



School Newsletter 578

Values – Care – Achievement

Friday 16 January 2026

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a busy week. Thank you for our school community's engagement with the recent Ofsted Inspection, where overwhelming words of support and positive feedback from students and our families were especially well received by the Inspection team. The report will be published in due course, but the school is extremely proud of staff and students' contributions over the 2-day Inspection.

This week also brought a wonderful celebration of creativity and talent. I had the absolute pleasure of hosting a special pizza lunch with Mrs Mullenger for 50 of our budding young novelists. These students have entered a national writing competition, and their work is not just impressive - it's worthy of public recognition and publication, in the Young Writers Grim Tales book. I am delighted to announce that in the Summer Term, we will be hosting a special event for families. This will provide an opportunity to hear examples of our students' exceptional writing. In the meantime, their work will be on display in the English Block for everyone to enjoy and appreciate.

I want to close by extending a special thank you firstly to our staff, for always going that 'extra mile' and secondly, our students who have been fantastic ambassadors for the school, making themselves, their families, and indeed our entire school community incredibly proud.

Best Wishes for the week ahead

Lucie Pond, Headteacher

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.



Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy on our Local Governing Committee (LGC) for a Parent Governor. Governors use their skills to support the development of the school and have a role in strategic leadership and accountability within schools. Governors are not involved in the operational running of the school. The daily management of the school is the responsibility of the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team.

Who can apply? You are eligible to be nominated as a Parent Governor if you are a Parent or Carer or have custody of a child registered at AHS. We welcome applications from all those eligible, regardless of race, sex, disability, age, religion, or sexual orientation.

What is required of a Governor? Applicants should have a strong belief in continually improving the quality of education for children at our school, a commitment to the AHS Values and have the time to fulfil the role. As a minimum you can expect to attend Governor meetings each half term plus training courses and other visits to school as needed. Parent Governors serve for four years, unless they resign during their term of office. They can continue in office after their children have left the school in order to complete their term.

Do Parent Governors have special responsibilities? No, Parent Governors do not have extra duties. Parent Governors bring a parental perspective and experience to the Governor team. All Governors work as a team, with shared responsibilities. Governors use their skills and experience to serve the school.

I'm Interested, what do I do next? Once you have decided you wish to stand for election it is necessary to get two parents at the school to propose and second your nomination. If you are not able to stand for election yourself, you may know of someone who is so you could offer to nominate them. Nomination forms are available from AHS Main Reception or by email to jssissons@ahs.pmat.academy. **These should be returned to school by 10.30am on Thursday 29 January, in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential - PG Nomination'.**

What happens next? If there is only one nomination then that person will be declared appointed. If we receive more than one nomination then all the proposed candidates will be contacted and there will be an election. In the event that no nominations are received the LGC will be responsible for filling any vacancies by inviting a parent of a child at the school to become a Parent Governor.

Election Process If there is an election, this is a secret ballot in which all parents and carers will have the opportunity to vote. Details about the candidates and how this happens will be sent to you once nominations have been received.

Social Media

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



This Week's School News

Food for Thought

This week our form tutor collective worship looks at the concept of Hygge. Considering how easy it is to rush through life, and how to forget to stop, relax and appreciate simple things and the people around us. Our daily quotes look at the theme of happiness..



"The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one does."

James M Barrie, Scottish author and dramatist, creator of Peter Pan

Upcoming Events

Wed 21 Jan	Y11 Parents' Evening
Wed 28 Jan	Parental Clinic, 4.00pm
Wed 28 Jan	Y9 Pathway Evening, 5.15pm
Wed 4 Feb	Y9 Progress Evening
Wed 11 Feb	Parent Advisory Group

HEALTH FOR TEENS

Message from the School Nurse

There is a fabulous website for parents/carers and teens that covers a vast array of topics from anxiety to diabetes; education on immunisations to nutrition and diet as well as neurodiversity through to body image. Plus podcasts, signposting, resources and tips. Please visit - Health for Teens - <https://www.healthforteens.co.uk/>

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.



Careers Corner



Derwent Training
TRAINING FOR YOU



APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENT

TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2026

4:30pm - 7pm

Hertford Way, York Road Industrial Park,
Malton, YO17 6YG

COME ALONG AND...

- >>> Find out everything you need to know about apprenticeships
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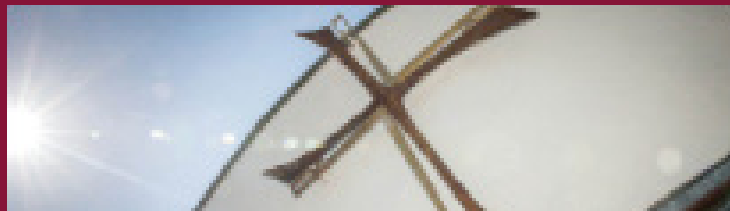
Scan the QR below to sign up
for our Open Event



We look forward to welcoming you in person



This Week's Sixth Form News



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

Year 12 Mock Exams

These commence on Monday and will take place across different timetabled lessons.

School Start Time

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

Medical Appointments

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

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 students 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.

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.



Sixth Form Application

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



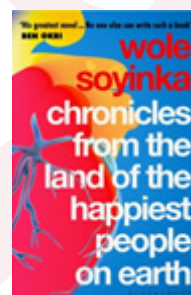
Attendance

Some students are falling into bad habits or not demonstrating as much resilience as they probably do have. Please be reminded of the below:

- Our minimum expectation for attendance is 96%
- For each absence, your son/daughter's Form Tutor will complete a Return to School Interview (RTSI) on their return to school. This is to ensure they are well enough to be back in school and that we are aware of anything that can help us to support their attendance in school. Persistent absence will be followed up by their Head of Year to support an appropriate intervention plan to improve attendance.
- For any absences, including appointments, illness or planned, please call the main school number and select the Sixth Form. Parents and carers are required to notify us to ensure we are safeguarding students properly.

Chronicles from the Land of the Happiest People on Earth by Wole Soyinka

When Doctor Menka discovers body parts are being stolen from his hospital, he is horrified to find they are ending up in the hands of an unscrupulous opportunist looking to profit from their sale for use in West African religious rituals. But who is behind the scandal? This captivating and brilliantly written novel blends power, corruption and danger with a deliciously dark whodunit plot.



Headteacher's Breakfast

Congratulations to all of our Headteacher Award winners for this half term. We began by inviting our Year 7 students to the table today. A list of our Year 7 students and the reason they have been awarded can be celebrated below.



Well the term is back underway and what a start it's been!

We've had plenty of visitors into school this week, but we were especially thrilled to welcome back former students Leo Atang (Boxer) and Ash Martin (Coach) back through the door of AHS. Leo was also joined by Brad Casey and both are described as rising stars in the world of boxing.



Leo and Brad spent the morning giving motivational talks to students in both Year 8 and 10. Both spoke about the importance of working hard, attending school and having high aspirations in life. Leo spoke about his attendance

record and how he always worked hard, including meeting deadlines in relation to homework.

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome all of our visitors into school and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for both professional boxers and their team.

We've lots to look forward to this half term:

Tue 20 Jan - Year 9s will be experiencing their information and guidance days, supporting them with important option choices

Wed 28 Jan - Paul Spence will be joining us to deliver sessions on 'One Punch Ruins Lives'

9-13 Feb - End of half term Celebration Acts of Collective Worship

One Punch Ruins Lives

We're thrilled to be welcoming Paul Spence on Wednesday 28 January to deliver sessions to all students within school.

The police and various public service sectors recognise there is a need to deliver these sessions to young people in the hope they act as a deterrent to crimes of this nature continuing moving forward, particularly when the time comes to leave school into adult life.



8Ay	Emily Parton	Emily is a fantastic member of 8Ay, she is full of enthusiasm and lives our school values into being. Emily is hardworking, kind and considerate. Well done Emily!
8Cm	Lilly Hornshaw	Lilly is a model student who always does the right thing, is always polite and helpful, and is such a kind and thoughtful friend. Lilly has 100% attendance and 100% positive behaviour, and was the first volunteer for the school parliament which was heavily competed in our Form. Well done, and keep up all the amazing work!
8CSt	Jake Hall	Jake has come into year 8 with loads of confidence and applied for the former parliament and did a really great speech that he had spent lots of time writing. Jake is doing amazing and working really hard and his dedication to form and school shines through as does his new found confidence and enthusiasm.
8JEl	Alexis Cumberland	Alexis is a good friend and has a strong understanding of justice. She is always the first to say hello.
8JLi	Isia Daniel	Fantastic contributor to the form group. Excellent modelling of all our school values every day. A great first term Isia well done!
8JSE	James Darling	Consistently putting in 100% effort into everything he does at school, showing others what effective learning looks like, and has been very close to overtaking the top spots in the form FPL all half term!
8KAn	Milo Abberton	A shiny example of our school values. Has shown resilience is so kind and never makes a fuss in any tasks given. A true role model to Year 8 and we are very grateful for all his hard work and focus in lessons so far
8MFr	Mateo Rule Fung	Mateo consistently tries his best in all he does. He is a great example of our school's values and a really valued member of MFR
8MGt	Lilah Zanft	Lilah is a wonderful member of our form who is always polite, kind and supportive with her peers. She continues to work hard in every lesson, every day. She is very creative and has done such a good job helping decorate our form room for Christmas. She's a star!
8MPe	Louis Beck	For being wonderfully consistent in form time and always doing your best. Well done. Keep up the hard work.
8MSt	Sophie Noret	Always hardworking at school. A role model student. Very well done!

AHS Signature Tie

Thank you to everyone who has submitted an application for the signature tie, outcomes of this will be communicated over the next 2 weeks. It's important that we read and look at each applicant closely, we hope you understand and can't wait to share the result soon.



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:

Year 7	
Jake Humphries	Made a great start this week
Annabel Loftus	Made a great start this week
Year 8	
TBC	TBC
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Year 9	
P A	A superb assessment in History - I think Pietro has really turned it around and has made a great impression coming back after Christmas. He is working hard and his assessed work reflects a great effort. Well done.
Edie Caddie	Superb level of effort put into preparing for History Assessment. Well done!

Year 10	
Masal Altun	Always goes above and beyond with her school work. Masal always volunteers to help teachers and shows kindness to students.
Beryl Cheung	Beryl has been working so hard in all of her subjects, both in the classroom and at home.
Year 11	
Layla Calvert	Positive start back to the new year. Working really hard!
Jake Bell	Most positives in Y11 first week in 2026- well done!

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 19 January

	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 Feb Half Term.

DAY	LUNCH	Venue	Time
MON	Ski Fit Ski Trip Students (Gs)	Gym	1.30
TUE	Basketball 10 - 13 Boys (WHy & Gs)	Gym	1.30
WED	Netball Y11 & Sixth Form (HGa)	SH	1.30
THU	Pickleball Badminton Exam Y11 & 12 (Gs & WHy)	Gym SH	1.30
FRI	Exam Catch Up Y10 - Y13 (Gs) Trampolining Year 7 (EWr & WHy)	PE1/IT4 SH	1.30

After School	Venue	Time
Badminton All Years (Be) Weeks 2 & 5 ONLY	SH	3.20 – 4.10
Basketball Girls All Years (EWr)	Gym	3.20 – 4.10
Primary Festivals	Various	4.00 – 5.00
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
Ski Fit (Ski Students Only) 13:30 - 14:00 Mr Goldsmith	Y10 - Y13 BASKETBALL (Boys) 13:30 - 14:10 Gym Mr Hartley and Mr Goldsmith	KS3 Further Maths Club 13:30 - 14:10 MA4 Dr King	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 Trampoline 13:30 - 14:00 Sport Hall EWr and WHy
		Y8 Coding Club 13:30 - 14:00 IT3		
		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	Y9, 10 and 11 Fitness 15:20 - 16:10 Fitness Suite Mr Skelton	Y10 and 11 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS1 Mr Jones	Y7, Y8 and Y9 Boys Basketball 15:20 - 16:10 Sports Hall Mr Hartley	
Y7 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS1 Miss Walker	Table Tennis 15:20 - 16:10 Studio External		Y7 - Y11 Debate Club 15:25 - 16:25 EN9 Mrs Doyle	
Y8 and 9 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS2 Mr Stabler	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	
Y10 and 11 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 IT4 Mr Jones	Y8 and 9 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS2 Mr Stabler		Y10 and 11 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 IT4 Mr Jones	
Drama Club 15:15 - 16:15 Drama Studio Mr Stevens	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 

OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING



Support Staff Vacancies

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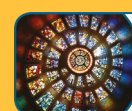


Job	Teaching Assistant Level 2—Supply
School	Applefields School
Details	Part Time—Supply £13.43 - £14.03 GBP per hour plus holiday pay Grade 4 - Level 1 to 4
Closes	Friday 20th February 2026 at Midnight

Job	MSA
School	Hempland Primary School
Details	Grade 2 Level 1-4 (24,309—24,399 pro Rata) 6.25 Hours a week—11.45—13.00 Permanent Term Time Only
Closes	N/A

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	Admin Assistant—Part Time
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Temporary to cover a maternity leave Part Time, 3dpw (Ideally Mon-Wed) 8.00am- 4.00pm. Term Time Only Grade 4 (currently £25,114—£13,098 pro rata) Required from: 23 February 2026 (date tbc)
Closes	22nd January 2026 at 08.00am



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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

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	Cleaner and Caretaker
School	External Vacancy Hensall Community Primary School
Details	Permanent £12.65- £13.47 per hour - Up to 13.75 hours Cleaning hours - 16:00-18:00, 10 hours per week for £12.65 per hour. Caretaking hours - 18:00- 18:45, 3.75 hours per week, for £12.85- £13.47 per hour.
Closes	Tuesday 20th January 2026

