



School Newsletter 594

Values – Care – Achievement

Friday 5 June 2026

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a busy week we've had at Archbishop Holgate's! As we draw towards the end of the exam season, I want to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful efforts of our Year 11 and 13 students. Their hard work and dedication have been truly impressive, and I'm sure they're beginning to feel that well-deserved sense of excitement as they look forward to what comes next.

This week, I've been reflecting on something that makes me particularly proud about our school – the exceptional writing talent we have right here at AHS. Earlier in the year, 50 of our students had their work selected for publication in Grim Tales, and more recently, an impressive 38 students were chosen for Stranger Sagas. It's fantastic to see so many of our young people recognised for their creative abilities, and it speaks volumes about the quality of writing and imagination flourishing across our community.

But there's more to celebrate. I'm delighted to share that five of our Key Stage 3 students have been selected for publication in the English Heritage Poetry Competition. Ezra, Daisy, Ellie, Sophie and Elizabeth have all had their submissions chosen as top entries from schools across the country. This is no small achievement – the competition is highly competitive, and to have five of our students recognised at this level is something we should all be very proud of.

These successes aren't just about individual achievement, though of course that matters enormously to each student involved. They represent something deeper about Archbishop Holgate's – a school where creativity is nurtured, where students are encouraged to take risks with their writing, and where that hard work is recognised and celebrated. Our English department deserves particular credit for fostering this culture of excellence and for encouraging students to submit their work to these prestigious opportunities.

What strikes me most is the breadth of talent across our year groups. From our younger students making an impact in national competitions, to our exam cohorts demonstrating such commitment and resilience, there's a real sense of momentum and achievement throughout the school.

I look forward to celebrating the success of our students at our Writing event in July, where we will have the chance to read their creations and see them in print. Their achievements inspire us all and remind us of the incredible potential within our school community.

With best wishes for the week ahead,
Lucie Pond,
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

Wed 10 Jun	Parent Advisory Group
Thu 11 Jun	Y7 Residential Information Evening
Wed 17 Jun	Y7 Progress Evening
Fri 19 Jun	Y13 Prom
Mon 22 Jun	Y8 HPV Vaccinations
Thu 25 Jun	Y6 Transition Evening
Wed 1 Jul	Y6 Transition Day

Food for Thought

Throughout this final term our Form Tutor Collective Worship explores different themes inspired by the notion of Pilgrimage, with material from the Church of England. This week considers how important a lamp would be to guide your journey. Our daily quotes are all on the theme of light.



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr

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.

Social Media

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

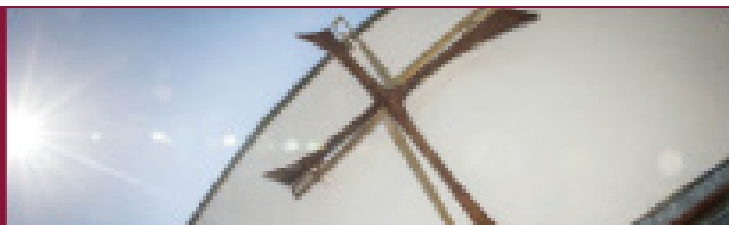
AHS Feedback

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.





This Week's School News



Careers Corner



NHS list of vacancies currently at York Hospital that would be suitable for students looking for their first, entry-level job after college.

- **Catering Supervisor:** Vacancies | Work with us at York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- **Cleaning Operative:** Vacancies | Work with us at York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- **Imaging Support Worker:** Vacancies | Work with us at York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - great for students interested in Radiography!
- **Assistant Medical Secretary (Dermatology):** Vacancies | Work with us at York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- **Outpatients Administrator (Oncology):** Vacancies | Work with us at York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- **Assistant Medical Secretary (Cardiology):** Vacancies | Work with us at York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- **Assistant Administrator (Children's Therapy Dept):** Vacancies | Work with us at York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- **Recruitment Administrator:** Vacancies | Work with us at York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - great for business students interested in Recruitment/HR/Workforce professions

Art - Work of the Week

Year 10 students have taken inspiration from our recent trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park with their 3D cardboard sculptures. Great work Poppy Jacks for the camera and coffee sculptures and Aiden Mesh for sculpting the plane, we are excited to see how your projects develop.



Message from the School Nurse

The Importance of Water

Inadequate water intake occurs when not enough fluid is consumed to replace what your body loses through breathing, sweating, and digestion. It leads to dehydration, which can cause immediate symptoms like headaches, fatigue, a dry mouth and chronic health issues like kidney stones and urinary tract infections.

Symptoms at a Glance

Early warning signs: Persistent thirst, dry lips, and a sticky mouth.
Urine colour: Dark yellow or strong-smelling urine.
Physical effects: Headaches, dizziness, muscle cramps and brain fog.

How Much Do You Need?

Guidelines suggest an average adult should aim for about 2.7 to 3.7 litres of total fluid daily (including water from food) depending on gender, activity level and climate. However, water-dense foods (fruits, vegetables, soups) can account for over half of this. A practical goal is to drink enough so that your urine remains a pale, straw-like colour.

Tips to Increase Intake

Pair with routine: Drink a full glass of water every time you eat a meal or brush your teeth.
Flavour it: Infuse your water with lemon, cucumber or mint to make it more refreshing.
Track it: Use Water Reminder Apps on your phone or keep a reusable water bottle visibly near your desk.
Eat your water: Snack on water-rich foods like watermelon, cucumber and celery.

MFL Stars of the Week

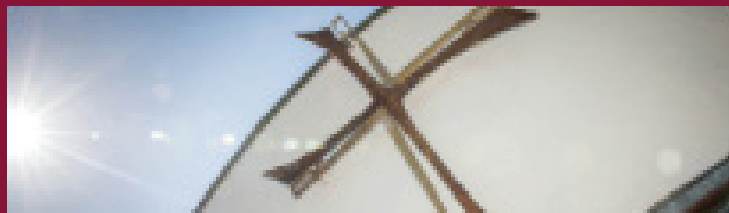
Students were nominated by Language staff to receive an Effort merit, a postcard home and appear on the 'Stars Wall' for all their hard work:

KS3 French - Lacey Blythe-Collins, 7Cr
KS3 German - Hanna Fakete, 8JEI
KS3 Spanish - Scarlett Murphy, 7SBI
KS4 French - Ruby Smith, 10Be
KS4 German - Conor Flanagan, 10EPy
KS4 Spanish - Leona Koay, 10CFr





This Week's Sixth Form News



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

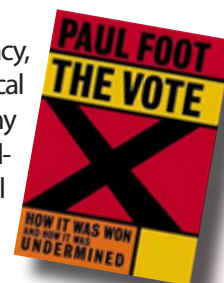
Book Recommendation

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.



The Vote: How it was won, and how it was undermined by Paul Foot

A compelling exposition of democracy, the fight for the right to vote, the historical narrative of power since the Civil War, and why it is so important to resist the erosion of hard-won rights in the UK. This book will appeal to students interested in politics, economics and social history.



Year 7 Bright Sparks Learning Challenges

This half term, we continue to seek ways to extend students' learning **CHALLENGE!** beyond the curriculum, with the launch of 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, being invited to breakfast with our leadership team as well as being awarded 50 merits for their house. All participants will receive 10 merits for their house, too. 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 are available on Google Classroom. From Last term, the winners were Henry Allen, Louis Cooper and Lily Boulton. Students are welcome to submit their entries ASAP before the end of each half-term. Mr Lever

Signposting Event for SEND families

On Monday 15 June families can visit and have a FREE cuppa and chat with Fiona whilst she helps navigate systems and find the support needed for disabled/autistic children. The session is held at York Inspirational Kids, SEND Central, YO30 6JA (next door to Clifton Green School).

Team YIKs
York Inspirational Kids
www.yiks.co.uk

find your way with fiona

15 June 2026

HELP TO NAVIGATE SYSTEMS
SEND CENTRAL
YO30 6JA

Bright Sparks Learning Challenges

Write a letter to your 40 year old self. What would it say? 	Why are maths and English so important? 	Should you be allowed to use textisms (emojis, LOL etc.) in your school work? 	Review the top 5 video games of 2026
Rank the Avengers Films in order. Say why. 	Why is Sir David Attenborough such a significant figure? 	Do hot drinks really cool you down? 	5G – What's all the fuss about?
Who will win the 2026 world Cup and Why? 	Write a review of the best book of the year so far 	Write a review of your favourite TV show of the year so far. 	What is climate change?
Who is this? What is she famous for? 	You have just won £100. You must spend it on 3 things. What are they and why? 	What's the best thing about the Summer Holidays and why? 	Write an outline for a job that hasn't been invented yet.

School Menu - Monday 8 June

MONDAY Katsu Chicken with Curry Sauce Quorn Nuggets (v) <i>Served with Steamed Vegetable Rice</i> Mixed Fruit Crumble & Custard	TUESDAY Pasta Carbonara Arrabiata Pasta Bake (v) <i>Served with Garlic Bread</i> Fresh Fruit Salad	WEDNESDAY Roast Chicken Glamorgan Sausages (v) <i>Served with Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding</i> Lemon Drizzle Cake & Cream
THURSDAY Homemade Pizza with Toppings <i>Served with Coleslaw Garden Salad</i> Strawberry Cheesecake	FRIDAY Freshly Battered Fish Vegetable Burger (v) <i>Served with Chips</i> Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	All served with a selection of seasonal vegetables. Fresh fruit, cakes and yoghurts are available everyday in the main canteen. Fresh sandwiches, jacket potatoes and a hot snack option are available from our grab and go counters.

New Summer Extra-Curricular Programme

EXTRA CURRICULAR PE CLUBS Summer 2026.

DAY	LUNCH (Trainers Only)	Venue	Time
MON	All Years Tennis/Pickleball (EWr)	Gym/Courts	1.30
TUE	Spikeball All years (WHy)	Gym	1.30
WED	Basketball Y10-13 (Gs)	Gym	1.30
THU	Netball Y7 & 8 (NAm)	Gym	1.30
FRI	Exam Catch Up Y10 - Y13 (Gs)	PE1/IT4	1.30

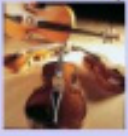
After School (Full Kit)	Venue	Time
All years Rounders (Be)	Back Field	3.20 – 4.10
All years Danish Longball (EWr)	Back Field	3.30 – 5.00
Primary competitions Sports leaders	Back Field	3.30 – 5.00
Girls' Cricket (EWr)	Back Field	3.20 – 4.10
Boys' Cricket (WHy)	Back Field	3.20 – 4.10
All years Tennis/Pickleball (LBr)	Courts	3.20 – 4.10
Fitness Y9, 10 & 11 (SI)	Fitness Suite	
Meetings		
All years Athletics and Running Club (WHy/LBr/NAm/NTh/Gs)	Back Field	3.20 – 4.10



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	Sparx Homework Club 13:30 - 14:00 MA12	Y7 MFL Film Club 13:20 - 13:50 ML4 Miss Leplatre
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	Rural Club 13:30 - 14:10 GG1 6th Form Led	DT Club 13:20 - 13:50 TE3 DT TEAM
Sparx Homework Club 13:30 - 14:00 MA12	Y7 and Y8 Werewolf Card G 13:30 - 14:10 HI1 Miss Field	Silent Space Reading Room 13:30 - 14:00 HI7 Miss Turvey	First Aid Club 13:30 - 14:10 HI5 6th Form Led	Exam Catchup 13:30 - 14:10 PE1/IT4 Mr Goldsmith
Student Newspaper 13:30 - 14:00 Miss Donnell EN5	Table Tennis Club 13:30 - 14:10 Drama Studio 6th Form Led	KS3 Further Maths Club 13:30 - 14:10 MA4 Dr King		KS3 Chess Club 13:30 - 14:10 SC4 Mr Tilbrook
	Homework Club 13:30 - 14:10 EN1 (computers available) 6th Form Led	6th Form Christian Union 13:30 - 14:10 L17		Sparx Homework Club 13:30 - 14:00 MA12
	Litter Bug Club 1.40 - 2pm Meet in the Spiritual Garden All PPE will be provided. Miss Turvey.	Sparx Homework Club 13:30 - 14:00 MA12		
		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	ALL YEARS Needlecraft Club 15:15 - 16:00 (RE6) Mrs Robertson and Mrs McDonald	Computer Gaming Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS1 Mr Jones
Y7 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS1 Miss Walker	Y7 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS1 Miss Walker	Y8 and 9 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS2 Mr Stabler	Y7 - Y11 Debate Club 15:25 - 16:25 EN9 Mrs Doyle	
Y8 and 9 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS2 Mr Stabler	Y8 and 9 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS2 Mr Stabler	Y10 and 11 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 BS1 Mr Jones	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	Y10 and 11 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 IT4 Mr Jones		Y10 and 11 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 IT4 Mr Jones	
Drama Club 15:15 - 16:15 Drama Studio Mr Stevens				

AHS PRESENTS

A Night of Stage & Screen

Thursday 18th June 2026

7 PM | **ARCHBISHOP HOLGATE'S SCHOOL MAIN HALL**

Celebrating a night of songs from the stage & screen

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Les Misérables

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16TH - 20TH JUNE 2026

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COURSE FEES

Standard course rates are £50a day. We have a range of discounts available as well as extra funding through our Family Fund.

Early Bird Discount: 10% off
First time players: Further 25% off

Our Family Fund does not have rigid criteria - we encourage any parent to consider applying for it. This provides further financial assistance towards attending Yorchestra.

MAESTRO

GRADE 6 AND ABOVE

Maestro runs for 3 days during the Christmas holidays and 4 days in Summer. You'll have a professional guest conductor, and a team of expert tutors to support you. Previous repertoire has included Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from West Side Story and Marquez's Danton No.2. The course ends in an evening concert in Sir Jack Lyon's Concert Hall at the University of York.

MEZZO

GRADE 3-5

Mezzo runs for 2 days in the Easter and Christmas holidays, and 3 in Summer. Mezzo plays specially chosen arrangements of music from all time periods, from Baroque to Hans Zimmer! Each section has a specific tutor there to support them during the course. Mezzo performs in a joint evening concert with Maestro to celebrate both orchestras' hard work!

PRIMO

GRADE 1-2

Primo runs for one day in the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays, and is focused on giving young musicians their first taste of being in a full orchestral Music is selected to be challenging, yet achievable and most importantly, fun! Section tutors are there for support, and to provide engaging learning for every player. The day will finish with a short afternoon concert to show off what we've learnt to our family and friends!

YOUNG STRINGS & WIND

PRE-GRADE 1

Our beginner courses, Young Strings and Wind are designed for young learners who have been playing for 6 months. In a smaller group, each player will get a taste of ensemble playing with other budding musicians. Over the span of two half-days, their tutor will help develop their confidence with lots of fun simple pieces. A short concert for family and friends will complete their experience!

BOOK NOW: www.yorchestra.org/apply

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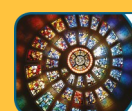
Job	Office Manager
School	Heworth CE Primary School
Details	Grade 6 Level 1 Full Time equivalent starting salary "28,394 reduced pro rata. Permanent. Monday to Friday from 08.30—4pm. 35 hours per week.
Closes	Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 09.00am

Job	Teacher of RE
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Mainscale / UPS Full Time, Permanent. Required from September 2026
Closes	Monday 15th June 2026 at 08.00am

Job	After School Club Assistant
School	Rufforth Primary School
Details	Grade 3 Level 1—£25,878 Permanent. Term Time contract 4 days a week, Monday to Thursday 3.00pm—6.00pm term time only plus 8 hours per year for training requirements.
Closes	Monday 15th June 2026 at 09.00am

Job	Teacher
School	Rufforth Primary School
Details	Teacher Mainscale 3—5 Permanent, Full Year contract . 6.5 hours per week – 1 day or 2 afternoons. Days/hours to be discussed.
Closes	Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 09.00am

Job	Class Teacher
School	The White Rose Federation
Details	Main scale M1—M4 ECTs welcome to apply (£32,916 – £39,556) Permanent, Full Time. Required from September 2026
Closes	Tuesday 16th June 2026 at Midday



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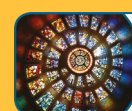


Job	Teaching Assistant Level 2
School	Acomb Primary School
Details	Grade 4 Level 1 £25,878 per annum reduced pro-rata. Role 1 & 2: 30 hours per week Monday to Friday 8.45am – 3.15pm Role 3: 16.25 hours per week Monday to Friday 8.45-12pm Term time only
Closes	Thursday 18th June 2026 at Midday

Job	School Assistant
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 4 (currently £19,495 pa, this is the pro rata salary) Part Time (32.5 hpw), Term Time Only Permanent Required from: September 2026
Closes	Tuesday 16th June 2026 at 08.00am

Job	Teaching Assistant
School	Poppleton Road Primary School
Details	TA2 Grade 4, level 1 –4 (£25,878 – £26,319 per annum, reduced pro rata) 30.625 hours Term time only Required from September 2026
Closes	Thursday 18th June 2026 at 08.00am

Job	Higher Level Teaching Assistant
School	The White Rose Federation
Details	Fixed Term Contract from 01/09/2026 for 1 Year. 30 Hours per week, Term Time Only. NJC Support Staff Band F, Pay Point 9-13. Starting at £27,254 to £29,064 pro rata to hours.
Closes	Thursday 18th June at Midday.



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Job	General Teaching Assistant SEN
School	The White Rose Federation
Details	Permanent GTA SEN 29.15 hrs, NJC Band C Grade 3-4—£27,488 reduced pro rata. MSA 2.5hrs. NJC Band B Grade 2—£25,949 reduced pro rata.
Closes	Wednesday 1st July 2026 at Midday

Job	KS3-4 English Tutor
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Salary—£25 per hour (Grade 10 Level 4) Hours—0.6 FTE (days are negotiable for the right candidate) Fixed Term—1 September 2026—23 July 2027 Required from: September 2026
Closes	Wednesday 17th July 2026 at 08.00am

Job	Supply Teaching Assistant Level 2
School	Applefields School
Details	Grade 4 (Level 1-4) £13.45 – £13.68 GBP per hour plus holiday pay. Supply/Casual
Closes	N/A

Job	Exam Invigilator
School	Malton School
Details	£13.45 per hour. Casual Contract.
Closes	N/A

