



UKLC

York, Bootham
Centre Handbook

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Thank you very much for your interest in our centre in York, Bootham. We hope you find everything you need in the following pages but if you have any questions or specific requests then please get in touch with us at Head Office on 0044 1244 577995.

The contents of this handbook are updated regularly. The latest version will be sent before your arrival.

We look forward to a successful summer 2025 at Bootham.

Summary



Amazing city centre location



Boarding School



Swimming Pool



Intensive English



Drama



Leadership and Life Skills



Football



Short Transfers

The Centre

Bootham School is a traditional English private boarding school in the centre of York. It is a closed urban campus 6 minutes' walk from the city centre.

It is a closed site with high security; there is CCTV on campus and the buildings have coded doors for access, the entrance gate is locked overnight and there is an on-site security guard from 8am until 10pm.

On campus, there are grass areas where students can take part in sports and activities.

In this centre, we accept students travelling in a group from 8 - 17 years old.



Location

BOOTHAM SCHOOL, YORK, YO30 7BU

Telephone Number - +44 (0) 1904 623261

Population- 200,000

It is a short distance to the city centre from Bootham School - approximately 0.3 miles (6 minutes' walk)

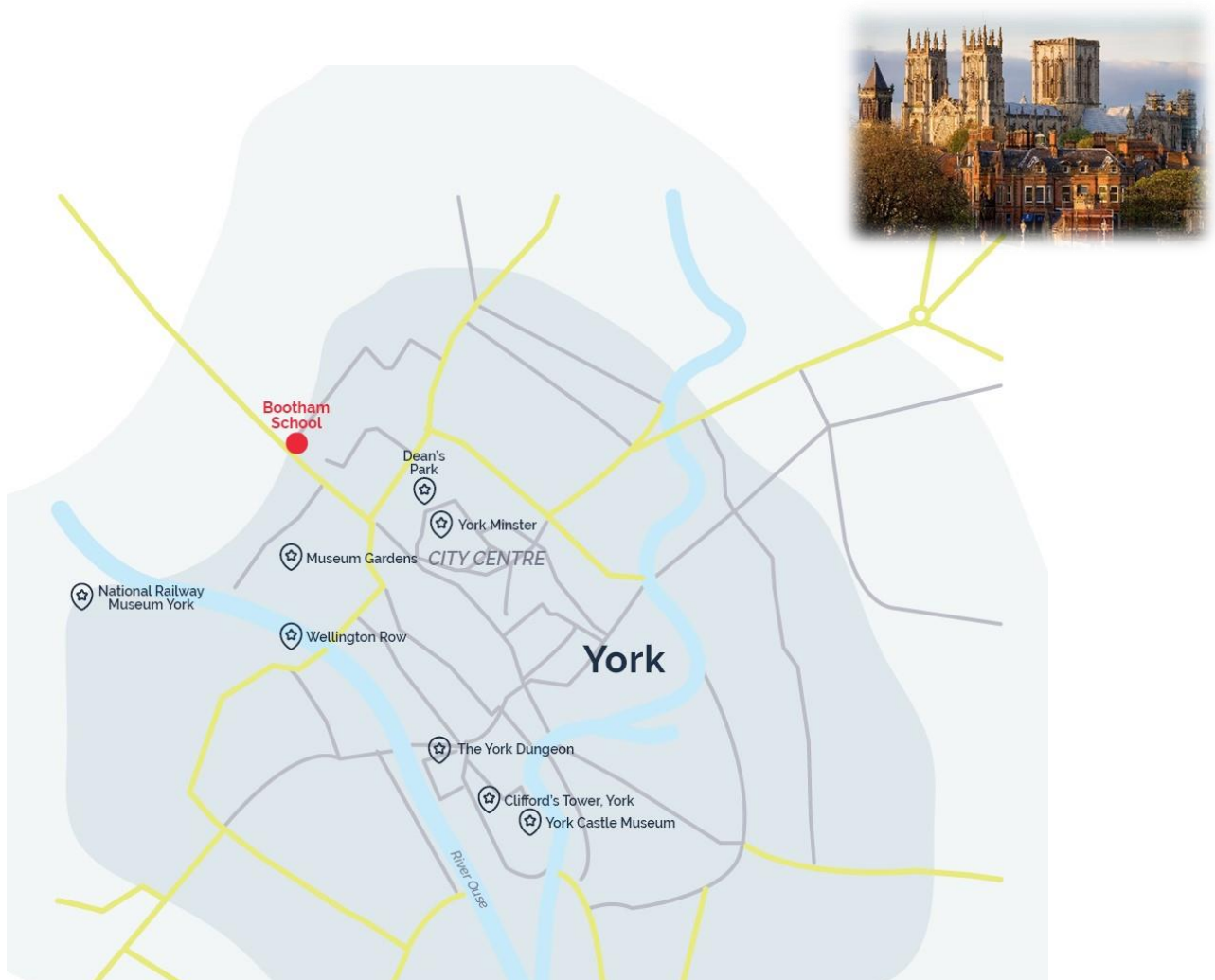
York is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful cities in the UK, known for its rich history and heritage. It is to be found 40km to the east of Leeds and 40km from the east coast of England. The city has a proud Roman and Viking heritage which is still in evidence today. With a population of 200,000, York is big enough to feel lively, but small enough to be friendly and easy to explore on foot. York is regularly voted one of the best places to live and visit in the UK.

Airport Transfers:

Manchester: 1 hour 40 minutes

Leeds Bradford: 55 minutes London

Heathrow: 3 hours 45 minutes





Local Amenities

Post Office

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Supermarket

Sainsbury's Local

Address: 31 Bootham, York, YO30 7BT (358ft / 1-minute walk)

ATM

Sainsbury's Local

Address: 31 Bootham, York, YO30 7BT (358ft / 1-minute walk)

Chemist

Cohens

Address: 22 Gillygate, York, YO31 7EQ (0.2 miles / 4 minutes' walk)

Hospital *Hospital:*

York District Hospital

Address: Wigginton Road, York, YO31 8HE (0.7 miles / 14 minutes' walk)

Doctors *Doctors:*

NHS walk in medical centre at the York District Hospital.

N.B.If a student is ill and requires a doctor, then a Group Leader and a UKLC staff member will take the student to the NHS medical centre at York District Hospital. The student will be required to fill out a temporary patient form and will be seen on the same day.

Dentist

Aldwark Dental Practice

Address: 60-62 Aldwark, York, YO1 7BU (0.5 miles /11 minutes' walk)

Bus Stops

Turn right out of the school and they are approximately 100 meters away. There are frequent buses that run to the train station and neighbouring towns.

Train Stations

York Railway Station

Address: Station Road, York, YO24 1AB for frequent, fast rail links to London and major cities in the UK. 0.6 miles (13 minutes' walk)

Taxi Companies

659 Taxis: 01904 659659

Fleetways Taxis: 01904 365365

Coffee Shops

Brew and Brownie

A stylish café open 7 days a week, serving wonderful coffee and great quality breakfast or lunch.

Address: 5 Museum Street, York, YO1 7DT Walking distance from Bootham: 0.3 Miles (5-minute walk)

Perky Peacock Coffee Shop

Serving light lunches with the fine products from some of York's best artisan producers.

Address: 72 Gillygate, York, YO31 7EQ Walking distance from Bootham: 0.2 miles (4 minutes' walk)

Restaurants

Thomas' of York

Thomas' pub and kitchen has a typical British food menu in York.

Address: Museum St, York, YO1 7DT Walking distance from Bootham: 0.3 miles (7 minutes' walk)

Hole in the Wall

Traditional, red brick venue with ales and classic pub food.

Address: York, YO1 7EH Walking distance from Bootham: 0.2 miles (3 minutes' walk)

Mamma Mia

Mamma Mia serves authentic Italian food.

Address: 20 Gillygate, York, YO31 7EQ Walking distance from Bootham: 0.2 miles (4 minutes' walk)

Accommodation

The school has two residential houses with single, twin, triple and multi-bedded rooms and shared shower and toilet facilities. Each house has its own common room with TV. The houses are called Rowntree and Fox.

The rooms in Rowntree are made up of 4 singles, 8 twins, 3 triples, 3 Quads, 1 Quint and 1 room of six. There are shared bathrooms with a ratio of 1:5 with 14 showers in total. There are 6 kitchens and 1 common room in this house. All rooms in Rowntree are in corridors.

The rooms in Fox are made up of 7 singles, 9 twins, 6 triples, and 8 quad rooms. There is a total of 17 showers and 1 bath making a bathroom ratio of 1:5. There are 3 kitchens and 1 common room in this house. All rooms in Fox are in corridors.

There are also two additional residential houses we will be using, which are a short 5 minute walk from the school. The houses are located on the same road as Bootham school. The houses are called Manor and Dronfield.

Manor is made up of single, twin, triple and quad rooms. This house has a bathroom ratio of 1:4 and there is 1 kitchen and 2 common rooms in this house.

Dronfield is made up of single, twin and triple rooms. This house has a bathroom ratio of 1:4 and there is 1 kitchen and 1 common room in this house.

Room Allocation

We divide the students up according to their age, gender and group where possible. We take into consideration any specific requests, i.e. friends who want to be close to each other. Group Leaders will stay in the same house as their students. Room allocation is normally done on arrival. If you would like any further information on this, please contact us.

Housekeeping

Bedding is changed once a week. Bedrooms and bathrooms are cleaned 6 times a week. All bedding is provided but **students need to bring their own towels.**

There are washing machine and tumble dry facilities located in Rowntree house that are coin operated. It costs £1.00 per wash and students must provide their own washing powder.

Keys

This centre does not provide keys. There are key codes for each accommodation.

Deposits

We will ask each student for a deposit of €25/£25 on arrival. We will check their rooms before they arrive and before they leave and return the money if everything is in order. If there is damage to the houses and nobody admits fault, we will ask everyone in the house to share the cost.

Meals

When the students are on campus, they will eat their meals in the dining hall on site. When they are out on full day excursions, they will be provided with packed lunches.

Cooked breakfast is supplied once a week.

Meal times

Breakfast: 08:00 – 08.45

Lunch: 12:30 - 13:30

Dinner: 18:00 – 18.45

If we are aware in advance, we can advise the catering staff of any dietary requirements or allergies and the canteen staff can cater to these.

*Meal times are subject to change

York, Bootham – Sample Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast	Selection of Cereals, Yoghurts, Bread to Toast & Hot Choices including Bacon, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans, Flat Fried Mushrooms & Roast Tomatoes	Selection of Cereals, Yoghurts, Bread to Toast, Croissants, Pain Au Chocolat and a hot choice of Kedgeree	Selection of Cereals, Yoghurts, Bread to Toast, & Hot Choices including Bacon, Poached Egg, Baked Beans, Flat Fried Mushrooms & Roast Tomatoes	Selection of Cereals, Yoghurts, Bread to Toast & Hot Choices including Sausages, Fried Eggs, Baked Beans, Potato Waffles & Plum Tomatoes	Selection of Cereals, Yoghurts, Bread to Toast, & Hot Choices including Bacon, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans. Croissants & Pain Au Chocolat	Selection of Cereals, Yoghurts, Bread to Toast & Hot Choices including Bacon, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans, Flat Fried Mushrooms & Roast Tomatoes	Selection of Cereals, Yoghurts, Bread to Toast, & Hot Choices including Bacon, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans. Croissants & Pain Au Chocolat
Lunch *(V) Vegetarian option available	Aubergine Parmigiana (V) Or Chicken Korma, Basmati & Poppadums, Cauliflower & Chutneys Or Fusilli Roasted Tomato & Basil Sauce with Focaccia Slab Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available	Stuffed Red (V) Peppers with Spinach, Peppers, Rice & Thyme Or Lamb Moussaka with Green salad & Garlic Bread Or Leek & Gruyere Cheese Pastry Tart Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available	Mushroom Stroganoff on Brioche with Parsley & Fresh Salad (V) Or Roast Loin of Pork, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy Or Roasted Vegetable, Garlic Bread & Salad Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available	Beetroot & Squash Frittata with Smoky Mayonnaise (V) Or Cobbler with Beef Mince, Carrot & Sugar Snap Peas Or Squash and Sage Risotto Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available	Spring Vegetable Paella (V) Or Breaded Plaice, Poached Fish with New Potatoes & Peas, Tartare Sauce Or Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available	Warm Duck Salad with Mango, Beetroot and Honey & Orange Dressing (V) Or King Creole Chicken served with Wild Rice Or Pasta Shells with Chickpeas, Red Cabbage, Garlic, Chilli & Olive Oil Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available	Cannelloni Or Breaded Plaice Goujons Or Cheese & Onion Pastie Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes & Plain Pasta Salad Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available

<p>Dinner *(V) Vegetarian option available</p>	<p>King Prawn, Spring Onion, Ginger, Garlic, Soya Bean, Broccoli & Corn Noodles Or Tomato & Mozzarella Calzone with Fresh Green Salad Mixed salads and Filled Breads available</p>	<p>Bootham Buffett Meats, Fish, Pickles, Salads, Breads & Hot Potatoes Mixed salads and Filled Breads available</p>	<p>Roasted Summer Vegetable Tart & Summer Salad Minted Potatoes Or Yorkshire Beef Meatballs in a Mediterranean Sauce & Linguine Pasta Mixed salads and Filled Breads available</p>	<p>Vegetable Kiev served with Summer Green Vegetables & New Potatoes Or Slow cooked Chicken, Rogan Josh Mixed salads and Filled Breads available</p>	<p>Mushroom Burgers & Blue Cheese with Cos Lettuce, Sauté Potato Or Katsu pork with Sticky Rice & Greens Mixed salads and Filled Breads available</p>	<p>Traybake Sausages with Pepper, Onions, New Potatoes, Fennel & Herbs with Crusty Bread Mixed salads and Filled Breads available</p>	<p>Battered Fish with Tartare Sauce Or Meat Balls in Tomato Sauce Mixed salads and Filled Breads available</p>
<p>Pudding</p>	<p>A selection of seasonal cut fruit, Homemade Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit toppings, Raisins and Banana chips and Chocolate and Orange Sponge with Custard</p>	<p>A selection of seasonal cut fruit, Homemade Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit toppings, Raisins and Banana chips and Summer Fruit Jelly</p>	<p>A selection of seasonal cut fruit, Homemade Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit toppings, Raisins and Banana chips and Apple, Sultana & Cinnamon Crumble with Custard</p>	<p>A selection of seasonal cut fruit, Homemade Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit toppings, Raisins and Banana chips and Iced Lemon Cake</p>	<p>A selection of seasonal cut fruit, Homemade Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit toppings, Raisins and Banana chips and a selection of Mousses and Compotes</p>	<p>A selection of seasonal cut fruit, Homemade Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit toppings, Raisins and Banana chips and homemade Gateaux</p>	<p>A selection of seasonal cut fruit, Homemade Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit toppings, Raisins and Banana chips and Summer Fruit Jelly</p>

Technology

Wi-Fi is available campus wide and is password protected. We normally only give this password out to Group Leaders / adults. Being a school, there are limited firewalls and it is at the Group Leader's discretion whether they give these details to their students.

Security

There is CCTV coverage on campus and the main gate is accessible via swipe card entry only overnight.

Emergency contacts: Each student will be given a wristband when they arrive, and this will have the following emergency telephone number printed on it: 0044 1244 567695. If you need to contact the centre in the event of an emergency please call this number and follow the options for the relevant centre, this will then put you through to the person on duty.

Certain basic guidelines are common to all centres and students. Students should:

- Never walk away alone!
 - Never leave the residence without permission in the evening!
 - Always make sure they have understood when and where the meeting point is whilst out on excursions!
 - Always wear their identification lanyard and their UKLC wristband! *
- *students found not wearing their lanyard or wristband will be fined £1

Safety

- Remember that there is a 24-hour emergency telephone number on the wristband (**0044 1244 567695**) and that the number for the emergency services (Ambulance/Police/Fire) in England is **999**, or the single emergency number for the EU including the UK is **112** or you can call **101** to report a crime where you do not need an emergency response
- The police are there to help and protect and can be asked for assistance!
- Never respond to someone if you feel threatened, simply walk away!
- Always give your money to the UKLC management team to put in the safe and never to carry large amounts of cash around!
- Be careful crossing the road. Remember that in the UK we drive on the left!
- If you are ill or need a doctor, tell a member of UKLC staff immediately!
- Keep all windows closed when not in your bedrooms!

Insurance and valuables

Although all houses will be accessed via swipe cards, it is suggested that students try to avoid bringing very expensive items with them. If they are bringing valuables with them, it is essential that they have sufficient insurance to cover any loss of damage as neither the centre nor the company can be held responsible if anything goes missing. The Centre Manager will have access to a safe if it is required.

Teaching

We know how important it is for each individual student to find their own path in language learning. We use a wide range of methods to engage and stimulate our students. This is why we have created a programme based on the students' age, level and need. It is called 'You Can Learn 4', or as we like to call it: 'UKL4', and it includes:

UKL4 FUN (Ages 8-11): Highly engaging lessons that offer a wide range of tailored material and activities for our young learners. It makes games into lessons and lessons into games.

UKL4 CONNECTION (Ages 11-14): Highly dynamic lessons that include a variety of topics and media, especially designed to reflect the quick-paced, interactive world our young students are growing up in. Available in levels A1-C1.

UKL4 ACTION (Ages 14-17): Lessons especially designed to engage our older students through more abstract tasks, topics and contemporary issues. Available in levels A1-C1.

UKL4 CONNECTION and UKL4 ACTION programmes consist of three different lessons a day:

1. TBL (Task Based Learning):

During these lessons, students are encouraged to complete a task. Language is therefore acquired through the task as it emerges naturally as the result of the students' communicative needs.

2. S&S (Skills & Systems):

These lessons aim at empowering our students' linguistic awareness and capabilities by working on all language skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking) and systems (grammar, phonology, lexis, discourse) as well as using materials relevant to exam preparation (KET, PET, FCE, CAE, TOEFL, IELTS, GESE).

3. CLIL: (Content and Language Integrated Learning):

These lessons merge CLIL and British culture. Students learn about art, literature and science, or about the history and geography of the UK, while activating their linguistic knowledge.

Placement tests

We offer classes at four levels, from elementary to upper intermediate. Students take a placement test on their first day of classes to ensure they are placed at the correct level.

Once the tests have been marked, students won't be told their score unless they specifically ask for it but will be placed into a class based on these results.

If students are not happy with their level, they can speak with the Course Director who can decide if it is necessary for the student to change levels.

We always try to split groups into different classes to mix nationalities, but this does depend on their levels and the numbers of students that we have on site.

We will provide all course materials including a student journal and a pen.

Students are taught in class sizes up to 16.

Programme

All UKLC summer programmes include:

- 15 hours of English lessons
- Full board accommodation in residence
- Full programme of excursions, activities and evening entertainment
- 1 free leader for 15 students
- Placement test on arrival and End of Course Certificate

These are summaries of UKLC English Plus programmes** for Summer 2024 at York, Bootham.

English Plus Multi-Activity

The “typical” summer programme consisting of a wide variety of activities and sports. Sessions are structured and are coached by specialist staff. Sessions can include tennis, basketball, volleyball, swimming, photography workshops, dance, football, and drama etc. Students are moved through two or three activities on rotation in each session.

English Plus Drama*

For students with an interest in drama and a desire to improve their English through confidence building performances. Sessions take place with a teacher who will guide the students through a programme exploring various elements of acting, including improvisation, mime and role play. They will perform at the end of the course either a part of a well-known play or something they have written themselves.

English Plus Football*

For students who love football and want to play it every waking minute! Coaching sessions are led by qualified staff and aim to improve each student’s technical skills and abilities. It also aims to build on their understanding of match tactics and playing systems. There are regular matches and a weekly showpiece game.

English Plus Intensive English*

Additional English lessons for those who really want to maximise their language learning during their stay in the UK. Students will build on their lessons through additional taught classes at a level appropriate to their achievement in the placement test. The lesson content will be a continuation of the UKL4 programmes as outlined in the accompanying Academic Summary (see section on “Academic Tuition”).

Leadership & Life Skills

This programme offers a blend of language development and essential life skills through a series of seminars, workshops, and media-based projects which cover CV writing, interview skills, presentations and academic writing. The curriculum fosters creativity, critical thinking, and effective communication and it includes sessions designed to cultivate global leadership skills to prepare students for the modern professional world. This course is valid for PCTO funding.

*Students aged between 11 and 17 who are enrolled on Multi-Activity or English Plus courses will be divided by age for activities where numbers allow. Students can choose whether to enrol on the Multi-Activity or an English Plus course. All students aged between 8 and 10 will be automatically enrolled on the multi activity programme.

**These programmes vary at each centre. A minimum of 10 students applies to each programme and each student will be asked to select a 1st and 2nd option before arrival which they will join for the duration for their stay. Students who do not choose in advance will join the standard English Plus Multi-Activity.

A typical day for students

08:00 – 08.45	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:00	Lesson 1
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:15	Lesson 2
11:15 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	Lesson 3
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
14:00 – 17:30	Afternoon Activities
18:00– 18.45	Dinner
20:00 – 22:00	Evening Activities
22:00	Bedtime

York, Bootham Sample Programme - Summer 2025

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Arrivals		

Week 1

Tuesday	English Test	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Message Disco
Wednesday	Lessons	York with York Dungeons	Around the World or Conversation Club
Thursday	Lessons	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Mini Olympics
Friday	Lessons	Leeds with Royal Armouries Museum	Horrible History or Conversation Club
Saturday	Lessons	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Karaoke
Sunday	Whitby with Bark Endeavour		Film Night

Monday	Free Time, Activities or Optional Excursion		Campus Monopoly
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Week 2

Tuesday	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Lessons	Quiz Night or Conversation Club
Wednesday	York with National Railway Museum	Lessons	Karaoke
Thursday	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Lessons	Paparazzi or Conversation Club
Friday	Castle Howard	Lessons	Talent Show
Saturday	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Lessons	Film Night
Sunday	Manchester with Etihad Stadium Tour		Leaving Disco
Monday	Departures		

Please note: This is a sample programme and may be subject to change. It may also be necessary to operate a zig zag programme of morning / afternoon lessons.

Facilities

Sports facilities on site:

- Sports hall
- Heated indoor swimming pool
- Tennis courts
- Grass football pitches
- Volleyball pitch

Drama and dance lessons will be held in the main hall.

Sports available at this centre can include - football, handball, basketball, rounders, volleyball, cricket, lacrosse, table tennis, tag rugby, indoor hockey, badminton & tennis.

Evening entertainment

The UK Language Courses staff plan fantastic activities to make sure the students enjoy their evenings. For example: discos, quizzes, fashion shows, blind date, sports tournaments etc. We ask Group Leaders to encourage students to participate as much as possible and to communicate any special ideas or requests from students.

Here are a few brief descriptions of just some of our activities for students to join in on:

Around the World

Consists of a number of different stations based on activities from different countries. One staff member will be placed at each activity station. They will each represent a country and have to create an activity related to that country (for example: New Zealand – The Haka). Students will be divided into groups and given a time for each station. Students will visit each station.

Oscars Night

Involves students watching a number of scenes from selected films. They will have the chance to re-enact a famous selected scene. Creating their own script, which must be in English and costumes (out of various given equipment). Scenes will be shown on a big screen for everyone to watch. Awards will be given by UKLC staff for the best reproduction.

Speed Dating

Enables students from mixed nationalities to socialise and get to know each other whilst improving their spoken English. Students will have a short period of time to have a conversation on their interests, hobbies etc. Once the given time finishes they will move to another student and begin the same process again.

Talent Show

Gives students the opportunity to perform talents such as singing, dancing and acting in front of the whole centre! Sign-up sheets will be available in the centre a few days before the event. There will be judges who will score the performances and give positive feedback to each student who performs on the evening.

We look forward to welcoming you to York, Bootham School in summer 2025!

