



School Newsletter 572

Values – Care – Achievement

Thursday 20 November 2025

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



I'm delighted to share some recent highlights from our school this week.

On Tuesday, we welcomed six Governors and two Trustees for a Learning Walk, which provided an invaluable opportunity to observe the 'school in action'. The morning involved the chance to see Form Time and Acts of Collective Worship, which were both expertly delivered and provided time for meaningful reflection. Lesson drop-ins demonstrated high levels of student engagement and progress. This was followed by a Student Panel, where students from both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 confidently articulated the many strengths of the school. They expressed genuine enjoyment in attending school and described several aspects that make AHS a positive and supportive learning environment. Finally, students who visited Uganda in the summer delivered a presentation highlighting student-led charity work at AHS, clearly reflecting the school's Christian vision of John 10:10. Through their compassion and leadership, students were inspiring as they spoke about leaving a legacy for future generations to continue living out this vision.

I'm particularly excited to share the success of our first Parents' Advisory Group (PAG) meeting. Mr Green-Harding and I engaged in a meaningful discussion about our school's Christian Vision, and we focused on how we can make our educational approach and information more accessible to families. We want to ensure parents have a clear understanding of their child's learning journey. We'll be following up next week with more detailed information and dates for future meetings, and I warmly invite all parents to participate.

This week also saw our Year 12 Meet the Form Tutor Evening, which was very well attended. It was lovely to see so many parents joining us to discuss the positive start our sixth form students have made in their post-16 educational experience. These conversations are vital in supporting our students' academic and personal development.

Best Wishes for the week ahead.

Lucie Pond, Headteacher

Minster Service

We would welcome donations of mince pies from families for us to share with families at our Minster Service on Thursday 11 December. If you would like to donate, please send any boxes to main reception. Thank you

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.



Archbishop Holgate's School
A Church of England Academy Founded 1546

Shepherd's Delight



Christmas Carol Service 2025

York Minster **Thursday 11 December** at 7.30pm
(Doors open at 7.00pm, please be seated by 7.20pm)

Preacher **The Rt Revd Dr Flora Winfield**
(Bishop of Selby)

You are warmly invited to join the community of Archbishop Holgate's School for our annual Carol Service to be held in the Nave of York Minster.



Food for Thought

This week our Form Tutor Collective Worship looks at how people are important to God and he wants to be like a hedge of protection around us. Looking at, just like the birds and the lilies, he wants to care for us.

"A God wise enough to create me and the world I live in is wise enough to watch out for me."

Philip Yancey, best-selling American Christian author



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

Art - Work of the Week

Year 7 have created some outstanding crab pencil and coloured pencil renderings. Well done to all the students and special mention to Enola Pye, Ellie Jarratt, Thomas Townsend, Lexie Murray-Kydd, Jack Randerson and Yiska Nobel.



AHS Staff and Community Choir

Come and sing with us at our Christmas Carol Service at York Minster on Thursday 11 December, 7.30pm. All resources available, from full music or lyric sheets to recordings to practice at home. No previous experience is necessary – just come along! Rehearsals will take place with Mr Starkie and Mrs Morrison in L37 (upstairs in Sixth Form building) on the following dates:

Monday 24 November - 3.30-4.15pm

Monday 24 November - 5.00-6.00pm

Monday 1 December - 3.30-4.15pm

Monday 1 December - 5.00-6.00pm

Monday 8 December - 3.30-4.15pm

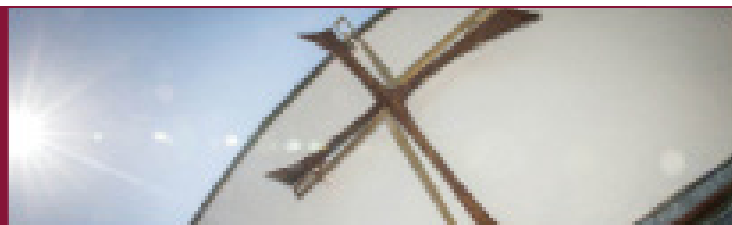
Monday 8 December - 5.00-6.00pm

Please complete the [google form](https://forms.gle/oetFMW9BzFCmiKro7) to confirm which rehearsals you can attend: <https://forms.gle/oetFMW9BzFCmiKro7>

Any questions, please contact Mrs Morrison: cmorrison@ahs.pmat.

Upcoming Events

Wed 26 Nov	Y8 Parents' Evening
Wed 10 Dec	Y13 Parents' Evening
Thu 4 Dec	Advent Reflection
Thu 11 Dec	Minster Carol Service
Fri 19 Dec	Students break up for Christmas, 12.30pm



Careers Corner



Year 11 Construction Taster Day, Thursday 15 January

Students will be hosted by SISK at the John Sisk and Son York Central Office on Leeman Road. They will gain experience of what it is like to work in construction and receive advice and guidance on the different routes into construction jobs and how to apply.

Overview of the Day:

- An introduction into construction work and the different pathways available to pursue a career in construction.
- A site tour so students can experience being on a construction site and appreciate the various job roles on the ground.
- An opportunity to take part in bridge building and other activities.
- Meet people from across the world of construction, listen to their stories, ask questions and explore opportunities.

The application form for the Construction Taster Day has been emailed home, however, a paper copy is available from the Careers Office in school. The application form must be completed, including a parent/carer signature, and returned, ideally from parent/carer email account, to skills@york.gov.uk. Deadline for applications is Sunday 23 November 2025.

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:

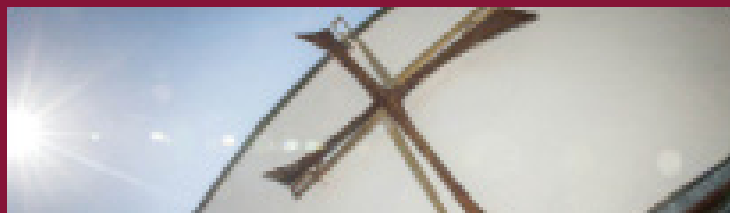
KS3 French - Arresha Naveed, 9ADI
 KS3 German - Jessica Christmas, 7KCe
 KS3 Spanish - Alys Turner, 9WHy
 KS4 French - Lois Webb, 11SMr
 KS4 German - Will Godbold, 11ECs
 KS4 Spanish - Ollie Bradbury, 11Lay
 KS5 French - Sarah Norman, 13CWs
 KS5 German - Ronald Hui, 12GI



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.



This Week's Sixth Form News



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

Sixth Form Application

Please use the QR code below to apply for a place at AHS Sixth Form:



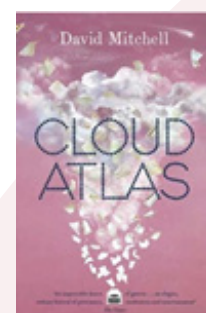
Book Recommendation

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.



Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell

This tremendously ambitious novel follows six people whose lives span different periods and places, yet are all strangely connected by intrigue and a tattoo. Themes of power, ambition and where we fit in the universe underpin a plot of epic proportions. A Good source of ideas for students interested in creative writing.



2025 Raising and Giving Week

Week commencing 15 December is Raising and Giving Week here at AHS. RAG is a week in which we hold multiple events for the school community in an effort to raise money for the school Unity Fund. The AHS Unity Fund is a charity that helps disadvantaged and less fortunate families to afford basic essentials, especially during difficult times such as winter where heating bills are higher. Some of the events we hold include a bake sale, a Christmas fair and a raffle. All of these combined contribute a significant amount and greatly help those in and around the AHS community. We ask parents of AHS students to drop off donations in school to aid us in raising money. These donations can be toiletries, pamper products, chocolate/ sweets or other slow spoiling food items or household supplies. (Alcohol donations are accepted, but must be dropped off at the main school Reception.) Thank you for your support.



Head of Year Award Winners

Each week we are thrilled to celebrate students for outstanding achievements. This week we are celebrating the following HOY winners:

The Big Talk

On Monday, Year 10 students undertook a visit from The Big Talk. Students covered topics in relation to sex education and displayed extreme maturity throughout. Talks such as this are an essential part of each students' journey and it was wonderful to have such an experienced range of external speakers to deliver this.

The Big Talk will be back in on Monday 24 November, speaking to our Year 7 students in relation to:

- Proactive safeguarding and how to stay safe
- Reproduction and puberty
- Healthy relationships and respect
- Body image and self-esteem
- Gender awareness
- Reliable sources of information

Food Bank - Items for Xmas

A reminder that food bank donations can be made 5 days a week during school opening hours. We would really appreciate any items that students could donate in the run up to Xmas.

Let's help our local community!



Pupil Voice

This week, students, staff and parents have been encouraged to take part in the national TEP survey. The survey is a research-backed tool, The Engagement Platform (TEP), is used by schools to measure and improve student, staff, and parent engagement. It uses standardised, anonymous surveys to collect data on key drivers of engagement, providing schools with insights through live benchmarking, detailed demographic breakdowns, and national comparison data. This allows leaders to identify areas for improvement to support better attendance, retention, and outcomes.

We really value the time taken in ensuring we get important data and feedback from you, thank you!



IT'S BACK!!!!

The live final of The Masked Singer will take place on Thursday 18 December, 4.30-6.00pm.

Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of December via ParentPay and cost £5. No physical ticket will be given, but students will be registered at the event.

All money raised will be used to begin the fundraising for Uganda 2027!



Year 7	
Fred Keady	Brilliant work in History - representing everything we want to see in our Y7 students. Well done
Evelyn Hattam	Has made a fantastic start to German lessons at AHS. She is a role model pupil in her class, always showing a positive work ethic, kindness to other pupils, has a fantastic attitude to learning and displays the school values brilliantly.
Year 8	
Skye-Anna McCarthy	For showing fantastic determination during her Maths exam.
Year 9	
Andre Mashonganyika	Always focuses, works hard and is an absolute delight - He's so positive and it has a great impact on those around him. Well done Andre!
Keegan Blakeston	Fantastic work in science all year.
Year 10	
Ahmed Tagelsir	Ahmed has been so helpful looking after a new student. He has helped him get to lessons and been looking after him during social times - what a star!
Aaishah Surve	Aaishah has had a fantastic start in her GCSE subjects. Her essays have been amazing and she is trying so hard in all her lessons!
Year 11	
Adam Said	Always great in lessons (Sport)
Josh Niebiesniak	Josh has been so proactive and organised with his GCSE English revision and has inspired other members of his class to do the same. He is a shining example! Well done Josh.
Year 12	
Elwin Chiwara	Reason unknown
Mark Hazzard	Reason unknown
Year 13	
Livi Ferreira	Volunteering efforts at Sixth Form Open Evening
Molly Anderson	Volunteering efforts at Sixth Form Open Evening

Year 8 Headteacher's Breakfast

We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming Year 8 around the Headteacher's Breakfast table last Friday. Look how happy everyone is to be there...



This week we welcomed Year 11 (due to mock exams there was a need to swap Year 11 and Year 9 around). Let's have a close look at our winners and the reasons they have been awarded:

11ABt	Hugo Mander	Hugo has made a huge improvement to his attendance and attitude to learning in year 11. He is always so polite, friendly and involved in form discussions too.
11Bs	Maryam Syeda	Maryam is a vital part of our form group, who engages and helps out with form time activities. Maryam has made a massive effort to improve her punctuality and her attendance so far this year is outstanding. Well done Maryam!
11ECs	Oliwier Cierniak	Fantastic attitude towards intervention sessions as with most things as Oliwier is so positive! Always remembering and taking himself over. Exemplary!
11ERs	Oliver Temple	Great start to Y11, showing great resilience and effort in all lessons. Keep this up!
11MDn	Amira Benchouir	Amira is a kind and compassionate member of 11MDn with excellent attendance.
11LAy	Alex Briggs	Alex has been a shining example ever since he started at AHS, and is finishing his school journey the same way! He has shown an exemplary attitude to ALL his subjects, alongside outstanding attendance. :)
11Ha	Ruby Thwaite	Ruby is a kind and positive member of the form who has made a great start to Year 11. She has gone above and beyond in her contribution to our wider school community.
11MDw	Joe Keech	Joe is a kind and compassionate member of 11MDw who consistently demonstrates an exemplary attitude across all his subjects, complemented by his outstanding attendance.
11RGi	Jacob Godson	Jacob has been trying really hard, attending p6 voluntarily and in form has been helpful and polite. A great start to year 11.
11RPr	Caio Da Silva Pereira	Caio has made an excellent start to Year 11. He has returned determined and focused. He is kind and compassionate and is a valued member of our form.
11SMr	Grace Day	Always enthusiastic in form time, attends interventions and enthusiastic in her role as paired reading mentor.

AHS Personal Development Hub and Merit Mart

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.

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	

School Menu - Monday 24 November

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mains	Gammon & Pineapple Cheese & Onion Quiche	Honey & Ginger Sticky Chicken Vegetable Enchiladas (Vegan)	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce Vegetable Kiev (v)	Beef Lasagne Oven Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (v)	Freshly Battered Fish Veggie Nuggets (v)
On the side	Herby Diced Potatoes	Dirty Rice	Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding	Garlic Bread	Chips
Vegetable	<i>Selection of Seasonal Vegetables served each day</i>				
Snack option & Daily Special	Baked Jacket Potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches	Baked Jacket Potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches	Baked Jacket Potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches	Baked Jacket Potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches	Baked Jacket Potato & fillings Homemade Sandwiches
Family Favourites	Pear Crumble & Custard A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	Jam Sponge & Custard A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	Apple Pie & Cream A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	Pineapple upside down Cake & Custard A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit

EXTRA CURRICULAR PE CLUBS UP TO XMAS.

DAY	LUNCH	Venue	Time
MON			
TUE	Basketball 10 - 13 Boys (WHy & Gs)	Gym	1.30
WED	Netball Y11 & Sixth Form (HGa)	SH	1.30
THU	Pickleball Badminton (Trainers only) Exam Y11 & 12 (Gs & WHy)	Gym SH	1.30
FRI	Exam Catch Up Y10 - Y13 (Gs)	PE1/IT4	1.30

After School	Venue	Time
Badminton All Years (Be) Weeks 1, 2 & 7	SH	3.20 – 4.10
Basketball Girls All Years (EWFr)	Gym	3.20 – 4.10 4.00 – 5.00
Primary Festivals	Various	
Netball Fixtures & Practice (HKy) (See notices/classcharts for dates)	SH	
Fitness Y9, 10 & Y11 (Sl)	Fitness Suite	3.20 – 4.10
Table Tennis Y7 & 8 (John)	Studio	
Meetings		
Fitness Girls Y10 & 11 (EWFr)	Fitness Suite	
Basketball 7, 8 & 9 Boys (WHy & Gs)	SH	3.20 – 4.10
Rookie Lifeguard Invite Only Y7 (Be)	Pool	3.20 – 4.10

Remember to wear full school PE kit for after school activities and trainers only for lunchtime. Please be on time.



Monday - Friday
7.45-8.30am
Learning Resource Centre



 Lunchtime Clubs 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Accafellas (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	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	Y9 Werewolf Card Game 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	Y7 and Y8 Werewolf Card Game Club 13:30 - 14:10 HI1 Miss Field	Silent Space Reading Room 13:30 - 14:00 HI7 Miss Turvey (Bring your packed lunch)	Pickleball 13:30 - 14:00 Gym	Exam Catchup 13:30 - 14:10 PE1/IT4 Mr Goldsmith
	Y10 - Y13 BASKETBALL 13:30 - 14:10 Gym Mr Hartley and Mr Goldsmith	6th Form Netball 13:30 - 14:10 Sports Hall Miss Gavin	Rural Club 13:30 - 14:10 GG1 6th Form Led	KS3 Chess Club 13:30 - 14:10 SC4 Mr Tilbrook
	Table Tennis Club 13:30 - 14:10 Drama Studio 6th Form Led	6th Form Christian Union 13:30 - 14:10 L17	First Aid Club 13:30 - 14:10 HI5 6th Form Led	Sparx Homework Club 13:30 - 14:00 MA12
		Sparx Homework Club 13:30 - 14:00 MA12		
		Y7 and Y8 Festive Food Club (booking required - please see food teachers) 13:30 - 14:10		
		Y7 to Y9 EAL Club 13:30 - 14:10 EN1		



After School Clubs



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Backstage Club (Starts 15th Sept) 15:15 - 16:00 (Main Hall) 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 10 and 11 Girls Fitness 15:20 - 16:00 (Fitness Suite) Miss Wheater	Y7 Rookie Lifeguard (Invite Only) 15:20 - 16:10 Swimming Pool Miss Beard
All Years Girls Basketball 15:20 - 16:00 (Gym) Miss Wheater	ALL YEARS Netball 15:20 - 16:10 Sports Hall 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)		Y7, Y8 and Y9 Boys Basketball 15:20 - 16:10 Sports Hall Mr Hartley	
Y8 and 9 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS2 Mr Stabler	Y7 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS1 Miss Walker		Y7 - Y11 Debate Club 15:25 - 16:25 EN9 Mrs Doyle	
Y10 and 11 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 IT4 Mr Jones	Y8 and 9 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS2 Mr Stabler		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	Y10 and 11 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 IT4 Mr Jones		Y10 and 11 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 IT4 Mr Jones	
MFL Film Club 15:15 - 16:15 RES Miss Rogers			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 

**WELLBEING IN MIND WORKSHOPS AT SEND CENTRAL FOR CHILDREN
AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR PARENTS OR CARERS WHO ARE
ELECTIVELY HOME EDUCATED AT SEND CENTRAL- NO NEED TO BOOK
JUST COME ALONG**

24th November 2025 Sensory differences workshop 11am- 11.45pm.

This workshop will be run by the wellbeing in mind team and is for parents/carers to attend with their children/young people. It will be an informal opportunity to explore sensory differences and strategies to support sensory needs. The workshop will run for 45 minutes. Teas, coffee, soft drinks, and biscuits available.

15th Dec 2025 Identifying and responding to big feelings 11am-11.45

This workshop will be run by the Wellbeing in Mind Team and is for parents/carers to attend with their children/young people. This workshop will provide opportunity to explore and normalise big feelings and consider strategies to help regulate in the moment. Teas, coffee, soft drinks, and biscuits available.

All held at SEND CENTRAL, Children's Centre on the site of Clifton Green Primary School,
Water Lane York YO30 6JA Tel: 01904 555076 Email: SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk

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Advent Reflection

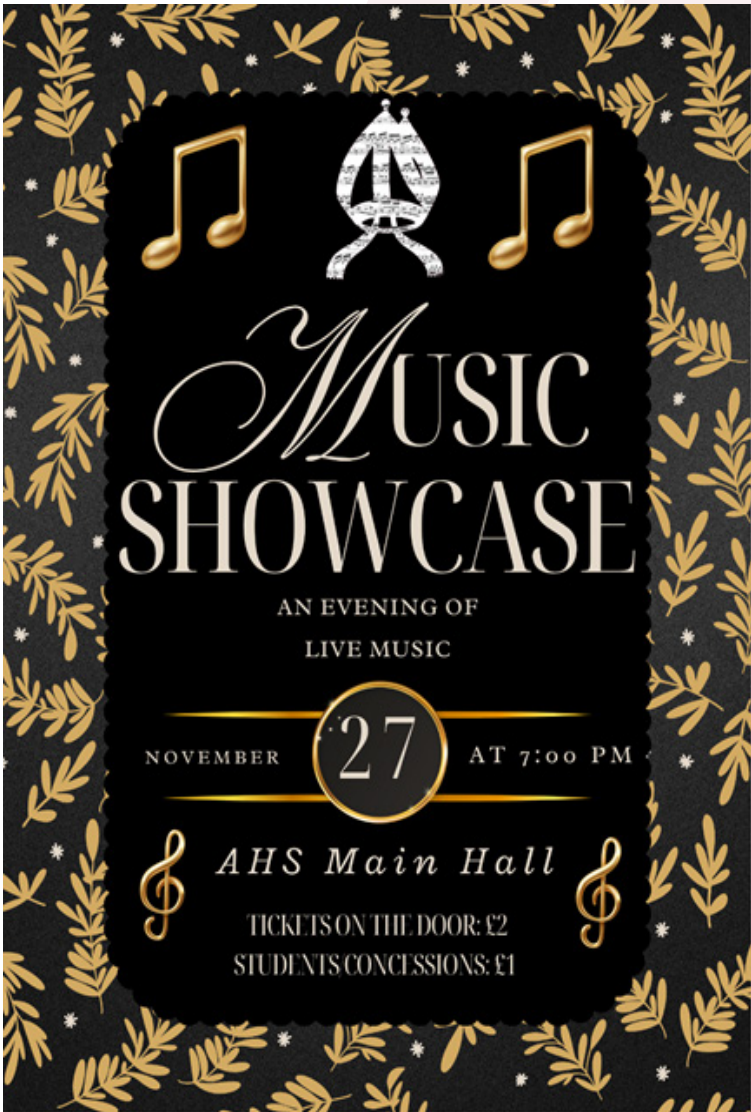
Thursday 4 December, 3.30pm - 4.15pm

In the Chapel of Archbishop Holgate's School

A short opportunity to be still,
to reflect peacefully and to
prepare for Christmas.

Followed by refreshments.

All welcome



MUSIC SHOWCASE

AN EVENING OF
LIVE MUSIC

NOVEMBER

27

AT 7:00 PM



AHS Main Hall



TICKETS ON THE DOOR: £2
STUDENTS CONCESSIONS: £1



NEWSLETTER

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View our monthly events schedule to find upcoming meet-ups and events



Cuppa and Chat

First Monday in every month (term time)

An online meet-up for parents and carers who struggle to attend in person meet ups. Come along to connect with others in our community, share, celebrate, offload or ask questions.



Monday 1st Dec 2025

7:00pm–8:00pm, Online



Parent Carer Wellbeing

First Tuesday in every month (term time)

Connect with other parents and carers, have a giggle, share some positives, maybe learn a new craft – and enjoy a cuppa on us!



Tuesday 2nd Dec 2025

10:30am–12:00pm, New Earswick Folk Hall



Parent Carer Signposting

First Wednesday in every month (term time)

An online event for parents who are new to the world of SEND. We can signpost to what parents tell us are the most useful resources as a starting point. Bring a cuppa and your questions!



Wednesday 3rd Dec 2025

6.30pm – 7.30pm, Online



Coffee Morning

Second Wednesday in every month (term time)

In response to feedback from our members, we are offering a **new** coffee morning at the York Theatre Royal cafe, which is fully accessible and easy to reach via public transport. Meet other parent carers and enjoy your first drink on us.



Wednesday 10th Dec 2025

10:30am – 12pm, York Theatre Royal



Parent Carer Voice

Third Thurs in every month (term time)

Meet other parent carers and discuss any issues you are having and talk about family life. No judgement, lots of understanding and support in a safe place. This meeting is held in a private booked space, in partnership with York Inspirational Kids.



Thursday 20th Nov 2025

9:30am–12pm, SEND Central



Listening Events

Various dates, monthly during term time

We welcome all parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs, living in York, to join us online for our informal listening event with key speakers, on topics and services which are relevant to our community of parent carers.



Tues 25th Nov 2025

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Online

'Lets Talk Money' – an info session about Welfare Benefits and where to find support.

[More info here.](#)

For all online events, please email Mary for the meeting link:

connect@pcfYork.co.uk

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PCF York November Campaign

This November, we are campaigning to **increase membership and strengthen our forum**, to remain equal partners with other professionals in York and **ensure family voice is heard**.

We have widened our social media presence to improve our visibility and help us **reach as many new families as possible**.

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From **29 November to 6 December**, York celebrates inclusion, accessibility, and the contributions of disabled people across the city. This annual event is organised by York Human Rights City Network and partners to promote an equal, inclusive and accessible York for everyone. It runs alongside International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3 December and forms part of the wider observance of UK Disability History Month (Nov-Dec).

What's on:

- ★ Talks and panel discussions
- ★ Creative arts and exhibitions
- ★ Workshops and community meet-ups
- ★ Accessibility and advice sessions
- ★ Music and cultural events - many free and hybrid (accessible online).

Check out the [full programme](#), pick the events you're interested in and bring your friends along! Let's celebrate the strengths, contributions and value of disabled people and work together to build a city that's truly accessible for all.

[Click here to visit the website.](#)

Breath, Body, Mind

Free course for parent carers and unpaid carers

If you're an unpaid carer or you support someone in their day to day lives, you're invited to join a **free four-week Breath, Body, Mind course in New Earswick**, funded by the National Lottery Community Fund.



Fridays from 28th Nov 2025

**1:30-3:30pm, Quaker Meeting House,
New Earswick, YO32 4AD**

[Click here to find out more and book your free place.](#)

Other dates are available here.

Or email justin@partnersindementia.org for more information.



SEIZURE SAFETY AWARENESS

Free 90-minute online training session



Thursday 27th Nov 2025

3:30 - 5:00pm

Online

Led by the [SUDEP Action](#) education team and commissioned by South Yorkshire ICB, this free course offers evidence-based solutions to support safer care and shared decision-making. Learn essential knowledge and practical tools to reduce epilepsy-related risks. Hear about practical evidence-based solutions (including a digital check) that can be an aid to support people with epilepsy. This session is for family carers, providers of care, schools and children's services.

[Click here to book your free place.](#)





NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming SEND Central Events

Elective Home Education



Friday 21st Nov 2025
1pm – 2pm

An information session on Elective Home Education led by our Local Authority School Attendance Lead and a SEND navigator from the Parent Carer Forum – York.

ADHD – A Guide for Parents



Monday 24th Nov 2025
1pm – 2pm

An Information Session led by CAMHS that looks at what ADHD is. There will be a focus on looking after yourself, practical tips for helping at home and supporting your child's educational development, general tips for supporting at school. Understanding sleep and ADHD, tips and hints. There will also be a consideration of the referral and assessment process and what comes next.

Email sendcentral@york.gov.uk to book.

[Click here](#) for more upcoming SEND Central events.



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.

SEEDLINGS - for under 5s with SEND

Free drop-in monthly sessions.

Come along to enjoy our outdoor space, sensory area, arts and crafts, music/singing, storytime, peer support and refreshments.



Wednesday 19th Nov
09:30 – 11:00am
Starry Skies



Wednesday 17th Dec
09:30 – 11:00am
Christmas Party (with special guest!)



Located at SEND Central, Clifton Family Hub.

Contact sendseedlings@gmail.com if you need more information or support to attend.

Carers Rights Day 2025

We're proud to support Carers Rights Day 2025 alongside York Carers Centre and the Patient Experience Team at York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Together, we're recognising and supporting unpaid carers and ensuring their voices shape our services.

Find out more by visiting the links below:



- [Carer Hub & Charter](#)
- [Patient Information Leaflets](#)
- [York Carers Centre](#)

Relaxed SENDay at



Sunday 14th December 2025
[Find more info and book here.](#)



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NEWSLETTER



Connect@pcfYork.co.uk

Autism Support for Parents

Support for parents from the Specialist Teaching Team for Autism.

In-person drop-in support.

No need to book, just come along and meet a Specialist teacher and Specialist TA from the Autism Team. Meet other parents to discuss general issues and concerns, find information and look at useful resources. These sessions take place during term time on **Wednesdays** between **1.30pm and 2.30pm**, at the **YIKS All About Autism Hub, at SEND Central.**



Upcoming dates:

- **Weds 19 November**
- **Weds 26 November**

Morning phone line sessions.

To book one of the 20 minute phone call sessions, email: **parentcarerautismsupport@york.gov.uk** with your name and a contact telephone number. Sessions are fortnightly on Wednesdays during term time, between 9am and 12 noon. Bookings close the Thursday before the session.



Upcoming dates:

- **Weds 19 November**
- **Weds 3 December**

Early Support Playgroup

Free drop-in stay-and-play sessions for parents, carers and preschoolers with additional needs. Meet others, explore learning through play, receive signposting info and support strategies.

Mondays

Weekly in the Willow Room at The Avenues Children's Centre, **10am to 11:30am**



Upcoming dates:

- **Mon 17 November**
- **Mon 24 November**

Tuesdays

Weekly in the Cherry Room at Hob Moor Children's Centre, **10am to 11.30am**



Upcoming dates:

- **Tues 18 November**
- **Tues 25 November**

Wednesdays

Term time: 2nd and 4th Weds in the Little Stars Playroom at SEND Central, **9:30am to 11am**



Upcoming dates:

- **Wed 26 November**
- **Wed 10 December**

Contact Lauren.Williams@york.gov.uk or Shahenaz.Shaikh@york.gov.uk for more info



Autism Central

Autism Central offers free, NHS commissioned online events for families of autistic people, providing a space to reflect and work together, share knowledge and skills. It also offers education family guide sessions and reflective sessions.

[Find out more info and view events here.](#)

contact *For families with disabled children*

Brighter Beginnings

Free Early Years Workshops

Contact are running a series of **free workshops for families of disabled children aged 0 – 5 years old**. The workshops are held online on various upcoming dates.

[For more information and links to book workshops, click here.](#)



Bullying and Discrimination

This school is a place where every person has the right to be themselves and to be included in a safe and happy environment. Everyone at our school is equal and should be treated with respect. We have a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of discrimination. This includes disablism, racism, homophobia, biphobia, transphobia and religious discrimination.

It is the responsibility of all members of the school community to work together to ensure everyone is free from any bullying and/or discrimination; there is no place at Archbishop Holgate's School for bullying or discrimination in any form.

What is bullying and discrimination?

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (AGA) defines bullying as:

“the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.”

It can happen face to face or through cyberspace

The types of bullying can be:



Verbal bullying

- name calling
- spreading rumours
- derogatory or offensive language
- threatening someone



Physical bullying

- hitting
- physically intimidating
- using inappropriate or unwanted physical contact



Virtual bullying

- texting, emailing or using social media to write or say hurtful things about someone



Social bullying

- deliberately excluding or ignoring people
- manipulating friendship groups

Remember: *Falling out with your friends is not bullying.*

We operate a zero tolerance approach to any form of bullying, harassment, and discrimination. This includes disablism, racism, homophobia, biphobia, transphobia and religious discrimination.

Why do people bully or discriminate?

being powerless in their own lives	Someone else is bullying them	Jealousy or frustration	Lack of understanding or empathy
Looking for attention	Mimicking behaviours of family	Bullying behaviour gets rewarded	Inability to regulate emotions

The cycle of bullying

There are different roles played in bullying. What role do you play? What role should you play?



Ringleader

Starting and leading the bullying but not always the person 'doing' the bullying.



Outsider(s)

Ignores any bullying and doesn't want to get involved.



Assistant(s)

Actively involved in 'doing' the bullying.



Target

The person who is being bullied



Reinforcer(s)

Supports the bullying, might laugh or encourage other people to carry on what is going on.



Defender(s)

Stands up for someone being bullied. Knows that bullying is wrong and feels confident enough to do something about it. This might involve talking to an adult in school.

What can we all do to stop bullying and discrimination?

Be kind, Be respectful

TO DO Today. And repeat.

- Be kind.
- Be considerate.
- Be respectful.
- Be honest/authentic.
- Think beyond yourself.

- Choose kindness, as you never know what someone else is going through
- Saying something nice can bring a smile to someone's face
- Being kind can help others feel happy and confident

Live our school values into being



- **Compassion:** understand what someone else is feeling.
- **Forgiveness:** Show forgiveness to others and make friends.
- **Trust:** Trust that when you show how to be kind, others will follow.
- **Justice:** Stand up and Speak out!

Stand up, Speak out



Weak people put others down.
Strong people lift them up.

Stand up and say no to bullying
and discrimination. Make lots of
noise!

If you are being bullied or
discriminated against do not
accept it. Tell someone!



Report it

If you are being bullied or
discriminated against or see any
it you must report it. Either:

- **Speak to a trusted adult**
- **Tell a friend**
- **Complete the REPORT IT form**
- **Email school:**
jkitney@ahs.pmat.academy
- **Phone Childline: 0800 1111**

Every member of the school community must work together to stop bullying and discrimination.

What to do if you are being bullied or discriminated against?



**Tell someone
you trust**



**Keep a record of
what's
happening.
Save the
evidence.**



**Report it, block
it**



**Don't retaliate
(often that's
what they
want!)**



**Surround
yourself with
people that
make you feel
good**



**Don't blame
yourself,
remember the
problem is with
them not you.**

What to do if someone tells you they're being bullied or discriminated against



Listen



**Praise them for speaking
out!**



**Calmly work with them to
resolve the problem**



**If needed, get help from a
trusted person**

How to report bullying or discrimination?



Talk to someone

If you are being bullied or discriminated against

Talk to a trusted adult or if you cannot do that a trusted friend.

If you see bullying or discrimination

You must **SPEAK OUT** and say something. You must tell a member of staff in school.



Email the school

You can email school to report any bullying or discrimination at:

- jkitney@ahs.pmat.academy

Please provide as much information as you possibly can so it can be logged and forwarded to the right member of our pastoral care team.



Use the schools 'anonymous' REPORT IT form

You can use the schools REPORT IT form. You do NOT have to add your name.

- Please provide as much information as you possibly can.
- Either use this link : [REPORT IT](#) or scan the QR code



OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING



Support Staff Vacancies

For details and to apply, visit our [website](#) or scan the QR code



Job	Head of English
School	Archbishop Holgate's School—York
Details	UPS3 + TLR1e (currently £63,565) Full Time, Permanent Required from 13 April 2026
Closes	Wednesday 3rd December at 08.00am

Job	Teaching Assistant (TA2) 1:1 SEN Support
School	New Earswick Primary School
Details	Grade 4 Level 1-4 (££25,114- £26,319) reduced pro-rata Fixed term to 17th July 2026. 32.50 hours per week, Term Time Only Monday to Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm
Closes	Friday 21st November at Midday

Job	Teaching Assistant L3—Minster Provision
School	Applefields School (Based at Clifton Explore)
Details	Grade 6—Level 1 to 4 (£28,394—£30,975) Pro rata £20,950 to £22854 Permanent—Term Time only 31.83 hours per week Required as soon as possible
Closes	Thursday 27th November at Midday

Job	Teaching Assistant
School	Hempland Primary School
Details	Grade 4 Level 1-4 (£25,114 to £26,319 per annum) reduced pro-rata. Fixed Term Contract from 5th January 2026 Part Time: 31.25 Hours per week Monday—Friday (To include a 30 Minute lunch time duty per day) Term Time Only.
Closes	Monday 8th December at Midday



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

Job	Breakfast & After School Club Assistant
School	Heworth CE Primary School
Details	Heworth CE Primary School Grade 3 Level 1-4 Full time equivalent starting salary = £24,483, reduced pro-rata. Hourly rate payable is £12.73. Permanent, Term Time Only
Closes	Wednesday 26th November at 08.00am

Job	MSA
School	Rufforth Primary School
Details	Grade 2 Level 1 – 4 (24,309 pro rata) Fixed Term contract. 2 days a week, days to be discussed 12.00-1.00pm term time only Required week commencing 3rd November 2025.
Closes	N/A

Job	After School Club Assistant
School	Rufforth Primary School
Details	Grade 3 Level 1: £24,483 per annum (reduced pro rata) Monday—Friday 3pm– 6.00pm. Term time only.
Closes	Thursday 27th November at 08.00am

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

