YORK HIGH HEADLINES

WEEK 11 – NOVEMBER 27 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, encouragement and kind words over the past two days while York High School has been inspected by Ofsted. Your messages and reassurance have been greatly appreciated by the whole school community.

At this stage, we are unable to share any outcomes from the inspection. However, what I can share is just how incredibly proud I am of our young people. The way they have conducted themselves, spoken about York High School and represented themselves over the past two days has been wonderful to see. They have been a credit to themselves, their families and our school.

More than anything, this experience has reinforced what we see every day: our young people are truly remarkable. They continue to shine in so many ways, through their kindness, their character, their enthusiasm and the pride they take in being part of the York High School community. While the past two days have provided a particular opportunity for this to be seen, these qualities are evident in them every single day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff. Their commitment to the education, development and wellbeing of our children and young people is unwavering. Day in, day out, they work tirelessly to provide the very best opportunities and experiences for every child, helping them to grow, flourish and achieve their potential. The past two days have been an opportunity to reflect on the dedication, care and passion that our staff bring to York High School every single day. I am incredibly grateful to each and every one of them.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for the trust you place in us. It is a privilege to work alongside such supportive families and a committed staff team, and to be part of a community with so much to celebrate.
I will write to you again later in the term, once we receive the final inspection report, to share further information.

In the meantime, I hope you will join me in celebrating our wonderful young people and thanking the staff who work so hard to support them. Our children have made us incredibly proud, not just over the past two days, but every single day.

Warmly,

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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.

ARBOR PARENT APP

York High School is now using the Arbor Parent Portal and Parent App.
Adopting the Arbor App will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data and workflows into one system.



Available on the app now:

- Receive in-app messages
- View your child's timetable
- See your child's progress
- Keep up to date with your child's attendance.

Coming soon to the app:

- Sign up to enrichment clubs
- Receive school reports
- Book your Parents Evening appointments.
- Pay for school lunches
- Pay for school trips and events

If you do not already have an account, an account has been set up for you.
To finish creating your account you just need to set a password. Your username is the email address we've sent this email to.

Go to https://login.arbor.sc and click Forgot your password? to finish setting up your account. If you have any queries, please contact - d.becton@yorkhigh.elt.org.uk

The Parent App can be downloaded from either the Playstore on android phones or the Apple Store on iPhones.

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FESTIVE SHOWCASE

Our Fabulous Festive Showcase returns on Thursday 10th December 2026!

Join us for a night full of songs, music, readings and of course the infamous Staff Panto - with your favourite Fairy Godfather returning to the stage (Oh yes he is!)

Tickets are just £5 each, or 4 for £15. Available via ParentPay now - or by emailing library@yorkhigh.elt.org.uk

We will also have refreshments and a raffle on the night so please bring some cash to the show!

ParentPay sales will close at 9pm on Wednesday 9th December, and any remaining tickets will be available on the door... But Beware - the Festive Showcase tends to sell out, therefore we may not have tickets on the door - so ORDER NOW!!!





CURRENT APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

YORK COLLEGE

Vacancy	Link to apply	Reference	Employer	Location	Vacancy Overview	Closing date
hef 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

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!

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