

For current YAC Young Leaders



**Young
Leaders
Pathway**

Young Archaeologists' Club

You're Already Part of This

If you are already a YAC Young Leader when this new Pathway is introduced, this page is for you.

First, nothing you've done so far is being replaced or erased. Some elements of the pathway are optional, such as the Progression Passport and Certificates. The new pathway simply provides a clearer structure for recognising the work you are already doing.

You were part of YAC before this was formalised, and that experience matters.

What is Changing?

The formalised pathway introduces:

- A Welcome Pack
- A structured Progression Passport
- A certificate schedule
- Regular mentor check-ins
- Clearer guidance around safeguarding, supervision and support

This does not mean your role changes. It means there is now a clearer way to:

- Track achievements
- Recognise your contribution
- Support your development
- Help you use your experience for future applications

What Happens Next?

Your Branch Leader and Mentor will:

- Introduce you to the new Welcome Pack
- Go through the Progression Passport with you
- Agree together where you are in your journey

You will not need to “start again.” Instead, you will:

- Reflect on what you have already done
- Add previous activities to your Progression Passport
- Continue from where you are

Your time as a Young Leader still counts.

How Will Certificates Work?

Your Branch Leader will work with you to:

- Decide which milestone best reflects your current stage
- Backdate recognition where appropriate
- Ensure your previous contribution is acknowledged

The goal is fairness and recognition, not resetting your progress.

What Stays the Same?

You are still:

- A supported YAC Young Leader
- Part of your branch team
- Supervised by YAC Leaders
- Able to pause during exams or busy periods
- Eligible to become a YAC Leader at 18

Why This is Being Introduced?

The aim is to make sure:

- All YAC Young Leaders across the UK receive equal support
- Safeguarding guidance is consistent
- Achievements are clearly recognised

If You Have Questions

This is a shared transition. If anything feels unclear:

- Speak to your Mentor
- Speak to your Branch Leader
- Ask for clarification

