



School Newsletter 598

Values – Care – Achievement

Friday 3 July 2026

Headteacher's Introduction



Dear Parents and Carers,

What another busy week at Archbishop Holgate's! There's been so much to celebrate and share, as we reflect on some of the wonderful things that have been happening across the school.

Firstly, we welcomed our Year 6 cohort for their transition day this week. It was brilliant to see them navigate around the school, spend valuable time with their new form tutors, sample some of our lessons, and most importantly, make new friends. The energy and enthusiasm they brought was infectious, and we were all very impressed with how they engaged with everything on offer. We're really looking forward to welcoming them as our new Year 7 cohort in September, they're going to be a fantastic addition to Archbishop Holgate's community.

Last night, our Year 11 Prom was an absolute roaring success. The students looked absolutely stunning, and they embraced every moment of the evening with such joy and maturity. From the awards ceremony to the Prom King and Queen nominations, and not one but two live bands made up of our own AHS students, it was certainly a night to remember. The staff felt incredibly proud watching them celebrate this milestone together. It's a bittersweet moment as we say goodbye to this year group in their current capacity, but we're genuinely looking forward to welcoming many of them back as they join us in Year 12. The send-off they received truly reflects how much we value them and how special they are to our school community.

Earlier in the week, our Year 10 Rewards ACW event was equally impressive. It provided a wonderful opportunity to recognise those students who really live our school values and take every opportunity to embrace what it means to 'live life to the fullest'. Seeing students celebrated for embodying our ethos was genuinely uplifting.

As I write this, Sports Day is about to begin, and there's a real buzz of excitement around the school. We're looking forward to coming together as a whole school community to compete and celebrate the spirit of resilience, coupled with care and compassion, that defines Archbishop Holgate's. It's a chance to showcase not just our athletic talents, but the values that bind us together. Which House will take home the trophy at the end of the day? We can't wait to find out!

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

ECTP Invested School

Archbishop Holgate's School has been identified as an ECTP Invested School - Early Career Teacher Programme. This is given in recognition of strong staff engagement with the ECT programme in the academic year 2025-2026.



Why we are celebrating this achievement?

Great teachers don't develop by chance; they develop through support, challenge and encouragement. This award recognises the dedication of our staff at Archbishop Holgate's ensuring that Early Career Teachers in our school benefit from regular coaching, helping to nurture the next generation of educators.



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 when people take part in walking pilgrimages, they need to find shelter at night, some will camp, some will book places to stay along the way; to take shelter or find a place of safety. Our daily quotes are all bible passages on the theme of Shelter.



"God is our protection and our strength. He always helps in times of trouble."

Psalm 46:1, The Bible

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.

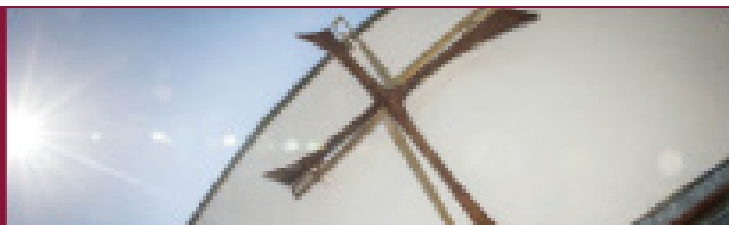


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This Week's School News



Art - Work of the Week

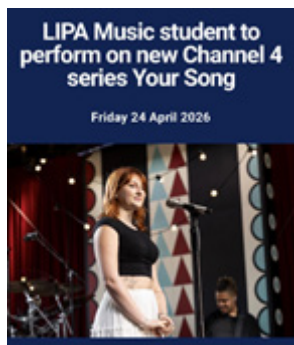
Year 9 students, Isla Watson and Covenant Oluwasuyi, have produced these beautiful half portraits using coloured pencil and Year 7 students, Lizzie Adlam and Bea O'Donnell, have drawn these amazing oil pastel peppers. Well done all of you for being very creative, keep up the good work!



Ex-student - ABBA Performance

Maggie Wakeling, an ex-AHS student, appeared on the Channel 4 programme 'Your Song' recently where she sang her original song 'The Cure' and has just graduated from LIPA Music College.

She is performing at York Minster on 1 August as part of the ABBA Ignite Concerts. (There is a special discount code for AHS families - see poster attached.)



STEM Challenge Day

Last week, eleven Year 8 students attended the 2026 Leeds/Bradford STEM Challenge Day at Pudsey Sixth Form College. Students worked in groups alongside other schools on projects including building LEGO robots, using crime scene photo fit software to identify criminals, an electric vehicle challenge and a medical diagnostics challenge. Students rose to the demands of each task admirably showing real enthusiasm and maturity. An engaging and enjoyable day was had by all!



Message from the School Nurse

British Produce

Educating children about buying British produce significantly impacts public health, the national economy, and environmental sustainability. By learning where food comes from and why local sourcing matters, kids build lifelong healthy eating habits, support UK agriculture, and develop a deeper connection to their local environment.

1. Health and Nutritional Benefits

Increased Veggie Intake: Sensory food education and school campaigns (such as those led by Veg Power) show that engaging children with fresh, local produce dramatically boosts their vegetable consumption, even for veg-resistant children. **Fresher Ingredients:** Locally sourced British produce travels a much shorter distance from harvest to plate, meaning it retains significantly higher nutritional value than heavily processed or imported alternatives. **Life Skills:** Hands-on cooking lessons and tasting sessions build confidence in preparing nutritious meals rather than relying on processed, packaged foods.

2. Economic Impact

Boosting Local Farms: Teaching kids to value British farming creates a ripple effect, translating directly into consumer demand. Research indicates that expanding school meals to use British produce could deliver a £600 million boost to UK agriculture. **Supporting the Community:** When students understand that purchasing local food keeps money circulating within the local economy, they grow into adults who make more informed, economically responsible community choices.

3. Environmental Sustainability

Reducing Food Miles: Educating children on the environmental cost of transportation highlights the benefit of British produce in lowering food miles. This reduces the carbon footprint associated with flying or trucking food across the globe. **Environmental Awareness:** Programmes that involve planting and harvesting school gardens help children understand ecosystems, composting, and the natural seasonality of food.

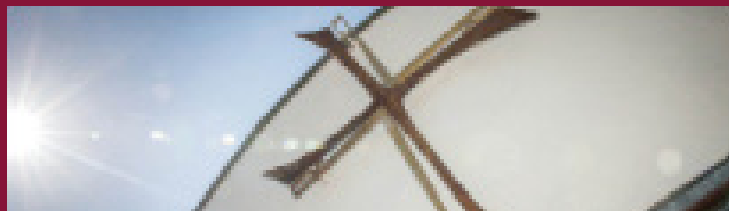
4. Long-Term Consumer Habits

Breaking the Cycle: Many children lack basic knowledge of where food originates (e.g., unaware that milk comes from cows). Teaching food provenance breaks the cycle of ignorance regarding ultra-processed foods. **Empowered Shoppers:** Children hold considerable influence over household grocery purchases. Educated kids actively guide their families toward fresh, British, and sustainable choices during shopping trips.

Resources for Educators and Parents: To get involved, teachers and parents can utilise the Food – a fact of life educational hub managed by the British Nutrition Foundation, or track ongoing school food policy consultations via campaigns like Love British Food.



This Week's Sixth Form News



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

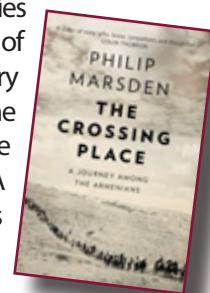
Book Recommendation

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 Crossing Place: A Journey among the Armenians by Philip Marsden

An unflinching account of opposing ideologies and persecution, and how one group of people has survived in spite of adverse history and politics. This illuminating book takes the reader on a compelling journey through the geography, history and culture of Armenia. A must-read for social studies students, this is a good counterpoint for students learning about Afghanistan, Yugoslavia, the Uyghurs and the Holocaust.



School Menu - Monday 6 July

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mains	Chicken Curry Vegetable Curry	Build your own Beef Burrito Veggie Mince Chilli (Vegan)	Roast Pork Vegetable Pie (vegan)	Chicken Shawarma served in a Flatbread Vegetarian Falafel in a Flatbread	Chicken Burger in a Bun Veggie Nuggets (Vegan)
On the side	Steamed Rice Naan Bread	Salsa, Sour cream Tortilla Chips	Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding	Garlic Yogurt Fresh mixed Salad	Chips
Vegetable	<i>Selection of Seasonal Vegetables served each day</i>				
Snack option	<i>Baked jacket potato & fillings</i> Homemade sandwiches	<i>Baked jacket potato & fillings</i> Homemade Sandwiches	<i>Baked jacket potato & fillings</i> Homemade Sandwiches	<i>Baked jacket potato & fillings</i> Homemade sandwiches	<i>Baked jacket Potato & fillings</i> Homemade sandwiches
Family Favourites	<i>A selection of:</i> Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	Fruit Cheesecake <i>A selection of:</i> Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	Apple Pie & Cream <i>A selection of:</i> Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	Jam Sponge, Coconut & Custard <i>A selection of:</i> Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	Chocolate & Orange Cake <i>A selection of:</i> Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit

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

Upcoming Events

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
13-17 Jul	Enrichment Week
13-17 Jul	Y12 Work Experience Week
Fri 17 Jul	School finishes at 1.10pm

Physical Education Department

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



SPORTS DAY 2026



Thank you for all your fantastic efforts today.
The results and photos will be in next week's
newsletter.



Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expeditions

In a very busy and sunny weekend, Mr Goldsmith took the Silver Duke of Edinburgh students for their two-night assessed expedition into the Howardian Hills. For the second night, the first of our two Bronze expeditions also joined the group. The students were all outstanding in their attitude and showed resilience in what was hot and challenging weather. Congratulations to these two groups and we look forward to seeing the second group of Bronze candidates complete their expedition over this weekend.



Primary Sports Festivals

Last week we had the second of our football finals with Year 3 & 4 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 also have our final event of the year, the Year 3 & 4 Cross Country finals next week. Thank you to all our Year 9 and 12 Sports Leaders this year, you have done a fantastic job and we really appreciate all your hard work and enthusiasm.



York and District Athletics Championships Final

The final of the York and District Schools' Athletics Competition took place on Tuesday afternoon, in the glorious sunshine! All the athletes performed brilliantly, despite the additional challenge of the conditions. The Year 10 athletes, in their final opportunity to represent the school in this competition, deserve a special mention for their efforts. There were plenty of gold and silver medal finishes from them.

Huge thanks to Mr Goldsmith, Mr Oliver and Mrs Smith for enduring the heat too.

AHS York and District Champions 2026

Hannah Lovett 800m

Isaac Ashun 200m

Nathaniel Wade 100m

Stella Gorman 300m



FULFORD U18 LADIES
PLAYERS WANTED!

(DOUBLE CUP WINNERS LAST SEASON)

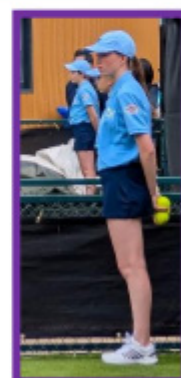
- Looking to add a couple of experienced players for the upcoming season.
- Fantastic coaching and a great atmosphere for all.

TRAINING & GAMES
Close Season (Currently): Wednesday evenings & Saturday mornings.
Once the Season Begins: Games Saturday mornings, Training Wednesday evenings.

If interested in coming down for a training session and to meet the team and coaches, please contact me on:
jim@gmail.com Tel: 07834257864

Tennis News

Imogen Stevens, in Year 9, had a very exciting week at the Nottingham Tennis Centre where she was a ball girl for the WTA and ATP tournaments. She was one of 90 chosen from 190 who applied. She worked really hard in very warm weather, but had a fantastic experience. Well done, Imogen.



Enrichment Week

Please note that students need to **come to school in their PE kit for their Sport Enrichment Day**. Students will be outside for the majority of the day, so please make sure that your child is prepared for this by bringing a **hat, sun cream, water bottle and their AHS jumper**.

We will have Speedkix, Nerf, York Knights, Footgolf, Self-defence and many more activities on offer throughout the week.

The following year groups need to come to school in their AHS PE kit on the following days:

Monday 13 July: Year 8

Tuesday 14 July: Year 9

Wednesday 15 July: Year 10



Total Warrior

Summer, in Year 9, did fantastically well to push herself out of her comfort zone and complete the Junior Total Warrior 3k on Saturday. What a fantastic achievement. Well done, Summer.



AHS CLUEDO ORIENTEERING

Can you work out who killed Mr Copeland, with what weapon
and in which room in school?

Find the clues in your lessons next week!



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

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
Ages 5-13
& Ages 8-13 Girls Only

LNER Community Stadium
Ages 5-13

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

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 FC
Ages 5-13

Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st July

LNER Community Stadium
Ages 5-13

Tadcaster Albion AFC, Young Sports 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

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
Ages 5-13 & Girls Only 8-13

Tuesday 4th - Friday 7th August

LNER Community Stadium
Ages 5-13

Fulford School, Fulford, YO10 4FY - 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

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 School
Ages 5-13

Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th August

LNER Community Stadium
Ages 5-13

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 5 Monday 17th - Thurs 20th August

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 FC
Ages 5-13

Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st August

LNER Community Stadium
Ages 5-13 & Girls Only 8-13

Tadcaster Albion AFC, Young Sports Arena, LS24 5AF - Grass pitch
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SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN

FOUNDATION

WEEK 6 Monday 24th - Thurs 27th August

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
Ages 5-13

Tuesday 25th - Friday 28th August

LNER Community Stadium
Ages 5-13

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

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SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN

FOUNDATION

WEEK 7 Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th September

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 School
Ages 5-13

LNER Community Stadium
Ages 5-13

Millthorpe Secondary School, Millthorpe Avenue, YO23 1NF - 3G pitch
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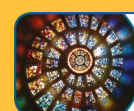
Job	Learning and Regulation Practitioner
School	Applefields School
Details	Grade 7—Level 1 to 4 (£31,497 to £33,727) Permanent—Term Time only 34.25 hours per week Mon—Fri 8.30am—4.00pm and 4.30pm on a Wednesday Required from: 7th September 2026
Closes	Thursday 9th July 2026 at 08.00am

Job	Minibus Driver
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 5 (£12,400—this is the pro salary) Fixed Term for one year in the first instance 20hpw, Mon-Fri, Term Time Only Required from: September 2026
Closes	Thursday 9th July 2026 at 08.00am

Job	Teaching Assistant Level 2
School	Heworth CE Primary School
Details	Grade 4 Level 1 £25,878 per annum reduced pro-rata. Role 1: 30 hours per week, Monday to Friday Role 2: 15 hours per week, Monday to Friday Term time only
Closes	Monday 13th July 2026 at Midday

Job	Wellbeing Worker
School	Applefields School
Details	Permanent—Term Time only 31.83 hours per week Mon—Fri 8.45am—3.30pm and 4.30pm on a Wednesday Grade 6 —Level 1 to 4 (£28,394 to £30,975) Required from: 7th September 2026
Closes	Thursday 9th July 2026 at 08.00am

Job	School Reintegration Worker and Social and Emotional Learning Lead (Maternity Cover)
School	Tang Hall Primary School
Details	Grade 8 L1-4 (34,301—37,439) Reduced pro rata 28 hours (4 days a week) Term Time Only plus 1 week Required September 2026
Closes	Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 08.00am



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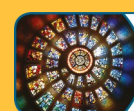
Job	Ipad Scheme Administrator
School	Malton School
Details	NJC Payscale Grade E (£25,989 – £27,254 FTE; Pro rata £19,317 to £20,319 Permanent. Part Time, Term Time Only + 1 week (30 hours per week, open to some negotiation)
Closes	Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 09.00am

Job	Minibus Driver
School	Malton School
Details	Grade CD, Scale Points 3-6 Part-time (20 hours per week – split am & pm), £13.45 per hour (Real Living Wage) Term-time only (incl. training days)
Closes	Monday 6th July 2026 at 09.00am

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	SATA—EYFS/Year 1
School	The White Rose Federation
Details	Total hours are: 31.65 hrs (29.15hrs SATA and 2.5hrs MSA) Contract Type: Permanent Grade is NJC Band F, pay point 9-13 – £27,254-£29,064 pro rata, term time working, equivalent of £14.13-£15.06).
Closes	Friday 10th July 2026 at Midday

Job	General Teaching Assistant
School	Malton School
Details	Grade C (within C/D, Scale Points 3-4 33.5 hours per week—term time only Term time only (incl. training days) £20,318 Actual Salary £25,950 annum FTE Required: 7th September 2026
Closes	Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 13.00pm



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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

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

