

YORK HIGH HEADLINES

WEEK 7 – OCTOBER 21 2026

Dear York High School Community,

As we reach the end of this week, we officially wrap up what has been a truly wonderful first half term of the academic year at York High School.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our our amazing students, dedicated staff, supportive parents and carers, and our wider school community. Your hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment over the past several weeks have set a fantastic tone for the year ahead and made this half term a resounding success.

Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or through our various extracurricular activities, our students have shown brilliant effort and pride in everything they do. None of this would be possible without the incredible partnership and support from our families and the tireless dedication of our team here at school.

I wish all of our students, staff, and families a safe, peaceful, and restful half-term break. Take the time to recharge and enjoy the break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another successful term ahead!

Warmly,

G. Kumar

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HIGH SCHOOL

Resilience, Aspiration, Success

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

Our school is committed to helping those in need through our community cupboard, ensuring that every student and family has access to essential food/household items.

Donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated, as they help us continue to support the local community.

If you or someone you know needs any support, please contact Dawn on d.becton@yorkhigh.elt.org.uk, Natalie on n.chapman@yorkhigh.elt.org.uk, or pop into main reception. All requests will be handled with care and confidentiality.

ADMISSION CONSULTATION FOR 2028–2029 ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

The Admissions Consultation for 2028-2029 is now open and will remain open until 24th November 2026.

All documents can be found at www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation and can be accessed during the consultation period.

If you wish to contribute to the consultation you are invited to go to www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation, by selecting the parents, carers, stakeholders and interested parties survey and complete the appropriate survey online.

If you require a paper copy of any document, you can request this from education@york.gov.uk or 01904 551554.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 22nd October
to Friday 30th October
Half Term Holidays

Wednesday 4th November
Year 8 Parents Evening



JOIN EXCEL LEARNING TRUST IN GOVERNANCE

Excel Learning Trust is looking for passionate, community-minded volunteers to join our governance community as Members, Trustees, and Academy Committee Members. By giving your time, you will play a vital role in ensuring children and young people across our primary, secondary, and alternative provision schools experience educational excellence every day. We welcome individuals from all backgrounds, no prior governance experience is required, and full training and support will be provided. Whether you want to support a local school committee or help guide the Trust's strategic direction at board level, your unique skills can make a real difference.

To learn more about the roles available and to apply please visit [here](#). Applications close on 1st November 2026.

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	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	12/10/2026
Painter & Decorator Apprentice Level 2	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	Samuel Smith Old Brewery (Tadcaster)	Tadcaster	Please email your CV to Geoff Bell gbell@samuelsmiths.biz. You need a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3 including English and Maths.	12/10/2026
Painter & Decorator Apprentice Level 2 or Level 3	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	S.H.Y Construction (YS) Ltd	York	Please email your CV to Tom Dwyer tom@shygroup.co.uk You need a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3 including English and Maths.	12/10/2026
Apprentice Bricklayer Level 2	Apprentice Bricklayer	N/A	Minster Brickwork LTD	York	Are you looking for a practical, hands on career with excellent long term earning potential? This could be the perfect fit for you. We are looking for a motivated hard working apprentice bricklayer to join our team.It's a fantastic opportunity to earn while you learn working with highly skilled tradespeople.Please email your CV to minsterbrickworkyork@outlook.com. You need a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3 including English and Maths.	12/10/2026
Apprentice Junior Stylist	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	Talking Heads Ltd	Ripon	This apprenticeship will be the road to becoming a busy, fully-booked stylist. Talking Heads are looking to utilise individuals' skills on the salon floor as soon as possible, whilst constantly training them on new skills to become a competent stylist.Please contact Billy on 07460003330 or billy@ththth.co.uk to apply.	30/11/2026
Bricklayer Apprentice Level 2	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	Weatherald's Construction Services Ltd	Ripon	Please email your CV to build@weatheralds.com.You need a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3 including English and Maths.	12/10/2026
Carpenter & Joiner Level 2	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	Weatherald's Construction Services Ltd	Ripon	Please email your CV to build@weatheralds.com.You need a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3 including English and Maths.	12/10/2026
Bricklaying Apprentice	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	R Wilkinson Construction Ltd	Work in York, Leeds, Harrogate areas	Please email your CV to rwilkinsonconstructionltd@gmail.com.You need a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3 including English and Maths and must have a full drivers license.	23/10/2026
Carpentry & Joinery Apprentice	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	W A Hare	Selby / York	Please email your CV to Nick Hare n.hare@wahare.com.You need a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3 including English and Maths and must have a full drivers license.	30/10/2026

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
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](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!

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www.yorkcollege.ac.uk