trading Pit' thank you to Emma & Simon from Indigo Greens, Daniel from Kier Group, James from Ian Walker & Co Solicitors and Tanisha & Donna from Morgan Sindall their input was invaluable.



UNESCO City of Media Arts Expo



On the 8th of November, Mr Shaw and Mr Nicholson arranged for a group of 44 Year 10 art students to embark on an exciting educational trip to York's Guildhall, to visit UNESCO City of Media Arts, this was to mark the city's 10th anniversary of receiving this prestigious global designation. The special event, was held to celebrate York's achievements in integrating culture, creativity, and technology, highlighting its role as a hub for innovation in the digital and media arts industries.

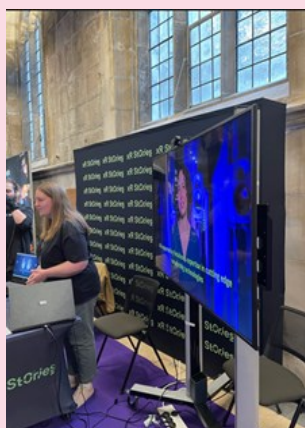


The students had the unique opportunity to explore York's thriving media arts scene, learning about the city's vibrant creative industries that range from film and digital art to interactive design and gaming. The trip was not only a celebration of York's cultural contributions but also an inspiring experience for our students, who gained valuable insight into the world of media arts and how it shapes modern society.

The expo featured a variety of interactive exhibits, workshops, and presentations from local artists, technologists, and industry professionals. Students participated in hands-on activities that demonstrated how technology and art can work together to create powerful visual experiences.

The day was an unforgettable experience for all who attended, sparking enthusiasm and curiosity about the potential of media arts as a career and as a medium for artistic expression. As York continues to build on its legacy as a UNESCO City of Media Arts, our Year 10 students were proud to be part of this momentous celebration and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead in the world of digital and creative industries.

After exploring at the Guildhall the students took a short walk to the **York Theatre Royal** to watch a series of fantastic short films made by independent filmmakers. This screening was a highlight of the day, as it gave students a glimpse into the world of independent cinema and the creative process behind these unique films. The selection of films highlighted innovative storytelling, experimental visuals, and thought-provoking themes, further sparking the students' interest in media arts and film production.



Labour Market Information



Labour Market Information (LMI) is information about the current economic and employment situation. It includes data on graduate destinations, average starting salaries, current trends in employment sectors and recruitment patterns.

LMI is any information that assists people from various walks of life in making informed decisions about the labour market. LMI on occupations or industry, for example, can help you make important decisions about study and training, your first job, or the next step in your career.

Each Term we will look at another sector and the Labour Market information around it.



Creative and Digital

York has a thriving digital and media arts economy and was the UK's first UNESCO city of Media Arts.



Roles in the creative and digital sector use the latest technologies and include work in film and TV, social media, advertising, fashion, computer games and animation. Interactive media services, applications and content bring together the world of computing, the web, mobile phones and console games.

■ There is an increase in roles relating to the use of social media platforms such as Bloggers and Vloggers using conversation and recordings to engage online readers. Digital marketing is used to promote a digital presence using a wide range of social media platforms. There is a shortage of digital professionals within York and North Yorkshire.

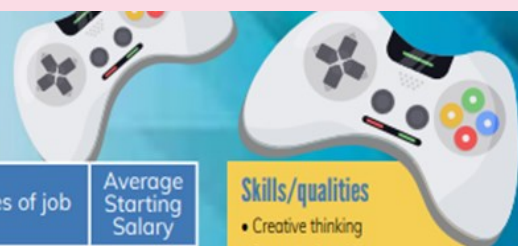
■ Church Fenton Yorkshire Studios, Screen Yorkshire is a production facility which includes 9300 square metres of internal production space, plus additional workshops and offices. Channel 4's Head office move to Leeds provides hope for further skills training, jobs and investment opportunities for Yorkshire's media industry.

■ New jobs emerging include social media or web content strategist and manager, chief listening officer, user

experience design analyst, search engine optimisation specialist, data scientist, market research data miner, digital marketing specialist, cloud services specialist, big data architect, android developer, app designer and developer to name but a few!

■ Developments in E-learning have created the need for increase in e-learning development and service businesses, incorporating new methods of delivery such as webinars, applications, virtual learning environments, shared cloud storage etc.

■ 3D printing technology is developing rapidly to support a very broad range of new product developments such as advances in medical science, and prototypes for design industries. Mo Farrar wears trainers that were printed using 3D printing technology.



Types of job	Average Starting Salary
Web Content Manager	£25,000
App Developer	£21,000
Digital Marketer	£20,000
Public Relations Officer	£18,000
Copy Editor	£22,000
Web Designer	£18,000

Skills/qualities

- Creative thinking
- Presentation skills
- Problem solving
- Communication
- IT
- Design
- Attention to detail
- Customer service

Useful subjects include

- Maths, English and ICT
- Design
- Art
- Media

Some local employers

Barker Brooks Media
Church Fenton Studios
Electric Angel Design
Revolution Software
Fever Digital

Additional source:
Creative Skillset Workforce Survey
Report 2014

Interested? For more information...

<http://creativeskillset.org/> <http://www.futuremorph.org/> <https://www.screenskills.com/careers>

<http://www.gamesindustry.biz/> <https://www.thetechpartnership.com/tech-future-careers/> <https://www.screenyorkshire.co.uk/>

Where can Mathematics take you?



APPLICATIONS OF MATHEMATICS

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careers using applications of mathematics

civil service
engineering
administration
event management
call centre operations
customer service support
clerical and reception work

nursing
marketing
secretarial work
travel and tourism
local government
allied health professions
environmental management

teaching
psychology
social work
construction
retail and sales
transport and logistics
hospitality management

Year 10 Employability Sessions



On December 7th and 9th, a group of our Year 10 students took part in two valuable employability session days aimed at equipping them with essential skills for the workplace. These days, designed to help students prepare for future job opportunities, were packed with practical workshops and interactive activities.

The days kicked off with an engaging icebreaker session, allowing students to get to know each other and build confidence. This was followed by a series of workshops focused on key employability skills, including **CV writing**—where students learned the dos and don'ts of creating a standout CV— **interview skills**, with tips on how to make a positive impression in any job interview. Students also participated in a "**What's Stopping You?**" session, which encouraged them to reflect on and overcome barriers to their career aspirations, and a **digital footprint** session, highlighting the importance of managing online presence for future employers. The programme ended with a

powerful **public speaking** workshop, helping students build the confidence to speak in front of others.

The students also took part in Mock Interviews, with seven employers attending from **Atkinson Realis**, **Equans**, **Quickline**, **The Army** and **Morgan Sindall**. These industry professionals conducted the mock interviews, giving students an invaluable opportunity to practice their skills and receive constructive feedback. The employers were impressed by the students' enthusiasm and professionalism, providing glowing reviews of their efforts and feedback for the future.

A huge thank you to **NYBEP** for delivering these insightful sessions and to **DRAX** for generously funding the event. A special well done to the students who participated—your engagement and hard work were outstanding! The feedback from both the employers and NYBEP has been overwhelmingly positive, and we hope students walked away with a wealth of new skills that will support them in their future careers, particularly during their upcoming work experience in May.



Opportunities & Events



Derwent Training
TRAINING FOR YOU

APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENT

TUESDAY 11th February 2025
4:30pm – 7pm

Hertford Way, York Road Industrial Park,
Malton, YO17 6YG

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Join our NHS live online career challenges Gain FREE virtual work experience

From Digdata - We are delighted to announce our newest partnership with the **NHS**, bringing a host of exciting **virtual events** for you and your students in January as part of National Work Experience week.

Our [NHS live online career challenge](#) virtual events will provide invaluable opportunities for your students to gain **virtual work experience**, gain essential **employability skills** and **certification**.

Our [NHS live online career panel](#) event will give visibility of data apprenticeships available in the UK to career professionals and educators at secondary schools and colleges.

Gain Virtual work experience with the NHS Tuesday 14th January at 4.30pm
(virtual session hosted on MS Teams) For students in Year Groups 7 to 9

"Quick with the facts, help the NHS be swift to react!"

A 45-minute briefing with the NHS team

Complete the career challenge at their own pace

Certification awarded on completion

[Register now!](#) (students)

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Gain Virtual work experience with the NHS Wednesday 15th January at 5pm
(virtual session hosted on MS Teams) For students in Year Groups 10 to 13

"After a sudden bump and fall, should they visit A&E or is first aid enough for all?"

A 45-minute briefing with the NHS team

Complete the career challenge at their own pace

Certification awarded on completion

[Register now!](#) (students)

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Opportunities & Events



- > Open Event: 10th February 2025 - 5.30pm-8.00pm
- > Open Event: 1st April 2025 - 5.30pm-7.30pm
- > Open Event: 19th June 2025 - 5.30pm-7.30pm



ASKHAM BRYAN
COLLEGE

25 Jan
2025

OPEN DAY – 25 JANUARY 2025

29 Mar
2025

OPEN DAY – 29 MARCH 2025

BISHOP
BURTON
College

Sat 08 February

College (Post-16) Open Event

🕒 10:00 - 13:00

Sat 29 March

College (Post-16) Open Event →

🕒 10:00 - 13:00

Tue 13 May

College (Post-16) Open Event

🕒 17:30 - 20:00

Sat 14 June

College (Post-16) Open Event

🕒 10:00 - 13:00

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SUBJECT SHOWCASE DAY

Wednesday 5 February 2025
9.30am to 3.45pm

Subject Showcase Days give you a chance to learn more about the subjects available at York St John University.

This is an ideal opportunity for Year 12s researching their options and exploring what it's like to study at university level. It is also a great opportunity for Year 13 students who have not yet applied to university and mature students who are considering returning to learning.



FIND OUT MORE

yorksja.ac.uk/subjectshowcase



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Search on training provider websites

Approach employers directly with a CV/covering letter – if employers want further info, they can email york.apprenticeships@york.gov.uk



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