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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you read this, Dr Bell is with our Year 9 Mandarin Excellence Programme students who are having a fantastic time in Hangzhou, China. They landed in Hangzhou after a 24 hour flight and so far, the students have enjoyed an opening ceremony with their Chinese peers, who they have been working closely with, at Zhejiang Normal University.

They have visited a local middle school for an afternoon of friendly basketball matches and our students have worked hard at rehearsing their sports and hobbies vocabulary as well as enjoying a spot of shopping at a mall in downtown Hangzhou. Although it's extremely hot (over 38 degrees), they are absolutely enjoying every minute of the trip so far!

Meanwhile it has been a busy week at Horsforth with our annual careers fair and preparations for the Enterprise day today. Our budding actors also have an opportunity today to audition for our next school play, Wonderland which will be performed in the next academic year.

As usual, the link to the Podcast version is here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14GvejptrZDXpU70Nr6klQihljzjnx1Clx/view?usp=sharing>

China Trip Photos



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Careers Fair

On Thursday, our Year 9, 10 and 12 students attended the annual Careers Fair as we welcomed 39 different employers from across the UK to host stalls at our annual Careers Fair: Crown Prosecution Service, DBS Institute of Sound and Music Technologies, HSBC, Edge Hill University, LabCorp, West Yorkshire Police and many more! There was a wealth of knowledge and information on offer for the students to engage with and it was a really successful event!



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General Election

Developing students understanding of Fundamental British Values is a key part of our Horsforth School curriculum and this week we have enhanced the principles of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance through students' participation in a special General Election lesson in PSHCE and Horsforth School vote. Students attended the ballot box over lunchtime and there was a real buzz of excitement. The final votes were counted by our Y8 and Y9 Student Parliament members: 1st: Labour, 2nd: Reform UK, 3rd: Green Party, 4th: Liberal Democrats, 5th: Yorkshire Party, 6th: Conservative Party, 7th: Social Democratic Party.



Demystifying Apprenticeships Online Event

Please see attached information about a Demystifying Apprenticeships Online Event. The online session will take place on **Wednesday 10th July 5.30pm – 7.00pm** and will provide an opportunity for you to get the latest information about apprenticeships.

Year 7 Drama Showcase

We welcome Year 7 parents to watch the Year 7 Drama showcase on Monday evening at 6pm – it's a chance to see what they have been working on in Drama Club!



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Summer Charity Concert

Our music concerts are always spectacular, so what better way to end the year with a summer concert in aid of Candlelighters. Everyone is welcome, tickets are on sale outside the main hall during break and lunchtime.



Class Charts

As mentioned in previous letters we will be launching Class Charts in September. We have produced a handy parent guide which can be accessed here:

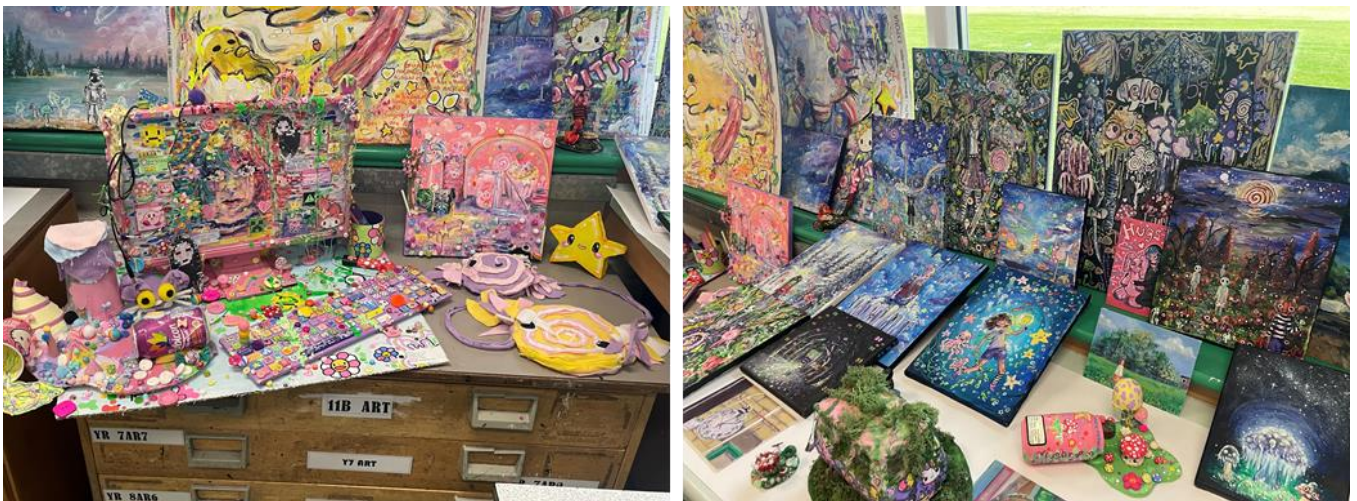
<https://www.horsforthschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Class-Charts-Parent-Guide.pdf>

Last Day of Term

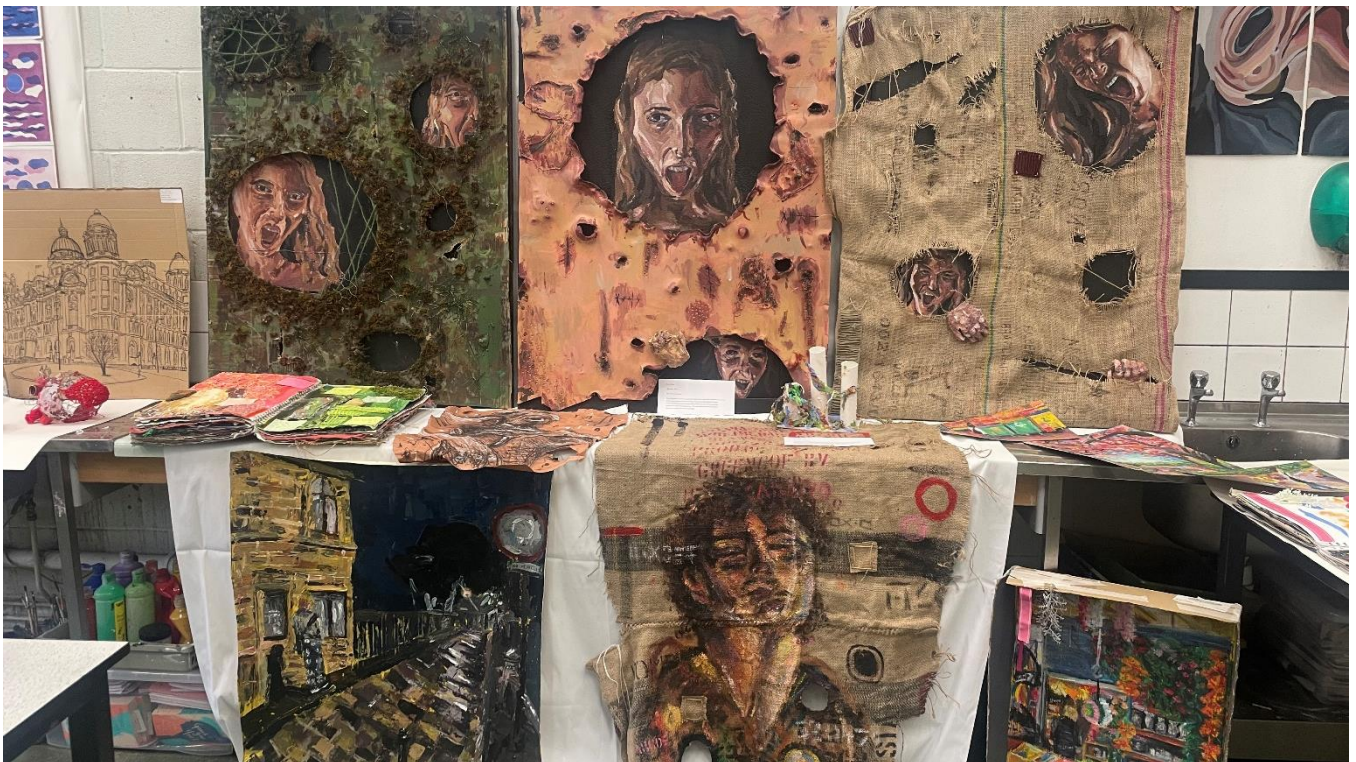
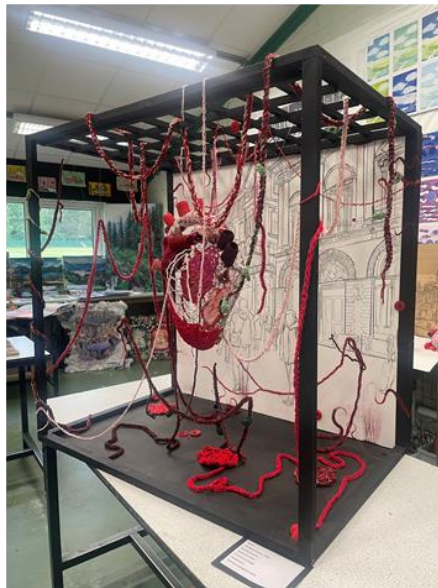
The last day of this term and academic year is Friday 19th July 2024 for all students and on that day, a series of celebration assemblies and activities will take place. **School will close for students after these assemblies at approximately 12:10pm.** Any student entitled to free school meals will be able to pick up a sandwich at break should they wish to do so.

Art Exhibition

Every year our GCSE and A Level art and photography students have the opportunity to exhibit their work. It's such a celebration of the students' talent that I could fill this letter with pictures of their work – but here are some fantastic examples.



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2024-2025 Term Dates

Please see below a link to the 2024-2025 term dates: <https://www.horsforthschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Horsforth-School-Term-Dates-2024-25.pdf>

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/1YU51y5GO-H6-odpxhPOG8zIUwpletxJRyfSbz2tSY0A/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.*

Fixtures

Cricket

The Under 13's continued their unbeaten start to cricket, beating Roundhay School by 9 wickets and 8 overs to spare. It was another fantastic performance from all participants. Special mentions to Felix for 3 wickets and Isaac, who was smashing 4's for fun and retired on 30. A massive well done to all the boys who have contributed throughout the cricket season.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Congratulations

A big congratulations to the Year 12 students who received their end of year exam results this week. Lots of students are gaining positive outcomes following a week of exams. Students have demonstrated unwavering commitment, resilience, and academic excellence and beyond this, they've grown as individuals, developing critical thinking skills, creativity, and a strong sense of community. We extend our congratulations to all Year 12 students and wish them continued success as they embark on their academic journey with us next year. Well done to all involved!

Biomedical Science Taster Day

We love to offer our students any opportunity to see where our sixth form could take them. So, it was great for Miss Crawford to be able to take some of our budding scientists to a taster day at Leeds Beckett University. They had a talk about careers in biomedical science, choosing accredited degrees, a lab session diagnosing a patient and analysing lab data. A great day full of possibilities.



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Year 13 Prom

Our Year 13 students had a fantastic evening last Friday at their Prom. Please look on our Instagram page to see more photos: https://www.instagram.com/sixthform_athorsforth/



Taster Day

As we progress towards the end of this year, we begin to think about the start of a new academic year in September. It was great to welcome hundreds of Year 11 students from our own school but also from across Leeds to our Taster Day. The day was a roaring success, as potential new students got a feel for lessons and life on our campus on a sunny summer's day – we hope everyone is excited as we are for September!



Yours faithfully,

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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