

# BEYOND THE GREEN LINE

## Happy Half Term!

What another fantastic week! What a brilliant first half term of 2024 we've had - with lots of successes to celebrate!

From Science, Geography, and Performing Arts trips to a variety of Year 10 drop down days, Year 11 English Walking Talking Mocks, Guest Speakers for our assemblies, not forgetting our Year 7 Valentine's Disco, and our upcoming Ski Trip to Italy. I am so proud of all of our students and staff.

As we reach the end of the half term, I'd like to thank our parents and carers for their continued support and wish everyone a happy and healthy break.

We look forward to seeing students on Monday 19 February 2024 - it will be A week.



Best wishes  
*Liz Lord*

## SPORTING SUCCESS

At Honley, we believe it's vital to celebrate our students' achievements both in and out of school. We take great pride in getting to know our students and building strong relationships with them so that we can help encourage them to thrive in life in school and beyond.

We are delighted for our students who have recently achieved sporting success.

Please get in touch with your child's Form Tutor if you'd like to share news of your child's achievements outside of school.

Well done to our **Year 7 Kirklees Indoor Athletics Champions!**

Hard work really does pay off - we're super proud of your achievement.



### Cross Country Championships



**Congratulations Leo!**

A massive well done to Leo Aka, Year 11, who recently took part in the West Yorkshire Schools Cross-Country Championships at The Grammar School, Leeds.

Leo finished in a superb 8th place and has been selected to represent **West Yorkshire** at the **English Schools Cross-Country Championships** in Pontefract in March.

We'd also like to congratulate Kit Watson-Evans, Year 9, who has also qualified and was placed 6th in the junior section. Brilliant work!



# Year 7 Valentine's Disco

Wow, what a night!

It was fantastic to see 150 of our Year 7 students dancing away and having a great time. We were particularly impressed by their dance moves and their sensible and positive attitudes - we are so proud of them!

A huge thank you to our awesome Year 10 students who gave up their time to help with this event and demonstrated superb character and team work. Thank you also to our brilliant staff (who also threw a few moves!) and our top DJ Mike!

Everyone had a blast and we raised important funds for our Year 7 Charity the RSPCA and Year 10 Charity, Zarach.

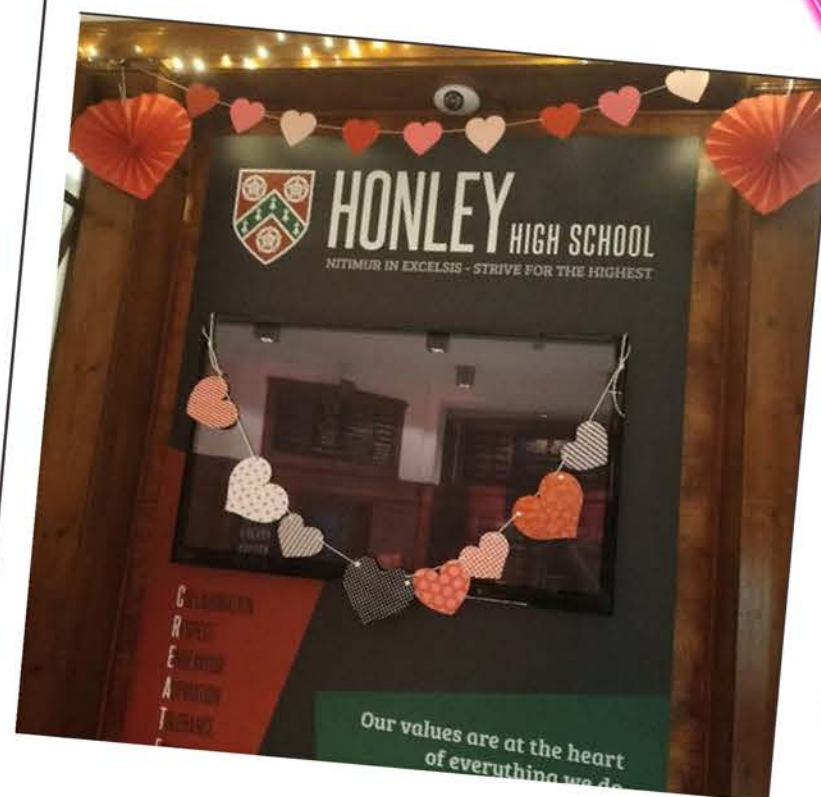
We'll announce the final amount raised after the half term break!



Year 10 Student  
Charity Representatives



Thank you DJ Mike  
for the brilliant Disco!



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Year 7 getting down!

FUN FUNDRAISING FOR:



## NCS - YEAR 11 GOALS!

This week, we welcomed Jack from National Citizen Services (NCS) to launch this fantastic opportunity for our Year 11 students.

Designed especially for 16 and 17 year olds, the NCS experience exists to engage, unite, and empower young people, building their confidence so they can go out there and achieve their dreams, no matter where they're from or what their background is. We regularly have the highest uptake in Kirklees!

**'Boost your confidence. Nurture new skills. Grow your resilience. Be a force for good. Make a whole new set of friends. When you join an NCS experience, you'll do all that and more.'**

Year 11 students, don't miss out! Find out more and sign up [here!](#)





# Year 10 Assembly - Bank of England

We are very fortunate and appreciative of our external guest speakers who help deliver key and relevant information and topics to our students.

This week, in our Year 10 assembly, we welcomed Ben Crampton from the Bank of England to present on the role of the Bank of England, the wide range of career opportunities, and his personal career journey with our Year 10 students.



The bank's original mission, as laid out in the Royal Charter of 1694, is still the same today: **'To promote the good of the people of the United Kingdom by maintaining monetary and financial stability'**

Excitingly, the Bank of England is creating a new hub in Leeds 'Bank of England North' as part of the Bank's UK Footprint project which aims to create a more diverse and inclusive workforce reflecting a broader range of backgrounds.

There is a huge range of different opportunities within the bank, including economists, data specialists, lawyers, supervisors, HR, chefs, security, and many more! There are a wide variety of routes into careers from Level 4 and degree apprenticeships to general recruitment.

Want to know more?

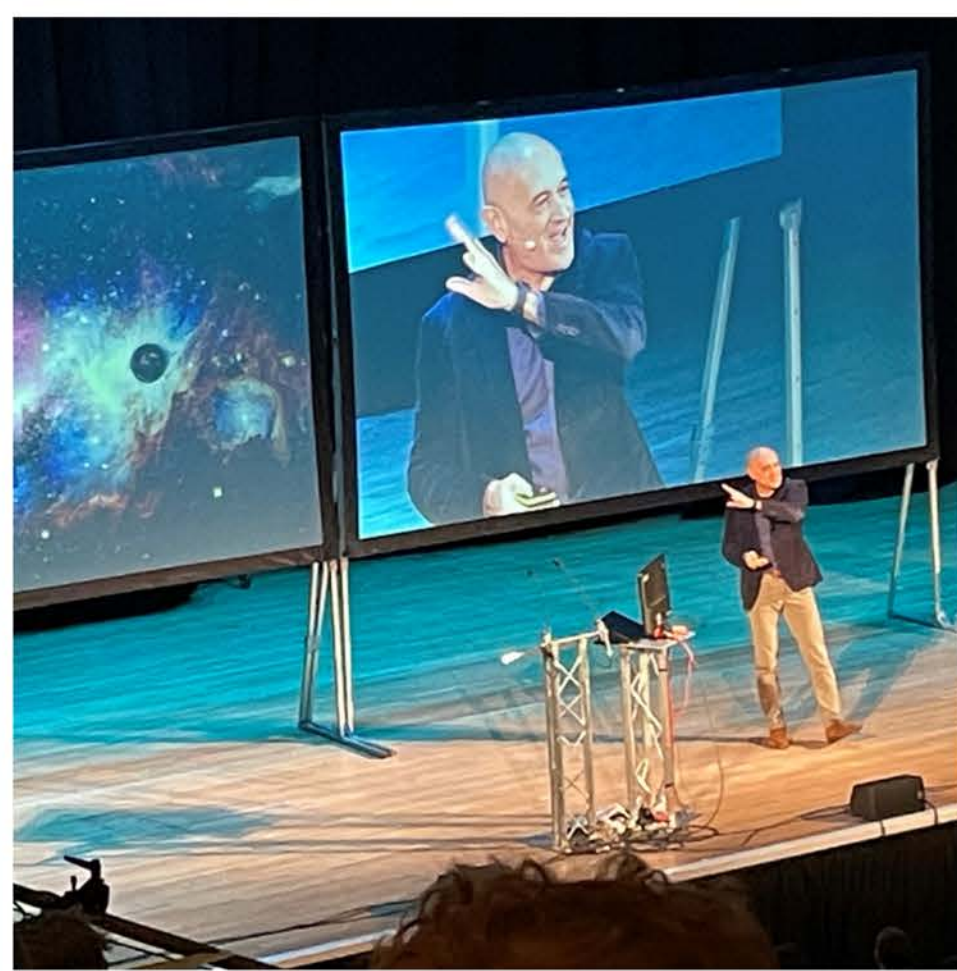
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Museum: [www.bankofengland.co.uk/museum](http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/museum)



gcse science  
**live!**



Last Wednesday, 52 of our Year 10 Triple Science students enjoyed GCSE Science Live at Sheffield City Hall.

Students had the chance to hear from **five of Britain's top scientists**, all working at the cutting edge of their specialisms: **Professor Robert Winston, Professor Andrea Sella, Dr Tim Gabriel, Professor Sophie Scott, and Professor Jim Al-Khalili.**

This event is specifically designed for Key Stage 4 students to improve their Science GCSE results with top tips on examination success from an experienced science examiner. Additionally, students had the opportunity to raise issues with the scientists and find out firsthand how science really does offer solutions for many of the world's great problems.

Topics included, chemical reactions in nature, fertility, the science of laughter, nanotechnology, and the possibility of time travel! If time travel is/was/might be possible, we'd definitely go back in time to this event again!

All the talks were well received by our students and we hope it has inspired them to continue their studies in Science well into the future.

*Mr Eason*

Assistant Head of Department, Science



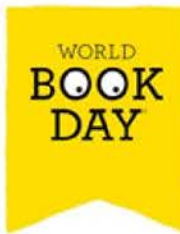
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# LIBRARY NEWS



## 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. There'll be lots of fun activities around school and in the Library including quizzes, a Poetry Slam, design a bookmark competition, our Big Book Giveaway and more!



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, the Fantastic Mr Fox, Lorek Byrnison or one of the 101 Dalmatians - who will you be? All money raised will be donated to the RSPCA.



## World Book Day Vouchers - don't miss out!

Key Stage 3 students have been given a World Book Day voucher by their Form Tutor and Key Stage 4 students can pick up a voucher from the Library.

Vouchers are valid from Thursday 15 February to Sunday 31 March and can be used as £1 off a full priced book or to purchase one of the special World Book Day books.



## FOR THE OF READING

We ask our teachers and support staff what they love about reading. This week in the spotlight is Mrs Sweeney-Hirst, Head of English

What was your favourite childhood book?

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte - I read it when I was 9 for the first time, and I was obsessed. It was set just above where I grew up and I loved that!

What have you read recently that you enjoyed?

I'm currently reading The Penelopiad by Margaret Atwood, which is great but very weird!

Why do you choose to read?

I love reading and always have. It's calming and takes you away from everything!





# NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY



## IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE!

The latest National Online Safety guide is now available. Have you heard of the social networking app **Monkey**?

'If a platform where **young people can video chat with random strangers** sounds like an **online safety risk** which is – quite frankly – bananas, you'll want to check out the latest National Online Safety guide to **Monkey**.'

Download the guide here



## DATES FOR DIARIES

Further information about key dates will be sent nearer the time of the event.

	Ski Trip	Saturday 10 to Saturday 17 February 2024
	<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 12 to Friday 16 February 2024</b>
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	Year 7 Bikeability	Wednesday 21 February 2024
	Year 7 Bikeability	Thursday 22 February 2024
	Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday 22 February 2024
	Year 10 Drop Down Day – Block B	Monday 4 March 2024
	Year 10 Geography Trip to Liverpool	Monday 4 March 2024
	Year 9 Options Taster Day	Wednesday 6 March 2024
	Year 9 Immunisations	Thursday 7 March 2024
	Year 9 Progress Evening	Thursday 7 March 2024
	Year 10 Drop Down Day – Block D	Friday 8 March 2024
	Year 10 Drop Down Day – Block C	Tuesday 12 March 2024
	Year 10 Geography Trip to Liverpool	Tuesday 12 March 2024
	Costa Brava Sports Tour Info Evening	Wednesday 13 March 2024
	Year 10 Drop Down Day – Block D	Thursday 14 March 2024
	Year 10 Geography Trip to Liverpool	Thursday 14 March 2024
	Year 7 Progress Evening	Thursday 21 March 2024
	<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 25 March to Friday 5 April 2024</b>

PLEASE NOTE: DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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