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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, it has been an eventful few weeks at Huntington School, with much more to come as the term progresses. Firstly, we're looking forward to welcoming families to our Year 6 Open Evening next week - a wonderful opportunity to explore all that our school has to offer and meet our dedicated staff. A reminder that to prepare for this event, school will close at 12:15 on Thursday 9th October and buses will therefore collect students early to return home. A big thank you in advance to the many students who have offered to help on the evening, we know you will showcase our school brilliantly.

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is on Tuesday 11th November 6-8pm and we hope to see all of our Year 11 students there. Please register your attendance by clicking on this [link](#). This event is a key moment for students considering their next steps, and we're excited to showcase the breadth of opportunities available in our Sixth Form.

We have already had some special moments to celebrate at school this term - a huge well done to all the students who took part in the Centenary Concert of the York Philharmonic Male Voice Choir. Your talent and commitment were truly inspiring, and we're proud of your contribution to such a prestigious event.

We're also thrilled to share that almost 100 students auditioned for our upcoming Spring production of *Matilda*. The enthusiasm and energy around this show is already building, and we can't wait to see it come to life!

Thank you for your support. As always, if you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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 October and November are as follows:

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

NOVEMBER

Mon 3rd: School opens after half term

Tues 11th: Sixth Form Open Evening

Thurs 13th: Y11 Core Mock exams begin

Thurs 20th: Y13 Parents' Evening (in person)

Flu Vaccines

Vaccination UK are attending school to provide flu vaccinations to students in years 7 to 11 on 10th October.

They will be returning on 7th November to catch up with any students who were missed the first time around.

For your child to receive their nasal flu vaccination in school, please complete a **YES** consent form using the **link below**. **The nasal spray is quick, painless and is the most effective option for under 18s.**

If your child **cannot** have the nasal spray, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form.

If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have a flu vaccination, please complete a **NO** consent via the same link.

[Vaccination UK Immunisation](#)

Thank you.

Sixth Form Update



The Year 12s have made a fantastic start and have been impressive in their efforts and commitment so far, as they settle into Sixth Form life. It has been great to see so much kindness shown to each other, and to hear so many students enjoying themselves.

Mr Richards and Mrs Wilson were delighted to see so many parents at the Learn and Succeed evening on the 16th September. Any Year 12 parents who were unable to join us can watch the main presentation here. <https://youtu.be/vEnEpMhVn3I>

Our students also recently enjoyed an unforgettable team-building adventure at North Yorkshire Water Park. The day was packed with laughter, energy, and plenty of splashes as students tackled the park's giant inflatable obstacle course—complete with high jumps into the lake and slippery slides that tested their balance and bravery!

One of the highlights was the 10-person paddle boards, which brought out some impressive teamwork (and a few unexpected tumbles!). Students also had a blast climbing onto and jumping off giant inflatable unicorns.

The trip was a fantastic opportunity for students to bond, build confidence, and create lasting memories outside the classroom. A great time was had by all, and we're already looking forward to the next adventure!

Finally, we hope to see our current Year 11 students joining us next year in the Sixth Form and with that in mind, we'd like you to register your attendance at our Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 11th November 6-8pm, by filling out this [form](#). We are really looking forward to showing you all we have to offer for the next step in your educational journey.







Attendance Update

As we come to the end of our first month of the academic year, we're pleased to share some fantastic attendance news from across the school. **777 of our students are still at 100% attendance**, and **904 students are currently above 97%**. This is a brilliant start to the year, and we'd like to thank all families for your continued efforts in making school attendance a priority.

We understand that absences due to illness can sometimes be unavoidable. However, developing strong daily routines and planning ahead can help avoid unnecessary time off. Here are some practical tips:

- Stick to regular morning and evening routines to ensure your child is ready for the school day.
- Ensure your child arrives on time each morning – lateness can be disruptive and unsettling.
- Where possible, arrange medical and dental appointments outside of school hours.
- Encourage attendance for minor colds or sniffles – if your child is well enough to be up and about at home, they're likely well enough for school.

If your child is genuinely unwell and unable to attend, please:

- Contact the school on each day of absence, clearly stating the reason. **The best way to do this is via 'Report Absence' on the ClassCharts app.**
- Keep us updated so we can support your child's return to school as soon as possible.

Let's continue working together to maintain strong attendance and give every student the best chance of success. If you have any questions or would like support with attendance routines, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Parent Information Workshops and Huntington School Community Events

At Huntington School, we're proud of the vibrant community made up of our staff, students, and their families. This year, we're keen to create more opportunities for connection and shared experiences. Please see below for two ways we can achieve this together.



Information workshops

3.45-4.45pm



Huntington School

22/10/2025 - Online safety & social media awareness

Learn how to help your child navigate the digital world safely, from managing screen time to understanding privacy settings. This session explores the risks and rewards of social media and how to foster healthy online habits.

17/11/2025 - Understanding teenage brain development

Discover what's really going on in the teenage brain and how it affects decision-making, emotions, and behaviour. This workshop offers insights into supporting your teen through this critical stage of growth.

15/01/2026 - Teen mental health: spotting the signs

Gain practical tools to recognize early signs of mental health challenges in teenagers, including anxiety, depression, and stress. Learn how to start supportive conversations and where to seek help if needed.

02/03/2026 - Post 16 pathways explained

Explore the options available to students after GCSEs, including A-levels, T-levels, apprenticeships, and vocational routes. This session helps parents guide their teens in making informed choices for their future.

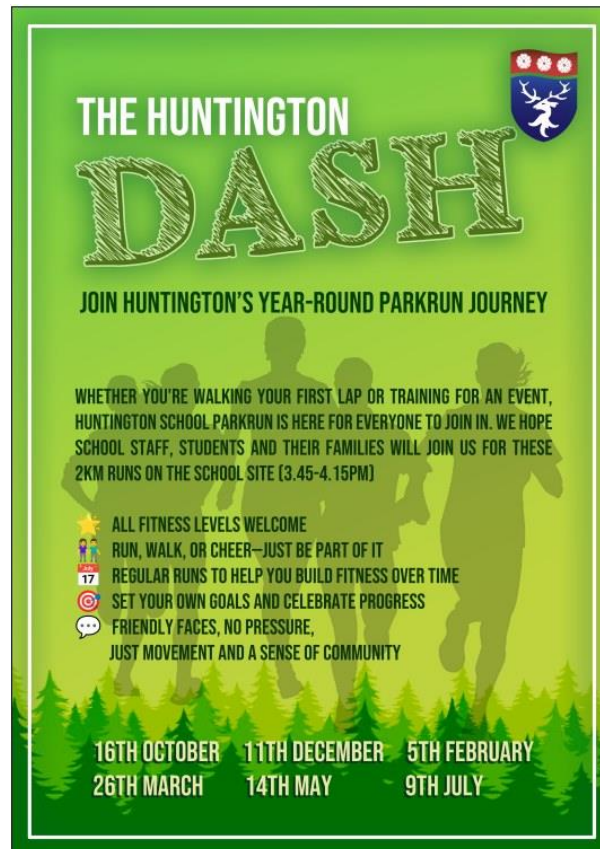
27/04/2026 - Post 18 pathways explained

Understand the full range of opportunities after sixth form or college, from university and gap years to employment and training. This workshop breaks down the pros and cons of each path to support your child's next steps.

11/06/2026 - Summer support for York families

Explore childcare, wellbeing, and activity opportunities available this summer through York's Family Information Service and partners.

We're pleased to share an overview of the information sessions we'll be running throughout the year. These will take place from **3:45 to 4:45pm**, and we invite you to join us at **Student Reception**. Each session will be recorded for those unable to attend in person, and children are very welcome if that makes it easier for you to come along.



We're also excited to launch **The Huntington Dash**—a series of fun, inclusive runs taking place across the school year. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just fancy a jog with friends, we'd love for you to be part of it.

Student Lockers

LOCKERS

DO NOT LEAVE FRESH FOOD
FOR MORE THAN TWO DAYS,
OR ANY FOOD OVER THE WEEKEND

KEEP IT CLEAN
IT'S YOUR LOCKER, NOT A RUBBISH BIN

DON'T USE A LOCKER THAT ISN'T YOURS
THE PADLOCK WILL BE CUT

DON'T SHARE IT
EVERYONE CAN HAVE THEIR OWN

DON'T DAMAGE OR GRAFFITI IT
YOU MAY BE CHARGED FOR REPAIRS

NO SPINNING PADLOCKS
IF IT'S TOO SMALL, GET A BIGGER ONE



A Reminder for Parents and Carers Regarding Locker Use.

As we settle into the academic year, please be aware that purchases made via WisePay will now be processed on a weekly basis rather than daily.

If you have purchased a locker for your child, they will be notified by their tutor once the allocation has been completed. Likewise, if you have purchased a padlock, it will be delivered to tutors for distribution.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Please also take a moment to review the [locker rules](#) by clicking on the link. All students were instructed on these in Year 7 when they received their allocation, and the guidelines remain available at any time via the year group Padlet and notices around the school.

Charity of the Year: OSCAR's

Our Chosen Charity of the Year: OSCAR's

We're proud to announce that this year, Huntington School will be supporting **OSCAR's** as our chosen charity. OSCAR's (Offering Support to Children and Relatives) is a York-based organisation dedicated to helping children and young people facing cancer, along with their families. Their work provides vital emotional, practical, and financial support during

incredibly challenging times. You can find out more by following this link to their website: [OSCAR's Paediatric Brain Tumour Charity](https://www.oscarscharity.org).

This week our students attended an assembly led by Phil Martinez, OSCAR's Charity Manager, to find out all about the fantastic work they do, and throughout the year, we'll be running a variety of fundraising events and awareness campaigns to support OSCAR's mission. From student-led initiatives to whole-school activities, we're excited to come together as a community to make a meaningful difference.

We hope you'll join us in supporting this fantastic cause—whether by donating, or simply spreading the word, and look forward to sharing our progress with you.



OSCAR's
PAEDIATRIC
BRAIN TUMOUR
CHARITY

EVENTS

21ST NOV: CHARITY DAY 1
16TH FEB: CURRY NIGHT
AT THE PARVIN IN HAXBY
6TH MAR: CHARITY DAY 2
3RD MAY: NINE EDGES WALK
3RD JULY: CHARITY DAY 3
26TH SEPT 2026: INFLATABLE 5K

FOR MORE INFO VISIT:
[OSCARCHARITY.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.oscarscharity.org/events)



HUNTINGTON SCHOOL
CHARITY OF THE YEAR 2025/26

PLEASE SCAN TO DONATE
VIA JUSTGIVING





Netball Club Update



We had a fantastic turnout at Netball Club last Tuesday, with **29 students** from Years 9, 10, and a few enthusiastic Year 11s joining in. The energy was brilliant, and it's great to see such strong engagement from our older students. Whether they're seasoned players or just giving

it a go, everyone is welcome—and we're proud of the inclusive, supportive atmosphere they're building together. Here's to a great season ahead 🏐





Promoting Clubs to Year 8

by Macie, Tom and Will, Y11 GCSE Citizenship students



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are a group of Year 11 students studying Citizenship GCSE, and as part of our Theme E topic we have been researching and planning an active campaign. For our campaign, we chose to promote clubs to Huntington School's Year 8 students in order to promote better community cohesion within the year group.

Going to a club has so many benefits towards a child's life, in and out of school, and we want your child to experience those benefits too! These benefits include; being happier; having a way to relieve stress during the school day; making more friends; finding new hobbies or interests and making lasting memories.

We are focusing more specifically on Year 8, but this applies to all students at Huntington - please can you ask your children to attend more clubs, as attending will benefit their experiences in and out of school!

To support our campaign, here are some questions you can ask your child:

"Have you been to a club lately?"

"Did you enjoy it?"

"What clubs are you interested in?"

"Do you know where to look to see what clubs are on offer?"

If you want to go through the clubs with your child, you can find the full list at:

<https://www.huntingtonschool.co.uk/page/?title=Extra+Curricular+Clubs&pid=82>

We are really grateful in advance for your support of our campaign and thank you for asking your child these questions.

Anti-Social Behaviour Campaign

by Joe, Oliver and Noah, Y11 GCSE Citizenship students

We have made a GCSE Citizenship Campaign about Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB).

Our Goal is to encourage and raise awareness in the hopes people will report Anti-Social Behaviour when they see it.

We have been researching the problem over the last few weeks in our Citizenship lessons and interviewed Mr Smith, Mrs Naish and even spoken to a local police officer for their perspectives on ASB in the community. We are now launching an awareness campaign next week and Year 9 will be listening to our PPT in form time in their community action slots.

We would appreciate if you would talk to your children about the problems of Anti-Social Behaviour and how to report it. This will help with our goal to raise more awareness and hopefully stamp out ASB in our community.

To report it:

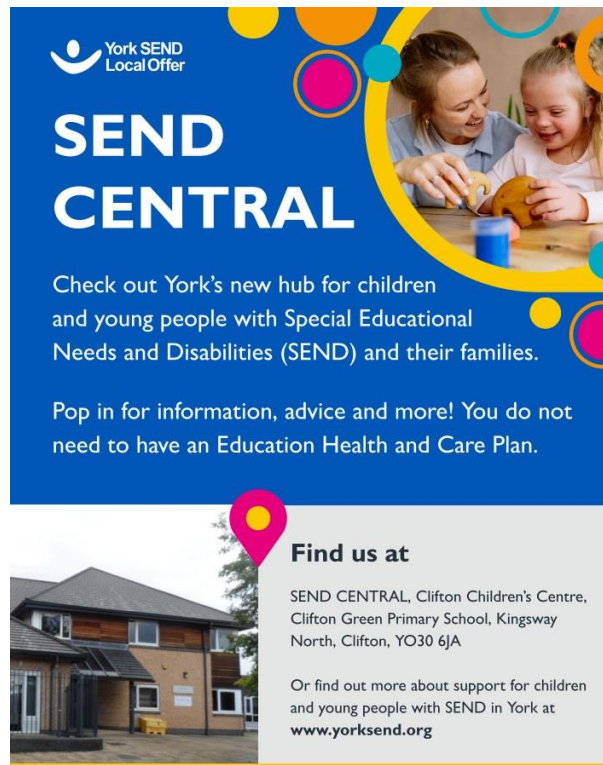
<https://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/>

This takes you to the homepage which will allow you to report a crime including Anti-Social Behaviour.

Thank you for taking the time to read about our campaign!

New CYC SEND Hub

City of York launched their new SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) hub: SEND CENTRAL in Clifton on 20th September. Anyone can visit for information and advice regarding SEND. See the flyer for more contact details.



York SEND
Local Offer

SEND CENTRAL

Check out York's new hub for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families.

Pop in for information, advice and more! You do not need to have an Education Health and Care Plan.

Find us at

SEND CENTRAL, Clifton Children's Centre,
Clifton Green Primary School, Kingsway
North, Clifton, YO30 6JA

Or find out more about support for children and young people with SEND in York at www.yorksend.org

Duke of Edinburgh



New Beginnings (Year 10)

Year 10 have now had an assembly about doing their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze. The information meeting will be in the Hall afterschool on Monday 6th October. Applications will then open to all. They will close on Friday 17th October. Places are limited, I will let candidates know if they have been successful by the 7th of November. Meetings will then

take place every week B Monday afterschool in a location TBC, from the 10th of November. I look forward to working with a new group of young people willing to take on the challenge!

Year 11 - Bronze

Those that did Bronze last year should be finalising their assessor reports. Well done to those that have already done this. I hope to present badges and certificates in the next few months.

Year 12 - Silver

A new cohort has started in PDP and we have a mixture of direct entrants as well as student that have already completed their Bronze.

Year 12 and 13 – Gold

If anyone is interested in completing their Gold Award please get in touch.

Thanks,

Matt Savory

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Man Choir at York Barbican

It was a real privilege for Huntington School's Man Choir to be invited to perform at the York Barbican on Sunday 21st September, as part of the concert celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the York Philharmonic Male Voice Choir. You can watch recordings of their performances by clicking the links below.

Our choir sang two pieces: *Home* (Phillip Phillips) and *Fly Me to the Moon* (Sinatra) conducted by Mr Burnage and accompanied by Phil Thwaite, Buffy Breakwell, and Mrs Rycroft. We were delighted to be joined by several former students, forming a 30-strong ensemble. The lads did themselves, the Music Team, and the School proud.

Berry Lewis, conductor of the York Phil and compère for the evening, remarked: "It was an absolute joy to have the music team and the young men with us. A superb sound, excellent discipline, and altogether inspiring."

Congratulations to everyone involved - it was a truly special evening!

[Fly Me to the Moon](#)

[Home](#)

Preparing for Adulthood Opportunities Event



CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE
Learning is in our Nature.

Preparing for Adulthood Opportunities Event

Tuesday 14 October 3.30-6.30pm
Askham Bryan College

For parents and carers, and young people in year 9 and above with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities in York, Leeds and North Yorkshire.

Drop in any time and:

- ✓ **Get inspired and explore** post-16 options in employment or education
- ✓ **Speak to** education providers, employers and support services
- ✓ **Book onto** provider open days

For more information, email skills@york.gov.uk or scan the QR code to book a place (not mandatory)

Quiet space available and quieter time usually from 5.30pm

We are using Eventbrite to help run our event, find out more about what they do with your information at [Eventbrite Privacy Policy](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/help/en-gb/articles/460838/eventbrite-privacy-policy/) (eventbrite.co.uk/help/en-gb/articles/460838/eventbrite-privacy-policy/)

The **Preparing for Adulthood Opportunities Event** will be held from 3.30pm – 6.30pm on Tuesday 14 October 2025 at Askham Bryan College.

This event is for anyone in Year 9 or above with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities and their parents/carers. It aims to inspire them about post-16 options and employment. Please click the link to see the full [list of exhibitors](#), which includes education providers, employers, City of York Council and other support services, such as DWP. There will also be sessions on Supported Internships and, until 5.30pm, VR activities in agriculture and animal tasks.

For more information and to book your place (not mandatory) please visit:

<https://PreparingForAdulthoodOpportunitiesEvent.eventbrite.com>

Signposting Event For Families, Parents and Carers @ York Explore Library - City Centre

11th October 2025
12noon - 3pm



12.30pm Young people's drop-in and LGBTQ+ mental health support
- Sam Armstrong, YorMind

1.00pm Sensory integration awareness and the environment
- Lizzie Huxford OT4ME

1.30pm Dear parents and teachers: This is what I wish you'd known when I was growing up with undiagnosed AuDHD
- Jo McCormick, The Retreat Clinics

2.00pm York Maternity & Neonatal Voices Partnership Introduction
- Helen McConnell, YMVP

2.30pm Introduction to Pave the Way Families in the York area
Helen Caulfield - Pave The Way Families

www.theretreatclinics.org.uk/events

On 11th October 12 noon until 3pm, York Explore Library are hosting a signposting event from The Retreat. See the flyer for more details. Everyone is welcome!

Girls' Football

STRENSALL TIGRESSES
U13S
ARE RECRUITING

- FA Coaches
- Friendly squad
- Fantastic facilities

Football experience desirable but not necessary. Girls from Y7 and Y8 are welcome.

Training Tuesday evenings
Matches Saturdays am

CONTACT US

0782529435 (Neil) | Strensall Tigresses U13s

If you have a daughter in Year 7 or Year 8 who is keen to play football, they may be interested in joining the Strensall Tigresses. Contact details can be found on the flyer.

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Give Your Child the Chance to Try Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu – Free at Gracie Barra York!

A brand-new Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu academy has opened in York, and we'd love to welcome children to come and try a class for free.

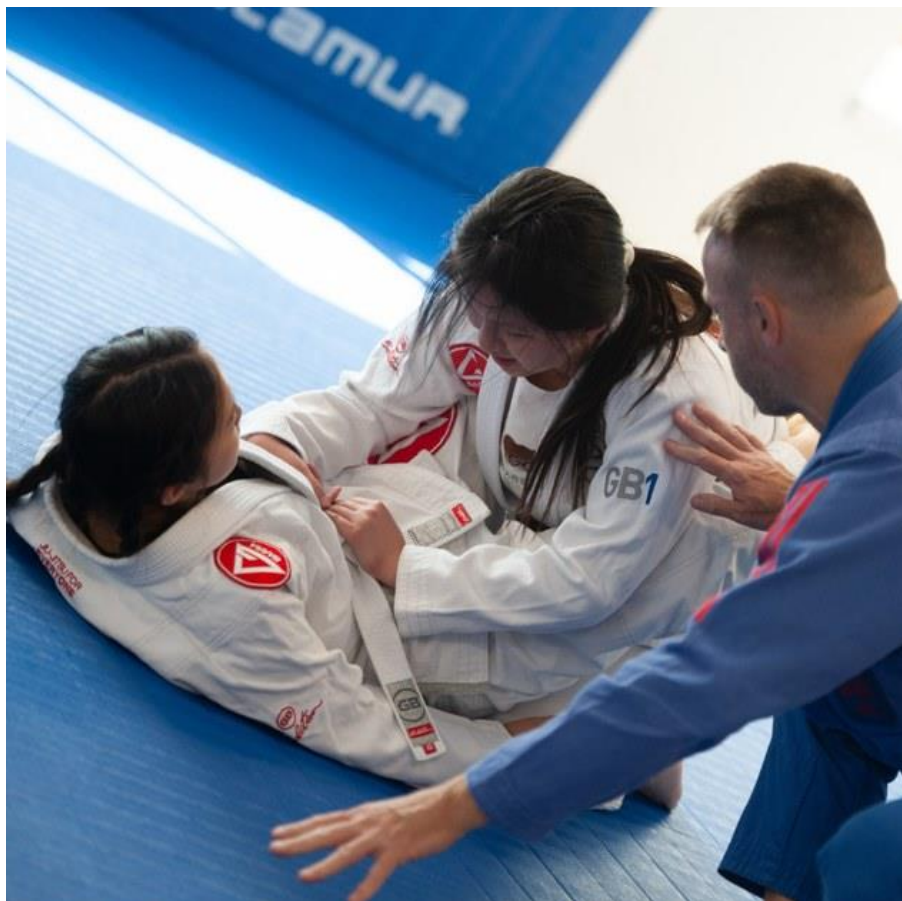
BJJ is a safe and enjoyable martial art that teaches kids valuable life skills:

- **Confidence** and self-belief
- **Discipline** and focus
- **Fitness** in a fun way
- **Respect** for themselves and others

All abilities are welcome, and our friendly coaches ensure every child feels comfortable from their very first session.

👉 Parents can book a **free trial class** here: gbacademies.com/york#gbytrial







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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