



School Newsletter 564

Values – Care – Achievement

Thursday 18 September 2025

Headteacher's Introduction



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share the highlights of the week with you.

As you are aware, our school photographer visited yesterday and today, providing a wonderful opportunity to capture those special moments that mark our students' journey through their education. For families, these photographs are a special way to remember the unique experiences of school life.

We have also been honoured to welcome three local Councillors to Archbishop Holgate's School. They spent time engaging with our School Council, observing lessons in Maths and English, and touring our impressive Sixth Form facilities. I was immensely proud to hear their extremely complimentary feedback about our students' conduct and their genuine thirst for learning. These visits not only showcase our school's commitment to education, but also provide valuable external perspectives on our school community.

I would like to draw your attention to an important upcoming event. Year 10 families are invited to our 'Welcome to Key Stage 4' evening on Monday 22 September from 6.00-7.00 pm. The evening is a crucial opportunity to explore the expectations for the year ahead and discuss work experience, which will take place the week commencing 6 July, for one week. We encourage all Year 10 parents and carers to attend and engage with this important transition period in their child's education.

These moments - whether they're captured by a photographer, witnessed by local Councillors, or discussed in parent evenings - are what make our school community so special.

Best wishes for the week ahead,
Lucie Pond
Headteacher

Food for Thought

This week our Form Tutor collective worship is entitled 'Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow'. It reflects on a quote by Eleanor Roosevelt, and through this considers how we might consider our hopes for the future and also live well the present moment in time. As well as how our school's Christian values are a part of this. Our daily quotes continue this theme.

"So, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has its own troubles."

Jesus, Matthew – ch 6



MAIN SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Thursday 2 October, 6.00pm

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Upcoming Events

Mon 22 Sept	Y10 Introduction Evening
Thu 2 Oct	Open Evening
Fri 3 Oct	Training Day (school closed to students)
Wed 8 Oct	Y7 Parent Welcome Evening
Mon 13 Oct	Y7-11 Flu Vaccinations
	Ski 2026 Parent Information Evening

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.



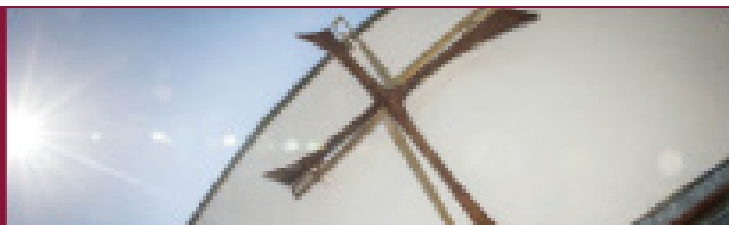
Social Media



Please follow us on Twitter @AHSYork or Facebook to keep up to date with the latest news and events!



This Week's School News



Important Notice – Fraudulent App Alert



We have been alerted to a fraudulent app in the Apple App Store that mimics ParentPay branding.

Security and safeguarding are top priorities at ParentPay Group, and we took swift action to report the app and are working closely with Apple to have it removed.

To date, we have recorded only 2 cases of affected parents.

Please be aware:

- ParentPay does not have an app available for download from any app stores
- To use ParentPay, parents should visit <https://www.parentpay.com/> from a mobile phone or computer
- After logging in, parents can save a shortcut onto their phone's home screen



ParentPay Group Customer Service Team

Art - Work of the Week

Year 11 students have made fantastic progress in their personal study projects. Well done to students Tilly Hendon, Layla Calvert and Isabella Baumann.



Careers Corner



For those interested in a career in Healthcare, the NHS York School Experience Team have put together a working document including their offers - these include webinars, work experience for 16+, shadowing and much more.

Student link: <https://yorkhospitals.pagetiger.com/StudentOutreach/1>

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 - Owen Sullivan, 9Pi
- KS3 German - Bella Pipe, 9MLn
- KS3 Spanish - Sandy Stewart, 9ERo
- KS4 French - Hannah Coventry, 11MDw
- KS4 German - Oscar Duncan, 11ERs
- KS4 Spanish - Hollie Brierley, 11MDn



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 the York Music Hub.

You can find more information on the school website:

Archbishopholgates.academy/ahs-journey/music-tuition/

Please contact Mrs Morrison, Head of Music (cmorrison@ahs.pmat.academy) or reception for further information.

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 will soon be available on Google Classroom. Mr Lever will be joining Year 7 for an assembly to share details. Students are welcome to submit their entries ASAP before the end of term.

Last Term's winners (Now Year 8) were Leina Elgabou, Cobie Barrow and Geaorge McShane. Well done to all!



Free family support Autumn 2025

Family Matters York

The relationships we have with the people we love enrich our lives, but they're not always easy. We are here to tell you that you're not alone and that there is help! We believe that through small steps for change, the relationships with our partners and children can really thrive.

Watch our video below, or read our booklet (click the image to open in a new tab), to find out how we can help.

For more information contact Jen Wootten for more details: jenwootten@fmy.org.uk; 07393 147259

<https://fmy.org.uk/>

School Menu - Monday 22 September

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mains	Chicken Korma Vegetable Tikka Masala (V)	Meat Feast Pasta Bake Vegetable Pasta Bake (V)	Roast Joint of Beef Vegan Quorn Sausages (V)	Beef Bolognaise Vegan Bolognaise	Freshly Battered Fish Vegetarian Quiche (V)
On the side	Steamed rice & Naan Bread		Oven Roasted Potatoes Yorkshire pudding	Spaghetti Garlic Bread	Chips
Vegetables	<i>Selection of seasonal vegetables served each day</i>				
Snack selection & Daily Special	Baked Potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches	Baked Potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches	Baked Potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches	Baked Potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches	Baked Potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches
Family Favourites	Apple Crumble & Custard <i>A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit</i>	Steamed Syrup Sponge & Custard <i>A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit</i>	Lemon Drizzle Cake & Cream <i>A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit</i>	Jam Roly-Poly & Custard <i>A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit</i>	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce <i>A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit</i>

REWARD & RECOGNITION

Welcome to the official start of this year's reward and recognition programme. Here at AHS we are really passionate about recognising the contributions that students make and we hope to provide a programme that sees students enjoy being recognised throughout their entire school journey.

Our Year 7 students this week have been presented with the 'Super 7 Challenge'. Their challenge is to fulfil the 'Joining in' aspect of their AHS Journey. Students are able to do this by taking part in as many extracurricular activities as they can, either at lunch time or after school. **Pupils can collect a booklet from the school Merit Mart.**



At the end of the half term students can then post their completed booklets in the post box at the Merit Mart, where they will be awarded house merits and winners awarded a prize.

A reminder of rewards and recognition available throughout the year within the table below:

Daily/Weekly	Half Termly	Termly	Yearly
House Merits (ALL Staff)	Subject Certificates	AHS Accolades	Reward and Recognition Mornings
HOY Award Nomination (ALL Staff)	Headteachers Breakfast	CEO Award	Sport Day
HOY Award (Year Teams)	House Competitions	Awarding of House Ties/Signature Tie	Announcing the House Winners and Presentation of the House Cup
Positive Messages / Phone Calls (ALL Staff)	Celebratory ACW and Award Distribution	Whole School Celebrations (Christmas, Easter and Summer)	
House Competitions		House Competitions	
		Whole School Celebrations	

AHS Personal Development Hub and Merit Mart

I am thrilled to announce that the AHS Personal Development Hub and Merit Mart has opened its doors again.

At the Personal Development Hub, students are able to collect information about everyday life, extracurricular activities, trips and visits and careers. There will also be a number of opportunities for students to take part in 'Pupil Voice' to give feedback on a number of 'hot topics' based on the school community.

The Merit Mart is our students' happy place, where they can enquire about their merits and spend them on various items in the shop. Items include:

Stationary Key Rings Board Games
Books Water Bottles Vouchers

The opportunity to enter termly raffles

Students will be able to access the Personal Development Hub in line with the Merit Mart opening times, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 1.30-2.00pm.



Head of Year Award Winners

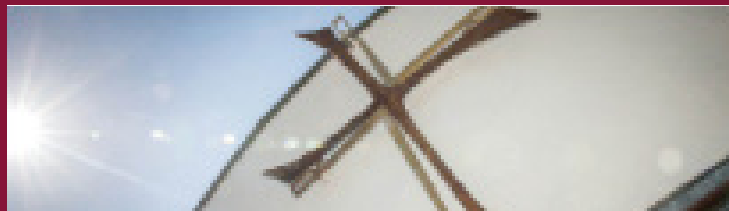
We have 100's of nominations for the first round of our Head of Year Awards. I am absolutely delighted to announce this weeks winners:



Year 7	
Chester Hodgson	For making a great start at AHS
Yiska Noble	For making a great start at AHS
Year 8	
Daisy Johnson	For a consistently excellent start to the year with particularly strong contributions in Textiles.
Maisy Carrington	For making positive contributions across all of her lessons with a particularly excellent start in English.
Year 9	
Leo Proctor	An excellent start to Year 9 , particularly in English
Destiny Husar	An excellent start to Year 9 , especially in History
Year 10	
Poppy Simpson	Thank you for giving up your lunch time to help your form tutor with her displays! An amazing start to Year 10!
Bethan Candlin	Thank you for giving up your lunch time to help your form tutor with her displays! An amazing start to Year 10!
Year 11	
Aaden Luk	Most positives this week- great start back
Grace Moody	Most positives this week- great start back
Year 12	
Zac Staines	A superb start to Applied Law - confident in answering lots of questions and showing a great work ethic.
Amy Luck	Excellent Biology transition work- above and beyond!
Year 13	
Sharanyo Muzumdar	Excellent attitude volunteering helping younger students.
Gracie Briggs	For being an outstanding student and living the school values into being.



This Week's Sixth Form News



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

Independent Study

Please encourage your son/daughter to spend time making an independent study timetable that consists of a minimum of four hours per subject outside of the classroom. This should allow an effective amount of time for your son/daughter to consolidate content, practise application and complete homework. The idea is that the same study pattern is maintained for the full academic year regardless of assessments to secure good study habits and ongoing momentum.

Replacement Key Cards

In the hope of encouraging more ownership and responsibility for looking after lanyards and the key cards attached to them, we will be charging £2.50 for each replacement card.

Main School Open Evening

Thank you in advance for allowing your son/daughter to support us on Thursday 2nd October. Feedback is always overwhelmingly positive from visiting families that have had the pleasure of having one of our Sixth Form students guide them around for the evening. We really couldn't do it without them.

Student Leader Programme

The deadline is this Friday and following that there will be a short time where we plan next steps for interviews. This is an exciting time.

Book Recommendation

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.



Uncle Petros and Goldbach's Conjecture by Apostolos Doxiadis

Uncle Petros is the family misfit, a reclusive figure who isn't understood and has become a figure of fun. But his intrepid nephew digs deeper and finds out that he's a former mathematician who is tantalizingly within reach of solving a famous unsolved problem - the Goldbach Conjecture. Infectious reading for Mathematicians, this novel will also appeal to those who enjoy complex plots and mysteries



Fantasy Football

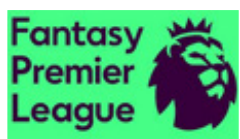
The Staff vs Students Fantasy Football mini league is back!

Create your team at: fantasy.premierleague.com

Then join using the code: j51jd9

Only staff and students can join, so please make sure the 'manager' is a student at the school.

If you have any questions, please email Mr McPaul (cmcpaul@ahs.pmat.academy).



VACANCY

Archbishop Holgate's School

Cleaning Assistant

Required as soon as possible

For more information visit:

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.

Physical Education Department

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



Google Classroom

In the next coming days, the PE Google Classroom for each class will be activated. On the classroom students can access general PE information, their Programme of Study and the Extra-Curricular Programme. Messages about lessons will also be on this class room, so please make sure that notifications are on.



Swimming Success

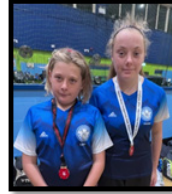
Eli Munis, Y7, swam in South Holderness this weekend and he got his times to swim at the Yorkshire Championships next month. This is a massive achievement for him and we are all super proud of him. Good luck next month.



Biathlon Success

We have had continued Biathlon success over the last few weeks. On 7 Sept, Caiden Barrow, Y7, did a Biathlon and came 2nd in the under 13's category.

On 14 Sept, Brodie Barrow, Y10, and Caiden represented Yorkshire in a Biathlon and Caiden came 2nd in the under 13's category and Brodie came 3rd in the under 14's category. Well done, what great success!



Cricket Success

The MCC Foundation is the charitable arm of the MCC who own Lord's. They fund 150 hubs across the country for both boys' and girls' cricket, which offer free coaching for talented state school children.

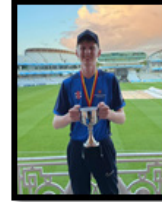
They also run a national competition where the best players from each hub face each other in a knockout competition. The York team was drawn from state school students across York and Harrogate. We had two students taking part in the day, Frances Lilley and Alex Lines.

Both teams became Northern champions, the U16 boys' team from York beat Hull, Scarborough, Aberdeen, Newcastle, Sheffield and Nottingham.

On Saturday they faced Leyton from East London in the final at Lord's and York won, becoming National Champions! Alex Lines batted at number 3 and hit 19 off 23 balls, putting on 42 for the second wicket as York scored 125-2 off their 19 overs. In reply, Leyton fell 11 runs short in an incredibly tense game. The York team was captained by Archies alumnus, Ryan Thompson, who left last year.

This is the first time York had ever reached the final. Frances Lilley and the U16 girls' team also made it final, losing a tight game against Guildford.

It was a day none of the boys and girls will ever forget.



Duke Of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Mr Goldsmith will be asking for names of any Y10 students that would like to work towards achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award this year. It is a fantastic opportunity to add this to your CV as well as learn new skills and volunteer within the school and wider community. More information to follow in October.



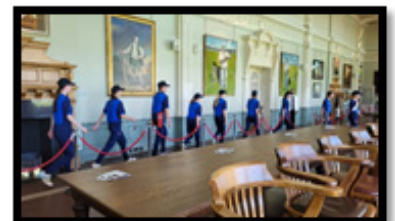
PE KIT Reminders

Please can we remind students that everyone needs to have a school hoodie or reversible for their outdoor PE lessons. As the weather starts to turn cold, students need to be dressed appropriately for their lessons as we will be outside in all weather. Students will also need to ensure that they have shin pads, navy blue football socks and boots for their football and rugby lessons due to health and safety. All PE kit is available from Keal Teamwear on Walmgate or through the second-hand school UNIFORMD shop. Please see the school website for more details.



Extra-curricular PE

Our new extra-curricular programme for this half term is out now. Remember that our clubs are a relaxed environment with a focus on participation and enjoyment and students don't have to be selected in teams if they don't wish to be involved. Students do not need to sign up to PE clubs, you just need to show up on the day with the correct PE kit for the activity. Fixtures are also back on, so if you would like to be a part of a team then make sure you attend training to be eligible for selection.





Monday - Friday
08:00 am - 08:40 am
Learning Resource Centre



EXTRA CURRICULAR PE CLUBS UP TO OCT H/T.

DAY	LUNCH	Venue	Time
MON			
TUE			
WED	Netball Sixth Form (HGa)	Courts	1.30
THU	Badminton (Trainers only) Exam Y11 & 12 (Gs & WHy)	SH	1.30
FRI	Exam Catch Up Y10 - Y13 (Gs)	PE1/IT4	1.30

After School	Venue	Time
Badminton All Years (Be)	SH	3.20 – 4.10
Football Girls Y9,10,11 (EWBr)	Back Field	3.20 – 4.10
Primary Festivals	Various	4.00 – 5.00
Netball All Years (Be, HKy)	Courts	
Fitness Y10 & Y11 (SJ)	Fitness Suite	
Football Boys Y7 & 8 (WHy & LBr)	Back Field	3.20 – 4.10
Table Tennis All Years (John) (Starting 7 th October)	Studio	
Meetings		
Football Girls Y7 & 8 (EWBr)	Back Field	3.20 – 4.10
Football Boys Y9 & 10 (WHy & Gs)		
Rookie Lifeguard Invite Only Y7 (Be)	Pool	3.20 – 4.10

Remember to wear full school PE kit for after school activities and be on time.



Lunchtime Clubs



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A Cafellas (Boys Choir) 13:30 - 14:10 L37 Mr Starkie	Sparx Homework Club 13:30 - 14:00 MA12	Y7 Science Club 13:40 - 14:05 SC1 Mr Thompson	Exam Class Y11 and Y12 Badminton 13:30 - 14:10 Sports Hall Mr Goldsmith and Mr Hartley	Y7 MFL Film Club 13:20 - 13:50 ML4 Miss Leplatre Bring your packed lunch
KS4 Chess Club 13:30 - 14:10 SC4 Mr Tilbrook	Y11 - 13 History Society 13:30 - 14:00 HI2 Mr Walker	Werewolf Card Game Club 13:30 - 14:10 HI1 Miss Field	Sparx Homework Club 13:30 - 14:00 MA12	DT Club 13:20 - 13:50 TE3 DT TEAM
Sparx Homework Club 13:30 - 14:00 MA12		Silent Space Reading Room 13:30 - 14:00 HI7 Miss Turvey (Bring your packed lunch)		Exam Catchup 13:30 - 14:10 PE1/IT4 Mr Goldsmith
		6th Form Netball 13:30 - 14:10 Netball Courts Miss Gavin		KS3 Chess Club 13:30 - 14:10 SC4 Mr Tilbrook
		6th Form Christian Union 13:30 - 14:10 L17		Sparx Homework Club 13:30 - 14:00 MA12
		Sparx Homework Club 13:30 - 14:00 MA12		

Come along and 'Join in', it might open up lots of 'opportunities' and allow you to 'understand yourself and others'. Clubs help build 'responsibility and resilience', they may help you decide on your 'next steps', and make you 'examples to follow'. It's exciting what 'your future' may hold!



After School Clubs



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Backstage Club (Starts 15th Sept) 15:15 - 16:00 (Main Hal) Mr Gladstone	ALL Years Dead Poets Society 15:25 - 16:25 EN8 Miss Dearlove	Y17 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS1 Miss Walker	Year 7 and 8 Girls Football 15:20 - 16:00 (Back Field) Miss Wheeler	Y7 Rookie Lifeguard (Invite Only) 15:20 - 16:10 Swimming Pool Miss Beard
Year 9, 10 and 11 Girls Football 15:20 - 16:00 (Back Field) Miss Wheeler	ALL YEARS Netball 15:20 - 16:10 Courts Mrs Beard	Y8 and 9 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS2 Mr Stabler	ALL YEARS Needlecraft Club 15:15 - 16:00 (RE6) Mrs Robertson and Mrs McDonald	Computer Gaming Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS1 Mr Jones
ALL YEARS Badminton 15:20 - 16:10 Sports Hall Mrs Beard	Y10 and 11 Fitness 15:20 - 16:10 Fitness Suite Mr Skelton	Y10 and 11 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS1 Mr Jones	Y7 Drama Club 15:20 - 16:00 Drama Studio Mrs Mullenger	
Y7 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS1 Miss Walker	Table Tennis 15:20 - 16:10 Studio External (Starts 7th October)		Y9 and Y10 Boys Football 15:20 - 16:10 Back Field Mr Hartley	
Y8 and 9 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS2 Mr Stabler	Y7 and Y8 Boys Football 15:20 - 16:10 Back Field Mr Hartley		Y7 - Y11 Debate Club 15:25 - 16:25 EN9 Mrs Doyle	
Y10 and 11 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 IT4 Mr Jones	Y7 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS1 Miss Walker		Y7, 8 and 9 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS1 and BS2 Miss Walker and Mr Stabler	
KS3 Student Voice Newsletter 15:15 - 16:00 EN5 Miss Donnell	Y8 and 9 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS2 Mr Stabler		Y10 and 11 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 IT4 Mr Jones	
MFL Film Club 15:15 - 16:15 RE5 Miss Rogers	Y10 and 11 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 IT4 Mr Jones		AHS Running Club 15:30 - 16:30 Black Square Mr Thompson	

Extra- Curricular MUSIC 2025-26

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	String Quartet Mo (by invitation only) L40 	String Ensemble All years (L37) Mo 	Wind Band (AM Reg) BN 		
	Archies Accafellas (Boys only) All years (L37) 	Junior (Yrs 8-10) Soul Band (L40) Mo 	Music Tech Club BN All years(L40) 	GCSE and A-Level Composition Support (L40) Mo 	AHS Academy Choir All years (L37) AWR/JSE 
After School	Senior Soul Band (yrs 11-13) (L40) Mo 	GCSE and A-Level Composition Support (L40) Mo 	Band rehearsals (by appointment only) Studio 	Show Band All years (L37) Mo 	AHS Resonance Choir Years 10-13 (by invitation only) (L37) JSE 



Friendships Webinar

Thursday 25th September
4 pm - 5 pm

This webinar is aimed at young people needing support and advice with friendships – whether starting at a new school, struggling to make or keep friends, or maintain friendship groups.

The webinar will focus on:

- Understanding what being a friend means.
- Explore thoughts, feelings and emotions linked to friendship.
- Explore Negative Automatic Thoughts.
- Stress bucket.
- Understanding yourself / personality types.
- Empathy.

Joining Information

To join our workshop please scan the QR code and follow the instructions to join using Microsoft Teams. You can also join using the following details:

Meeting ID: 385 520 131987 3
Passcode: MX9vB3rH

If you have any issues logging on or any questions prior to the workshop please contact

teww.wimtsa@nhs.net






SEND CENTRAL

Check out York's new hub for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families.

Pop in for information, advice and more! You do not need to have an Education Health and Care Plan.

Find us at

SEND CENTRAL, Clifton Children's Centre, Clifton Green Primary School, Kingsway North, Clifton, YO30 6JA

Or find out more about support for children and young people with SEND in York at www.yorksend.org



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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.



SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🔥 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.



SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.



SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.



ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.



Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.



BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.



ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.



USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.



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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OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING



Support Staff Vacancies

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Job	Teaching Assistant
School	St Barnabas CE Primary School
Details	Grade 4, Level 1-4— £25,114—£26,319 32.5 hours per week, Term Time only. Fixed Term Contract for 1 Year. Required from September 2025
Closes	Friday 19th September 2025 at Midday

Job	Teaching Assistant
School	Poppleton Road Primary School
Details	TA2 Grade 4, level 1 –4 (£25,114 - £26,319 per annum, reduced pro rata) 28 hours 50 mins Monday - Friday 8.45am to 3.15pm Term time only
Closes	Monday 29th September 2025

Job	Midday Supervisory Assistant
School	Hempland Primary School
Details	5 hours a week 1 Hour Daily Mon-Fri Grade 2:1 (£24,309, Reduced pro rata) Fixed Term Contract
Closes	Wednesday 1st October 2025 at Midday

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 as soon as possible
Closes	N/A

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