



School Newsletter 573

Values – Care – Achievement

Thursday 27 November 2025

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



Another busy week at Archbishop Holgate's, which has been filled with exciting opportunities and engaging experiences for our students.

Parliament Week has been particularly dynamic, with students learning about democracy in action. Every form has had the chance to select representatives, and voting has taken place across the school. We're

looking forward to announcing the elected students and holding our first Parliament meeting. I'm genuinely excited about the prospect of student voice helping to shape and drive the direction of our school.

We were delighted to welcome Rachel Maskell to our school today, who met with our students and shared insights from her political career. Her visit was particularly memorable, and she was notably impressed by the quality of questions from our Post 16 students. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage directly with a professional in the political sphere. At Archbishop Holgate's, we are proud to be creating the political leaders of the future, nurturing students who will go on to make a positive impact in society.

Finally, the Year 8 Progress Evening this week was very well attended. It was lovely to welcome so many families to the school, and there was a real buzz in the air. It was fantastic to see so many students hearing feedback from staff about their efforts and achievements in lessons. The energy and enthusiasm really reflect the hard work and commitment of both our students and staff.

We continue to be proud of the supportive community we are building, one that embodies our Christian values and living life to its fullest, inspired by John 10:10.

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 Parent Advisory Group

The Parent Advisory Group met on 19 November for a constructive and wide-ranging discussion focused on strengthening the partnership between families and the school. The meeting centred on developing clear protocols for how the group will work, ensuring it remains inclusive, transparent, and genuinely influential in shaping school practice. Parents also explored how the school's Christian vision can be lived out meaningfully in everyday interactions, and shared detailed feedback on what helps them feel informed and confident about their child's learning. The conversation was open, thoughtful, and solutions-focused, highlighting a shared commitment to communication, collaboration, and helping every student thrive.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 February, 5.00-6.00pm. All families are welcome to attend, further details will be shared nearer the time.

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

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



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

Art - Work of the Week

Year 9 students have created some fantastic observational studies of animal skulls using pen and water. Well done to students Bella Pipe, Lola Fawcett and Esme Hanlon.



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.

Food for Thought

This week our Form Tutor Collective Worship is inspired by Parliament week and asks the question 'Do we need democracy?' As well as looking at why democracy matters we will look at how Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Christian faith motivated him to fight for democracy and uphold the values of justice, human dignity and equality.

"This must be a world of democracy and respect for human rights, a world freed from the horrors of poverty, hunger, deprivation and ignorance".

Nelson Mandela



Upcoming Events

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

Careers Corner



All students in Year 10 and 12 should now have been sent their login details from NYBEP to their school email accounts – Please check junk folders – If your child is yet to receive the email please contact srobinson@ahs.pmat.academy.

Year 10 Work experience will take place w/c 6 July 2026

The deadline to have found a placement and to have logged it onto the portal is Monday 9 March 2026

Year 12 Work Experience will take place w/c 13 July 2026

The deadline to have found a placement and to have logged it onto the portal is Monday 16 March 2026

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 - Anya Brown, 8Cm
KS3 German - Sam Smith, 8KCe
KS3 Spanish - Orva Durston, 8MFr
KS4 French - Edward Watkins, 10Be
KS4 German - Anna Davies, 10CDe
KS4 Spanish - Brooke Cooper, 11MDn



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 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

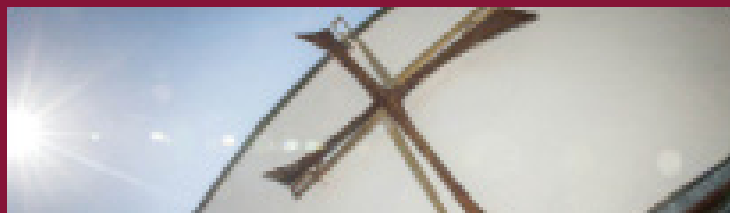
Please complete the [google form](https://forms.gle/oetFMW9BzFCmiKro7) to confirm which rehearsals you can attend: <https://forms.gle/oetFMW9BzFCmiKro7>

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





This Week's Sixth Form News



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

Year 13 Mock Results

Results will be issued during Period 1 on Monday 8 December. Parents' evening follows on the Wednesday, 10 December. Appointments will be available to book on SchoolCloud from 6.00pm on Friday 28 November until Tuesday 7 December at midnight.

Book Recommendation

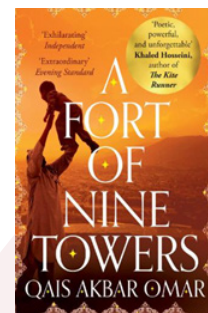
A reminder that each week we share a recommendation from the post-16 reading list that we hope our students will engage with. This reading list is one of many that can be found online but one that we think is broad, challenging and accessible. A copy of all of the listed books can be found in the Resource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



A Fort of Nine Towers by Qais Akbar Omar

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A stunning tale of one family's escape from the Taliban in 2000s Afghanistan and survival in a nomadic and cave-dwelling life. This novel explores themes of family, faith and the repetition and inevitability of history and politics. It's a compelling read and one that's ideal to discuss in book clubs.



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.



The Big Talk

Monday 24 November saw Year 7 students undertaking a visit from the Big Talk.

The Big Talk spoke 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 pupil voice is targeted at both Year 7 and Year 10 and is aimed at collecting feedback on The Big Talk. Please remember that we take the feedback given very seriously and use it to influence future decisions and strategies within school.



The Masked Singer

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

Tickets will go on sale on Parent Pay, Monday 1 December and cost £5. No physical ticket will be given but students will be registered at the event.

All money raised will be split between two charities 'The Unity Fund' and 'Uganda 2027'!



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	

Head of Year Award Winners

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

Year 7	
Toby Ollerenshaw	Toby is polite, focussed and hard-working. He attempts bright sparks tasks and always tries his best. A joy to have in the classroom.
Mahathi Gunasekar	Outstanding attitude and effort in maths lessons, well done!
Year 8	
TBC	TBC
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Year 9	
Will Mingo	On Thursday 20th November he stopped to help an old lady who had fallen in the snow, he helped her up and called the ambulance and waited until another member of the public could help.
Amelia Taylor	Amelia displays such a lovely work ethic in science. She is always focussed, trying her hardest and asks for help when needed. I couldn't ask for more from her. Well done Amelia.
Year 10	
Phoebe Beard	Phoebe is a lovely student who has shown excellent effort in all of her subjects, especially History
Alex Dunlop-Gibson	Amazing student! Almost completed her basketball officiating qualification. Brilliant!!
Year 11	
Izzy Noble	For showing optimism and positivity every morning and inspiring her peers to do the same!
Lucy Norman	Lucy is working incredibly hard - whether it be in <u>lesson</u> or outside the classroom, she sets the highest of standards for herself, and this is brilliant to see! Well done Lucy! (History)
Year 12	
Esme Cannon	Outstanding work in Applied Law.
Ronald Hui	Amazing work in languages!
Year 13	
Imogen Dean	Volunteering efforts at Sixth Form Open Evening
George Horner	Volunteering efforts at Sixth Form Open Evening

Year 11 Headteacher's Breakfast

We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming Year 11 around the Headteacher's Breakfast table last Friday.



This week we look forward to welcoming Year 10!

10AI	Havin Arica	Havin is always welcoming as she greets me each morning. She has shown real dedication and commitment to her studies in year 10 and this is shown in all the merits she has achieved so far! Well done!
10BDu	Safeea Lalowski-Cumberland	Safeea has had a really great start to year 10. She has been really reflective and mature and is such a supportive friend and confidant to those around her.
10Be	Delphi Cashdan	Delphi has made a fabulous start to Year 10 and gave an amazing performance at Open Evening.
10CDe	Jasper Garnett	For showing strong leadership qualities in helping 10CDE to stay organised and for offering to be a buddy to a new student.
10CFr	Rebeca Sirbu	For always being so polite, kind and engaged in form time. Rebecca is doing well in all of her subjects and an all round fantastic student.
10EPy	Thandie-Lyra Rowell	For always being polite, hardworking and friendly.
10Gs	Sunny Mayor	Polite and respectful. Always does the right thing.
10Hv	Roshna Mustafa	Roshna has made a fantastic start to the year, I have been really impressed with her attendance, punctuality and work ethic, well done!
10Kx	Edward Freeman	Edward has made a very positive start to Year 10 and is demonstrating excellent resilience across his subjects. His attendance, punctuality, effort and behaviour are exemplary and definitely lives the school's values into being each day.
10Lp	Melody Baker	Melody has made a fabulous start to Year 10 and willingly gives her time to complete compassionate acts. .
10JDI	Janice Chan	Janice has made a fantastic start to Year 10 at AHS, consistently works hard and has a positive attitude to learning. She has shown resilience this term as it can be challenging to start at a new school at this point in secondary - well done Janice.

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.

Physical Education Department

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



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 need to show up on the day with the correct PE kit for the activity. Fixtures are also back on, if students would like to be a part of a team then make sure to attend training to be eligible for selection.

Table Tennis Success

Flynn Payne, in Year 8, took part in a York Closed Table Tennis tournament. He was the youngest player there amongst all adult men. He had a fantastic tournament and reached the handicapped finals and also singles semi-finals. We are extremely proud of him and he received so many compliments about not only his game, but also his attitude and focus on the day. Well done Flynn!



Cross Country Success

The York and District Cross Country Championships were held on 18 November and we had over 50 competitors from Archbishops taking part. On a very cold and damp day, they all managed to show great resilience and determination to compete in their events. Top performers included the Year 10 girls where Hannah Lovett became the champion in the Intermediate girls, with Brodie Barrow and Lucy Stimson not far behind in 5th and 6th. The Junior girls team also finished 3rd in the team event. For the boys, top finishers were Leon Matusiak in Year 7 (4th), Matteo Pirandola in Year 9 (7th) and Dougie Molyneux in Year 10 (5th). Well done to everyone that qualified for the next round, we look forward to hearing how you get on.



Boot Donation Scheme

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



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.



School Menu - Monday 1 December

	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 Bolognese Vegan Bolognese	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>

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 (EWr)	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 (SI)	Fitness Suite	3.20 – 4.10
Table Tennis Y7 & 8 (John)	Studio	
Meetings		
Fitness Girls Y10 & 11 (EWr)	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
	Homework Club 13:30 - 14:10 EN1 (computers available) 6th Form Led	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 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 10 and 11 Girls Fitness 15:20 - 16:00 (Fitness Suite) Miss Wheeler	Y7 Rookie Lifeguard (Invite Only) 15:20 - 16:10 Swimming Pool Miss Beard
All Years Girls Basketball 15:20 - 16:00 (Gym) Miss Wheeler	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 RE5 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 



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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.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

**STALLS . TOMBOLA . RAFFLE
TEA . COFFEE . CAKES . GAMES**

**Sunday 7th December
10am to 3pm**

Burnholme Sports Centre, Mossdale Avenue,
Tanghall, York, YO31 0HA

**Makaton Friendly
Santa's Grotto
£5 Per Child,
Under 1's Free
Gift Included**

*All proceeds go to the charity Shine21 (1191103)
Shine21 is a charity in North Yorkshire that is dedicated to the lives of
children with Down Syndrome.*

You're Invited to

GROWING HOPE YORK'S CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



10AM-12PM &
12:30PM-2:30PM

HOLY TRINITY HEWORTH

£30 PER
PERSON

Join us for an evening of wreath making,
with refreshments and a raffle



Sign up at:
growinghope.org.uk/events

Or scan the QR code!

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HOPE
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**DECEMBER 2025 INFORMATION SESSIONS AT SEND CENTRAL IN
COLLABORATION WITH YORK PARENT CARER FORUM- NO NEED TO
BOOK JUST COME ALONG**

**Wednesday 3rd December 1pm- 2pm – Supporting your Neurodivergent Child
through the Festive Period.**

An information session led by the Autism Specialist Teaching Team around how to best to support your child through the festive period when life and routines may look very different over the festive period.

**Friday 12th December 2025 1pm- 2pm – an Information Session about Post 16
Education and Employment Pathways**

The City of York Council Skills Team will offer an information session on support and pathways that may be available for young people Post 16 in York. The session will include information about the Specialist Learning and Employment Advisor Team (SLEAT) and the support they might be able to offer, as well as information about Post-16 employment pathways such as Supported Internships.

**Monday 15th December 1pm-2pm Understanding local support for children and
young people with Sensory Processing Differences:**

An informal session describing local provision for sensory possessing differences and the Lets Make Sense Together resources. Led by Jayne Young, Ruth Ayres and Emilie Meynell from Children's Therapy Services, York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals.

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



 This week at SEND CENTRAL 				
1-5 December 2025				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Parent Carer Forum York Navigator 9.30am-4pm Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	Parent Carer Forum York Navigator 9.30am-4pm Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	Parent Carer Forum York Navigator 9.30am-4pm Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	Parent Carer Forum York Navigator 9.30am-4pm Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	Parent Carer Forum York Navigator 9.30am-4pm Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along
YIKS Autism Hub 4.30pm- 6.30pm Bookable Only via YIKS	SENDIASS 10am-2.30pm Bookable slots throughout the day. Please book via SEND.CENTRAL@york.gov.uk or call 01904 555076	Early Years SEND Playgroup YIKS 10am - 11.30 am All welcome no booking required	SEND Casework Duty Worker 10am-2pm Advice and information bookable slots. Please book via SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk or call 01904 555076	NHS Preparation for Adulthood 10am - 4pm Drop in - advice and information- All welcome no booking required.
	Portage Music Group 1.30pm-2.30pm Workshop- Invite only	Think Together Team running planned workshops - invite only 10am-4pm	YIKS Parent/carer SEND drop in 9.30am-11am All Welcome no booking required	YIKS Autism Hub 4.30pm- 6.30pm Bookable only via YIKS
	YIKS Autism Hub 4.30pm-6.30pm Bookable Only via YIKS	INFORMATION SESSION - Supporting your Neurodivergent Child through the festive period. 1pm-2pm All welcome no need to book just come along.	Healthy Child Team 9am - 12pm Drop in - self weigh 0- 5 years 2pm -3.30pm 4 month workshop- invite only.	
	YIKS Siblings Group 6.45pm- 8.00pm	YIKS Autism Hub 4.30pm- 6.30pm Bookable only via YIKS	YIKS Post 16 Group 6.30pm -8pm	

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.A

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



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Support Staff Vacancies

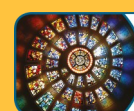
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Job	Head of English
School	Archbishop Holgate's School—York
Details	UPS3 + TLR1e (currently £63,565) Full Time, Permanent Required from 13 April 2026
Closes	Wednesday 3rd December at 08.00am

Job	Finance Officer
School	Archbishop Holgate's School—York
Details	Permanent Full Year (flexibility around hours/days for the right candidate) Hours of work: 14.8 hours per week Grade 9 Levels 1-4 (£38,212-£42,849 Pro Rata)
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	Friday 19th December at 08.00am

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

