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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it has been a fairly short half term, it really feels like we have achieved a great deal over the past few weeks. Our Year 11 students, for example, have now completed their mock examinations, and I could not be more impressed with the way they approached them. They worked incredibly hard and conducted themselves with maturity, focus, and determination. Their diligence in settling into each exam so calmly and purposefully has been wonderful to see, and we are very proud of them. After half term it is Year 13's turn and we wish them all the best in their final preparations for their mocks, starting on 23rd February.

Our Sixth Form students also enjoyed a successful French exchange trip to Dijon, our twin city. They represented the school superbly and made the most of this enriching cultural experience. We now look forward to welcoming their French partners to our school next month.

The Huntington Dash continues to be a highlight of every half term - a fantastic community event that brings students, families and staff together in the spirit of fun, fitness, and shared challenge. It's always uplifting to see everyone encouraging one another and enjoying the opportunity to be active, so do join us at our next Dash on Thursday 26th March at 3.45pm.

Preparations for our school production of *Matilda Jr* are progressing brilliantly, and excitement is certainly building as we move closer to the performances on 11th and 12th March. The students and staff involved have been working with tremendous enthusiasm and creativity, and it's shaping up to be another triumph for our performing arts team. Tickets are now on sale via Wisepay and we encourage families to book early - this is always a popular event, and we can't wait to share the wonderful work of our talented cast and crew with you all.

Finally, a reminder that Friday 27th February is a staff training day and school will therefore be closed to students.

Thank you to students, staff and families for your continued support and contribution to such a positive half term. I wish everyone a restful break.

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 February and March are as follows:

FEBRUARY

Mon 23rd: School opens

Mon 23rd: Y13 Mock exams (for 1 week)

Wed 25th: Y12 Parents' Evening - online

Fri 27th: Training Day - school closed to students

MARCH

Wed 11th: School Drama Production: Matilda Jr

Thur 12th: School Drama Production: Matilda Jr

Tues 17th: Y11 Revise and Succeed Evening

Mon 23rd: Chamber Concert

Wed 25th: Y7 Parents' Evening (online)

Fri 27th: School closes at 12.15pm for Easter

[Class Charts - technical issues continuing](#)

Please continue to check Class Charts periodically to ensure you do not miss out on important messages from school, as notifications are still not being received. We will inform you via Class Charts when the issue is resolved. Please be assured that, as always, in cases of emergency, we will call you.

Thank you!

[Mobile Phones in school](#)

We are aware that some students are using their mobile phones during the school day to contact parents. We would like to remind you that, except in cases where a student is diabetic and needs to check glucose levels, students in years 7-11 should not be using their phones on the school site and if urgent contact needs to be made with you, the school office will do this. Sixth Form students are allowed to use their mobile phones on the mezz and in the common room. Sanctions will be applied if students are found to be using their phone and we would appreciate your support in reinforcing this with your child/ren.

Many thanks.

[Attendance Update](#)

Our student Impact Ed report on attendance spoke clearly about rewards at Huntington School. Last week Ms Townsend and Mrs Kettlewell met with the student council representatives from each year group to collect more student voice on this issue. Opinions

varied greatly, but we know that our rewards shop is a concern for many of our students - plans are underway to address this. In the meantime, we spoke about how we could implement some extra rewards and recognition for both hard work and attendance. To this end, if any parents or carers have connections to local businesses that could donate small prizes – for example, perhaps a small voucher for a local activity – please do get in touch! We would be very grateful to hear from you at k.townsend@huntington-ed.org.uk

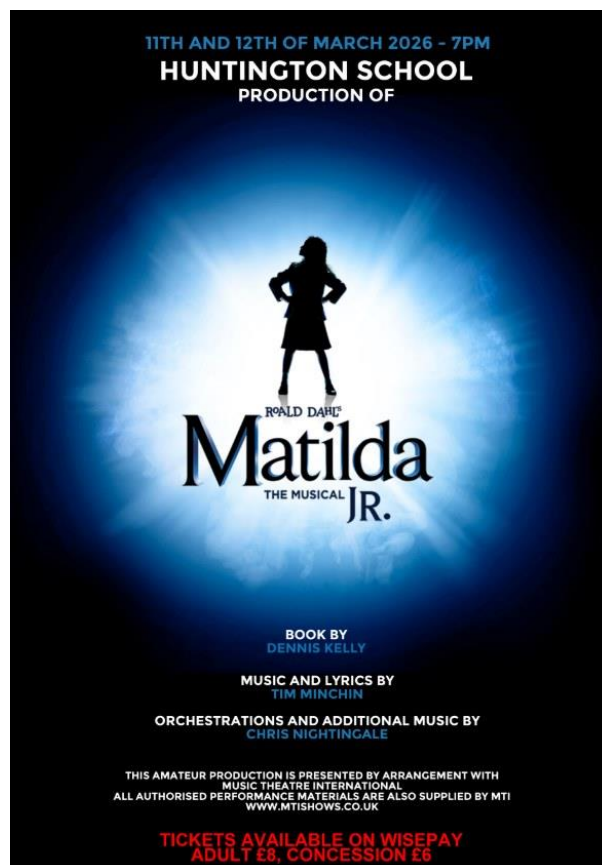
Wishing everyone a restful half term – see you Monday 23rd February!

Ms K Townsend and the Attendance Team

Matilda Jr

Wow, what a fantastic production this is shaping up to be. We are really proud of how hard the cast are working in rehearsals and how much they are all working together as a team. Expect fun, high energy and of course lots of Revolting Children. Check out the video to see the cast in action. Tickets are on sale now through Wisepay. Don't miss out!

Check out a sneak preview by clicking this link: [1000020797.mp4](#)



Huntington School Community News and 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 ways we can achieve this together.

Parent Workshops



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.

A reminder 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.

Our recent parental workshop on teen mental health, led by Mrs Naish and the WellBeing in Mind Team provided some invaluable information and support, and we look forward to seeing lots of you, particularly our Year 10 and Year 11 families, at our next workshop, **Post 16 Pathways explained, on Monday 2nd March**, where the options available to students after GCSEs, including A-Levels, T-Levels, apprenticeships and vocational routes, will be explored. We hope that this session will help parents guide their teens in making informed choices for their future.

If you would like a recording of any of our sessions, please email b.prihar@huntington-ed.org.uk.

Huntington Dash



Our February Dash was another great success, and we were delighted to see students coming along to not only take part but to help set up and run the event too. This truly is a community event that brings people together from all backgrounds - avid runners who enjoy the friendly competition of trying to beat their rivals, to inexperienced joggers/walkers who come along to keep fit and set themselves a challenge. We'd love you to join us at our next Dash on **Thursday 26th March!**

[CPR Training Opportunity](#)

We are offering an extremely valuable CPR training opportunity:

Tuesday 24th February 3.30-4pm in the main hall FOR PARENTS/ CARERS, STUDENTS AND STAFF

Wednesday 25th February 12.30-1pm in the main hall FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF



[Celebrating your child's achievements](#)

We love to hear about your children's achievements out of school, so if you have anything to share, please use the email address celebrate@huntington-ed.org.uk.

Please also let us know in the email if you give permission for your child's name (either just first name or both first and last names) to be shared in the newsletter and/or on Facebook, and if you attach any photos, whether you give permission for these to be published in the newsletter and/or on Facebook.

Thank you 😊

A meeting with Nathan, Olympic swimmer

It has finally happened! Lucy, Issac and Lauren sat down with Sixth Former Nathan Carrington, securing the Olympic swimmer's undivided attention to the many questions they had longed to ask him.

Each of the trio had something in common with Nathan. For example, Lucy loves swimming and Isaac continues to thrive academically and in football, and he aspires to become a sports journalist in future.

Thanks to Nathan's generosity and sincerity, the Q&A on Wednesday morning was such a unique opportunity to get to know this brave sports leader's athletic journey and gain a deeper understanding of what it takes to achieve such successes. More importantly, with Nathan's warm encouragement, the trio came away thoroughly inspired: dreams can come true – not simply because of talent, but with unwavering self-belief and determination as well as relentless hard work.



Visit from Rachael Maskell, MP

Year 12 thoroughly enjoyed a visit from York Central MP last week, Rachael Maskell. No topic was off the table! We heard about Rachael's role as an MP, as well as the current political landscape locally, nationally and globally. It was great to hear from all our Year 12 Politics students, who asked interesting questions and showed that their depth of knowledge is continually improving. Rachael was very impressed with how perceptive and passionate they all were. Great job Year 12 (and a couple of Year 13s!).



Eco Council

The students at Huntington are continually working hard to drive forward our sustainability strategy.

Our new Eco-Council which is made up of students from all year groups are currently driving a student led campaign to reduce, reuse and recycle, to develop a more climate friendly environment at school. They have held meetings with Huntington's site supervisor to find out more about where items go to be recycled and how they are recycled, they have led a meeting with a member from York Council's Net Zero department to discuss learn about initiatives that are being developed within the wider community and presented a raising awareness assembly to year 7. It is great to see our students taking the lead in matters that they feel very passionately about. The Eco-Council is always looking for new members so if this is something students would be interested in being involved in then please get in touch with Mrs Parker-Wakeling.

Sustainable fashion competition and the Green Fingers project

We are delighted to announce that the Year 12 students how have been involved in a sustainable fashion competition have been awarded Highly Commended for their designs. The competition involved working to a strict brief and only using charity or donated items of clothing. They also had to create information boards detailing in depth research on the impact of fast fashion on the environment. Their designs will be exhibited for 4 days at the Creative Crafts Exhibition held at the NEC in Birmingham and which can attract 1000's of industry professionals over the course of the event. The students will be creating their own mini exhibition here in school where you will be able to see their final dress and the research.

The Green fingers project has been designed and planned from scratch by two year 13 students. They have designed for two outdoor spaces to become areas that will attract more wildlife and become more biodiverse. They have been working incredibly hard over the past few months, designing, applying for funding, weeding, cutting back and getting the first of the two spaces ready for planting. They recently met with members of St Nicks nature reserves who gave them lots of help in identifying what plants would be the most appropriate to encourage wildlife and biodiversity. Although the year 13's will be moving on next term they have done a fantastic job and creating a project that can now be handed over to the Eco-council to continue.

And finally, our **New Sustainability Logo**. The new logo has been designed by 3 year 13 students: Libby Birrel, Edie King and Sophie Thornton. They have done a great job in creating something that is clearly identifiable as a sustainability logo whilst maintaining its link to the Huntington school logo.



[Huntington School's Aesthetica Short Film Festival entry](#)

You might remember that we have previously reported how Media Studies students worked with a film-maker over the last weeks of the final summer term, in order to produce a short film that was premiered at York's City Screen, as part of the Aesthetica Short Film Festival. We are now able to share the film with you! All parts, from original concept to filming, were undertaken by a group of students who gave up their time for 7 weeks, in order to learn more about the craft of film-making. They did remarkably well, considering that they were given such a short amount of time, in turning an original idea into such a strong and thought-provoking piece. Thanks and congratulations to all involved: it was a privilege to see you all on that big screen at the premiere.

Click on the link to watch the film: [Huntington School 2025 ASFF Film Project 1.mp4](#)

Spreading Kindness: Huntington School Students Share Valentine's Day Messages with Local Care Homes

This Valentine's Day, Health and Social Care students at Huntington School have been putting their learning into meaningful action by reaching out to members of our wider community. As part of their learning students created personalised Valentine's Day cards and messages for residents at two of our local care homes: **New Lodge** and **Hartrigg Oaks**.

Person-centred care is at the heart of the Health and Social Care curriculum. By crafting these cards, students were able to put theory into practice, demonstrating how small acts of kindness can have a meaningful impact on wellbeing.

Residents at both New Lodge and Hartrigg Oaks received their cards just in time for Valentine's Day, and staff at the homes commented on the warmth and generosity shown by the students. During their visit, students also had the opportunity to chat with residents and share a drink and a biscuit together, creating moments of genuine warmth and kindness.

Well done to all the students involved for bringing a little extra joy and connection to our community this February. Your compassion and empathy embody the very best of our school's core values.





Art

Year 7

Pupils from 7Y/Ar1 are really enjoying their natural forms project. They are learning to mix and match colour, create the illusion of texture and perfect their paint control. All these students are exceeding their own expectations and working really hard to become great artists.



Year 10

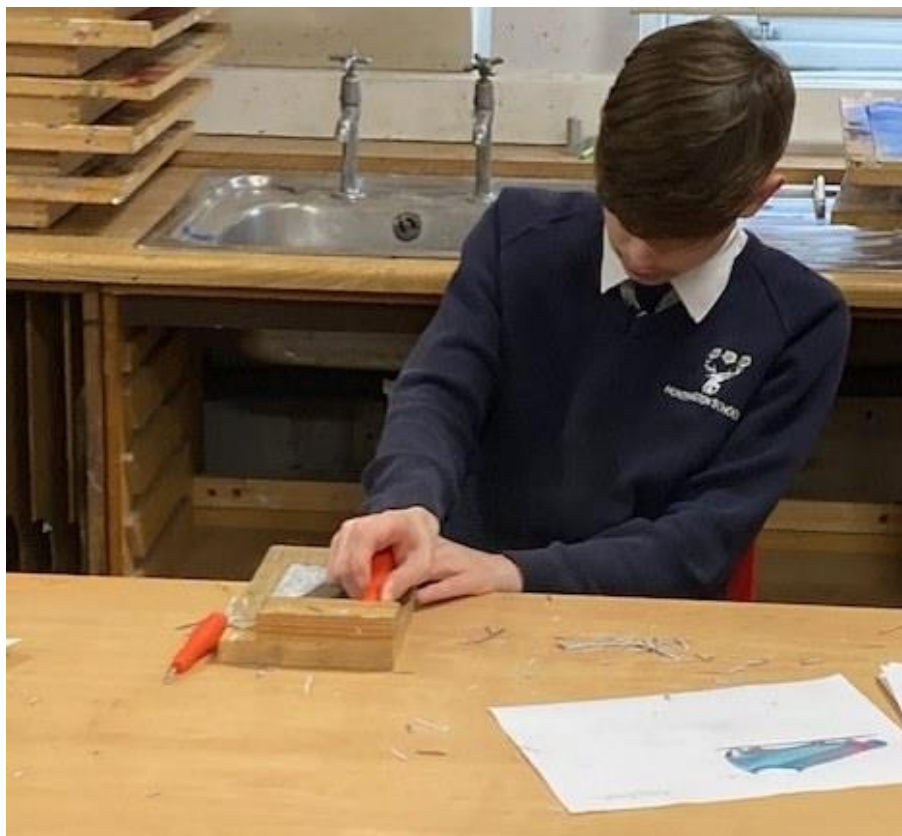
Year 10 students have been mastering the art of reductive lino printing.













Sporting Round up

Basketball

Y9 - Joseph Rowntree

Well done Year 9 basketballers for a great performance against Jo Ro with a 15-36 win, their first win of the season. The boys grew in confidence as the match progressed with Riley sending in 1 three point and 2 long range shots in the final quarter to bag 7 individual points. Josh and Pedro led the team well with great drives to the basket, with Sam also getting on the score sheet too. A super night of sport. We just agreed that whatever happened we were going to focus on the enjoyment of the game.

Y9 - Vale

Another great night of basketball with the Year 9 team taking on Vale for a place in the Shield Final. The boys started strong and never let their lead slip, albeit at the end the scores

were a little closer than we wanted. A win of 24-18. Pedro, Josh and Ethan scoring the points for the team this week. Well done boys!

Mr Boothman



Y11

Well done, once again, to the Year 11 basketball team for another brilliant performance to reach the final of the York and District Competition. The team take a 100% record to the finals.

It certainly wasn't plain sailing, with Manor securing a commanding lead after the first quarter. It was during the second quarter that the team really got to grips with the game,

racing into a 24 point lead at half time. Some outstanding 3 point shooting from Sam and Luke, with Josh also putting his mark on the game with some great baskets too.

The second half was such an even contest but Manor never managed to claw back the deficit with the boys coming out with a 15 point win.

We wait to see who we will meet in the final after half term.

Once again, the team camaraderie was outstanding. Such a great set of players, playing sport in such a brilliant way, always got each others backs. Full of positivity!

Mr Boothman



Rowing

Go Indoor GB Rowing Instructor Training

Former student Chris Farrell delivered a 3 hour indoor rowing coaching qualification session to our Y12 Sports Leaders in PDP recently. The course qualifies the leaders to run competitions and instruction sessions to students lower down the school and in our primary schools. Huge thanks to Chris who has given back so much to Huntington School through his role with GB indoor Rowing.

Mr Currie







Music

Concert by Huntington Alumnus

We're always proud to hear about the achievements of our former students, and this month we're delighted to share news of Huntington alumnus Will Clark, who is currently studying at the Royal Academy of Music. Will will be returning to York later this term to perform as soloist with the York Symphony Orchestra, playing Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto - one of the great masterpieces of the repertoire. The orchestra were so impressed with Will's performance when they played together two years ago that they immediately invited them back.

The concert takes place at Jack Lyons Concert Hall, University of York, on **Saturday 28th March**. The orchestra is hoping to fill every seat, and it would be wonderful to see members of our school community there to support Will as they continue their musical journey.

YORK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

SPRING CONCERT

**Saturday 28th March 2026
at 7:30pm**
Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hall
University of York

Smetana: Vltava (from *Má vlast*)
Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto Op. 25
Borodin: Symphony No. 2

Conductor: Edward Venn
Leader: Claire Jowett
Soloist: Will Clark: violin

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Lunchtime Concerts

Did you know that the Music department puts on a FREE concert every two weeks? Students and staff are warmly invited to bring their lunch to P204 on a Week B Monday, and listen to a brilliantly diverse selection of music, performed by students from Year 7-13. It's also a great opportunity to perform if you're learning an instrument, so do speak to your instrumental tutor, or Buffy Breakwell, if you'd like to get involved.

Music exam success - Y13

One of our Year 13 students has achieved huge success in music exams recently. Holly Clark has passed both her Violin and Piano Diplomas in the last few months. This is a phenomenal achievement, as a diploma is usually associated with undergraduate level. To get not one but two in the sixth form is incredible. We are hugely proud of Holly – well done!



Learning to play an instrument

Would you like to learn flute, oboe, clarinet or saxophone?

Our fantastic woodwind teacher, Mrs Rachel Letham, has a couple of spaces currently. Rachel is a graduate of Birmingham Conservatoire and also has a MA in music therapy. Her friendly, relaxed yet focused approach is a big hit with the students she currently teaches. These spaces won't be around for long, so if your child has been thinking about learning a woodwind instrument then do get in touch with Rachel on lethamrachel@gmail.com.

Languages

Y12 Dijon Exchange Visit

Our Year 12 A level French class had a fantastic time on their exchange visit to France last week. The link between York and Dijon as twin towns has been strong for over 70 years, and this is the fourth year of our partnership with Lycée le Castel in Dijon. Staying with their exchange partners and their families, and spending time both in school and out on visits, our students enjoyed a real "immersion" experience of living their daily life in French, seeing their language skills improve and their confidence soar!

Our exchange partners are coming back to visit York just before the Easter holidays - we're actually still looking for a couple of extra host families, so Mrs Sketchley would love to talk to any sixth-form girls (studying any subjects) who would like to make a cross-Channel friendship.







York-Münster Exchange 6th-13th July

We are delighted to launch our York-Münster pupil exchange for summer 2026 for all pupils learning German in Years 7-10. All the information can be found in the recent ClassCharts announcement and the link to registration form is here: [Information and consent form](#). Your child will be hearing more about this unique opportunity and have the chance to ask any questions they may have in their German lessons.

Frau Newport and Frau O'Neill



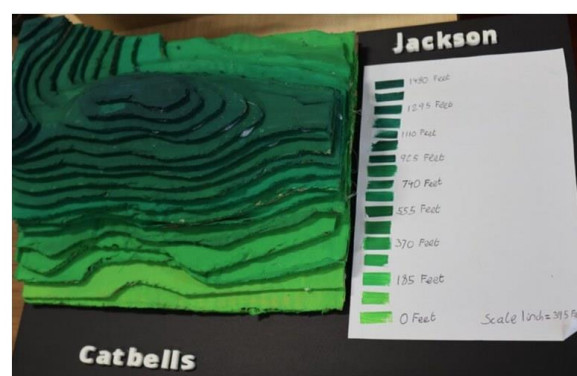
Year 7 Contour Models

Year 7 geographers have really impressed the department this year with their fantastic contour models. All students were set the task of creating a model that showed how we display height, with a brief to use sustainable materials where possible. The creativity and quality were superb and these were some of the best models we've ever seen! Each class voted for their top 3 models and then Mrs McPherson had the tricky task of choosing the overall winners. Well done to Layla, Jackson and Zhara!

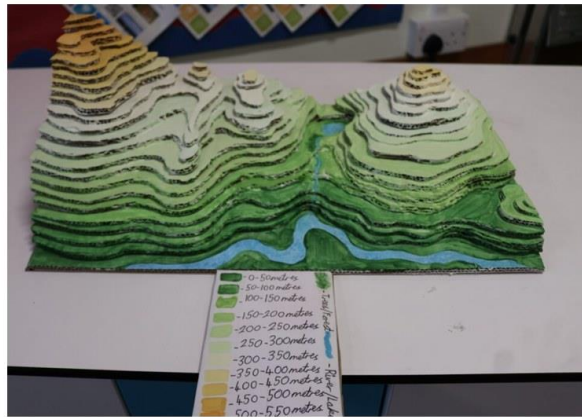
3rd place: Layla



2nd place: Jackson



1st place: Zhara



Post-16 Pathways

A reminder that the City of York Council's annual Post-16 Pathways Guide has been added to the Year 11 Leavers section of our school website.

This is a very important document that outlines the full range of education, training, and support options available to students after Year 11, including guidance for those with SEND or an EHCP. The City of York Council is very clear that this guide must be shared with all parents and carers of Year 11 students.

You can view the guide directly via the link below, or access it through our school website, where you'll also find other useful information to help support your child as they prepare for their future career:

Direct Link: [Post-16 Guide 2025 - 2026](#)

Huntington Aspirations Website: [Huntington School - Aspirations Careers Department](#)

Kind Regards,

Mr Shane Daniel

Huntington School Aspirations Teaching and Learning Manager

Sweet and Biscuit Tubs/Boxes

A reminder that the Food Technology department would be very grateful for any empty sweet or biscuit tubs/boxes or Tupperware. Please leave at reception for collection or students can bring to the Food Technology department.

Thank you

Mr G Littlewood

Support for Parents and Students

York Parent Carer Forum Newsletter

Please find attached the latest [Parent Carer Forum Newsletter](#) containing information about upcoming events to support and interest parents and carers in York.

Free online courses: Togetherness and Signposting Family Support

Developed by NHS clinical psychologists alongside parents and practitioners, **Togetherness** offers trusted, evidence-based online courses to help families better understand and support emotional wellbeing in everyday life. York residents can access a personalised page at [Home - Togetherness](#), featuring a wide range of flexible learning pathways, including:

- Understanding your child from toddler to teenager
- Understanding your child with additional needs
- Understanding your teenager's brain
- Understanding your own adolescence (for teens and pre-teens)

Courses are available for all ages – from pregnancy through to 19 years – and are designed to strengthen family relationships, support child development, and improve emotional health. All courses are free for York residents using the access code: RAISE.

Signposting Family Support

[Welcome to Raise York – Raise York](#)

The website contains links of local and national support available which families can access without professional referrals.

TOGETHERNESS



Understanding your own adolescence

Emotional health in teenagers explained

For teens and preteens:

Understand your adolescent brain development and what to do with it

Private wellbeing pathways for teens online. Wherever and whenever you need it

Free for you with the access code: RAISE



togetherness.co.uk/learn

From understanding to thriving: for everyone.



TOGETHERNESS



For healthier relationships and happier lives

Your online learning journey to emotional resilience for the every day

Proven to make a difference for emotional wellbeing.

For your parenting and important relationships

Free for you with the access code: RAISE



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TOGETHERNESS

NHS

Understanding your teenager's brain

Grow emotional resilience in adolescence. Together.

- Learn about the impact of adolescent brain development
- Find ideas for connecting, talking and problem solving together
- Build confidence in having conversations that care for mental wellbeing

Free for you with the access code: **RAISE**



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From understanding to thriving: for everyone.



TOGETHERNESS

NHS

Understanding your child with additional needs

Building emotional health together for you and your unique child.

An online learning pathway to help you and your child thrive.

Free for you with the access code: **RAISE**



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Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager

For confident, resilient, emotionally intelligent children

Online learning proven to make a difference for families.

Helping you understand more about child behaviour, big feelings and build your confidence in parenting

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From understanding to thriving: for everyone.



[SEND Central: drop ins, events and information](#)

Please use the expander tab below the images to see more detail.

Are you a young person aged 7 - 25 with a special educational need or disability (SEND)?



The SEND Youth Forum meets fortnightly at SEND Central to:

- Take part in fun activities, discussions and events
- Meet other young people with SEND
- Help improve SEND services York
- Share their views and ideas



We also meet once a month online.

Have your say and make a difference!

For more information:

✉ Jointpartnership@york.gov.uk

🌐 www.yorksend.org/get-involved/send-youth-forum



York SEND Local Offer



CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

This week at SEND CENTRAL				
9th February - 13th February 2024				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Parent Carer Forum York Navigator 9.30am-4pm Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	Parent Carer Forum York Navigator 9.30am-4pm Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	Parent Carer Forum York Navigator 9.30am-4pm Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	Parent Carer Forum York Navigator 9.30am-4pm Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	Parent Carer Forum York Navigator 9.30am-4pm Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along
Wellbeing in Mind - Elective Home Education Workshop 12am - 12 Understanding Sensory Differences- no need to book just come along.	Drop in with the Vision Impairment Team 9am - 12pm. These are parent/ carer drop-in - you can turn up and wait to be seen or pre book a time by emailing: Abi.hall@york.gov.uk	Early Years SEND Playgroup Portage 9.30am - 11.30 am All welcome no booking required	SEND Casework Duty Worker 10am-2pm Advice and information bookable slots. Please book via SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk or call 01904 555076	York Council Specialist Teaching Team Hearing Support- pre school playgroup Invite only from the hearing support team.
Monday 9 February 3pm- 2pm How to Best Support Your Child with Reframing Demands when Life Feels Overwhelming. No need to book just come along	Portage Music Group 1.30pm-2.30pm Workshop- invite only	Think Together Workshop 10-11.30- see separate sheet for the week's theme- No need to book just come along.	YKS Parent/carer SEND drop in 9.30am-11am All Welcome no booking required	NHS Preparation for Adulthood 10am- 2pm Drop in - advice and information- All welcome no booking required.
Wellbeing in Mind - Elective Home Education consultation appointments available throughout the day for parents/ carers and professionals- please email SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk to book an appointment.	YKS Autism Hub 4.30pm-6.30pm Bookable Only via YKS	5 week course - Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs 12.45-2.45pm. This is a free course and includes child care. Enrol online: http://yorklearning.org.uk/family-learning/	Healthy Child Team 9am - 12pm Drop in 2pm - 3.30pm 4 month workshop- invite only.	YKS Autism Hub 4.30pm - 6.30pm Bookable only via YKS
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This week at
SEND CENTRAL

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16th February - 20th February 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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This week at
SEND CENTRAL

York SEND
Local Offer

23rd February - 28th February 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Parent Carer Forum York Navigator 9.30am-4pm Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	Parent Carer Forum York Navigator 9.30am-4pm Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	Parent Carer Forum York Navigator 9.30am-4pm Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	Parent Carer Forum York Navigator 9.30am-4pm Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	Parent Carer Forum York Navigator 9.30am-4pm Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along
Wellbeing in Mind - Elective Home Education Workshop 11am - 11.45: Understanding Sensory Differences- no need to book just come along.	Portage Music Group 1.30pm-2.30pm Workshop- invite only	Early Years SEND Playgroup Portage 9.30am - 11.30 am All welcome no booking required	SEND Casework Duty Worker 10am-12pm Advice and information bookable slots. Please book via SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk or call 01904 550075.	NHS Preparation for Adulthood 10am - 4pm Drop in advice and information- All welcome no booking required.
Wellbeing in Mind - Elective Home Education consultation appointments available throughout the day for parents/ carers and professionals- please email: SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk to book an appointment.	YKS Autism Hub 4.30pm-6.30pm Bookable Only via YKS	Think Together Workshop 10-11.30- see separate sheet for the week's theme- No need to book just come along.	YKS Parent/carers SEND drop in 9.30am-11am All Welcome no booking required	YKS Autism Hub 4.30pm- 6.30pm Bookable only via YKS
Information Session 1pm- 2pm Supporting Transitions in Early Years Settings for your Child with Additional Needs	YKS Siblings Group 6.45pm- 8.00pm	5 week course Supporting Children and young people with Mental Wellbeing 12.45-2.45pm. This is a free course and includes child care. Enrol online: https://yorklearning.org.uk/family-learning/	Healthy Child Team 9am - 12pm Drop in 2pm - 3.30pm 4 month workshop- invite only.	
YKS Autism Hub 4.30pm- 6.30pm Bookable Only via YKS		Specialist Autism Teaching Team 1.30pm-2.30pm Drop in All welcome no booking required	YKS Post 16 Group 6.30pm - 8pm	

Think Together at SEND CENTRAL

Think Together are a team of mental health practitioners who can support when mental health difficulties first present. They can support with advice and information giving, as well as signposting to local services, which may be able to support with your child/ young person 's mental health. A way in which this support will be offered is through workshops. Please see the below workshops which have been arranged for parents/carers at SEND CENTRAL, to attend in February

4th February 2026 10am - 11.30am Understanding Autism and referring for assessment.

This workshop has been designed to support parents/carers to learn more about Autism Spectrum Condition. This workshop features identifying common characteristics of Autism and how to access an autism assessment with specialist CAMHS. We will provide information and resources to inform support strategies and adjustments to manage support needs that can present with Autism.

We would recommend this workshop for parents/carers considering an autism assessment or if their child has been recently diagnosed to help support understanding.

11th February 2026 10am- 11.30am Understanding ADHD and referring for assessment.

This workshop has been designed to support parents/carers to learn more about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). This workshop features identifying common characteristics of ADHD and how to access an ADHD assessment with specialist CAMHS services. We will provide information and resources to inform support strategies and adjustments to manage support needs.

We would recommend this workshop for parents/carers considering an ADHD assessment or if their child has been recently diagnosed to help support understanding.

25th February 2026 10am- 11.30am Understanding Autism and referring for assessment.

This workshop has been designed to support parents/carers to learn more about Autism Spectrum Condition. This workshop features identifying common characteristics of Autism and how to access an autism assessment with specialist CAMHS. We will provide information and resources to inform support strategies and adjustments to manage support needs that can present with Autism.

We would recommend this workshop for parents/carers considering an autism assessment or if their child has been recently diagnosed to help support understanding.

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**FEBRUARY 2026 INFORMATION SESSIONS AT SEND CENTRAL IN
COLLABORATION WITH PARENT CARER FORUM YORK**

**Monday 2nd February 1pm- 2pm- Welfare Rights- knowing what you may be
entitled to as a family who have a child with additional needs.**

A benefits advisor will be available at SEND CENTRAL from 1pm. They can share information around the benefits that are available to families who have children and young people with SEND, anyone can drop-in to make sure you know what you should and could be accessing and if there is anything you may be missing. These will be ran as one to one sessions for those wanting to understand what they could access and be supported to do so. You can email SEND CENTRAL and we will book you a slot but we will try to accommodate anyone who comes along between 1pm and 2pm on the day.

**Monday 9th February 1pm- 2pm How to Best Support Your Child with
Reframing Demands when Life Feels Overwhelming.**

A workshop for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND led by colleagues from Danesgate Community around how to best support in de-escalating difficult situations when your child is experiencing distress. This will be focusing on presenting behaviours, what this may be communicating and thinking about how we can reframe demands to best support your child. No need to book just come along.

**Monday 23rd February 1pm- 2pm Supporting Transitions in Early Years
Settings for your Child with Additional Needs.**

An information session delivered by our Early Years and Childcare Inclusion Adviser about the different transitions within early years and what you can expect from your setting when you have a child who has additional needs. This will include a question and answer session at the end. No need to book just come along.

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Supporting Children & Young People with Mental Wellbeing

This free 5 week introductory course explores Mental Health and ways to help you support your child at home with their mental well-being.

There will be an opportunity to understand which services are available to support you at home and school.

Following this course there will be an opportunity for you to take a Level 2 qualification.

Who: **Parents and Carers**

Dates: **25 February 2026 - 25 March 2026**

When: **Wednesday Afternoons, 12:45 - 2:45**

Where: **SEND CENTRAL,**

Clifton Green Children's Centre, YO30 6JA

Please note this is a course for adults only but free childcare is available. Please book to avoid disappointment.

Use the QR Code to enrol on the course or for more information call **01904 554277**
email york.learning@york.gov.uk



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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
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