



SCHOOL READY; WORK READY; LIFE READY



Dear Families,

As we wrap up another incredible year, December brings a season of reflection, celebration, and togetherness. This month is filled with opportunities to share joy, showcase achievements, and look forward to the exciting possibilities of the new year. We are proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our students, staff, and families throughout 2025, and we invite you to join us in celebrating these successes. Let's make this festive season a time of gratitude, kindness, and community spirit. Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and a bright start to the year ahead!



Christmas Dinners for All!

During the final two weeks of term, our incredible catering team went above and beyond, preparing over 2,000 complimentary Christmas dinners for students and staff. Cooking 263kg of turkey, more than 2,500 pigs in blankets, and 100kg of sprouts was no small task - and they delivered it flawlessly!

The dining hall was beautifully decorated with festive trimmings, Christmas music filled the air, and students enjoyed sitting with their forms while staff served hearty meals right to their tables. The feast was topped off with a choice of traditional Christmas pudding or a tub of ice cream - perfect for a sweet ending!

It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together before the holiday break, and staff were full of praise for the students' excellent behaviour and the joyful atmosphere. A huge thank you to our catering team for creating such a magical experience for all!



Parliament Week

Students explored the difference between Parliament and Government as well as the House of Commons, House of Lords, and the monarch. Students were reminded about the role of a Member of Parliament (MP) and that Marie Tidball as the MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge is working hard to represent the views of local people.

In addition, students discovered the power of petitions influencing change. They explored how petitions can bring issues to the attention of Parliament and prompt debates, and some groups even brainstormed ideas for petitions based on causes they care about. Students were also invited to apply for Barnsley Youth Council elections if they would like to become actively involved in their local

community.

Through these activities, students reflected on the importance of participating in democracy, respecting the law, and working together as informed, active citizens. Thank you to all students and staff who made UK Parliament Week such a meaningful celebration of our shared values!



Elf Run for Barnsley Hospice

Throughout December, our core value focus has been 'Kindness', and what better way to celebrate this than by partnering with Barnsley Hospice to support the specialist care they provide in our community.

In the final week of term, every student took part in the Hospice Elf Run during their PE lessons, raising funds through loose change buckets,

sponsorships, and donations via our JustGiving page.

A huge well done to everyone who got involved! Your enthusiasm and generosity truly embody the spirit of kindness. We look forward to sharing the total amount raised in January 2025 - watch this space!

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Age Uk Hamper Appeal

In the true spirit of Christmas, we were proud to once again partner with Age UK to bring a little extra joy to families in need across our local community. Thanks to your incredible generosity - donating canned goods, tea, coffee, toiletries, and plenty of festive treats - we were able to share the magic of the season with over 40 families in our elderly community.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed and helped spread Christmas cheer. Your kindness truly makes a difference!



Silent Disco

On Friday 13th December, we celebrated our Year 7 students who have shown themselves to be outstanding role models throughout their first term at Horizon. These students were invited to a special Silent Disco as a reward for their positive attitude and exemplary behaviour.

The event was full of energy and excitement as students

danced the evening away with friends, headphones on and music pumping! Sweet treats were on hand to keep spirits high, and the atmosphere was one of fun and celebration.

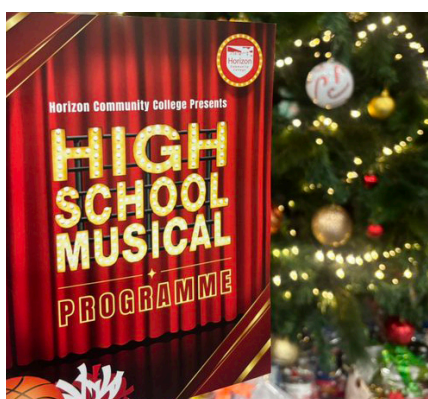
We are incredibly proud of these students for setting such a fantastic example and look forward to seeing their continued success in the new year!



High School Musical

Our school production of High School Musical was an incredible triumph, showcasing the talent, energy, and teamwork of our students. From the vibrant choreography and powerful vocals to the stunning set design and costumes, every detail reflected the hard work and dedication that went into bringing this story to life. Families, staff, and friends filled the theatre and were treated to an unforgettable performance.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the production - whether on stage, behind the scenes, or in the audience. You helped make this event a spectacular celebration of creativity and togetherness!



Celebratory Assemblies

In the final week of term, each pastoral team hosted their end-of-year celebration assembly, providing a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the past half term and recognise the hard work

and achievements of our students. Form tutors also had the chance to award one student from their form a special Christmas treat for truly 'standing out' as a positive role model this term.

It was a fantastic way to end the term on a high note and

celebrate the values that make our school community so special!

Christmas Markets

Our Christmas Markets, held just before the production of High School Musical, were a huge hit with families and staff this year! The event was a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their creativity while raising valuable funds for Barnsley Hospice.

Visitors enjoyed browsing a variety of stalls offering handmade Christmas decorations, jewellery, homemade fudge, sweet treats, and so much more. Meanwhile, our catering team kept everyone warm and well-fed with delicious bratwursts, mince pies, luxury hot chocolates, and frappes served in the dining hall.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event - it was a wonderful celebration of community spirit and generosity!



Sports Leader Ambassadors

Our Sports Leader Ambassadors have enjoyed a wide range of opportunities the past few months. They have supported pupils at Greenacre Special School, umpired the Y5/6 Netball event attended by nine local primaries, and introduced Y5 pupils to new sports. One child even described it as “the best day ever.” A group also led dance workshops for the whole of KS2 at Wilthorpe Primary, which was so well received that we have already been invited back to work with KS1. The leaders are now looking forward to the upcoming Primary Sports Hall Athletics competitions and continuing their Level 2 qualification.



Christmas Choir visit Barnsley Hospice

On Monday 15th December, a group of our talented musicians visited Barnsley Hospice to share the joy of Christmas through music. Their beautiful renditions of classic carols - including Silent Night, O Christmas Tree, Jingle Bells,

Feliz Navidad and Happy Xmas (War Is Over) - brought smiles and festive spirit to everyone present.

We hope this special performance brightened the day for all members of the hospice community and helped spread the magic of the season.



Key dates in January

Tuesday 6th January
- College reopens to all students

W/C 12th January
- Year 7 Assessment Week

Tuesday 13th January
- Year 11 Parents Evening

W/C 26th January
- Year 10 Assessment Week

Tuesday 27th January
- Year 9 Parents Evening

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of the month is
ASPIRATION**




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