

Highlights of the Year

Nora Penn Award

The Nora Penn Award became the responsibility of the Academy in 2022. The award is judged on results from the hands played at each session of the Academy. Points are awarded for good declarer play, defence and behaviour. The award for 2026 was won by Josh (pictured below). Barnaby was a very worthy runner up.



EBED and The York Bridge Club Awards 2026

Congratulations to all the Youth Academy students who achieved EBED and York Bridge Club Awards this year. 6 of our students were present at the AGM on Thursday 18th June to receive their trophies, certificates and medals.

This is the first year of The York Bridge Club Introduction to Minibridge Award and was achieved by our youngest players Poppy and Scarlett, so many congratulations girls!

Below is a full list of award winners:

EBED Certificates:

Silver - Josh
Bronze - Oscar
Bronze - Ocean
Bronze - Barnaby
Bronze - Jacob
Minibridge - Oscar B
Minibridge - Ethan

York Bridge Club Awards:

Nora Penn Award - Josh

Runner up for the Nora Penn Award - Barnaby

Introduction to Minibridge - Poppy

Introduction to Minibridge - Scarlett



All students have worked incredibly hard to achieve these awards so well done!

Yorkshire Schools Competition 25th January 2026

The Yorkshire Schools Competition was held at York Bridge Club for the first time on 25th January. 9 of our students entered 2 competitions: The Yorkshire Schools Cup and The Yorkshire Minibridge Cup. Bertie and Beth were joint winners of The Yorkshire Schools Cup while Jacob and Barnaby won the Yorkshire Schools Minibridge Cup. A wonderful result!



Bertie and Beth with their partners



Jacob and Barnaby

National Success

Congratulations to Bertie who now is part of the England Under 16 Team.



Congratulations also to Beth who is now training with the England team.

The Youth Academy in the Community

We have continued to reach out to the local community. We ran an Introduction to Bridge at Acomb Explore in February and April when prospective students and their parents were introduced to Minibridge. We also made a visit to 2nd Acomb Cubs in March when 16 cubs and their leaders learnt how to play the game.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who guided the young players through the sessions!

Integration into Club sessions

4 of our students attended club sessions during the Summer break. Josh played at the Friday morning Simple Systems session and Jacob, Barnaby and Oscar came to the Tuesday morning Assisted Play session. All students had a wonderful time and left with huge smiles! A huge thank you for Lyn, Andrew M, Andrew B and Linda who all made our students very welcome.

