

Updates from the Principal



Update - 13th March 2026

Principal's Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another busy week at Vale with the start of the Year 7 Geography field trips which continue into next week. The students have been looking at Biome - a large naturally occurring community of flora and fauna occupying a major habitat

Year 11 students have completed the cooking practical element of their GCSE Food course this week. There have been some incredible examples of baking and cooking which will contribute to their GCSE result. Well done.

Well done to the Year 11 students who collected the second revision duck - Jack Quack - this week. The third revision duck - Duck Norris - will be available from the Year 11 lunch area on Monday break time.

Assemblies this week have been on the theme of British Science Week, hosted by Mrs Brown, Curriculum Leader for Science.

You will have received a letter to let you know that I will be leaving my role as Principal of Vale of York Academy at the end of this academic year to relocate closer to my family. I would like to thank

you for the support you have shown during my time at the school.

Kind regards,
Ms Mills

Attendance Update from Miss Garland, Assistant Vice Principal

Overall Attendance this half term: 89.82%
Week 24 Attendance:

Year 7	94.04%	National Average: 92.0% 2025/26
Year 8	88.16%	National Average: 92.0% 2025/26
Year 9	86.97%	National Average: 92.0% 2025/26
Year 10	89.55%	National Average: 92.0% 2025/26
Year 11	88.93%	National Average:

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		92.0%
		2025/26

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

Y11 showed fantastic attendance during their mock exams and now have 5 weeks until their GCSE exams start for real, thank you for supporting their attendance at school and during P6's.



Our 'Easter Streaks' theme continues! 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. There are 10 days left of this half term.

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

Half Term 4 Attendance Leagues

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Championship

11SN1
11CSM
10REL
8SD1
11CEL

Premier League

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
10RNY
8THU
10SVI
11KBR

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

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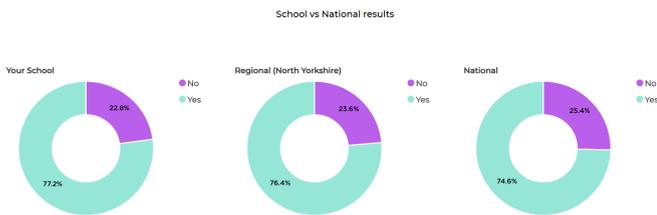


part of their tutor time. We will share the responses of our students with you.

This week, inspired by the introduction of an "active uniform" at a UK school, this week's topic adds a new twist to the age-old uniform debate, asking voters to consider form and function.

Question: Should schools have active uniforms?

Regional results vs national results



Quality of Education Update from Mrs Cripps, Trust Vice Principal

Thank you for supporting your child with their P6 sessions. Until Easter the sessions will be for none core subjects. Please see the timetable.

P6 Timetable 2025/26

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wk A	French G109		YSIS TUTORING IN MAIN HALL	Staff CPD	
	Science KB - G39,	Engineering G2	Engineering G2		
	GCSE PE - MR (G40)	Maths Foundation in F32	Business DR S5		
	Art DHO S19	History HA FA S1	Food Tech F2		Health & Social canteen RDO
	Geog JP and JM G94/5	Food Tech F2			

Wk B	French F43	Food Tech F2	Engineering G2	Staff CPD	
	Art DHO S19	Maths Higher SN in F31	Food Tech F2		
	History HJ S2	Engineering G2	Business DR S5		
	GCSE PE - MR (G40)		Drama - The Cube/F33 RN		
	Geog JP and JM G94/5		YSIS TUTORING IN MAIN HALL		Health & Social canteen RDO

Behaviour Update from Mr Donaldson, Assistant Vice Principal

Sparx Science League Table

Leaderboard	
7JPE	80%
7PWI	78%
7PBR	56%
7DHO	40%
7MRA	29%

Leaderboard	
8AMA	60%
8RCU	50%
8SDI	43%
8SST	41%
8KDE	21%

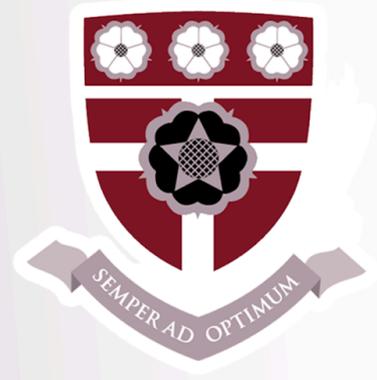
Leaderboard	
9TGI	41%
9HJA	28%
9JCO	25%
9JMA	25%
9TMU	16%

Leaderboard	
10JM1	40%
10SVI	40%
10ELY	38%
10HCO	38%
10RNI	30%

Leaderboard	
11CEL	23%
11KBR	23%
11CSM	17%
11PME	10%
11JHU	4%

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Safeguarding and Wellbeing from Mrs Cook Designated Safeguarding Lead

We celebrated International Women's Day and asked our pupils to write about a woman who inspires them.

Their thoughtful responses are now displayed on our trees in reception. It has been wonderful to read their kind words and see the many inspiring women who make a difference in their lives



Free Community Concert

City of York Council warmly invite you to attend a free community concert at Clifton Community Hall on Sunday 29 March between 3pm - 4.30pm.

The Dulwich Boys Orchestra, will be performing as part of their annual commitment to visit a new city and share their music with new audiences. This special event is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy

live music while supporting young musicians as they gain new experiences.

The concert is also a way of giving something back to the Clifton residents and the wider community who use and support the hall and Marjorie Waite court services.

Attendance is free of charge. Seats will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis so please let CYC know who you would like to come and how many seats by emailing

Sarah.Knott@york.gov.uk

We hope you can join us for what promises to be a lovely afternoon of music and community.

Current Vacancies

[Cleaner - 16 hours per week](#)

[Lead Teacher of Maths](#)

[Higher Level Teaching Assistant - 37 hours a week, term time only](#)

[Advanced Teaching Assistant - 30 hours per week, term time only](#)

[Advanced Teaching Assistant - 37 hours per week, term time only](#)

[Advanced Teaching Assistant - 28.75 hours per week, term time only](#)

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Key Dates:

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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