



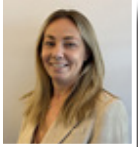
School Newsletter 581

Values – Care – Achievement

Friday 6 February 2026

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



Despite the weather, spirits have continued to be high at Archbishop Holgate's as we end the penultimate week before the half term break.

This week, the school was delighted to have a visit from Serge Vichar from Ukraine, and his wife Olena.

Serge is a church leader and youth leader who also supports chaplaincy work with soldiers on the front line. Whilst in Archbishop Holgate's, he had the chance to accompany me in visiting a range of lessons and he spent some time meeting with the Sixth Form Christian Union. He was very impressed with our students' conduct and their engagement.

We were also pleased to welcome staff from York Knights Rugby League Club. In preparation for the 2026 Super League season, the trophy was on display for students to view, promoting the Knights in their inaugural top-flight campaign and inspiring the stars of the future.

It was a pleasure to welcome over 78% of families to our Year 9 Progress Evening. This gave the opportunity for informative conversations, particularly around Key Stage 4 pathway choices. As a school, evenings such as this reflect our commitment to Care and Achievement, ensuring that every student is supported to flourish academically and personally.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that SIAMS inspectors will be visiting our school next week. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to demonstrate how we actively live out our Christian vision and values in everything we do.

Best Wishes for the week ahead.

Lucie Pond, Headteacher

Parent Governor Notification

We received one nomination for the Parent Governor vacancy. We hereby declare that Mr Bush has been appointed to serve as a Parent Governor on the AHS Local Governing Committee, with a term of office to run from January 2026.

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.



Food for Thought

This week our form tutor collective worship is entitled Random Acts of Kindness and has been written by 3 of our own students; Elfie, Elizabeth and Charlotte. It looks at What Random Acts of Kindness are, how we might be inspired to do them and how kindness is a constant theme of Jesus' teaching. Our daily quotes look at how we might be kind to others.



"Let there be kindness in your face, in your eyes, in your smile, in the warmth of your greeting... Don't only give your care, but give your heart as well."

Mother Teresa, Roman Catholic nun

Parent Advisory Group

Next week marks our second PAG meeting (Parent Advisory Group) and we would like to warmly invite all parents and carers who would like to participate to attend. These meetings are aimed at giving you a 'voice' to discuss key aspects of school life, feedback at the last meeting was incredibly valuable.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 11 February, 5.00-6.00pm. If you would like to attend please follow the link below to book a place. We ask that all responses are submitted by 9.00am, Monday 9 February.

[PARENT ADVISORY GROUP GOOGLE FORM](#)

We will cover the following topics at the next meeting:

- Review aims and protocols for the PAG group
- Review actions from last meeting regarding 'How does the school let me know what my child is learning?'
- Enrichment opportunities
- Student rewards

If you would like to attend please complete the google form. We look forward to meeting with you and further strengthen our links with families.

Lunchtime

After half term, Year 7 lunch will start at 1.30pm, inline with the rest of the school. Year 10 will have first lunch at 1.30pm with Year 9 moving to second sitting at 1.45pm.

Social Media

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



This Week's School News

Careers Corner



Important reminder for Year 10 and Year 12

Students are reminded to secure their work experience placements as soon as possible. The deadline for Year 10 is 9 March and for Year 12 is 16 March. Work experience is a valuable opportunity to explore career interests and build employability skills, so we encourage students to act promptly and ask for support if needed.

Art - Work of the Week

Year 13 student, Rafi Garcia, has constructed these amazing 3D cardboard dinosaur sculptures. These are the final pieces of his personal project. Well done Rafi, we can't wait to see what you create next!



Update from the School Nurse

European first as MHRA approves over-the-counter allergy treatment for adolescents aged 12 and over. The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has, on the 15 December 2025, approved the reclassification of fluticasone propionate (Pirinase Allergy 0.05% w/w Nasal Spray), making it available directly from behind pharmacy counters, without the need for a prescription, for adolescents aged 12 years and over. When sales begin in February 2026 it will become the first intranasal corticosteroid to be sold by pharmacists to adolescents from 12 years in Europe. Currently intranasal corticosteroids are only available over the counter for adults aged 18 years and over. Fluticasone propionate is used to prevent and relieve the symptoms of allergic rhinitis, including hay fever and other airborne allergies. These symptoms can include a blocked nose, sneezing, runny or itchy nose, watery or itchy eyes, and sinus discomfort.

Upcoming Events

Wed 11 Feb	Y9 Vaccinations
16-20 Feb	Parent Advisory Group, 5-6pm
Mon 23 Feb	Half Term
	Students return

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 - Georgina Caley, 8Ay
KS3 German - Seth Richardson, 9JFd
KS3 Spanish - Maia Duggleby, 9Pi
KS4 French - Sofia Zamora, 11MDw
KS4 German - Jo Sola Farrus, 10CDe
KS4 Spanish - Gusts Steinburgs, 10Hv



Year 7 Bright Sparks Learning Challenges

This half term, we continue to seek ways to extend students' learning beyond the curriculum, with our 'Bright Sparks' Learning Challenges. These challenges will be set every half term and will cover a range of skills, subjects and learning styles.

The challenges will be introduced in assembly before half-term and will link closely to our house awards. Students in Year 7 are invited to complete up to three challenges, with the winner receiving a £5 voucher and invited to breakfast with our Leadership Team as well as being awarded merits for their house. We hope our young people will enjoy the challenge of learning in a different way and the freedom to structure their work however they choose.

The new challenges will be available on Google Classroom from 6 February. Students are welcome to submit their entries ASAP before the end of each half term. Mr Lever

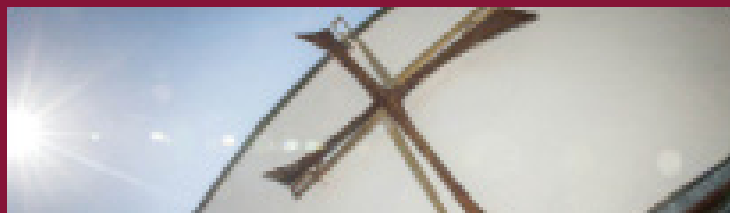
Bright Sparks Learning Challenges

Can anybody stop Arsenal? How?	Why is the declining bee population such a problem?	Do you want to live until you are 100? Why?	If you got lost anywhere in the world, where would you like to be lost and why?
If you could do any kind of act for a stranger tomorrow, what would it be?	Compassion - Write about what it is and how you have used it this year.	Justice - What is it? How do we use it to maintain our values?	What would happen if Earth lost its gravity for a day?
If you could choose to read one person's mind, who would it be and why?	Forgiveness - Why must we demonstrate this important value?	Trust - Give examples of where you have been trusted and have trusted others.	What do you enjoy most about the winter? Write a newspaper article.
In one year from now, how will your life be different?	What is the future for plastics? What's the alternative?	Discuss your views on tolerance in a way that suits you.	If there were 10 minutes extra in a day, what would you do with them?

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This Week's Sixth Form News



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

Sixth Form Application Form



Book Recommendation

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



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.

Philomena by Martin Sixsmith

A heartbreaking true story about a mother's tenacious search for her son who was taken and sold by the Catholic church. Sent to a convent for fallen women as a teenage mother, Philomena Lee never gave up trying to find her son and in a twist of fate, her son never gave up trying to find her. The evil of the institutions and heartless, self-righteous bureaucrats that she faced will linger in the reader's memory. It's a highly worthwhile read for anyone considering a career in social care or religion, or for students thinking of working in a large and faceless organisation.



School Menu - Monday 9 February

	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

As we begin to enter the final week before half term we look forward to the following celebrations:

- Friday 6 February - Year 11 Headteacher's Breakfast
- Monday 9 February - Sixth Form Celebration assembly
- Tuesday 10 February - Year 10 Celebration assembly
- Thursday 12 February - Year 9 and Year 8 Celebration assembly
- Friday 13 February - Year 7 Celebration assembly
- Friday 13 February - Year 12 and Year 13 Headteacher's Breakfast
- Friday 13 February - CEO Lunch
- Friday 13 February - Valentines Disco



Police in School

We're thrilled to announce that we are working closely 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 on the days listed below, 1.10-2.10pm. 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 March	Tuesday 24 March
Friday 10 April	Monday 20 April
Thursday 7 May	Tuesday 26 May
Friday 12 June	Friday 17 July

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	

Headteacher's Breakfast

Congratulations to all our Headteacher Award winners for this half term. Below are Year 11 winners who will be joining us on Friday 6 February.



11ABt	Jemima Drant	Jemima has consistently and diligently worked hard to prepare for her Christmas mock exams since returning to school in September. Her carefully curated revision cards and organisation for each subject are a shining example of what good revision looks like. She has also attended multiple P6s to assist her preparation. Jemima has managed to do this whilst still being a kind and humorous member of our form!
11Bs	Xanthe Brown	Xanthe has demonstrated fantastic resilience during the mock period and is a wonderful member of the form!
11ECs	Tobey Burrows	For being so dedicated to his revision and intervention. Tobey has really impressed me with all his effort and positive attitude to revising this half term!
11ERs	Nathaniel Kong	Nathaniel has put in some great effort with revision and shows dedication to their academic studies. Nathaniel embodies the school values on a daily basis, always showing compassion to others in the school community. Well done!
11MDn	Freddie-Jae Nicholas	Freddie has committed to his mocks with good attendance and attending 10 Period 6s - keep up the good work
11LAy	Maddison Short	Maddie has shown outstanding commitment to her studies during her mocks, and has made a real effort to do her best :)
11Ha	Lucy Norman	Models the school values amazingly and contributes to the wider community with selfless dedication.
11MDw	Sofia Zamora	Sofia has shown outstanding resilience throughout her mock exams and consistently embodies our school values in everything she does. Her determination, positivity, and hard work make her a true bright star within our school community.
11RGi	Jonas Norman	For constantly living out the school values and developing relationships
11RPr	Ben Gilbertson	For his unwavering positivity and support of his peers. Ben brings a smile to all of our faces and has helped his peers through the mock season. Well done Ben and thank you!
11SMr	Bryan Biji	For always being super positive towards everyone, amazing attitude during mock exams, 100% attendance. Embodies AHS values

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.

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	
O M	Historian of the Week award
Year 8	
Wallis Wrathmell	A fantastic role model for her peers who goes above and beyond in everything she does.
Riley Smith	Positive and hardworking attitude, making great progress in English.
Year 9	
Albie Reynolds	Showing compassion in Textiles and always working hard, thank you.
Izzy Garland	For being friendly and caring during form times, always arriving early and being respectful.
Year 10	
Hannah Wray	For working so hard and being amazing in her Geography lessons
Georgia Ross	For showing resilience in form time and in her lessons
Year 11	
Toby Greenfield	Most positive points in Y11 this week.
Rocus Leung	For doing really well- Keep it up!

Year 12	
Hannah Birkenshaw	For her excellent work in making Countryside Club so successful!
Isabella Schiller	For being awarded St John Ambulance's County Cadet of the Year for North Yorkshire and Teesside!
Year 13	
Freya Curzon	For being a fantastic student every day!
Matthew Lilley	Well done on fantastic effort levels across all subjects!

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



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Breakfast Club

Breakfast is provided for students to enjoy each day from 7.45 – 8.30am

Breakfast is essential for children as it provides the necessary fuel for energy, cognitive function, and growth.

Children who eat breakfast have better focus, memory, and attention in the classroom.

Nutrients such as fibre, calcium and iron can also aid physical and mental health.





Monday - Friday
7.45-8.30am
Learning Resource Centre



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 



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 PE CLUBS UP TO Feb Half Term.

<u>DAY</u>	<u>LUNCH</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
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

<u>After School</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
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 (Sl)	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.

OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING



Support Staff Vacancies

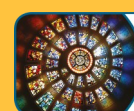
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Job	Teaching Assistant Level 2
School	Poppleton Road Primary School
Details	TA2 Grade 4, level 1 –4 (£25,114 – £26,319 per annum, reduced pro rata) 11 hours 50 mins Monday and Tuesday 8.45am to 3.15pm Term time only
Closes	Monday 9th February at 08.00am

Job	Teacher
School	Huntington Primary Academy
Details	Teachers Mainscale M1 – M6 Part time 2 days per week (Monday/ Tuesday) Fixed term Required for 23 February 2026 (Fixed Term ending 31 August 2026)
Closes	Friday 6th February at Midnight

Job	After School Club Assistant
School	Badger Hill Primary School
Details	Maternity Cover Grade 3 Level 1-4. Full time equivalent starting salary = £24,483, reduced pro-rata. Hourly rate payable is £12.73. The hours are 3pm to 6pm, maximum of 4 days/week between Monday and Thursday. Term time only.
Closes	Friday 13th February 2026 at 12 Noon

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



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Job	Exam Invigilator
School	Malton School
Details	£12.45 per hour. Casual Contract.
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	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

