

**SCHOOL READY; WORK READY; LIFE READY**



**Dear Parent/Carers & Students**

**Welcome to our October newsletter! It has been a positive, productive and busy half term at Horizon. Students have settled back into college life and are making the most of the vast opportunities on offer to them, and we hope you enjoy reading about a few of these in this month's newsletter.**

**We wish all families a restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming all students back to College on Monday 4th November.**

## **PARIS**

From the 3rd to the 6th of October, our Year 11 students had the amazing opportunity to explore Paris.

It was a jam-packed four days seeing all the sights that the city has to offer and immersing themselves in Paris culture! The group embarked on a scenic boat tour along the Seine, went shopping on the Champs Élysées, and visited the Musée de l'Orangerie to admire its famous artwork. They explored Montmartre, bought croissants, visited the Sacré-Cœur and observed local artists in the Place du Tertre. They also strolled through the Tuileries gardens, saw the Louvre, and took in the breathtaking views from the Eiffel Tower at night. A highlight of the trip was a fun-filled day at Disneyland Paris, where students enjoyed thrilling rides and magical experiences.

It was an unforgettable trip, and everyone had a fantastic time!

## **RE-START A HEART**

Wednesday 16th of October was National Re-start a Heart day. Three volunteers from Yorkshire Ambulance service came into the College to work with our Year 9 students for the day to give them the confidence and skill to identify a cardiac arrest and attempt to save a life with skills in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

On that day, 372 Year 9 students completed the basic CPR training session. We are very proud, that now, all current Year 9, 10 and 11 students have had CPR training whilst at Horizon. The volunteers were really impressed with the enthusiasm of the Year 9 students and can't wait to come back next year.



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History Month. This year we have focussed on a theme that is essential to understanding history: reclaiming narratives. Throughout history, Black voices have often been silenced, ignored, or overshadowed. Stories of struggle, resilience, and achievement have sometimes been left out of the mainstream narrative. Reclaiming narratives means taking control of our stories and making sure that they are told accurately and truthfully. For Black people in Britain and across the world, it's about recognising the contributions, the culture, the resistance, and the progress that have often been overlooked. Black History Month gives us a chance to shine a light on these stories, to learn from them, and to

understand how they have shaped the world we live in today.

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. Some of the stories have included Claudia Jones

and the Notting Hill Carnival, The Mangrove Nine's fight against institutional racism, The Windrush Scandal and how Doreen Lawrence turned the grief of her son's murder into power. By reclaiming these narratives, we honour the struggles of the past and empower ourselves to shape the future. We have listened and reflected on the power of these voices to remember the importance of making sure that everyone's story is heard.



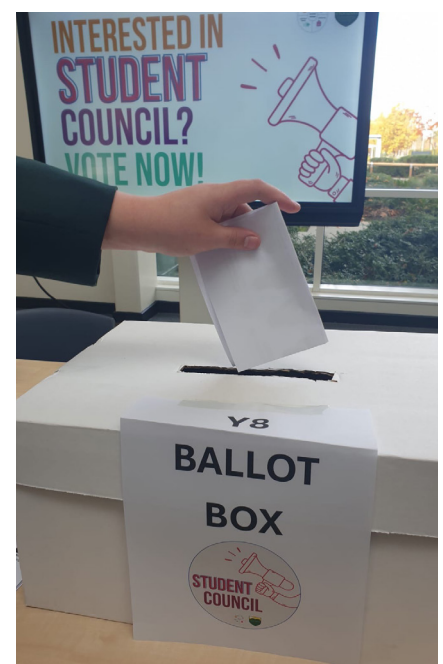
## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

In the last week of half term, HCC held its 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 will be announced after half-term with 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!









# YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE LAUNCH

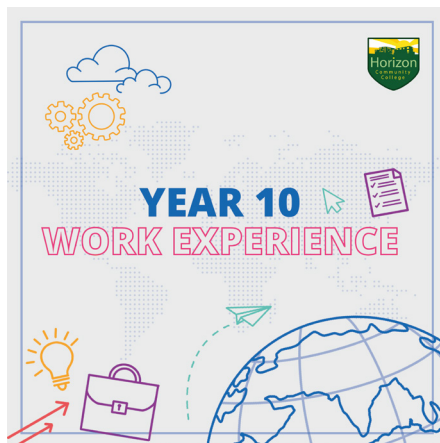
In October, the Careers Team were very excited to launch Work Experience for all Year 10 students during assembly. Work experience is an invaluable way for students to understand the demands and opportunities of the working world, and it helps to build their confidence and aspirations for the future. 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 Careers 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](mailto:careers@horizoncc.co.uk)

**YEAR 10 STUDENTS WILL BE UNDERTAKING WORK EXPERIENCE FROM MONDAY 7TH JULY TO FRIDAY 11TH JULY 2025**

**THE AIM OF WORK EXPERIENCE IS TO:**

-  **Get familiar with a workplace environment**
-  **Develop an interest in a particular industry, or perhaps rule it out**
-  **Develop interpersonal skills and an understanding of workplace professionalism**
-  **Consider future goals and focus on what you need to do to get there**



**YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE**

This is a fantastic opportunity to explore different career options and to develop your employability skills!

You will find your own placement using contacts from your own network of friends, family, local businesses, and social media contacts.

**PLACEMENT MUST BE FOUND BY:**  
14th February 2025

**PLACEMENT INFORMATION MUST BE ON UNIFROG BY:**  
28th February 2025

**PLACEMENTS AFTER 28TH FEBRUARY 2025 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED SO MAKE SURE YOU APPLY WELL IN ADVANCE!**

Should you require any further information about this opportunity please contact the Careers Team.  
[careers@horizoncc.co.uk](mailto:careers@horizoncc.co.uk)

# YEAR 11 POST-16 ASSEMBLIES

Throughout 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 are in college to support Post 16 transition, applications and careers queries.



## KINGSWOOD

Throughout October, all students in Year 7 have had the opportunity to go on a form group, team-building day to Kingswood Outdoor Adventure Centre at Doncaster.

Students have been zip lining, jumping from the 'Leap of Faith', buggy building and completing team building challenges. Form tutors have been with their form groups taking part in the activities

allowing tutors and students to get to know each other a little better! It has been amazing to see relationships develop, students face and overcome their fears, show huge amounts of resilience and leadership skills develop.

Well done to all students for being fully engaged and we hope it has helped to strengthen friendships already made.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER?

**CORE VALUE  
of the month is  
INDEPENDENCE**



## KEY DATES

**1st November -  
Diwali**

**Monday 4th November -  
College reopens to all  
students**

**w/c 4th November -  
Remembrance Assemblies**

**Year 7 Form Tutor Parent  
Evening**

**Green Careers Week**

**Careers Fair**

**5th November -  
Y7 Form Tutor parents  
Evening**

**6th November -  
Careers Fair**

**11th November -  
Remembrance Service**

**w/c 11th November -  
Y9 Assessment Week**

**Y11 Mock Exams commence**

**Anti-Bullying week**

**Children In Need**

**w/c 18th November -  
UK Parliament Week**

**Fibonacci Day**

**30th November -  
St Andrew's Day**


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