



School Newsletter 539

Values – Care – Achievement

Thursday 9 January 2025

Headteacher's Introduction



Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back from the Christmas break! I trust that you've all had the opportunity to enjoy quality time with family and friends, recharging for the exciting term ahead.

It's heartening to see our students return in such good spirits, as they dive into their lessons with renewed motivation. This positive energy sets an excellent tone for the Spring term 2025, which, although shorter at just six weeks, promises to be action-packed.

We've hit the ground running, with our Year 12 and 13 students already immersed in their Vocational exams. Looking ahead, we have the Year 9 Pathway Taster Day next Wednesday, offering our younger students a glimpse into the diverse opportunities that await them in KS4. Parents of Year 11 students, please mark your calendars for the Progress Evening on 15 January – a crucial opportunity to discuss your child's progress in the recent mock examinations and their future aspirations.

As we embark on this new term and calendar year, it's an opportune moment to reaffirm our high expectations. We continue to place great emphasis on exemplary uniform standards, conduct, attendance, and punctuality. Our daily communication regarding poor punctuality remains in place, underscoring the importance we place on timeliness.

The start of a new year often brings with it a sense of renewal and possibility. Here's to a term filled with learning, engagement and achievement. I look forward to sharing in the successes that I'm certain lie ahead.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

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

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.



Upcoming Events

Wed 15 Jan	Y11 Progress Evening
Wed 22 Jan	Y9 Pathway Evening
Wed 29 Jan	Y9 Progress Evening

Term Dates 2024-25

Spring Term 2025

Half Term	- 17-21 Feb 2025 (inclusive)
Term Ends	- 4 Apr 2025

Summer Term 2025

Students return	- 22 Apr 2025
May Bank Holiday	- 5 May 2025
Half Term	- 26-30 May 2025 (inclusive)
Term Ends	- 18 Jul 2025

Year 9 Vaccinations

Year 9 students are due to receive their DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio) and MENINGITIS ACWY vaccinations this year.



Vaccination UK

Please visit the School Vaccination website [here](https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/dtp/2024/northyorkshire) (<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/dtp/2024/northyorkshire>) as soon as possible to complete an online consent form.

If you do not wish to consent to your child receiving the vaccinations, please complete a formal NO consent via the same link above.

North Yorkshire Administration Team (01904 237 680)

New Staff

We welcome Mr Wells, Head of Year 10, joining Archbishop Holgate's this term.

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

As we enter into a new term and a new calendar year, our Form Tutor Collective Worship focuses on the promise of hope that can be found throughout the Bible and in Jesus' life. Our daily quotes have been about Hope:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him."

The Bible, The Book of Romans, Chapter 15, verse 13

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



Science Revision Guides

Science revision guides (CGP) are available to purchase through school using ParentPay. The prices for these are Separate (Triple) Science - £9.75 each and Combined Science - £6.25. These are available in higher and foundation tiers so make sure you purchase the correct one. If you are not sure which revision guide to buy, ask your child to speak to their Science teacher to clarify. (The Science Department)

Art - Work of the Week

Year 11 had an extremely positive and successful Mock exam prior to the Christmas break. Here are a few examples of some of the amazing work produced. Well done to Kez Jackson, Hollis Wu, Robert Geesing, Amira Logan and Chloe Fletcher.



Kez Jackson



Robert Geesing



Chloe Fletcher



Hollis Wu



Amira Lilly Logan

Careers Corner



The University of Hull - Open Day, Saturday 18 January

This is an ideal opportunity for students who have not finalised their options. Book [here](#).

Students with an Interest in Sport

The University of Hull, School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences are hosting a webinar, which is designed to inform future students and family members on all you need to know about applying for and studying a sports degree at the University of Hull. To register for the webinar please email c.towilson@hull.ac.uk

UCAS Hull

Come and see us at our campus event at the University of Hull, 25 June. UCAS Discovery is a place to discover all your options, under one roof. We can help you discover traditional degrees, apprenticeships, careers, and more. Book to attend [UCAS Discovery Hull 2025](#)

Year 7 Bright Sparks Learning Challenges

This half term, we continue to seek ways to extend students' learning beyond the curriculum, with our 'Bright Sparks' Learning Challenges. These challenges will be set every half term and will cover a range of skills, subjects and learning styles. Students in Year 7 are invited to complete up to three challenges, with the winner receiving a £5 voucher, 50 merits for their house and invited to breakfast with Mrs Pond. We hope our young people will enjoy the challenge of learning in a different way and the freedom to structure their work however they choose. Each entrant earns 10 merits for their house. The new challenges are available on Google Classroom. Students are welcome to submit their entries ASAP before the end of term. Last term's winners were Lamar Sabeeh, Erin Benjamin, Amarah Morley and Mille Roth. Well done to all!



Bright Sparks Learning Challenges

Can anybody stop Liverpool? How? 	Why is the declining bee population such a problem? 	Do you want to live until you are 100? Why? 	If you got lost anywhere in the world, where would you like to be lost and why? 
If you could do any kind of act for a stranger tomorrow, what would it be? 	Compassion - Write about what it is and how you have used it this year. 	Justice - What is it? How do we use it to maintain our values 	What would happen if Earth lost it's gravity for a day? 
If you could choose to read one person's mind, who would it be and why? 	Forgiveness - Why must we demonstrate this important value? 	Trust - Give examples of where you have been trusted and have trusted others. 	What do you enjoy most about the winter? Write a newspaper article. 
In one year from now, how will your life be different? 	What is the future for plastics? What's the alternative. 	Discuss your views on tolerance in a way that suits you. 	If there were 10 minutes extra in a day, what would you do with them? 

REWARD & RECOGNITION

Wishing everyone a very happy new year and what an end to the year we had. In my 13 years' teaching at AHS I honestly don't think I have felt a buzz like the buzz I felt at the final of The AHS Masked Singer.

Thank you to all the students who supported this event, together we have raised over £1,400 for charity.

For those who were not able to attend, the winner and singers were all shared on the Google Classrooms, these were:

Fox - Mr Nihill
Snowman - Mr Thompson
Koala - Mrs Kellett
Pig - Mr Stevens
Penguin - Mrs Dixon
Bunny - Miss Chase
Dinosaur - Mr Middleton
Shark - Mrs Sircar
Pink Monster - Miss Creaser



...and the winner was: Unicorn - Miss Turvey!

If this wasn't nearly enough, on top of this end of term celebration event, we awarded over 950 students during the end of term award acts of collective worship. As I said to students during the assembly, I will never apologise about the number of students that are praised and awarded... it was fantastic and uplifting. Well done everyone!

Headteacher's Breakfast



We are thrilled to hit the ground running with the first Headteacher's Breakfast that took place on Tuesday. Year 7 is full of such positivity and joy and it was wonderful to hear about their Christmas adventures and their hopes for the new term ahead.



Dates of the Headteacher's Breakfasts for the half term are:

Year 8 - Tuesday 14 January
Year 9 - Tuesday 21 January
Year 10 - Tuesday 28 January
Year 11 - Tuesday 4 February
Year 12 and 13 - Tuesday 11 February

Congratulations to our Year 7 winners:

Year 7 Winners	Reason
Ro Shepherd	For being a true role model to the rest of the form. Always being so polite and organised, getting involved in form discussions, looking out for others and trying his best in everything he does.
Florence Fleetham	For consistently fantastic effort with 'joining in', resilience and kindness. You are an excellent example of living the school values and you have been supportive to many people in our form in a wonderful way. You're a star!
Cora Hawkins	Absolutely living life to the full, both inside and outside of school. You've been an amazing role model to others in the school, showing compassion and care to others, as well as ambition and determination in everything you set your mind to. Well done, Cora!
Mickey Sotigu	For all his hard work and participation in form time but also for seeing him flourish and settle in really well into Y7.
Joseph Dale	A fantastic first term at AHS and for living our school values every day. Well Done!
Hattie Handley	A fantastic first term at AHS and for living our school values every day. Well Done!
Jasper Cheung	You have had such a fantastic first term at AHS. You consistently try your best and embrace the school values each and every day. You are a pleasure to have in form and thank you for all of your contributions. Well done, Jasper!
Ini Olanipekun	For throwing yourself into the life of the school and getting involved. You are an absolute pleasure to have in our form. Well done and keep it up!
Elfie Conway	A shining example to others! You are embracing all of the school values and joining in. Well done!
Isla Daniel	A fantastic role model in form and for being a great contributor to both the form group and the school community. You have represented the values of school fantastically well. Well done!
Amirah Surve	For being an absolute superstar - she is always polite, fully equipped and ready to go, embracing all aspects of school life. Well done!

Head of Year Nominations and Award

Well done to our nominees during the final week of last term...



KS3 and KS4			
Lydia Duffy	Emily Smith	Henry Hirst	Benny Brady
Macey Legg	Hannah Moffat	Oliver Place	Anna Roberts
Jonah Kirshner	Oliwier Cierniak	Wallis Wrathmell	Shannon O Donovan
William Gatenby	Adam Said	Ezra Ferguson	Noah Ellis Moore
Lilah Zanft	Rhys Hutchinson	Louis Beck	Jessie King
Louis Jerry	Thomas Graham	Freddie Scott	Alfie Burnett
Macy McKie	Riley Mulhearn	Oscar East	
Kyle Johnstone	Ed Smith	Ellisiya Dickson	

Sixth Form

Gemma Oxtoby	Harley Young	Liv Barton
Will Martyn	Amy Blanchard	Imogen Price
D Mc	Baptiste Tonon	Jamie Bulmer
Kornel Kotlarski	Laura Allison	Abdulaziz Duturaev
Damilola Sosanya	Tom Ellis	



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Lydia Duffy	Emily Smith	Oscar East
Macey Legg	Hannah Moffat	Ellisiya Dickson

Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Oliwier Cierniak	Benny Brady	Gemma Oxtoby	Baptiste Tonon
Adam Said	Rhys Hutchinson	Will Martyn	Laura Allison



House Totals

The house totals at the end of last term currently stand at:-

House Name	Current Total
Walmgate	244,530
Micklegate	242,618
Bootham	241,882
Monk	238,557

Up and coming house competitions this month...

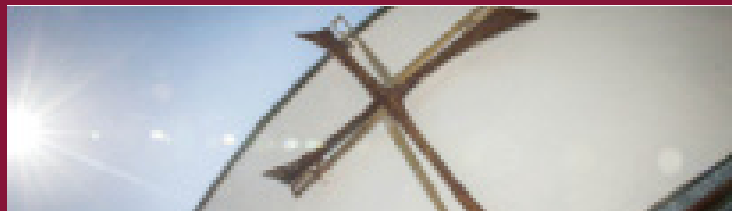
- PE - Swimming Galas
- Maths Sparx Competitions
- Y7-9 DT Competitions
- Child Development 'Egg Sitting' Challenge
- Travel and Tourism 'Designing the Perfect Trip'

School Menu from 13 January

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mains	<u>MEAT FREE MONDAY</u> Loaded Macaroni Cheese Vegetable Enchiladas (Vegan)	Minced Beef Cottage Pie Vegan Cottage Pie (Vegan)	Roast Gammon Vegetable Bake (V)	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie Vegetable Pie (Vegan)	Freshly Battered Fish Vegetable Burger (Vegan)
On the side	Garlic Bread		Yorkshire Pudding Roast potatoes	Potato wedges	Chips
Vegetable	Selection of seasonal vegetables served every day				
Snack option & Daily Special	Baked potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches	Baked potato with a selection of Fillings Homemade Sandwiches	Baked potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches	Baked potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches	Baked potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches
Family Favourites	Eves Pudding & custard A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	Rice Pudding & Jam Sauce A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	Chocolate & Raspberry Mousse A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	Peach Cobbler & Custard A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	Chocolate Orange Marble Cake & Custard A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit



This Week's Sixth Form News



Message from Mrs De Lashley, Assistant Head: Director of Sixth Form

GCSE Maths and English Resit Exams

Students received their results this week. Should there be any questions regarding these results, please contact the Sixth Form team.

Year 12 A Level Mock Exams

Year 12 A Level students will commence a week of in-class assessments from Monday 20 January. The results of the assessments will be an important guide for further intervention and potential post-18 plans. We expect students to approach these as if they were being externally assessed and be committed to independent study in the lead up to these assessments. Results will be issued prior to the Progress Evening on Wednesday 5 March.

Year 13 A Level Mock Exams

Year 13 will commence their final set of formal assessments in school before the summer exam series wc 27 February and 3 March. These will be vital in informing support to ensure aspired progress is met in the summer. Independent study should be consistent and generous at this point following the last set of mock exams.

Book Recommendation of the Week

A reminder that each week we share a recommendation from the post-16 reading list that we hope our students will engage with. This reading list is one of many that can be found online, but one that we think is broad, challenging and accessible. A copy of all of the listed books can be found in the Resource Centre.



SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

£1 per week

Weekly cash prizes

£25,000 jackpot

Splitting the £1.00

- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Archbishop Holgate's School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at YourSchoolLottery.co.uk by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Archbishop Holgate's School

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means
= £30 weekly cash prize
= £2,080 a year for our school

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and search for: Archbishop Holgate's

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Family Matters York

We hope you have enjoyed all the Christmas festivities: the food, the chocolates, the lights, the nativity plays, the carols and even the Christmas cracker jokes! But maybe now, after all that celebrating and family time, you're feeling a bit 'crackers' yourself? Maybe you feel that you've lost some of the 'sparkle' in your family relationships?

At Family Matters York we understand and we are here to help local families!

Why not join us and take some 'Time Out' this January to refresh yourself and your family life? Join our **FREE** courses and events, which will help strengthen and build your relationships to ensure your family has a strong start to 2025!

Physical Education Department

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



U12 Boys' Heworth Rugby League Recruitment

The U12 (current Year 7) team are looking to expand their squad as they move into a competitive league. If you've got rugby experience or the skills to apply to rugby the club would like to hear from you!



They are looking for:

- Strong skills in all areas of the game.
- Commitment to training and team development.
- Positive attitude and sportsmanship.
- Ability to work well as a team.
- Players eager to grow and challenge themselves.

If you think you've got what it takes and want to arrange a trial at pre-season training please contact Jason Kane (07500 008046)

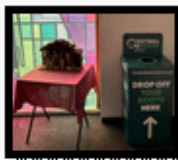
Tweet us @ [@AHSPHysEd](https://twitter.com/AHSPHysEd)



Boot Donation Scheme



We've re-joined the mission to help rehome at least one million pairs of football boots across the UK and stop them ending up in landfill. If you've got football boots at home that are no longer being used and taking up room – then help us to get them back out on the pitch and save them from ending up in landfill! The donation box is in reception, so give them a clean and pop them in the box.



New Club Spotlight - Gymnastic Cheer Club



We have an exciting new gymnastic cheer club starting on Thursday 9 January. There will be a combination of gymnastics and cheerleading. Olivia from Viking Cheerleading will be coming in to lead the sessions. Come to the gym on the first Thursday after Christmas to try it out.



MONDAY

LUNCHTIME (1.15pm)

- Y9-10 Netball (Sports Hall)
 - Y9-10 Basketball (Gym)
- #### AFTER SCHOOL (3.20-4.10pm)
- Y7-8 Netball (Sports Hall)
 - All Years Dance (Gym/Studio)

TUESDAY

LUNCHTIME (1.15pm)

- Y7-8 Indoor Football (Sports Hall)
- #### AFTER SCHOOL (3.20-4.10pm)
- Y9-11 Fitness (Fitness Suite)
 - All Years Badminton (Sports Hall)
 - Y7-8 Table Tennis (Studio)
 - All Years Boxing (Gym)
 - Y7 Beginners Swimming - invite only (Pool)

WEDNESDAY

LUNCHTIME (1.15pm)

- Y12-13 Netball (Sports Hall)

THURSDAY

LUNCHTIME (1.15pm)

- Y11 Badminton GCSE (Sports Hall)
- #### AFTER SCHOOL (3.20-4.10pm)
- Y7-8 Basketball (Sports Hall)
 - All Years Gymnastic Cheerleading (Gym)
 - Girls' only Fitness (Fitness Suite)

FRIDAY

LUNCHTIME (1.15pm)

- Y7 Trampoline (Sports Hall)
 - Y10-13 Exam Catch Up (PE1/IT4)
- #### AFTER SCHOOL (3.20-4.10pm)
- Y7 Rookie Lifeguard - invite only (Pool)

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JusTalk Kids is a child's version of the JusTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JusTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JusTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a call; exclusive stickers; a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber; and exclusive ringtones and themes.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JusTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JusTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JusTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JusTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact: this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JusTalk and JusTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

TOO MUCH SCREENTIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 25% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JusTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what *is* and *isn't* safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JusTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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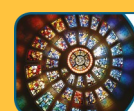
Support Staff Vacancies

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Job	Headteacher
School	Poppleton Road Primary School
Details	L17 – L23. Starting point negotiable dependent on experience.
Closes	Monday 27th January at 08.00am

Job	Receptionist (Part Time)
School	Malton School
Details	Grade CD, Scale Points 3-6 Part-time (7.5hours per week). Thursday Only, Term time only (incl. training days). £4,177.25 – £4,378.22 Actual Salary. £24,027 – £25,183 per annum FTE.
Closes	Monday 13th January at 09.00am

Job	Teacher of PE (Fixed Term)
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Main Scale Part Time—4 dpw Fixed Term for one year Required as soon as possible.
Closes	Monday 20th January at 08.00am



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Job	Teaching Assistant
School	Poppleton Road Primary School
Details	TA2 Grade 4, level 1 –4 (£23,045 - £24,213 per annum, reduced pro rata)
Closes	Thursday 23rd January at 08.00am

Job	Teacher of English
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Mainscale/UPS Required from Easter 2025
Closes	Monday 20th January at 08.00am

Job	Strategic Lead for Attendance (Member of extended senior leadership Team)
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 9 (£31,757 — £35,611 — this is the pro rata salary) Full Time, 37hpw, Term Time Only. Required as soon as possible.
Closes	Monday 27th January at 09:00am

