



School Newsletter 599

Values – Care – Achievement

Friday 10 July 2026

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a busy and exciting week we've had at Archbishop Holgate's! There's been so much happening across the school that continues to really showcase the breadth of opportunities we're able to offer our students.

Year 12 have had an absolutely brilliant Enrichment Week.

Some of our students have been fortunate enough to enjoy a residential visit to Boggle Hole, whilst others have travelled to Cambridge for visits that have given them real insight into university life and what studying at that level might look like. These kinds of experiences are invaluable in helping our young people broaden their horizons and think about their futures.

Our Year 8 students have also been out and about this week, with the Geography department taking them to Flamborough Head. There's something really special about being able to take learning outside the classroom, and visits like this help bring the curriculum to life in ways that simply aren't possible within four walls.

Year 10 have had a fantastic opportunity to experience the world of work this week. Getting that early exposure to different careers and workplaces is so important, and I'm thrilled we've been able to facilitate this for them. We've also welcomed some of our Year 6 families into school this week for coffee and cake as part of our enhanced transition offer. It's wonderful to be able to meet our future students and their families in a relaxed setting, and these occasions really help to build those important relationships as they prepare to join us in September.

This week has also seen the final Celebration ACW for Years 7 and 9 take place. These are always such fantastic occasions, which really do celebrate the success of our students and give us the chance to come together as a school community with families and staff. It's one of my favourite parts of the school year, seeing the pride on students' faces as their achievements are recognised.

As we look ahead, we're very excited for whole school Enrichment Week, which is coming next week. With only five more get-ups until the end of term, there's still quite a lot to pack in! It's a testament to our students and staff that they continue to engage so enthusiastically with all these opportunities right through to the end of the year. These final weeks of term are always busy, but they're also full of energy and excitement, and I'm looking forward to seeing what else we can achieve together.

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

AHS SUMMER EXHIBITION

Artwork by Ren Baumann



Join us in celebrating the artwork of our talented
Year 11 and Year 13 students!

Wednesday 15th July 17:30 - 18:30

Please enter via main school reception



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.

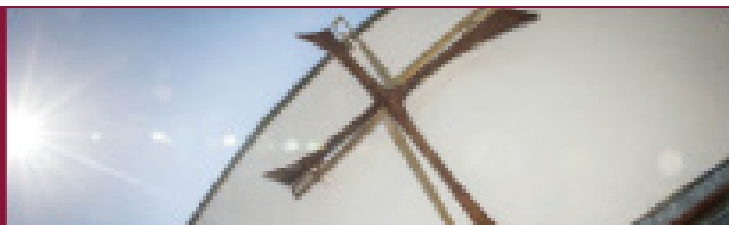


Social Media

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



This Week's School News



Food for Thought

Our final form tutor act of collective worship for this academic year has been created by two of the RE Ambassadors; Brooke and Isabella. Its inspiration is taken from this year's London Marathon and the story of two remarkable and selfless runners. Our quotes are all reflecting on the theme of serving others.

"You can always give without loving, but you can never love without giving."

Amy Carmichael; Christian missionary in India, established orphanages



Upcoming Events

13-17 Jul	Enrichment Week
13-17 Jul	Y12 Work Experience Week
Fri 17 Jul	School finishes at 1.10pm
Mon 7 Sept	Training Day (school closed to students)
Tue 8 Sept	Y7, 11 & 12 return to school
Wed 9 Sept	All year groups return to school

Roads, railways and water - Summer Safety

This week all students have been presented with guidance (below) around how to remain safe over the summer holidays, particularly on roads, railways and near open water. We would strongly encourage all families to reiterate these messages at home to ensure all of our school community remains safe over the summer break.

Chess Sets and Chess Pieces

If you have any unwanted chess sets or random chess pieces, please donate them to our eager players in the Resource Centre. We have an ever-growing group of chess players who would appreciate your generosity. Thank you.



Safety outside of school

Roads, railways and water!!

As we approach the summer holidays, I would like to remind all students of the importance of maintaining safe whilst out of school.

Road Safety: Stay Alert, Stay Safe!

- **Heads Up, Phones Down:** Don't look at your phone or text while crossing. Keep your eyes on the road.
- **Ditch the Headphones:** Keep at least one ear free so you can actually hear traffic coming.
- **See and Be Seen:** Cross only at designated crossings when the light is green for you. Never step out from behind parked cars or buses where drivers can't see you.
- **Don't Rush:** Getting somewhere 30 seconds faster is never worth risking your life.

Rail Safety: Stay Off the Tracks, Stay Alive!

- **Stay Off the Tracks:** Trespassing on railway lines is illegal and lethal. It takes a fast train the length of 20 football pitches to stop - even if the driver sees you, they cannot stop in time.
- **Beware the Hidden Danger:** Many tracks are electrified. The overhead wires and the "third rail" on the ground carry tens of thousands of volts. You don't even have to touch them to get a fatal electric shock; the current can jump.
- **Eyes Up at Crossings:** When using a level crossing, put your phone away and take your headphones off. Look both ways and listen carefully for warnings.
- **Keep Back from the Edge:** Always stay behind the yellow line on station platforms. The wind from a passing train can easily pull you under.

Water Safety: Respect the Water, Stay Safe!

- **Cold Water Shock is Real:** Even on a hot day, open water can be freezing. It can shock your body, making it hard to breathe or swim.
- **Never Swim Alone:** Always hang out in groups. If someone gets into trouble, you need someone there to call for help.
- **Don't jump into/swim in rivers.**
- **Float to Live:** If you fall in and panic, don't fight it. Tilt your head back, relax, and float on your back until you catch your breath.

Art - Work of the Week

Year 9 students have been working on their fantastic cardboard portrait project this half term. They have been so creative and have all produced some fab designs. Well done to all the Year 9s and special mention to Layla Thornton, Anton Ngan, Meleksu Zengin, Eliza Richardson, Blythe Cunningham-Cross, Seth Yeboah, Wyatt Wood and Sandy Stewart.



Inclusive Attendance Bronze Award

Archbishop Holgate's is proud to announce that following a 7-month implementation programme, we have achieved the Inclusive Attendance Bronze Award. We are driven by an unwavering commitment to making school attendance a top priority, fully integrated with every aspect of school improvement. Using the Inclusive Attendance Model – the first and only accredited programme providing the pedagogy of practice – we support children and families to connect, belong and thrive.



Please complete the survey - Do you find the weekly attendance percentage texts useful - [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD6xlcgyVpHfD_yFYDwQbRIF1rMN4zrTEL2u_luRkj2ZPGew/viewform?usp=publish-editor).

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York Choral Festival 2026

Over a thousand children from 32 choirs around the region came together to sing their hearts out as part of the York Schools' Choral Festival 2026. AHS had three choirs participating for the first time in the festivals history. The day started with a warm up involving all participants which moved quickly into workshops and guided rehearsals from professional musicians. AHS choirs then performed their songs and ended with a combined choir performance to parents and carers.

There were inspirational performances from young singers Jasmine Lowe (ex-AHS) and Benedict Barrington (Year 13). AHS Sixth Form students volunteered throughout the week to assist with tech and school support.



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.



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Summer Holiday Programme at SEND Central

SEND CENTRAL will be opening in person on a Wednesday and Thursday throughout the summer holidays with the following offer:

Parent Carer Forum York Navigator Drop-in, 9.30-4.00 - no booking needed - Wednesday 22, Thursday 23, Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 July, Wednesday 5, Thursday 6, Wednesday 12, Thursday 13, Wednesday 19, Thursday 20, Wednesday 26, Thursday 27 August, Wednesday 2, Thursday 3 September.

Youth Forum Summer of Fun, 1.00-2.30/3.30 - book via SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk - booking required - Wednesday 22, Wednesday 29 July, Wednesday 5 (1.00-3.30), Wednesday 12 (1.00-3.30), Wednesday 19, Wednesday 26 August, Wednesday 2 September.

Parent Carer Forum York Catch up and Cuppa, 1.00-2.30/3.30 - no booking needed - Wednesday 22, Wednesday 29 July, Wednesday 5 (1.00-3.30), Wednesday 12 (1.00-3.30), Wednesday 19, Wednesday 26 August, Wednesday 2 September.

School Wellbeing Service - Parent Carer Drop-in for support around young people's wellbeing and/or transitions, 1.00-3.00 - no booking needed - Thursday 23, Thursday 30 July, Thursday 6, Thursday 13, Thursday 20 August.

Rainbow Tots Inclusive Stay and Play, 10.00-11.30, 0-6 years-siblings welcome Thursday 6, 13, 20, 27 August, 3 September - no booking needed.

SENDIASS - In Person Bookable slots 10am - 2pm Thursday 6th August, 27th August. Booking via SEND CENTRAL

Elective Home Education Information Session, 11.00-12.00, Thursday 13 August - no booking needed.

Elective Home Education Session drop-in for families already home educating, 1.00-2.00, Thursday 13 August - no booking needed.

Post 16 Education and Employment Pathways with Specialist Learning and Employment Advisors, 12.00-1.00, Thursday 20 August - no booking needed.

Wellbeing In Mind Home Educating Workshop will continue on Mondays, 11.00-12.30 - no booking needed - Monday 20, 27 July, Monday 24 August, Monday 7 September.

The SEND CENTRAL Team, Tel: 01904 555076, Email: SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk

CYC needs your help to improve the Local Offer Website

We want to make sure the Local Offer website works well for families. We'd love to hear your feedback. Your views will help us improve the information, accessibility and overall experience.

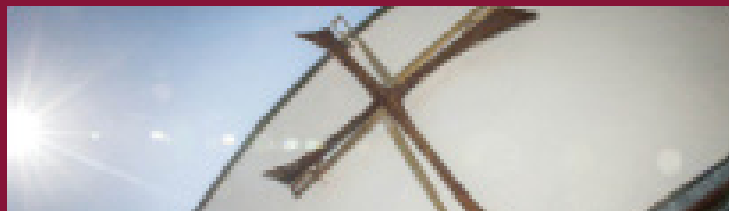
The survey only takes a few minutes to complete:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CYC-SENDLocalOfferReview26-Parents>

Thank you for helping us make the Local Offer better for everyone.



This Week's Sixth Form News



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

Key Dates

Y12 Work Experience - wc 13 July

Y13 and Y12 Results Day - Thursday 13 August

GCSE Results Day including AHS Sixth Form enrolment - Thursday 20 August

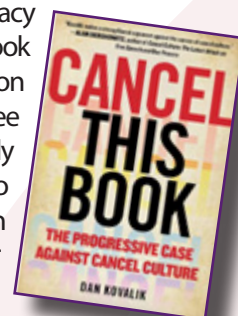
Book Recommendation

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.



Cancel This Book: The Progressive Case Against Cancel Culture by Dan Kovalik

In an era of social media, fake news, conspiracy theories and the cult of celebrity, this book will prove a provocative point of discussion for sixth-formers. Arguing squarely for free speech and natural justice, Dan Kovalik deftly espouses why cancel culture is a risk to democratic values and rational discussion and reasoned judgement. A great book for debating in book clubs and discussing in academic interviews.



School Menu - Monday 13 July

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mains	Chicken Curry Vegetable curry	Homemade pizza with various toppings	Pasta Bolognaise Bake Vegetable pasta Bake	Beef Burger in a Bun Vegetable Burger in a Bun	End of Term Extravaganza
On the side	Rice Naan bread	Coleslaw Garden Salad	Garlic Bread	Curly Fries	
Vegetables	Selection of seasonal vegetables served each day				
Snack selection	Baked Potato & fillings Selection of Homemade Sandwiches	Baked Potato & fillings Selection of Homemade Sandwiches	Baked Potato & fillings Selection of Homemade Sandwiches	Baked Potato & fillings Selection of Homemade sandwiches	
Family Favourites	A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	A selection of: Traybake/muffin Cookies Yogurt Fruit	



SPORTS DAY 2026



Congratulations to everyone for a fantastic day on Friday. We had the perfect weather for our annual Sports Day. With 1300 students from year 7 – 10 taking part in a carousel of activities throughout the day. Whether they were throwing a javelin, taking part in tug of war, running the relay or playing cricket, the sportsmanship and encouragement for all was an absolute delight to see.



CHAMPIONS 2026

Year 7		Total
1st	Micklegate	476
2nd	Walmgate	432
3rd	Monk	374
4th	Bootham	369

Year 8		Total
1st	Micklegate	538
2nd	Walmgate	529
3rd	Bootham	501
4th	Monk	448



Year 9		Total
1st	Bootham	435
2nd	Micklegate	428
3rd	Monk	419
4th	Walmgate	369

Year 10		Total
1st	Monk	576
2nd	Walmgate	559
3rd	Micklegate	510
4th	Bootham	491

Overall		Total
1st	Micklegate	1952
2nd	Walmgate	1889
3rd	Monk	1817
4th	Bootham	1796



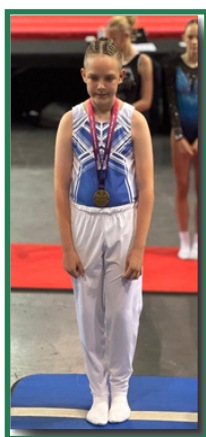
Physical Education Department

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



Trampolining Success

Huge congratulations to Oliver Matthewson, in Year 7. Last Saturday he proudly represented Yorkshire at the Inter-region competition in Birmingham Utilita Arena and WON!! He is the men's 11-12 level 1 champion. Out of 19 finalists across 13 regions including Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, he kept his cool delivering 2 perfectly executed clean routines and smashed it. He even picked up a PB for his time of flight.



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**



Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

Huge well done to the second group of DofE participants for their efforts on the final AHS expedition of the year. Lots of teamwork on display, which was great to see.

The next task is to complete the physical, skill and volunteering sections so that you can complete the award. DofE Silver is up for grabs in Year 11, followed by Gold in AHS Sixth Form.

Thanks to all of the staff that have helped throughout the year with assessment and supervision.



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:
Jlm@gmail.com Tel: 07834257984