

# Horsforth School and the Sixth Form at Horsforth

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NEWSLETTER

As this academic year draws to a close, we've had a very busy term, but that is the way it should be! Our students have worked hard but they've had some fun along the way. Here's my highlights since Easter.

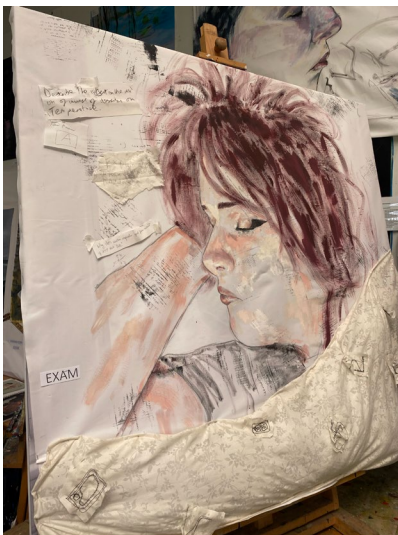
## Student Successes

It goes without saying that our students achieve great things both inside and outside of the classroom, but here are some highlights from this term.

Isaac in Year 9 and Elena in Year 10 completed the Cadet version of the "World's Toughest Patrol Test" and won a Bronze medal. Out of 70,000 cadets in the UK, only 140 were selected to take part, so big well done!

All of our Year 7 students displayed their projects at the Science Fair and parents/carers were wowed by their work!

Our GCSE and A Level art and photography students also displayed their work at the annual art exhibition. There were some truly inspiring pieces!



## Sporting Successes

There has been so many this term it would be impossible to list them all but our students' achievements in athletics and cricket have shone. Here's some of my favourites:

- Lilia and Matilda taking the dancing world by storm. Both qualified for the national finals in Blackpool where Lilia was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Matilda was placed 5<sup>th</sup>, such a fantastic achievement.
- Sports Day for our Year 7, 8 and 9 students, the sun shone and everyone got into the team spirit!

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- Our amazing relay teams who recently won three out of four races and came second in the fourth!
- India who has qualified to compete nationally at ice skating.
- After an amazing season of winning the league (again!) the Year 8 football team came out on top in a very competitive game against Morley School, to win the Leeds Super Cup Final. They will be going for the double again next year!
- Our Junior Boys and Girls (Year 7 and 8) athletics teams who've had some amazing individual performances but also a great team ethic. A real credit to us!
- In the Leeds Athletics Final we finished fourth overall out of 32 schools in Leeds, a great way to end the season!
- Our Year 8 and 9 girls have all represented the school exceptionally well to win their netball leagues, gold medals all-round!
- It's been an amazing season for our Year 8 cricket team, making the semi-final in the English Schools Cricket Cup. Special mention to our Year 7 duo of Felix and Seth who led the Year 8s to victory.
- Eitan in our sixth form who will represent team GB at the trampoline gymnastics Scalabis Cup competition in Portugal.



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## Happy 50<sup>th</sup> To Us!



This term we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We flung open our doors in September 1972 and as we came to the end of 50 years of teaching, it seemed only right to celebrate this great milestone.

Past staff and students gathered to reminisce and were treated to a musical theatre medley, art and science displays from our current students, tours of the school and a food and drinks reception in Common Grounds.

Here's to the next 50 years!

## Mental Health Accreditation



It was fantastic to announce this term our Accreditation of MindMate Friendly Status.

To be recognised for our work on mental health for our students, across the school and sixth form and for our staff was incredible. You can read our glowing report here if you missed it in my regular Friday letter: <https://www.horsforthschool.org/school/we-are-mindmate-friendly/>

## Golf Academy

Our sixth form golf academy has gone from strength to strength this term. Our extra-curricular golf sessions for our younger students began and the sixth form leaders were great at passing on their knowledge and expert coaching.

Zara in Year 13 was offered a scholarship at California State University Fullerton. She also came 2nd in the Scottish Open. We will hopefully see her playing professionally in the future. Then, we've just found out that Josh in Year 12 has signed to PeakUSA (helping aspiring golfers get the right fit of university in USA) for 2024, I'm sure his future will be bright!



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## Challenge 30



A very proud moment from this term without a doubt has to be our Challenge 30 fundraiser for Candlelighters, a charity dedicated to helping families affected by childhood cancer across Yorkshire.

Our staff and students did all sorts! From reading for 30 minutes a day to running 5km a day. Then the finale of the Enterprise Day topped up our fundraising figure. The effort was immense!

We smashed our target of £10,000 and everyone deserves a big pat on the back!

## Fond Farewells

As always, this term we waved goodbye to our Year 11 and 13 students. They've worked so hard this past year, so it was time to celebrate at their prom nights. There was a lot of glitz and glamour!



## Careers Fair



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We were delighted to hold our annual Careers Fair in early July and it was bigger and better than ever. With over 30 different stands for our students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 to visit. We were pleased to welcome both local and national colleges, universities and businesses.

Our exhibitors were kept busy with lots of questions and we hope our students left inspired!

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## Trips, Visits and Clubs

This term has been jampacked with extra-curricular experiences. Here's just some of the highlights, we hope every student has enjoyed the opportunities and experiences!



Finally, on behalf of everyone at Horsforth School and the Sixth Form at Horsforth, we hope you all have a great summer break. We look forward to seeing our current Year 11 and Year 13 students on results day in August.

Dr P C Bell  
Headteacher

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