

### **Directions to Archbishop Holgate's School**

Turn off the Hull Road into Yarburgh Way and immediately turn right to enter the school drive. Half way up the drive turn right and park in the main car park. Walk to the main school entrance and enter past the reception. We rehearse in the Main Hall, which is at the end of the corridor on the right after you have gone beyond the reception lobby.



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proud of the orchestra that  
bears its name”**

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## **Student players**

## **Rehearsal information and safeguarding**

**Tue 23 Sept 2025**

The York Guildhall Orchestra is pleased to welcome you to the first rehearsal for our next concert. We hope that you will find the experience of playing with us both fun and inspiring. This leaflet contains some important practical information for you. Please read it and bring a copy with you.

### **Before the rehearsal**

Do you have everything that you need? As well as your instrument all players should bring a pencil, a mute where appropriate and, if possible, a music stand. Clarinettists will need an A clarinet.

### **Arriving at the rehearsal**

The rehearsal takes place from 7.30 to 9.45pm in Archbishop Holgate's School hall, Hull Rd, York YO10 5ZA. Parking is available on site. *If you are under 18 you must be brought into the School Hall by a parent / carer unless they have given their express permission via the Google Form they completed when you applied to attend.* On arrival please introduce yourself to Rome Sigsworth or Alex Nightingale (our Young Player organisers) or your section leader. Parents / carers are welcome to stay and watch the rehearsal.

### **During the rehearsal**

You will be sitting and playing beside an established member of the orchestra. Don't worry if the music seems difficult. This is a first run through and we are all sight reading. However, good orchestral discipline is expected at all times – stop playing when the conductor stops, listen attentively even if your section is not being addressed directly and don't talk during the rehearsal.

There will be a break part way through. **Please do not leave the School Hall building at any time during the break.**

### **Toilet facilities**

Please use the individual separate toilet that is closest to the Hall. This is reserved exclusively for use by our student players. Regular orchestra members use other facilities.

### **Collection after the rehearsal**

If you are under 18, you must be met from the rehearsal by your parent / carer before leaving unless they have given their express permission on the Google application form for you to leave unaccompanied. Please let us know when you leave the rehearsal, whether independently or with your parent / carer.

### **Safeguarding procedures**

If you have any concerns at any time please speak to Alex Nightingale, oboist, who is our Safeguarding Officer. Many other members of the orchestra also hold current appropriate DBS clearance.

### **Concert tickets**

Each student attending the first rehearsal is entitled to a free ticket to our concert. Please indicate on the invitation form if you would like one, and bring a stamped addressed envelope with you to the rehearsal. We will then post a ticket to you. Parents / carers may also purchase an adjacent ticket(s) through the orchestra.

### **Any questions?**

If you need any further information please email Rome Sigsworth. Her email address is [romesigsworth@gmail.com](mailto:romesigsworth@gmail.com)