



School Newsletter 579

Values – Care – Achievement

Friday 23 January 2026

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



Last week, we were thrilled to welcome back one of our remarkable ex-students, Leo Atang, who shared his inspiring journey with our students. As a professional boxer with tremendous potential, Leo spoke passionately about the importance of hard work, effort, and making the most of one's time at school. His visit was particularly special as he reminisced about staff and students, offering encouraging words about pursuing dreams and aspirations.

What made Leo's visit even more meaningful was the presence of his trainer, Ash Martin, who is also an ex-Archbishop Holgate's student. This really demonstrates how our school community remains connected long after students leave, with past students eager to give back and support the next generation.

I'm incredibly proud of our Year 11 students, who continue to impress me with their commitment and dedication. Their hard work is evident in their lessons, consistent attendance at P6 sessions, completion of homework, and revision efforts. This dedication was reflected in our recent Progress Evening, which saw an impressive 85% of students in attendance. The evening buzzed with positivity as families engaged in crucial conversations, setting targets across curriculum areas and discussing our post-16 provision with the Sixth Form team.

I'm also delighted to share an exciting development in our Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. This year, we've seen an unprecedented level of student engagement, with over 90 students opting to participate - more than double last year's number. This represents a fantastic opportunity for our Year 10 students to develop crucial life skills and challenge themselves. Training weekends are scheduled for March, with expeditions planned for the summer term. We have high hopes for their success and look forward to supporting them throughout their DoE journey.

These experiences highlight the incredible spirit and potential of our students at Archbishop Holgate's school. Exciting times are ahead!

Lucie Pond, Headteacher

Young Writers

We are very proud that 51 of our students across Years 8-11 have had their creative writing selected to feature in a 'Young Writers' publication called 'Grim Tales'. Students entered a competition where they had to write a short, gripping tale of no more than 100 words. The book is very impressive and there will be copies displayed around school for everyone to read. Congratulations to all our entrants.

A celebration event is planned for the Summer term and more details will follow.



Food for Thought

This week our form tutor collective worship is entitled Fight the Fear. It looks at the story of Jesus walking on the water, and Peter failing to do so. We think about the different types of fear that we encounter. Our daily quotes look at Facing our Fears.

"Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid."

The Bible, John 14:27



Upcoming Events

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

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.

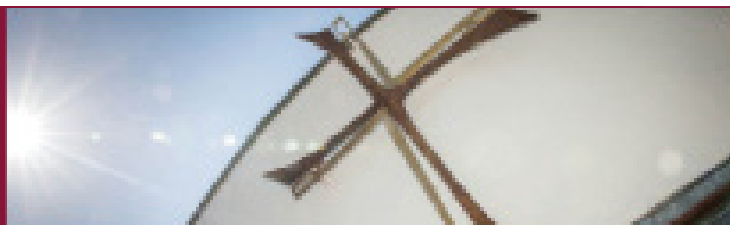


Social Media

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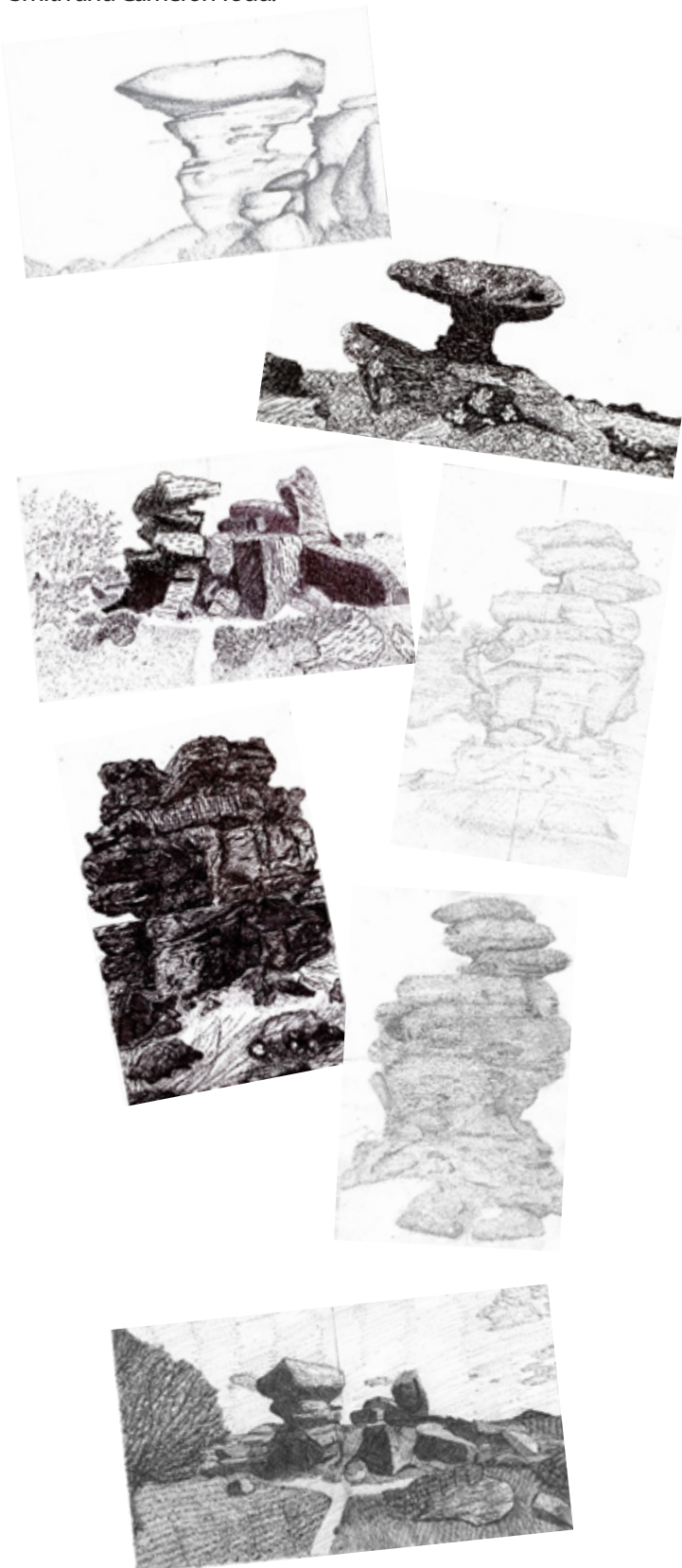


This Week's School News



Art - Work of the Week

Year 9 students have drawn these brilliant landscapes of Brimham Rocks using their own choice of media. Well done to students Lola Fawcett, Maisey Chilton, Bella Pipe, Ben Bray, Maja Giliga, Jessica Smith and Cameron Todd.



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'.**

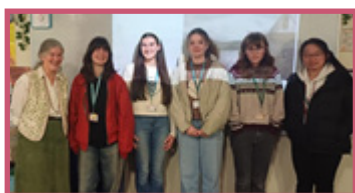
What happens next? If there is only one nomination then that person will be declared appointed. If we receive more than one nomination then all the proposed candidates will be contacted and there will be an election. In the event that no nominations are received the LGC will be responsible for filling 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.

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.

English Literature Enrichment sessions with KS4 and KS5 students

We were delighted to have the University of Liverpool's Professor Jill Rudd return to AHS to run seminars with students last week. Our Year 10 and 11 students enjoyed a session on Look, Medusa! by Suniti Namjoshi, digging for meaning with and without the legend in mind, and it was fantastic to see enthusiasm for the subject from prospective A Level Literature students. Year 12 students were taken through a session on Thomas Hardy as an introduction to the classic tragedy Tess of the D'urbervilles, while Year 13 benefitted from an extensive wider reading journey through resources linked to Margaret Atwood's social and political protest novel, The Handmaid's Tale. Sessions with Professor Rudd are bespoke and invaluable as enrichment for our students, both for those studying the AQA course, and prospective students looking to take up the course in the future. On this fourth visit to AHS, Professor Rudd was once again very impressed with our students and we hope to invite her back in the next academic year!





Careers Corner



THE FUTURE SKILLS PROGRAMME: CAREERS IN STEM

Explore STEM careers in four key pathways during February half term!




For Yr 9 &
Yr 10/S3
and S4

What is involved?

- A comprehensive experience delivered virtually in February.
- Live Q&A sessions with STEM professionals in Net Zero futures, Digital AI futures, Health and Life Sciences, Engineering & Infrastructure and Manufacturing futures.
- CV, applications and interview support.
- Interactive panel Q&A sessions with universities & apprentices.
- Learn how to succeed in the workplace, including how to ask questions, network and write professional emails.
- Achieve the Bronze Industrial Cadet Award.

Dates

- 20 hours of study to complete flexibly over 5 days in February.
- Monday 16th – Friday 21st February.

Cost/Funding

- £50 (bursaries available, click [here](#) for bursary criteria and availability).

How to register or find out more

To register, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code!



MFL Stars of the Week

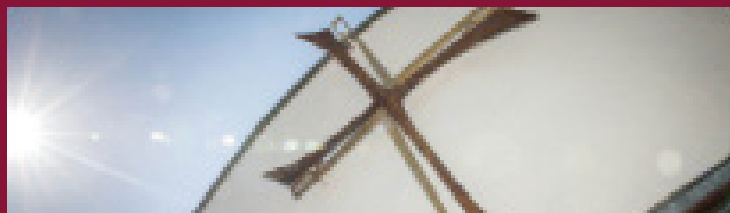
Students were nominated by Language staff to receive an Effort merit, a postcard home and appear on the 'Stars Wall' for all their hard work:

KS3 French - Athena Carter, 9ADI
 KS3 German - Ella Bourne, 8JLi
 KS3 Spanish - Jasper Cheung, 8MGt
 KS4 French - Phoebe Burgess, 10AI
 KS4 German - Amelie Rutherford, 10CDc
 KS4 Spanish - George Payne, 10BDu





This Week's Sixth Form News



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

Attendance and Punctuality

This remains a big priority this term and we are unfortunately having to reinforce our Behaviour Policy to remove bad habits that too many of our cohort have formed. We appreciate your support as we implement this.

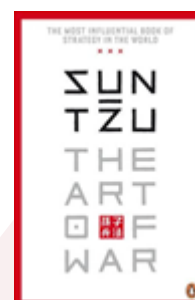
Book Recommendation

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.



The Art of War by Sun-tzu

Not just a must-read for students interested in military careers, this classic is a surprisingly useful primer for how to traverse work politics, difficult people and planning a successful life.



School Menu - Monday 26 January

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

Lots going on around school over the last week but it's been wonderful to stop and spend time with our fabulous Headteacher Award winners in Year 7 and 8. Well done everyone and keep up the good work!



This week, we welcome both Year 9 and 10 to breakfast. Winners names are announced in the newsletter, we're so very proud of each and every one of our students.



Let's not forget some key dates 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

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.

Head of Year Award Winners

Each week we are thrilled to celebrate students for outstanding achievements. Congratulations to this week's HoY Award Winners:

Year 7	
Charlie Smith	Making a great effort this half term
Sophie Sherlock	Being all round fabulous student in form
Year 8	
Elijah Toplis	Elijah is working superbly in science. He has made such an effort to improve in lessons and this is paying off in his level of work. Well done.
Amirah Surve	Amirah in science works hard day in, day out. This doesn't go unnoticed. Great standard of work and excellent role model.
Year 9	
Mia Stamp	Day in, day out hard work. Superb role model in our class. Well done.
Anya Murray	Superb effort and outcome on History Assessment
Year 10	
James Barnes	James has displayed outstanding resilience and effort in his Engineering lessons for the past two weeks. He has demonstrated excellent knowledge throughout and been recalling some very technical knowledge from memory. I have been proud of his achievements so far this half term. Keep it up James, you have proven you have huge potential in Engineering!
Anna Davies	For being a ray of sunshine in form and always offering to help others. Anna is an excellent role model and a credit to AHS.
Year 11	
Poppy George	Most positive points in Y11 this week.
Dominic Charlesworth	Most positive points in Y11 this week.
Year 12	
Isaac White	For being a fantastic student consistently
Bradley Sircar	For the amazing effort put into your studies!
Year 13	
Olly Pipes	For the incredible support during the IAG day!
M T	For the incredible support during the IAG day!

Headteacher's Breakfast

Congratulations to all of our Headteacher Award winners for this half term. Below are our Year 9 and 10 winners for this half term:



9ADI	Imogen Smith	For working so hard in science and a pleasure to have in the classroom.
9Ah	Toby Bennett	Toby is a lovely young man, and a pleasure to have in form. He works so hard in lessons, contributes really well to form time, and lives our school values into being every day!
9DRn	Lily Chapman	Lily is a key stone of our community: always participating in every discussion with enthusiasm; modelling what it means to be a polite and engaged student; and always making the most of the opportunities she has in and out of school. Lily is an active member of the school and wider community and deserves huge credit for this!
9ERo	Imogen Stevens	Imogen is a 100% reliable form member that lives out the school values consistently. This term she took the initiative to put herself forward as a candidate for the School Parliament, and produced a professional presentation and delivered this confidently to the form. Excellent Work Imogen - Really nice to see you taking on this leading role.
9ESn	Chloe Marshall	Chloe is amazing in form. I can rely on Chloe to always give me an idea/answer when nobody else is volunteering one. She gets a conversation started and is confident to offer her thoughts. Well done Chloe.
9Hm	Jack Bexon	Jack has shown his logistical management and Christmas spirit by decorating the school for everyone to enjoy.
9JFd	Christiana Iasonides	Christiana is always polite and cheerful. She will often participate in form activities and the wider school. Well done Christiana!
9MLn	Melanie Dufek	Melanie is always kind and spreads positivity around her. She displays a great work ethic and is consistently hard working in her lessons. She has made a great start to Year 9 and is a delight to have in the form.
9Pi	Anya Murray	Anya has had a fantastic start to Year 9. She works exceptionally hard in all her lessons and is kind and friendly to all she meets. Anya is someone who embodies our school values and deserves recognition.
9SDn	Will Mingo	Excellent member of the tutor group always takes part in form time discussions, plays for the football team and won HOY award for helping someone in the community

10AI	Soraya Clifton-Masters	Soraya Clifton-Masters Soraya will always ask how I am and is just super caring! She has worked really hard this year and has achieved a huge amount of merits! You're doing so well! :)
10BDu	Amelia Hanks	Amelia has shown her creativity and Christmas spirit by decorating the school for everyone to enjoy.
10Be	Edward Watkins	Edward always puts 100% into everything he does and demonstrates the school values consistently. He is a pleasure to have in the form.
10CDe	Taha Kilic	Taha has really impressed his class teachers with his determination to succeed this half term, showing responsibility and resilience in lessons and around school. He can also always be counted on to make us smile. Well done, Taha!
10CFr	Isabel Thomas	Isabel has been doing well in her subjects and has been really thoughtful in our form and has also decorated the classroom with Christmas decorations for all to enjoy.
10EPy	Emily Chamberlain	Emily has shown her creativity and Christmas spirit by decorating the school for everyone to enjoy.
10Gs	SS	For outstanding completion of coursework in Travel and Tourism
10Hv	Charlie Stringer	Charlie is a thoughtful member of the form, he is an excellent paired reading mentor, going above and beyond in his contribution to the wider school community.
10Kx	Matthew Pericleous	Matthew has made an excellent transition from lower school to upper school, has an excellent attendance and effort across all of his subjects, and definitely lives the schools values into being each day.
10Lp	Penny Adlam	Penny is a wonderful Form member - always pleasant, polite, positive and helpful. She is also a fabulous reading mentor. You can always trust in her that she will do her best!
10JDI	Rosie Atkins	Rosie has been really proactive in her learning this year and has been very organised and driven in her school work. She thinks about and is happy to discuss world events and displays an inquisitive attitude towards learning new things.

Police in School

We're thrilled to announce that we are working with our local policing team to build up the relationship between our public services and students. The police will be joining us in the Merit Mart at 1.10-2.10pm on the days below. Students are encouraged to come and engage in conversations with the local team and ask them about the role they play within the local community.

Thursday 5 February	Monday 16 February
Thursday 5 March	Tuesday 24 March
Friday 10 April	Monday 20 April
Thursday 7 May	Tuesday 26 May
Friday 12 June	Friday 17

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.

Paul Talks...

ONE PUNCH RUINS LIVES

"I suffered a severe traumatic brain injury and was told I would never be the same person. During recovery I lost everything and everything I loved, and I often felt isolated and became depressed. I share the experiences to raise awareness and prevent others from suffering in the same way."

I LOST EVERYTHING AND HIT ROCK BOTTOM

Talk Feedback: "I believe Paul's story could stop these young lads being victimised or thinking about the consequences." *Police officer*

This presentation includes:

- Experiences of the ONE PUNCH INCIDENT and subsequent injury
- The IMPACT it had on me, my family and all those close to me
- RISK FACTORS causing one punch
- The importance of EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE
- How to stay calm and DISPOSE CONFLICT
- INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP points to discuss
- 30 MINUTE PRESENTATION resources only

IN ASSOCIATION WITH **PAUL**

Physical Education Department

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



Inter House Event

Our next Inter House sporting events will take place week beginning 2 February. We have our annual swimming galas, which are very exciting and noisy events. Students will choose their preferred races this week and next during their PE lessons and then our fantastic Sport House Captains will finalise the teams in our house meetings on the Friday ahead of the galas.

Good luck to everyone!



Girls' Football

U12 girls played vs Millthorpe on Monday. After some excellent games, the A team lost 4-0 and B team won 3-1. The Girls of the games were Amelie Turbine and Mia Jbira. Super effort all round and great teamwork shown by everyone!

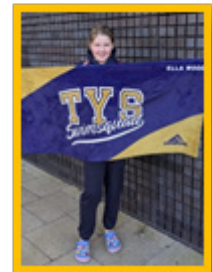
U13 girls also played against Millthorpe last week but lost 5-3. Fantastic team spirit was shown throughout and it was an exciting game.

U16/15 girls played in the last 16 of the County Cup against King James Knaresborough, on a very wet and windy Wednesday afternoon. After a very high-quality game, the scores were tied 1-1 at full time, with Grace Slack scoring for AHS, and it went to penalties. Despite some heroic saves from Lucy Norman in goal, unfortunately we lost 5-4. Well done to all the girls for their hard work throughout the game and well done on the run in the cup.



Swimming

Ella Wood, Y7, has recently joined a competition swimming squad and took part in her first Gala last weekend. Ella earned a personal best on her backstroke and freestyle. What a fantastic start to your competitive swimming journey. Onwards and upwards and onto the next one in March, good luck Ella!



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 is 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.



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.



Netball

The U16 and U15 girls played games against Jo Ro on Thursday. The U15s won 22-1 and the U16s won 19-4.

The standard of play was really high and they deserved their fantastic victories.

Well done girls.

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 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	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 

Are you a young person aged 7 - 25 with a special educational need or disability (SEND)?



The SEND Youth Forum meets fortnightly at SEND Central to:

- Take part in fun activities, discussions and events
- Meet other young people with SEND
- Help improve SEND services York
- Share their views and ideas



We also meet once a month online.

Have your say and make a difference!

For more information:

✉ Jointpartnership@york.gov.uk

🌐 www.yorksend.org/get-involved/send-youth-forum



York SEND Local Offer



We would like to let you know about an exciting opportunity to get involved in the **York SEND Youth Forum**.

The York SEND Youth Forum is a group for children and young people aged 7–25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) who live in or are connected to York. The forum gives young people a chance to:

- Share their views and ideas
- Meet other young people with SEND
- Help improve services and support for children and young people in York
- Take part in fun activities, discussions, and events

If you or your child would like to find out more or are interested in joining the SEND Youth Forum, please contact us by email:

jointpartnership@york.gov.uk



We welcome young people of all abilities and support needs, and families are welcome to get in touch for more information.

We currently meet on Wednesdays after school every fortnight during term time. We meet at SEND Central, on the site of Clifton Green Primary School, Kingsway North, York, YO30 6JA. We also meet once a month online.

Thank you for your time, and we hope to hear from you soon!



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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 2nd Feb 2026

7:00pm–8:00pm, Online



Coffee Morning

First Tuesday in every month (term time)

Connect with other parents and carers, share your experiences and enjoy a cuppa on us!



Tuesday 2nd Feb 2026

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 4th Feb 2026

6.30pm – 7.30pm, Online



Coffee Morning

Second Wednesday in every month (term time)

Connect with other parents and carers, share your experiences and enjoy a cuppa on us!



Wednesday 11th Feb 2026

10:30am – 12:00pm, Acomb Explore Library

For all **online events**, please email Mary to request the meeting link:
connect@pcfYork.co.uk



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 19th Feb 2026

9:30am–12pm, SEND Central



Listening Events

Various dates, monthly during term time

Please follow us on social media or check our website to stay informed about upcoming Listening Events, with key speakers on relevant topics and services.



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First Newsletter of 2026

In addition to our usual events, PCF York has two key engagement events taking place this month and next. **Over half the tickets for our Open Forum Lunch Event have already been booked!** If you would like to join us, please secure your ticket soon.

Please save the date for attending the **PCF York Annual Conference**.

This was well attended last year and received lots of positive feedback. We look forward to sharing more details with you soon. Keep an eye on our socials!

Wishing you all a Happy New Year, we hope to see you at one of our events soon.



Open Forum Lunch Event with Victoria Coyle, Head of Integrated SEND

Join PCF York for an Open Forum with Victoria Coyle, Head of Integrated SEND at City of York Council. The event offers an open discussion on what is working well in York, what needs improvement, and where service gaps remain. Victoria will share progress on joint commissioning across education, health, and social care, and seek families' views to help shape future priorities for the next two years.



Tuesday 27th January
10am – 1pm, SEND Central

[Click here for more info and to book a place.](#)

York Learning Disability Partnership Board

If you have a learning disability or are a family member or carer, the board wants to hear from you about what could be better and what they should work on first. Email: ASCtransformationteam@york.gov.uk before the 15th Feb.

City of York Council Update

2025–2026 current work and developments are listed below as an **update from Victoria Coyle, Head of Integrated SEND**. You can meet with Victoria at our [Open Forum Lunch Event](#).

★ Preparing for SEND Reforms

- Reviewing readiness for anticipated SEND reforms across Education, Health and Care.
- A new independent Chair has been appointed to the SEND Board to strengthen accountability.

★ SEND CENTRAL Development

- Developing SEND CENTRAL to deliver services that have a clear, positive impact on families.

★ Improving EHC Plan Quality

- Reviewing the Quality Assurance process for Education, Health and Care Plans to improve plan quality and family experience.
- A new group is being set up to support this work.

★ SEND Youth Group Engagement

- The SEND Youth Group will join the SEND and Alternative Provision Partnership Board to share updates and help shape York's strategic plans.

★ Specialist Place Sufficiency

- Reviewing specialist provision across special schools and mainstream resource bases.
- Additional funding is supporting:
 - More specialist places
 - Sensory rooms
 - Additional support areas in mainstream schools

★ Joint Commissioning Strategy

- Co-production with families will inform a new Joint Commissioning Strategy, bringing together Education, Health and Care.

★ Preparation for Adulthood

- Work is underway to improve the Preparation for Adulthood offer.
- Delivery begins Spring Term 2026.

★ Celebrating Individual Stories

- Sharing individual stories of children and young people to highlight good practice and successful support.

★ Best Start Family Service

- Led by Rob Newton and Kate Horne (Public Health).
- Bringing services together so families can easily access advice, support and guidance to help children thrive.





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Information Sessions at SEND Central in collaboration with Parent Carer Forum York

No need to book, just come along.

The next two weeks:

Recognising big emotions in Primary aged students



Monday 19th January
1pm – 2pm

Information session for parents/carers led by the School Wellbeing Service – describing who they are and how they support all schools in York with the emotional wellbeing needs of students. This session will also focus on how you can support your child when they are experiencing big emotions, with a questions and answer session at the end.

Registering with York Carers and understanding their offer



Friday 23rd January
1pm–2pm

Information session from York Carers, who will talk you through the support they can offer and the benefits available from registering with them as a carer of a child or young person who has SEND.

Barriers to School Attendance



Monday 26th January
1pm–2pm

Workshop led by the Educational Psychology Service for parents/carers to explore barriers to school attendance, with a focus on school-based strategies to support when your child/young person is experiencing significant barriers to school engagement.



SEND CENTRAL



SEEDLINGS

Free drop-in monthly sessions for under 5s with SEND Outdoor space, sensory area, arts and crafts, music, singing, story time, peer support and refreshments. No need to book, just turn up.



Wednesday 21st January 2026
10am – 11:30am

Located at **SEND Central, Clifton Family Hub.**
Contact sendseedlings@gmail.com for info.

Think Together Workshops

Throughout January, the **Think Together** team are running workshops for parents and carers at SEND Central, on Wednesdays, 10am – 11:30am. The next sessions are:

- **Wednesday 21st January 2026 – Anxiety**
- **Wednesday 28th January 2026 – Low Mood**

Wellbeing in Mind Workshops

These workshops are for parents, carers and their young people who are **home educated**. The sessions are relaxed and informal, and adapted based on what comes up in discussion on the day.

The theme for January is: **Big Feelings.**

Sessions are 11am–12pm at SEND Central.

The next sessions are:

- **Monday 19th January 2026**
- **Monday 26th January 2026**



Email sendcentral@york.gov.uk for more info.
[Click here for more SEND Central events.](#)





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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 21 January 2026**
- **Weds 28 January 2026**

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 28 January 2026**
- **Weds 11 February 2026**

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 19 January 2026**
- **Mon 26 January 2026**

Tuesdays

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



Upcoming dates:

- **Tues 20 January 2026**
- **Tues 27 January 2026**

Wednesdays

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



Upcoming dates:

- **Wed 28 January 2026**
- **Wed 11 February 2026**

For queries, email Lauren.Williams@york.gov.uk or Shahenaz.Shaikh@york.gov.uk

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Join York's SEND Youth Forum



contact *For families with disabled children*
Brighter Beginnings

Free Early Years SEND Workshops for families

For more info and to book, click here.

York Self-Advocacy Forum

A group of friendly adults with learning disabilities who meet to talk about the things that are important to them, make new friends, have fun and help make a difference.



Monday 26th January 2026
10am - 12:30pm

Click here or contact Annabel for more info:
annabel.martin@yorkadvocacy.org.uk



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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	Teacher of Maths
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Teachers Mainscale Full Time, Permanent Required from September 2026
Closes	Monday 23rd February 2026 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	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	Exam Invigilator
School	Malton School
Details	£12.45 per hour. Casual Contract.
Closes	N/A

