

SCHOOL READY; WORK READY; LIFE READY



Dear Parent/Carers & students

Welcome to our June newsletter! This month College has been very busy supporting first of all our Year 11 students through their GCSE exams, and then our Year 10 students with their first set of mock exams. However, this doesn't mean our Year 7 - 9 students have been quiet - far from it! As always, there have been many many opportunities for them to engage in, and we are now thrilled to share some of these with you in this month's newsletter.

Y8 GIRLS FOOTBALL FINAL – 21ST MAY

Tuesday 21st May will be a day our U13 Girls football team will never forget. The girls proudly represented the college in the English Schools National Final

at The Hawthorn's Stadium, home of West Bromwich Albion FC.

The girls were superb, player for player, throughout the game and after 90 minutes of exceptional teamwork, they were crowned national champions! They thoroughly deserved the 3-1 victory over a very talented Surbiton School from Surrey. From the stands, the girls were supported by football squads from across the college, family and friends who had all travelled to the stadium to show their support. Back at college, the whole of Year 8 watched and cheered the girls on as they watched the game live in the theatre!

Lacey P stole the headlines with 3 goals and was awarded player of the match, but she was first to appreciate the role all the squad played in this victory. Special mentions to Miss Smith and Miss Wybrant who expertly managed the girls throughout

the competition, with the assistance of outstanding sports leaders Felicity D and Lilly S.

Aside from the actual football, the girls' conduct was exemplarily throughout and they were truly given the VIP treatment, which was richly deserved. A huge well done to them all!



BETH SHALOM

On Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th June, our Year 9 History cohort were fortunate enough to visit the National Holocaust Memorial Centre, Beth Shalom. As part of their visit, students were involved in workshops with two Holocaust Survivors, Dr Martin Stern and Ruth Schwiening, who gave them a first-hand account of what life was like during this dark hour in our history.

Dr Martin Stern MBE was only five years old when he was taken to a concentration camp and Artist Ruth Schwiening arrived in England on the Kindertransport at the age of three.

Our students received lots of positive comments from the facilitators and Holocaust survivors about their subject knowledge and positive conduct. It was great to see so many students asking relevant questions and engaging in

discussions with each other and the Holocaust survivors throughout the day.



GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

During National Fieldwork Fortnight, our Year 10 GCSE Geography students completed their physical fieldwork along the Holderness Coastline – the fastest eroding coastline in Europe!

The Investigation involved students collecting data to

assess the effectiveness of the Groyne at Mappleton by measuring the cliff height and the speed of longshore drift.

The students then continued to Flamborough Head, where they had lunch overlooking the famous “Drinking Dinosaurs”. The seals were also congregating on the Wave-cut platform below, which provided some very interesting behaviours to observe.



FINANCIAL AWARENESS WEEK

From the 10th – 14th June, we celebrated Financial Awareness Week. Every lesson included a financial aspect and specially tailored lessons were delivered in maths to ensure students gain the financial numeracy they need to be work ready and life ready in the future.

In addition, Year 7 and Year 8 students participated in the £10 challenge. Students applied for a £10 business investment and

were then given two lunchtimes to use these to make as much money as possible. From sales of cookies, brownies, tie-dyed socks and much much more, they raised £168.50 for Barnsley Hospice and LimbBo Foundation. The students even got to keep a share of their profits themselves! Well done to everyone who took part.



SOUTH YORKSHIRE U13 GIRLS CRICKET FINAL

After several days of poor weather, the girls finally arrived at Wickersley CC, ready to take part in the rain-delayed South Yorkshire girls softball Cricket finals. The day was full of changing moods and changing luck. However, as ever, they battled hard to achieve their goal of competing for the trophy.

Indeed, after losing their first match against a talented team from Sheffield (who were eventually crowned champions), they regrouped and won their next 3 matches. By doing this, they made it through to the final matches.



As their match began, Captain Grace chose to field first. She made sure her team knew where to be and kept focused, and after a great display from the battling competitors, it was now Horizon CC Under 13s chance to get the runs they required to achieve second spot, needing 52 runs from 40 balls...

Everyone held their breath but unfortunately the bowling from

the opposition proved to be just too strong and the U13s lost the final match by 8 runs.

Nevertheless, we are very proud of the entire girls cricket team. Making it to any final is a huge achievement, and picking yourself up and carrying on after a difficult first match showed real resilience and that they deserve all their successes. Congratulations to them all!

DUKE OF EDINBURGH



This half term, our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh students have been putting both their navigational and their practical skills to use, as they completed the expedition part of the Bronze Award.

They had to navigate their own way from Horizon to our campsite in Silkstone, taking in the views over the fields as they walked through Higham, Cawthorne, Cannon Hall, Silkstone and headed towards the Pot House Hamlet. Day one was tough, with 6 hours of walking and navigating to master before arriving at camp, cooking their evening meal as a team and finally setting up

their own tent and camp.

Day 2 then started with the students cooking their own breakfast and packing up the camp before they set off along the TransPennine Trail towards Wigfield farm.

The whole cohort were amazing across both days, demonstrating excellent team work and and great resilience... and they kept smiling all the way back to school!



YEAR 7 & 8 SPORTS AFTERNOONS

In June, we held our first interform sports afternoons on our sports fields. Year 7 and Year 8 competed in a wide variety of competitions, including traditional athletics track and field events, as well as fun summer events such as the 3-legged race and tug of war. Students and form tutors selected their teams in the weeks running up to the sports afternoon and all involved showed great team spirit and passion on the day! When all

the scores were in, form 7J and 8H were crowned champions for 2024. Well done for both forms! We cannot wait until we can do it all again next year.



GLIDING SCHOOL

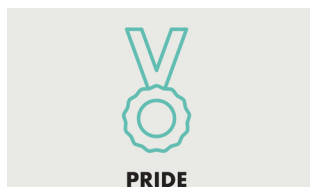
This year, 13 students have enrolled onto the Soaring to Success program delivered by the Air League, the UK's leading aviation and aerospace charity. Students have attended online modules in their own time and, on Wednesday 12th June, they visited the Yorkshire Gliding

Club - where they took part in workshops to gain knowledge on the Aviation industry and scholarship opportunities. In addition, they enjoyed an actual flight in a glider with a qualified instructor and the opportunity to take control of that glider whilst in the air... which most of them did indeed do! So brave!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JULY?

**CORE VALUE
of the month is
PRIDE**



KEY DATES

w/c 1st July

- **Horizon Dance Show**
- **Y6 Transition Day**
- **Y10 MFL mock speaking exams**
- **Y8 Battlefields Trip**

w/c 8th July

- **Y6 Transition Day**
- **Y10 Mock Interview Day**

w/c 15th July

- **Recognising Positive Behaviour Trips**
- **Y10 100% attendance Driving School reward**
- **Celebration of Achievement Evening**
- **School closes for the Summer break on Friday 19th July**

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