**Post-16 Information Sessions / Taster Days for current Year 11 students in all York Secondary Schools**

Tuesday 16 and Thursday 18 January 2024

This information has been sent to all Year 11 staff leads in SENDING (home) secondary schools, Specialist Learning and Employment Advisers and Post-16 Lead members of staff in RECEIVING institutions. All key contacts are listed on page 1 and 2 of this document.

Year 11 students must submit their applications no later than **Monday 27 November 2023** (unless otherwise specified). Students will be able to attend sessions at two institutions offering Post-16 education in York. These are:

* All Saints RC School
* Archbishop Holgate’s School
* Fulford School
* Huntington School
* Joseph Rowntree School
* Askham Bryan College
* York College
* York Apprenticeships

SENDING schools are responsible for informing all Year 11 pupils of the arrangements and supporting them with queries. A list of attendees will be taken at ALL taster sessions and sent from the RECEIVING institutions to the SENDING school on the day the sessions take place.

**Key Contacts**

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| **SENDING Institution**  | **LEAD staff member** |
| **All Saints** | Sarah Bilton | Sa.bilton@allsaints.york.sch.uk  |
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| **Fulford** | Mrs Kasia Davies | daviesk@fulford.york.sch.uk  |
| **Huntington** | Martyn Johnson | m.johnson@huntington-ed.org.uk  |
| **Joseph Rowntree** | Ben Coleman | btc@josephrowntree.york.sch.uk  |
| **Manor**  | John Paley | j.paley@mce.hslt.academy |
| **Millthorpe** | Sarah Watts | s.watts@millthorpe.southbank.academy  |
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| **York High**  | Emily Callan | e.callan@yorkhigh.southbank.academy  |

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| **RECEIVING Institution** | **LEAD staff member** |
| **All Saints** | Jenny Smailes | j.smailes@allsaints.york.sch.uk  |
| **Archbishop Holgate’s** | Sarah Walton | swalton1@ahs.pmat.academy  |
| **Fulford** | Mr Paul Gatenby | gatenbyp@fulford.york.sch.uk  |
| **Huntington** | Martyn Johnson | m.johnson@huntington-ed.org.uk  |
| **Joseph Rowntree** | Ben Coleman | btc@josephrowntree.york.sch.uk  |
| **Askham Bryan College** | Student Recruitment | student.recruitment@askham-bryan.ac.uk  |
| **York College** | Lucy Walker | lwalker@yorkcollege.ac.uk  |
| **York Apprenticeships** | Melody Hardcastle | York.apprenticeships@york.gov.uk  |

**Timeline**

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| 11 Sep – 29 Sep 2023 | ALL to check and update:* contact information above
* your offer summary on pages 3-5
* your full application information on pages 6-12
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| 3 Oct 2023 | CYC to circulate updated taster day briefing sheet for all |
| 4 Oct – 27 Nov 2023 | Lead members of staff from SENDING institutions to:* Encourage all Year 11s to make their choices
* Ensure Year 11s make their own registration at their selected Post-16 institutions
* Track and monitor who has made their choices as the deadline approaches
* Provide students who may need extra support with support and encouragement, so they don’t miss out
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| 27 Nov 2023 | **Deadline for applications unless otherwise specified** |
| 1 Dec 2023 | CYC to circulate confirmed places to young people and SENDING schools that apply for **apprenticeship tasters** |
| 10 Jan 2024 | RECEVING institutions to send lead members of staff from SENDING institutions a list of all students by secondary school that have registered on their Taster Day/Information sessions.  |
| 16 and 18 Jan 2024 | ALL information taster/sessions to take a register of attendees and report any absences to SENDING institutions/home schooled.  |

**Summary of what is on offer**

As set out below, each RECEVING Post-16 institution has published instructions on how Year 11 students should register for their selected Taster Day/Information Session. **It is the responsibility of** **Year 11 students to make their registrations.**

The closing date for registrations is **27 November 2023** unless indicated otherwise.

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| **All Saints School** |
| The A level Taster Day will be on Tuesday 16 January 2024. This is a full day of lesson tasters when Y11 students will be able to choose four A Level or BTEC options. The day will include a welcome talk by the Head of Sixth Form, experience time in form getting to know other students and a tour of the school site. The taster day will mirror life in the Sixth Form so it is a non-uniform day. Further details about the programme for the Taster Day can be found at the end of this guide. For more information see pages 6-7.**How to apply:** The Taster Day online application form can be accessed [here](https://forms.gle/hBsdMFoaGyfuoVFc7) or go to the Sixth Form section of our website.**The deadline for applications is 4pm Thursday 15 December 2023.** |
| **Archbishop Holgate’s School** |
| Archbishops will run full day taster events on both Tuesday 16 and Thursday 18 January 2024. Each day will consist of a welcome from the Director of Sixth Form, followed by a tour of the school and the opportunity to try a number of subjects. After lunch, Year 11 visitors will take part in a Sixth Form tutor session. The day will finish with an individual discussion of potential course options and future career pathways. An additional information sheet for AHS is on page 8. Please print copies as required. **How to apply:** Students can book a place by completing the external taster day application form that can be found on Archbishop Holgate’s Sixth Form [website](http://www.archbishopholgates.org) or call 01904 411341 to request a hard copy to be posted out. Once completed, the forms can be returned by email: swalton1@ahs.pmat.academy or by post; C/O Sarah Walton, Archbishop Holgate’s School, Hull Road, YO10 5ZA. Once received, Archbishops will write to students to confirm their place. |
| **Fulford School** |
| Fulford will run taster sessions on both 16 and 18 January 2024. Each session will include a welcome from the Director of Sixth Form, a tour of the school, a discussion with current students, the opportunity to sample Sixth Form lessons and a discussion about potential course options and future progression routes. **How to apply:** Students can book a place by completing the online booking form found on the [Fulford Sixth Form website](https://sixthform.fulford.york.sch.uk/). See page 9 for further information. |
| **Huntington School**  |
| Huntington will be running taster sessions on both 16 and 18 January 2024.   On the Tuesday, Huntington will run two half day taster sessions: 8.50am – 10.30am and 1.30pm – 3.15pm. These sessions will include a discussion of course choices, a school tour, a chance to meet current students and the opportunity to attend a Sixth Form lesson.   On the Thursday there will be a full Taster Day (8.35am – 3.20pm). Students will experience what it's like to be at Huntington Sixth Form and can sample up to five subjects on the day. This session is non uniform. See page 10 for more information. **How to apply:** Use the information provided and our online booking form which can be found at [Huntington School - Taster Days](https://www.huntingtonschool.co.uk/page/?title=Taster+Days&pid=192). |
| **Joseph Rowntree School** |
| Joseph Rowntree will be running taster sessions on both 16 and 18 January 2024 from 9.30am. All students will be offered further advice and guidance on our courses and what support is offered within Joseph Rowntree Sixth Form. All students then opt to enjoy up to four taster sessions during the course of the day. Students attending these sessions can attend in non-uniform and should bring regular school stationery. **How to apply:** Internal students will receive online application forms through Google Classroom and Weduc. External students can book a place for Tuesday 16 January [here](https://forms.gle/jcfc3TULp4Lo55gZ8) and for Thursday 18 January [here](https://forms.gle/pgrYbnBtutNQ7rKh6). Places for the taster events will be allocated on a first come first served basis. All applicants will receive a letter confirming their place, along with their timetable after the deadline for applications passes. Further information can be found on page 11. |
| **Askham Bryan College**  |
| The college is offering taster sessions on the mornings of 16 and 18 January 2024 (10am-12pm). The following combinations of subject areas are available: * Agriculture and Land & Wildlife
* Animal Management and Vet Nursing
* Motorsport
* Horticulture, Arboriculture and Floristry
* Sport, Outdoor Adventure and Public Services
* Equine

Students will need to pre-book using the [York Schools Taster Session Booking Form](http://bit.ly/3fVkrz6) and then on the day sign in at the College reception before going to the relevant department.**How to apply:** Students can book online (simply follow the link) [York Schools Taster Session Booking Form](http://bit.ly/3fVkrz6). Go to page 15 for all the details.**Deadline for booking: 27 November 2023****Questions or Queries:** Simply email student.recruitment@askham-bryan.ac.uk |
| **York College** |
| York College will be offering Taster Days on Tuesday 16 and Thursday 18 January 2024. Students should select their preferred date, and then choose from Vocational and T Level sessions (which will include apprenticeship information), and A Level sessions. There will also be the opportunity to find out about daily life as a student at the College and the wider support and activities on offer.**How to apply:** visit their [website](https://www.yorkcollege.ac.uk/events-and-news/events/year-11-taster-days). For further info, see page 16-17 or contact the School Liaison Team on 01904 770239 or info4schools@yorkcollege.ac.ukThe deadline is **Sunday 3 December 2023**, however places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so early booking is recommended. |
| **York Apprenticeships**  |
| The Apprenticeship Taster Day is on **Thursday 18 January 2024** and will enable students to visit the premises of a local employer across a range of sectors and job roles. They will benefit from a practical experience of what it is like to have an apprenticeship job and receive advice and guidance on how to apply and the different routes into apprenticeship jobs.**Please note the deadline for this taster is Friday 10 November.****How to apply**: the application form is on pages 12-14.Students have been told to contact their Careers Lead if they would like to request a taster in a sector that isn’t already offered. So please email any requests to: york.apprenticeships@york.gov.uk. |



**All Saints Sixth Form Taster Day**

January 2024

When it comes to choosing your A level or BTEC options it’s important that you make an informed decision. As the title suggests, our Sixth Form Taster Day is designed to give you a ‘taste’ of the subjects you are considering so you can find out if you’re likely to enjoy them and find them interesting. Our Taster Day programme lets you experience four different subjects as well as spend time in a Sixth Form tutor group. You’ll also have an opportunity to speak with our current Sixth Formers to get a first-hand account of what it’s like to study at our Sixth Form.

At All Saints we have specialist teachers with a wealth of experience teaching a broad range of subjects, some of which you will be familiar with, such as English and others that will be new to you, such as Psychology. You might want to try a combination of these, though we would advise against choosing four totally new subjects.

**Making your selection: choose one subject from each of the 4 option blocks below:**

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| **Block A** | **Block B** | **Block C** | **Block D** |
| Business Studies | Biology | Business Studies | Art |
| Biology | Business Studies | Biology | Chemistry |
| Computing | Chemistry | BTEC Computing | English Literature |
| English Language | Computing | DT | Health and Social Care |
| English Literature | EPT | Dance | Latin |
| French | History | EPT | Media Studies |
| BTEC Business Studies | Maths | English Language | Music |
| Geography | PE | German | Physics |
| History | Photography | Geography | Politics |
| Maths | Philosophy | Maths | Psychology |
| Psychology | Psychology | Further Maths | Sociology |
| Sociology | Sociology | Music Tech | Theatre Studies |
|  | Spanish | Physics |  |
|  |  | Psychology |  |
|  |  | Sociology |  |
|  |  | Politics |  |
|  |  | Textiles |  |

**For detailed information about each of these subjects look at our online prospectus which can be found in the Sixth Form section of our school website.**

**Programme Outline**

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| 8.40-9.00 | Welcome talk in the Hall by Head of Sixth Form and meet the Sixth Form Team  |
| 9.00-9.55 | Tutor Time: Meet your Form Tutor and other prospective students, chat to current All Saints Sixth Formers over croissants and coffee |
| 9.55 -10.55 | Taster Lesson – Option Choice 1 |
| 10.55-11.10  | Morning Break – Refreshments in the hall and meet other students |
| 11.10-12.10 | Taster Lesson – Option Choice 2 |
| 12.10-1.00 | Lunch |
| 1.00-2.00 | Taster Lesson – Option Choice 3 |
| 2.00-2.15 | Afternoon Break – free time |
| 2.15-3.15 | Taster Lesson – Option Choice 4 |
| 3.15 | End of Taster Day – Home |

**How to apply**

To make an application to our Sixth Form Taster Day complete our online application which can be found [here](https://forms.gle/zTbQo3zHYctMTcSv7) or by scanning this QR code: -



**The application deadline is 4pm on Friday 15 December**.

Once we have processed your application, we will write to you confirming your place and the selections you have made. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please get in touch with the Sixth Form team at 6fadmin@allsaints.york.sch.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you on our Taster Day – see you then!

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**External Taster Day Application**

**Tuesday 16 and Thursday 18 January 2024**

We know how difficult it can be when deciding which courses to study Post-16. Our two taster days are an excellent opportunity for students to see our superb sixth form facilities and meet our dedicated team of experts who could offer further support, advice, and guidance regarding their next steps. We offer a broad and balanced range of courses and qualifications. Year 11 students will have the opportunity to see first-hand all our A-Level and the BTEC courses in action. Tutors, subject teachers and students will also be available, and will be more than happy to provide information on individual subjects.  There will also be individual meetings available to discuss topics such as their subject option choices, higher education, and enrichment opportunities. Within our Sixth Form we offer strong pastoral care, excellent guidance, and support for student progression routes alongside excellent academic success.

Those wishing to attend a taster day will apply to one of the two dates. They should arrive

at AHS Sixth Form at 8.40am and will be greeted by a member of the Sixth Form Team.

The day will include:

* A formal welcome from Mr Williams, Director of Sixth Form
* A tour of the school led by the Sixth Form Student Leaders
* Shadowing AHS Sixth Form students in subjects of their choice
* Lunch (provided by AHS) with staff and students
* All subject leaders will be present during lunch for students to ask questions and find out more about any subjects that they have not had opportunity to take part in or that they are interested in studying next year
* Attending an afternoon Sixth Form tutor session and engage in a form activity.
* One-to-one meetings with a member of the Sixth Form Team to discuss potential course options and future career pathways

**How to apply**

Students will need to complete the external taster day application that can be found on [our](https://www.josephrowntree.co.uk/Welcome-to-the-Sixth-Form/)

[Sixth Form website](https://www.josephrowntree.co.uk/Welcome-to-the-Sixth-Form/) or call 01904 411341 to have a hard copy posted out.  Once completed,

please email it to swalton1@ahs.pmat.academy or return via the post C/O Sarah Walton,

Archbishop Holgate’s School, Hull Road, YO10 5ZA. We will write to them confirming their

place on our taster day. The deadline for receiving applications is Friday 8 December 2023.

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**Fulford Sixth Form Taster Days**

**January 2024**

**Come and try the courses that you’re interested in and experience the atmosphere that makes Fulford such a special place to study!**

On Tuesday 16 January and Thursday 18 January 2024 we will be offering in-school taster sessions. On these days you will immerse yourself in the busy life of the sixth form and experience the exciting teaching we have on offer. Each day will include a tour of the school with current students and the opportunity to attend sixth form lessons. You will also meet with the Director of Sixth Form and the Sixth Form Leadership Team so that you can ask any questions you may have.

If you would like to attend, please complete the online booking form on our Sixth Form website <https://sixthform.fulford.york.sch.uk/>

The link to the form is <https://forms.office.com/e/KQN5UYVRZr>

**Please note that the deadline for bookings is Friday 15 December 2023.**

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It can be a daunting task to choose which courses to study Post-16. Our two taster days are an opportunity for students to see Huntington sixth form facilities and meet our Key Stage 5 team who can offer further support, advice, and guidance regarding next steps.

**Tuesday 16 January** is for Year 11 students not currently studying at Huntington School:

* **Morning session** running from 8.35am – 11am
* **Afternoon session** from 1.30pm until 3.15pm
* You will have the opportunity to sample an A level lesson, meet current students and tour the school.

**Thursday 18 January (for Year 11 students from across York and Huntington School)**

* All-day event (8.35am – 3.15pm). Lunch will be provided for external students.
* Experience what it’s like by being a Huntington Sixth Former for the day.
* Come in non-school uniform.
* Sample lessons from our wide range of post-16 options

**Booking form for students not currently at Huntington School.** Apply directly by clicking this link or find it on our website:  [Huntington School - Taster Days](https://www.huntingtonschool.co.uk/page/?title=Taster+Days&pid=192)

**Deadline for Taster applications: Friday 8 December 2023**

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**Joseph Rowntree Sixth Form Taster Days 2024**

Year 11 students from all schools in and near to York are invited to join us for one of our Taster Days in January 2024. Details of the specific activities available on these days are in the linked application forms below, where you can make your subject choices and share your contact details.

**Taster Day 1: Tuesday 16 January**

This Taster Day is for **external students to Joseph Rowntree School** and is an opportunity to join some of our existing lessons in year 12. Students may opt to join us for all or part of the day, depending on their subject choices, arrival times are either 9.30 or 13.00 depending on whether students wish to join us for the full day or half a day. To apply for a place to join us on this day please use the following link / QR code and complete the Google Form. <https://forms.gle/jcfc3TULp4Lo55gZ8>

**Taster Day 2: Thursday 18 January**

This Taster Day is a full day experience and is **open to current students at Joseph Rowntree School and external students from all local schools**. This is an opportunity to join us for four lessons of your choice and experience a taster lesson with one of our specialist teaching staff in each subject. As a full day experience for all students attending, the day will commence at 9.30 with an assembly, followed by four one-hour lessons running until the end of the school day at 3.10. To apply for a place to join us on this day please use the following link / QR code and complete the Google Form.

<https://forms.gle/zfs9Hy7CTrhJW1Ec8>

**Deadline for Taster applications: Friday 8 December 2023**



To apply for a place in Sixth Form please follow this link / QR code or click on the link on our main school website homepage. <https://josephrowntree.applicaa.com/application_forms/4>

**Deadline for Sixth Form Applications: 26 January 2024**

 **Year 11 Apprenticeship Taster Day Application**

Thursday 18 January 2024

The York Apprenticeship Hub at City of York Council, along with local employers can help you find out what it’s like to do apprenticeship training in York.

**What is on offer?** There are a few local employers offering a taster (see next page for the application form). However, if there is a particular sector you would like to experience which isn’t on the application form, please contact your school’s careers lead.

**How do I apply?** Complete the application form on the next page, save it, and email it to: york.apprenticeships@york.gov.uk **by Friday 10 November 2023**. Alternatively, take a clear photo of your completed application and send it to the email above.

**When is the deadline?** Friday 10 November.

**When will I find out if I have a place?** Tasters are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. You will be notified as soon as possible if you have been allocated a taster and will then receive further details on timings (i.e., some may be half-days).

**What happens on the day?** You will receive an introduction, followed by an experience of working and training with that employer. You will get the opportunity to learn about the organisation and different apprenticeships and job roles in that sector.

**What do I wear?** Please dress appropriately for the type of work, for example:
- construction: clothing you don’t mind getting dirty and sturdy shoes
- business/professional: smart clothing
- child care/health care: black clothing and comfortable shoes

**Do I need to bring anything?** Please ensure you have water, and a pen and paper. Lunch will not be provided unless otherwise stated so please bring a packed-lunch if it is a full-day taster.

**How do I get there?** You will need to get yourself to the taster location by 8.50am for a 9am start, unless otherwise stated. You will then need to get yourself back home or to school (depending on the time). If you need help finding public transport, contact the York Apprenticeship Hub.

**Year 11 Apprenticeship Taster Application (Thursday 18 January 2024)**Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice of taster by writing 1 and 2 in the boxes below:

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| **Taster** | **Description** | **Organisation** | **1 or 2** |
| Civil Engineer | Coordinates, manages and provides the technical planning, management, design, building, maintenance or dismantling of structures | Sisk |  |
| Community Liaison Officer | Point of contact for communities. Runs activities, meetings, events and consultations to establish and build relationships with local residents, businesses and other groups. |  |
| Quantity Surveyor | Monitors / manages all budgets and costs relating to construction projects. |  |
| Foreman | Trains workers and monitors performance. Manages people and resources. Adheres to safety requirements and quality standards. Monitors machinery and equipment. |  |
| Hotel Events | Organises and runs hotel events such as conferences and weddings. Skills are needed in organisation, attention to detail and customer focus. | Aldwark Manor Estate |  |
| General Hotel Operations | Manages all aspects of the hotel such as guest services, facility maintenance, hiring staff, managing finances, and promoting the hotel. Strong business skills are needed as well as customer service and a vast understanding of the industry. |  |
| Construction | General construction taster York Minster’s Centre of Excellence build site. 1-3.30pm | Simpson |  |
| ‘Selling York’ - Estate Agency | Values and markets properties and negotiates price. Involves liaising with banks, building societies, mortgage brokers, surveyors, solicitors and other estate agencies. | Indigo Greens Estate Agency |  |
| Site Manager | Looks after the teams on a construction site, liaises with the clients, monitors costs and budgets, and orders materials for the project. | Caddick (either Burnholme site or Duncombe Barracks site – TBC) |  |
| Plastering | A core function within the construction sector. Applying layers of plaster as a protective function to make buildings more robust. The Government has a target to build significantly more new homes, therefore the demand for plasterers is high. |  |
| Joinery | Works with building materials (often wood) to create and install building components. |  |
| Electrical | Installing and servicing a range of domestic and commercial equipment, and now/in the near future, installing ‘smart home’ wireless controlled products. |  |
| Local Authority - Professional | An insight into the ‘professional’ job roles within City of York Council such as legal, finance, HR and administration as well as an overview of other areas of the council. | City of York Council |  |

Please now complete page 2

**Your Details**

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| **Full name** |  |
| **School** |  |
| **Email address** (we will send further information here, so please double check it’s correct) |  |
| **Contact number** |  |
| **Any special requirements such as accessibility needs** |  |

**Emergency Contact Details**

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| **Emergency contact name** |  |
| **Relationship to you** |  |
| **Emergency contact number** |  |

**Privacy notice**

[ ]  **Please tick to confirm you have read accepted the terms below**

By submitting your application, you are consenting to City of York Council’s Skills Team contacting you about the Taster Day. You also consent to your name, special requirements and emergency contact details being shared with the organisation you have been placed with solely for the purpose of the Taster Day. We will keep the information you give us for up to 3 years and then will securely and confidentially destroy it. You can withdraw your consent at any time by contacting york.apprenticeships@york.gov.uk. For more information on how City of York Council uses your data, go to [york.gov.uk/privacy/ApprenticeshipTasterDay](https://www.york.gov.uk/privacy/ApprenticeshipTasterDay)

**If you have any questions, contact the York Apprenticeship Hub
E:** **york.apprenticeships@york.gov.uk**

The college is offering taster sessions on 16 and 18 January 2024 in the **mornings** (10am-12pm).

The following combinations of subject areas are available:

* Agriculture and Land & Wildlife
* Animal Management and Vet Nursing
* Equine
* Horticulture, Arboriculture and Floristry
* Motorsport
* Sport, Outdoor Adventure and Public Services

**Students need to book** using the [York Schools Taster Session Booking Form](http://bit.ly/3fVkrz6) or it can be accessed by typing **bit.ly/3fVkrz6** into any internet browser – phone, tablet, laptop or computer.

**On the day**, students need to sign in at the College reception before going to the relevant department.

**Closing date for booking: 27 November 2023**

The booking form will not be available after 1 December 2023

For any questions or queries please email student.recruitment@askham-bryan.ac.uk



