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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share what a positive start our students have made as they return to school this term. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, focus, and readiness to learn.

A special mention goes to our new Year 7 students, who have adapted quickly and settled in exceptionally well. Their confidence and eagerness to engage in school life have been truly impressive.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 13 students on their recent exam outcomes. Their hard work and determination have paid off, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.

Furthermore, we have had a record-breaking uptake to our Sixth Form this year. It's fantastic to see so many students choosing to continue their educational journey with us, and we wish them all every success in this next chapter. We look forward to seeing all they will achieve.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,

Matt Smith



Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

Our quick reference guide on key dates is available to view on our Website via the link below:

[Huntington School Calendar](#)

Please note these dates are subject to change.

Dates to note for September and October are as follows:

SEPTEMBER

Tues 16th: Y12 Learn and Succeed Evening

Fri 19th: Y7 & 10 individual photographs

Tues 30th: Y10 Learn and Succeed Evening

OCTOBER

Thurs 9th: Year 6 Open Evening - school closes at 12.15

Fri 10th: Flu immunisations (Y7-11)

Mon 20th: Y7 Tutors' Evening (in person)

Fri 24th: School closes for half term

Extra-Curricular Activities



We're thrilled to let you know that our clubs programme is now up and running — and it's bigger and more diverse than ever!

From Warhammer to Duolingo, there's truly something for everyone. Whether your child is into creative arts, languages, strategy games, or sports, we've got it covered.

You can access the full offer here:

[Huntington School - Extra- curricular Activities](#)

Dress to Impress Community Project Award

We are extremely proud and excited to announce that Dress2Impress, our pre-loved clothing initiative, was awarded Community Project of the Year at this year's York Press Community Pride Awards. Read the full article [here](#).

You might already know that Dress2Impress, based in Huntington school, makes proms more sustainable and reduces the financial burden of these special events by loaning or selling formal attire at affordable prices. We would like to thank everyone who has supported the project - staff, parents and most importantly, the students!

You can find out more about Dress to Impress on our [Facebook page](#).





Year 13 Duke of Edinburgh Success

Congratulations to Archie Gillies, one of our Year 13 students, who has passed his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, demonstrating extremely hard work and commitment.

His success in the Gold Award expedition, where he took part in a four-day trek through the Yorkshire Dales, covering more than 50 miles on foot, has been celebrated in the York Press. You can read the full article [here](#).

Archie can look forward to having his efforts recognised at a ceremony and garden party at Buckingham Palace where he will receive his certificate and badge. Well done Archie - we are very proud!



Huntington Man Choir Concert



Huntington School's Man Choir is honoured to have been invited to perform in the centenary concert of the York Philharmonic Male Voice Choir. This celebration of 100 years of the prestigious local choir will take place at the Barbican on Sunday 21st September at 5.30 pm. Man Choir will be singing a handful of popular tunes, and if you haven't heard them before, you're in for a treat - boys from Years 8-13 (plus a few Huntington alumni) will wow you with their harmonies!

Tickets are available from the [Barbican website](http://www.yorkbarbican.co.uk).

European Day of Languages 2025

Take up the challenge for the European Day of Languages!

26th September is the European Day of Languages, when we celebrate the huge variety of languages in the world, and recognise the importance of being able to communicate across borders and barriers. Following the success of our whole-school Duolingo challenge last year, we are bringing it back for 2025 during the week starting 22nd September. Details will be emailed to students at the end of next week so that everyone can get involved. If your child would like to take part, but does not yet have an account on www.duolingo.com please could you encourage them to sign up in advance? Pupils aged 12 and under will need to provide a parent's email address in order to create their account. On your marks, get set...!



Online Webinars Autumn Term


We are pleased to share with you details of the York Wellbeing in Mind Team's upcoming webinars to support you and your children in the Autumn term, on the topics of friendship, resilience, anxiety, winter wellbeing and low mood. These can be accessed on Teams, and further joining details will be shared as each webinar approaches.



City Kickabout

York City FC Foundation are delighted to announce that their City Kickabout sessions have begun! This is a great place for young people to come and play football whether they are regular players or not. This session is £1 and accessible to all - why not come and give it a go! This is an opportunity for our young people to get active, meet friends, learn skills and develop confidence in a safe environment.

Please see the flyers for further details.





CITY, KICK, ABOUT.

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO
PLAY FOOTIE & HAVE
A KICK ABOUT?**

**RUNNING EVERY
MONDAY & THURSDAY**
at venues across
York for young people
aged 8 - 17

For further details call 07834 588259 or email
inclusion@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk

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FANCY A KICK ABOUT?

MONDAYS HUNTINGTON		THURSDAYS ACOMB	
Huntington Secondary School All Weather Pitches, Hunfington Road, YO32 9WT		Energise Leisure Centre All Weather Pitches, Cornlands Road, YO24 3DX	
AGES 8 - 12 YEARS	5-6PM	5.30-6.25PM	£1 per player
AGES 13 - 17 YEARS	6-7PM	6.30-7.25PM	

City Kickabout is a social inclusion programme offering football for all, working with various local youth partners, offering positive diversionary activity & opportunities. All participants will need to provide parent/guardian contact details in case of emergency. U12's must be completed by parent/guardian. Coaches reserve the right to refuse access to the sessions if details not provided or if the player code of conduct is not followed.

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Out of Hours Concerns

SAFEGUARDING AND OUT OF HOURS CONCERNS

If you are concerned about a young person you must contact M.A.S.H (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub Team) which is the single point of contact for all concerns about children. If there are immediate concerns about the safety of a child, you should contact North Yorkshire Police on 999.

Contact MASH Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm:

- telephone - 01904 551900

- email - mash@york.gov.uk

Contact MASH Early Help Team to make an early help referral or access advice:

Outside office hours, at weekends and on public holidays, contact the emergency duty team

- telephone - 01609 780780
- email - edt@northyorks.gov.uk

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