

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



**Dear Families,**

**Welcome to the March edition of our Personal Development Newsletter. As we conclude another busy and exciting month in college, we have plenty to update you on once again. We have celebrated National Careers Week, International Women's Day, World Book Day, National Science Week, alongside supporting Comic Relief and visiting the theatre!**

**Happy reading!**

## **COMIC RELIEF**

On March 21st we enjoyed collecting money from students, families and staff to donate to this year's national Comic Relief appeal.

Our loose change buckets filled up very quickly as students arrived at school. Our canteen team served Comic Relief sweet treats



with a donation from each sale going to Comic Relief.

We also had a very energetic danceathon in the college theatre at the end of the day, seeing over 80 students dance for 2 hours!

We are very proud to share that we raised over £1000 for Comic Relief 2025. Thank you for your generous contributions.





# SCIENCE WEEK

The theme of British Science Week 2025 was 'Change and Adapt'

We took over Votes for Schools in form period with a discussion based around the question "Should we fund the conservation of species that struggle to change and adapt?" Students considered giant pandas, coral reefs and polar bears.

In Science lessons, students had to decide whether to spend £25 million to bring back the woolly mammoth, or to use the money to preserve the endangered Lear's macaw. This provided much discussion and debate!

The digital screens in school showcased examples of technology that had changed and adapted over the years, including phones, games consoles and cars. We also highlighted women in Science

as role models in Science careers.

Finally, we held our annual Science shows for Years 7, 8 and 9 and hosted to 300 primary pupils! This year, the shows included dinosaur presentations by Dr Andres from the Yorkshire Natural History Museum. It was a 'roaring' success!



# SCIENCE LIVE

40 Year 9 students attended the annual Science Live event at Sheffield City Hall this month. They saw presentations from eminent scientists including Professor Jim Al-Khalili, Doctor Giles Yeo and Doctor Tim Gabriel. The presentations included topics such as time travel, material science and the genetics of obesity. They also received presentations from a senior examiner about exam techniques.





# NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

National Careers Week 2025 saw a hive of activities across college.

We welcomed different companies into school to offer students a range of opportunities. VolkerRail delivered hands-on workshops focusing on the different engineering roles in the rail industry. These activities included designing track routes and looking at costings, designing cars and circuits and taking on the 'Tower Challenge'. The Careers Cafe was busy throughout the week. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust brought lots of information into the Careers Café, including what is happening now in wildlife and the range of events taking place at their reserves. Barnsley

College Sports and Esports Department joined us to talk about the further education pathways available to students after Year 11. Barnsley Community FC also attended. Dearne Valley College attended the Careers Cafe to advertise their offer, including the exciting new Aviation course!

We were thrilled to welcome two Alumnis back to Horizon! Will Dale, who is now a Pilot

working for Jet 2, attended the Careers Cafe to speak to students about his career. Lucy Frost presented to Year 10 about her further and higher education journey, it was very interesting to hear about her role as a Clinical Embryologist.

Once again, staff shared their career journeys – it is always so interesting to hear about the range of jobs people had, before they started at Horizon.



# WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book Day 2025, we welcomed the Initiate Theatre Group back into college. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience a performance in our very own theatre. The Initiate Theatre Company delivered engaging and inspiring performances of Macbeth to our Year 7 students and A Christmas Carol to our Year 10 students, bringing stories to life right before their eyes. Their captivating show was followed by interactive workshops

designed to enhance creativity, teamwork, and confidence.

During the workshops, students explored various drama techniques, engaged in role-playing activities, and developed their oracy skills in a fun and supportive environment. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and excitement as they participated and embraced the world of theatre. This experience not only enriched students' understanding of storytelling and performance but also helped build key life skills, including collaboration and self-expression.



## & JULIET

Our Year 10 BTEC Performing Arts students along with some of our school show cast were able to see the opening night of & Juliet at Bradford Alhambra theatre on the evening of 24th March.

The show focuses on the efforts of Shakespeare's wife Anne Hathaway, as she seeks to write a better ending to the play of Romeo and Juliet. The show explores what might

happen if Juliet decided not to end her life and instead focused on herself and her dreams for the future.

The soundtrack features hits from Britney Spears, Ariana Grande and the Backstreet Boys, among many others and we even got the opportunity to dance during the finale, under a rainfall of confetti. Students were absolutely inspired by the performance and had a wonderful time!



**APRIL**  
**CORE VALUE**  
**of the month is**  
**RESPECT**



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We treat others the way we would like to be treated.  
We celebrate that everyone is different, we are inclusive, and we embrace diversity.

## KEY DATES IN APRIL

**w/c 31st March**

- Year 11 Driving School reward event

**Friday – Year 11 Spanish trip to Barcelona**

**Saturday – Year 8 trip Skiing to Italy**

**w/c 7th April**

- College closed for the Easter break

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**Tuesday 22nd April**

- College reopens to all students

**w/c 28th April**

- Year 9 Assessment Week

**Tuesday 29th April**

- Year 7 Parents evening

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