

SCHOOL READY; WORK READY; LIFE READY



Dear Families,

As we come to the close of this term and prepare to celebrate the festive season, I would like to thank you for the incredible support, kindness and collaboration within our school community. Together, we've achieved so much, and it's been a joy to see our students learn in so many ways this term.

May the Christmas break be a time to rest, recharge and create lasting memories.

Thank you for being an integral part of our

school, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year for another exciting chapter.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Warm regards,
Mrs Huddart
Principal**

CHRISTMAS DINNERS FOR ALL!

During the final two weeks of term our catering teams prepared over 2000 complimentary Christmas dinners for all students and staff. Preparing and cooking 263kg of turkey, over 2500 pigs in blankets and over 100kg of sprouts is no mean feat!

The dining hall was festively trimmed and the Christmas music was playing. Students sat with their form and staff took great pleasure in serving them a full Christmas dinner to their tables. This was of course followed by traditional Christmas pudding or a tub of ice-cream!

It was a wonderful opportunity for all students to sit and eat together before the Christmas break. All staff complimented students on their behaviour and what a festive experience it was for all.

We would like to say a very big thank you to the catering team for making this magic happen.



AGE UK HAMPER APPEAL

In the spirit of Christmas, we once again partnered with Age UK to support families in need this holiday season, in our local community. You very generously sent in canned foods, tea, coffee, toiletries and sweet treats which we then turned into Christmas Hampers. In total we were able to support over 40 families in our elderly community.

Thank you to everyone who donated and made this possible.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR VISIT BARNSLEY HOSPICE

On Monday 16th December, a small group of musically talented students visited Barnsley Hospice to sing Christmas carols and spread some festive cheer.

With renditions of Silent Night, We Three Kings, O Holy Night, O Come all Ye Faithful and War Is Over. We hope all members of the hospice community enjoyed this festive celebration.



CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Our Christmas Markets, held prior to the production of Wizard of Oz, were very popular with families and staff this year. The market encouraged students to be creative and raise valuable funds for Barnsley Hospice.

Stalls included Christmas decorations, sweet treats, homemade fudge, jewellery and much much more. The catering team served bratwursts, mince pies, luxury hot chocolates and frappes in the dining hall, ensuring all visitors were well fed!



ELF RUN FOR BARNSELY HOSPICE

During December our core value focus has been 'kindness'. What better way to promote kindness than through partnering with Barnsley Hospice to support the specialist care they provide in our community.

During the final week of the term, all students completed

the Hospice Elf Run in their PE lessons and either donated into our loose change buckets, collected sponsorship money or donated on our JustGiving page. Staff also came together at the end of the school day, put on their elf hat, and completed the Elf Run to support our fundraising drive.

A huge well done to all involved and we look forward to sharing our fundraising total in January 2025!



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CELEBRATORY ASSEMBLIES

In the final week of the term, all pastoral teams hosted their final celebration assembly of the year. These assemblies gave us the opportunity to reflect on the past half term, celebrate the efforts of students and allowed form tutors to award one student from their form a Christmas treat for 'standing out' as a positive role model this term.

What a wonderful way to end the term.



SILENT DISCO

On Friday 13th December, Year 7 students who had demonstrated themselves to be positive role models during the first term at Horizon were invited to our Silent Disco!

Students danced into the early evening with their friends and enjoyed sweet treats to keep their energy levels high!



WIZARD OF OZ

This year's December production of the Wizard of Oz was a heartwarming, uplifting display of talents from our students. The students had worked hard in rehearsals and at home ensuring their lines had been learnt thoroughly and

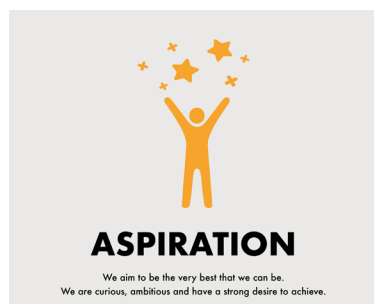
they were ready to perform to a large audience in the Horizon theatre.

All three evenings were a huge success, and so were the matinee performances to our local primary schools and lower school students.

Well done to all involved!



**JANUARY
CORE VALUE
of the month is
ASPIRATION**



KEY DATES IN JANUARY

Monday 6th January
- College reopens to all students

W/c Monday 13th January
- Y10 Assessment Week

W/c Monday 20th January
- Y8 Assessment Week

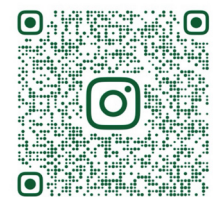
- Holocaust Memorial Week

- Anne Frank Exhibition in college

Tuesday 28th January
- Y11 Parents Evening

Wednesday 29th January
- Chinese New Year

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