

YFHS 2021

Information for applicants – Please read before completing the application form



We are hopefully going to be able to hold Yorkshire Friends Holiday School at Bootham School in York, from Sunday 15th to Sunday 22nd August 2021. If government restrictions don't allow it, we will organise a virtual event instead.

Application Forms

Holiday School is open to all who are associated with a Local Meeting of the Society of Friends, either as Members or Attenders. Non-Quakers are also very welcome.

Applicants must be aged between 13 and 18 on 31st August 2021.

Application forms should be completed in full and submitted online via the link or at www.yfhs.org.uk. If you require a paper copy of the application form please contact yfhssecretary@gmail.com.

Covid-19

If the event is able to go ahead in person there is likely to still be restrictions in place from the government and our own risk assessments. We can't predict how this will affect YFHS activities but it may mean that the week will be different from before. We appreciate your understanding that information may be shared at short notice before the event. Please contact us if you have any specific questions or concerns regarding Covid-19 and YFHS.

Fees

As we can't yet confirm if the event will be virtual or in person, we are not asking for a deposit at this stage. We will be in touch when we require payment, nearer the time. The cost this year will be £350 in total. If the event is virtual there will be no fee.

Residence

It is expected that all participants will be present for the whole week. Only under exceptional or unforeseen circumstances will young people be permitted to arrive late or to leave early.

Exam Results

If a participant will be collecting Exam Results during the week of YFHS we ask that you let us know in advance. We appreciate it is sometimes necessary for them to return to school to register for college etc. but ask that participants return to Holiday School as soon as possible.

Please contact us in advance as soon as you know what arrangements you are making for exam results.

Off-site visits

Bootham School is situated just ten minutes' walk from the very centre of the beautiful city of York. We may allow free- time unsupervised visits where participants are organised into groups of three to five. The application form includes a request for parental permission, without which individuals will not be allowed to leave the site.

Holiday School Boundaries

We only have a handful of rules at Holiday School, but they are important. We expect applicants and their parents/guardians to have read them *before* completing the application form.

ALCOHOL - anyone found in possession of alcohol, or under its influence, will be asked to leave immediately.

DRUGS - anyone found in possession or under the influence of illegal substances will be asked to leave immediately. Further action may be taken as appropriate.

SMOKING - Bootham School has a single designated smoking area. We ask that smokers identify themselves to the staff at the beginning of the week, we ensure that the event isn't a place where anyone takes up smoking.

INTRUSIONS INTO PERSONAL PRIVACY - including visits to bedrooms by members of the opposite sex, are forbidden at all times.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - we treat very seriously any behaviour that threatens to damage the caring and inclusive spirit of Holiday School.

The success of Holiday School depends on all applicants agreeing to respect and abide by these boundaries.

Virtual Holiday School Boundaries

If Holiday School goes ahead as a virtual event we ask participants and parents to follow these boundaries.

For participants:

- Please try to attend all of the timetabled activities so that we can build a strong community during virtual holiday school. This is especially important for Nest Group sessions. Free time is optional though.
- If you know that you won't be able to attend a part of virtual holiday school, please let us know in advance.
- To make everything run smoothly and avoid disruption, please be punctual to the zoom sessions and avoid leaving/joining them part way through.
- Try to find a quiet place where you won't be disturbed or distracted.

For parents/guardians:

- We really appreciate your help in enabling our child to get the most out of VHS. Ideally they will need a space away from distractions and without interruption during timetabled sessions.
- We would be grateful if you could fit mealtimes and family activities around the structured sessions.
- If you have more than one person in your household attending VHS, we would prefer it if they could have their own separate devices and be in separate spaces if possible.
- If you have any concerns about the availability of devices, don't hesitate to get in touch and we'll see how we can help.

Bursaries

Bursary help is available for anyone who needs it. **Please do not hesitate to ask.**

Applicants should be eligible for bursary assistance from their Local Meeting of the Society of Friends, so in the first instance, please contact your Local Meeting to discuss available support.

If you are unable to obtain bursary support from your Local Meeting, we may be able help with fees.

If you wish to request support directly from YFHS, please contact us at yfhssecretary@gmail.com. To help us with administration, we request that you approach us before the payment deadline of 18th June 2021. We will not be able to make a decision on bursary payments until after this date as our bursary funds are limited so we may need to decide how to share them between applicants. We will do everything possible to meet requests for bursary support.

If you are new to us, you can find out more about us on our website www.yfhs.org.uk

For any other queries about Holiday School, please email yfhssecretary@gmail.com or call Emily Clark on 07731 982589

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