

BEYOND THE GREEN LINE

Proud of our students, proud of our school

I know I've contacted everyone already, but I really am so proud of our students and proud of our school - our recent Ofsted Report is now officially live!

We've had another fantastic and productive week, with two Year 10 Drop Down Days, trips to Huddersfield University, a trip to Science Live and Year 11 English Walking Talking Mocks. Keep reading to find out more!

With just one week until half term, let's keep up the momentum, positive energy and behaviour for learning and enjoyment!

Best wishes

Liz Lord



WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome our two new Parent Governors, James Morton and John McCombe.

Both James and John are parents of students at Honley High School and bring a wealth of experience to support our school in striving for the highest!

Access to the bus turning circle

As school is now open earlier for students, the bus turning circle is no longer accessible to vehicles (other than the school buses) between 8.00am and 8.40am.

We greatly appreciate the co-operation of our parents and carers to keep everyone safe, particularly at peak drop-off and pick-up times.



YEAR 6 OFFER DAY

We are so excited to meet our new students and can't wait to find out who will be joining us in September!

We are counting down the days; there are only **28 days to go** until offer day!

Our Year 6 Transition page on our website will also go live on Friday, 1 March. We'll be sharing lots of helpful information to make our new students feel welcomed and confident when they join us at Honley High School in Year 7.

Year 7 Valentine's Card & Rose

Next week, Year 10 students will be selling Valentine's cards and roses for £2 for our Year 7 students to buy from Student Services and the Library.

Buy a card - write your message - write the name and form of the receiver on the envelope - post in one of the Valentine's post boxes - your card and a rose will be delivered to your Valentine.



FUNDRAISING FOR



Year 10 Drop Down Days

It's been another busy week of Year 10 Drop Down Days and we've been really impressed with how our students have jumped at the opportunity to get involved and try new things. Well done everyone - take a look at some of the fantastic activities our students have been doing.



PE



Hospitality and Catering



Science



Art and Design



Construction

Guest Speaker - Liz Gill

This week, we have been lucky enough to be joined by local businesswoman Liz Gill of Liz Gill Mortgages and Chair of the Honley Business Association. Liz is a former parent, governor and a big supporter of Honley, so we were delighted to welcome her to school as a guest speaker for students studying Statistics.

The session included an introduction to banking, which covered how to save and budget, what to look for to protect yourself against scams and fraud and understanding credit scores and National Insurance contributions.

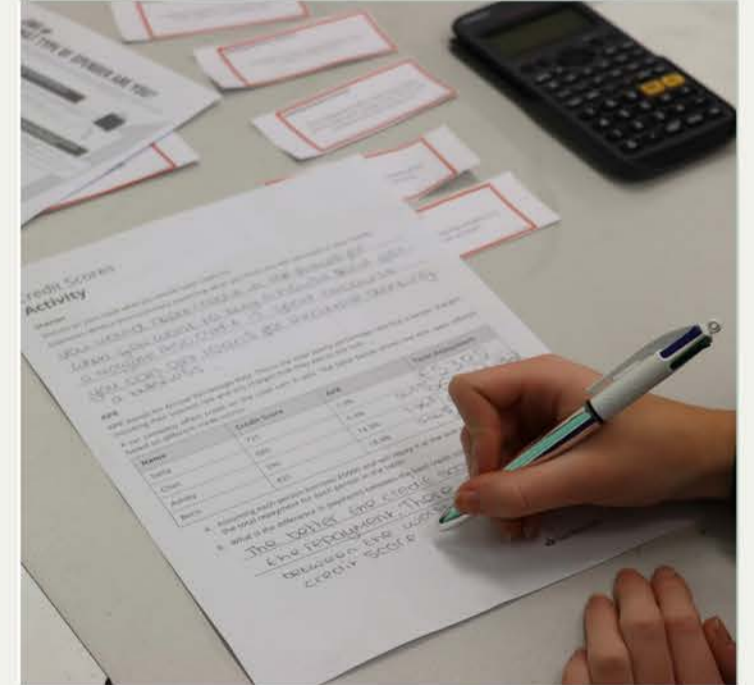
Thank you, Liz, for such an informative afternoon and for your brilliant expertise!



Budgeting is an essential life skill to prepare you for the future



Liz Gill is a Mortgage Advisor based in Honley with over 25 years of experience



Equipping yourself with the tools to navigate the world of finance is really important

Parents and carers - do you work in an industry or organisation that could offer a useful assembly or workshop in school? We'd love to hear from you! Please contact office@honley.tlt.school.

LIBRARY NEWS

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

World Book Day - Friday 8 March

World Book Day is only a few weeks away!

We are celebrating World Book Day on Friday, 8 March this year. There'll be lots of fun activities around school and in the Library including quizzes, design a bookmark competition, our Big Book Giveaway and more!

To help raise funds for the RSPCA students in Years 7 to 10 are encouraged to dress as their favourite animal character from literature for a donation of £1! Hedwig, the Gruffalo, Paddington Bear or one of the 101 Dalmatians - who will you be?



New Books!

Mrs Ackroyd has been busy getting new books ready for the library. Here is just a selection of what has been added this week.

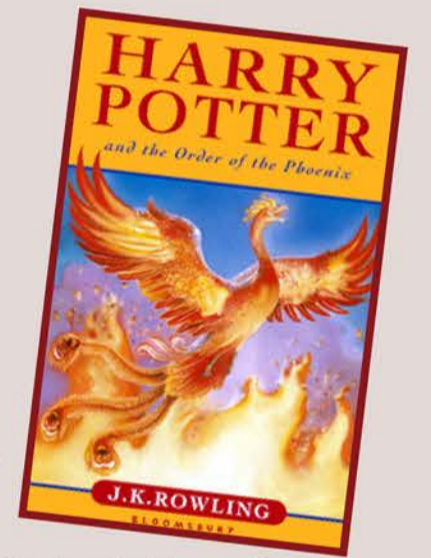
FOR THE OF READING

We ask our teachers and support staff what they love about reading.

This week in the spotlight is Miss MacLarty, Head of Year 7 and teacher of English.

What was your favourite childhood book?

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, by JK Rowling. In this story, you get to see sides of each character you haven't seen before, and the whole plot and wizarding world seem to suddenly feel much darker and more complicated. Rowling is so skilled at creating a world which shares so many qualities with our own, and yet is completely fictional - it's like magic!



What have you read recently that you enjoyed?

Rebecca, by Daphne du Maurier. It was so spooky that I couldn't read it at night! But I loved the really diverse characters and how they surprised me. It reminded me of one of my other favourite stories - Jane Eyre - because of the complicated romance mixed with old-fashioned mystery.

Why do you choose to read?

Reading brings me comfort. Getting totally drawn into a world and a story that someone else has created - so much that you don't move or check your phone for hours on end - makes me feel so calm and reflective.

Creative Writing Competition

Theme: Feeling Proud

Word Limit: 350 words

Deadline: Friday 9 February 2024

How to enter: submit entries to Miss Harvatt in C6

Remember to: include your full name and form

Open to all students!

Prizes

1st = £20 voucher

2nd = £10 voucher

3rd = £5 voucher

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ONLINE SAFETY



SAVE the DATE
Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6 February 2024

With Safer Internet Day (SID) just around the corner, this has been our hot topic in assemblies this week, focussing

on online safety and learning based on the theme **'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'**.


Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. This year, the focus is on **change online**, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the Internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

For further information about Safer Internet Day and for a vast range of resources to help inform you and support your child/children to stay safe online, visit [UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk).

Online Safety Websites

We all have a part to play in keeping children safe online. Here are a few suggested websites with some fantastic resources, tips and ideas to help in an ever-changing digital world.

 **parentzone** It's not easy being a parent in the digital age. Technology moves fast. Parentzone is a parenting organisation working to make the online world a safer, more positive place for families and children. Explore the ways Parent Zone can help your family understand online safety.



Parents, carers and children can report a concern about online exploitation or child sexual abuse to the **CEOP Safety Centre**.

If a child is in immediate danger, always contact 999 first.

Report concerns by clicking on the CEOP image or www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/.

 **NSPCC** The NSPCC has a wide range of resources to support parents and carers with online safety advice from online games to live streaming and online video apps.

It's hard to navigate the risks online. If you need to talk to someone you can call the NSPCC on **0808 800 5000**, email help@nspcc.org.uk or fill in their [online form](#) to get advice and support from safeguarding experts.

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

The latest National Online Safety guide tells parents and carers what they need to know about Safer Internet Day. Ask a student to find out what they've learnt!

Reflecting the "managing influence" strand of this year's theme, this latest guide unpacks **'persuasive design'** – and uncovers some **common but often hidden online safety risks** to young people.



Download the guide here



Train Tickets

Does your child travel to school by train? Did you know you can save up to 75% on your child's train travel with an 11-16 Education Season Ticket?

Please be aware that there will be extra officers on trains and at stations to look for ticketless travel and issue penalty notices where necessary.

Don't get caught without a train ticket, you could be fined up to £100 or be prosecuted.

Kids travelling to school daily?
You can **Save up to 75%*** on your child's train travel with an 11-16 Education season ticket.

Scan to find out more and start saving today!
northernrailway.co.uk/education

NORTHERN Go do your thing

*TBCs apply. Visit northernrailway.co.uk/education.

Buy before you board.
NO TICKET. NO EXCUSE.

"I was running late"
£100 FINE

Don't get caught out. Failure to present a ticket could result in fines up to **£100** or prosecution.

NORTHERN Go do your thing

*TBCs apply. Visit website for details.

Friendly February 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them	2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone	4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)	5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour	6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others
8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12 Focus on being kind rather than being right	13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you
15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message	16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing	20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them
22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones	27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today
29 Acknowledge someone's problem or pain rather than trying to fix it						

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Whether it's your own journey you are focusing on or looking to support others, Action for Happiness shares tips and advice to achieve a happier life www.actionforhappiness.org.

This month is Friendly February, every day of February you can find a Action for Happiness tip to help yourself or someone around you.

Upcoming Trips

Performing Arts Trip	Wednesday 7 - Friday 9 February 2024
Ski Trip	Saturday 10 - Saturday 17 February 2024
Student Ambassador Residential	Wednesday 21 - Thursday 22 February 2024
Group 1 Geography Field Trip	Monday 4 March 2024
Group 2 Geography Field Trip	Tuesday 12 March 2024
Group 3 Geography Field Trip	Thursday 14 March 2024
Year 7 PGL	Monday 13 - Wednesday 15 May 2024
Year 9 Bletchley Park	Wednesday 15 May 2024
Year 10 Cantabria Trip	Tuesday 21 - Monday 27 May 2024
All Years Costa Brava Sports Tour	Sunday 26 - Thursday 30 May 2024
Year 11 Prom	Friday 28 June 2024
Cadet Camp	Sunday 7 - Saturday 13 July 2024



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