YORK HIGH HEADLINES

WEEK 10 – NOVEMBER 20 2026

Dear York High School Community,

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support of York High School. Your ongoing partnership, encouragement, and engagement play a vital role in helping our students thrive and making our school community so strong.

In particular, I would like to thank everyone who has already taken the time to complete and return our recent parent surveys. Your feedback is invaluable and provides us with really useful insights into what is working well and where we can continue to improve. The survey is still open, and we welcome as many responses as possible to ensure every voice is heard. If you haven't had a chance to share your thoughts yet, please do so HERE
To follow up on the key themes from your responses, I will be hosting an open meeting for parents and carers to discuss this feedback in more detail:

- Date: Wednesday, 2nd December
- Time: 3:30 pm

Everyone is warmly invited to attend, and we hope to see many of you there.

Warmly,

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YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING

Reminder – Year 11 Parents Evening is on Wednesday 9th December. Bookings are now open. Visit https://york.schoolcloud.co.uk/ to secure your appointments

OFF THE PAGE – CREATIVE READING GROUP IN ACOMB

Pilot Theatre are launching a free creative reading group on Thursday evenings at Acomb Explore library from January for 11-14 year olds. Over 11 sessions, the young people will read the novel (or listen to the audiobook) Skellig by David Almond and take part in a range of creative activities.

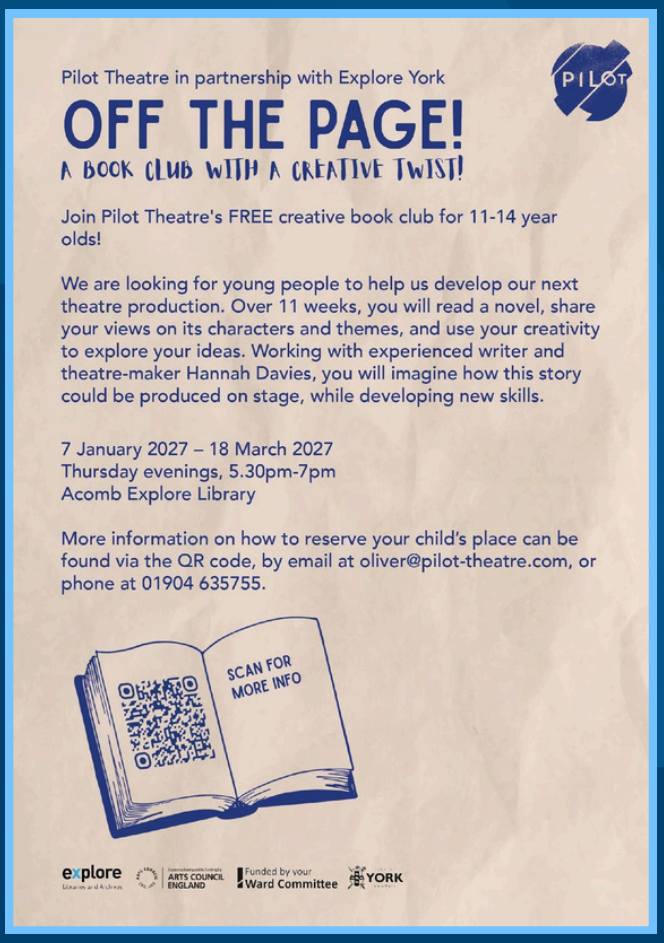
They will be producing a production of Skellig in autumn 2027 / spring 2028, so the young people's views on the story and characters will help shape the performance they create.

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.



CURRENT APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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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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