

Updates from the Principal



Update - 13th February 2026

Principal's Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have enjoyed celebration assemblies this week with all of the year groups. We also launched the duck reward scheme for Year 11s for the next half term.

Well done to all of the students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who took their Reading Plus assessments this week.

Thank you for your continued support. Students return to school after half term on Monday 23rd February.

Kind regards,
Ms Mills

Attendance Update from Miss Garland, Assistant Vice Principal

Overall Attendance this half term: 89.84%

Week 20 Attendance:

Year 7	91.59%	National Average: 92.0% 2025/26
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Year 8	90.88%	National Average: 92.0% 2025/26
Year 9	84.41%	National Average: 92.0% 2025/26
Year 10	87.85%	National Average: 92.0% 2025/26
Year 11	92.30%	National Average: 92.0% 2025/26

Good attendance is 95%+ and 100% represents excellent attendance.

Thank you for all your support! We are tracking 2% above the same period last year consistently and this week has seen some fantastic successes - Y11 reaching 96% and Y8 reaching 93.6% on Wednesday.

Our tutor attendance league promotions and relegations have been updated following the HT 3 season. The HT4 standings are below.

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Half Term 4 Attendance Leagues

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Championship

11SNI
11CSM
10EL
8SD
11CEL

7DHO
7PBR
10HCO
7PWI
7JPE

MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

League 1

9JCO
8AMA
9TGI
8RCU
7MRA

League 2

8KDE
11JHU
10JMI
9JMA
8SST

National League

9HJA
10RN1
8TMU
10SVI
11KBR

Our attendance team is sending text messages, making calls and doing home visits every day to support improving attendance.

The next half term is 5 weeks long. To recognise great attendance we are running an 'Easter Streaks' theme. If students can be in for 25 days they will receive an easter egg. This sits alongside the attendance raffle tokens for 100% weekly attendance and weekly attendance achievement points issued by form tutors.



Please find attached our Attendance Update.

Please continue to report absences to the school attendance team in advance.

If you have any attendance questions, please get in touch via the school phone line or at attendance@voy.hlt.academy

Exams

As always, help is available in school from the Y11 Progress Leader and our welfare team. Below are the external links relating to support for exam stress.

[Childline](#)

[Kooth](#)

[Young Minds](#)

[The Mix](#)

[Mind](#)

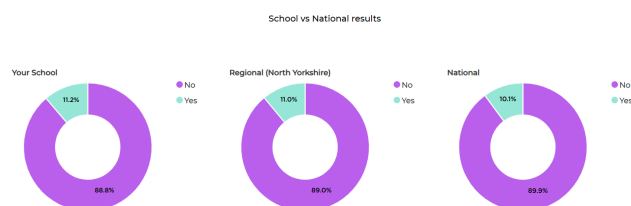
Votes for Schools

Each week, the students are given an opportunity to participate in a democratic voting experience as part of their tutor time. We will share the responses of our students with you.

This week, Safer Internet Day is coming up on Tuesday 10th February. As more young people turn to AI for advice and support, this week voters are exploring an important question: can this advice be trusted?

Question: Would you trust emotional advice from AI?

Regional results vs national results



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Quality of Education Update from Mrs Cripps, Trust Vice Principal

Mock exams will take place in core subjects (Maths, English, Science) during the first two weeks after half term. Students will have P0 and P6 sessions for these two weeks in English, Maths and Science only. Please see below for the timetable:

Exam Booster and P6 Timetable February/March 2026					
	Monday 23rd February	Tuesday 24th February	Wednesday 25th February	Thursday 26th February	Friday 26th February
Pre exam booster session	N/A	English Language C1 8.00am Dining Hall CJA	Maths 8am in Dining Hall	English Literature 8.00 am Dining Hall CJA	Biology 8am in g39
After school period 6 session 3.15-4.15	English Language C1 F9 CJA	Maths Higher F31, Foundation F32	English Literature F9 CJA	Biology G39	Maths Higher F31, Foundation F32
	Monday 2nd March	Tuesday 3rd March	Wednesday 4th March	Thursday 5th March	Friday 6th March
Pre exam booster session	Maths 8am in Dining Hall	Chemistry 8 AM in G39	Maths 8am in Dining Hall	English Language C2 8.00am Dining Hall	Physics 8 AM g39
After school P6 sessions 3.15-4.15	Chemistry G39	Maths Higher F31, Foundation F32	English Language C2 F9 CJA	Physics G39	N/A

Many thanks in advance for all of your support you will be giving your children with their mock exam preparation, it is appreciated.

Teaching and Learning Update from Miss Tyrer, Assistant Vice Principal

Many thanks for your support with our reading plus assessments this week. This will help to ensure that relevant reading support and intervention can be put in place. Please can I also ask parents and carers to check and remind pupils

that they must bring their planner and a pencil case to school every day in order to be lesson ready.

Young Artists Summer Show:

There is a Young Artists Summer Show held by the Royal Academy of Arts in London for 4-18 year olds.



Last chance Submissions close 4 March

Now in its eighth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4-18 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Last chance to register and submit, submissions close on 4 March 2026 at 5pm.

If you have any questions or would like to submit your work for a chance to exhibit at the Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show 2026, please speak to Ms Lawrence or Mr Hopkins.

Here is the link for more details:

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

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Current Vacancies

[Cover Supervisor - 22 hours per week, term time only](#)

Key Dates:

Mon 24th Feb - Fri 13th Mar

Year 11 Trial Exams 2

Thursday 30th April

Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening

Mon 1st Jun - Fri 26 Jun

KS3 Assessment Window 2 / Year 10 Trial Exams

Friday 17th July

Year 9 Graduation

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