

SCHOOL READY; WORK READY; LIFE READY



## Dear Parent/Carers & students

Welcome to November's personal development newsletter! This has, once again, been a lot happening in college this month and we're excited to be able to share this with you.

We are now looking ahead to an exciting festive december, and look forward to sharing the highlights with you in a few weeks time.

From our very busy Careers Fair to an enriching trip to London, there has been a

## wealth of opportunities for all students!

### REMEMBRANCE

In the week prior to Remembrance Sunday, the college united to mark Remembrance Day through meaningful activities that honoured those who have served and sacrificed. Mrs Huddart led the entire college for a two-minute silence, joining the nation in reflection and remembrance.

Year group assemblies and form time activities gave students the opportunity to

explore the significance of the poppy and the importance of remembering those who served. Also, during form time, students created memorial poppies, many of which were displayed in our "Lest We Forget" exhibit in the heart-space. This poignant display served as a collective tribute, showcasing the creativity and respect of our community.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this day so meaningful. Lest we forget.



## CAREERS FAIR

On Wednesday 6th November 2024, the college welcomed students and their families in Years 9, 10 and 11 to the annual Careers Fair. The event was a great opportunity for everyone to speak to a wide range of colleges, employers and training providers about the opportunities available to them, and to support students with their future choices. Over 200 people attended, and it was great to see so many students engaging with the providers and asking questions relating to their Post 16 journey. As always, the Careers Team are available to support you and your child and can be contacted at [careers@horizoncc.co.uk](mailto:careers@horizoncc.co.uk).



## ASPIRING GIRLS IN INDUSTRY

On Monday 11th November ten Year 10 girls took a trip to the capital city to embark in a day full of inspiring talks and workshops at the Just Eat headquarters. They navigated their way on the train and tube to St Paul's cathedral for a quick pit stop to see the famous landmark before walking down past Millenium Bridge to the Just Eat offices.

It was fantastic to see the girls confidently approach mathematical tasks, engage in talks with the women in tech on the panel and observe how mathematics is used in so many different careers within the tech industry. The experience was a fantastic opportunity to see what the working world

could look like for women in tech and was both interesting and inspiring. The girls came away with a fresh perspective on the importance of maths in the corporate world.

## BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

BBC Children In Need was held on Friday 15th November and was a great opportunity to allow the whole college to take part in a charity event!

We had loose change buckets on the student gates, buns and cookies for sale in the dining hall throughout the day, and our Year 7 and Year 8 students showed great resilience by completing a very energetic 2 hour sponsored danceathon at the end of the college day!

The whole day was a great success and as a college community we raised a grand total of £1600. A huge thank you to everyone involved. mathematical tasks, engage in talks with the women in tech on the panel and observe how mathematics is used in so many different careers within the tech industry. The experience was a fantastic opportunity to see what the working world





## EVERYBODY DANCE – YORK

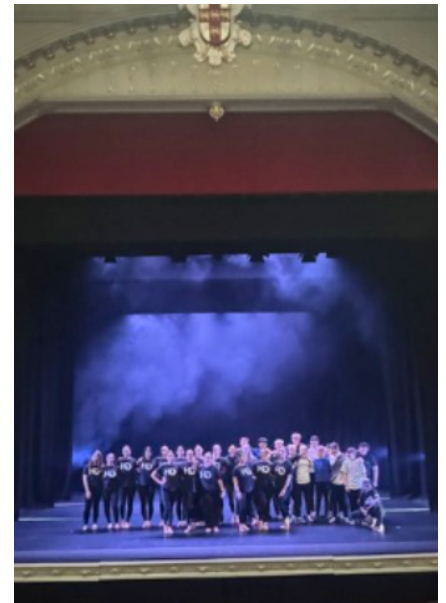
Dance students from Year 10 BTEC dance class and our Streetkingz enrichment club were given the wonderful opportunity to perform as part of the “Everybody Dance” Festival at York Theatre Royal.

Students were blown away by the beauty of this professional setting and got to imagine what life would be like as a

professional dancer including using the glamorous dressing rooms and the underground stage pass through.

We created pieces in response to the theme ‘Home’ with Year 10 students exploring their future in the world they live in and Streetkingz exploring a moving in day.

Both groups performed so professionally and with such commitment and energy, we



## UK PARLIAMENT WEEK

Students embraced UK Parliament Week, from the 18th-24th November, with students participating in engaging form time activities that celebrated democracy and deepened their understanding of the British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance.

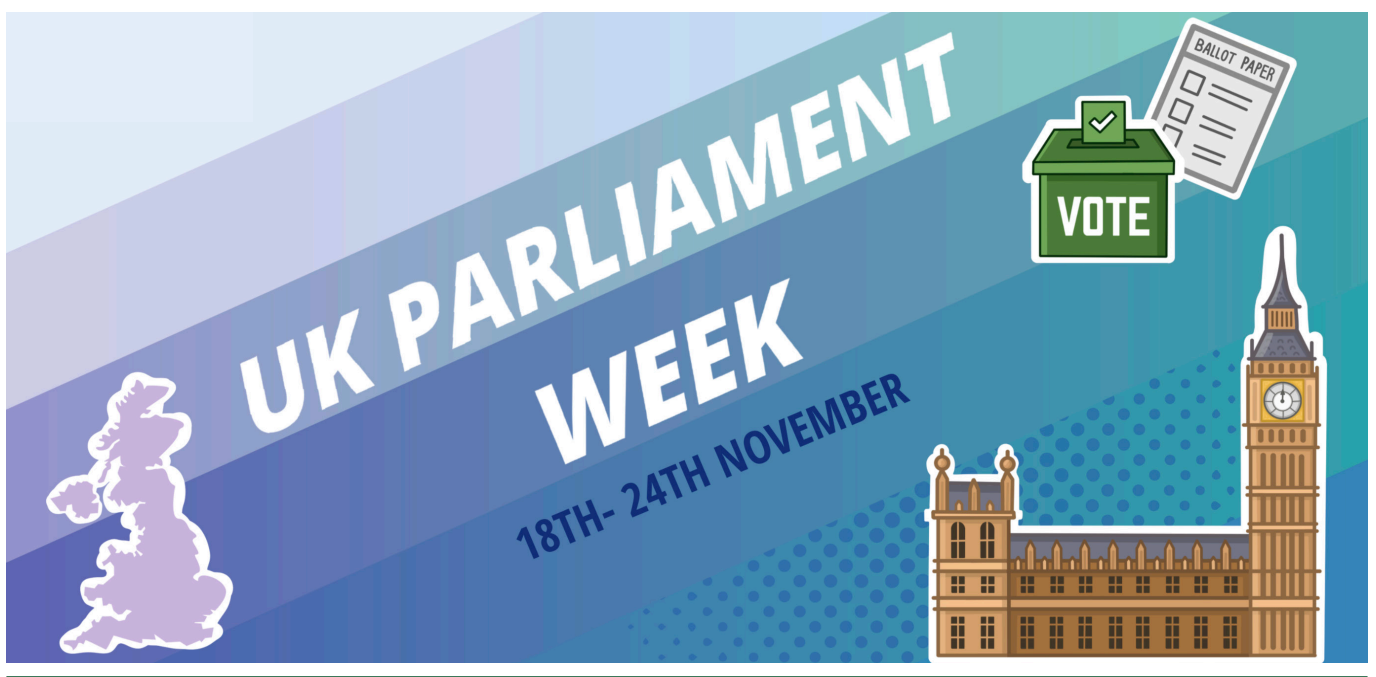
Students explored the

significance of the State Opening of Parliament, discussing how it symbolises the start of the parliamentary year and highlights the government’s priorities. They also researched their local MPs and the constituencies they represent, learning how MPs act as the voice of their communities in Parliament and how citizens can engage with them.

In addition, students discovered the power of petitions in 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.

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!



## SPORTING Q & A SESSIONS

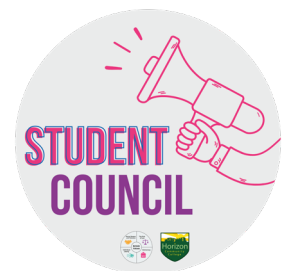
On Tuesday 12th November, two players from Bradford City Football Club came into Horizon to hold a Q&A session with 150 students in the theatre. This opportunity came about due to a Year 8 student engaging with a Fans Forum, asking for more interaction with schools. Off the back of this, Barnsley Football Club arranged for Davis Keillor-Dunn and Corey O'Keefe to visit and spend an hour fielding questions from students about what it is like to be a professional footballer. Both events were a great experience for students to hear what it is like to be a professional sportsperson.



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We are thrilled to announce that the first meeting of this year's Student Council took place during UK Parliament Week, an exciting nationwide initiative that celebrates democracy and encourages civic engagement. UK Parliament Week provided a perfect backdrop for our students to explore the values of representation, debate, and leadership, which are at the heart of the Student Council's mission. During this meeting, our student representatives began discussions about their goals, ideas, and plans for making a positive impact within our school community. We are proud of our students for stepping up to take on these important leadership roles, and

we encourage parents and carers to support their efforts. Together, we can ensure that the voices of all our students are heard and that their ideas help shape the future of our college.





## NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Monday 11th November – Friday 15th November marked Anti-Bullying Week, with this year's theme focusing on 'Respect' and tied in with our college drive on manners. Our fantastic Anti-Bullying Ambassadors were actively involved in supporting a range of activities throughout the week. These included drop-in support sessions and awareness-raising stalls in the heart space. One of the Ambassadors created a fantastic interactive game to help students understand what

constitutes bullying. On Wednesday, we held a sale of yellow buns and raised over £95 for the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Our Ambassadors also took part in the Votes for Schools Anti-Bullying webinar, sharing their views and ideas with other students from across the country. In addition, we featured a bullying themed video during lunchtime to help raise awareness.

Although these activities coincided with National Anti-Bullying Week, our Ambassadors are already planning further initiatives to continue raising awareness and will build on the principles they learned during last year's training with the Diana Award.



**DECEMBER  
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 DECEMBER

**10th December - Y8  
Complimentary Christmas  
Dinner**

**12th December - Y9  
Complimentary Christmas  
Dinner**

**10th, 11th & 12th December -  
Christmas Markets & School  
production Wizard of Oz**

**13th December - Y7  
Complimentary Christmas  
Dinner**

**13th December -  
Y7 Silent Disco**

**17th December - Y11  
Complimentary Christmas  
Dinner**

**18th December - Y10  
Complimentary Christmas  
Dinner**

**18th December -  
Y11 Mock Exam Results**

**19th December - Christmas  
Jumper Day**

**20th December -  
College closed for the Christmas  
Holidays**

**Monday 6th January -  
College reopens to all students**


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