



School Newsletter 606

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Friday 16 October 2026

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



It's been another busy and exciting week at Archbishop Holgate's, with two highlights that really illustrate what makes our school community so special.

The first was our Open Evening, which was a roaring success! We welcomed over 900 visitors through our gates, with staff from across the school coming together to showcase everything that makes Archbishop Holgate's so unique and distinctive. More than 200 students from Years 7–13 volunteered their time, either acting as tour guides or supporting departments with demonstrations and activities. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school, and I could not have been prouder of them.

The musical talent on display throughout the evening was particularly impressive, and I was especially grateful to be joined by Sam, Amy and Alicia as my co-presenters on the main stage. They certainly stole the show! My sincere thanks go to everyone who contributed to making the evening such a memorable occasion.

Our second highlight has been Restart a Heart Week. It never ceases to amaze me how we manage to give so many students across the school the opportunity to learn such a vital, potentially life-saving skill and develop an understanding of basic CPR. Today's sessions were even more special when I saw some of our own students, members of St John Ambulance, working alongside the professionals to support the training. It was a wonderful example of young people using their knowledge and skills to make a difference to others.

Both events demonstrate something that sits at the very heart of Archbishop Holgate's: our students are pioneers of their own destiny, but they also recognise the importance of giving their time, talents and energy in service of others. These were fantastic examples of our school values in action, particularly compassion and trust, and a reminder of the remarkable young people we are privileged to work with every day.

Finally, I would like to wish all our Year 11 students the very best of luck with their mock examinations, which begin on Monday. Over recent weeks, I have spent time visiting Maths and English lessons, and I have been genuinely impressed by the focus, dedication and commitment students have shown towards their studies. I am confident that their hard work will pay off and that they will achieve grades that reflect their potential and open doors to the next stage of their journey.

Ultimately, that is what we want for every young person at Archbishop Holgate's: the opportunity to flourish, fulfil their potential and 'live life to the fullest'.

Best Wishes for the week ahead,

Lucie Pond
Headteacher

Sixth Form Open Evening

Tuesday 17 November, 6.00pm

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Food for Thought

This week in Chapel students looked at the theme of Friendship with Mrs Crabtree.

Our Form Tutor Act of Collective Worship theme was 'Black History Month: Made in God's Image'. We looked at the importance of Black history Month, lessons from the life of Marcus Rashford and the affirmation found in Genesis that "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."



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 - Clark Ralph, 9JSe
KS3 German - Rocky Brown, 8ECe
KS3 Spanish - Marq Simera, 9MFr
KS4 French - David Gobl, 11Lp
KS4 German - Anna Davies, 11CDe
KS4 Spanish - Destiny Husar, 10Pi



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

AHS Unity Fund Christmas Donations - We need your help!

What is AHS without our community that brings us altogether?

We need YOUR help this winter to be able to support our fabulous AHS Unity Fund and ensure our community thrives.

The Unity Fund is a charity that was created by our school to reach out and give the families that need us an extra helping hand, so they're able to enjoy their Christmas with a few less worries.

We will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Friday 27 November where we will be raffling hampers for participants to win. The money raised goes directly to the Unity Fund to provide a wonderful Christmas for families in need.

To be able to fill these hampers and ensure everyone is involved with the raffle, we need donations including items like:

- Chocolates (boxes, bars, advent calendars, hot chocolate bombs etc)
- Containers (baskets for hampers)
- Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, face wash, moisturiser, candles, bath bombs etc)
- Christmas Food (christmas pudding, mince pies, gravy granules, stuffing mix, etc)
- Bottles (any drinks, however, alcohol must be handed into reception by an adult)

Whilst all donations are highly appreciated, there are a few important aspects to be considered, they need to be new and unopened, as well as in date and nothing dangerous.

Help us have a magical Christmas as always!

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.

VACANCIES

Archbishop Holgate's School

Cleaning Assistant
School Assistant
Teacher of Maths
Site Supervisor

For more information visit:

www.archbishopholgates.academy/staff/vacancies

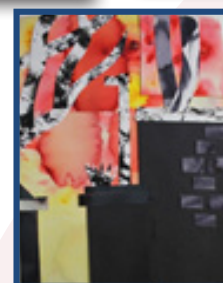
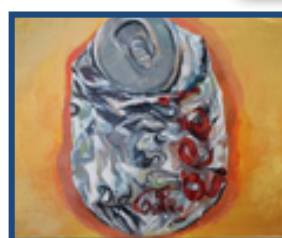
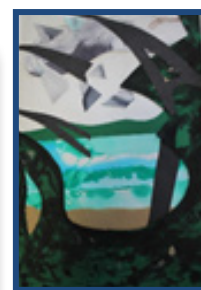
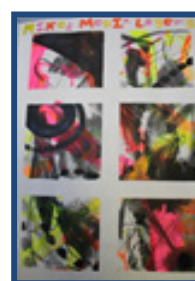
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Enhanced DBS check will be required.

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

Art & Textiles - Work of the Week

Some examples of Year 12 experimenting with mark making and collages as part of their A Level Art course.



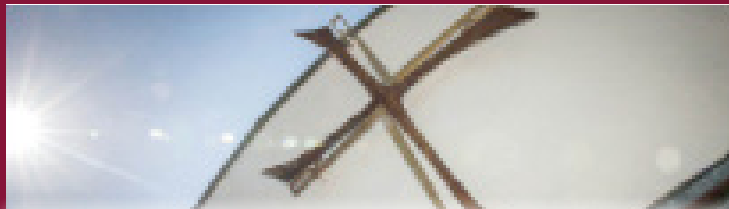
Year 12 are experimenting with texture and composition in Textiles, how they freely explore these new techniques is so encouraging to see.



Upcoming Events

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
Wed 11 Nov	Parent Advisory Group
Fri 13 Nov	Training Day (School closed to students)
Tue 17 Nov	Sixth Form Open Evening
Wed 25 Nov	Y8 Progress Evening
Fri 27 Nov	AHS Christmas Fayre

This Week's Sixth Form News



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

Iterative Assessments

Year 12's have had a busy couple of weeks completing their iterative assessments in lesson and have really risen to the challenge with how hard they have worked in their preparation for this. This information will be sent home on the final Friday of this half term and we then look forward to discussing this with you at our Form Tutor evening on Wednesday 4 November.

Form Tutor Evening

Both Year 12 and 13 students and parent/carers are invited to attend our Form Tutor evening on Wednesday 4 November. This is now live on school cloud, but please let us know if you are having difficulties with making appointments. This is an accessible event, but if there are specific arrangements that we need to consider please get in touch.

Year 13 Mocks

Mock revision starts in lessons next week. Please make sure that students are aware of when their mocks will be and have a good revision plan for this over the next four weeks.

UCAS Deadline

Our initial deadline for UCAS applications is fast approaching. Students ideally should have their application ready to be sent off on the last day of this half term. They have been working on this a day a week in form time, but should also make sure they are getting their personal statements checked by subject specialists. They can seek advice and guidance from their Form Tutor or any member of the sixth form team.

Sixth Form Spotlight: Open Evening Volunteers

We were SO proud of the students who volunteered for open evening on Wednesday night. You were a shining example of our school values and the way you conducted yourself throughout the evening was brilliant. WELL DONE!

School Menu - Monday 19 October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Chicken Korma Vegetable Tikka Masala (v) <i>Served with Steamed Wholegrain Rice</i> Apple Crumble & Custard	Oven Baked Pork Sausages Vegan Pork Sausages (v) <i>Served with Creamy Mashed Potato</i> Steamed Syrup Sponge & Custard	Roast Joint of Beef Vegetable Hot-Pot (v) <i>Served with Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding</i> Lemon Drizzle Cake & Cream
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.
Homemade Minced Beef & Onion Pie Vegetable Pie (v) <i>Served with Oven Baked Potato Wedges</i> Jam Roly-Poly & Custard	Freshly Battered Fish Vegetarian Quiche (v) <i>Served with Chips Mushy Peas Curry Sauce</i> Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

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ENRICHMENT • EXTRACURRICULAR • PSHE/RSE • REWARDS • CAREERS • WELLBEING

REWARD & RECOGNITION

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	

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.

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.

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.

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	
Kane Sharp	Great start in PE
James Thompson	Amazing history lesson to start the week!
Year 8	
Jaiden Bryant	For working hard and living the school values
Leander Hewiston	Being brilliant every lesson
Year 9	
Ezra Ferguson	For fundraising lots of money in the 7-7 challenge! Thank you and Well Done!
Emily Xue	For fundraising lots of money in the 7-7 challenge! Thank you and Well Done!
Year 10	
Andre Mashonganyika	For being such a positive, enthusiastic student and making yet another brilliant start to the school year. A true joy to have in lesson!
Sandy Stewart	For being thoughtful and conscientious and seeks to give her best every lesson.
Year 11	
Oscar Evans	Kind, compassionate, hard working and an absolute joy to teach!
Amelie Rutherford	Super attendance and focus since the start of Year 11 in RE.
Year 12	
Tilly Hendon	A great start to A-Level Biology
Aaden Luk	An amazing maths iterative assessment
Year 13	
Rachel Rennison Bull	Fantastic start to Year 13
Sally Cheung	For a fantastic start to her Year 13 studies

Extra Curricular Activities



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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/ Hi4/ 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 15:16-16:00 / 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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Physical Education Department

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



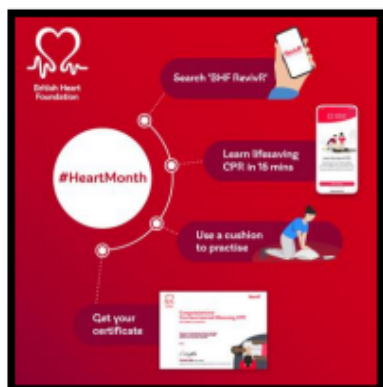
Restart a Heart Week 2026

We are delighted to be running our Restart a Heart again this week in school. Our aim is to raise awareness of the huge impact that knowing CPR could have on family, friends or even strangers' lives. As part of PE lessons, we are training over 1000 of our school community to perform CPR confidently and then, hopefully, they will be able to pass on their knowledge to others to help increase survival rate from cardiac arrests. Currently only 1 in 10 people survive an out of hospital cardiac arrest in the UK so there is much to do in raising awareness about this lifesaving skill.

This week is part of the International 'Restart a Heart Day' initiative. It is the 13th year of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service initiative that has now gone worldwide! Every ambulance service in the UK is involved, as well as Resuscitation Councils from around the globe. Last year, they trained over 200,000 people nationwide through partnership with other services. They work in partnership with Resuscitation Council (UK), British Heart Foundation, St John's Ambulance and British Red Cross nationally to make this project a success. We were lucky enough to have 5 volunteers in school on Friday from the emergency services giving up their time to help deliver our sessions. We also had 3 of our students that are St John's Ambulance cadets showing their fantastic leadership skills with them. This year we have defibrillator simulators enabling us to role play how to use a defibrillator in sessions, which is so important if the casualty that has had a cardiac arrest.

We hope that everyone will have the confidence to pass on this vital, and surprisingly straightforward, skill to family and friends. Families can watch the BHF's 'How to do CPR' video on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROEYvmZDStI> and 'How to use a defibrillator' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6drnMno9nY&t=79s> or ask your child to talk you through it with the help of information below. If you are ever in the situation where you find someone unconscious and not breathing, being able to do something is always better than doing nothing.

There is also a 'Learn CPR' in 15 minutes with RevivR™ CPR Training course that is easy to complete. Be ready for the day you might need to save a friend or loved one with RevivR, a fast, free and easy-to-use CPR training course. <https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr/learn-cpr-in-15-minutes>



Kit Reminders

Please can we remind students that everyone needs to have a **school hoodie or reversible** for their outdoor PE lessons. As the weather will start to turn cold, students need to be dressed appropriately for their lessons as we will be outside in all weathers. Students will also need to ensure that they have shin pads, navy blue football socks and boots for their football and rugby lessons due to health and safety. All PE kit is available from Keal Wear on Walmgate or through the second-hand school UNIFORM shop. Please see the school website for more details.



Football

Despite a heavy defeat, the Y9 boys showed us what sport is all about - team work, taking part and having fun!

The Y7 boys' team took the long trip to Northallerton on Tuesday for a County Cup game. After a very exciting and close game, and the keeper nearly scoring with the last touch of the game, it finished in a 4 -3 loss. Fantastic spirit was shown throughout the game and they were all a credit to the school.

The Y9 girls took on their latest fixture this week. They worked well as a team and showed a high level of skill, but were edged out 2-0 at full time.



Lionesses Trip

A group of 60 students took advantage of the England U23 women playing Norway at the LNER stadium on Monday night. It was fantastic to see the next generation of players inspiring our students to really believe in themselves and aim high. Thank you to all the staff that gave up their time to lead this trip.



Inter House Cross Country



We hope that Y7 were excited to find out their house this week. Inter House Cross Country is taking place next week in PE lessons. Everyone in Years 7-9 take part and everybody counts! It is a great opportunity for students to challenge themselves and see how far they can run around a 400m course in 12 minutes. All distances are then added up and an average distance is calculated for each house. Y7 are having their first experience of an endurance event and have been showing great resilience and determination to achieve their best. Y8 and 9 are trying to beat their own score from last year and overtake as many people as possible to gain valuable metres for their house. Those that come at the top of the standings will be invited to take part in the York and District Cross Country Championships in November. All calculations will be done in the next week and results will be out after half term.

York Knight's Rugby Festival

On Tuesday night, Archbishop Holgate's hosted the most recent York RLFC Foundation Festival of Rugby on Tuesday. Teams from across the city, as well as King James's School in Harrogate, were involved. There was a really good atmosphere at the event and the standard of play was very high. Our own Y8 boys definitely played their part and demonstrated a high level of ability.

Huge thanks to the Knights staff for all of their efforts when it comes to growing the game of rugby league. They have always offered a huge amount of support to our school.



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 Badminton All Years (Be) Netball Year 7 & 8 (NAm) Girls' Football Year 9 -11 (EWr) Rugby Year 7, 8 & 9 (LBr & Gs) Primary Festivals Y9 Sports Leaders (Be & Wd)	Gym SH Courts Back Field Front Field SH	3.15 – 4.15 3.15 – 5.00
Netball Year 9, 10 & 11 (Be) Boys Football Year 7 (LBr & WHy) Girls' Football Year 7 & 8 (EWr) Fitness Years 9 – 11 (SI) Table Tennis Year 7 & 8 (John & Gs)	Courts Back Field Back Field Fitness Suite Studio	3.15 – 4.15
Meetings		
Girls' Fitness All Years (EWr) Boys' Football Year 8, 9, 10 (LBr & WHy)	Fitness Suite Back Field	3.15 – 4.15 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.


YORK RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION CLUB - JUNIORS

PULL ON THE GREEN.

U13s

are recruiting new players for the 2026/27 season.

**NEW KIT.
NEW SEASON.
YOUR SHIRT.**



SCHOOL YEAR 8

Boys playing in the Under 13 age group this season.

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

First-timers and players moving from other sports are welcome.

COME AND TRY

Get in touch and join a training session before you commit.

WANT TO PLAY? GET IN TOUCH

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Email us with your child's name and school year — we'll send training details.

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