



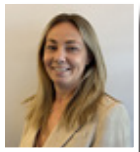
School Newsletter 582

Values – Care – Achievement

Friday 13 February 2026

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



We have finally made it to the end of this half-term, and what a remarkable few weeks it has been! This week, we were delighted to welcome our two SIAMS Inspectors, which provided a fantastic opportunity to showcase Archbishop Holgate's. The report will be released in due course and we are extremely proud of how students and staff shone during this two day visit.

I am particularly thrilled to celebrate another of our outstanding achievements. Congratulations to Victoria Matysiak, our very own budding poet, who has secured second place in the first Interfaith for Schools National Poetry Competition. We are eagerly anticipating displaying her creative writing throughout the school - another wonderful example of the remarkable 'gifts and talents' that our students possess.

Looking ahead, tonight's Valentine's disco is completely sold out! We are excited to finish off this busy half-term with a bang, spreading love and kindness among our school community. It's moments like these that bring our school together and create lasting memories for our students.

As we approach our half-term break, I want to remind everyone that we look forward to welcoming both staff and students back on Monday 23 February. I hope everyone enjoys a restful and rejuvenating time.

With best wishes for the week ahead.

Lucie Pond, Headteacher

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.

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 "Lessons from the Love Monster". It links to Valentine's Day and looks at what lessons about love we can learn from a very simple children's book. We think about how everyone can experience love. Our daily quotes continue this theme and look at Love.

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."
St Augustine, 4C Christian theologian and philosopher



Art - Work of the Week

Year 13 student Rosie Liddle has produced this beautiful piece as the final outcome of her portrait project. Well done Rosie for all the time you have put into this portrait!



Social Media

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



This Week's School News

World Book Day

Celebrations will be taking place throughout March...

- Staff will be dressing up on the day itself!
- Students in Y7-10 will read a short story across the day
- There won't just be a Book of the Month for Y7, KS3 and KS4, but Books of The Week advertised in our libraries and in form time each week!
- There are competitions, e.g. Design A Book Token!
- Students will chat about books with their Form Tutor during one of their personal development sessions
- Staff have shared their favourite childhood books, as well as the books they're currently loving
- The Reading Cafe will once again run for those student who want to spend an hour getting lost in a good book



But we need your help!!!

Send your child in with no more than four unwanted (but great quality) books suitable for students 11+ to 18. We are looking to improve the books we have available in our libraries. Thank you for your support.

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 - Lucy Haigh, 7HKy
KS3 German - Eloise Brett, 7By
KS3 Spanish - Isadora Havercroft-Watt, 7CSn
KS4 French - William Roelofs, 10Be
KS4 German - Eddie Hardy, 11ECs
KS4 Spanish - Beryl Cheung, 10EPy

Upcoming Events

16-20 Feb	Half Term
Mon 23 Feb	Students return
Thu 26 Feb	Iceland Trip Meeting
Wed 4 Mar	Y12 Progress Evening
Fri 6 Mar	Careers Fair
Wed 11 Mar	Senior Leader Parent Clinic
Wed 18 Mar	Y11 Progress Evening



This Week's Sixth Form News

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

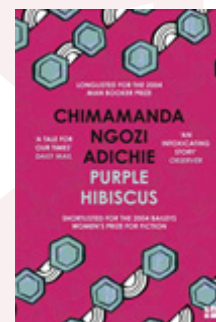
Book Recommendation

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



Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

A fresh and mesmerising story about religious intolerance and a young woman finding herself and flourishing despite a dark past. Set in a richly realised post-colonial Nigerian setting, the writing is vibrant and uplifting. It's a terrific read and a great novel to discuss in Sixth Form book clubs.



PLEASE SHARE: If you would like to share students' achievements and events in the community, please email jsissons@ahs.pmat.academy. It's always nice to celebrate our school community.

What a half term it's been, we have enjoyed every moment with our fantastic students.

The celebration assemblies this week have been fantastic and it was so wonderful to celebrate students' achievements. Please encourage students to share their awards with you at home!

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
Friday 10 April
Thursday 7 May
Friday 12 June

Tuesday 24 March
Monday 20 April
Tuesday 26 May
Friday 17 July

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.



Headteacher's Breakfast

Congratulations to all our Headteacher Award winners this half term. Below are Year 12 and Year 13 winners who will be joining us on Friday 13 February.



12Ap	Gabriel Ashby	Always helpful in form time and representing 12AP like a G!
12BKl	Kayode Oyenian	Being new to the school but already an Example to Follow. Thank you for doing so much and showing such integrity!
12Da	Jacob Fletcher	Always helpful in form time, volunteering to represent the form and read etc. Great contributions to the RAG week too.
12Gl	Ronald Hui	For putting himself up for School Parliament and doing his best to look after the wishes of his form and fellow students
12Lv	Sam McBride	Sam has dramatically embraced the Christmas spirit with his shepherd performance.
12RMr	Alex Phillip	For being a bright and positive star in our tutor group. His positive attitude, contributions to whole school events such as the Chapel assembly and volunteering for paired reading, and his constant bright and friendly attitude to all things sixth form are a huge credit to our group and the school as a whole. A true role model for our school community.
12SRe	Ed Smith	Being a constant volunteer in form time and representing us so well.
12WNo	Matthew Watkins	Fantastic contributions in form time, a true representative in living the school values.

13CBn	Maddison Wall	working hard across her subjects and showing brilliant progress
13CWs	Sarah Norman	For fantastic work in the classroom across all her subjects, and also a huge contribution to the school.
13EWr	Toby Hassal	For bringing positivity and compassion to form, contributing to all discussions and supporting others around him everyday day.
13GSw	Molly Anderson	For her top efforts on her UCAS application. Molly has worked extremely hard on this. Her personal statement was fantastic and she had lots of work experience and volunteering experience to support her application. Well done Molly.
13HGa	Liv Hardy	For being so proactive with her UCAS application and for being such a compassionate member of form.
13Nc	Jihyun Park	For her quiet hard work and focus and an excellent UCAS application.
13SI	George Horner	Continually living out the school values in all he does, particularly for his unassuming commitment to extra curricular music.
13SWr	Harriet Bond	For the unassuming hard work and attention to detail that you bring to everything you do, and for personifying our school values in your conduct

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	
Fin Crosby	Superb effort in History lessons, always so enthusiastic and hard working
Morgan Theron	Positive phone call home made too. Morgan is a star student and always works and tries so hard in her history lessons. Well done!
Year 8	
George McShane	George is a key contributor to not only our tutor group session but the wider school also. He is creative not only in his writing but also in his discussion putting his point and the views of others across very eloquently. He is a pleasure to converse with.
Sophie Robinson	Sophie is a quiet but consistently pleasant member of our tutor group, always punctual, organised and exudes kindness. A credit to our form.
Year 9	
Luca Jones	Just puts loads of effort in every single lesson.
Isla Morrison	Extra impressed with Isla's recent efforts and enthusiasm in English! Isla has been going above and beyond in her analysis of our class reader, showing exemplary effort levels throughout this topic. Well done!
Year 10	
Adnan Amri	Adnan was super helpful to another student in Maths helping them get down the examples in their books.
Ethan Dunning	I was so impressed with how Ethan looked out for his friend in form this morning. He supported him so compassionately and kindly.
Year 11	
Joe Keech	Resilience and effort in History!
Eddie Eastaugh	Resilience and effort in History!

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	



ONLINE WEBINAR SCHEDULE SPRING TERM 2026

Thursday 29th January 4pm - 5pm - Sleep

Monday 2nd March 4pm - 5pm - Understanding and Managing Emotions

Monday 23rd March 4pm - 5pm - Self Esteem

Monday 20th April 4pm - 5pm - Exam Stress

All webinars can be accessed through Microsoft teams and are free to join. We welcome young people, parents and carers, teachers and other professionals to join. Joining information will be posted on our social media channels closer to the time.


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If you have any questions please contact
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Future of Work Webinar Series

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR LIFE AFTER SCHOOL?

The world of work is changing fast. Join our series of free workshops to explore what the future of work could look like and how you can start to prepare for it.

3rd Feb 6pm Uk Time

Will AI Take My Dream Job?

- How AI is impacting jobs now and in the future
- The opportunities and challenges that AI could bring you
- How AI affects subject choices, university decisions and career planning
- Live Q&A

10th Feb 6pm Uk Time

How to Futureproof Your Career (interactive workshop)

- Learn how to prepare for changing career paths
- Identify what matters most to you
- Practise building key transferable skills
- Explore how work experience supports career planning

Receive a certificate of completion

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Netball

The Y7 netball teams made their way to Manor last week for a fixture. They showed amazing team spirit and enthusiasm throughout, despite playing a team above them, and did the school proud. They even made up a team chant at the end.

Fantastic effort girls and well done.



Cross Country

The North Yorkshire Schools Cross Country Championships were held in Tadcaster on Saturday. There were some fabulous performances by AHS students, including a victory for Hannah Lovett in the Intermediate girls' race. Well done everyone.

Y7 Boys: Leon Matusiak - 13th

Y9 Girls: Lillie Jaskolska - 20th

Y10 Girls: Hannah Lovett - 1st

Brodie Barrow - 11th

Y11 Girls: Carys Briggs - 17th



Swimming

Caiden Barrow, Y7, swam for Yorkshire in 200m Butterfly last weekend and got a 20 second PB and a 7th place.

Fantastic effort, Caiden. Well done!



Sports Leaders

The new Y9 Sports Leaders have been working hard this term to help run the Primary Festivals. They have run dodgeball tournaments and multi sports events. They have shown excellent leadership skills and have been praised by members of staff from all of the schools. More events to come next half term, but well done everyone for being such good ambassadors for the school.



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

After a record-breaking number of Y10 students (over 100) signed up for Duke of Edinburgh this year, they will have their training day during a weekend in March.

The participants will be involved in a wide range of activities, including a 13km navigation exercise around the Fulford area. We are hoping for drier weather!!



Exciting Basketball Opportunity

York Eagles Junior Basketball Club is offering opportunities for young players to join their club and continue to develop their basketball skills.

Basketball Academy at York College is offering some Tournaments for differing age groups at the College with a view to eventually re-introducing the North Yorkshire Schools B/Ball finals.



The first opportunity is to offer Y7 and Y8 students, who currently play basketball to a good level, to come to a Y7/8 session on Saturday 14 February, 9.00-10.30am at York College. Young players just need playing kit, it is FREE and parents are welcome to stay and watch.

At reception at the College, turn immediately right and the Sports Hall is at the end of the corridor. To facilitate numbers please can parents text or email Dave Smith to confirm any players thinking of attending this half term session.

Dave Smith - 07840 407264 or daveyork eagles@gmail.com



Inter house Swimming Gala RESULTS



Year 7 Girls Gala

1. **Monk**
2. **Micklegate**
3. **Walmgate**
4. **Bootham**

Year 7 Boys Gala

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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.



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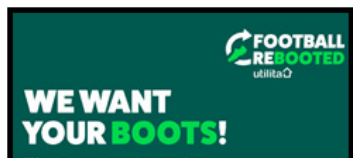


Year 8 Girls Gala

1. **Monk**
2. **Bootham**
3. **Walmgate**
4. **Micklegate**

Year 8 Boys Gala

1. **Bootham**
2. **Walmgate**
3. **Micklegate**
4. **Monk**



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.





ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 8 - 18 AND ENJOY SWIMMING AND RUNNING?

WHY NOT TRY THE 2026 LBT JUNIOR AQUATHLON

SUNDAY 31 MAY 26
THE EDGE - LEEDS UNIVERSITY

All abilities welcomed and encouraged - it's the perfect introduction to multi-sport events.
Only equipment required is swimwear and trainers!
Prizes for top three male & female in each category - all competitors receive a medal and goody bag!

Category	Age*	Distance
TriStar Start	8 years	50m Swim & 600m Run
TriStar 1	9-10 years	150m Swim & 1,200m Run
TriStar 2	11-12 years	250m Swim & 1,800m Run
TriStar 3	13-14 years	400m Swim & 3,000m Run
Youth	15-16 years	400m Swim & 3,000m Run
Junior B	17-18 years	400m Swim & 3,000m Run

* Based on age as at 31 December 2026

LEEDS & BRADFORD TRIATHLON CLUB

BOOK NOW: https://www.britishtriathlon.org/events/lbt-junior-aquathlon_17078
FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: lbtaquathlon@gmail.com



School Menu - Monday 23 February

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mains	Chicken Korma Vegetable Tikka Masala (V)	Meat Feast Pasta Bake Vegetable Pasta Bake (V)	Chinese New Year Menu	Beef Bolognaise Vegan Bolognaise	Freshly Battered Fish Vegetarian Quiche (V)
On the side	Steamed rice & Naan Bread			Spaghetti Garlic Bread	Chips
Vegetables	Selection of seasonal vegetables served each day			Selection of seasonal vegetables served each day	
Snack selection & Daily Special	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 A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	Steamed Syrup Sponge & Custard A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit		Jam Roly-Poly & Custard A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit



OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING



Support Staff Vacancies

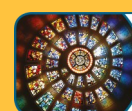
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Job	Trust Finance Manager
School	Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust
Details	Grade 10 (Points 10.1—10.4) £43,606—£49,228 per annum Permanent Full Time—37 hours per week Full Year Preferred Start Date: ASAP
Closes	Friday 23th February 2026 at 12 Noon

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	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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Support Staff Vacancies

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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	Cleaning Assistant
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Currently £12.63 per hour Full Year, 10 hours per week, Monday-Friday, 4.00-6.00pm Salary paid monthly over 12 equal payments Permanent Required from: March 2026
Closes	N/A