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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy term, I just want to express my pride in the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our students and our school community. Everyone's efforts continue to make an enormous difference every single day. This term has brought many successes, challenges, and moments of pride, and I am hugely grateful for the way everyone supports one another.

As we head into the Easter break, I hope you find the time to unwind, recharge, and enjoy a well-deserved rest. Whether you are spending the holiday with family, travelling, or simply taking a quiet moment for yourself, I wish you all a very Happy Easter and a restful break. Thank you once again for your support.

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 April and May are as follows:

APRIL

Mon 13th: School opens for the summer term

Mon 20th: Y8 Parents' Evening (in person)

Thurs 23rd: Live Lounge

Thurs 30th: Y8 HPV Vaccinations

MAY

Mon 4th: Bank Holiday - school closed

Thurs 7th: GCSE exams start

Fri 8th: Y13 Last Day/Leavers' Assembly

Fri 11th: A-Level exams start

Mon 18th: Y7 Exams Week

Fri 22nd: School closes for half term

Attendance Update

Our termly attendance recognition came to a head today as four forms were crowned winners of their attendance league. 7DLT topped the Premier League, who altogether produced an attendance figure of 95.35% and lead the school! At the top of the Championship were 7MIB, and Year 7 continued to dominate with 7EZB taking the 1st division title and 7FXL in the 2nd division. Well done to all these forms! Our form competition will resume in the final term of the year with our final set of leagues to be revealed after Easter.

Wishing everyone a restful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 13th April.

Ms K Townsend and all in the Attendance Team

Friends of Huntington School



As you know, our new Parent, Teacher and Friends Association, Friends of Huntington School, is up and running and already active: getting involved with the Charity Day and selling refreshments at Matilda Jr for example.

Meet the Friends

We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our key Committee members, who were elected at our AGM in February:

Tricia Goodall (Chair) - parent of Y7

Shaun McIntyre (Secretary) - parent of Y9

Mini Setty (Treasurer) - parent of Y7

They and our other members (with children at the school in all year groups) come with lots of expertise, enthusiasm and experience that will stand us in good stead for building a valuable community partnership and supporting the school.

Uniform Store

Our next ongoing project will be running the uniform store, and we are starting to make pleas for pre-loved uniform that you no longer need, so that we have plenty of stock for the new academic year. If you have any (particularly branded) uniform that your child/ren have grown out of, you can pop it in the big clear box outside main reception, but we will also be **collecting at the upcoming Y8 in person parents' evening on Monday 20th April** (as well as at future events - details to follow!). We have plenty of white shirts and boys' trousers but are in particular need of the following items:

- Unisex PE T-shirts
- Jumpers - sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42
- PE jumpers all sizes
- Ties all colours

Thank you so much!

If you would like any pre-loved uniform, or have any questions, you can still use the uniform@huntington-ed.org.uk email.

If you would like to get involved, or just want to know more about what we are doing/how you can help, please email friends@huntington-ed.org.uk



1 - Tricia Goodall



2 - Shaun McIntyre



3 - Mini Setty

School Food and Catering Update

Please read the following for some important updates about food for students at school.

1. **Strictly adhering to the items allowed in the meal deal from this week.** Please note that due to staffing instability in the catering team, some items have been going through on the £3 meal deal offer in the past and shouldn't have been, for example, commonly bought items that are **not included** in the deal are paninis and pizza slices. Students have all been advised of this change in their assembly this week and we are working with Aspens to improve their labelling of items to make it clear to students what is included and what isn't on the meal deal, the current price of items, as well as updating the large posters on the dining hall walls for after the Easter break. If your child is eligible for free school meals they have a total £3 spend on each day. Obviously, the meal deal at lunchtime to include the hot meal and a pudding is the best value and most nutritious way to make the most of that. Please be aware that if they choose a snack at break then this will reduce their allowance and what they can have for lunch.
2. **Refilling water bottles.** One of the impacts of the strict enforcing of the meal deal moving forward is that **ONLY** plain water will be included, not the flavoured water. Therefore, for this reason and for our work to make our school community more sustainable we are expecting all students to have a refillable water bottle in school every day and to use the water fountains around the site in breakfast club, at break or at lunchtime to top these up. This will mean that as students already have water, they can have the pudding option from the meal deal which includes the traybake, fruit pot or jelly as well as the main meal for £3.

3. **New menu trial from April - end of May.** Aspens are trialling a new menu after Easter for 6 weeks (please see the image for details). There are some very tasty dishes on offer as the main meals every day so please encourage your child to try these in the next half term. We will be seeking student, staff and parent/carer feedback on these changes in May and will be monitoring take up of the different options to inform future menu options.
4. **Reminder: getting a lunch if your child does not have enough money on your account.** As a school we would never have a child go without a lunch under any circumstances. However, if your child's account does not have adequate funds in it to purchase lunch then they need to go to their year team and get a permission slip to access lunch. This will allow them to access a £3 meal deal only and the £3 will be added to your balance to be paid off when you next top up. Please do encourage your child to monitor their account and be aware of what they are spending on a daily basis so this can be avoided as much as possible. Meal deal sandwiches can be purchased at break and lunch and all options are available at lunch every day.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Mrs Elsworth and the Catering Team

STREATERIES

WEEK 3 Spring/Summer 2026
27/04/26: 18/05/26, 08/06/26, 29/06/26, 20/07/26, 10/08/26,
 31/08/26, 21/09/26, 12/10/26

MAINS

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">HOMEMADE SMOKY PORK & RED ONION SAUSAGE ROLL</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">With Potato Wedges</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">CRISPY HONEY SESAME CHICKEN</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">With Stir Fried Noodle & Beansprouts</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">SLOW ROAST PULLED GARLIC & THYME PORK WITH GRAVY</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">With Skin on Roasties</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">SPICY MEXICANA BEEF CORN TACOS</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">With Steamed Rice</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">BATTERED FISH SAUSAGE/VEG SAUSAGE PIZZA SLICE</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">With CHIPS, GRAVY or IRISH CURRY SAUCE</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">SMOKED CHEESE & ONION PASTY</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">With Potato Wedges</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">SWEET CHILLI AUBERGINE, MUSHROOM & EDAMAME STIR FRY</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">With Stir Fried Noodle & Beansprouts</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">GARLIC & THYME ROASTED VEGETABLE BEAN BAKE</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">With Skin on Roasties</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">SPICY BEAN & CHEESE QUESADILLA</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">With Steamed Rice</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">PIZZA SLICE</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">With VEGGIE SAUSAGE</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">With CHIPS, GRAVY or IRISH CURRY SAUCE</p>
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NOT JUST POTATOES... SO GOOD THEY'RE HERE TO STAY

LOADED SPUDS!

MONDAY MEATBALL MARINARA	TUESDAY BEAN CHILLI & CRISPY ONION	WEDNESDAY SPICY CHICKEN
THURSDAY MEXICANA BEEF & AVOCADO	FRIDAY ALL THE CLASSICS	

AVAILABLE EVERYDAY

BEANS + CHEESE + TUNA

REGULAR CHEF'S SPECIALS

HANDCRAFTED DELI SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES, WRAPS, SALADS & MORE!

HOT DELIKITCHEN

MONDAY SELECTION OF PIZZA SLICES	TUESDAY 2oz SNACK BEEF BURGER	WEDNESDAY MASALA MAYO DOG	THURSDAY MARINATED CHICKEN WRAP	FRIDAY BBQ CHEESE LOADED CHIPS
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PASTA, RICE & NOODLE POTS

AVAILABLE EVERYDAY
TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE

MONDAY MEATBALL MARINARA PASTA	TUESDAY BEAN CHILLI RICE POT	WEDNESDAY SPICY CHICKEN PASTA	THURSDAY BEST EVER BOLOGNESE PASTA	FRIDAY CLASSIC MAC CHEESE
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BIG BOWL SALADS

MONDAY TEX MEX SWEET POTATO, CHARRED CORN & BEAN	TUESDAY MEXICAN CHICKEN, BEAN & AVOCADO	WEDNESDAY LEMONY ROASTED COURGETTE & SEED SALAD	THURSDAY CITRUS CHICKEN & SUMMER VEGETABLE SALAD	FRIDAY SALAD SPECIAL
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MEAL DEALS

DAILY

Freshly Made from Scratch

DAILY!

VEGETABLES/SALAD

MONDAY BBQ BAKED BEANS	TUESDAY ASIAN GREENS	WEDNESDAY GREEN BEANS & CARROTS	THURSDAY MEXICAN CHOPPED SALAD	FRIDAY GARDEN PEAS OR BAKED BEANS
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DESSERTS

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MONDAY COCONUT LIME COOKIES	TUESDAY DUTCH APPLE CRUMBLE PIE & CUSTARD	WEDNESDAY CUSTARD DUFFIN (DONUT MUFFIN)	THURSDAY CHOCO MANDARIN BROWNIE	FRIDAY HOMEBAKE FAVOURITES
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Fresh Cut Fruit & Yogurt Pots available daily

Getting prepared for the new term - equipment for school

Just a reminder that all students must come to school with a school bag containing the books they need for lessons, their planner and a pencil case. Having these items consistently will help the children engage fully in their learning and make the best possible progress.

Teachers have noticed that some students do not come to lessons prepared with key items such as whiteboard pens, which really disrupts the pace of lessons and impacts learning and behaviour.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and provide the best learning environment for all students. If you have any questions or need further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant year teams.

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 and we are 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.

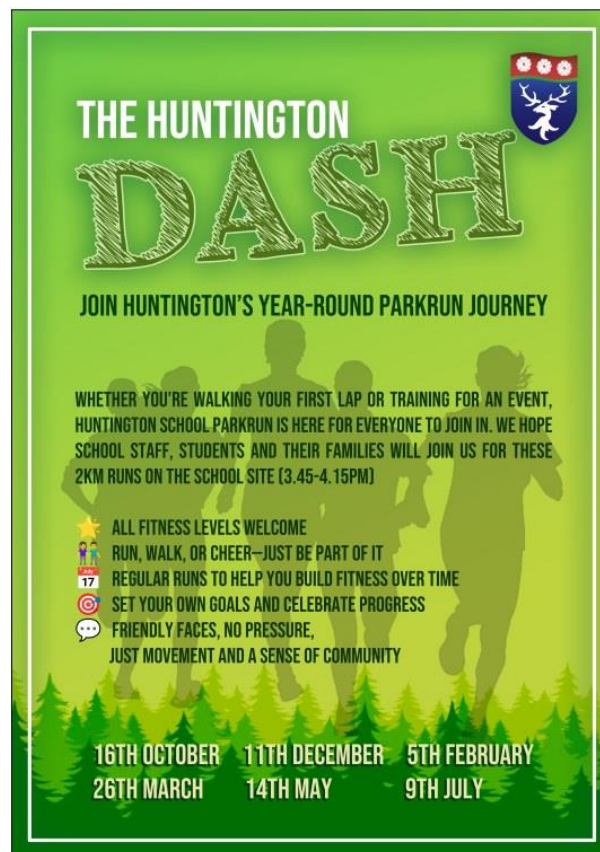
11/06/2026 - Summer support for York families
Explore childcare, wellbeing, and activity opportunities available this summer through York's Family Information Service and partners.

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.

We look forward to seeing lots of you, especially our sixth form families, at our next workshop, **Post 18 Pathways explained, on Monday 27th April**, where the options available to students after sixth form or college, will be explored. We hope that this session will help parents guide their older 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



Don't forget to join us for some fitness fun at our very own Huntington School park run, scheduled once a half term throughout the year. All levels of fitness are welcome and we are delighted to have students, families and staff join us for an energetic (or leisurely!) 2km run/walk. We'd love you to join us at our next Dash on **Thursday 14th May!**

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 🙏

Vaccinations: Y8 HPV and Catch up Clinics

Year 8 parents and carers will have recently received an email from Vaccinations in Schools asking for consent for their child/ren to receive the HPV vaccine. These will be taking place in school on Thursday 30th April, and Y9, 10 and 11 students who have not had this vaccine can also sign up to have it on this day.

On 7th July the vaccination team will be back in school to provide a catch up for all vaccinations; more information to follow.

Vaccination UK have the following catch up sessions for students who have not been vaccinated in school and are due any of their childhood vaccinations.

Please call **01904 237680** to book a timeslot at your preferred location.

York Fire station YO10 4AH Friday 27th March **3.30pm - 5.30pm**

Selby Library YO8 4EQ Tuesday 31st March **10am - 2pm**

Hob Moor Children's centre YO24 4RF Friday 10th April **10am - 2pm**

Hob Moor Children's centre YO24 4RF Friday 29th May **10am - 2pm**

Sporting Round up

Netball

Our girls have had a run of success recently - the U12 a and b teams played All Saints away last week and won both matches. A team won 13-1 and the B Team won 4-2. A team player of the match Annabelle and B team player of the match Layla.

On Saturday at the U12 York and District Tournament at St Peter's both teams did amazingly well! The A Team won all matches bar a very close match against St. Peter's. The B team did the same, winning against Joseph Rowntree who they had lost to before. Both teams are U12 runners up! The players played with spirit and conducted themselves beautifully, even when under pressure.

This marks the end of a hugely successful season - well done girls!

Mrs Fisher





Gymnastics

I am delighted to inform you that all of our gymnasts did absolutely amazing at The **York Schools Gymnastics Floor Competition** on Friday 20th March. For several of our gymnasts, it was their first ever gymnastics competition. For some of our older gymnasts, it was their third. All gymnasts looked so smart with their matching Huntington kit and hair styles. We entered six teams (37 gymnasts) and competed against The Mount, Bootham, All Saints and Fulford. This is the most teams we have ever entered!

All of our gymnasts worked incredibly hard to polish up their floor routines over the last few months. Their hard work hugely paid off as they placed **FIRST** in three different categories. We are so proud of them all. This is a enormous achievement considering there were 132 students competing on the day from schools all over York.

A special mention to the following students who came away with gold medals:

1st Individual Novice - Teigan

1st Individual Intermediate - Fimi

1st Team Place - Huntington School Team 6: Rachel Y11, Eloise Y7, Blossom Y7, Fimi Y8, Alice Y7, Olivia Y7.

Mrs Gray





















Rugby Success - Arthur Y8

Arthur in Y8 has made us extremely proud by winning Junior Player of the Year (U12-U18) at the York & District Rugby League Presentation - in his first season with the New Earswick All Blacks. Well done Arthur!



Y12 Physics: Cosmic Con

Nine Year 12 physics students travelled down to London on Thursday 26th March to attend the Cosmic Con at Queen Mary's University (QMU). They have been working on a poster since Christmas where they have analysed data from CERN (the world's largest particle physics laboratory). There were 22 schools in attendance and we were the only representative school outside of London to participate.

Before arriving at the university they took in some London sites including the British Museum, The Ritz, St James palace, Buckingham Palace, Westminster, and the Eye on the Southbank.

They then had a tour of Queen Mary university before attending the poster presentation late afternoon.

Under the guidance of Mr Cannon and project mentor Nigel from QMU, the students produced posters on 'Where does mass come from?' And 'Dark matter research'. These were judged by an expert panel.

They then attended a presentation from another school and a lecture on 'There is more than one answer', which was an inspiring journey through theoretical physics and its implications for the Universe at large.

The festivities ended with our students' 'Dark matter research' project being declared **best poster!** They accepted their prize before heading for home.

Thanks Mr Cannon for organising and Mr Savory for leading the trip. Huge congratulations to the students who spent a long time researching and working together as a team in order to have a great day in London.





Where does mass come from?

Discovery of the Higgs Boson
Dylan Leslie, Harrison Freer, William Gilmore, Faryal Chowdhury

The Higgs boson was discovered on July 4th, 2012, at CERN's large hadron collider (LHC) which confirmed its existence. However, the Higgs boson's existence was predicted 50 years prior to Peter Higgs (hence the name). The Higgs boson's defining attribute was discovered by colliding protons at nearly the speed of light at massive energies to produce the particle, which immediately decayed into other detectable particles. It was discovered to have a mass of approximately 125 GeV.

This graph below shows evidence of the Higgs boson in the decay channel:

- **X axis** - the combined energy produced in a photon-to-photon collision. In a Higgs boson it comes from the two photons into two photons. There will be a peak equivalent to the Higgs boson.
- **Y axis** - Number of photon pairs (which were observed with each possible invariant mass)
- **Dark blue curve** - with error bars
- **Background prediction** - Smooth
- **Blue curve** - including a Higgs peak at 125.8 GeV

Higgs Field

The Higgs field is an omnipresent field filling the entire universe. All other fundamental particles are a vibration of an underlying field. The Higgs field is the one responsible for giving mass to the elementary particles (leptons, quarks & neutrinos). Accompanied by it is the Higgs boson, which is a measurable ripple in that field that provides to particles.

Particles interact with the Higgs field to varying degrees.

- Strong interaction with the field = large mass
- Weak interaction = small mass
- No interaction = no mass (photon)

A common analogy for the field is to think of water. If you are in a boat and you move through it it slows down by interacting with the field and this resistance is interpreted as mass. You're moving mass from water, rather than energy from the relationship between the particle and the field.

Glossary

Photon - "regeneration" of light / speed of light?

Massless binding energy - the energy required to split a nucleus into its component protons and neutrons / energy released when nucleus is formed.

gluons - the strong interaction "glue" when accelerating through a potential difference in a nucleus

Our analysis of the Higgs boson

To find a signal for the Higgs boson, we used the maximum likelihood technique to investigate the maximum likelihood of the decay products of the Higgs boson. To perform this analysis, we selected regions with opposite charge and high transverse momenta, which was consistent with the decay of the Higgs boson to two W bosons. Then, we applied a multivariate selection criteria to ensure that the selected events are consistent with the signal hypothesis and reject those that they have come from background.

Next, we used the Monte Carlo simulations to model the background contributions. These events were processed through the same selection criteria as the data and were plotted in histograms (shown to the left).

We show the data and simulated backgrounds on the same canvas. Left, we subtracted the background from the data to show our Higgs signal.

Conclusion

After reviewing all our histograms, it was clear that there was a pronounced bump at 125 GeV in all three, the expected invariant mass we would expect from the Higgs boson. Since we conducted multiple measurements through different decay channels, it established our evidence for observing the Higgs boson. We ensured that we would not be a hoax and checked all sections to factor our analysis on, and not regularly to these our findings, and could be a sign of our new discovery. It also meant we could work through our findings through multiple channels without having to redo any of the following, so that we could get the most out of the project.

Dark Matter Research

Is there Dark Matter? Is there Dark Matter? Is there Dark Matter? Is there Dark Matter? Is there Dark Matter?

Dark matter is the invisible matter that makes up most of the universe. It is called 'dark' because it does not emit, absorb or reflect light. It is thought to be made of particles that do not interact with the electromagnetic force. The only way we know it exists is through its gravitational effects on visible matter.

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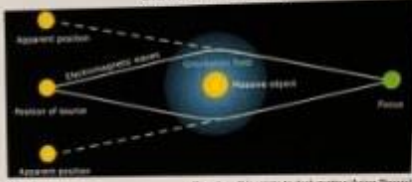
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Gravitational Lensing



How does this relate to dark matter? (Text describing the connection between gravitational lensing and dark matter detection.)

What is it? (Text defining gravitational lensing.)

What is the effect? (Text describing the effect of gravitational lensing on light.)

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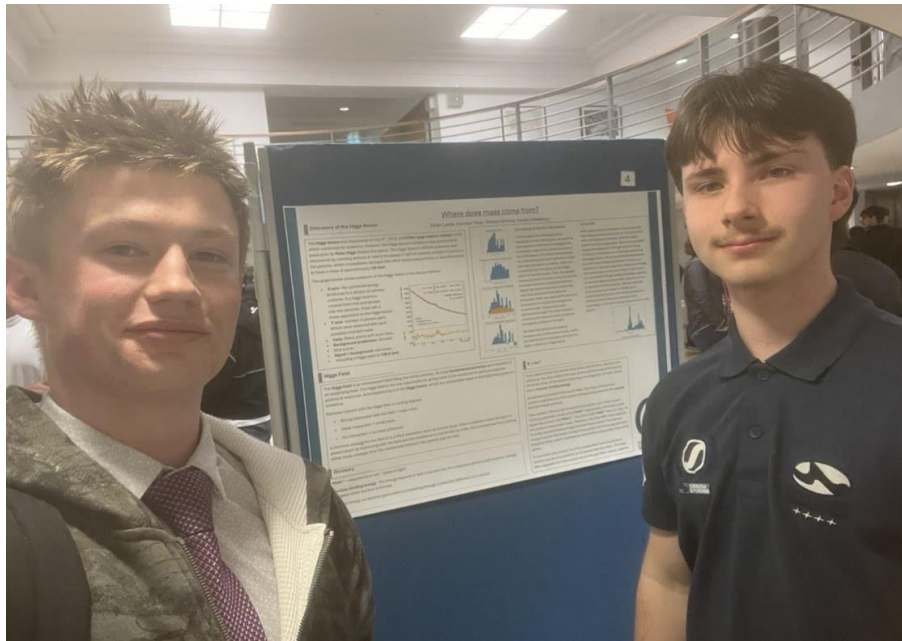


Figures showing data distributions for the CAST Detection System and MADMAX.









York Community Choir Festival

Huntington School Choirs Wow Audience at York Community Choir Festival

Huntington students gave outstanding performances at the Joseph Rowntree theatre at the start of the month. Five of our choirs (Big Friday Sing, Choir 21, Man Choir, Secret Choir and Staff Choir) sang a fabulous repertoire of music from Stevie Wonder to Natasha Bedingfield, Jamie Cullum to Peter Gabriel, 80s classics to traditional spirituals. The students were excellent ambassadors for the school – not only in their singing, but in their support of other choirs singing on the night.

All of our choirs are free to join and non-auditioning, so if you fancy getting involved, please speak to a member of the music department – or just come along to our next rehearsal!

Mrs Rycroft



Duke of Edinburgh



DofE season has begun!

13-15th March, Silver Practice

The silver practice went ahead in the Wolds over a very cold weekend in March. Students camped and journeyed for two days and saw a bit of every season. Sunday morning they were a little reluctant to get going, with one student who was participating in the early morning Yoga heard to say 'We will get out of here faster if we are limber!' They triumphed over adversity and lessons were learned for their assessed expedition in April. Thanks to the volunteers for making this possible.

Certificates

Well done to all the year 11s and 13s who received their certificates for completing their award.









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

Electric Bikes - important information

Police have recently seen an increase in e bikes and e scooters being used on the roads and other public property. This is generally illegal, and with the holidays around the corner we thought that some information may be relevant.

Please see below a leaflet/flyer that explains what a legal e bike is and what is illegal.

The police have also received many enquiries regarding the 'Sur-Ron' e bike, when and where it can be used. Sur-ron bikes can not be used on a road or public place **without a driving licence, insurance, the bike being registered and the rider wearing a helmet.**

Thank you for your support in keeping our young people and the general public safe.

What counts as a legal e-bike?

In UK law, a road-legal e-bike is called an Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EAPC). If your bike meets the EAPC rules, it is treated the same as a normal bicycle.

To be a legal EAPC, your bike must:

- Have working pedals that can move the bike forward.
- Have a motor with no more than 250W continuous power.
- Stop giving electric assistance at 15.5 mph (25 km/h).
- Be ridden only by people aged 14 or over. If your bike meets these rules, you do not need a licence, insurance, registration, or tax.



What is not a legal e-bike?

If your electric bike does **not** meet the EAPC rules, it is legally treated as a moped or motorbike.

This includes bikes that:

- Can move on the throttle alone without pedalling
- Have motors stronger than 250W
- Provide assistance above 15.5 mph
- Have been modified to increase speed or power

If your bike falls into this category, you **must**:

- Have a driving licence
- Register the bike with the DVLA
- Have insurance
- Wear a proper motorcycle helmet

Riding a non-compliant e-bike on the road or cycle paths is illegal and the bike can be seized.

Buying an e-bike safely

Before buying, check:

- Does it have working pedals?
- Is the motor 250W or less?
- Does assistance cut out at 15.5 mph?
- Is it advertised as **EAPC compliant**?

If buying online, be cautious - some sellers advertise illegal bikes as "road-legal" when they are not.

Where you can ride

Legal EAPCs can be used on:

- Roads
- Cycle lanes
- Shared-use paths
- Private land (with permission)

They cannot be ridden on pavements unless marked for shared use.



Need advice?

If you're unsure whether your e-bike is legal, speak to an officer or Scan the QR code for more information and guidance:



If you know anyone who is using an E bike illegally, please contact the police on 101 or give information anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



CrimeStoppers.

0800 555 111

100% anonymous. Always.



Project CARES

CARES is an exciting two-year project covering York and the surrounding area, lead from our school. stands for Cancer Awareness and Risk Education in Schools, funded by York Against Cancer. Our main aim is to make young people more aware of the main risk factors that increase their chances of developing cancer over their lifetime, and help cases of cancer to be identified sooner.

We are into year 2 of the project so are again asking for your help! We would be very grateful if you could fill in the parental survey, it will take less then 5 mins to do so. If you can persuade your young person to fill in the student survey that would be great! Links are below. All data will be collected and used anonymously.

[PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Huntington School – Fill in form](#)

[STUDENTS: Huntington School - Questionnaire 1 – Fill in form](#)

If you would like to get in touch about this project then contact Matt Savory, m.savory@huntington-ed.org.uk .

Thank you for your support!

Mr Savory



Out of School Opportunities and Clubs

[Huntington Rovers FC U19s](#)

Huntington Rovers is a friendly, community-focused grassroots football club, and we are currently inviting expressions of interest from players who will be eligible for U19 football in the 2026/2027 season.

This is a great opportunity for young people who want to continue playing competitive football alongside sixth form or college study.

Please contact Kes Webster, Chairman and U16s coach for further information:

keswebsterhrfc@gmail.com

[DK Youth Theatre](#)

DK Youth Theatre are looking for cast members for their summer productions performed on stage in July. Rehearsals start the week of 20th April. 1 hour weekly in Wigginton / Earswick.

No auditions and no experience necessary. This is not musical theatre – no singing or dancing – and students are fully involved throughout the whole performance. There's no waiting around for 'your bit'.

Friendly, welcoming groups. If you enjoy acting and want to have creative fun come along and trial the class.

2 Trial Sessions for £20 – try before you buy!

www.dramakids.co.uk or contact Caryn (Principal and class teacher) on 07309 880805 / 01904 492998 / york@dramakids.co.uk for more information



Our 1-hour weekly Youth Theatre classes are designed to build confidence in 11 - 18 year olds through drama techniques. These include: spontaneous improvisation, mini scripts, devising, theatre games, published scripts and structured scenes.

NO AUDITION REQUIRED!

Our specially trained teachers and curriculum can help **develop public speaking skills** to help students feel **empowered in educational and social aspects of life**. Working within a structured developmental curriculum our students **improve their self-esteem and confidence** as well as **fostering enthusiasm and a positive approach to life**.

CLASSES HELD WEEKLY DURING TERM TIME

TUESDAY 7.15PM - 8.15PM AT WIGGINTON SCHOOL
SATURDAY 11.35AM - 12.35PM AT EARSWICK VILLAGE HALL

Our Youth Theatre groups also provide a relaxed space to make friends, try new things and have fun!



Caryn Walton-Binns
B.A. (Hons)
Principal

www.dramakids.co.uk



<https://facebook.com/DKYorkandNorthYorkshire> Instagram [dkyorkandnorthyorkshire](https://www.instagram.com/dkyorkandnorthyorkshire)

York Allstars Tae Kwon Do



For details of local classes contact:

Email - yorkallstarstk@gmail.com

Mobile - 07791 665563

Join our team



Image: Kate Hambleton

Community not for profit olympic sports club

2nd and 3rd Dan black belt instructors including ex international competitor

Benefits - self defence, fitness and flexibility



@yorkallstarstk

Support for Parents and Students

York Wellbeing in Mind webinars



Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys
NHS Foundation Trust

ONLINE WEBINAR SCHEDULE SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday 20th April 4pm - 5pm -
Exam Stress

Monday 15th June 4pm - 5pm -
Transitions



Monday 13th July 4pm -5pm -
5 Ways to Wellbeing

All webinars can be accessed through Microsoft teams
and are free to join. We welcome young people, parents
and carers, teachers and other professionals to join.
Joining information will be posted on our social media
channels closer to the time.

 @wellbeinginmind.mhst  @WiMT_MHST

If you have any questions please contact
tevv.wimtwasa@nhs.net

Autism Support for Parents

 Autism Support for Parents from the Specialist Teaching Team for Autism 	
Wednesdays Summer 2026	
<p><u>Weekly Parent/Carer Afternoon Drop-in Sessions at SEND Central</u></p> <p>In-person drop-in support, Wednesday afternoons, 1.30-2.30 p.m. at SEND Central, Clifton Green Primary School, YO30 6JA.</p> <p>No need to book, just come along and meet a Specialist teacher and a Specialist TA from the Autism Team and other parents to discuss general issues and concerns, find information and look at some useful resources.</p> <p>Wednesday 15th April 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd April 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday 6th May 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>Half term</p> <p>Wednesday 3rd June 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday 10th June 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday 17th June 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday 24th June 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday 1st July 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday 8th July 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Fortnightly Morning Phone line Sessions</u></p> <p>To book a 20 minute phone line call within the sessions below, please email parentcarerautismsupport@york.gov.uk with your name and a contact telephone number for us to call you on. We will send you a time slot for your 20 minute call. If we receive a high volume of requests we may need to allocate spaces on the session on a first come, first served basis.</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd April 9 a.m. -12 noon</p> <p>Wednesday 6th May 9 a.m. -12 noon</p> <p>Wednesday 20th May 9 a.m. -12 noon</p> <p>Half term</p> <p>Wednesday 10th June 9 a.m. -12 noon</p> <p>Wednesday 24th June 9 a.m. -12 noon</p> <p>Wednesday 8th July 9 a.m. -12 noon</p> <p>This is an admin email address and we are unable to forward or respond to queries via this email. Bookings close the Thursday before the session.</p>

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



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



togetherness.co.uk/learn 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

togetherness.co.uk/learn From understanding to thriving: for everyone.



TOGETHERNESS

NHS

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



Free for you with the access code: RAISE

togetherness.co.uk/learn From understanding to thriving: for everyone.



SEND Central: drop ins, events and information

Please see the upcoming SEND Central drop ins and events. We would like to draw your attention to the Think Together workshop on **Wednesday 15th April 10am-11.30am about exam stress and preparing for exams**. This workshop is designed to support parents and carers learn more about what stress is and how exam stress may present in young people at this time of year, aimed particularly at parents and carers of students in Years 11 and 13.

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



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This week at SEND CENTRAL				
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YIKS Holiday Club Bookable Only via YIKS	SENDIASS 10am-2pm Bookable slots throughout the day. Please book via SEND.CENTRAL@york.gov.uk or call 01904 555075	YIKS Holiday Club Bookable Only via YIKS	Healthy Child Team 9am - 12pm Drop in 2pm - 3.30pm 4 month workshop- invite only.	YIKS Holiday Club Bookable Only via YIKS
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	YIKS Siblings Group 6.45pm - 8.00pm		YIKS Post 16 Group 6.30pm - 8pm	



This week at
SEND CENTRAL

6th April- 10th April 2026

York SEND Local Offer



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This week at
SEND CENTRAL

13th April- 17th April 2026

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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 -12pm - see separate sheet for months theme	Portage Music Group 1.30pm-2.30pm Workshop- Invite only	Early Years SEND Playgroup SEEDINGS 10am - 11.30am 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	NHS Preparation for Adulthood Appointments are pre booked. If you would like to book to have a discussion with the transition Nurse email: SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk or call 01904 555076
1pm- 2pm – Understanding the Early Help Short Breaks Application Process- no need to book just come along	YIKS Autism Hub 4.30pm-6.30pm Bookable Only via YIKS	Think Together Workshop 10-11.30- Exam Stress: Preparing for Exams no booking required.	YIKS Parent/carer SEND drop in 9.30am-11am All Welcome no booking required	YIKS Autism Hub 4.30pm- 6.30pm Bookable only via YIKS
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.	YIKS Siblings Group 6.45pm- 8.00pm	Specialist Autism Teaching Team 1.30pm-2.30pm Drop in All welcome no booking required	Healthy Child Team 9am - 12pm Drop in 2pm - 3.30pm 4 month workshop- invite only.	
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 This week at SEND CENTRAL 				
20th April- 24th April 2026				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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1pm-2pm School Wellbeing Service drop in- Parents and carers are invited to join us for an informal session to meet our School Wellbeing Workers and explore ways to support their child's emotional wellbeing. No need to book	YIKS Autism Hub 4.30pm-6.30pm Bookable Only via YIKS	Think Together Workshop 10-11.30- Introduction to sensory differences workshop. No booking required	YIKS Parent/carer SEND drop in 9.30am-11am All Welcome no booking required	NHS Preparation for Adulthood Appointments are pre booked. If you would like to book to have a discussion with the transition Nurse email SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk or call 01904 555076
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**APRIL 2026 INFORMATION SESSIONS AT SEND CENTRAL IN
COLLABORATION WITH PARENT CARER FORUM YORK**

**Monday 13th April 1pm- 2pm – Understanding the Early Help Short
Breaks Application Process**

The window for early help short breaks applications is open, come along to a drop in led by the short breaks co-ordinator about the City Of York's Short Break application process and how to access this. The window for applications is open throughout April, if you have any questions or advice around the process come and find out more.

Monday 20th April 1pm-2pm School Wellbeing Service drop in

Parents and carers are invited to join us for an informal session to meet our School Wellbeing Workers and explore ways to support their child's emotional wellbeing. You'll be able to gather practical information, advice and resources. No need to book just come along.

Friday 24th April 1pm- 2pm Barriers to school attendance

An information session led by the Educational Psychology Team around understanding barriers to school attendance and how to support your child or young person when they are experiencing significant barriers to school engagement. No need to book just come along.

All held at SEND CENTRAL, Children's Centre on the site of Clifton Green Primary School, Water Lane York YO30 6JA Tel: 01904 555076 Email: SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk

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Think Together at SEND CENTRAL April 2026

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 March

Wednesday 15th April 10am - 11.30am Exam Stress: Preparing for Exams.
This workshop has been designed to support parents/carers to learn more about what stress is and how exam stress may present in young people at this time of year. Think Together will provide information, resources and strategies to help you support your young person over the exam period. This workshop is recommended for parents/carers with young people in year 11 and 13. No need to book.

Wednesday 22nd April 10am- 11.30am Introduction to Sensory Differences Workshop.
This workshop has been designed to help parents/carers develop an understanding of sensory differences in young people. Think Together will provide information about common challenges with sensory differences and provide some strategies and tips to help you support your young person. No need to book.

Wednesday 29th April 2026 10am- 11.30am Self Esteem Workshop.
A workshop to support parents/carers to learn more about self-esteem, how low self-esteem can present in young people and how parents/carers can support a young person when they may be experiencing low self-esteem. No need to book.

All held at SEND CENTRAL, Children's Centre on the site of Clifton Green Primary School, Water Lane
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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

Contact Us

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