

BEYOND THE GREEN LINE

Exciting News!

As I'm writing this message, I'm trying to contain my emotions. I'm absolutely delighted that our Trust and Governors have shown their faith in me to appoint me as permanent Head of School here at Honley.

As you may know, I have been at Honley for over a decade, first as Assistant Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead, then Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for Curriculum before taking on the Interim Head of School role in the Autumn term.

I live and breathe the school and trust core principles and strive for the highest every day. It is my passionate belief that all students can achieve great things. This comes from a relentless focus on excellence, delivering inspirational learning experiences and outcomes, whilst also providing the support that all young people need to succeed and thrive in a complex and rapidly changing world.

As we have just proved through our highly successful Ofsted Inspection, Honley is a really, really good school. I know that we have all the ingredients to make it absolutely exceptional. We have wonderful students, fantastic support from our families and community, and a highly skilled and dedicated team of staff. Along with all the amazing support we receive from the Together Learning Trust, I know that we can drive forwards to even greater success in the future.

I am excited to lead the school in the next chapter of its journey and look forward to continuing to work with all of you.

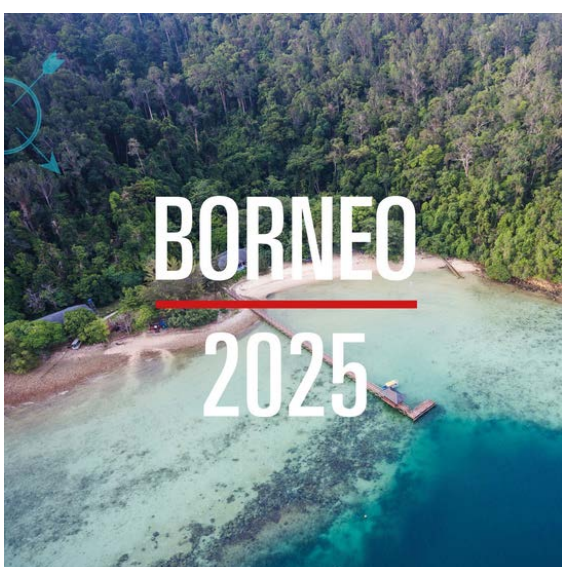
Very best wishes

Liz Lord

Head of School



LEADERSHIP EMPOWERMENT GROWTH



BECOME A GLOBAL CITIZEN!

Students in Years 9 and 10 have been invited to participate in an epic adventure to Borneo in 2025!

The Outlook Programme is designed to help students understand the world around them and their place in it. Their immersive learning experiences provide young people with “opportunities to grow in character, build resilience and feel empowered to take responsibility for their own lives.”

This is an incredible opportunity for our young people. After a hiatus due to covid, we are delighted to offer Outlook Expeditions to our students again.

Fundraising is a critical element of this trip; students must be resourceful and creative to find ways to raise the funds themselves!

YEAR 9 OPTIONS TASTER DAY

There was a buzz about school on Wednesday, when Year 9 students had the opportunity to take part in an Options Taster Day to experience two subjects they haven't yet studied. Subjects included: Construction, Photography, Citizenship, Business & Enterprise, Child Development, Creative iMedia, Hospitality & Catering and new for 2024, Travel & Tourism! We hope students found these lessons helpful and feel excited to make their choices for study at KS4.



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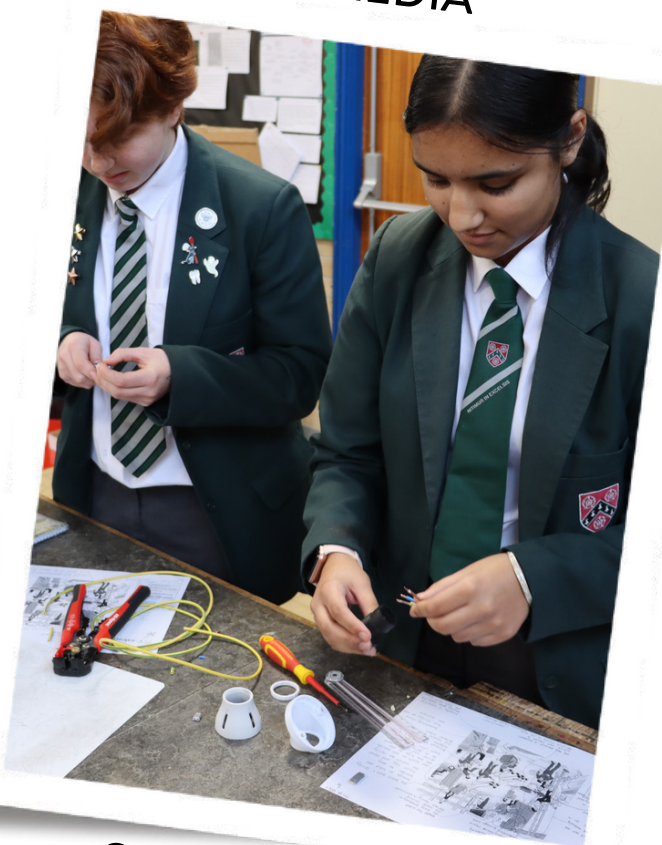
CREATIVE IMEDIA



CONSTRUCTION



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YEAR 9 BTEC DANCE TASTER WORKSHOP

We were delighted to welcome Northern School of Contemporary Dance (NSCD) to school to deliver a Year 9 BTEC Dance Taster Workshop.

Keiron Faller, Choreographer was brilliant and intentionally set a challenging dance piece to which our students responded by really pushing themselves and were fantastic! They were engaged, respectful and demonstrated our school values perfectly. We were very impressed with their commitment to the experience, particularly for those who may have never attempted such difficult tasks.

Find out more about NSCD and their fantastic classes and courses: <https://www.nscd.ac.uk/>



STUDENT AMBASSADOR RESIDENTIAL

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!

Leadership and togetherness were the name of the game for our Ambassador Residential this year.

We joined other secondary schools in the Together Learning Trust, Ryburn Valley High School and The Brooksbank School, to create a memorable experience for our Student Leaders. They learned what makes a good leader, explored their own potential and made a lot of new friends along the way.

As well as attending leadership workshops, students took part in team building exercises such as Jacob's Ladder, problem solving games and a Cadet drill. The trip was a brilliant success, with many new friendships being formed and the bond between the Together Learning Trust schools being strengthened. This will now be an annual event and we can't wait to see our friends from Brooksbank and Ryburn again next year.

Great things happen when we collaborate!



TEAM



»» STRIVE FOR THE HIGHEST ««

LIBRARY NEWS

FOR THE OF READING

We ask our teachers and support staff what they love about reading. This week, Mrs Hill, Head of Geography is in the spotlight!

What was your favourite childhood book?

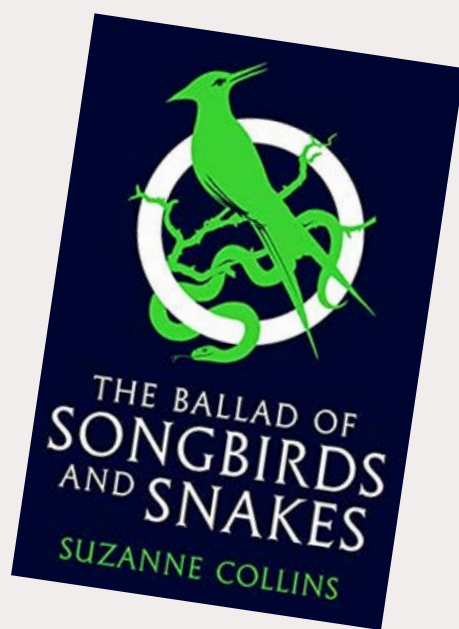
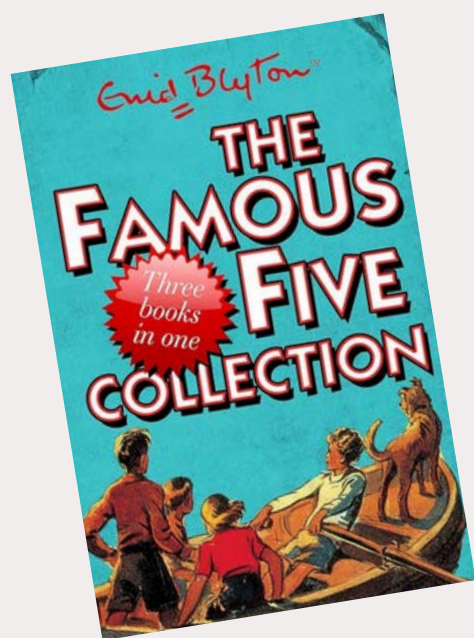
The Famous Five books, I used to imagine I was helping solve the mysteries too and I'm now reading them to my youngest daughter.

What have you read recently that you enjoyed?

The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes, the prequel to the Hunger Games series. I read it last year and then watched the film at Christmas and it made me want to re-read the book again.

Why do you choose to read?

It helps me to switch off without the distraction of my phone or children!



WINNERS GET CAUGHT READING



GET CAUGHT READING!

Support for Honley Student

Raising funds for these amazing charities:

- ♥ Yorkshire Air Ambulance
- ♥ The Fire Fighters Charity
- ♥ TASC The Ambulance Staff Charity

In June 2023, Cohen (aged 17), was involved in a harrowing car accident which left Cohen with severe traumatic brain injury, DAI (shaken baby syndrome) and multiple other injuries.

In a tribute to Cohen's resilience and the vital role of these lifesaving services, members of his family are taking on the challenge of the 3 peaks Ben Nevis, Mount Snowden and Scarfell Pike.

Any support would be hugely appreciated:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Miracle-Peaks...>

What better way to launch our school Instagram?

Celebrate International Women's Day with us as we also celebrate Honley High School's first female Head of School, Liz Lord!

Happy International Women's Day to all the incredible women who make a difference every single day.

Today, we celebrate strength, resilience, and achievements of women around the world.



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ONLINE SAFETY



March is the perfect time to spring clean your settings!

Review privacy controls and improve security settings on your household devices using these top tips from CEOP: bit.ly/3Nd83lq



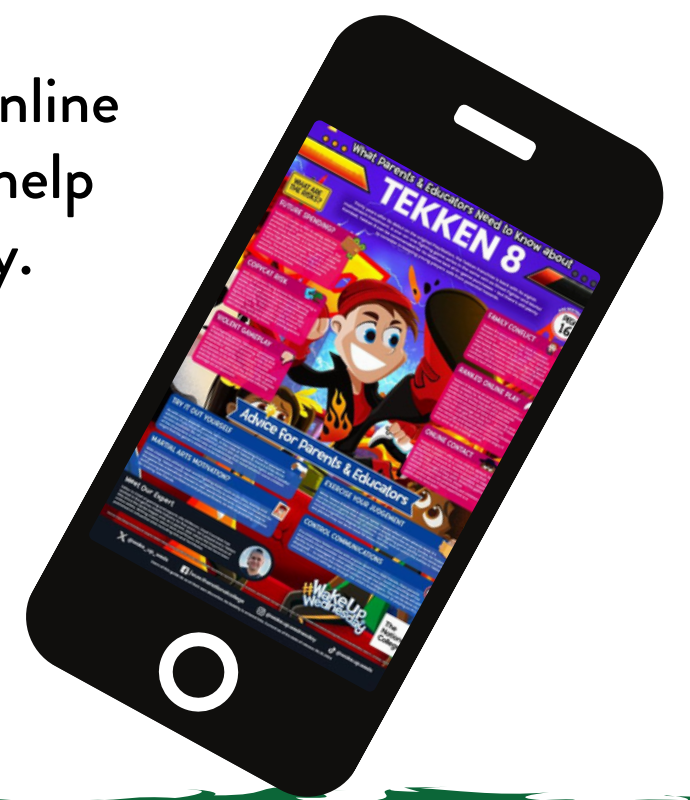
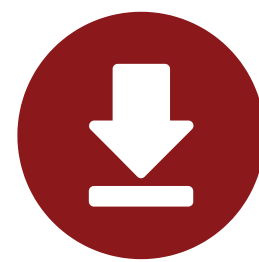
National Online Safety - Tekken 8

This week's knockout guide from National Online Safety, fills parents/carers and educators in on the latest edition of the fighting game 'Tekken 8'.

“With a cast of colourful combatants, Tekken offers an adrenalin hit of fast-paced fisticuffs and slick presentation. As with any fighting game, however, Tekken's competitive nature and focus on violence may not be ideal for the younger element of its user-base.”

Download this week's National Online Safety Guide for tips on how to help young gamers play more safely.

Download the guide here



DATES FOR DIARIES

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

Year 10 Drop Down Day – Block C	Tuesday 12 March 2024
Year 10 Geography Trip to Liverpool	Tuesday 12 March 2024
Costa Brava Sports Trip 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
Easter Holidays	Monday 25 March to Friday 5 April 2024
Year 10 Progress Evening	Thursday 11 April 2024
Year 8 Progress Evening	Thursday 25 April 2024
Year 10 Work Experience	Monday 29 April - Friday 3 May 2024
Honley's Got Talent	Thursday 2 May 2024
Year 7 PGL Trip	Monday 13 May - Wednesday 15 May 2024
May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 6 May 2024
Half term	Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May 2024
Last day for students	Monday 19 July 2024
INSET DAY (school closed)	Monday 22 July 2024

PLEASE NOTE: DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

COMMUNITY NEWS

We regularly share news of local community events via our social media pages, here are a few examples which we hope are helpful.



MENTAL HEALTH & EMOTIONAL WELLBEING WORKSHOPS

Northorpe Child and Family Trust offer a range of mental health and emotional wellbeing workshops which are **free** to Kirklees Parents and Carers.

Book in advance:

<https://chewsnews.northorpehall.co.uk/workshops.php...>

March 2024		
Date and Time	Information session	Delivered by
Monday 4th at 1-2:30pm	ADHD Awareness	Debby & Emma
Wednesday 6th at 10-11:30am	Positive Communication and Attachment	Karen & Asiya
Thursday 7th at 6-7:30pm	The Teenage Brain (F2F)	Kath and Dee
Tuesday 12th at 1-2:30pm	The Impact of the Digital age on Mental Health	Dee & Asiya
Thursday 14th at 1-2:30pm	Introduction to Self-Harm (F2F)	Debby & Karen
Friday 15th at 10-11:30am	Promoting Self-Esteem and Resilience	Emma & Kath
Monday 18th at 10-11:30am	Understanding and Supporting Anxiety	Karen & Asiya
Wednesday 20th at 1-2:30pm	Autism awareness (F2F)	Debby & Dee
Thursday 21st at 1-2:30pm	Understanding Behaviour as Communication	Emma & Kath

Parent/Carer Information Sessions available through Northorpe Hall website

<https://chewsnews.northorpehall.co.uk/workshops.php#>

WINDY BANK YOUTH **FREE ENTRY**
new Tuesday youth clubs
ARTS & CRAFTS
A PLACE TO CHILL
BUSHCRAFT AND GAMES
LEARN LIFE SKILLS
WINDY BANK COMMUNITY CENTRE
10 FOURTH AVE, LIVERSEDGE, WF15 8LA
JUNIORS (8-11) 5-6.30PM
SENIORS (11-17) 7-8.30PM
YOUTH WORKERS
 For further details contact Kimberley on 0774 2251565
www.facebook.com/fearlesspeopleyorkshire
 FEARLESS PEOPLE
 Kirklees COUNCIL

fairandfunky
SCRAPtastic Holiday Club
 AT THE TECH, HOLMFIRTH
 - 2ND APRIL - 3RD APRIL -
 - 4TH APRIL - 5TH APRIL -
 10AM TO 2PM EACH DAY
 ONLY £25 PER CHILD PER DAY (OR FREE TO ATTEND FOR CHILDREN ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS)
 Join fairandfunky for a day of crafting and activities centred around recycling! Each child will make their own piece of artwork to take home!
 Lunch is provided for every participant.
 Limited space available, so booking is essential. Please email sophie@fairandfunky.com for a booking form.
FOR AGES 8 - 12
 FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION
 Kirklees COUNCIL
WWW.FAIRANDFUNKY.COM

2ND - 5TH APRIL
FOOD ART & SESSIONS
 9.30-1.30PM
FUNDED & PAID PLACES
 Fun art activities and delicious local hot food
 FOR MORE INFO VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.globearts.org.uk/art-hot-food

TUE 2 APRIL
 Craft your own Easter bonnet or hat in your own style!
WED 3 APR
 Air-dry sculptures - make a creature, coaster or pen pot... the choice is yours!
THUR 4 APRIL
 Using tissue papers, metallic paints, gems, feathers and fabrics, make your own decoupage birdie!
FRI 5 APRIL
 Create a 3D Eco Plant with upcycled plastic bottles and tubs
 9.30 - 1.30 EACH DAY



This month, S2R's activities schedule includes a 4-week Men's Garden Upcycling Course, Art in the Park at Greenhead Park, a special Spring Felted Fairies Evening Workshop and a My Marvellous Mind self-care session at Waterloo. Plus lots of other brilliant things besides! So if you'd like to learn something new and make some new friends, come and join in with some of our sessions...

Visit www.s2r.org.uk/whats-on to find out more and call 07933 358800 or email: contact@s2r.org.uk to book a place on any of our sessions or workshops.



EDEN'S FOREST
 COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY
HOLIDAY CLUB
 There are lots of great reasons to join our Holiday Club this Easter Half Term!
 • Woodland adventures on our zipwire, cargo net and tree swing, and making dens.
 • Crafting with woodwork, whittling and clay.
 • Roundhouse, covered fire pit & s'mores!
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Families
 Leeds & West Yorkshire
FREE
 Easter fun
IN THIS ISSUE
 Easter Parenting Days out
 child friendly Leeds
 GIVEAWAYS GALORE SEE INSIDE Families

How to build a mini wildlife pond
wildlife watch
 You will need:
 • a watertight container
 • old bricks, rocks and pebbles
 • pond plants
 • spade
 * Is there anything that you can upcycle? It could be an old washing-up bowl, sink or even a plant pot. Aim for 10-30cm deep.
 1 Choose a spot. Your pond will need light, but not full sunlight all day. You can dig a hole and sink your container, or just have it sitting on top.
 2 If the container isn't watertight, e.g. an old plant pot, then add a piece of pond liner.
 3 Add a layer of gravel and rocks.
 4 Fill your pond with rainwater (tap water contains chemicals).
 5 Start planting... you only need two or three plants.
 6 Now watch and wait! Wildlife will come to your pond of its own accord.
 One vertical growing plant that reaches out of the water e.g. flowering rush
 Use logs or stones to create a range of depths and a slope for creatures to climb in and out
 One submerged plant e.g. hornwort or spiked water milfoil
 Don't introduce frogs, fish or even water from another pond as this can spread disease.
www.wildlifewatch.org.uk



Follow school on social media and visit our website:

