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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for all your responses on the Parent Voice there is some really useful feedback. We will look at this as a Leadership Team and hope to act on some of the written comments. One thing that there were questions about and a desire for is greater clarity on homework, particularly in the younger years so we will start work on this as a priority and let you know of next steps in a future letter.

Thank you so much for the positive comments, I really appreciate you taking the time to complete and share your views.

Resources to Support Parents with CENTURY TECH

CENTURY TECH is a tried and tested intervention tool where learners can complete mini-lessons or Nuggets. Learners can choose which nuggets they want to complete, complete nuggets set by teachers, or allow CENTURY to suggest the best nuggets for them based on their strengths and weaknesses.

Lots of homework is set on Century Tech. Here is a parent's guide on how to best support your child:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yn0TdhcaLbY>

UKMT Summer School

Throughout the school year, the mathematics department run the UKMT Maths Challenge competitions. The highest scorers from across the country are awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates. Having achieved a Gold award at the UKMT Challenge last year, Year 11 student Caitlin was invited to attend the prestigious UKMT Summer School and has now been invited to take part in the UKMT Maths Mentoring Scheme. Congratulations



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Year 7 Herd Farm Trips

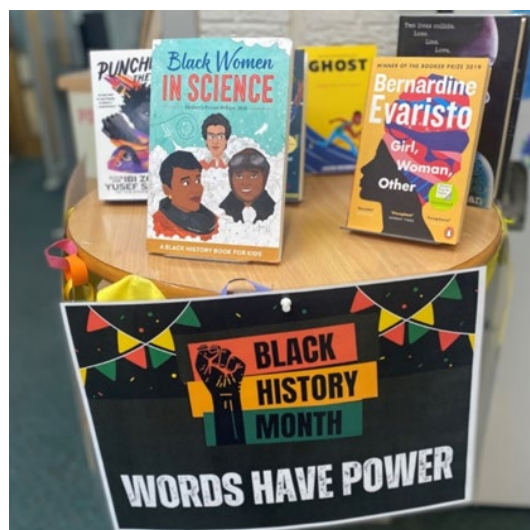
This week our Year 7 students have had the exciting opportunity to visit Herd Farm with their Form Groups. The focus is very much on students getting to know each other better and forming those team bonds.

It was fantastic to see pupils really give their all, trying brilliant activities from climbing walls to zip lines! They represented the School impeccably and it was a pleasure to see them support each other and grow in confidence by the end of the day. Well done Year 7!



Black History Month

October is Black History Month and this year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters'. Our Library is equipped with some great titles, so please encourage your child to come and have a read.



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Year 9 Cyber Security Trip to Bletchley Park

On Friday last week, some of our Year 9 students visited the famous Bletchley Park, once the top-secret home of the UK's main codebreaking team during World War II to learn about Cyber Security. As our lives are becoming ever more digitally connected, students are making their way into this brave new world, but how prepared are they to do this in a way that keeps their personal data and devices secure?

Through discussion, interactive demonstrations and practical activities, students considered their individual digital world, looking at the devices, apps and data they value. They also identified where weaknesses in their personal cyber security exist and how criminals might exploit these, learnt practical ways to improve their cyber security, and created a plan of action that is unique to them. Thank you to Miss Turner for organising the trip!



Cadet Success

Last weekend some of our Year 9 and 10 students attended the Black Rat cadet exercise and came 2nd overall out of nearly 30 schools. They camped out in the field, took part in a night vision stealth exercise, competed in various tasks such as using radios and first aid evacuation scenarios. We are so proud. Thank you to Mrs Johnson for accompanying the students for the weekend!

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Ahead of the Game - Leeds Rhinos Foundation

On Monday next week, some of our Year 9 students will be taking part in a mental health workshop run by the Leeds Rhinos, funded by the November campaign.

Ahead of the Game is a ground-breaking programme that will teach young people the importance of looking after their mental fitness. Starting as a research project in Australia, it is possibly the only programme of its type in the world that has shown it is effective.

Results so far have shown that the programme produces:

- Increased understanding of the importance of mental health.
- Greater confidence in recognising the signs and symptoms of mental health problems in themselves and others.
- Greater confidence in seeking help for mental health.

Christmas Card Competition

It's that time of year again to think about our school Christmas card for 2023 so we are excited to announce that we are launching the annual Christmas Card Competition!

We encourage all students to get involved and send us their entries. These can be drawings, paintings, photography etc. Be as creative as you like.

Please send any entries to marketing@horsforthschool.org, or alternatively drop them off in reception. The deadline for entries is Monday the 6th November. We will choose a winner on Friday 10th November and a prize will be awarded to the winning student. Good luck!

Sports Fixtures

Netball

We played really well but unfortunately lost both games:

15-10 Year 10 Player of the Match: Emily

14-6 Year 9 Player of the Match: Imogen

Football

The Year 7 Girls Football Team had a great first win in the cup against St Mary's. 4-1. Good performances all round but Sophia's first half hat-trick won the game.

The Year 8 Boys Football Team beat Guiseley 4-2 in a hard-fought game. Some great performances with goals from Alfie, Tom and Seth. The Player of the Match was Alfie.

Year 9 Football Team progressed into the 3rd round of the LSFA Cup, beating Dixon's Chapeltown 8-1 with goals from Jake x2, Josh x2, Leo x1, Kupa x1, Will x1 and Joe x1.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

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We are pleased to let you know our first Sixth Form Open Evening for this year will take place on

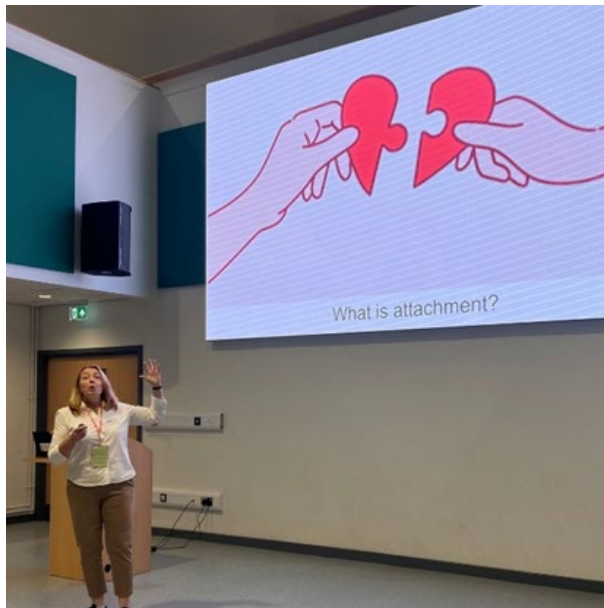
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Thursday 16th November. [All the information about the evening is here](#), you also need to register for a free ticket via the link on this page. (Please note: Current Year 11 Horsforth School students should register too.)

We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Leeds Beckett University Psychology Talk

Our Psychology students were treated to an exciting visit on Tuesday morning, hearing about the Science of Attachment Styles, with Diana a Senior Lecturer in Counselling and Mental Health at Leeds Beckett University. They explored how our attachment style dictates who and how we love, how attachments are formed, and much more.



Thank you, as always, for your support,

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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