

York's Holiday Activities and Food Programme Summer 2022 Update

What is HAF?

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is holiday provision for school-aged children from reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals. These holiday activities are available during the Easter, summer, and Christmas school holidays and include a nutritious meal along with a variety of enriching activities.

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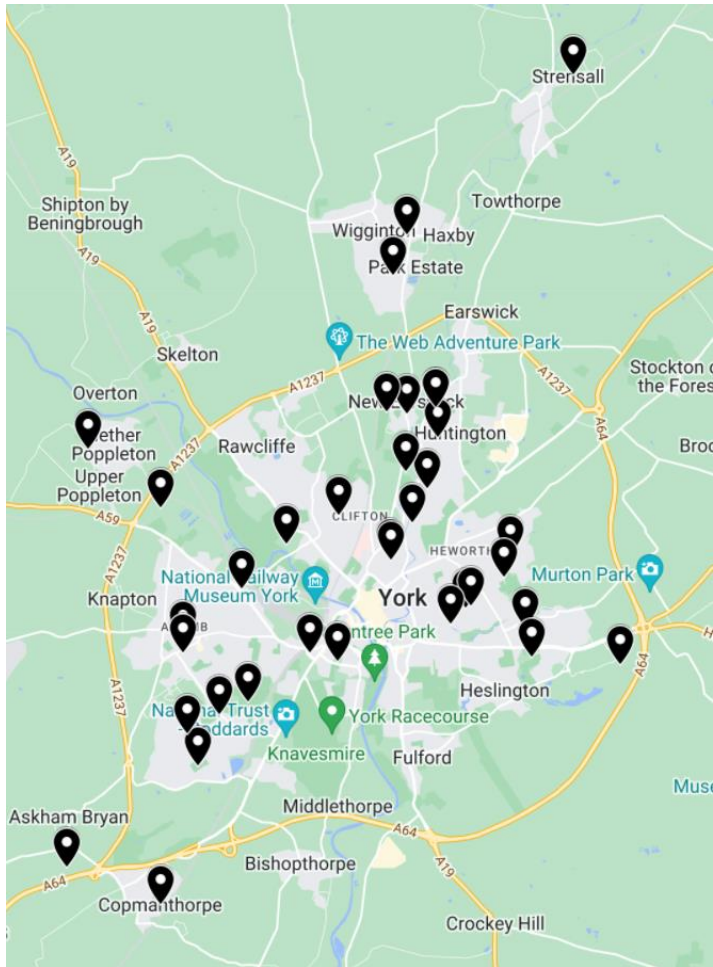
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Announcements and Updates

- We are currently assessing centralised booking systems to bring to our scheme for 2023! This system will be accessible via smart phone or web browser and will provide parents with a simple way to book on one or more of their children. There will be filters for location, age, SEND, and more!
- The planning for the Christmas holiday is well underway! If you have any interest in being a venue or have any other queries, feel free to contact.
- Currently eligibility is being mapped to determine where there is a greater need for HAF activities. This will include creating catchment areas to try to ensure all families are within walking distance of an activity.
- We aim to include more older young people and will be working with the Youth Council. If you have any interest in championing the HAF programme, please get in touch.



SUMMER 2022



Our summer HAF session engaged with hundreds of children across the city.

- **22 total providers**
- **Approximately 7,000 places were available to book**
- **An estimated 1,500 hours of activities**
- **Our providers covered a wide array of activities, including: arts and crafts; DJ-ing and drama classes; cooking demonstrations; day trips to parks, heritage sites, and fun parks; sports, such as football, rugby, NERF, soft archery, and more; and outdoor activities, such as building dens and campfires.**

'We have really appreciated the time and space to chat with other parents, knowing our children are safe and happy doing activities.'

Parent, New Earswick Folk Hall

'We have really enjoyed coming every week. My daughter loves doing arts and crafts. It would be good to continue this in other school holidays.'

Parent, Foxwood Community Centre

'We talked a lot about how colours on sweet wrappers make you want to eat them, so we did the same with fresh fruit which made me hungry for them!'

Participant, New Visuality



St Nicks can be found at the intersection of the Guildhall, Hull Road, and Heworth wards. This summer, they offered spaces for ages 4 – 14 year olds and focused on outdoor activities, including den building, woodland crafts, campfire building and cooking, and more.

York City Football Club and York City Knights – two of York’s sports teams – held dozens of activities over the summer, including drop-in play sessions around the city and bookable day camps.



New Visuality, held in the Mickelgate ward, focuses on art, but it’s much more than that! They took trips to heritage sites, such as Bar Convent (right photo) and local parks, created artworks based on healthy lifestyles, and incorporated active games into their art.

These are just a few examples of the amazing activities put on by our providers. A huge thanks to them for their hard work this summer!

Useful Links

The following links may be useful for you as a current or potential HAF venue or if you know of any individuals or families in need of support.

Community Energy Support

Support is available for community venues to help with energy costs.

Community Energy have a list of funding opportunities on their website which can be found at:

<https://communityenergyengland.org/pages/funding-opportunities-2>

Rural Community Council are working in partnership with Utility Aid to offer village and community halls access to their unique and valuable expertise. More info can be found at

<https://www.ruralcc.org.uk/buildings/utility-aid/>

Family Information Service

The York Family Information Service is a free and impartial information service for parents and carers of children and young people aged 0-19 (or up to 25 for disabled children). They can help with anything and everything around family life.

You can find more information at [York Family Information Service](#)

Talk Money Month

The cost of living crisis has made it more important than ever to start conversations about money.

York Talk Money Month runs from 10th October to 11th November and encourages people to share if they're struggling and seek out support.

Options for money support can be found at [York Talk Money | Live Well York](#)

Food Support in York

There are a number of food provision options around the city, including food shares, community cafes, pay-as-you-fee cafes, and more.

Many of these can be found at [Community Activities Directory: Food | Live Well York](#)

You can also view them in a Google Map through this link: [Food Provision York](#)

There is also a printable PDF version of the Google Map. Please contact me or our food officer Georgia (Georgia.Irving@york.gov.uk) for it or more info.

We'd love to hear your feedback and what you'd like to see in future newsletters. Please send your thoughts and ideas to Shelby.