

**SCHOOL READY; WORK READY; LIFE READY**



## Dear Parent/Carers & students

**Welcome to our April newsletter! This month we're excited to share with you some of the 'out of classroom' experiences that our students have had the opportunity to engage in across the Easter term and the month of April.**

## NEW YORK

In February half term, we took 36 Y10 students on our annual Business Studies trip to New York. Students got to see firsthand one of the world's most diverse business epicentres visiting the financial district and New York stock exchange. They got an excellent insight into global tourism and the infrastructure

of one of the world's busiest cities. Students enjoyed some excellent New York food and hospitality and also took in the Super Bowl. Highlights of the trip were ice skating in Central Park and Ellens Stardust Diner which was superb as always. Students' behaviour was impeccable, and we received many kind words from airline staff, hotel staff, park rangers and New Yorkers. Shopping and souvenirs flew back across the pond to loved ones with lifelong memories. We look forward to next year's trip.

## BLETCHLEY PARK

In March, we took a fantastic group of 40 Y9 pupils to Bletchley Park - the home of WW2 codebreaking. It was a packed day of activities including a codebreaking and ciphers workshop and a D Day tour around the site. In small groups we spent lots of time exploring the many buildings and the beautiful mansion where the top-secret meetings were held and crucial decisions were made in order for Britain to succeed in WW2.



## THACKERY MEDICAL MUSEUM

In February, we took our Y10 GCSE History students to Thackray Medical Museum in Leeds. Students got involved in a gruesome History of Surgery workshop, where they got to experience the sights, smells and stories of a 19th century operating theatre. We then spent the afternoon exploring

the exhibitions of the museum and following in the footsteps of an unfortunate Victorian character through 'Disease Street' - a replica of a typical Victorian street. The trip was planned to enhance students' understanding of the history of medicine and public health to support with their 'Britain: Health and the People' topic. Our students represented the college wonderfully!



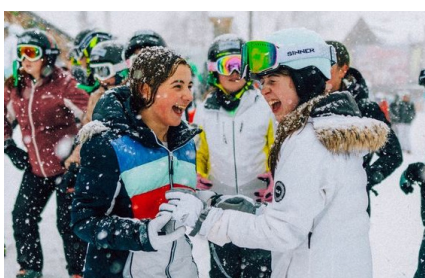
## ANNE FRANK CONFERENCE

The Anne Frank Trust annual Youth Conference is an opportunity to gather peer educators and ambassadors from across England in one place to be empowered to challenge antisemitism and all forms of prejudice.

15 schools from across the country attended the day. Our students worked in groups meeting new people

and learning from others' experiences. Throughout the day students attended a series of workshops to educate and empower young people, to tell a story that challenges prejudice that they can bring back into school and share their learning experience.

At the end of the day, we were very proud to see our students presenting their learning with their peers to teachers and a panel of experts, they did so well!



## SKI-ING

In March we took 40 Y8 students on a skiing holiday to the resort of Folgarida in the Italian Dolomites. The vast

majority of the group had never skied before and for some students it was their first trip abroad. Each day the students were taught how to ski by the Italian Ski School in small groups. Students were able to experience the mountains in beautiful sunshine as well as heavy snow fall. We ate in mountain side restaurants, took part in evening activities such as quizzes, karaoke and pizza nights. All students and staff had an amazing trip and were able to develop new skills as well as immerse themselves in Italian culture.



## BARCELONA, SPAIN

In March our Y11 Spanish students had the chance to fully emerge themselves in the Catalan culture in Barcelona, practising their Spanish language skills and exploring the city! We started off the trip with a breathtaking trip to Montserrat where the emblematic Montserrat

Monastery is located, home to the 'black Madonna'. Students learnt about the origins of the religious site, historical events that have occurred here throughout history as well as its importance as a symbol of the region of Catalonia in Spain. Students spent a sunny morning hiking to the St Michaels viewpoint, they visited the Camp Nou stadium and museum and then later explored famous sites in the city

such as Gaudi's La Pedrera, Las Ramblas, La Boquería market, the port, Barceloneta beach, the Gothic Area and Barcelona cathedral. During their free time students made the most of their Spanish speaking skills bartering in the market or whilst shopping for souvenirs. The final days of the visit included a trip to see the interesting architecture at Gaudi's Parc Güell where some students were also lucky enough to watch and get involved in an improvised Flamenco show, as well as a final educational visit to the infamous basilica of La Sagrada Familia where students learned about the history and development of the site. Students fully immersed themselves in the Spanish language and culture and tried traditional Spanish foods at a Tapas restaurant and churrería. ¡Lo pasamos bomba!

## DANCE LONDON

On the first day of the Easter holidays, we took 50 Y7 and Y8 dancers to the Tottenham Spurs Stadium in London to perform as part of a record breaking mass movement project. The students performed a pre-show

and half-time performance to 60,000 spectators at a Rugby Final game and were absolutely excellent! We had a fantastic day and were even captured by the main cameras and projected on the large screens around the stadium during the performance!



## WHITBY SWORD DANCING

At Horizon we are proud to be one of the only schools nationally offering traditional folk styles on the curriculum. Rapper sword is from North East England, originating in the region's mining communities. Five dancers are linked by rapperswords – short, flexible metal strips with wooden

handles on both ends. We danced alongside teams from across the UK and even some teams from Boston USA! Our teams came away in 2nd and 3rd place which is an amazing achievement given that they have only been learning rapper for a short time! As part of the day, we also got chance to enjoy some fish and chips and ice-cream and to take in the sights of Whitby!

## EDWARD SCISSOR HANDS – BRADFORD ALHAMBRA

In April, BTEC Dance, Drama and Music students visited the Bradford Alhambra theatre to watch a performance of Matthew Bourne's interpretation of Edward

Scissorhands. The piece was visually stunning with fantastic dance performance, non verbal acting and a live orchestra featured, we even got to see snow fall in the theatre in April! Y10 BTEC Dance students were able to identify many key features of Matthew Bourne's work as they are currently studying one of his other works, The Nutcracker.



## DURHAM UNIVERSITY

15 Y10 students visited Durham University on a History focused day to learn more about life as a history student studying at university. Students attended exciting workshops and learnt about university life. They spent time in the Chinese History Museum and the Bio Archology department, students really enjoyed getting hands on with the resident skeletons!



## EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE - LYCEUM THEATRE

In April, a group of Y9 students were lucky enough to see the outstanding musical theatre production 'Everybody's Talking About

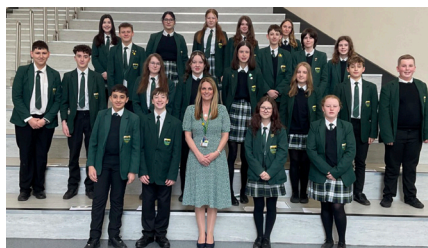
Jamie' at the Lyceum theatre in Sheffield. A modern tale of a young boy's struggle with identity. This engaging narrative was told through a captivating mixture of multi discipline dance, witty dialogue and live orchestral music. We all thoroughly enjoyed the trip and our students, as always, did us proud with their exemplary conduct.



## PRAISE AND REWARDS

Prior to the Easter break we had many praise and reward celebrations following the college data collections. Students are rewarded for the effort they apply to each subject, and it is always a pleasure for the Heads of Year to celebrate

their student's success. We also awarded 5 students with the termly Principal's award. Each Head of Year had the difficult decision of choosing one student from their year group who had consistently demonstrated the college Core Values. Below is a selection of photos to show how proud we are of our students.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY?

**CORE VALUE**  
of the month is  
**KINDNESS**



**KINDNESS**

**Horizon Drama presents Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**

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# CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

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## KEY DATES

**w/c 6th May:**

GCSE exams continue

College Reading Week

**w/c 13th May:**

Mental Health Awareness Week

Horizon Drama presents Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

**w/c 27th May:**

Half term holiday week

College reopens on Monday 3rd June for all students

## JOB VACANCIES

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