

## SCHOOL READY; WORK READY; LIFE READY



**Dear Families,**

**This month, our College has once again been buzzing with activities to support the personal development of all students. Year 10 are busy finalising work experience placements, Year 11 have started to attend Post 16 college interviews, and all year groups have thrown themselves back into our after-school enrichment programme!**

**In this newsletter, we share a few other stories from around College, as well as some key dates ready for February.**

**Enjoy the read!**



### **ANNE FRANK STUDENT AMBASSADORS VISIT LONDON**

In January, we were honoured to be invited to the prestigious Anne Frank Trust annual lunch in London. This important event was also attended by Her Majesty Queen Camilla.

The lunch marked Holocaust Memorial Day and the 80th anniversary of Anne Frank's death. Anne Frank Student Ambassadors from across the country, including two of our very own ambassadors, Roya

and Senuli, presented to the audience, along with guest speaker, actor, author and broadcaster Stephen Fry.

Alongside enjoying a two-course meal and canapes, the event included a candle lighting ceremony in memory of victims of the Holocaust and other persecution and genocide.

The event was thought provoking, memorable and we are very proud of the leadership skills that Roya and Senuli demonstrated.





## VISIT TO PARLIAMENT

Earlier this month, members of our elected Student Council visited the Houses of Parliament for an unforgettable day exploring UK democracy in action. The visit was an incredible opportunity to learn about the workings of Parliament and to see leadership in action.

The day began with a guided tour of Parliament, where students observed debates in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. They

were captivated by the lively discussions and gained a deeper appreciation for the decision-making processes that shape the country.

After the tour, students took part in a parliamentary workshop. They worked together to propose and debate ideas for new laws, gaining 'hands-on' experience in how legislation is developed and discussed. The workshop sparked thoughtful conversations and showcased the importance of collaboration and respectful debate. The highlight of the day was meeting our local MP, Dr. Marie Tidball, who shared

insights into her role and answered students' questions about her work and journey into politics. This inspiring session showed the students how local voices can make a difference in national decisions.

We are proud of our Student Council for representing the College so enthusiastically and respectfully. This memorable trip was a fantastic way to connect their leadership roles with the wider world of governance and democracy.





## HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE WEEK

On the 27th January, the College marked Holocaust Memorial Day, joining communities across the country in remembering the victims of the Holocaust and other genocides. The theme, chosen by the Holocaust Educational Trust for 2025, is “For a Better Future,” reminding us all of the importance of learning from history to build a more compassionate and inclusive world.

Students have attended an assembly to reflect on the events of the Holocaust and the lessons it holds for us today. Through stories of resilience and bravery, they will consider how prejudice and hatred can take root and the vital role we each play in standing against injustice.

Following the assembly, students worked together to write pledges outlining actions they can take to help create a better future. These pledges focussed on promoting kindness, standing up to discrimination, or fostering understanding within their communities.

By participating in this important day, our students are not only remembering the past, but also taking active steps to shape a brighter, fairer future for everyone.



## ANNE FRANK EXHIBITION

We are delighted to have welcomed the Anne Frank Trust to College again this month to deliver a powerful and inspiring programme. All Year 9 History students had the opportunity to visit the Anne Frank Trust exhibition, which explores Anne’s life and legacy while highlighting

important lessons about equality, tolerance, and standing up to prejudice.

In addition, around 20 students have volunteered to take part in a special training session where they will learn to deliver the exhibition to their peers. These students will have the chance to become Anne Frank Ambassadors, gaining valuable skills in leadership, communication, and advocacy

while helping to share Anne’s story and its relevance today.

This initiative is a fantastic opportunity for students to reflect on important social values and work towards creating a more inclusive and compassionate community. We look forward to seeing the impact of their efforts across the College.



## TERM 1 FUNDRAISING

Throughout September, October, November and December, we hosted many events to support local and national charities, including Children In Need, MacMillan Cancer and local charities

Barnsley Hospice and LimbBo Foundation.

As a College community, we raised a fabulous amount of money for these worthwhile causes, and we want to say a huge 'Thank You!' We are looking forward to more events this term and we hope you will be able to continue to support our good work.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR

On the 29th January we celebrated Chinese New Year, welcoming the Year of the Snake with joy and enthusiasm! Students learned about the traditions and stories behind this important festival, through activities such as writing wishes in Chinese calligraphy and exploring the significance of the snake as a symbol of transformation,

wisdom and prosperity. We wish everyone in our College community a happy and prosperous Chinese New Year!



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## FEBRUARY CORE VALUE of the month is RESILIENCE



## KEY DATES IN FEBRUARY

**W/c 3rd February**  
 - Children's Mental Health Week  
 - Year 8 and Year 9 vaccinations (more information to follow)

**Tuesday 4th February**  
 - Year 9 Parents Evening

**W/c 10th February**  
 - National Apprenticeship Week  
 - Mother Tongue Week

**Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th February**  
 - Spring Market and School Dance Show

**Friday 14th February**  
 - College closed to all students (INSET Day)

**Monday 17th - Friday 21st February**  
 - Half Term break

**Monday 24th February**  
 - College reopens to all students

**Tuesday 25th February**  
 - Y10 Parents Evening

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