

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 are 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.

Head Students Abi (Year 11), Laraib and Darren (both Year 12) were successful in their applications to join the West Yorkshire Youth Commission on Violence and Exploitation 2024. We are proud to have them as representatives from Horsforth School.

Year 7 showcased their Science skills with some amazing projects during the two-day Science Fair in June.

Mohamad, Alice and Cassandra (Year 8) cooked up a winning combination in French class including: poulet chasseur, quiche, croque monsieur, profiteroles and tarte tatin. Délicieux!

Betsy (Year 9) was offered, and has accepted, a place on the Northern Ballet's Centre of Advanced Training CAT programme starting in the summer holidays. Congratulations!

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



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Sporting Successes

Once again, it has been a term full of sporting fixtures, rounders, cricket, athletics to name a few. Our students' achievements in football have been particularly striking. Here are some of my favourites:

- Joseph and Lucas in Year 7 won the Yorkshire Schools Cup with the Leeds Schools FA Under 12s team.
- The Year 9 Football Team completed the double by winning the League and also the LSFA Cup. Well done all!
- The Year 11 football team won the Leeds Cup! Sublime defending and nerves of steel during a penalty shoot-out led to a perfect finish!
- Sports Day for our Year 7, 8 and 9 students was a fun-filled day and a great success.
- Congratulations also to Josh for winning the North Yorkshire Schools golf at Ripon just before the Easter holidays. Well done on your continued success.



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Outdoor Wellbeing



During the Outdoor Wellbeing sessions organised by Miss Brotherton, students created shadow portraits, carved apple heads and modelled clay creatures. They made land art, bird feeders and explored mindful photography and nature journaling, as well as sound mapping, mindful scavenger hunts and drawing techniques such as scrafitto. They also learnt how to build, light and maintain a mini fire to toast marshmallows and make s'mores.



Enterprise Day

Friday 5th July saw the school hosting its whole school Enterprise Fair. Students and staff were invited to attend school in non-uniform, with a theme of pink and yellow to show their support for Candlelighters. We then enjoyed a fantastically varied range of activities and stalls that were organised and run by all tutor groups. There were nearly 40 different stalls in total, including welly wanging, matching the pet with the teacher, the tug of war and lots more! The weather played its part and it was a phenomenally successful day.



Challenge 30



We've had another fantastic year of Challenge 30 fundraising for Candlelighters, a local charity dedicated to helping families affected by childhood cancer across Yorkshire.

Events culminated in our Enterprise Day and fantastic Summer Charity Concert. Thank you to all our families for donating and allowing students to take part. The effort was immense!

The final amount raised will be shared on Friday.

Careers Fair



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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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!



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Trips, Visits and Clubs

This term has been jampacked with extra-curricular experiences. Here are just some of the highlights including trips to Paris, Berlin, Italy and China as well as theatre outings and medical training. We hope every student has enjoyed these opportunities and experiences.



Finally, on behalf of everyone at Horsforth School and the Sixth Form at Horsforth, we wish you and your families a wonderful 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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