

SCHOOL READY; WORK READY; LIFE READY

Good luck

TO ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR GCSE EXAMS!

Dear Parent/Carers & students

Once again it has been a very busy month for our students with many many opportunities to further develop their academic and social skills. We do hope you enjoy reading all about a few of these opportunities.

May we take this moment to wish you a happy half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming students back to College on Monday 3rd June for the final half-term of this academic year.

GCSE FOCUS


GCSE exam season is well underway for Y11 with 7 weeks of formal examinations taking place across a range of subjects. To ensure that our Y11 students are 'exam ready', there are a number of supportive measures in place. All Y11 students can purchase

a hot drink and a breakfast sandwich for £1 on the morning of each exam from the canteen. Brand new exam desks and padded chairs will be used throughout the exam season to ensure that students are comfortable and focused. Live online exam boosters will be delivered on Teams at 4:30pm on the afternoon before each exam. These will also be recorded giving students the option to watch later. Live face-to-face pre-exam briefings will take place before every exam to ensure that students enter the exam equipped with lots of essential last-minute advice and reminders. 'Bitesize' GCSE revision videos are available 'on-demand' on the GCSE Revision Hub for students to watch in their own time.


We are so incredibly proud of the maturity, resilience and aspiration that our Y11 students have demonstrated in their preparation for their GCSE examinations. We have


absolute faith that their hard work and perseverance will allow each and every student to make another huge step forwards on their journey to success. We wish them all the very best.


Y10 & Y11 Exam Breakfast


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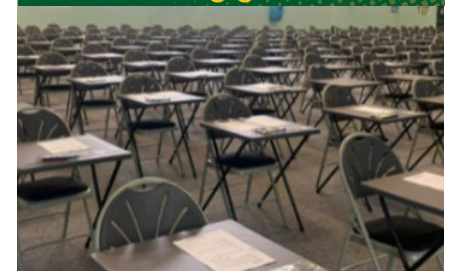
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PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

We are very proud of the support our pre-loved uniform shop offers to our community.

To continue the success of the pre-loved uniform shop we rely on the donations from families. Please, simply drop off to college reception any items of uniform that would be of benefit to another family. We then make these available

throughout the year for a small donation which goes to the LimbBo Foundation. This charity supports children with limb differences and their families to ensure there are no barriers for the child as they grow up.

Year 11 families, we do hope you will donate your child's uniform once they have completed their GCSE exams.



GIRLS IN STEM

15 Year 10 girls were invited to a 'Women in Maths' day at Sheffield Hallam University on May 8th. They took part in Cryptography and Mathematical Modeling workshops, as well as a Q and A session with past female graduates of Maths regarding their current careers. It gave

the girls a chance to see different applications of Maths outside the classroom and think about a typical careers that use Maths daily.

The girls enjoyed getting involved and having a go at writing words in code, before finding out more about the journey that the women had been on with maths throughout their lives.



READING WEEK & LIGHTBOX

Each half term at Horizon we stop to celebrate the joy of reading. This half term, in lessons right across the curriculum, students took part in reading activities which further developed their vocabulary, reading fluency and oracy skills. In addition, a group of Year 9 students attended The Lightbox, where they focused on how students can enjoy public libraries to study and to read for pleasure. They returned to college with some great ideas ready for us to share in the Autumn term.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

13th May – 19th May was Mental Health Awareness Week. This year, the focus was on movement. We have mentioned before that diet, exercise and communication is key to a healthy mind and body. As part of the week's events, the PE department made

explicit links between physical and mental health within lessons, so students learnt the importance of movement on wellbeing. Meanwhile parents were invited to engage with an anxiety and self-harm awareness workshops. Students also had the opportunity to engage with a number of agencies who set up stalls in the heart space across the lunch period. Examples of these are: YMCA

CHILYPEP MIND TYS KOOOTH. Our wellbeing team were also available to share resources and advice to students. On Friday, we finished the week with our very own Mental Health Ambassadors holding a wellbeing drop-in session for students to chat over juice and biscuits.

BARNESLEY SCHOOLS GIRLS FOOTBALL FINAL

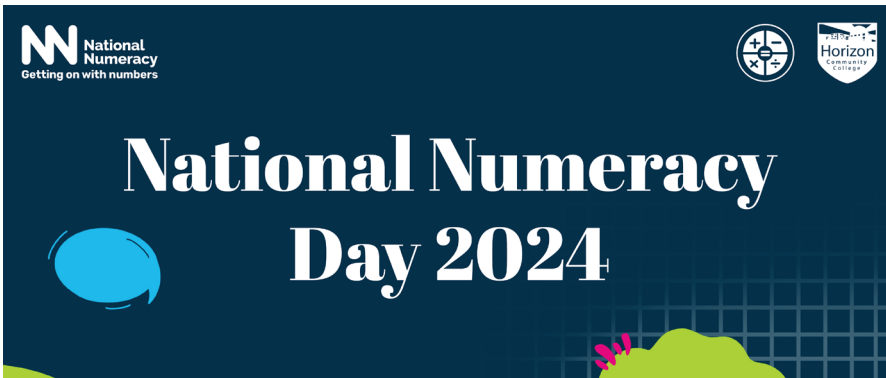
On Friday 17th May, we had the pleasure of performing in the Barnsley Schools' Girls Football Finals for both U13 and U15s. Both teams put in outstanding performances against tough opposition on a hot afternoon, to win 2-0 (U13) and 2-1 (U15) respectively. We are delighted that the girls hard work and outstanding skillset is leading to the rewards it deserves. We are incredibly proud of our students.



NATIONAL NUMERACY DAY

On Wednesday 22nd May, we celebrated National Numeracy Day. In all lessons, teachers highlighted the importance of numeracy. Some subjects chose to take part in the Big Number Natter-where they

discussed how they use numeracy in their everyday lives or focused on numeracy aspects within previous jobs or possible careers associated with that subject. In other areas, numeracy tasks were included that complement that subject; for example, in music students were calculating using musical notes during a performance!



UK MATHS CHALLENGE

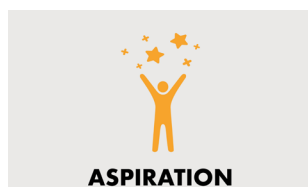
130 students from Year 7 and Year 8 took part in the UK Maths Challenge on Friday 26th April. The challenge is a 60 minute, 25 multiple choice Challenge. It encourages mathematical

reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. Horizon students were incredibly resilient and tackled the challenge with vigour gaining 27 bronze, silver and gold certificates in Year 7 and 25 bronze, silver and gold certificates in Year 8. Well Done to them all!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE?

CORE VALUE
of the month is
ASPIRATION



KEY DATES

GCSE exams continue throughout June

w/c 3rd June:

- College re-opens on Monday 3rd June
- Y6 Transition evening
- Y9 Holocaust Remembrance Visit
- Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

w/c 10th June

- GCSE Geography Fieldwork trips
- Gliding School
- Financial Awareness Week
- Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

w/c 17th June:

- GCSE Geography Fieldwork trips
- Y7 & Y8 Sports afternoons
- National Thank a Teacher Day

w/c 24th June:

- Y10 Mock Exams
- Y11 Prom

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