YORK HIGH HEADLINES

WEEK 36 – 26TH JUNE 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we wrap up another incredibly busy week at York High School, I want to start by extending a massive thank you to our entire school community. Your energy, adaptability, and resilience continue to make our school such a fantastic place to learn and grow.

It has been an incredibly hot week, and I want to praise both students and parents for how you handled the soaring temperatures. To help everyone stay as comfortable as possible, we implemented a temporary uniform change allowing students to wear their PE kits. We also heavily emphasised the importance of staying hydrated throughout the day. Thank you all for supporting these adjustments. Our students handled this difficult situation so maturely and kept their focus on learning.

This week marked the first half of a vital two-week examination period for our Year 10 students.I cannot praise this year group enough. Their approach to these exams has been nothing short of phenomenal. They have shown maturity, deep focus, and an exceptional work ethic during a challenging, high-pressure week (especially with the heat!). Best of luck to all of Year 10 as they head into week two—keep this incredible momentum going!

It has also been an incredibly vibrant and reflective week as York High School celebrated School Diversity Week. Embracing and understanding what makes us all unique is at the heart of our school values, and our students threw themselves into the spirit of the week:

- Form Time Activities: Students engaged in brilliant, thoughtful discussions and activities during morning registration.
- Student Council Assembly: A huge shoutout to our Student Council, who prepared and delivered a truly wonderful whole-school assembly. Hearing these important messages directly from our student leaders was incredibly powerful.
- "YHS Thinks" Initiative: The entire school took part in a dedicated YHS Thinks session, giving everyone space to deeply reflect on the concept of diversity and what it means to build an inclusive community.

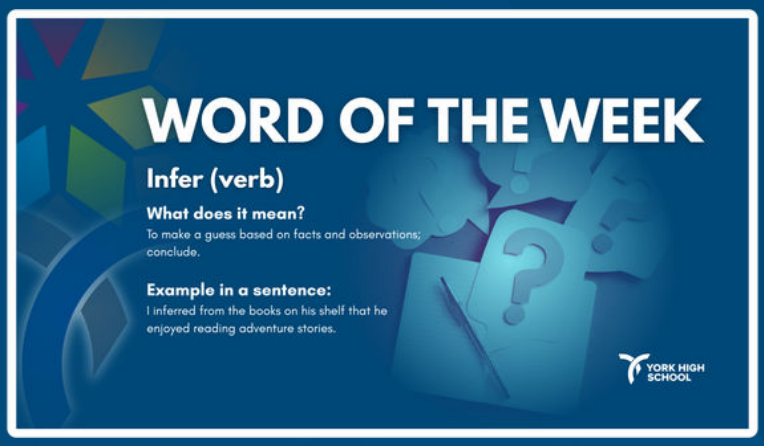
Thank you all again for your continued support. Have a wonderful, restful, and safe weekend

Warmly,

Gavin Kumar

YORK HIGH HEADLINES

WORD OF THE WEEK
INFER



YEAR 7 VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK – 26TH JUNE

Today, 126 Year 7s visited the University of York for a range of activities from providers on the campus. They have been brilliant and we look forward to sharing more in next week's weekly update!

YEAR 8 LEARNING EXPERIENCE DAY – 10TH JULY

We're delighted to be able to offer Year 8 a Learning Experience Day on 10th July, bringing a range of employers into school to share their expertise and answer young people's questions. There will also be a taiko drumming workshop - stay tuned for more information

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 9th July
Annual Awards Evening 6pm
(Invitations sent out 23/6)

Wednesday 15th July
Year 9 Graduation
(Invitations sent out 18/6)

Friday 17th July
Last Day of Summer Term

Monday 20th July
Training Day

THIS WEEK'S YHS WAY FOCUS
PUNCTUALITY

YORK HIGH HEADLINES

10TH JULY – CONSTRUCTION AND BROADER CAREERS EVENT

Also on 10th July, Year 9 students interested in engineering and construction will be invited to a practical session with a range of employers related to the construction industry. More details to follow on the specifics.

For students not interested in engineering/construction, alternative careers-related activities will be occurring during this period on the timetable, linked to students' potential interests for the future.

13TH OCTOBER 2026 – 2:45–5PM POST-16 CAREERS FAIR FOR Y10/11 STUDENTS

For parents of students currently in Year 9 and Year 10, we'd like to ask you to earmark the 13th October as an opportunity to learn more about Post-16 options available in York. From 2:45 - 5pm, apprenticeship-providing employers and Post-16 colleges and sixth forms will be in attendance at York High. There will be a 'quiet slot' from 2-2:45pm for students and families who would benefit from a quieter session.

Please come along with your child and learn more about the options available to them, ahead of official college open events

ADVENTURE CAMPS SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2026

Get ready for our biggest summer yet! Adventure Camps' Summer Holiday Programme 2026 is packed with nine weeks of exciting, themed adventures, taking children on a journey from camp classics and around-the-world exploration to superhero training, wilderness survival, future technology, and epic hero quests. Each week is filled with engaging activities, outdoor challenges, creative projects, sports, games, and team missions that encourage children to learn new skills, build confidence, and make lifelong memories.

With something new to discover every day, Adventure Camps offers the perfect blend of adventure, imagination and fun, ensuring an unforgettable summer holiday experience for children of all ages. Find out more here.

YORK HIGH HEADLINES

YORK AND DISTRICT ATHLETICS REPORT

Great work from our finalists today! They gave it their all in the blistering heat and represented the school with immense pride. Harley secured an exceptional 2nd place finish in the Year 9 boys High Jump with an impressive leap of 1m 60cm.

Kara also delivered a brilliant performance, securing 2nd place in the Year 8 Girls High Jump with a fantastic leap of 1m 30cm. Congratulations to all athletes on their fantastic achievements!

YEAR 7 LEARNING EXPERIENCE DAY 19TH JUNE 2026

On Friday last week, we were delighted to welcome 20 colleagues from Aviva, as well as colleagues from Ardent Financial Services, and The Place to deliver sessions to our Year 7 students as part of their Learning Experience Day.

As part of the day, students considered a range of types of communication and how this may differ in various contexts. Some students even put their communication to the test through team building activities, bridge building or poster-design. We also reviewed the importance of using language which is respectful to all, and had a reminder that even if you delete something on a social media site, it may reappear in the future.

Students were a credit to themselves and engaged beautifully in the content. Well done, Year 7!

YORK HIGH HEADLINES

NORTH YORKSHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service,
Alverton Court Headquarters,
Crosby Road
Northallerton,
North Yorkshire, DL6 1FE
Tel: 01609 780150
Email: prevention@northyorksfire.gov.uk

Your Ref: **Keeping Children Safe Around Water**
My Ref: **KCSAW/JUN26**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Helping to Keep Children and Young People Safe Around Water

Every year, children and young people are injured or lose their lives in water-related incidents. Many of these tragedies can be prevented through greater awareness and simple safety advice.

We are asking parents and carers to take a few minutes to talk with their child about staying safe around water. A short conversation now could make a real difference.

Even on warm days, open water can be dangerously cold. Entering the water too quickly can lead to:

- cold water shock
- gasping and breathing difficulties
- panic
- loss of strength and coordination

Please remind your child that they should never:

- jump into water
- swim in reservoirs, rivers or quarries
- go into the water to retrieve items
- take part in dares or social media challenges involving water

NORTH YORKSHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service,
Alverton Court Headquarters,
Crosby Road
Northallerton,
North Yorkshire, DL6 1FE
Tel: 01609 780150
Email: prevention@northyorksfire.gov.uk

Your Ref: **School Leavers**
My Ref: **SL/JUN26**

Dear School Leavers,

Finishing school and moving on to the next stage of your life is an exciting time, bringing more independence, new experiences, and greater freedom. But with that freedom comes responsibility, and we want to help you stay safe while you make the most of it.

Every year, we see incidents involving young people that could have been avoided. To help you make safe decisions, we're sharing some important advice on water safety, wildfires, and road safety.

Open Water Safety
Swimming outdoors might look fun, but open water can be dangerous, even on a hot day. Cold water can shock your body in seconds, and rivers, lakes, and the sea all have hidden risks, such as strong currents and objects beneath the surface.

If you're visiting open water, follow these tips:

- Go with friends - don't go alone.
- Stick to recognised, supervised swimming areas.
- Look out for safety signs and flags.
- If someone is in trouble, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard at the coast, or the Fire and Rescue Service inland.
- Don't jump in to rescue someone, as you could also get into difficulty. Look for nearby safety equipment that you can throw to them.

YORK HIGH SCHOOL

York High School presents

A DOUBLE BILL OF

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING BY JOEL HORWOOD

SCENES FROM BAD GIRLS, THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

An amateur production by arrangement with Nick Hern Books, part of Elevate, supported by Pilot Theatre.

Tuesday 7 July 2026
Doors open 6pm, 6.30pm start
Tickets: £5 or 4 for £15*

*Tickets can be purchased on ParentPay, in person at reception, or by emailing library@yorkhigh.eht.org.uk

Supported by Arts Council England, Ed De Nunzio Charitable Trust, and Keith Howard Foundation.

CURRENT APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

YORK COLLEGE

Vacancy	Link to apply	Reference	Employer	Location	Vacancy Overview	Closing date
Early Years Apprentice level 3	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	**Melbourne Primary School**	**Melbourne YO42**	Please email your CV to Jess Dunham jdunham@mcps.org.uk You need a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4, including Maths and English.	03/07/2026
Marketing Apprentice level 3	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	**York City Football Club**	**York**	Please email your CV to Adam Crowle adam.crowle@yorkcityfootballclub.co.uk You need a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4, including Maths and English.	01/07/2026
Business Admin Apprentice level 3	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	**York City Football Club**	**York**	Please email your CV to Adam Crowle adam.crowle@yorkcityfootballclub.co.uk You need a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4, including Maths and English.	01/07/2026
Wellbeing and Holistic Therapy Apprentice level 3	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	**Aldwark Manor**	**Aldwark**	Please email your CV to Daniel Core daniel.core@aldwarkmanorestate.co.uk You need a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 4, including Maths and English, plus a level 2 Beauty Apprenticeship or equivalent qualification	31/07/2026
Early Years Apprentice level 3	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	**Daisy Day Care**	**Ampleforth**	Please email your CV to Amy Leavy daisydaycareampleforth@outlook.com You need a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4, including Maths and English.	05/07/2026
Painter & Decorator Apprentice level 2	Apprentice Painter and Decorator	VAC2000030809	**Alfred Bagnall & Sons**	**York**	As a painting and decorating apprentice, you'll be learning from your team of expert colleagues, attending college training, and the chance to practice what you have learned on the job. You'll also get to spend time in our Training Academy under the guidance of expert tutors.	30/06/2026
Early Years Apprentice level 3	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	**Twinkle Twinkle Day Nursery**	**Easingwold**	Please email your CV to Claire Elsworth twinkletwinkledaynursery@hotmail.com You need a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4, including Maths and English.	01/08/2026
Plumbing Apprenticeship level 3	Apprentice Plumbing and Renewables Heating Engineer	VAC2000038615	**Collective Green Energy (Yorkshire) Ltd**	**Thirsk**	An excellent opportunity to learn all aspects of plumbing and heating through the installation of Air Source Heat Pumps.	14/07/2026
Painter & Decorator Apprentice level 2	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	**Calibre Property Services Ltd**	**Dunnington**	Please email your CV to Jason Stockhill info@calibre-ltd.co.uk You need a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3, including Maths and English. Some experience preferred but not essential.	01/07/2026
Chef Apprentice level 2	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	**SoJo Bistro**	**York**	Please email your CV to Sophie Armstrong sojosbistro@outlook.com You need a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3, including Maths and English	05/07/2026

Before you apply we advise you to read our guidance overleaf on how to write a strong application to ensure the best chance of success.

OUR TIPS FOR SECURING AN APPRENTICESHIP

YORK COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE

RESEARCH AND PREPARE

- Use these resources to find out about apprenticeships, how the training is structured and what to expect. There's lots of useful information, so take the time to read through:
  www.apprenticeships.gov.uk
  www.amazingapprenticeships.com
  www.ucas.com/apprenticeships
  www.yorkcollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships
- Understand the apprenticeship application process - it might be online, by email or phone call. It's important to start your search and applications early.
- Visit jobs fairs and careers events and speak with employers.
- Think about the skills you have and the skills employers want, such as communication, teamwork, reliability, adaptability, IT skills, technical or industry-specific skills.
- Look for some work experience in your chosen area. Even if it's only for a few days, it will give you something to talk to employers about at interview.
- Keep your CV up-to-date with exam results, volunteering, jobs and work experience.

APPLYING

- Read the job description carefully to be sure the role is a good fit for you. This includes checking the entry requirements and skills the employer is looking for.
- Check you can travel to the workplace before you apply.
- Research the company, so you can demonstrate a genuine interest in working for them.
- Give examples of your skills, strengths and experiences and link them to the job description.
- Sell yourself! Your application needs to stand out and impress the employer, so show your genuine interest in the company and the job role.
- It may be tempting, but don't use AI to do your applications for you - employers can always tell!
- Check your application carefully for errors, and to ensure you've included everything (all your qualifications/predicted grades). It's a good idea to ask someone to check it for you before you press 'send'.
- If possible, use a laptop or tablet rather than a phone for job applications, so you can easily see how your application looks.

WHERE TO FIND VACANCIES

Sign up to York College's mailing list by emailing **apprenticeships@yorkcollege.ac.uk**

www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk to search, view and apply for apprenticeship job roles

Employer websites

Social media

Approach employers directly by emailing your CV, by phoning or by visiting in person

Job sites such as **Indeed** and **GetMyFirstJob**

AFTER APPLYING

- Check your emails and your voicemail **frequently** for messages from employers - they may be inviting you to an interview and it's important that you respond without delay.
- Prepare for interviews - there is lots of guidance online. Here's a good place to start **www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/interview process.**

A NOTE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Employers tell us they want contact and applications to come directly from the person seeking the apprenticeship, so resist the temptation to apply on their behalf!

York College Apprenticeship Team
Email us **apprenticeships@yorkcollege.ac.uk**
Phone us **01904 770368**
www.yorkcollege.ac.uk

BDU0222/0425