



THE FULFORD UPDATE

w/c 12th January 2026



Headteachers Message

Happy New Year! As we step into 2026, there's a real sense of excitement about the opportunities ahead and the achievements we will celebrate together.

The start of a new year is always a chance to set goals and embrace challenges, and I know our students and staff are ready to make this term a successful one. Thank you for your continued support – it makes such a difference to everything we do.

A special mention goes to Year 11 and Year 13 as they complete their mock exams this half term. Your determination and effort are inspiring, and we're proud to see you working so hard towards your future success.

Forthcoming Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
w/c 5th & 12th January	Year 13 Mock Exams	Year 13
Tuesday 13th January	Sixth Form External Taster Day	Year 11
Thursday 15th January	Sixth Form External Taster Day	Year 11
Thursday 15th January	Year 9H Parents Evening (online)	Year 9
Monday 19th January	Year 9E Parents Evening (online)	Year 9
Thursday 22nd January	Trip to London Kings College	Year 12
w/c 26th January & 2nd February	Year 11 Mock Exams 2	Year 11
Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th February	School Production - Mary Poppins	All Year Groups
Friday 13th February	Students break up for half term—3.30pm	All Year Groups
Monday 23rd February	School re-opens for all students	All Year Groups

Assembly Themes

Week commencing	Live Assembly	Streamed Assembly
12th January	Head of Year: Basics Equipment	Assistant Headteacher: Expectations
19th January	Head of Year: Heart Value (Ambition)	Assistant Head: Safeguarding / Wellbeing
26th January	Head of Year Assembly	History Dept: Holocaust Remembrance
2nd February	Head of Year Assembly: HEART Month	Assistant Head: Children's Mental Health Week
9th February	Head of Year: Celebration	Deputy Head: Online Safety

Spotlight on Reading



As we enter a new year, what better resolution could there be than to grow our love for reading?

Here are a couple of links to articles from the BBC considering the benefits of reading:

[Why is reading good for me?](#) (2 mins article)

[How reading changes the way your brain work](#) (5 mins video)



All students at Fulford have access to both our recently refurbished library and our e-library. Years 7-10 also follow a carefully selected programme of books / excerpts that they read in form with their tutors.

If you are unsure where to start, here is a link to our reading suggestions for each year group (<https://fulford.york.sch.uk/resource-centre/>)

Happy Reading!

Extra Curricular Focus

Many of our extra-curricular activities offered by PE are non competitive. Rather, they are aimed at encouraging enjoyment and exercise in a social setting.

An example of this is the opportunities that are provided for each year group (usually at the start of the day) to play badminton or table tennis.

We want to encourage all our student to participate in some element of our extra-curricular offer in the new year.



Details can be found here: <https://fulford.york.sch.uk/school-clubs-activities/>



Fun Fact: did you know our very own Mr Bonsels (Head of Year 10) was part of the mixed England team that won gold at the 2007 European Junior Badminton championships?

Wider Learning Opportunities

Public lectures at York University	www.york.ac.uk/news-and-events/events/public-lectures/
From the Sidelines - a variety of resources aimed at helping parents better understand how children learn	www.fromthesidelines.uk/
York Philosophical Society	www.ypsypork.org/
PiXL - suggested reading canon & supporting materials	https://fulford.york.sch.uk/resource-centre/
Support services for families, parents and carers	Support Services

Key Contacts

Department	Email Address	Reason for contact
School Office	office@fulford.york.sch.uk	To contact a specific member of staff
SEND	send@fulford.york.sch.uk	For enquiries relating to SEND
Sixth Form	sixthform@fulford.york.sch.uk	For enquiries relating to Sixth Form
Safeguarding	safeguarding@fulford.york.sch.uk	For any safeguarding concerns
Feedback	feedback@fulford.york.sch.uk	Feedback on any aspect of school life
AHT Community	baileys@fulford.york.sch.uk	To contact Mr Bailey
Headteacher	headteacher@fulford.york.sch.uk	To contact Mr Harris

Attendance

08/12/25 to 09/01/26

Year 7 to 11— 94.9%

Sixth Form - 95.0%

City of York Council

Term Dates

[Year 2025 - 26](#)

[Year 2026 - 27](#)