



## Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Some exceptional sporting performances and success this term! I just want to congratulate everyone involved and just say how proud I am of our students for their efforts. It's not just winning that matters so well done to every student who goes to after school clubs and sports events. These opportunities are a core part of Horsforth School's curriculum and allow students to develop and succeed in so many different ways.

I would also like to thank all staff who give up their free time voluntarily to run these.

As usual, the link to the Podcast version is here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DPtaOxpHnYn7T-E8wZe8Ej8-XIqIMdi2/view?usp=sharing>

### **Attendance: The Top Facts to Know and Share**

Improving school attendance is everyone's business and, to tackle the challenge we face, we need to work together. As a school we want to work with parents/carers to ensure that every child's attendance is as high as possible as there is a clear link between attendance, progress and wellbeing.



The link between attendance and attainment is clear. Poor attendance has a dramatic relationship with GCSE results. While 78% of all children who were rarely absent in key stage 4 passed at least 5 GCSEs including English and maths, only 36% of children who were persistently absent in key stage 4 and just 5% of children who were severely absent in key stage 4 reached this same standard.

Attendance is important for more than just attainment. Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing. The NHS have produced clear guidelines to be used by schools and parents/carers which state when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. As a school we will be referring to this guidance to determine if we are able to record absences as authorised or unauthorised. You can find this information using the link below:

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<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-to-school-leaders-on-mild-illness-and-school-attendance>



## Year 11 Summer Exam Timetable on Instagram

This summer's exam timetable has already been emailed to all parents but we wanted to let you know that you can also access the revision and exam timetable via our Instagram here:

<https://www.instagram.com/horsforthschool/>



## School Dinner Menu

Please click on the link below to view the food on offer for the coming week.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kr3tdnKUhOBtjmdyT\\_hrguBMzeoFcgxcAokkRYSIGvc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kr3tdnKUhOBtjmdyT_hrguBMzeoFcgxcAokkRYSIGvc/edit?usp=sharing)

- 1. Please note menus may be subject to change due to product availability.*
- 2. Please note some of the products we serve may contain peanuts, tree nuts, soy, milk, eggs and wheat. While we take steps to minimise the risk of cross-contamination, we cannot guarantee that any of our products are safe to consume for people with peanut, tree nut, soy, milk, egg or wheat allergies.*
- 3. Please note we will make every reasonable effort to ensure that the information provided is accurate; however, due to the very nature of food production there can be variations in each meal. As a school we are not able to provide 100% accurate information on the food we serve.*

## Come and Work at our School

[Take a look at our Vacancies webpage](#) to view the current roles we are recruiting. At the moment we are looking for someone to join us as a Pastoral and Behaviour Officer, Female PE Teacher and a Curriculum

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Leader of Maths. You can always call the school for a chat about any of the jobs on offer on 0113 2265454. Please share with anyone you think might like to join our team.

### **Community Event to support Men's Mental Health**

A member of the community, Jill Walshaw is organising a community fundraising event in her late son's memory to raise funds for men's mental health including young men. Her son, Matty was a former student at Horsforth School.

The event will be held on Saturday May 11th 2024 from 2:30-10:00 pm in the grounds of St Margaret's Church on Church Lane. Tickets can be purchased on the day (£6 adults, £3 for children) proceeds will go to Leeds Mind and St Margaret's Church funds.

### **Fixtures**

Year 9 Rounders Results – it finally felt like summer!

Horsforth V Cardinal Heenan 1 – 1.5 Horsforth lost

Horsforth V Prince Henrys 4 – 3 Horsforth won

Horsforth V Guiseley 5.5 – 3.5 Horsforth won

This meant that we were second overall in the group which was fantastic for our first game. Annabelle was the Player of the Game for making excellent decisions and consistently batting well.



### Year 7 Football Success

Last week three of our Year 7s won the Garforth League Division 1 title for Horsforth St Margaret's Pegasus under 12s. They have been unbeaten all season and are also in the league and district cup finals. Well done to Isaac, Lucas and Joseph!

### Ballet Success

After 3 years on the associate programme at Northern Ballet, Betsy in Year 9 was offered both a Senior Associate place and asked to attend an audition class for the Centre of Advanced Training CAT programme. Betsy has been offered, and has accepted, her offer of a place on the CAT programme starting in the summer holidays. Congratulations!

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## ***Sixth Form at Horsforth News***

### Year 13 Working Hard

Some of our students have already been working hard before the majority of exams begin. Our Year 13 A Level drama students did an amazing job performing their exam piece of 'Swallow' and this week our A Level art and photography students started three days of exams. Good luck, we are right behind you!

### Student Loans for September

Student finance for those Year 13 students going to university in September is now open. [You can create an account and apply for a loan here.](#)

### University Open Days

Year 12 parents/carers, there are 105 university open days in June! Spaces fill up VERY fast, especially Manchester, so we advise to book as soon as possible – [here's a handy guide.](#)

Yours faithfully,

Dr P Bell  
Headteacher