

# YORK HIGH HEADLINES

## WEEK 33 – 5TH JUNE 2026

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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

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I hope you have all had a wonderful week. As we move further into the term, I want to start by expressing my sincere gratitude to our entire school community. Thank you for your continued support—your partnership with us is what makes York High School such a vibrant and successful place for our students to learn and grow.

To help us continually improve, our termly Parent and Carer Surveys will be sent out shortly. Your feedback is absolutely essential to us; it provides invaluable insights into what we are doing well and where we can better support your children. Please keep an eye on your inbox and take a few moments to share your thoughts with us.

We do not just want to collect your feedback though, we also want to discuss it and act on it. To do just that, you are warmly invited to a Coffee Morning with myself..

- Date: Wednesday 17th June
- Time: 10:00am
- Where: Mr Kumar's Office

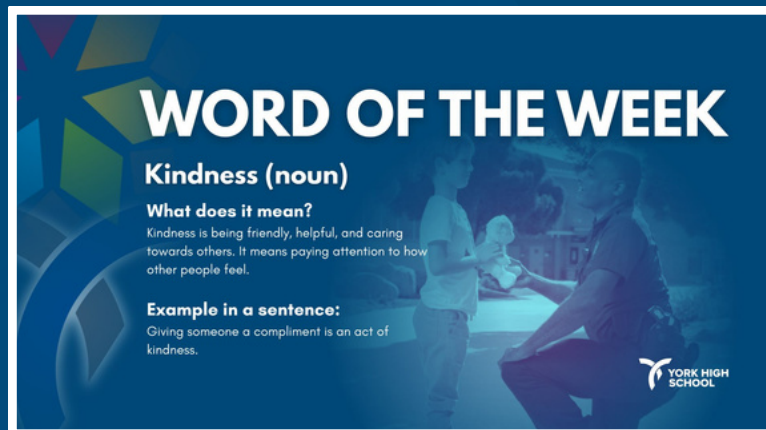
This will be a fantastic, informal opportunity to discuss your invaluable feedback over a hot drink and look at how we can continue to move York High School forward together. Everyone is welcome, and we would love to see as many of you there as possible.

Thank you once again for your dedication to our school community. Have a fantastic weekend ahead!

Warmly,

*Gravin Kumar*

## WORD OF THE WEEK – KINDNESS



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 17th July**  
Last Day of Summer Term

**Monday 20th July**  
Training Day

## YEAR 7 VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK, 26TH JUNE 2026

On Friday 26th June, all of Year 7 have been invited to the University of York for a day of workplace experiences, linked with our work with The Place. More details, as well as a consent form, have been emailed to you separately. Another link to the consent form is [here](#). Please can all consent forms be completed by 19th June 2026. For any queries, please contact [v.bettney@yorkhigh.elc.org.uk](mailto:v.bettney@yorkhigh.elc.org.uk)

## ACOMB FEST

A Message from Chloe at Art of Protest, who we have worked with on several projects:

We are warmly welcoming all students, staff and parents/carers to Yorkshire's Newest Street Art Festival taking place on Acomb Front Street the 3rd, 4th + 5th of July.

The workshops that we did with your students in your school in 2025/2026 have helped form the design briefs for the murals, installations and ideas for this community shaped festival - we would love to see you all there.

There is a whole host of free fun activities for all ages ranging from spray paint workshops, mini beast safari, paint jams, open cinema, DJ sets and more!

### THIS WEEK'S YHS WAY FOCUS MOVEMENT



# REACH PROJECT

Some of our students in KS3 have been taking part in an 'Opening Doors' project with York St John University and REACH. They did 5 workshops with visiting practitioners last half term and did sessions on character development, lino printing, dying fabric with natural dyes and zine making. There is a celebration and exhibition of their work on Saturday 6th June at YSJ and parents and students are very welcome.



# DRAMA CLUB

This week the Drama club welcomed Oli O'Shea from Pilot Theatre to work through the script extracts ahead of our Drama Double Bill performance on Tuesday 7th July.

Look out in future newsletters for details of ticket sales!



# CURRENT APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES



| Vacancy                                | Link to apply                                                   | Reference     | Employer                                | Location          | Vacancy Overview                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Closing date |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Chef Apprentice level 2                | N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details          | N/A           | Loftsome Bridge Hotel                   | Wressle, Nr Selby | Please email your CV to Lee Patrick <a href="mailto:leepatrickchef782@gmail.com">leepatrickchef782@gmail.com</a> You need a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3, including Maths and English.                                                                                                                                       | 19/06/2026   |
| Accounting Apprentice level 2          | <a href="#">Junior Finance Apprentice</a>                       | VAC2000032535 | R Stride & Co                           | York              | This is an excellent opportunity for someone looking to start a career in accountancy while gaining hands-on experience in a professional office environment. The successful candidate will support both administrative and financial functions, developing skills across administration duties, bookkeeping, and accounting. | 03/07/2026   |
| Engineering Apprentice level 3         | <a href="#">Apprentice Multi-Skilled Engineer</a>               | VAC2000032090 | Pecan Deluxe Candy                      | Sherburn in Elmet | We have an apprenticeship opportunity to join our small Engineering team. We are looking for a hard-working individual who is committed to building a career and developing their engineering skills in both electrical and mechanical, to support our food manufacturing operation in Sherburn in Elmet.                     | 05/06/2026   |
| Motor Vehicle Apprentice level 2       | <a href="#">Autocare Technician Apprentice</a>                  | VAC2000031988 | Auto Diagnostics (York) Ltd             | York              | As an apprentice motor vehicle mechanic, you will train with a professional mechanic to learn how to repair vehicles. In this role you start by shadowing experienced mechanics, watching their techniques, and observing how they use different tools and equipment.                                                         | 12/06/2026   |
| Painter & Decorator Apprentice level 2 | <a href="#">Apprentice Painter and Decorator</a>                | 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   |
| Electrical Apprenticeship level 3      | <a href="#">Electrician Apprentice - The University of York</a> | N/A           | University of York                      | York              | During this fixed-term period you will participate in an apprenticeship programme to work towards being a qualified Electrical Tradesperson. Under supervision, you will undertake planned preventative maintenance and reactive maintenance as part of a multidisciplinary team.                                             | 10/06/2026   |
| Plumbing Apprenticeship level 3        | <a href="#">Plumbing Apprentice - The University of York</a>    | N/A           | University of York                      | York              | During this fixed-term period you will participate in an apprenticeship programme to work towards being a qualified Plumbing Tradesperson. Under supervision, you will undertake planned preventative maintenance and reactive maintenance as part of a multidisciplinary team.                                               | 10/06/2026   |
| Bricklayer Apprentice level 2          | N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details          | N/A           | Shipley Builders Ltd                    | Selby area        | Please email your CV to Leon Shipley <a href="mailto:shiplevl@sky.com">shiplevl@sky.com</a> You need a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3, including Maths and English. You will need your own transport for travel to various sites in the Selby area.                                                                            | 28/06/2026   |
| Plumbing Apprenticeship level 3        | N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details          | N/A           | Collective Green Energy (Yorkshire) Ltd | Thirsk            | Please email your CV to Jamie Howe <a href="mailto:info@cgeyorkshire.com">info@cgeyorkshire.com</a> You need a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4, including Maths and English.                                                                                                                                                    | 06/06/2026   |
| 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 <a href="mailto:info@calibre-ltd.co.uk">info@calibre-ltd.co.uk</a> You need a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3, including Maths and English. Some experience preferred but not essential.                                                                                                | 09/06/2026   |
| 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 <a href="mailto:sojosbistro@outlook.com">sojosbistro@outlook.com</a> You need a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3, including Maths and English                                                                                                                                           | 28/06/2026   |
| Site Carpentry Apprentice level 2      | N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details          | N/A           | S & O Conversions Ltd                   | Ripon             | Please email your CV to Owen Drane <a href="mailto:soconversions@gmail.com">soconversions@gmail.com</a> You need a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3, including Maths and English.                                                                                                                                                | 28/06/2026   |
| Engineering Apprentice level 3         | <a href="#">Multi skilled Technician Apprentice</a>             | VAC200033692  | UPM Adhesive Materials                  | Scarborough       | You will develop the skills needed to maintain our technologically advanced machinery, respond to break-downs, troubleshoot and resolve issues. You will build skills such as automation, coding, working with PLCs and electrical drives. You will also learn to work with including hydraulics and pneumatics.              | 14/06/2026   |

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



## 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](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)  
[www.amazingapprenticeships.com](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com)  
[wwwucas.com/apprenticeships](http://wwwucas.com/apprenticeships)  
[www.yorkcollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://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](mailto:apprenticeships@yorkcollege.ac.uk)



[www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](http://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](http://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](mailto:apprenticeships@yorkcollege.ac.uk)  
Phone us **01904 770368**  
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