

YORK HIGH HEADLINES

WEEK 4 – OCTOBER 2 2026

Dear York High School Community,

A huge well done to all of our Year 11 students this week, who completed their first Walking Talking English exam followed by their first mock. The effort, focus and attendance we have seen from our Year 11s has been fantastic, and they should be incredibly proud of the way they have approached this important stage of their school journey.

It was also wonderful to welcome our new Year 7 families to our Meet the Tutor evening. We have a lovely cohort of students who have made such a fantastic start to life at York High School. It has been brilliant to see them settling in, building relationships and embracing everything that school has to offer.

Our Win Your Weekend winners have also been enjoying their £40 family activity vouchers! A huge well done to this week's winners. Remember, if you're in school every Friday, you're in with a chance to win – so be in to be in to win!

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming our prospective Year 7 students and families for our Open Evening on Wednesday 7th October, from 6–8pm, for our 2027/28 cohort. We can't wait to showcase our wonderful school community and give families the opportunity to meet our staff and see our students in action.

Four weeks into the new academic year and we couldn't be prouder. Behaviour, attendance, effort and attitudes to learning have been amazing across the school. Our students continue to make a brilliant start, and it is fantastic to see such a positive atmosphere around York High School. What a great start to the year!

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AESTHETICA FILM FESTIVAL: 4 – 8 NOVEMBER 2026

Aesthetica is a festival for everyone – and families are at its heart. Spend a weekend filled with creativity, discovery and imagination.

Specially curated film screenings introduce children to inspiring stories whilst interactive workshops let young minds explore filmmaking, coding, acting and stop-motion animation with expert support. Children can produce mini movies, design characters and spark new passions.

Beyond workshops, the UNESCO City of Media Arts EXPO celebrates cutting-edge art, tech and design. Explore 360° cinema, virtual reality, interactive games and podcasts as we celebrate storytelling through sound, play and digital art. See York light up in the Radical Listening Immersive Art Trail. Aesthetica is an adventure for the whole family.

https://issuu.com/aesthetica_magazine/docs/asff_2026_flyer

https://issuu.com/aesthetica_magazine/docs/families_at_aesthetica_film_festival_2026

https://issuu.com/aesthetica_magazine/docs/2026_asff_art_trail_postcard

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 7th October
Open Evening 6pm - 8pm

Thursday 1st October
Flu Vaccinations

Post-16 **Careers Fair**



Date: Tuesday 13th October 2026



Times: 2-2:45pm for students who would benefit from a quieter session, 2:45pm until 5pm for all students and families



Who: Y10 and Y11 students and their parents/carers (families also welcome!)



What: Local Post-16 providers, including employers, are visiting YHS to give an overview of their Post-16 provision

CURRENT APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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	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.	18/09/2026
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 sojobistro@outlook.com You need a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3, including Maths and English	09/10/2026
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.	30/09/2026
Apprentice Support Worker - Copperclay Mews	Apprentice Support Worker	VAC2000048136	THE HESLEY GROUP LIMITED	Easingwold	We are looking for Apprentice Support Workers with a 'can do' attitude, outgoing and caring but have a calm demeanour. You don't need to have experience but it's essential that you share our values. If you have a positive attitude and want to improve the lives of those we support, we'll support you with progression opportunities.	30/09/2026
Painter & Decorator Apprentice Level 2 or Level 3	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	S.H.V 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.	18/09/2026
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.	01/10/2026
Apprentice Property and Compliance Administrator	Apprentice Property and Compliance Administrator	VAC2000050385	Ampleforth Abbey Trust	York	You will provide comprehensive administrative and operational support, with a strong focus on compliance, Health, Safety & Environmental administration, contractor coordination, and property service documentation. The role ensures efficient management of records, statutory compliance processes, reporting, and departmental communications.	01/10/2026
Apprentice Junior Stylist	Apprentice Junior Stylist	VAC2000050724	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@thth.co.uk to apply.	28/09/2026
Apprentice Joiner	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	Wilton Homes (York) Ltd	York	Wilton Holmes are looking to recruit either a Level 2 or Level 3 Carpentry & Joinery Apprentice. Please send a copy of your cv to Ryan at wiltonhomes@outlook.com Level 2 entry requirements - 3 GCSE at grade 3 including English and maths. Level 3 entry requirements - GCSE English and maths at grade 4 plus L2 C&J Apprenticeship	25/09/2026
Apprentice Engineering Fitter Level 3	N/A apply via email - see vacancy overview for details	N/A	Brecks Engineering Ltd	Elvington	Please send your CV to officeadmin@brecksengineering.co.uk and markalbon@brecksengineering.co.uk. You need a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English, Science or a technical subject and Maths at grade 5 (higher paper). Work starts at 8:00am, please ensure you will be able to get there on time.	27/09/2026
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.	28/09/2026
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.	28/09/2026
Business Administration Apprentice	TBC	VAC2000053778	Support Solutions	York	Kick-start your career with a varied and rewarding Business Administrator Apprenticeship! You'll gain hands-on experience in recruitment, finance, onboarding, auditing and more while working alongside an experienced management team in a supportive environment with excellent opportunities to learn and grow.	28/09/2026

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
wwwucas.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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