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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your messages of support over the last week. It's been a difficult time for many in the school and outside but it's also been a reminder of what a fantastic community we serve.

On another note, it's been lovely to see so many students qualifying for the Fab 5 breakfast rewards this week. Students have been working extremely hard so I just wanted to thank them for their efforts. Please pass on my thanks and congratulations.

As usual, the link to the Podcast version is here: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1If1_JU-N2QR4dR9a76PI_SSEw79ZM\]qc/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1If1_JU-N2QR4dR9a76PI_SSEw79ZM]qc/view?usp=sharing)

Good Luck Year 11

This week was the first week of revision sessions and GCSE exams for all our Year 11 students. They've all worked hard and know their stuff... so good luck from all of us and thank you to all the supportive parents and carers!

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Dedication to Their French Studies

Over the Easter holidays, Mr Simpson's Year 8 French class were challenged to cook up a storm dans la cuisine by creating some French delicacies. Félicitations to the three winners (Mohamad, Alice and

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Cassandra) who each made multiple dishes, including: poulet chasseur, quiche, croque monsieur, profiteroles and tarte tatin. As the French would say... Miam-miam! Bon appétit!



Fab 5 Breakfast Treat!

Yesterday we celebrated our Year 7 superstars. Everyone with an average ATL of 5 or above came to enjoy an extended form time breakfast feast! Well done Year 7 and well done to those in Years 8 to 10 who will be treated over the next few days!



Community Police Visit

A group of our students participated in a meeting with local police officers to improve their knowledge and understanding of the job. They also had the opportunity to ask a number of questions and engage in discussion around law enforcement, attitudes to policing and responsibilities involved as part of building positive community relationships.



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Cashless Catering: Facial Recognition for September 2024

We are introducing facial recognition catering tills in September 2024. Please click on the [link](#) to read more and **provide consent for the use of biometric data**. This will mean students won't have to have a card and the queues should be much quicker.

Parents Forum 22nd May at 5.30pm

We will be holding a Parents' Forum on 22nd May at 5.30pm in the main school hall for any parents to attend who wish to ask any questions about the new facial recognition catering system mentioned above. In addition, members of the Leadership Team will be available to answer any general questions you may have about student experience at Horsforth School. If you would like to attend, [please click on the link to register for this forum](#). We expect the event to close at 6.30pm. If you have a specific query regarding SEND, there will be an additional parent forum early in the next half term.

Final Call for July Rewards Day Options Y7-I0

We have sent two emails regarding the selection process for rewards days and the deadline for choices has now passed. We have extended the deadline for choices to be made, but cannot keep this open any longer. If your child has not yet chosen can you please speak to them and complete the online form by 5pm on Monday 13th May. Any students who have not selected their choice, will be added to the in school rewards day.

Year 7: <https://forms.gle/6bgT7sj86mcSkp8b7>

Year 8: <https://forms.gle/UuaVTYHm4gIgeQgq5>

Year 9: <https://forms.gle/RGG6BpThoyieLUR96>

Year 10: <https://forms.gle/Y3bKxC3fdbEqzzXA>

Nose Piercings

I would like to remind you of the School's policy on piercings and in particular nose piercings. These are not permitted on health and safety grounds. We do not accept plasters covering them up nor flesh covered piercings.

If your child has a nose piercing, they will not be permitted to attend mainstream school and will be withdrawn to our inclusion room.

Social Media and Appropriate Age

Online safety continues to be of central importance in our PSHCE lessons and in wider aspects of the curriculum.

We do sometimes have to manage incidents where there has been a mis-use of social media and where necessary we do involve the police.

A recurring theme is that young people are using sites underage and are not keeping themselves safe by not using the correct privacy settings on these.

I would like to signpost you to the safeguarding section on our website that is specifically for parents and carers. We have designed this as a 'one stop' shop for all safeguarding concerns. There are 2 sections on this around social media, age ranges and pitfalls. Please take a look at this.

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<https://www.horsforthschool.org/useful-information/safeguarding-student-and-parent-information/>

The names of key staff are on the website along with details of how you or your child can contact us or other relevant agencies if you need support or advice.

Supporting Adult in School

On page 11 of the Students planners, all students should have nominated at least 2 adults at school who they would turn to if they have a problem or need to talk. We complete an exercise with them about reporting concerns at school, and it might be beneficial for you to take a look at this to support your child if they need support in school.

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/>



The Duke of Edinburgh Award Update

Well done to those students participating in their Silver DofE Award who completed their in-school training day, in preparation for their expedition. Bronze Award students are also well on their way with their activities and there will be a drop in session for students with Mrs Thomas on Tuesday after school in the Sixth Form block, room SF4.

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/1qXYaKYAiEfltOy-7NIAW3xnqhLb6xdmHzk0YQXI EowE/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.

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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. 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 tomorrow 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 7 Football

Joseph and Lucas in Year 7 are part of the Leeds Schools FA Under 12s team and they won the Yorkshire Cup at the weekend, beating an unbeaten Barnsley Schools team 5-0. They finished second in the league, reached the quarterfinals of the national cup and won the Yorkshire Schools Cup.

Year 8 Football

The Year 8 Team faced Temple Moor in the semi-final of the Don Revie Cup last week in what turned out to be a dramatic game that could have gone either way. Temple Moor went 1-0 up in the first half after a long ball and a smart finish by the striker, however, just before halftime Jacob chased a ball into the channel and with no crossing options, he decided to shoot from the corner of the area and found the far top corner.

The second half was end to end and after a defensive error Temple Moor went 2-1 ahead, Horsforth piled the pressure on and with three minutes to go Ruairidh curled a shot off the bar and much to the delight of the boys, Jacob was quickest to the rebound and levelled 2-2.

Extra time was uneventful and the game went to penalties. The previous week the team were knocked out of another cup on penalties with only JJ, our Goalkeeper, scoring. However, the boys showed great resilience to go again and all five slotted their penalties leaving the Temple Moor captain with the final spot kick.

The final may be held at Elland Road so watch this space! What an experience that would be for the boys.

Year 11 Football

The Year 11 Football Team have made it through to the Leeds League Champions final with a comprehensive 2-0 win over Farnley Academy. The first half saw us against the elements and good game management gave Farnley few opportunities. The best moments belonged to us and we went in 0-0.

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The second half started slowly but a scruffy goal came from a cross and the relentless Alec was there to prod home. The next goal was the first bit of quality the game had seen, as Emre volleyed in to make it 2-0. The Player of the Match was Eddie who pocketed their best player for the entire game, class! Next, we have two finals, one in the Leeds Cup and one in the Leeds League Champions Cup.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Start the Day Right

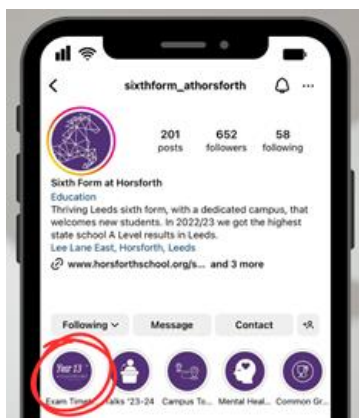
Year 13 parents, let your children know that from Monday free toast and fruit will be available in Commons Grounds, before all morning exams if required.



Year 13 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/sixthform_athorsforth/



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

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