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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have an extremely busy Newsletter this week but I would like to start by reminding parents about the Annual Archbishop Holgate's Science Lecture, 7.30pm this evening, at the National Science Learning Centre. We look forward to welcoming students and parents to this event.

The Archbishop of York Young Leader's Award



There has been a flurry of activity amongst Year 9 students over the last few weeks as they tackle the final and most challenging element of the Archbishop of York Young Leader's Award. We have been massively impressed with the efforts our students have gone to and the enthusiasm with which they have approached their projects. To achieve the award all students must have completed the 'Faith' module, the 'Hope' module and three acts of voluntary work as part of the 'Action' module. The voluntary work must include a school based project (during school time to benefit the school community), a personal project (completed in their own time to benefit someone they know such as a family member, neighbour or friend) and a community project which can be completed in their own time or during school time which benefits the wider community in the local area or beyond. Students have been given almost free reign to design their own projects which are ideally both high impact and realistic. Some of the projects which have taken place include whole class litter picks of the school grounds, cake sales for the Special Care Baby Unit and the charity Children in Distress (raising over £70 combined), baking cakes to order (raising over £94 for Fikelela in South Africa), doing extra chores around the house for parents, running a Fairtrade stall during Fairtrade fortnight, helping teachers after school with display work and filing, creating welcome guides for the Year 6 students who will join us in September, raising £30 from a cake sale and using the money to purchase flowers which have been planted in the rose garden, helping to tidy the Food Technology room after practical lessons, assisting the canteen staff with clearing away after lunch service and preparing an assembly to raise awareness of the work done by the RSPCA. I'm sure you'll agree that this is an impressive list! A huge thank you goes to all the staff and parents who have supported students in these activities as they become the change they want to see.



Industry Day

On Monday all Year 9 students, (including the six students who will be joining Year 10 from Burnholme Community College in September) took part in the annual 'Industry Day'. They dressed as though they were going to the office and on arrival at 8.30am they all looked stunning, it was a really impressive start to the day. First to lead the day was Naomi Turner from Nike who presented on how Nike design, manufacture and market their products. After being given a task to create a strapline to go with the Nike ID product students, in groups, went into the Sports Hall and were introduced to their Chief Executives. These were business people who had kindly given up their time to assist their allocated group with the task ahead. The task was to design, manufacture and market a pair of shoes and a bag, and to prepare a full PowerPoint presentation to a panel of judges to include a foreign language; breakeven; cash flow; logos and strapline The winners of the Nike sports Bands provided by Nike were Maddy Fowler, Eve Ferguson, Ellie Simons and Eve Walters. Congratulations to them all especially as there were some pretty special straplines produced. Students then chose their business positions



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within their groups (a Managing Director, Financial Director, ICT and Design Engineers, to name just a few). The real work then began. Throughout the next 4½ hours every group rose majestically to the challenge and, as you would expect from the world of work, there were many highs and lows. At the end of the day everyone met back in the main Hall for presentations, feedback and celebration of what had been a hard, but wonderfully rewarding day. The winning group are pictured, extremely happy and proud, and rightly so. I am certain Year 9 will remember the day fondly, but more importantly will have had some real insight into what the world of work. One student remarked, 'We got everything done and we did it with teamwork, joy, enthusiasm and everyone liked what they were doing'. Its words and days like these that make life inspiring to us all.

York School Councils' Conference 2013

This year's conference was held at the Guildhall on Tuesday 5th March with students from Archbishop Holgate's School Council running the whole event! After last year's conference students were really keen to plan, organise and run the 2013 event – so keen that they volunteered for the task! Fourteen members of the School Council decided back in November 2012 that they wanted to provide a day of discussion and discovery on the theme of "York's Young Adults". After five months of intensive planning and working with eight other secondary schools in York they met at the venue last Tuesday for the big day. It was opened in style by BBC Look North presenter and local York resident, Harry Gration, who encouraged York's young people to make their voice heard and give their opinion! Throughout the day students took part in a variety of workshops, such as "Money Matters" (run by managers of the Yorkshire Building Society), "Mental Health" (York Youth Council) and even "Ambitions" (run by our very own School Council members!). Walking around the different workshops and activities students were pitching in at all times – offering their views and thoughts for what the young adults of York might be able to do for their city now and in the near future. Later in the day members of all the School Councils had their chance to put burning questions to the panel of local experts (made up of Councillors, CYC Directors, a local police officer, local business representatives, and, of course, two of our own School Council members). We were really pleased with the atmosphere of hard work and discussion taking place in the Guildhall, but by far the most rewarding part of it all has been the emails and notes of thanks we've received from other schools in York about how useful and successful they found the conference this year.



News from the Technology department

Post-16 Engineering and Graphics visits - Experiencing real life design and engineering is essential for students to enhance learning beyond the classroom. In the past two weeks Post-16 students have visited Coca Cola, Wakefield, and JCB in Uttoxeter. The Coca Cola visit allowed students to experience mass production, plastic manufacture and business strategies with manufacturing and engineering. JCB were able to offer students workshops of developments in technology over time, as well as getting onto the shop floor to see fabrication in action. Tinashe Chinyemba said, "This was an amazing visit which has given me an understanding of fabrication I didn't have, but also inspired me even more that I want to become an engineer – I would really love to work there!"



Industrial Links - The James Dyson Foundation has also been into school and their engineers worked with both Key Stage 3 and Post-16 students. Their brief was to "Design and Prototype something that uses air to solve a problem". There were some unbelievably good responses with one student saying, "this was one of the best things I have done to experience what real engineering is like, I really enjoyed working in a team rather than on my own." Danya Walker from the James Dyson Foundation said, "The approach from Post-16 students was serious and very thoughtful as they were aware of the potential boundaries whereas the KS3 approach was radically creative and original – it was great to see both ends of the school and they were all outstanding!"

VEX Robotics Finals - Robotics at the school has really taken off! Having won the North East Competition in December, Year 8 and 9 students will make their way to the Excel in London this Friday and Saturday to compete in the nationals! The robot is built, tested and programmed and the drivers are practicing and perfecting their routines! If we finish in the top five then its California this summer for the World Finals! It is going to be very hard but we have a fantastic robot certainly worthy of winning lots! The competition will grow next year, so if you are interested please have a word with Mr Parkinson.



Engineering visit to Munich (Audi, BMW, Olympic Village and Allianz Arena)

A reminder to parents and students that they need to meet at school at 6.45pm on Wednesday 27th March for departure at 7.15pm. We will return to school on Monday 1st April at approximately 3.30pm. Please ensure that all EHIC cards and remaining payments are made before Wednesday 20th March. As always, please contact Mr Parkinson should you need any further assistance.

In The Pipeline

Letters for the Year 10 and Post-16 Product and Graphic Design visit have been sent out. This year we will be travelling down on Thursday 4th July and visiting the Design Museum and then the New Designers exhibition. Please make sure letters and payments are in before the Easter break. Also, P16 will be visiting Rosti McKechnie Plastic Manufacturing on the 20th March as part of their studies and learning enhancements.

Sports News



Well done to the Year 9 Rugby Union team who won the Emerging Schools Competition at York RI on Tuesday. The competition was extremely competitive and the standard of rugby was excellent considering the cold and muddy conditions. The first game was a very close encounter against Fulford in which we came from scores level at half time to a 2 try victory at full time. We then went on to beat Huntington by 3 tries and Manor by 5. Everyone involved played in all games and made valuable contributions to the victory. We now look forward to progressing through to the North Yorkshire round of the competition. The team: Eddy Brown (Cpt), Morgan Lindley, Ben Harris, Conor Calam, Mike Harryman, Aaron Piccolo, Ben Dear, Ben Burdett, Ben Errington, Jamie Frary, Josh Fahey and Jake Pollard.

Sixth Form News

Sixth Form Results - Congratulations to all our students for the exam successes last week, especially Year 13 students whose results put them in an incredibly strong position for the summer exams. All students must now ensure they use the weeks up until the summer exams to their advantage and keep up the hard work! Year 13 students have all had meetings to discuss their results in combination with their intended progression routes to ensure that they reach their goals in the summer. Student meetings have also been conducted for those students in Year 12 who were disappointed with their results and plans have been made to ensure summer success in combination with hard work and regular meetings with tutors.

Sixth Form Leavers Ball - The Student Leaver's Ball Committee have been working hard to organise a memorable evening for all Year 13s to celebrate the formal end of their secondary school education before they progress to university, employment or apprenticeships. Letters have been sent to Year 13 students inviting them to the Ball at Sandburn Hall, Flaxton on Thursday 27th June, 7.30pm-midnight. The committee have worked hard to keep costs down and this has resulted in a ticket price of £32 which includes a set-menu 2-course meal, as well as entertainment from both a live band and a DJ. Transport by coach is provided to and from Sixth Form at no additional cost. Those Year 13s wanting to come along and let their hair down should return the reply slip with payment to the Finance Office for their ticket. We hope to see all Year 13 students at the event.

Charity Fundraising: Kate Calvert – Media Star Again! Once again Kate Calvert has been invited to talk about the importance of understanding Autism, this time with particular emphasis on understanding within the workplace. Kate has presented both to conferences at Burnholme Community College and to a City Screen staff information event in Liverpool. Well done!

Parent Information

I would like to remind parents that students should not have mobile phones in school. If students choose to bring these with them for safety on the way to and from school and as a way to contact parents in an emergency, they should be kept inside bags out of sight whilst in school. Many of these phones are extremely expensive and on occasions they can be lost or go missing as was the case before half term. Whilst the school will do everything possible to recover lost property regrettably this is not always possible.

Year 8 visit to Paris in July - A reminder that to date payments of £425 should have been made (there are a few outstanding payments due on 4th February). The final payment of £75 should be made by Monday 22nd April. The coach lists and our itinerary can be viewed on the VLE.

HPV Reminder - Year 8 girls will be having their third HPV injection during the morning of Tuesday 19th March. I would like to remind parents/guardians and students of the importance of being in school on that day.

GCE Resit Forms - A reminder that GCE resit forms need to be returned to Mrs Ramm, Examinations Officer, by tomorrow (Friday 15th March) with payment.



Teen Zone – Do you have a pre-teen or a teenager?

Many parents find adolescence the most demanding time in their relationship with their child. There are many new challenges to face and it's often hard to know what to do for the best. Archbishop Holgate's School and Elim Pentecostal Church are holding a 5-week course for parents of pre-teens and teenagers. We'll be looking at some of the issues and how to survive! The meetings will be on Fridays (19th, 26th April, 3rd, 10th, 17th May), 9.30-11.30am, at St Hilda's Church Hall, Tang Hall Lane, York, YO10 3SD. To book a place or for any further information please contact Helen Atkinson (T: 789214 / email helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk) or Gaynor Norris, the school's Intensive Pastoral Support Worker (T: 411341 / reception@archbishopholgates.org). The course is free due to generous funding from Archbishop Holgate's School and Elim Pentecostal Church. Come along and share your ideas with other parents!

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 14th March
Thursday 28th March

Archbishop Holgate's Annual Science Lecture, 7.30pm, National Science Learning Centre
Students break up for Easter Holidays at 2.30pm

Year 11 - Please read the Year 11 Weekly Plan carefully. As you know there are lots of sessions that are provided to give students the best chance of exam success. Letters for Easter Revision have now been sent home. Please return the reply slips to the relevant members of staff by Wednesday 20th March. During the following week, on Tuesday 26th March there will be a Year 11 Study Skills Morning that will kick-start the revision process. Further details will follow about this important morning. The end of year rewards trip to Alton Towers is confirmed for Friday 10th May. All students are eligible to enjoy the day if they are meeting our expectations of attending all lessons, working hard and completing all the work that is set to the best of their ability.

Year 11 Support Programme

For week commencing: 18th March

This week you should be concentrating on: **'Heads Down and Working Hard' - Coursework.**

This week you can attend the following support sessions:

	Lunch	After School
Monday	ICT (IT3 & IT4)	Textiles (Te2)
	Graphics / Product Design (Te4)	WRL (LC34)
	Textiles (Te2)	
	Maths - March Re-sitters (MA2)	
Tuesday PE - 7.30am-8.15am Fitness Suite	Textiles (Te2)	Period 6 (IT4)
	ICT (IT3 & IT4)	History - CA Catch-Up (Hi1)
	Maths - March Re-sitters (MA2)	Art (Ar1)
	Graphics / Product Design (Te4)	Textiles (Te2)
	Geography - Notes catch up (GG3)	MFL (MFL1)
	MFL (ML2)	Maths - March Re-sitters (MA2)
		Graphics / Product Design (Te4)
		Media (L37)
		Geography - Notes catch up (GG3)
		PE - (Gymnastics and Dance)
Wednesday	PE - Revision Support (Be)	
	Textiles (Te2)	
	ICT (IT3)	
	Maths - March Re-sitters (MA2)	
	Graphics / Product Design (Te4)	
Thursday PE - 7.30am-8.15am Fitness Suite	Science Intervention (Sc6)	Geography (GG3)
	Geography - Notes catch up (GG3)	Food Technology (Te1 & IT3)
	Textiles (Te2)	History - Revision Skills (Hi3)
	ICT (IT3 & IT4)	Maths - March Re-sitters (MA2)
	Food Technology (Te1)	Business Studies (L32 & L33)
	Maths - March Re-sitters (MA2)	Graphics (Te4)
	Graphics / Product Design (Te4)	Media (L37)
	MFL (MFL1)	
	PE (Netball)	
Friday	PE - Revision support (Ba)	Art (Ar1)
	ICT (IT3)	
	Food Technology (Te1)	
	Maths - March Re-sitters (MA2)	
	Geography - Notes catch up (GG3)	
	Graphics / Product Design (Te4)	

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School days to go before the first exam. **Have you done enough today?**

Food for Thought

Each week during tutor time we have a theme for the week. This week during Collective Worship form groups have been reflecting on the theme of 'What matters most'. One of the quotes we have spent some time thinking about and considering, is:

"It's not living that matters, but living rightly." Socrates, Greek philosopher

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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Tests affirm top quality of school meals

North Yorkshire's school meals have been given a clean bill of health after results today from recent tests show they are free of horsemeat.

North Yorkshire County Caterers, the school meals service, is proud of the dishes it serves to pupils every day. Meals are made from scratch, fresh every day on school premises using fresh ingredients whenever possible.

The North Yorkshire meat supplier, Gilmoors, only supplies meat produced from fresh prime cuts. All meat and poultry is delivered fresh; no frozen meat is used. It is a contract requirement that only whole joints may be used to make minced meat and sausages.

Gilmoors process all meat products used by the school meal service which includes mincing and dicing on their premises from whole forequarter joints of beef, lamb and pig. It is also a contract requirement that only meat and poultry which has been slaughtered in the UK can be used. In practice meat and poultry is sourced from farms in the region.

As a precaution the county council had carried out an audit of supplies which included an inspection of meat traceability records and the examination of raw meat stocks. The audit showed that everything was satisfactory.

As an additional safeguard the county council carried out spot testing of beef being used in schools. This also included tests on some processed meat products which a small number of schools had purchased on an ad hoc basis, outside the advertised menu. All of these tests show that beef used had no trace of horsemeat or any other animal meat.

County councillor Arthur Barker, North Yorkshire's Executive Member for the schools catering service said: "These tests prove what we have been confident of all along, that the ingredients used in school meals are from top quality produce.

"North Yorkshire County Caterers has gone to great lengths over the years and helped to set a national standard in the sourcing of food and the training of cooks, so that all our food in schools is locally sourced whenever possible and cooked fresh in school kitchens. We firmly believe that a nutritious meal served to children in the middle of the day promotes good health and sustains their learning for the long term."

- Only fresh meat and poultry from prime cuts and whole joints are used in school dinners.
- Half of all fruit and vegetables are sourced from the north of England
- Most of the seasonal salad requirements are met by growers in the Humberside region
- All eggs are free range and produced in Yorkshire. North Yorkshire County Caterers has been awarded a "Good Egg Award" for its free range policy from the animal welfare charity Compassion in World Farming
- The great majority of cheese is sourced from the north of England and made with local milk.

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