

SCHOOL READY; WORK READY; LIFE READY



Dear Parent/Carers & Students

Welcome to our October Newsletter!

It's been a positive, productive and busy half term here at Horizon. Students have settled back into college life with enthusiasm and are embracing the wide range of opportunities available to them. We're excited to share just a few highlights with you in this month's edition of our newsletter.

We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable half term break, and we look forward to welcoming students back to college on Monday 3rd November.

Paris

From Thursday 9th October to Sunday 12th October, 28 Year 11 students and 4 staff embarked on an unforgettable trip to Paris. On our first day in the city, we set off on a scenic boat trip on the Bateau Mouche along the Seine, followed by a visit to the iconic Arc de Triomphe. Students then had free time to explore the Champs Élysée, with some students bravely trying French delicacies in local restaurants. In the afternoon, we toured the Musée d'Orsay, marveling at the impressive art collection.

In the evening, students dined at a French restaurant, where many took the opportunity to try snails! In the evening, we were lucky to see 'la Tour Eiffel' sparkle before ascending to enjoy the breathtaking views of the city at night.

Our second day was a fun-filled one at Disneyland Paris, enjoying the rides and attractions and a great opportunity for students to put their language skills into practice. On our final day we visited Montmartre, where we explored the vibrant Fête de Vendange, sampling food and picking up souvenirs.

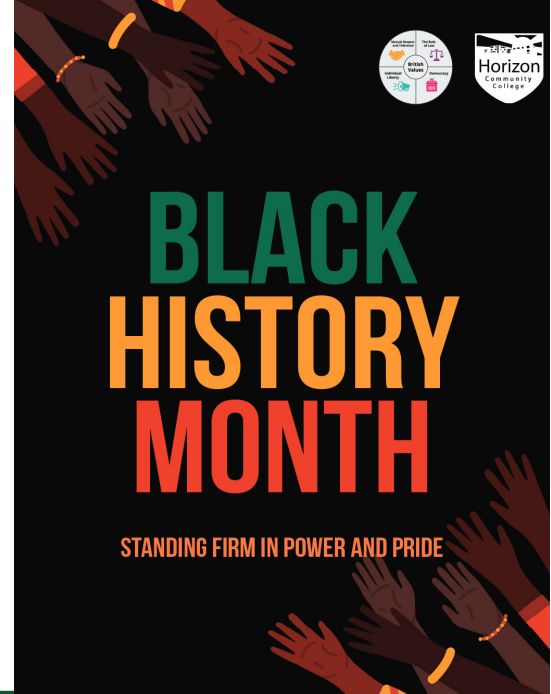
It was a memorable and enriching trip that allowed students to immerse themselves in French culture and history.



Black History Month

October is Black History Month. Every year, schools come together to remember, reflect and rejoice in the stories and contributions of Black people. This year's theme is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride', and it gives us a powerful lens through which to learn and grow.

Throughout this month students have heard about stories that highlight some of the incredible figures in Black British history. These stories served a reminder that history is not just something that happens to people - it's something they help create. We have listened and reflected on the power of these voices, to remember the importance of making sure that everyone's story is heard.



Student Leadership

In October, we held our annual Student Council elections, providing students with a valuable opportunity to engage in democratic processes and practice key British values.

The election was a fantastic way for students to experience democracy firsthand. All students were given the opportunity to vote, ensuring their voices were heard through a fair and transparent process. Secret ballots were used to protect the integrity of the election, and students

embraced their role in making collective decisions.

The new Student Council members have been announced on HCCnews and the elected representatives tasked with working alongside staff to address student issues and enhance the school environment. Throughout the process, students have demonstrated mutual respect and tolerance, upholding the British values of fairness, equality, and the rule of law. We are proud of all the candidates and look forward to the positive impact this new Student Council will have on our college community!



PGL Activity Day

Throughout this first half term, all Year 7 students have had the opportunity to visit the PGL activity centre. They attended with their form and form tutor to support the making of new friends, team building and resilience!

The students have taken part in zip lining, buggy building, archery, and vertical playground! All students got fully involved and supported each other, overcoming nerves and trying new skills. We are sure they made many memories, as well as strengthening new found friendships.



World Mental Health Day

We were proud to mark World Mental Health Day on Friday 10th October with a focus on access to services. A range of fantastic agencies joined us to support students and raise awareness.

The Great Childhood Ambition Team kicked off the day with a fun smoothie bike challenge, encouraging students to stay active while blending their own healthy drinks. Bikeability was also on site, offering bike health checks and a maintenance workshop, highlighting how cycling to school can boost mental wellbeing.

At lunchtime, several agencies joined us to promote their services. BASE71 shared valuable resources, while

COMPASS Be provided advice and support. Barnsley FC brought energy and excitement with quizzes, prizes and information about their youth support initiatives.

To round off the day, we sold yellow buns in support of YoungMinds, raising £77 for the charity.



Re-Start a Heart

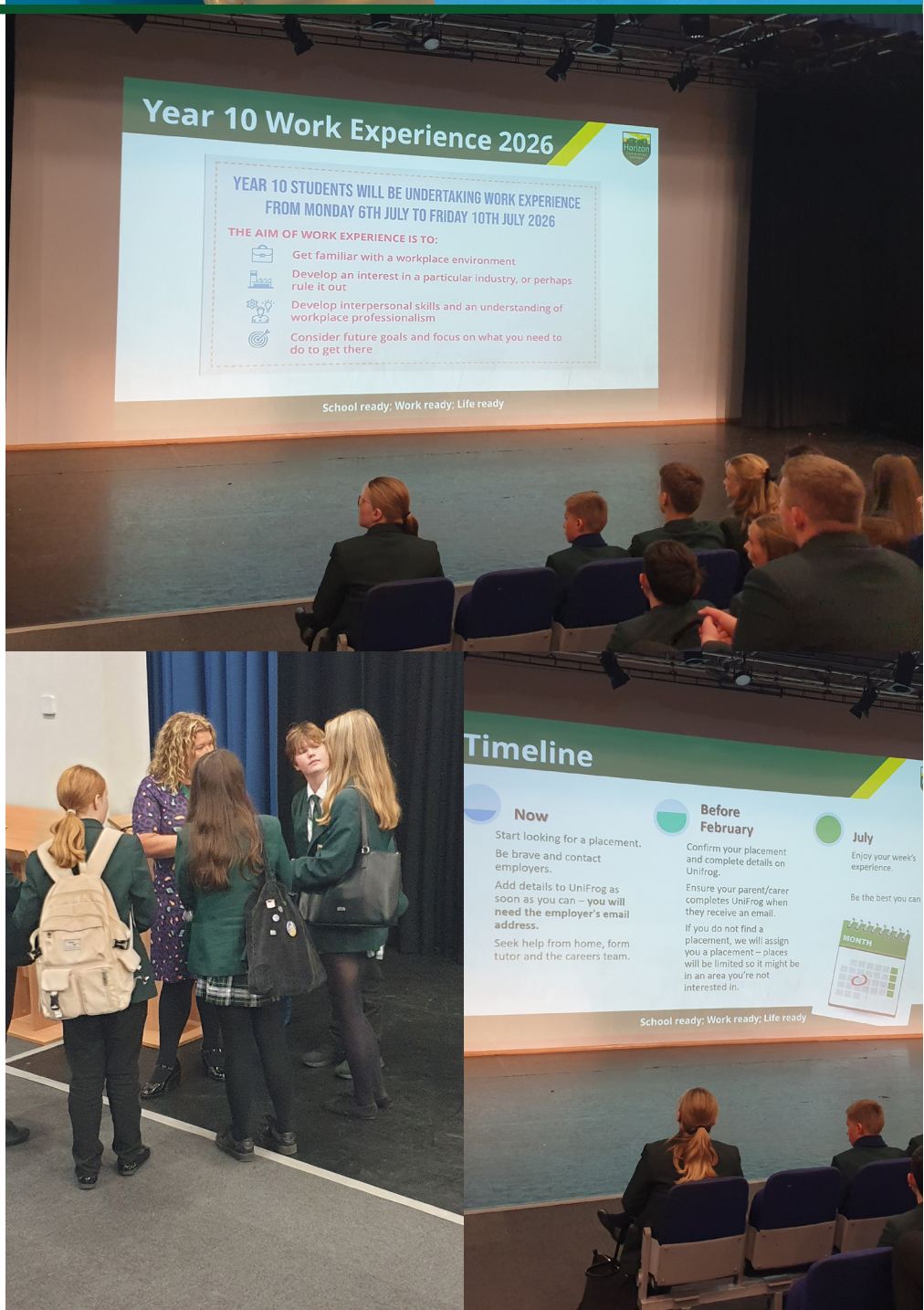
October saw the national 'Re-start a Heart' event run by the Yorkshire Ambulance service. We have now taken part in this initiative for 4 consecutive years, ensuring students have the vital skills needed if an emergency ever occurred. All Year 8 students were given training in basic CPR from NHS doctors and paramedic first responders. They have had the chance to practice using training mannequins and were fantastic ambassadors for Horizon.



Year 10 Work Experience Launch

In October, the Careers Team were very excited to launch Work Experience for all Year 10 students during assembly. Work experience is an invaluable way for students to understand the demands and opportunities of the working world, and it helps to build their confidence and aspirations for the future. It can give students career ideas of what they would like to go on and do in the future and the chance to learn more about their interests, skills, and strengths.

We hope that all students are now busy looking for a placement and when ready, uploading their employer placement details onto Unifrog. The career team are ready and waiting to support any student who is unsure of the process, they can see them any lunchtime or email careers@horizoncc.co.uk



Year 11 Post-16 Assemblies

Throughout September and October, we welcomed a variety of Post 16 providers into school to showcase their offer to Year 11 in assemblies.

Barnsley College and Barnsley Sixth Form talked

to students about the Vocational and Academic options available to students, as well as Apprenticeships. New College Pontefract, Greenhead College and Penistone Sixth Form spoke to students about the different A Levels students can study and their exciting enrichment activities for students to get fully engaged in. Dearne

Valley College delivered an assembly on their vocational courses and college facilities.

All presentations can be found on the Student Hub here: [Post 16 Assembly Folder 2024-25](#)

As always, the Careers Team is in college to support Post 16 transition, applications and careers queries.

Monthly Sports Round-up

Congratulations to Josh Kenchington on his transfer from Barnsley Football Club to Newcastle United Football Club. We wish you every success and hope that you can make your dream a reality.

We have been very busy with fixtures over in PE, both in local and national competitions. Our Netball teams have fared very well in their recent KS3 and KS4 competitions, finishing as Barnsley Schools runners up.

In Cross Country we have had several standout performances with Beau Beecroft being crowned U14 Barnsley Schools U14 champion.

In football we have progressed into the third round of the English Schools Cups with nearly all of our boys' and girls'

teams and hope that we can keep this form up throughout the winter months.



Sports Leader Ambassadors

This month, our students have gone above and beyond, playing a key role in supporting and delivering a fantastic range of primary school events. From leading activities at the Barnsley Schools Playground Leadership Day, to inspiring participation at the Inclusive

Sports Afternoon for SEND children, their enthusiasm and commitment have been outstanding. We were also proud to host the Secondary Schools Cross Country Competition here at Horizon Community College, where our students took the lead in helping the event run smoothly.

In addition to their hands-on experience, students have begun their Level 2 Sports Leadership Qualification, diving into the course with energy and focus. This nationally recognised qualification is equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to become the next generation of sports leaders.

We couldn't be prouder of their dedication and leadership. Well done to all involved!



Careers Corner

World Mental Health Day this month was kindly supported in school by Barnsley Football Club, Bike Works and BASE71. Our Career of the month recognises the positive impact exercise can have on Mental Health **JOB OF THE WEEK** - EPISODE #18 - SPORTS COACH

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Emg3EN4X94>

Unifrog is also a careers package Horizon students can access to explore careers in sport and fitness

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how/direct/get-on-the-ladder-sport-and-fitness>



Key dates in November

Monday 3rd November
- College reopens to all students

w/c 3rd November
- Remembrance Assemblies
- Y8 Assessment Week

w/c 10th November
- Anti-Bullying week
- Children In Need

11th November
- Remembrance Service

w/c 17th November
- Y11 Mock Exams commence - Year 7 Form Tutor Parent Evening

w/c 24th November
- Y11 Mock Exams continue
- UK Parliament Week

30th November
- St Andrew's Day

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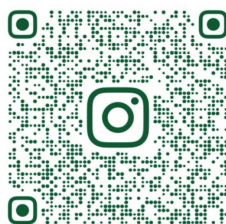
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