



# School Newsletter 545

Values – Care – Achievement

Thursday 27 February 2025

## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to the seventh newsletter for the Spring Term 2025.

I trust you all enjoyed a restful half term break and are ready to embrace the next six weeks until term concludes on Friday 4 April. It's been a pleasure to welcome students back to school and observe them in their lessons this week, fully engaged in their learning, well-equipped, and smartly presented in their uniforms, which they wear with pride.

I'm delighted to share some positive news regarding our attendance figures. For the first time this academic year, our whole school attendance has surpassed national attendance data, albeit by a narrow margin of +0.1%. A special mention goes to Year 11, who achieved the best attendance, exceeding the national average by +1.3%. Year 7 followed closely behind with an impressive +1%. I'd like to remind everyone that our expectation is for all students to aim for an attendance figure of at least 97% - regular attendance is key to academic success.

This week has been particularly exciting as I've witnessed the rehearsals for our upcoming school show. The talent and dedication displayed by our students (and staff) have been truly remarkable. We're eagerly anticipating welcoming members of our school and wider community to our production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' on March 12, 13, and 14. It promises to be a spectacular showcase of our student's abilities and hard work.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

## Upcoming Events

|            |                                  |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| Wed 5 Mar  | Y12 Progress Evening             |
| 12-14 Mar  | School Show Performances         |
| Thu 13 Mar | Lent Reflections (School Chapel) |
| Mon 17 Mar | Y9 Vaccinations                  |
| Wed 19 Mar | Y11 Progress Evening             |
| Thu 20 Mar | Lent Reflections (School Chapel) |
| Thu 27 Mar | Lent Reflections (School Chapel) |

## School Show - 12-14 March

Tickets on sale this week!

Tickets are now available via ParentPay or can be purchased from main reception at break and lunchtimes or on the door at performances.

**Show times:** Wednesday 12 March, 7.00pm  
Thursday 13 March, 5.00pm  
Friday 14 March, 7.00pm

**Ticket Prices:** Adult £8  
Child/Concessions £6



Once again students involved in our forthcoming production of "Joseph" continued their Primary School mini tour! This visit was to Lord Deramore's Primacy School with our final visit to St Lawrence's planned for next week! Go Go Go Team Joseph!



## 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.



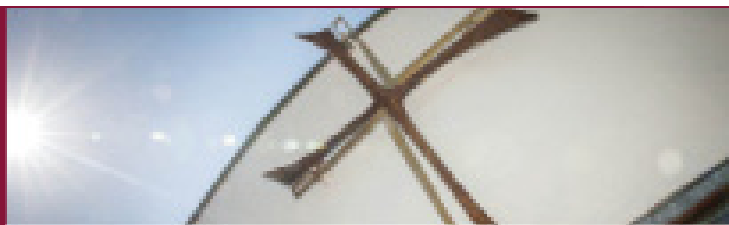
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# This Week's School News



## VACANCIES

### Archbishop Holgate's School

#### Cleaning Assistant

Required as soon as possible

Term Time or Full Year, Monday-Friday

Working hours negotiable, between

6.45-8.45am and 3.00-8.00pm

Salary paid monthly over 12 equal payments

For more information visit:

[www.archbishopholgates.academy/staff/vacancies](http://www.archbishopholgates.academy/staff/vacancies)

Pathfinder MAT is an equal opportunities employer, committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

Enhanced DBS check will be required.

As part of our due diligence process, an online search will be carried out on all shortlisted candidates.

## Food for Thought

Our Form Tutor Collective Worship this week is entitled Trusting - Hope in the Wilderness. During the weeks before Easter, Living Hope will take us on a journey through Lent reflecting on Jesus' ministry and his message of hope for all people. We join the Archbishop of York's Youth Trust and young people across the country. Our Form Tutor Collective Worship is entitled - Hope in Difficulty.

"When you are struggling and start thinking about giving up, remember the power of hope."

Michelle Obama

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



## Careers Corner



# Careers Fair

3 March 25  
3.30pm - 5.15pm

Sports Hall

please access the Sports Hall via the swimming pool passage



**All students, parents and carers welcome!**

Please note, the school drive cannot be used by vehicles before 5.30pm

A host of organisations will be attending, ready to speak with students about their roles and sectors. The companies include North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, ASK, York St. John University, University of Leeds, Lancaster University, Caddick Group, Lindum Group, The Grand Hotel & Spa, Aviva, Askham Bryan College, and York College to name but a few!

## 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 - Phoebe Neal, 8Pi

KS3 German - Imogen Potter and Nathan Taylor, 9CDe

KS3 Spanish - Hugo Triffitt, 7MPe

KS4 French - Bobbie Taylor, 10MDn

KS4 German - Cormac Maloy, 10ERs

KS4 Spanish - Ollie Bradbury, 10LAy



## Term Dates 2025

### Spring Term 2025

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

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

# REWARD & RECOGNITION

We're really pleased to welcome students back this week and we were thrilled to welcome Year 7 students around the Headteacher's breakfast table on Tuesday.

We have already seen so many Head of Year Award nominations coming in this week and we look forward to sharing them with you in next week's newsletter.

## Headteacher's Breakfast

Headteacher's Breakfast Awards will take place this half term on the following dates:

- Year 8 - Tuesday 4 March
- Year 9 - Tuesday 11 March
- Year 11 - Tuesday 25 March
- Year 12 and 13 - Tuesday 1 April



Congratulations to Year 7 this week:

| Year 7 Winners   | Reason                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Milo Abberton    | For always living out the school values, trying hard in all of his lessons, always contributing in form time and getting involved with lots of extra curricular activities.                                                                                     |
| Nia McVay        | For always being an active and engaged member of the Form, posing Q of the day, doing a fabulous job in leading 'The News', and volunteering to be a part of the school play. Well done!                                                                        |
| Xavier Bahia     | For quietly getting on, working hard and living our school values every day. Well Done!                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Dolton Clarke    | For working hard in his lessons and participation in form time. Dolton has worked really hard and has joined in on the cricket match and did a great job.                                                                                                       |
| Maisie Rennison  | For constantly meeting expectations throughout the half term, keeping her head down and staying focused even when everyone else has been more disruptive than normal.                                                                                           |
| Cherise Hart     | For living our school values every day, consistently working at a high effort and showing compassion to others.                                                                                                                                                 |
| Maisy Carrington | For your maximum effort every single day. You work so hard, always making valuable contributions and living our school values into being. You are a shining example for others to follow.                                                                       |
| Bronte Winstone  | For showing resilience, keeping up fantastic attendance and Joining In with extra curricular activities. A fantastic AHS student. Well done!                                                                                                                    |
| Henry Tyson      | For always going above and beyond in terms of classwork, homework and general manners. An absolute role model.                                                                                                                                                  |
| Coral Cotton     | Brilliant half term so far and has really improved her time keeping. Fantastic effort in lessons and always smiling in form time.                                                                                                                               |
| Wallis Wrathmell | For consistently going above and beyond to make the most of her time here, including getting involved in House comps, Apollo Readers and Bright Sparks Challenges. She also has amazing attendance and is a kind and considerate member of the form. Well done! |

## Head of Year Nominations

Well done to our winners before February half term...



| KS3, KS4 and KS5        |                  |                   |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Poppy Richards          | Skyla Gatenby    | Oli Dilsworth     |
| Cobie Barrow            | Thomas Jobling   | Ebony Hazel       |
| M F                     | Favour Ojo       | Sonny Jenkinson   |
| L G                     | Amelia Hanks     | Jake O'Connell    |
| Aryan Shah              | Ana-Rose Lemos   | Fraser McIntyre   |
| Enoch Lau               | Maple Hawkins    | Amali Estabrooks  |
| Amelia Hooson           | Poppy Jack       | Amy Luck          |
| Felix Smith             | Frances Lilley   | Ava Clarke        |
| Lucie Binns             | Aaishah Surve    | Laura Hazelwood   |
| Charlie Flatt           | Leona Koay       | Mel Anne Bautista |
| Jacob Plaxton           | Byron Fearn      | jessie king       |
| Jack Lewis              | David Gobl       | Anurag Lokesh     |
| Aisuluu Irsalieva-Raine | Masal Altun      | Grace Smith       |
| Jack Bexon              | Morgan Smith     | Amy Xia           |
| Matthew Mahon           | Caitlyn Plummer  | Shannon O Donovan |
| Meleksu Zengin          | Joe Keech        | Lucas Waudby      |
| Archie Harrison         | Jemima Drant     | Krystian Gierucki |
| Kordian Nixon           | Grace Scott      | Oisin Maloy       |
| Erin Smithson           | Nick Pericleous  | Joshua Botha      |
| Gabriel Ashby           | Fran Lawson      | Joseph Yoward     |
| Oliva Perry             | Lincoln Keith    | Ben Slack         |
| Josh Lai                | Joshua Adams     | Nick Pericleous   |
| Gracie Briggs           | Libby Anderson   | Ruby Allitt       |
| Ben McStay              | Orla Gillies     | Lily Davies       |
| Holly Willis            | Toby Lamb        | Dylan Cundall     |
| Aquila Mashonganyika    | Amber Chisholm   | Emre Veli         |
| Lola Keogh              | Lydia Cullivan   | Amber Hardy       |
| Anabelle Hudson         | Scarlett Pateman | Phoebe Clark      |



| Year 7         | Year 8        | Year 9         |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Poppy Richards | Jack Bexon    | Skyla Gatenby  |
| Cobie Barrow   | Matthew Mahon | Thomas Jobling |

| Year 10      | Year 11          | Year 12     | Year 13         |
|--------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Joe Keech    | Fraser McIntyre  | Oliva Perry | Nick Pericleous |
| Jemima Drant | Amali Estabrooks | Josh Lai    | Fran Lawson     |

## AHS House News



Lots of exciting competitions to look forward to getting the results for this half term. Students can enjoy taking part in:

- Basketball
- SPARX
- Health and Social Care NHS Competition
- Computing

I also look forward to sharing with you the outcomes of the Child Development Egg Sitting competition.

At AHS we do our best at school to try and get the 6th form involved in House Competitions...even though they might now be too cool for school.

Each week students take part in a University Challenge in their house teams. Prior to half term I had the pleasure of sharing the current results with them:

|     | Name of Competition  | House Name | Points Outcome |
|-----|----------------------|------------|----------------|
| Y12 | University Challenge | Micklegate | 696            |
|     |                      | Monk       | 690            |
|     |                      | Walmgate   | 685            |
|     |                      | Bootham    | 672            |

|     | Name of Competition  | House Name | Points Outcome |
|-----|----------------------|------------|----------------|
| Y13 | University Challenge | Micklegate | 766            |
|     |                      | Monk       | 755            |
|     |                      | Bootham    | 677            |
|     |                      | Walmgate   | 552            |

TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 2025

# SHROVE TUESDAY

## PANCAKE STATION

BUILD YOUR OWN PANCAKE WITH A SELECTION OF TOPPINGS, CREAM, SAUCES AND SPRINKLES

AVAILABLE VIA THE MAIN COUNTER

## School Menu - 3 March

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

## Message from Head of Year 11, Miss Waines

Year 11 have had a wonderful start back after the half term holidays with a sigh of relief at finishing their final mock exams whilst looking ahead to the final exams in May.



I wanted to firstly thank and congratulate students for a brilliant mock exam week before half term. Having been popping into lessons prior to the mock exams, I know how hard students have been working in lessons to prepare for these exams and I sincerely hope it has paid off and they are happy and reassured when they get their results in the coming weeks. The Exams Officer and Invigilators were all highly complimentary of the year group and said the overwhelming majority followed exam guidelines and conducted themselves appropriately. They have made us proud as a year team to hear this from the staff involved. Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported their students thus far.

Please find below the Period 6 timetable as received from Heads of Department last half term. Students are lucky that staff give up their time after school to run this extra study club and we highly recommend that students attend as many as they can to take advantage of this valuable opportunity. There are a number of students where attendance at Maths and English period 6 is compulsory and their eligibility to access Prom will be based around their attendance. Lots of students have responded well to this caveat and have been going regularly. However, there are a small number of students where this hasn't been the case and as a result, they are putting their place at Prom at risk. Parents of students this applies to will be receiving a letter this week confirming this with details on what students need to do in order to make sure they can come to prom in July.

In a similar vein, you will also all be receiving a letter this week detailing the requirements for students to access Prom related to their conduct and behaviour over the next few months. We are so looking forward to the Prom but this is a reward, not a right for students. We believe the stipulations detailed in the letter are more than fair and reasonable and will ensure that the night is for the students who have worked hard over the last five years. Prom is taking place on Friday 4 July at York Racecourse.

Our final Progress Evening is on Wednesday 19 March and you will receive details on how to log onto the online booking system a week or so prior to the event. This is a valuable time to get feedback on your child's academic attainment, progress and their attitude towards learning along with some actions moving forward to ensure your child achieves their full potential. Please mark this date in your diary and any issues with using the online booking system or attending the evening itself, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Students had an Act of Collective Worship on the importance of punctuality both to school in the morning and to lessons, explaining how it impacts students' reputation and will not serve them well in later life/their future workplace. The vast majority of the year group attend school on time and attend lessons on time. However, there are a small number who arrive late, often with the same excuses or no good reason. If you see a number of detentions relating to punctuality on your child's Class Charts, please do have a conversation with them about this.

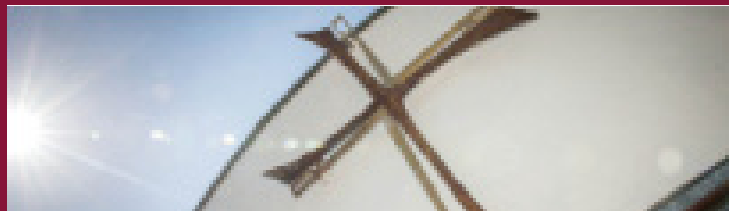
As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the year team if you have any questions or concerns.

**P6 Timetable**

| Day  | Subject                                                               | Location                                                                                   |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon  | Textiles                                                              | Te4 3.15 -4.00pm                                                                           |
|      | BTEC IT - Comp 1 Resit                                                | IT1 3.20-4.00pm                                                                            |
|      | Maths                                                                 | Ma2 (Aiming for 4)<br>Ma1 (Aiming for 5)<br>Ma5 (Boosting 6s to 7s)<br>Ma4 (Further Maths) |
|      | Geography                                                             | Gg3 3.15-4.00pm (after half-term)                                                          |
|      | Hospitality and Catering (until Easter)                               | Food Rooms 3.20-4.00pm                                                                     |
|      | 11a2 Science with Mrs Scott                                           | Sc9 3.15-4.00pm                                                                            |
|      | Business                                                              | IT5 Lunchtime                                                                              |
| Tues | Engineering & Graphics (Y10,11,12,13 - assignment & revision support) | Te1 & Te3 3.15-4.15pm                                                                      |
|      | Textiles                                                              | Te4 3.15-4.00pm                                                                            |
|      | Science                                                               | 3.15-4.00pm                                                                                |
|      | Hospitality and Catering                                              | Food Rooms 3.20-4.00pm                                                                     |
|      | Business                                                              | IT5 Lunchtime                                                                              |
| Wed  | RE                                                                    | Re4 & RE6 3.15-4.00pm                                                                      |
| Thu  | Health and Social Care revision for the exam                          | L32                                                                                        |
|      | English                                                               | EN6, EN10, EN11 3.20-4.00pm                                                                |
|      | Art & Design                                                          | Ar1 & Ar2 3.20-4.00pm                                                                      |
|      | Computer Science                                                      | IT3 3.15-4.00pm                                                                            |
|      | Engineering & Graphics (Y10,11,12,13 - assignment & revision support) | TE1 & TE3 3.15-4.15pm                                                                      |
|      | Hospitality and Catering (until Easter)                               | Food Rooms 3.20-4.00pm                                                                     |
| Fri  | PE & Sport                                                            | IT2 1.15-1.50pm                                                                            |
|      | Music                                                                 | L40 1.15-1.50pm                                                                            |



# This Week's Sixth Form News



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

### School start time

Please be reminded that students must be in their form rooms by 8.45am each morning.

### Medical Appointments

Please inform school on behalf of your son/daughter and make every effort to reduce the amount of time out of school for the appointment.

### Year 13 Spring Mock Exams

We have almost completed the first week of exams and students have conducted themselves very well. Please encourage attendance throughout this period to support good routines. Results and interim data will be released on Monday 31 March.

|                                | 08:55                              | 11:15                                             |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb    | RE 1hr<br>Physics 2hrs             | Geography 2.5hrs                                  |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Sociology 2hrs<br>Media 2hrs       | Further Maths 2hrs<br>English Language 2.5hrs     |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Chemistry 2hrs                     | History 2.5hrs<br>French 2.5hrs<br>Spanish 2.5hrs |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | Biology 2hrs<br>Politics 2hrs      | Psychology 2hrs                                   |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb    | English Lit 3hrs                   | RE 1hr                                            |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar     | Biology 1hr 15min<br>Politics 2hrs | Maths 2hrs                                        |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar    | Sociology 1hr                      | Further Maths 2hrs                                |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | Media 2hrs<br>Chemistry 2hrs       | History 2.5hrs<br>Spanish 2hrs<br>French 2hrs     |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | RE 1hr<br>Physics 1hr 15min        | Psychology 2hrs                                   |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar     | Maths 2hrs                         | Music 2hrs 15min                                  |

### 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.



### Why Most Things Fail by Paul Ormerod

A lively and at times light-hearted non-fiction look at economics and why some strategies work, and why others don't. Using parallels with science, game theory, systems and logic, Ormerod breathes life into economic theories and practices and with real-life business and corporate examples. It's interesting reading for potential entrepreneurs, PPE students or business school applicants.



## EXTRA CURRICULAR PE CLUBS UP TO Easter 2025.

| DAY | LUNCH                                                                        | Venue         | Time |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------|
| MON | Basketball <b>Y9 &amp; 10</b> (WHy)<br>(Trainers Only)                       | SH            | 1.15 |
| TUE | Indoor Football <b>Y7 &amp; 8</b> (Gs)<br>(Trainers Only)                    | SH            | 1.15 |
| WED | Netball <b>Sixth Form</b> (HGa)<br>Week A only                               | SH            | 1.15 |
| THU | Badminton <b>GCSE Y11</b> (Gs)<br>(Trainers Only)                            | SH            | 1.15 |
| FRI | Trampolining <b>Y7</b> (WHy, EWrr)<br>Exam Catch Up<br><b>Y10 - Y13</b> (Gs) | SH<br>PE1/IT4 | 1.15 |

| After School                                           | Venue         | Time        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Y12 BTEC Sport</b> Badminton (WHy)                  | SH            | 3.20 – 4.10 |
| Dance <b>All Years</b> (Dani)                          | Gym/Studio    |             |
| <b>Fitness Y9, 10 &amp; 11</b> (Sl)                    | Fitness Suite |             |
| Badminton <b>All Years</b> (Be)                        | SH            |             |
| Table Tennis <b>Y7 &amp; 8</b> (John F)                | Studio        |             |
| Boxing <b>All Years</b> (Paul C)                       | Gym           | 3.20 – 4.10 |
| Beginners Swimming <b>Invite Only Y7</b><br>(Stuart B) | Pool          |             |
| Girls Football <b>All years</b> (EWrr)                 | Field         |             |
| <b>Primary competitions</b>                            | SH/ Field     |             |
| Basketball <b>Y7 &amp; 8</b> (WHy)                     | SH            |             |
| Fitness <b>Girls only</b> (EWrr)                       | Fitness Suite | 3.20 – 4.10 |
| Gymnastic Cheer <b>All years</b> (Olivia)              | Gym           |             |
| Rookie Lifeguard<br><b>Invite Only Y7</b> (Be)         | Pool          | 3.20 – 4.10 |

**USE LUNCHTIME PASSES- available from practice organiser.**

**Remember to wear appropriate kit and be on time.**



# Lunchtime Clubs



| Monday                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                   | Wednesday                                                          | Thursday                                                                | Friday                                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chapel Chill Out<br>13:15 - 13:45<br>The Chapel<br>Miss Turvey                      | Y7 YOYO Club<br>13:15 - 13:50<br>The Chapel<br>York Schools Trust         | KS4 and 5 Chess Club<br>13:15 - 13:50<br>SC3<br>Mr Tilbrook        | Y8 and 9 YOYO Club<br>13:15 - 13:50<br>The Chapel<br>York Schools Trust | Y7 MFL Film Club<br>13:20 - 13:50<br>ML4<br>Miss Leplatre<br>Bring your packed lunch |
| Year 8 Portrait Drawing Club<br>WEEK B ONLY<br>13:20 - 13:50<br>AR3<br>Miss Dugdale | Folk Band<br>13:15 - 13:50<br>L40<br>Mr Clements                          | Y10 YOYO Club<br>13:15 - 13:50<br>The Chapel<br>York Schools Trust | Cryptic Crosswords<br>13:15 - 13:50<br>MA11<br>Mr Meacham               | DT Club<br>13:20 - 13:50<br>TE3<br>DT TEAM                                           |
| Music TECH Club<br>13:15 - 13:50<br>L40<br>Mr Clements                              | Y7 and Y8 Indoor Football<br>13:15 - 13:50<br>Sports Hall<br>Mr Goldsmith | KS3 Maths Club<br>13:15 - 13:50<br>MA4<br>Dr King                  | Jazz Band<br>13:15 - 13:50<br>L37<br>Mrs Morrison                       | KS3 Chess Club<br>13:15 - 13:50<br>SC3<br>Mr Tilbrook                                |
| Y9 and Y10 Basketball<br>13:15 - 13:50<br>Sports Hall                               |                                                                           | Werewolf Card Game Club<br>13:20 - 13:50<br>Hi1<br>Miss Field      | History Club<br>13:20 - 13:50<br>Hi3<br>Mrs Paver                       | Y7 Trampolining<br>13:15 - 13:50<br>Sports Hall<br>Miss Wheeler                      |
|                                                                                     |                                                                           | 6th Form Christian Union<br>13:20 - 13:50<br>RE4<br>Mr Nihill      | GCSE Badminton (Y11)<br>13:20 - 13:50<br>Sports Hall<br>Mr Goldsmith    |                                                                                      |
|                                                                                     |                                                                           | 6th Form Netball<br>Miss Gavin<br>13:15 - 13:50                    |                                                                         |                                                                                      |



# After School Clubs



| Monday                                                                      | Tuesday                                                              | Wednesday | Thursday                                                              | Friday                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Backstage Club<br>15:15 - 16:15<br>Main Hal<br>Mr Gladstone and Mr Clements | Girls Football<br>15:20 - 16:10<br>Field<br>Miss Wheeler             |           | Y7 and Y8 Basketball<br>15:20 - 16:20<br>Sports Hall                  | AHS Unity Choir<br>15:15 - 16:00<br>L40                                                               |
| Y12 BTEC Sport Badminton<br>15:20 - 16:10<br>Sports Hall<br>Mr Hartley      | Y9, 10 and 11 Fitness<br>15:20 - 16:10 (Fitness Suite)<br>Mr Skelton |           | ALL YEARS Needlecraft Club<br>15:15 - 16:00<br>(RE6)<br>Mrs Robertson | Y7 Rookie Lifeguard<br>(Invitation Only)<br>15:15 - 16:20 -Swimming Pool                              |
| ALL Years - Dance<br>15:20 - 16:10<br>Studio<br>Dani                        | Badminton All Years<br>15:20 - 16:20 (Sports Hall)<br>Mrs Beard      |           | KS4 and 5 Book Club<br>15:20 - 16:00<br>(EN3)<br>Miss Collins         | Board and Computer Games<br>15:15 - 16:00<br>BS1<br>Mr Mountford                                      |
|                                                                             | Dead Poets Society<br>15:25 - 16:25 (EN8)<br>Miss Dearlove           |           | Girls Fitness<br>15:20 - 16:20<br>Fitness Suite<br>Miss Wheeler       | (Invitation Only, Starts 14th March)<br>Photography Club<br>15:20 - 16:10<br>Y10 - AR1<br>Mr Nicolson |
|                                                                             | Debate Club<br>15:20 - 16:00 (EN6)<br>Mr Stevens                     |           | All Years - Gymnastic Cheer<br>15:15 - 16:10<br>Gym<br>Olivia         |                                                                                                       |
|                                                                             | Boxing Academy<br>15:15 - 16:15 (Gym)<br>Paul Cashmore               |           |                                                                       |                                                                                                       |
|                                                                             | Y7 and 8 Table Tennis<br>15:15 - 16:15 (Studio)<br>Paul Farmery      |           |                                                                       |                                                                                                       |

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS



ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

### IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

### VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

### FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



### FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.



### MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



### DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



### Meet Our Expert

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