

SCHOOL READY; WORK READY; LIFE READY



Dear Parent/Carers & Students

Welcome to our May newsletter! It has been a very busy month once again, with so many opportunities for students that we are so pleased to be able to share with you. May we also wish you a happy half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 2nd June for the final half-term of this academic year.

VE DAY

On Thursday 8th May the college marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a thoughtful and respectful celebration. All students and staff took part in a two-minute silence, with a special takeover of all screens across the college showing an informative video about the importance of VE Day and the end of the Second World War in Europe. The canteen joined in by serving traditional street party-style food, adding a nostalgic and celebratory feel to the day. In the evening, the college building was lit up in red, white, and blue to reflect the colours of the Union Jack, honouring the courage and sacrifice of those who lived through the war.



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

It's the time of year when many students have outgrown their school uniform, and you may be planning to buy new items. We are very proud to be able to offer a very successful pre-loved uniform shop to our community.

To continue the success of the pre-loved uniform we rely on

donations from families in our community. Simply drop off to the 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.



SPANISH LANGUAGE DAY

On Wednesday 23rd of April we celebrated Spanish language day. Our amazing language ambassadors planned a range of different activities during lunchtime, which included: singing Karaoke in Spanish, treasure hunt and Spanish language quizzes. Our language ambassadors interviewed our Spanish language assistant, Miss Suarez, to find out some Spanish language facts. We also had a special guest from Colombia. Students were able to interview her and practice their excellent Spanish language skills. Well done everyone who got involved!



THACKRAY MEDICAL MUSEUM

Year 10 GCSE History students visited the Thackray Medical Museum this month, taking part in a History of Surgery workshop and a discussion on the Legacies of Our Medical Past. The trip brought key

topics to life, deepening students' understanding of medical history and its lasting impact. Students did a wonderful job of representing the college throughout the day.



OXFORD UNIVERSITY VISIT

On Thursday 15th May 2025, Year 10 History Prize students had the opportunity to visit Magdalen College, Oxford. They had an amazing day learning more about life at this prestigious university; they took part in a South African History lecture, had a tour of the city, and attended an interactive session at the Pitt Rivers Museum.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Students embraced Mental Health Week with great enthusiasm this month, taking part in a variety of activities designed to promote wellbeing and connection. We launched our Student Safety and Wellbeing Surveys, giving students a voice in shaping a supportive school environment. Lunchtimes were transformed into hubs of fun and connection with board games that brought

students together, while a vote on the best fidget toy sparked friendly debate and creativity. The week was a wonderful celebration of community, mindfulness, and student engagement.
#attendancematters
#everydaycounts



BALFOUR BEATTY

On the 13th and 14th May 2025, representatives from Balfour Beatty came into Horizon to speak to groups of Year 7 students about the variety of careers within the construction industry. They took part in Lego construction tasks which demonstrated how skills such as teamwork, communication, and resilience are key within the industry.



YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK

This month, students had an unforgettable adventure at Yorkshire Wildlife Park! As they explored the park, they discovered fascinating facts about how animals have adapted to thrive in their natural habitats. The highlight of the day was an exciting workshop led by the park's expert staff, where students

got up close with a wide variety of incredible animals and learned all about their unique adaptations. It was a truly inspiring experience that brought their learning to life in the most engaging way! The visit also gave students a glimpse into careers in animal care, conservation, and environmental education, helping to broaden their horizons and spark future aspirations.



JUNE
CORE VALUE
of the month is
KINDNESS



KINDNESS

We are thoughtful and considerate to others.
We are caring, supportive, friendly and generous in all we do.

KEY DATES IN JUNE

GCSE exams continue throughout June
Year 10 Mock exams take place throughout June

Throughout June we will celebrate Pride Month

w/c 2nd June

- Thursday 5th World Environment Day
- Year 9 Holocaust memorial visit
- Year 10 Geography Field trips

w/c 9th June

- Financial Awareness Week
- Year 9 Holocaust memorial visit
- Thursday 12th - Summer Music Concert

w/c 16th June

- Refugee Week
- Wednesday 18th - National 'Thank a Teacher' Day

w/c 23rd June

- Wednesday 25th - Y11 Prom
- Friday 27th College INSET day

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