

Updates from the Principal



Update - 20th March 2026

Principal's Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week, Year 7 students have completed the Geography field trips. Behaviour has been exemplary throughout.

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

This week, we have celebrated Women's History Month in assemblies. Next week, there will be end of term celebration assemblies.

Kind regards,
Ms Mills

Attendance Update from Miss Garland, Assistant Vice Principal

Overall Attendance this half term: 89.68%

Week 25 Attendance:

Year 7	93.98%	National Average: 92.0% 2025/26
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Year 8	89.20%	National Average: 92.0% 2025/26
Year 9	86.14%	National Average: 92.0% 2025/26
Year 10	88.50%	National Average: 92.0% 2025/26
Year 11	90.22%	National Average: 92.0% 2025/26

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



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 5 days left of this term.

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

Attendance Leagues: the half term winners will be announced in rewards assemblies next week!

Half Term 4 Attendance Leagues

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Championship	
11SNI	
11CSM	
10EL	
8SDI	
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	
10RN1	
8TMU	
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](#)

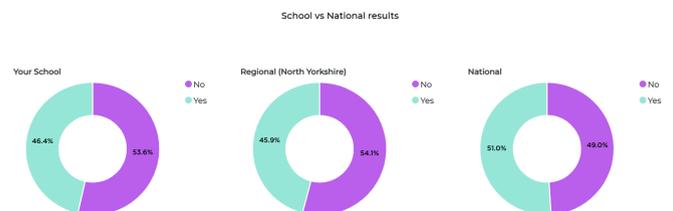
Votes for Schools

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

After another week of heavy headlines and big questions, our latest VoteTopic gives voters an insight into what has been happening in Iran over the past few weeks and asks them to consider how much they understand about the conflict.

Question: Do you understand the reasons for the Iran conflict?

Regional results vs national results



Quality of Education Update from Mrs Cripps, Trust Vice Principal

This week, all Year 9 parents received a letter regarding Year 9 options and the link to the form to submit. Please also see the link below:

[Year 9 Options Form](#)

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Please note that due to Business Studies being removed from the Options list we have extended the deadline to Friday 17th April to give you more time to discuss your child's choices.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing from Mrs Cook Designated Safeguarding Lead

We have been made aware of a number of unpleasant incidents involving youths on electric bikes directed towards some of our students.

We wanted to make you aware of this, ask that you remain vigilant, and advise that any incidents should be reported to the police.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all students safe.

Could you be a Parent Advocate?

Help Us To Support Parents When They Need It Most

Could you empower other parents to speak up and be heard when they are at their most vulnerable?

Do you have personal experience of Children's Social Care Services, either as a parent or a supportive family member?

Could you draw on your own experience to help others to navigate the Child Protection Process?

The City of York Council Volunteer Service is launching a new volunteer role for individuals with personal experience of Children's Social Care Services. Parent Advocates will provide practical and emotional support to parents navigating the child protection process to help them feel empowered and heard.

We need volunteers who can bring first-hand experience as someone who has engaged with Children's Services. They will need to be non-judgemental and empathetic with strong listening and communication skills.

Full training will be provided alongside regular support and supervision from an assigned Volunteer Officer. All costs will be reimbursed and volunteers will be part of a supportive community of fellow Parent Advocates. Volunteering will be flexible to ensure it fits around parents' busy lives. We will ask for an initial commitment of approx. 3-6 hours per month.

Get in touch with the Volunteer Team today by emailing volunteer@york.gov.uk or call us on 07542 510430

Year 11 Prom

👗 Dress2Impress Prom Fair - 26 March 👗
👛 Making prom more affordable 👛

School proms can be a big expense these days, but social enterprise Dress2Impress at Huntington School is here to help! They will be holding a Prom Fair next Thursday evening (26 March) with Live Catwalk, hair and make up demonstrations, and the opportunity to browse and purchase a selection of prom suits and dresses, straight from the rail, at heavily reduced prices.

You can also find out about renting a prom outfit to cut your costs, including how families in receipt of free school meals can loan an outfit completely free.

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We have also kindly been donated some prom wear so are making arrangements for our students to be able to come and borrow items - further details to follow.

Lost Property

As we approach the end of term, we would like to remind you that all lost property will be made available for collection by students/parents.

If your child is missing any items, please encourage them to come to reception and check the lost property area before the last day of term. Parents may also come and check through the lost property between the hours of 3.15pm and 4pm Monday 23rd March to Thursday 26th March.

Please note that any items not collected by the end of term will be donated to charity.

Could you please make sure that all items are named so that any lost items can easily be returned to students.

Current Vacancies

[Cleaner - 16 hours per week](#)

[Lead Teacher of Maths](#)

[Education & Welfare Support Officer](#)

[Senior Attendance Officer - Family Outreach Worker](#)

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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