

SCHOOL READY; WORK READY; LIFE READY



Dear Parent/Carers & Students

Welcome to our July newsletter! Our final month of the academic year has been incredibly busy with so many wonderful opportunities for all our students from the glitz of the Y11 Prom to Y10 work experience to a very successful expedition for our Duke of Edinburgh team, to name just a few!

May we take this opportunity to wish all students, families and staff a relaxing, safe and enjoyable summer break.

Happy reading!

Y11 PROM

On 25th June, Horizon hosted our biggest prom night in the school's history. It was a fantastic event and many of the Class of 2025 have been in touch to pass on their thanks following such an unforgettable celebration.

Held at the dramatic Magna Science and Adventure Centre, the theme of the evening was "A Night Under the Stars", and the event truly lived up to its name. From dazzling gowns and sharp suits to breathtaking décor and a DJ that kept the dance floor packed, every detail came together to create a night of lasting memories.

The night began with a red-carpet entrance, complete with applauding staff. Inside, students were treated to welcome drinks, a stunning multi-screen video show, a



buffet dinner followed by ice-cream and cupcakes, and a DJ set that had the crowd singing and dancing for hours. In addition, there was a wealth of photo opportunities as Gareth Shaw Photography and Jellybean Photobooth were snapping photos to treasure forever late into the night.

“Prom could not have gotten any better, it was excellent for me and everyone else, Horizon did an amazing job” said one Year 11 student. “Thank you for Prom - it was perfect” said another.

Principal Mrs Huddart commented on the prom: “This prom wasn’t just about glitz and glamour—it was about community, celebration, and saying goodbye in the most celebratory way possible. Our students deserved this night.’

If prom is a celebration of friendships, end of GCSE’s and looking forward to future dreams, then Horizon’s Class of 2025 couldn’t have asked for a better send-off.



CLASS OF 2025 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

Thursday 19th June marked a special occasion as our Year 11 students gathered for their Leavers Assembly — a heartfelt, memorable and joyous event celebrating their hard work, resilience, and the exciting journey ahead. The assembly was a resounding success, filled with laughter, pride, and a few bittersweet moments that reminded us all of the incredible spirit at our school.

The event kicked off with a warm welcome from Mr

Trainer, the Head of Year 11 who praised the Year 11 cohort for their dedication throughout their summer exams and gave counsel for the future.

A slideshow montage brought smiles and nostalgia as it showcased photos from throughout the students’ time at school — from their first days in Year 7 to recent achievements. It also included well wishes and goodbyes from Horizon staff. Mrs Huddart the Principal took the stage to congratulate the Class of 2025 on their resilience, hard work and phenomenal attitude over the last five years before Mrs Smith (Assistant Head

of Year 11) presented awards recognising outstanding attendance, academic excellence and outstanding effort.

The assembly concluded with shirt-signing and goodbyes at the front of the college. As students prepare to embark on the next chapter, whether in further education, training, or employment, the Leavers Assembly was a fitting tribute to their achievements and the bright futures ahead.

We wish all Year 11 students every success and look forward to seeing the great things they will accomplish!



CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT EVENING

On Wednesday 9th July, Miss Collins hosted our annual prestigious Celebration of Achievement evening in the College theatre.

Over 130 students were recognised for their academic achievements throughout this year. All subject leaders were present and had nominated

students for recognition in their subject. There were also surprises for three students from each year group who were recognised for their effort, engagement or commitment to learning by their Heads of Year. Students were given red-carpet treatment in front of their parents/carers and should feel very proud of their accomplishments.



SPORTS AWARDS

Our Annual Sports Awards took place on Tuesday 15th July, where we celebrated the sporting achievements of the year gone by. We were thrilled to welcome Callum Simpson to present the awards at the event, making it even more special for our award winners. Over 200 students were recognised in the following categories for their achievements throughout the academic year: Commitment and Attitude to Extra-Curricular PE, Outstanding Character in the Classroom, Sporting Champion, Sports Leaders, Team of the Year and Sports Personality of the Year.

A huge well done to all

students for their commitment and dedication – we are already looking forward to even more sporting success next year!



ONE NIGHT ONLY

We celebrated an incredible night of performances at our “One Night Only” show for Year 7 and Year 8 students. All of the work on display was choreographed by students who showed excellent organisation, teamwork and creativity selecting their movement, costumes and music. The show was well attended and audiences were thrilled to see the range of work and talent on display!



SPORTS DAYS

We were blessed with two sunny afternoons weather wise for our annual Year 7 and Year 8 sports afternoons. Students participated in track and field events as well as traditional sports day events such as The Egg and Spoon race, Three Legged Race and the Wellie Throw'. Students were amazing, showing a real team ethic for their form. The event culminated with the Form v Form Tug of War which created a real buzz and lots of excitement! We are blessed to have so many talented athletes who put in some exceptional individual performances who were fantastically supported by our Sports Leaders .



ATTENDANCE REWARDS

July has been an exciting month packed with incredible rewards for outstanding attendance! Year 10 students had the unique opportunity to win driving lessons, giving them a valuable head start behind the wheel. To celebrate commitment throughout the year, 25 students with 100% attendance were picked at random for this amazing

opportunity. The form group with the highest attendance across the entire college—7I—enjoyed a well-deserved breakfast together. We also recognised those who've shown real dedication by improving their attendance the most compared to last year. And let's not forget the Horizon 100: a group of students who maintained 100% attendance all year—an amazing achievement that didn't go unnoticed. Well done to everyone who made attendance a priority this year!



REWARDING EFFORT

Our annual end of year rewards trips saw over 400 students involved this year from Year 7 to Year 10 – our biggest reward event yet! All students involved have been busy collecting achievement points throughout the year and had reached their Gold or Platinum Awards. Achievement points are rewarded for a variety of reasons including effort in lessons, attending enrichment clubs, visiting the Proud Thursday table, completing

home-learning, having 100% attendance in a week and even for positive conduct spotted throughout the college day.

We waved numerous coaches off early to Alton Towers for the fun and thrills on the rollercoasters. We also had students off to J32 Castleford to compete in Laserquest and other fun activities, and we even had students staying for a picnic and movie at Horizon!

A huge well done to all involved!
Over the course of the

year, Forms in Years 7, 8, and 9 have been facing off against each other in weekly competitions to see who can achieve the highest number of achievement points as well as the highest weekly attendance. The half-termly prize of a free breakfast has been shared almost equally between the forms, but the accumulation of points throughout the year meant the big prize was up for grabs – a trip to SuperBowl in Barnsley. Students from form 7Sm, 8K and 9I all enjoyed a competitive game of bowling as well as a plentiful meal and soft drinks.



AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Over 100 students from Year 7 to Year 10 have reached their platinum award for collecting achievement points this academic year, which is an outstanding undertaking. These students have already received a certificate and congratulatory letter home from Mrs Huddart, but on Thursday 17th July, they enjoyed afternoon tea with Mrs Huddart and other staff in the college dining hall. Students loved all the treats with one student saying, 'this is awesome!' attendance a priority this year!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITIONS

Our 75 Bronze award students have now completed their expedition section of the Duke of Edinburgh award. This involved walking and navigating the Barnsley countryside through Higham, Cawthorne, Cannon Hall, and Silkstone before arriving at our overnight campsite at Broad Close Farm. After setting up their tents and camp space, students were tasked with cooking their evening meal. We had some fantastic chefs amongst both groups, with culinary delights including seasoned steak, pasta in a pesto sauce and full English breakfasts. Day 2 saw students walk back to school via the TransPennine Trail, navigating through

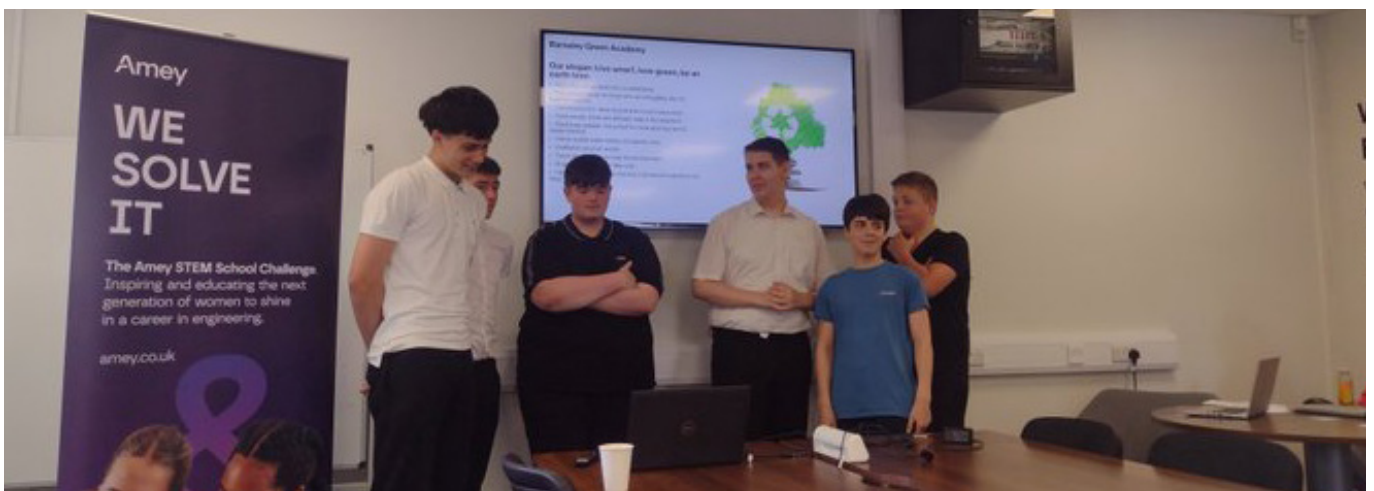
Silkstone, Worsborough and home via Rob Royd. Each participant was a credit to their group, displaying outstanding teamwork, leadership and camping skills to make the expedition a huge success.



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

This year we were thrilled to launch work experience for all year 10 students after their mock exams. The week commenced on Monday 7th July and they then spent the full week with a wide variety of local and national employers gaining invaluable skills and experiences of being in the workplace. From construction,

retail, and childcare to engineering, digital and sport, the diverse range of careers that our students experienced was extensive. A massive thank you to all the employers that have supported us and volunteered their time to allow our students to get the experience they have done. A huge well done to all the students that took part – the feedback that we have received has been amazing!



COLLEGE AWARDS

We are immensely proud of the four awards we have achieved over the last few months that recognise the breadth of expertise and talent we have within Horizon. The STEM Gold Award, recognising excellence in Science, Technology and Maths. Students really benefit from expert teaching and real-world industry links. Our Personal Development Award

(EPDA award) celebrates our rich offer in sport, arts, leadership, and emotional wellbeing, while the Careers Gold Mark confirms Horizon as a leader in future-focused education. Finally, we move into our 5th year as flagship status for our Inclusion Quality Mark award, reinforcing the importance of the individual within Horizon and how each child sits at the heart of our vision for a better future.



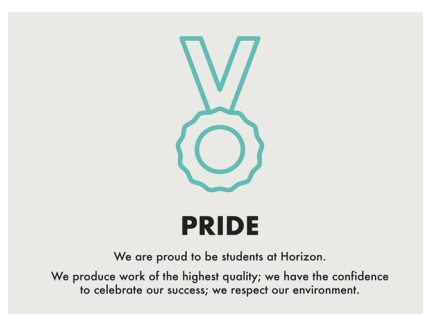
SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Looking for something to do this summer? There are a wide range of free summer activities across Barnsley which will be promoted over the coming weeks on the GCA website. (<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-young-people-and-families/great-childhoods-ambition/>) These include arts and crafts, scooter sessions, STEM workshops, singing and many more! Please also keep an eye out for HAF activities (

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/health-and-wellbeing/children-and-young-peoples-health/healthy-holidays/healthy-holidays-clubs/>) which are available to eligible families.



**SEPTEMBER
CORE VALUE
of the month is
PRIDE**



PRIDE

We are proud to be students at Horizon.
We produce work of the highest quality; we have the confidence to celebrate our success; we respect our environment.

KEY DATES IN JUNE

Monday 1st September
- Staff training day – college is closed to students

Tuesday 2nd September
- Year 7 only - 8:25am to 3pm

Wednesday 3rd September
- all students return

More information to follow in September about the upcoming 'Parental Information Evenings' on the following dates:

Year 7 – Thursday 25th September

Year 8 – Wednesday 17th September

Year 9 - Thursday 11th September

Year 10 - Tuesday 23rd September

Year 11 - Monday 15th September

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