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School Newsletter 605

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Friday 9 October 2026

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



It has been another busy week at Archbishop Holgate's School.

I am delighted that preparations for our production of High School Musical are underway. Following recorded auditions and face-to-face callbacks, the main cast has now been announced. Every student who auditioned will have a place in the show, bringing together our students' talents in singing, dancing, music and acting. We are thrilled to have a school show back and look forward to bringing a little West End magic to our corner of York!

This week, Miss Battison, our Assistant Headteacher, led an act of collective worship focused on Black History Month. This provided an important opportunity to learn about the past, consider how it shapes our future and reflect on our Christian values of Compassion, Trust, Forgiveness and Justice.

Year 9 also welcomed an external company for a performance exploring the dangers of addiction and vaping. Drama can make these important messages particularly powerful and memorable, helping students reflect on the choices they make.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another rewarding week ahead.

Lucie Pond
Headteacher

Food for Thought



This week in our Chapel Collective Worship Rev Laura explored the theme of Koinonia (a New Testament Greek word that means deep fellowship, communion, joint participation, and sharing in common).

In our Form Tutor Act of Collective Worship our theme was 'How Do You See the World?' We have looked at the importance of listening before judging, lessons from the life of Helen Keller and Jesus' instruction in Luke's gospel that we should "Love our neighbour as you love yourself".

MAIN SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 14 October, 6.00pm

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Art & Textiles - Work of the Week

Skull lino reduction print for A Level personal project, part of a series of skull works by Holly.



Personal project based on York's chocolate history. Dry paint media picturing the Goddard's house by Yasmina.



Year 11 textiles students are flourishing in their development work. They are confidently working with new textures, arrangements and 3D structures. They are creating models to develop fabric patterns for their final pieces, whilst using an array of media, colour and texture.



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!

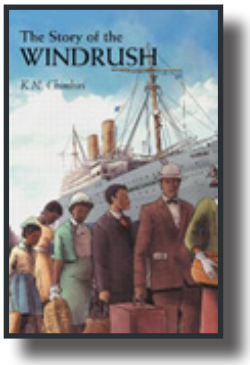
This Week's School News



Book of the Month - October

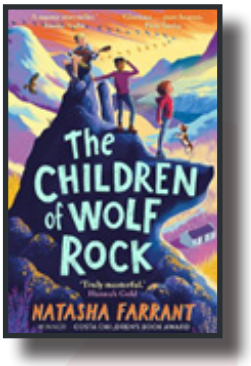
With October being 'Black History Month' and 'Teen Read' Month, here are this month's book recommendations for Year 7, KS3 and KS4. We have copies of these in our libraries so students can pop along at break or lunch if they'd like to borrow one. They will also be available at the Merit Mart. Happy reading!

Year 7 - The Story of the Windrush



A book to celebrate the inspiring legacy of the Windrush pioneers. In June 1948, hundreds of Caribbean men, women and children arrived in London on a ship called the HMT Empire Windrush. Although there were already Black people living in Britain at the time, this event marks the beginning of modern Black Britain. Combines historical fact with voices from the Windrush Generation. Tells the inspiring story of the Windrush Generation pioneers for younger readers. With full colour illustration. Find it in the Year 7 Library…

KS3 - The Children of Wolf Rock



High in the mountains of western Scotland, there is a loch, and on its shores there is a castle, and in that castle there is a school . . . Stormy Loch Academy is like no other teaching establishment. For one, its headmaster, Major Fortescue, believes in sharing the beauty of the world with his students, so that they will have the courage to fight for it. For Minna, Kass and Tom it proves to be the safe haven from their chaotic home lives, giving them all a chance to breathe freely, and to roam the valleys and lakes on their doorstep. But then they come across Addie, an older ex-student, hiding out in the wild, with only her guitar and her dog for company . . . At first they believe her stories, but when she goes missing, the lies she has told start to emerge. With Addie at risk, Minna, Kass and Tom must travel to London to uncover her past. The journey is dangerous, especially for those so young… But these are the children of Stormy Loch, and bravery and adventure runs through their bones… Find it

KS4 - Glasgow Boys



Two boys can't remember the last time they had a hug. Meet Finlay. He's studying for his nursing degree at Glasgow University, against all the odds. But coming straight from care means he has no support network. How can he write essays, find paid work and NOT fall for the beautiful boy at uni, when he's struggling to even feed himself? Meet Banjo. He's trying to settle in with his new foster family and finish high school. But he can't forget all that has happened, and his anger and fear keep boiling over. How can he hold on to the one good person in his life, when his outbursts keep threatening his already uncertain future? Can Finlay and Banjo let go of the past before it drags them under? (*Parents/Carers to check content - contains strong language.) Find it in the Resource Centre…

Contacting School Staff

A reminder that if you would like to contact a member of staff, please use the main school email address - reception@ahs.pmat.academy - wherever possible. We have found that emails sent directly to individual staff email addresses can sometimes be filtered into spam folders and may therefore not be seen promptly.

Staff will always endeavour to respond as soon as possible, but please allow up to 48 hours for a response. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Upcoming Events

Wed 14 Oct	School finishes at 1.30pm
Wed 14 Oct	Open Evening
Wed 21 Oct	Y7 Parent Welcome Evening
26-30 Oct	Half Term
Mon 2 Nov	Students return
Wed 4 Nov	Y12/13 Form Tutor Evening

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.

This Week's Sixth Form News



Message from Miss Gavin, Assistant Head: Director of Sixth Form

Visit by Ukrainian Students

This week our sixth form update and 'student spotlight' is all about the five Ukrainian students (Dasha, Sasha, Anya, Koyla and Arina) who have spent the last 10 days with us and the school community. They have had an immersive sixth form experience by attending form time, 'tasting' a variety of lessons and they even delivered an active collective worship to Year 12 students about what it has been like growing up in Ukraine since the outbreak of the war. On their final day with us, they spent their lunch with some of our student leaders summarising the time they'd had here in the UK and the overwhelming highlight was 'fish and chips on Scarborough beach'. Before they left, Racheal Maskell had been invited to speak with the students about their experience of Ukraine and together they penned a letter to Andy Burnham regarding this which she said she would deliver on her next visit to No10. Our school captains, Amy and Sam, got to watch this exchange and commented on how memorable it was.



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 - James Scott, 7TSt
KS3 German - Jan Kucharek, 7MDw
KS3 Spanish - Millie Brett, 7LAy
KS4 French - Phoebe Beard, 11Kx
KS4 German - Tyler Scott, 10MLn
KS4 Spanish - Sandy Stewart, 10JSt



ParentPay

Thank you to all those who have been in touch regarding their ParentPay accounts.

Please do keep an eye on your child's account and allowances. If you require any support, please email ahs.finance@pmat.academy



Instrumental and Vocal Lessons

Archbishop Holgate's provides instrumental and vocal lessons through a freelance system. Fees are paid directly to the Instrumental/vocal tutor per term and in advance by the date of the first lesson of term. Students will receive a minimum of 10 lessons per term (30 per year). Lessons take place at different times each week, so that lessons in other subjects are not regularly affected.

Students can access a Bursary for help with funding lessons through York Music Hub. You can find out more information on the school website: Archbishopholgates.academy/ahs-journey/music-tuition/

Please contact the Head of Music via reception for further information.

VACANCIES

Archbishop Holgate's School

Cleaning Assistant
Site Supervisor
Teacher of Maths

For more information visit:
www.archbishopholgates.academy/staff/vacancies

Pathfinder MAT is an equal opportunities employer, committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
Enhanced DBS check will be required.

As part of our due diligence process, an online search will be carried out on all shortlisted candidates.

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Welcoming 'Hooked' - Empowering our students to make healthy choices



We were delighted to welcome Performance in Education to our school for their acclaimed Theatre in Education production, 'Hooked'. Delivered to our Year 9 students, this dynamic performance and interactive workshop tackled one of the most pressing health topics facing young people today: vaping, smoking, and nicotine addiction.

What the Students Experienced

Through a compelling live drama featuring relatable young characters, students were taken behind the scenes of youth culture, social media influence, and peer pressure. The production directly addressed common misconceptions surrounding vaping (dispelling the myth that it is entirely harmless) and highlighted the physical, financial, and emotional costs of nicotine dependence.

Following the performance, students took part in an interactive workshop that allowed them to:

- Unpack Peer Influence: Analyse realistic social scenarios and practise practical refusal strategies to stand their ground confidently.
- Understand the Science: Examine the mechanics of addiction and the impact of nicotine on developing minds and bodies.
- Access Local Support: Learn about local NHS and community health resources available in York for young people seeking guidance or support.

Why This Matters

Vaping technology and marketing often present a sanitised image that appeals to teenagers. Hooked provided an engaging, non-judgemental environment for our Year 9 students to examine these influences critically, question risk-taking behaviours, and build the resilience needed to make informed, healthy decisions.

Continuing the Conversation at Home

School workshops are most impactful when reinforced by open conversations at home. We encourage you to use the performance as a conversation starter with your teenager. A few gentle prompts you might use include:

- "What was the main storyline in the Hooked performance you saw at school?"
- "Did anything about the facts on vaping or nicotine surprise you?"
- "What strategies did the characters use to deal with peer pressure?"

If you would like further information on youth health support or advice on talking to your teenager about vaping, please visit the City of York Health Trainers service or contact the school directly.

School Parliament: First Meeting of the Academic Year

Our School Parliament convened for its first official meeting of the new academic year, bringing student representatives together to discuss high-priority initiatives designed to benefit the entire school community.

Key Topics and Uniform Review



The primary focus of this initial session was reviewing school policies and identifying positive changes to enhance student experience. A major topic on the agenda was a thorough review of the current school uniform, with a specific focus on the PE uniform. Student representatives evaluated current options to ensure the sports kit remains practical, comfortable, and fit for purpose.

Following this student-led review, proposals for updates to the PE uniform will be shared with parents and carers for consultation in the near future, giving families the opportunity to share their views before any final decisions are made.

Looking Ahead: UK Parliament Week and Elections

The meeting also set the stage for an engaging term ahead as the school prepares to participate in UK Parliament Week. This annual national event will give all students the chance to explore democracy, participate in debates, and see student leadership in action.

To ensure full representation across all year groups, the Parliament is also preparing for upcoming elections to appoint new Year 7 and Year 12 representatives. These positions will allow our newest main school and sixth form students to bring fresh perspectives, represent their peers, and help shape future school projects.

Continuing Student Leadership

Student voice remains central to our school ethos. We encourage any Year 7 or Year 12 pupils interested in running for election to speak with their form tutors or current Parliament members to learn more about taking on a leadership role this term.

SUPER7

Our Year 7 students this week have been presented with the 'Super 7 Challenge'. Their challenge is to fulfil the 'Joining in' aspect of their AHS Journey. Students are able to do this by taking part in as many extra curricular activities as they can, either at lunch time or after school. Students can collect a booklet from the school Merit Mart.

At the end of the half term students can then post their completed booklets in the post box at the Merit Mart, where they will be awarded house merits and winners awarded a prize.

REWARD & RECOGNITION

Head of Year Award Winners

We have 100's of nominations for the first round of our Head of Year Awards. I am absolutely delighted to announce this weeks winners:

Year 7	
Poppy Buxton	Poppy has shown amazing resilience this week. She has set a great example to other students (and staff!) on how to overcome adversity by joining in during the 7 in 7 challenge despite being on crutches.
Paislee Barrow	ALWAYS going above and beyond in lessons and completing optional homework to a really high standard.

Year 8	
Joshua Ainsworth	Fantastic Art homework. Above and beyond
Emily McCue	Historian of the Week!

Year 9	
Hattie Handley	Fantastic effort in the 7:7 challenge. Well Done!
Billy Brett	Fantastic effort in the 7:7 challenge. Well Done!

Year 10	
Sonny Spadone	Consistently brilliant in science
Owen Oliver	being kind to others

Year 11	
Maria Cardoso	Outstanding start in English. Summer holiday HW project completed to an exceptionally high standard, as is Maria's first teacher marked HW. There is evidence of so much hard work going into English and it is really paying off for Maria. Well done for such an incredible start in Y11 :)
Elise Atkin	Elise has had a fantastic start in English - she's shown resilience and determination and is completing all work to such a high standard. A really impressive attitude towards learning - well done!

Year 13	
Dan Norris	Fantastic effort in the 7 x 7 challenge running over 20km
Eslem Kuccukoylu	Great start to Y13

Some key dates for you:

- AHS Merit Mart has now reopened its doors! It will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Headteacher Award nominations will begin towards the end of the half term.
- Headteacher Award winners will receive a letter prior to the October half term.

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	

AHS Personal Development Hub and Merit Mart

I am thrilled to announce that the AHS Personal Development Hub and Merit Mart has opened its doors again.

At the Personal Development Hub, students are able to collect information about everyday life, extra curricular activities, trips and visits and careers. There will also be a number of opportunities for students to be able 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: 1.00-2.00pm, Tuesday/ Wednesday/Thursday.



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Lunchtime Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS4+5 Chess Club Y10-13 13:30 / SC4 / Mr Tilbrook	Werewolf Card Game Y7/8 13:30/ Hi1/ Mrs Field	MFL Film Club Y7 Only 13:30 / ML4 / Miss Leplâtre	Badminton Exam Classes 13:30/ Sports Hall/ Mr Goldsmith	Anti Bullying Ambassadors All years welcome 13:30 / L34 / Mrs Kitney
Writers' Book Club All Years Welcome 3:30 - 4pm EN5 / Miss Donnell	History Society Years 11-13 13:30 / Hi2 / Mr Walker	Science Club Y7 Only 1:40 / Sc3 / Mr Bhatti	Pokemon Club All welcome 13:15/ Hl4/ Mr Oldroyd	KS3 Chess Club Y7-9 13:30 / SC4 / Mr Tilbrook
Senior Soul Band Years 10 - 13 L40	Wildlife drawing Y7/8 13:30 / Ar2 / Ms Halifax	Yayoi Kusama Art Club 1:35 / AR3 / Mrs Dugdale	String Ensemble All welcome L40/13:30	PE and Sport Exam Support Y10 - 12 13:30/ IT4
	Basketball Y8 and 9 13:30/ Gym/ Mr Hartley	Werewolf Card Game Y9-11 13:30 /Hi1/ Mrs Field	Guitar Club All welcome L37/13:30	Academy Choir All years welcome 13:30/L37/Mr Starkie
	Junior Soul Band Years 7 - 9 L40 13:30 - 14:10	Music TECH Club All welcome L40 13:30 - 14:10		Feel Good Friday Run by our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors 13:30 - 14:10
	Acafellas (Boys Choir) All years welcome 13:30/L37/Mr Starkie			

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After School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y10 - 11 Homework Club 15:15-16:00 / BS1	Y10 - 11 Homework Club 15:15-16:00 / BS1	Y10 - 11 Homework Club 15:15-16:00 / BS1	Y10 - 11 Homework Club 15:15-16:00 / BS1	Computer Gaming - All years 15:15-16:00 / BS1
Y8 - 9 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 / BS2	Y8 - 9 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 / BS2	Y8 - 9 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 / BS2	Y8 - 9 Homework Club 15:15 - 16:00 / BS2	Y7 Homework Club 15:15-16:00 / EN 1
Badminton - All years 15:15 - 16:15 Sports Hall	Netball Y9 - 11 15:15 - 16:15 Courts	Y7 Homework Club 15:15-16:00 / EN 1	Debate Club - All years 15.20-16.20 EN9	AHS Resonance Choir Year 10 - 13 L37 (Invitation Only)
Netball Y7 - 8 15:15 - 16:15 Netball Courts	Boys Football Y7 15:15 - 16:15 Back Field		Needlecraft - All years 15:20-16:00 RE6	
Girls Football Y9 - 11 15:15 - 16:15 - Back Field	Girls Football Y7 - 8 15:15 - 16:15 - Back Field		Girls Fitness - All years 15:15 - 16:15 - Fitness Suite	
Rugby Y7 - 9 15:15 - 16:15 - Front Field	Fitness Y9 - 11 15:15 - 16:15 - Fitness Suite		Boys Football Y8 - 10 15:15 - 16:15 Back Field	
Dance Club (Starts 21/09) All years 15:15 - 16:15 - Gym	Table Tennis Y7 - 8 15:15 - 16:15 Studio		Y7 Homework Club 15:15-16:00 / EN 1	
Y7 Homework Club 15:15-16:00 / EN 1	Y7 Homework Club 15:15-16:00 / EN 1		Bring Your Own Console Club All years 15:15 - 16:15 / IT3	
Resonance All years welcome 15:15/Studio	Dead Poets Society All years 15:25 - 16:30 / EN8		Orchestra All years 15:15 - 16:15/L37	

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EXTRA CURRICULAR PE CLUBS UP TO OCT HALF TERM.

DAY	LUNCH	Venue	Time
MON			
TUE	Basketball Year 8 & 9 (WHy) BTEC Sport Support Year 13 (Be)	Gym	1.30
WED			1.30
THU	Badminton Exam Classes Year 10, 11, 12 (Gs)	SH	1.30
FRI	PE & Sport Exam Support Year 10, 11, 12 (Gs & WHy)	IT4	1.30

After School Plus Fixtures	Venue	Time
Dance Club All Years (Danielle) From 21/09	Gym	
Badminton All Years (Be)	SH	
Netball Year 7 & 8 (NAm)	Courts	3.15 – 4.15
Girls' Football Year 9 -11 (EWr)	Back Field	
Rugby Year 7, 8 & 9 (LBr & Gs)	Front Field	
Primary Festivals Y9 Sports Leaders (Be & Wd)	SH	3.15 – 5.00
Netball Year 9, 10 & 11 (Be)	Courts	
Boys Football Year 7 (LBr & WHy)	Back Field	
Girls' Football Year 7 & 8 (EWr)	Back Field	3.15 – 4.15
Fitness Years 9 – 11 (Sl)	Fitness Suite	
Table Tennis Year 7 & 8 (John & Gs)	Studio	
Meetings		
Girls' Fitness All Years (EWr)	Fitness Suite	3.15 – 4.15
Boys' Football Year 8, 9, 10 (LBr & WHy)	Back Field	3.15 – 4.15

Trainers only at lunchtime and full school PE kit for after school.

Class charts needed by all students and parents for fixture consent.

School Menu - Monday 12 October

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mains	Gammon & Pineapple Cheese & Onion Quiche	Honey, Soy & Ginger Sticky Chicken Vegetable Enchiladas (Vegan)	School closed Half day Morning Break Extravaganza	Beef Chilli Con Carni Vegan Bean Chilli (V)	Freshly Battered Fish Veggie Nuggets V
On the side	Oven Baked Herby Diced Potatoes	Dirty Rice		Rice Nachos Salsa & Sour Cream	Chips Mushy peas Curry sauce
Vegetable	*Selection of Seasonal Vegetables served each day*				
Snack option & Daily Special	*Baked jacket potato & fillings* Homemade sandwiches	*Baked jacket potato & fillings* Homemade sandwiches		*Baked jacket potato & fillings* Homemade sandwiches	*Baked jacket potato & fillings* Homemade sandwiches
Family Favourites	Oaty Pear Crumble & Custard *A selection of:* *Traybake/muffin* *Cookies* *Yogurt* *Fruit*	Jam Sponge & Custard *A selection of:* *Traybake/muffin* *Cookies* *Yogurt* *Fruit*		Apple Pie & Cream *A selection of:* *Traybake/muffin* *Cookies* *Yogurt* *Fruit*	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce *A selection of:* *Traybake/muffin* *Cookies* *Yogurt* *Fruit*


Tang Hall
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TANG HALL
SMART
Open Evening
4th November 5pm - 7pm
PERSONALISED POST 16 LEARNING FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE WITH AN EHCP
Tang Hall SMART C.I.C. is a post 16 education provider for young people with an EHCP or other means of funding.
Join us at The CentreBurnholme to meet our team, see our fantastic facilities and learn more about our post 16 education programmes.
Email sueetanghallsmart.com for more information and to reserve a place at our open evening.
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tanghallsmart.com

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ATTENDANCE

Autumn Newsletter



A warm welcome to the AHS Attendance Newsletter

Our Mission - The Best for the Students
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.' John 10:10

This newsletter focuses on promoting excellent attendance in school to get the best for the young people in our care. The newsletter is an avenue for attendance information and support so we can work together as a community to improve students' life chances.

We want to work with families and students to get the best for each individual student. We are committed to ensuring that every child has every opportunity to flourish, grow in confidence and make the most of their individual gifts and talents.

YOU belong HERE

Attendance is a national priority and we are clear on our aim at AHS → students **connect**, **belong** and **thrive**.

Why is good attendance so important?

Attendance is at the heart of great progress, developing social skills and friendships. Regular school attendance promotes social and emotional growth as well as academic success.

At AHS we aim for students to have 96% + attendance to make most of everything the school has to offer.

Whilst 89% is a positive achievement in an examination/test, 89% attendance would warrant a significant level of concern. A child with 89% attendance at the end of an academic year will have missed 21 days of school (over four school weeks and 100 lessonsmissed).

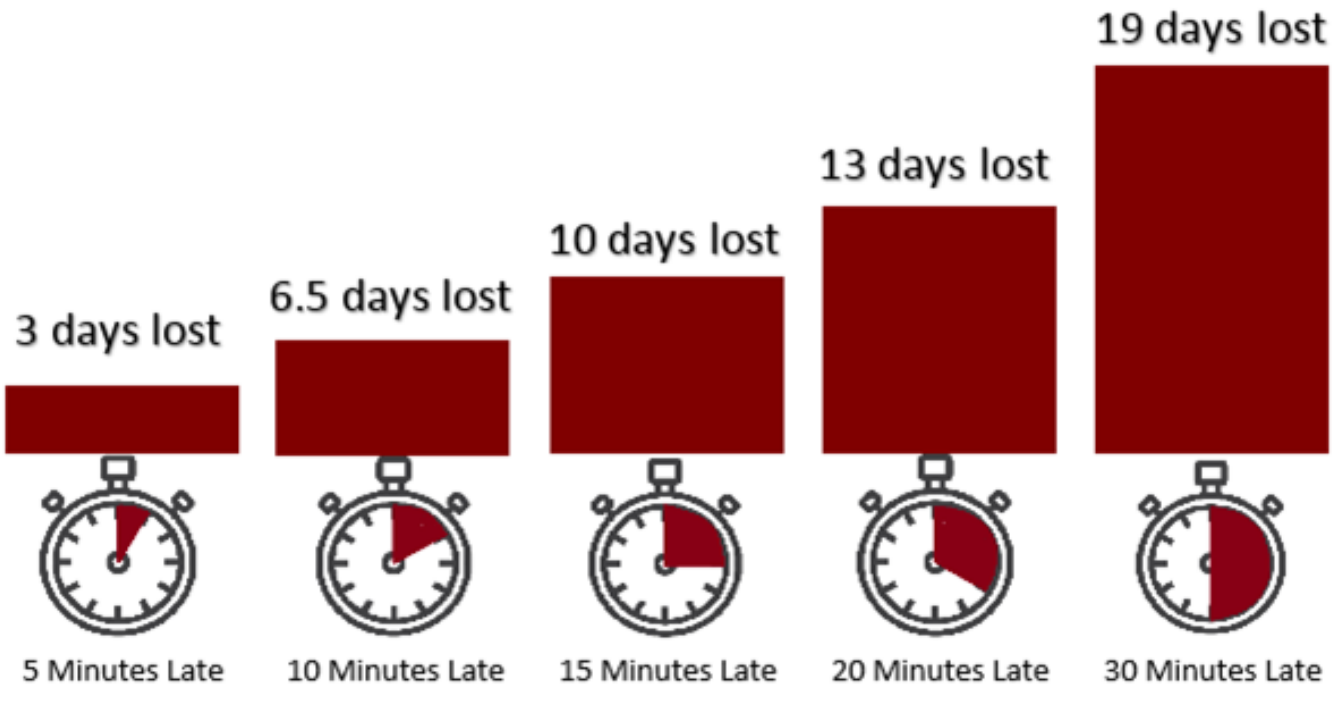
At AHS during the 25/26 academic year, students with 95%+ attendance received an average grade of 7.7 (very strong and above national average), while those that attended <85% received an average grade of 2.95.

Excellent	100-99%
Good	98-96%
Concern	95-91%
Persistently Absent	<90%
Critical	<85%

Punctuality

Arriving on time prevents the embarrassment or classroom disruption caused by lateness whilst also reducing the amount of lost learning.

We expect our students to be in school to register no later than 8:45am each morning.



SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

- Student first approach - students have a dedicated form tutor to guide and support them at each stage of their journey.
- The AHS Journey - the opportunity to reflect upon and identify their own character whilst understanding their place within the wider world.
- Comprehensive rewards system to recognise great effort and achievements.
- Three designated attendance officers with daily outreach work.
- Bespoke support for students who have medical or mental health concerns.
- Two dedicated non-teaching pastoral staff per each year group.
- A school nurse and a school counsellor.
- Wellbeing in Mind Team support students with school related anxiety.
- Online ‘report it’ function for students to raise concerns.
- ClassCharts App to show students positives and for key messages.
- Parent/carer calls and meetings to support.
- Designated areas in school to support students
- A host of enrichment opportunities within and outside of school time including enrichment week, inter house competitions, school trips, charity and volunteering.









Raise York
Your Family Hub Network

People, places and online support for children, young people and families.

raiseyork.co.uk

HOW PARENTS/CARER CAN SUPPORT THEIR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE

- Support your child to attend school every day.
- Celebrate the positives from your child's day using the ClassCharts app.
- Avoid term time holidays.
- Organise appointments outside of school time.
- Contact the school early if your child has any worries or shows signs of anxiety.
- Promote healthy routines by having consistent bed times and helping children pack their bags and organise their uniform the night before.
- Attend parents evenings and in-school events.
- Know routines of the school day to avoid issues, e.g. ensuring children have their PE kits on the right days and arrive promptly.



NHS

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Coughs and colds	It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.
High temperature	If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.
Chickenpox	If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.
Cold sores	There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore. Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.
Conjunctivitis	You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.
Head lice and nits	There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.
Sore Throat	You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.
Vomiting and diarrhoea	Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they feel able to return.

Please visit the NHS wesbite for full details: www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Absences at Archbishop Holgate's School

Unplanned Absence
Where possible parents/carers should attempt to arrange non-school activities outside of the school day. Parents should contact school via telephone (01904 411341) before 8:30am on the day of absence if it is an unplanned absence E.g. illness.

Authorised Absences
An authorised absence is when the school has given approval for an absence. If it is a planned absence please complete a leave of absence form on our school website or email attendanceteam@ahs.pmat.academy.

Attendance home visits will be undertaken on day 1 of absence if there has been no contact from home and welfare checks will be conducted on day 3 and 5 of absence to offer additional support to students and families. During the GCSE mock and final exam periods, any Y11 students absent during exam times will be visited at home that morning to offer support for exam access.

Examples of authorised absences include:

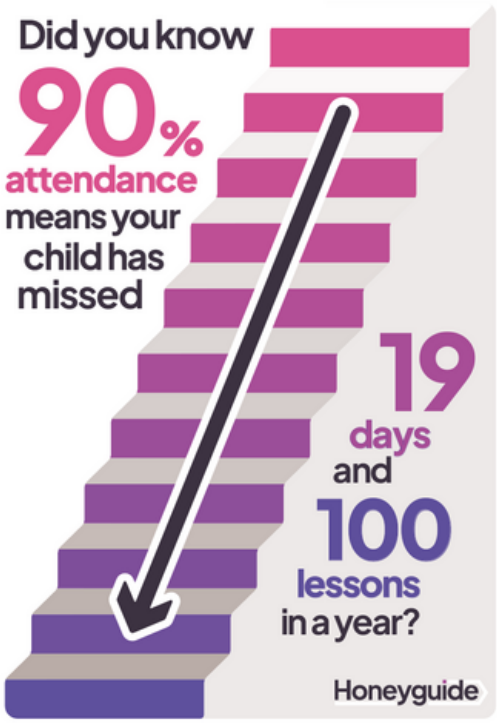
- A medical appointment
- A family bereavement and/or attendance at a funeral
- A religious observance
- A visit to a college, either to attend an open day or for an interview
- A careers interview
- An appointment with a Youth & Family Support Service personal advisor/CAMHS/MIND counsellor
- Elite sporting competitions
- Examinations
- Performing Arts examinations

Term Time Holidays
You are required under the Education Act (1996) to ensure your child attends school regularly.

School attendance fines in England cost £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid between 22 and 28 days. A second fine for the same child within 3 years skips the lower rate and costs £160 immediately. If you receive a third unauthorised absence or exceed two fines, the local council may bypass further penalty notices and move straight to prosecution in a magistrates' court. This can lead to fines of up to £2,500, community orders, or a jail sentence of up to 3 months

Government information on holiday fines can be found here https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/.

For any term time holiday requests please complete our absence request form.



Please get in touch if you have any worries or concerns about your child. We have a supportive and proactive leadership team ready to help.

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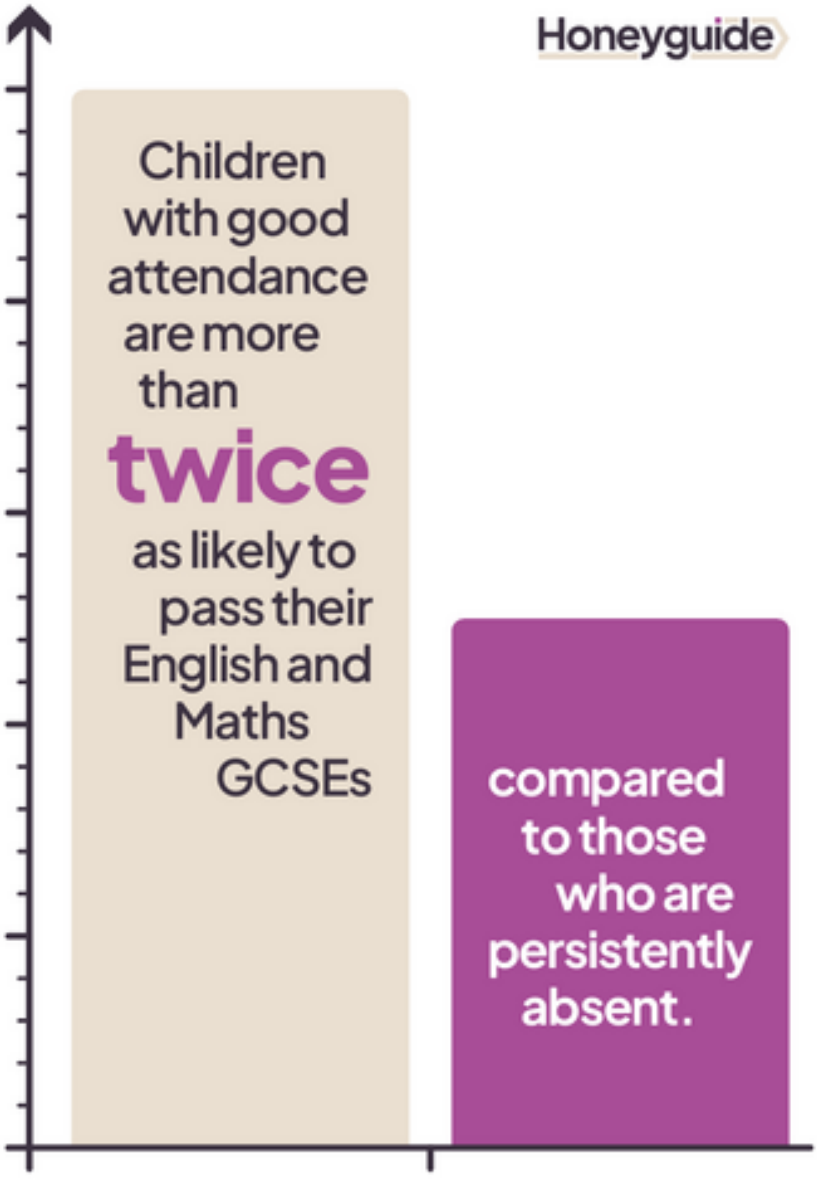
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OCTOBER 2026 ONE OFF SESSIONS AT SEND CENTRAL IN COLLABORATION WITH PARENT CARER FORUM YORK

Thursday 1st October 7pm - 8pm Transitioning to Secondary School with an Education Health and Care Plan- ONLINE

An information session led by the SEND casework team around applying for Secondary Schools when your child or young person has an Educational Health and Care Plan- this session is ideally for parents and carers of children who are in Year 5& may be helpful for year 6. Email SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk for MS Teams joining instructions.

Monday 5th October 1pm- 2pm How to Best Support Your Child with Reframing Demands when Life Feels Overwhelming.

A workshop for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND led by colleagues from Danesgate Community around how to best support in de-escalating difficult situations when your child is experiencing distress. This will be focusing on presenting behaviours, what this may be communicating and thinking about how we can reframe demands to best support your child. No booking needed - held at SEND CENTRAL

Monday 12th October 1pm – 2pm Recognising Big Emotions in Primary aged children

A one off session led by the School Wellbeing Service for parents and carers to pop in and seek some advice and have a look at different resources that may support your child when experiencing big emotions for primary aged children. No booking needed - held at SEND CENTRAL

Tuesday 13th October 1pm - 2.30pm Barriers to School Attendance

An information session led by the Educational Psychology Team around understanding barriers to school attendance and how to support your child or young person when they are experiencing significant barriers to school engagement. This session will focus on introducing the WARMTH framework, wellbeing and energy accounting. No booking needed - held at SEND CENTRAL

Tuesday 20th October 2pm – 3pm PCF Listening Event - The plans for SEND Reform in York

Join York's Head of SEND, Principal Educational Psychologist, Specialist Teaching Team Manager and Parent Carer forum for an information session where we will share updates on York's SEND Local Area Reform Plan and the work taking place following the proposals outlined in the white paper Every Child Achieving and Thriving and the national consultation that closed in May 2026. We want to hear from parents and carers and would value your involvement in helping to shape future support for children and young people in education. No booking needed - held at SEND CENTRAL

Thursday 22nd October from 1pm- School Admissions appointments

Providing information, advice and guidance for parents and carers applying for a mainstream school place especially those who might be applying for reception or Year 7 school places for September 2027. Parents and carers for children with an EHCP should speak to their SEN Caseworker and website https://www.yorksend.org/education-childcare-0-25/applying-school-place-york
Email SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk to book your 20 min appointment.

Friday 23rd October 11am - 12pm Post 16 Education and Employment Pathways

The City of York Council Specialist Learning and Employment Advisor Team (SLEAT) will offer an information on support and pathways that may be available for young people Post 16 in York. The session will include information about the Specialist Learning and Employment Advisor Team (SLEAT) and the support they might be able to offer, as well as information about Post-16 employment pathways such as Supported Internships.

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Think Together at SEND CENTRAL
October 2026

Think Together supports children and young people when mental health difficulties first arise. Their team can offer advice, information, and signposting to local services. They also provide a range of workshops. This month Think Together are delivering the following workshops at SEND CENTRAL.

Wednesday 7th October 10am - 11.30am - Understanding ADHD and how to refer for an assessment in CAMHS.

This workshop has been designed to support parents/carers to learn more about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). This workshop features identifying common characteristics of ADHD and how to access an ADHD assessment with specialist CAMHS services. We will provide information and resources to inform support strategies and adjustments to manage support needs.
We would recommend this workshop for parents/carers considering an ADHD assessment or if their child has been recently diagnosed to help support understanding.

Wednesday 14th October 10am - 11.30 Understanding Autism and how to refer for an assessment in CAMHS.

This workshop has been designed to support parents/carers to learn more about Autism. This workshop features identifying common characteristics of Autism and how to access an autism assessment with specialist CAMHS. We will provide information and resources to inform support strategies and adjustments to manage support needs that can present with Autism.
We would recommend this workshop for parents/carers considering an autism assessment or if their child has been recently diagnosed to help support understanding.

Wednesday 21st October 10am - 11.30 Energy Accounting Theory: Helping manage energy levels with Autistic young people.

Energy accounting is an idea developed by autistic psychologist, Maja Toudal. It uses the idea of a bank account, where the withdrawals and deposits are energy rather than money. Many autistic people find this idea useful as it provides a way of thinking about managing stress and energy levels. Energy accounting is something that you can use yourself, or that others around you can help you with. This workshop will introduce energy accounting, how we can plan into a daily week and how to build ourselves up when already low on energy.

No Booking NeededAll held at SEND CENTRAL, Children's Centre on the site of Clifton Green Primary School, Water Lane York YO30 6JA Tel: 01904 555076 Email: SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk

5th October - 9th Oct 2026

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SEND CENTRAL Pop Up Event at The Avenues Family Hub 10.30am - 12pm. Pop in and speak to a Navigator if you have any queries around SEND	**SEND Casework Duty Worker** **10am-2pm** Advice and information bookable slots. Please book via SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk or call 01904 555076	**Early Years SEND Playgroup- YIKs 10am - 11.30am** All welcome no booking required	**YIKS Parent/carer SEND drop in** **9.30am-11am** All Welcome no booking required	Bookable Appointments around **preparation for adulthood**. If you contact our navigator at SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk with a brief summary we can book an appointment with an education, health or social care practitioner.
Wellbeing in Mind- Elective Home Education Workshop 11am -12.30pm	**SENDIASS** **10am-2pm** **Bookable slots throughout the day.** **Please book via SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk**	**Think Together Workshop 10am - 11.30am -** Understanding ADHD and how to refer for an assessment in CAMHS.	**Family Matters Handling Anger in the family** **10-12 Book at www.fmy.org.uk**	**YIKS Autism Hub** **4.30pm- 6.30pm** Bookable only via YIKs
INFORMATION SESSION 1pm-2pm: How to Best Support Your Child with Reframing Demands when Life Feels Overwhelming.	**Portage Music Group** **1.30pm-2.30pm** Workshop- Invite only	**Course: Supporting Children with SEND 12.30-2.30** https://book.yorklearning.org.uk/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=43366	**Course: Early Start, Play Speak and Learn together 10-12am** https://book.yorklearning.org.uk/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=43313	
Wellbeing in Mind - Elective Home Education consultation appointments available throughout the day - please email SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk to book an appointment.	**YIKS Autism Hub 4.30-6.30**	**Specialist Autism Teaching Team** **1.30pm-2.30pm** Drop in All welcome no booking required	**Healthy Child Team** **9am - 12pm** Drop in **2pm -3.30pm** 4 month workshop- invite only.	
YIKS Autism Hub **4.30pm- 6.30pm** Bookable Only via YIKS	**YIKS Siblings Group** **6.45pm- 8.00pm**	**YIKS Autism Hub** **4.30pm- 6.30pm** Bookable Only via YIKS	**YIKS Post 16 Group** **6.30pm -8pm**	

12th October - 16th Oct 2026

This week at SEND CENTRAL

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Wellbeing in Mind- Elective Home Education Workshop 11am -12.30pm	**SEND Casework Duty Worker** **10am-2pm** Advice and information bookable slots. Please book via SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk or call 01904 555076	**Early Years SEND Playgroup- Portage 10am - 11.30am** All welcome no booking required	**YIKS Parent/carer SEND drop in** **9.30am-11am** All Welcome no booking required	Bookable Appointments around **preparation for adulthood**. If you contact our navigator at SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk with a brief summary we can book an appointment with an education, health or social care practitioner.
Wellbeing in Mind - Elective Home Education consultation appointments available throughout the day - please email SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk to book an appointment.	**Barriers to School Attendance 1-2.30 led by the Educational Psychology Service**	**Think Together Workshop 10am - 11.30 Understanding Autism and how to refer for an assessment in CAMHS.**	**Family Matters Handling Anger in the family 10-12 Book at www.fmy.org.uk**	**YIKS Autism Hub** **4.30pm- 6.30pm** Bookable only via YIKs
Information Session 1pm – 2pm Recognising Big Emotions in Primary aged children - with the wellbeing in school service - no booking needed	**Portage Music Group** **1.30pm-2.30pm** Workshop- Invite only	**Course: Supporting Children with SEND 12.30-2.30** https://book.yorklearning.org.uk/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=43366	**Course: Early Start, Play Speak and Learn together 10-12am** https://book.yorklearning.org.uk/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=43313	
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19th October - 23rd Oct 2026

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Wellbeing in Mind- Elective Home Education Workshop 11am -12.30pm	**SEND Casework Duty Worker** **10am-2pm** Advice and information bookable slots. Please book via SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk or call 01904 555076	**Early Years SEND Playgroup- Rainbow Tots** **10am - 11.30am** All welcome no booking required	**Family Matters Handling Anger in the family** **10-12 Book at www.fmy.org.uk**	Bookable Appointments around **preparation for adulthood**. If you contact our navigator at SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk with a brief summary we can book an appointment with an education, health or social care practitioner.
Wellbeing in Mind - Elective Home Education consultation appointments available throughout the day - please email SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk to book an appointment.	**Portage Music Group** **1.30pm-2.30pm** Workshop- Invite only	**Think Together Workshop 10am - 11.30 Energy Accounting Theory: Helping manage energy levels with Autistic young people.**	**Course: Early Start, Play Speak and Learn together 10-12am** https://book.yorklearning.org.uk/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=43313	11am - 12pm Post 16 Education and Employment Pathways
YIKS Autism Hub **4.30pm- 6.30pm** Bookable Only via YIKS	**2pm – 3pm PCF Listening Event - The plans for SEND Reform in York**	**Course: Supporting Children with SEND 12.30-2.30** https://book.yorklearning.org.uk/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=43366	**Healthy Child Team** **9am - 12pm** Drop in **2pm -3.30pm** 4 month workshop- invite only.	**YIKS Autism Hub** **4.30pm- 6.30pm** Bookable only via YIKs
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	YIKS Siblings Group **6.45pm- 8.00pm**	**YIKS Autism Hub** **4.30pm- 6.30pm** Bookable Only via YIKS	**YIKS Post 16 Group** **6.30pm -8pm**	

26th October - 30th Oct 2026

This week at SEND CENTRAL

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			YIKS Holiday Club	Bookable Appointments around **preparation for adulthood**. If you contact our navigator at SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk with a brief summary we can book an appointment with an education, health or social care practitioner.
			Attendence and EHE officer **10am-12pm** Advice and information bookable slots. Please book via SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk	Benefits Advisor Appoitments **10am - 12pm** Bookable at SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk
			Healthy Child Team **9am - 12pm** Drop in **2pm -3.30pm** 4 month workshop- invite only.	**YIKS Autism Hub** **4.30pm- 6.30pm** Bookable only via YIKs
			YIKS Post 16 Group **6.30pm -8pm**	