# NEWSLETTER Horizon

SCHOOL READY; WORK READY; LIFE READY



#### Dear Parent/Carers & students

Welcome to our first monthly newsletter. We are really excited to share with you what's been happening this month in and around Horizon.



#### **CAREERS WEEK**

During National Careers Week (4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> March) we welcomed a variety of employers and alumni's into college, so that we could share with our students the vast array of career options open to them.

We were even joined by the BBC, where our students got the opportunity to record a short film and learn about the endless possibilities in the media industry. Our Careers Cafe was very lively with a range of visitors from Natural England, Ardagh Glass and Stagecoach, to mention a few! During careers week, we also celebrated International Women's Day, by looking at successful women in a variety of careers which are often heavily dominated by men.

#### **SCIENCE WEEK**

During Science Week (11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March) we hosted assemblies for Y7, 8 and 9 on the topic of "Scientific Discoveries Through Time". This consisted of a whole hour of reenactment of famous discoveries. We also hosted Science assemblies for our local primary schools in our theatre, ensuring they are getting excited about Science too; there were over 250 pupils in attendance!





#### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

This half term saw World Book Day. At Horizon we value reading for pleasure and, as such, celebrated for the whole week! We had a performance of Macbeth in our theatre for Y7 and a performance of A Christmas Carol for Y10. Throughout the week we had workshops with the actors and a genre workshop took place in our library.

Within English we hosted a

### GIRLS ATHLETICS SUCCESS

On Thursday 14th March the Year 7 girls Sports Hall Athletics team went to the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield to complete against other schools from South Yorkshire, including schools and academies from Rotherham Doncaster. and Sheffield. Thus, making this a tough competition to compete in. However, with the depth and strength the team has, most of the individual events were won or a placed finish by all the girls, including a photo finish in the running events. We have made it to the same final on a yearly basis, however, it is very rare that we return with an overall winners trophy, so all these girls deserve a real 'shout out' and a massive high five! Well done everyone.

We would also like to mention the Year 8 girls' team, who made it to the finals, but the competition in this age group was unbelievable and our girls, who all worked really hard, managed a 5th place overall. Congratulations.



Shakespeare quote hunt and we launched a national writing competition, where we invited all students to submit a mini saga about a catastrophe. Entries for this are coming in thick and fast! Staff also shared books they love.

## **MOCK EXAMS**

We would like to say a huge well done to our Y11 students who completed their final set of mock GCSE exams this month, ensuring they are exam ready for the summer.

Thank you to all students for your behaviour during this important time. You showed consideration around the sports hall ensuring Y11 were able to perform well without any distractions.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL?

## APRIL CORE VALUE FOCUS

During April we will be looking to reward students who demonstrate the core value of respect.



SPARX READER LAUNCH TO Y8

We are excited to launch to Y8 students Sparx reader after the Easter break. Sparx Reader offers students the opportunity to engage with real books online and provides quizzes to assess their understanding of the content and vocabulary within those books. More information to come soon!



## Y11 EASTER COLLEGE

We are exceptionally excited to invite our Year 11 students to Easter College 2024. Look out for your personalised invitations to subject specific sessions or use the timetable to select sessions which would benefit you. This is a fantastic opportunity to support your own revision and preparation for your upcoming GCSEs. We look forward to seeing you there!



## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

To buy pre-loved uniform, attend our regular college sales or email **info@horizoncc.co.uk**. Donations for each purchase support LimbBo Foundation. To donate pre-loved uniform, bring clean, stain-free items in good condition to the main reception. Help us support a worthy cause while recycling gently used clothing.

# **KEY DATES**

Term starts on Monday 8th April 2024

#### w/c 8th April:

10th - Eid al-Fitr

Y11 Geography students pre-release exam sessions.

Y10 BTEC Dance, Drama and Music students – trip to Bradford Alhambra.

#### w/c 15th April:

**16th** - Y10 parents evening

History prize winners' visit Durham University

Y11 practical GCSE exams commence

w/c 29th April:

**30th** – Y7 parents evening

### **JOB VACANCIES**

There are currently no job vacancies at Horizon. Please do look on our website for updates.

