



School Newsletter 562

Values – Care – Achievement

Friday 18 July 2025

Headteacher's Introduction



As I reflect on the incredible school year at Archbishop Holgate's, I can hardly believe how quickly time has flown by. It feels like only yesterday we were welcoming students back through our doors, and now here we are, celebrating the end of what has been a truly remarkable journey.

What strikes me most is witnessing the incredible accomplishments our students have achieved as they complete this phase of their AHS journey. Whether they've been joining in with new activities, actively seeking out fresh opportunities, or focusing on developing themselves and others, every single one of them has shown tremendous growth. I've been particularly impressed by how they've developed responsibility and resilience throughout the year, qualities that will serve them well as they look towards their next steps.

Our Post 16 students deserve special recognition - they have certainly been examples to follow as they consider their future pathways. Watching them mature and take ownership of their learning has been inspiring, and I know they're well-prepared for whatever lies ahead.

One of the absolute highlights of this term has been our curriculum-based enrichment week, which has been a massive success. Seeing students step outside their comfort zones and develop a range of different skills has been wonderful to witness. The enthusiasm and engagement they've shown has been infectious, and it's clear that these experiences have added real value to their education.

That's not forgetting the many incredible trips that have taken place over these last few weeks. From the life-changing experience in Uganda to the cultural immersion in London, Paris, Germany, and Barcelona, our students have had opportunities to broaden their horizons in ways that simply can't be replicated in the classroom. The theme park trips have also been the perfect way to celebrate what has been a successful year.

As we close this chapter, I want to take a moment to acknowledge everyone who has contributed to making this year so special. Our students, staff, parents, and the wider community have all played their part in creating the vibrant, supportive environment that makes Archbishop Holgate's such a special place, where all have the opportunity to 'live life to the full'.

Have a fantastic summer break. Rest, recharge, and make the most of this well-deserved time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 3 September, ready for another exciting year of learning, growth, and achievement.

Staff Farewells

As ever at this time of year we say goodbye to valued colleagues who, for various reasons, are leaving the school. Whilst these members of staff will be missed we also look forward to new staff joining the school in September.

A very special mention must go to those colleagues who have served the school so well and we wish them all the very best for the future: Miss Barnes, Mrs Beddall, Ms Bhogal, Mrs Cantrell, Miss Dixon, Mr Harris, Mr Hough, Mrs Kellett, Miss Kenny, Miss McDermott, Mr Meacham, Miss Monk, Mr Mountford, Mrs Neaves, Mrs Newton, Mrs Pappill, Miss Powell, Mrs Rose, Miss Stevens, Miss Waines and Mr Williams.

Upcoming Events

Fri 19 Jul	School finishes at 1.10pm
Thu 14 Aug	A Level Results Day
Thu 21 Aug	GCSE Results Day
1-2 Sept	Training Days (school closed to students)
Wed 3 Sept	First day of term

Term Dates 2025 -2026

Summer Term 2025

Term Ends - 18 Jul 2025

Autumn Term 2025

Staff Training Days

Students return

Staff Training Day

Half Term

Term Ends

- 1-2 Sept 2025 (School closed to students)
- 3 Sept 2025
- 3 Oct 2025 (School closed to students)
- 27-31 Oct 2025 (inclusive)
- 19 Dec 2025

Spring Term 2026

Staff Training Day

Students return

Half Term

Term Ends

- 5 Jan 2026 (School closed to students)
- 6 Jan 2026
- 16-20 Feb 2026 (inclusive)
- 26 Mar 2026

Summer Term 2026

Students return

May Bank Holiday

Half Term

Term Ends

Staff Training Day

- 13 Apr 2026
- 4 May 2026
- 25-29 May 2026 (inclusive)
- 17 Jul 2026
- 20 Jul 2026 (School closed to students)

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 Facebook to keep up to date with the latest news and events!

School Menu - Wednesday 3 September

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mains	Training Day	Training Day	Roast Joint Of Beef Vegan Quorn Sausages (V)	Beef Bolognaise Vegan Bolognaise	Freshly Battered Fish Vegetarian Quiche (V)
On the side			Oven Roasted Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding	Spaghetti Garlic Bread	Chips
Vegetables			Selection of seasonal vegetables served each day		
Snack selection & Daily Special			Baked Potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches	Baked Potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches	Baked Potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches
Family Favourites			Lemon Drizzle Cake & Cream A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	Jam Roly-Poly & Custard A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit

Instrumental and Vocal Lessons

Archbishop Holgate's School provides instrumental and vocal lessons through a freelance system. Fees are paid directly to the Instrumental/vocal tutor per term and in advance by the date of the first lesson of term. Students will receive a minimum of 10 lessons per term (30 per year). Lessons take place at different times each week, so that lessons in other subjects are not regularly affected.

Students can access a bursary for help with funding lessons through York Music Hub.

You can find out more information on the school website: archbishopholgates.academy/ahs-journey/music-tuition/

Please contact either the Head of Music, Mrs Morrison: cmorrison@ahs.pmat.academy or reception for further information.

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.

ROCKGOD ACADEMY

4 DAYS PERFORMING IN A BAND WITH AN EXPERIENCED TUTOR FOR AGES 7-18

21-24 & 28-31 JULY 2025

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: WWW.ROCKGODACADEMY.COM

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED



For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

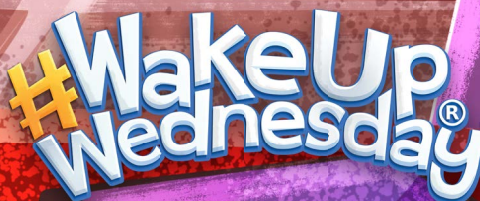
10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



The National College

OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING



Support Staff Vacancies

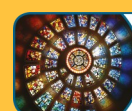
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Job	School Business Manager
School	Archbishop Holgate's School & Tang Hall Primary School
Details	Grade 9 Level 1-4. (£38,212—£42,849 Pro Rata) 22.2 Hours, permanent (Flexibility around hours and days for the right candidate). Full Year.
Closes	Sunday 3rd August at Midnight

Job	Teaching Assistant SEN (afternoons) and After School Club Leader
School	Burton Salmon CP School
Details	Teaching Assistant SEN, 12.75hrs (1.00pm-3.30pm 3 days, 1.00pm-3.35pm 2 days), pay point 3 to 4, £24,796—£25,185 FTE plus SEN allowance of £1533 FTE, both pro rata to hours and term time only working, After School Club Leader, 6 hrs (3.30pm—5.30pm 3 days), pay point 6 to 9, £25,989 to £27,254 FTE, pro rata to hours and term time only working. Contract Type: Permanent, Part-Time Required from September 2025
Closes	Monday 1st September 2025 at Midday

Job	Breakfast Club Assistant
School	Heworth CE Primary School
Details	Grade 3 Level 1-4 Full time equivalent starting salary = £24,483, reduced pro-rata. Hourly rate payable is £12.73.
Closes	Thursday 31st July at 12 Midnight

Job	Teaching Assistant L3—SEN Support
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	TA Level 3 (Grade 6) pro rata salary – £21,391 32½ hours per week, Term Time Only. One year, fixed term, reviewed annually Required from: 1 September 2025
Closes	Wednesday 20th August at 08.00am



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Job	Catering Assistant
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 2 (£24,242 per annum, actual salary £14,048) Permanent, Term Time Only Part Time (25hpw) 10.00am – 3.00pm, Mon – Fri
Closes	N/A

Job	Cleaning Assistant
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Currently £12.60 per hour Full Year or Term Time 20 hours per week, Monday-Friday, 3.30-7.30pm Salary paid monthly over 12 equal payments Required from 1st September 2025
Closes	Friday 22nd August at 08.00am

Job	Exam Invigilator
School	Malton School
Details	£12.45 per hour. Casual Contract.
Closes	N/A

Job	Supply Teacher
School	Applefields School - External Vacancy
Details	Mainscale 1 to 6 - Plus SEN Allowance Part Time, Supply .
Closes	Tuesday 22nd July 2025

