



School Newsletter 596

Values – Care – Achievement

Friday 19 June 2026

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a busy week we've had at Archbishop Holgate's, and the sunshine has certainly lifted our spirits. There's so much to celebrate, and I wanted to take a moment to share some of the wonderful things that have been happening this week across our school community.

Year 10 have made a stellar start to their mock exam series, and I've been genuinely impressed by their conduct and commitment to their studies. It's been heartening to see them approach this important milestone with such maturity and focus. Their dedication during this busy period hasn't gone unnoticed, and I'm confident they'll continue to build on this strong foundation as they progress through their GCSE journey.

This week also gave us the opportunity to celebrate our staff through 'Thank a Teacher' Day, which began with our School Parliament presenting staff with a range of awards, from Best Dressed to Most Creative Classroom, the nominations certainly got the day off to a flying start and brought plenty of smiles to our corridors. What made this particularly special was the follow-up, as students had spent time in form time earlier in the week carefully completing hand-delivered thank you cards for our staff. These thoughtful messages were distributed on Wednesday and the feedback from the staff team has been wonderful. They've felt genuinely valued by our students, and it's been lovely to witness the appreciation flowing in both directions.

The absolute highlight of my week, though, came last night with our Songs from the Stage and Screen performance. Over 50 students were involved in the evening, showcasing their talents across soloist and ensemble pieces. The breadth of talent on display was remarkable, with music, singing and dance all beautifully represented. Every performance was delivered with such confidence and joy, and I found myself feeling incredibly proud of what our students achieved. The energy in the hall was electric, and it was a real reminder of the creative talent we have within our school community.

Performances like this are what make our school special. They showcase not only the exceptional abilities of our students, but also the dedication of our staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make these events happen. I look forward to seeing this talent replicated and built upon next year for our School Show, and I have no doubt it will be just as impressive.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this week so positive and memorable.

With best wishes for the week ahead,

Lucie Pond,
Headteacher

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 first aid kit would be to help you with any difficulties you encounter on your journey. Our daily quotes are all bible passages on the theme of Help on the Journey.

"Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go."

The Bible, Proverbs 3: 5-6



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.

Upcoming Events

Mon 22 Jun	Y8 HPV Vaccinations
Thu 25 Jun	Y6 Transition Evening
Wed 1 Jul	Y6 Transition Day
Thu 2 Jul	Y11 Prom
Fri 3 Jul	Sports Day
6-10 Jul	Y10 Work Experience Week
6-10 Jul	Y12 Enrichment Week
Tue 7 Jul	UCAS Information Evening for Parents
Wed 8 Jul	Y10 Introduction to Sixth Form Evening

Maths Calculators and Revision Guides

These are available to purchase at competitive prices through ParentPay. Once your order has been placed and payment confirmed, your child will receive their items directly from their Maths teacher during a lesson.

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.

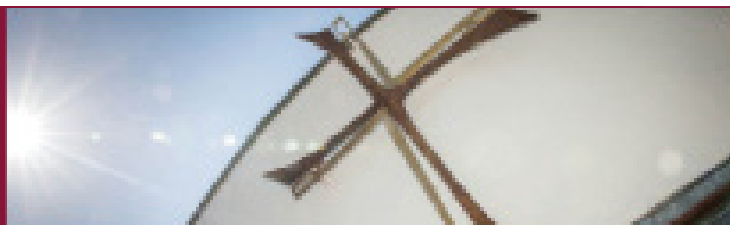


Social Media

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



This Week's School News



Art - Work of the Week

Year 10 student, Emily Chamberlain, has drawn these beautiful detailed pen studies of York Minster. Huge well done Emily!



Message from the School Nurse

Power of Sleep

Sleep is a vital, restorative process. Getting 7-9 hours of quality sleep nightly optimizes brain performance, balances hormones and regulates metabolism. Chronic sleep deprivation severely compromises cognitive function, weakens the immune system and increases the risk of long-term diseases like depression, hypertension and heart disease.

Getting enough rest provides several major benefits across both physical and mental wellbeing:

Physical Health, Cardiovascular & Metabolic Function: Sleep allows blood pressure to drop and supports heart health. Inadequate rest raises the risk of stroke, heart disease and Type 2 diabetes.

Immunity & Repair: During sleep, the body produces immune cells to target infection and inflammation. It is also when tissues are repaired, muscles grow and energy is restored.

Weight Management: Sleep helps balance appetite hormones (ghrelin and leptin) reducing junk food cravings and the risk of obesity.

Mental Health Cognitive Processing: Sleep is critical for memory consolidation, problem-solving and attention span. It converts short-term memories into long-term ones, supporting daily learning.

Emotional Regulation: There is a strong, bidirectional link between sleep and mood. Sleep deprivation reduces your ability to process emotions, severely elevating the risk of developing anxiety and depression.

To explore how you can build healthier sleeping habits to safeguard your overall wellbeing, check out the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute or the Mental Health Foundation for evidence-based advice.

SPORTS DAY 2026

COMING SOON

FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2026

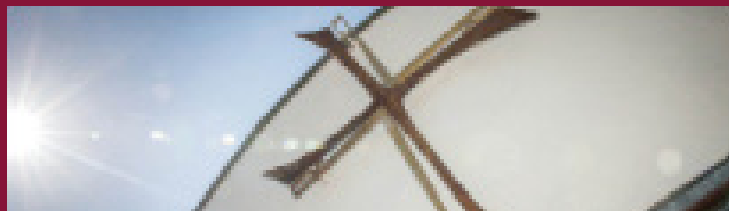
All students need to come to school in their AHS PE kit.

More information to follow soon...





This Week's Sixth Form News



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

Key Dates

Fri 19 Jun - Y13 Prom, The Milner, 7.30pm (arrival from 7.00pm)
 wc 6 Jul - Y12 Enrichment Week (please return consent forms asap)
 Tue 7 Jul - Y12 UCAS Evening for Parents, 6.00pm, Main Hall
 Wed 8 Jul - Y10 Introduction to Sixth Form Evening, 6.00pm, Main Hall
 Thu 13 Aug - Y13 and Y12 Results Day
 Thu 20 Aug - GCSE Results Day including AHS Sixth Form Enrolment

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 Alchemist: A Fable About Following Your Dream by Paulo Coelho

When poor shepherd boy Santiago dreams of a better life, he embarks on an unforgettable quest which reveals there is more wealth in knowledge and experience than money. A spectacular novel that spans cultures, lands and generations, it's one that might inspire dreams and change the perspectives of those who read it. The ultimate follow your dreams fable.



School Menu - Monday 22 June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Chicken Tikka Masala Spinach, Chickpea & Potato Curry (v) <i>Served with</i> Rice Naan Bread Raspberry & Strawberry Eton Mess	Beef Burger in a Bun Veggie Burger in a Bun (v) <i>Served with</i> Oven Baked Curly Fries Garden Salad Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Roast Joint of Gammon Broccoli, Cauliflower, Potato & Cheese Bake (v) <i>Served with</i> Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Puddings Fruit Jelly
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	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.
Beef Lasagne Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (v) <i>Served with</i> Garlic Bread Mixed Leaves Coleslaw Peach Crumble & Custard	Freshly Battered Fish Quorn Sausage (v) <i>Served with</i> Chips Profiteroles & Chocolate Sauce	

Physical Education Department

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



Summer PE

A reminder to students that all PE lessons are outside during the summer term (weather permitting). We will be doing athletics, tennis, cricket, rounders and Danish longball. **Students should bring the same kit to every PE lesson this term: AHS shorts, t-shirt and hoodie/reversible, white socks and trainers.**

York & District Athletics Championships Final

Good luck to the 22 students across year 7-10 that are taking part in the York and District Athletics Final on Tuesday afternoon. They have done fantastically well to get to the final and we hope that all have a wonderful afternoon at the event.



Primary Sports Festivals

We have had a busy term of primary festivals. This half term we have had a fantastic Year 5 & 6 Netball festival that was run by our year 12 BTEC Sport group with the assistance of the Year 9 sports leaders as umpires. This week, we had the first of our football finals with the Year 5 & 6 pupils coming to AHS for the competition. Well done to all the teams that took part. Thank you to all our Year 12 students for coming along to referee the matches. We will have our final Year 3 & 4 football finals next week.



Jewellery in PE lessons

A reminder that students should not wear any jewellery for PE. In-line with AfPE guidance, we remind students (via lessons and the newsletter) that they will be asked to remove ALL jewellery for PE lessons. This is a health and safety precaution and must be adhered to for the safety of your child and their classmates. If your child has just had their piercing done, they need to bring a note to state when they had them done and when they can be removed (usually 6 weeks). Until then you should provide tape/plasters to fully cover the piercing in the short term, however, they may not be able to take part in certain activities until the piercing is fully removed due to health and safety. Please remember that, in line with the school policy, only a single pair of plain studs and a nose stud are allowed in school and all should be removed for PE. Any cartilage piercings have to be removed for PE, so please ensure that your child is able to remove it by themselves.



New Summer Extra-Curricular Programme

EXTRA CURRICULAR PE CLUBS Summer 2026.

DAY	LUNCH (Trainers Only)	Venue	Time	After School (Full Kit)	Venue	Time
MON	All Years Tennis/Pickleball (EWr)	Gym/Courts	1.30	All years Rounders (Be)	Back Field	3.20 – 4.10
				All years Danish Longball (EWr)	Back Field	3.20 – 4.10
TUE	Spikeball All years (WHy)	Gym	1.30	Primary competitions Sports leaders	Back Field	3.30 – 5.00
				Girls' Cricket (EWr)	Back Field	3.20 – 4.10
WED	Basketball Y10-13 (Gs)	Gym	1.30	Boys' Cricket (WHy)	Back Field	3.20 – 4.10
				All years Tennis/Pickleball (LBr)	Courts	3.20 – 4.10
THU	Netball Y7 & 8 (NAm)	Gym	1.30	Fitness Y9, 10 & 11 (Si)	Fitness Suite	
				Meetings		
FRI	Exam Catch Up Y10 - Y13 (Gs)	PE1/IT4	1.30	All years Athletics and Running Club (WHy/LBr/NAm/NTh/Gs)	Back Field	3.20 – 4.10



RLSS UK's Drowning Prevention Week is an annual, water safety campaign designed to educate children and young adults in water safety and lifesaving skills. We are very lucky to have our own pool and we deliver lifesaving and personal survival skills throughout our swimming units, as well as running a Rookie Lifeguard club. With so many rivers accessible to our students, and with the weather warming up, it is a good time to remind everyone how to be safe around water.

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK STAY TOGETHER

Take time to assess your surroundings.
Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



When around water always go with friends or family.
Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

CALL 999

If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.
Don't enter the water to rescue.



FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help.
Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



Find out more about the Water Safety Code:



ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY UK
Enjoy Water Safety
Free From Drowning

Mates speak up when someone's messing about on a riverbank.

Slippery. Unstable. Algae-covered.
One slip. Deep water.
Cold shock hits. Panic follows.

If it feels off, say it.
Don't hype it. Stop it.
Speak up. Be a mate.



Mates speak up when someone's tempted to swim in rivers or lakes where it's not safe.

Cold water doesn't care how strong a swimmer you are.
Shock and panic can take over.

If it feels off, say it.
Don't hype it. Stop it.
Speak up. Be a mate.



Your mate's in trouble. Instinct says: jump in.

Cold water shock hits fast though.
They panic.
They could climb on you to stay afloat.
Now it's two of you in trouble.

What actually saves lives:

Call 999.
Tell them to float on their back.
Throw something that floats.

Phone, Float, Throw.
Be a mate.



Summer Holiday Football Fun

21ST JULY – 4TH SEPTEMBER
4 DIFFERENT VENUES
4 DAY COURSES
10AM – 3PM
AGES 5-13
£56 FOR 4 DAYS

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
 GIRLS ONLY COURSES AVAILABLE
 FA QUALIFIED COACHES

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/york-city/york-city-courses/holiday.html>

BOOK NOW!




SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN

FOUNDATION

WEEK 1 Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th July

Millthorpe Secondary School
 Ages 5-13
 & Ages 8-13 Girls Only

LNER Community Stadium
 Ages 5-13

4 DAY HOLIDAY COURSE 10AM-3PM
 AGES 5-13 ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
 FA QUALIFIED COACHES
 4 DIFFERENT VENUES AROUND YORK
 £56 FOR 4 DAYS

Millthorpe Secondary School, Millthorpe Avenue, YO23 1NF - 3G pitch
 LNER Community Stadium, Huntington, YO32 5AF - 3G pitch

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SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN

FOUNDATION

WEEK 2 Monday 27th - Thurs 30th July

Tadcaster Albion FC
 Ages 5-13

Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st July
 LNER Community Stadium
 Ages 5-13

4 DAY HOLIDAY COURSE 10AM-3PM
 AGES 5-13 ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
 FA QUALIFIED COACHES
 4 DIFFERENT VENUES AROUND YORK
 £56 FOR 4 DAYS

Tadcaster Albion AFC, Young Gulls Arena, LS24 5AF - Grass pitch
 LNER Community Stadium, Huntington, YO32 5AF - 3G pitch

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SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN

FOUNDATION

WEEK 3 Monday 3rd - Thurs 6th August

Fulford School
 Ages 5-13 & Girls Only 8-13

Tuesday 4th - Friday 7th August
 LNER Community Stadium
 Ages 5-13

4 DAY HOLIDAY COURSE 10AM-3PM
 AGES 5-13 ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
 FA QUALIFIED COACHES
 4 DIFFERENT VENUES AROUND YORK
 £56 FOR 4 DAYS

Fulford School, Fulford, YO10 4TY - Grass pitch
 LNER Community Stadium, Huntington, YO32 5AF - 3G pitch

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SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN

FOUNDATION

WEEK 4 Monday 10th - Thurs 13th August

Millthorpe School
 Ages 5-13

Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th August
 LNER Community Stadium
 Ages 5-13

4 DAY HOLIDAY COURSE 10AM-3PM
 AGES 5-13 ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
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SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN

FOUNDATION

WEEK 5 Monday 17th - Thurs 20th August

Tadcaster Albion FC
 Ages 5-13

Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st August
 LNER Community Stadium
 Ages 5-13 & Girls Only 8-13

4 DAY HOLIDAY COURSE 10AM-3PM
 AGES 5-13 ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
 FA QUALIFIED COACHES
 4 DIFFERENT VENUES AROUND YORK
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SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN

FOUNDATION

WEEK 6 Monday 24th - Thurs 27th August

Fulford School
 Ages 5-13

Tuesday 25th - Friday 28th August
 LNER Community Stadium
 Ages 5-13

4 DAY HOLIDAY COURSE 10AM-3PM
 AGES 5-13 ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
 FA QUALIFIED COACHES
 4 DIFFERENT VENUES AROUND YORK
 £56 FOR 4 DAYS

Fulford School, Fulford, YO10 4TY - Grass pitch
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SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN

FOUNDATION

WEEK 7 Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th September

Millthorpe School
 Ages 5-13

LNER Community Stadium
 Ages 5-13

4 DAY HOLIDAY COURSE 10AM-3PM
 AGES 5-13 ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
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Talent ID OPEN TESTING DAY

Bradford
30th July

Manchester
6th August

Derby
23rd July
13th August

London
20th August
27th August

You must be 12-16 to apply

Be eligible for a British Passport

Currently not involved with track
cycling as part of a club or team

Those successful go on to join
British Cycling's Talent Development
and Performance Pathways

Want to get involved?
Scan the QR code to sign up!



#GOTGOTNEED



FIFA WORLD CUP STICKER SWAP EVENT

| SUNDAY, 21ST JUNE |
| LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM |
| FREE ENTRY |

LNER LOUNGE | 10AM - 3PM | BRING YOUR SWAPS

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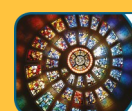
Job	SENCO
School	Rufforth Primary School
Details	M6 + SEN allowance Fixed Term Post 0.2 FTE until 31st August 2027 Rufforth Primary School (1/2 day a week) and St Barnabas Primary School (1/2 day a week)
Closes	Monday 22nd June 2026 at 09.00am

Job	Site Supervisor
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 5 (£26,748-£27,935 this is the full time salary) Full Year, Full Time (Part Time hours will be considered for the right candidate) Required as soon as possible
Closes	Friday 26th June at 08.00am

Job	Learning Mentor
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 6 (£28,394 pa) Permanent Full Time (or Part Time would be considered) Term Time Only Required as soon as possible
Closes	Monday 29th June 2026 at 08.00am

Job	Teacher
School	Acomb Primary School
Details	Teachers Main Scale 1-3 Three days per week Permanent , Full Year contract. Required September 2026
Closes	Friday 26th June at Midday.

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 10th July at 09.00am



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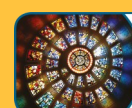


Job	General Teaching Assistant SEN
School	The White Rose Federation
Details	Contract Type: Permanent, Part Time Grade: NJC—Grade C, Pay point 4 plus SEN allowance pro rata to term time only post and hours Term Time only Required from September 2026
Closes	Friday 3rd July 2026 at Midday

Job	General Teaching Assistant EYFS/Year 1
School	The White Rose Federation
Details	Grade: NJC—Grade C, Pay point 4 Contract Type: Permanent, Part Time Term Time only Required from September 2026
Closes	Friday 10th July 2026 at Midday

Job	Breakfast Club Leader
School	The White Rose Federation
Details	Pay Rate is Band C, pay point 4, £13.05 (April 2026 pay award pending on top of this) = £25,185 FTE full year round. Contract Type: Permanent, Part-Time, Term Time Only. Job share will be considered. Required from September 2026
Closes	Wednesday 8th July at Midday.

Job	Art and Textiles Technician
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 5 (£15,501—this is the pro rata salary) Part Time (25 hpw, Mon-Fri) Term Time Only Required from September 2026
Closes	Wednesday 1st July 2026 at 08.00am



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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	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	Catering Assistant
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 2 (£25,878 per annum, actual salary £14,996) Part Time (25 hpw) 10.00am-3.00pm, Mon- Fri. Permanent, Term Time Only Required as soon as possible
Closes	N/A

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

