

Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to start by saying well done to all our Year 10's who have been an absolute credit to us on their work experience! Many schools stopped in person work experience placements during COVID and we are one of the few schools to have restarted as we think it's such a valuable experience. Staff have been out to visit students and the feedback has been wonderful. I would also like to give a massive thanks to all the companies who have provided placements and allowed this wonderful opportunity for Year 10 to go ahead.

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RqVWxlqjtTaolxrdzHo1JOOaWFvkVupD/view?usp=sharing>

Mindmate Mental Health Champion Award

Last year the Mental Health and Wellbeing team worked hard in gaining the school 'MindMate Friendly School status' meaning Horsforth is a school that recognises and promotes the need to support mental and health and wellbeing. This year the school has managed to secure 'MindMate Champion' status for its continued work to support staff and students, this is the highest level award. We are very proud to be a Beacon School for working on strategies and ideas around how to support students and staff around emotional wellbeing. Well done to our wellbeing team and please do look at our website for support and signposting on offer at the school. <https://www.horsforthschool.org/useful-information/safeguarding-student-and-parent-information/>

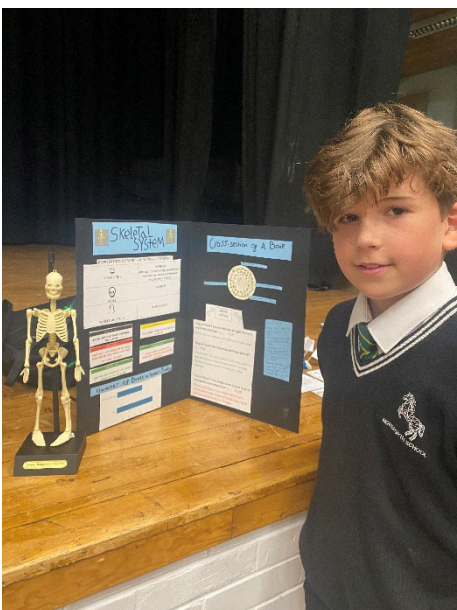
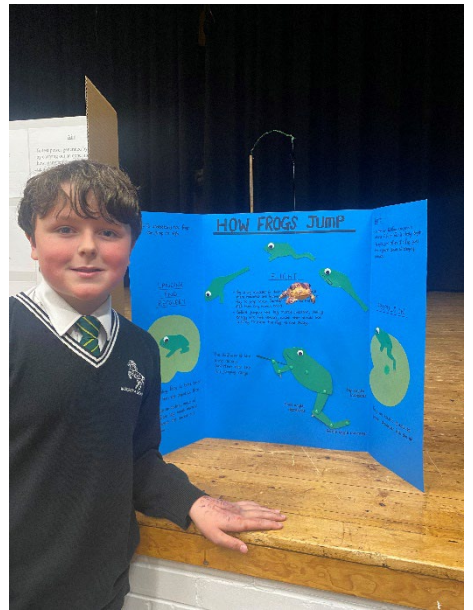
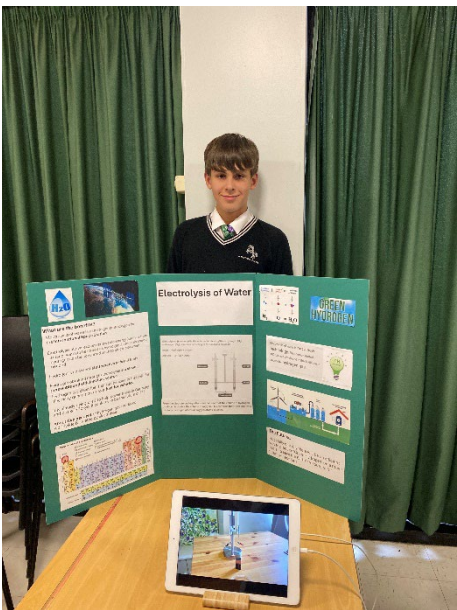
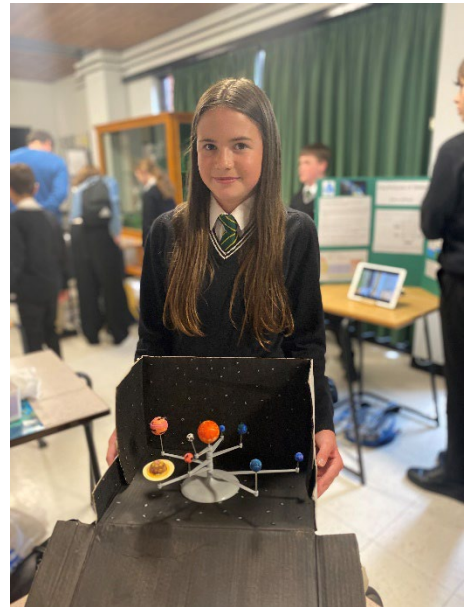
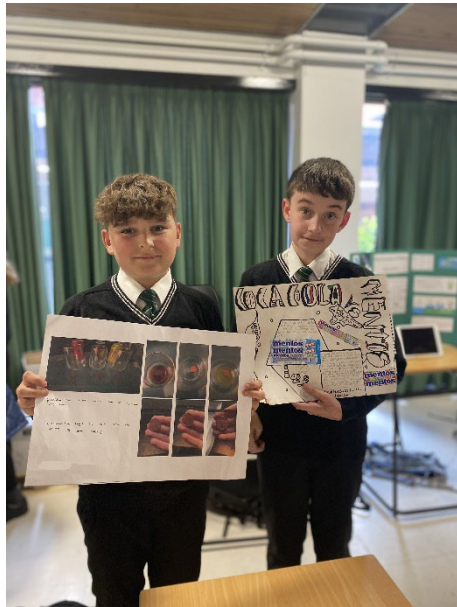
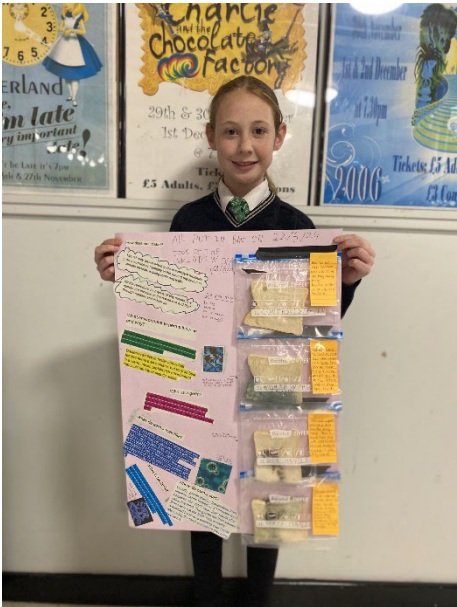


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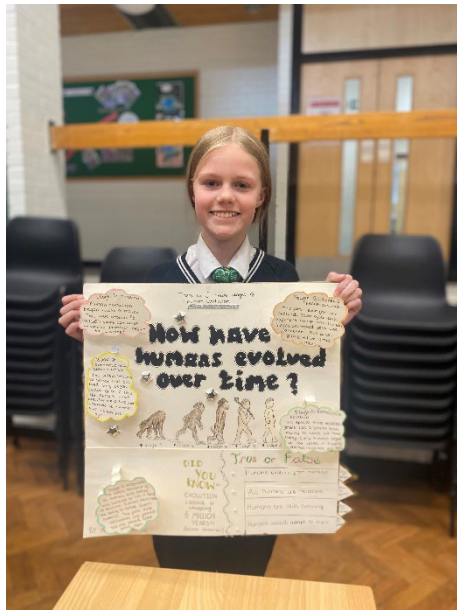
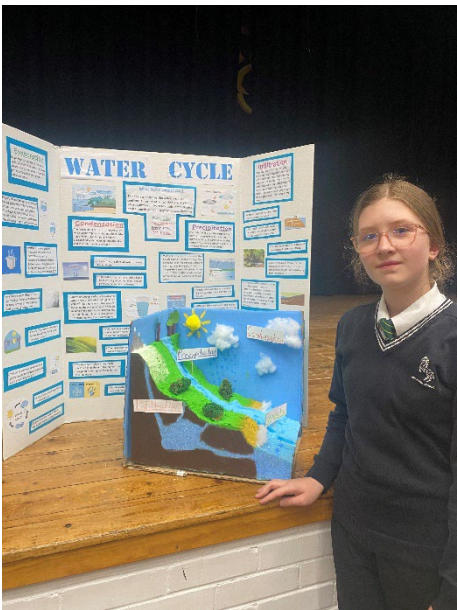
This week the whole of Year 7 made us proud with their efforts for the two day Science Fair. There were some amazing projects and we wanted to thank the Science Department for organising such a great annual event and all the parents/carers who joined us.

Good luck to all the students, you've done a fantastic job of showcasing your Science skills!

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Sports Day

Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students have had a fantastic time during Sports Day today!



SkillsFest

Please see attached information about a Lloyds Banking Group event for students, aged 14+, and their parents/carers on **Saturday 15 June** at their new offices in Leeds. The SkillsFest is an opportunity to learn about apprenticeships (even meet a few), chat with university partners, and try your hand at some of the careers on offer. See what it takes to build Britain's biggest digital bank and Imagine What's Next.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Update

Both the Silver and Gold Award participants have been informed on their practice and assessed expeditions. The Bronze Award participants have been allocated their Cohorts, for their in-school training and practice and assessed expedition dates. This information has been shared with them via their DofE Google classroom and school email. Please remind your children to check their DofE Google classroom and to regularly check their school emails for information. There will be an after school session for the

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Silver Award participants on Wednesday 19th June in SF4, to go over their practice expedition. Thank you for your support.

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.

[Summer cycle three - Google Docs](#)

- 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

Under 15s Cricket

Our Under 15s Cricket Team cruised to victory over Leeds West with a very convincing 9 wickets to spare. We bowled them out for 42 runs and reached the target set within 6 overs. Even with some very lenient umpiring from Mr Maxwell. The Player of the Match was Will for taking two wickets. Thanks to Mr Davis for supporting the PE team and taking the team from the start.

Year 8 Rounders

On Tuesday our Year 8 Rounders Team were triumphant once again winning 4 out of their 5 matches, against Bruntcliffe Academy, Morley Academy, Prince Henrys and Guiseley School in the tournament resulting in a first place win overall. For 45 minutes of the tournament they were unfortunately down to 8 players, but showed some great team work and resilience to still come out victorious! The Player of the Tournament was Maisie, who's backstop performance was vital in the team's success. They have qualified for the Year 8 Leeds Schools Finals which will take place Thursday 27th June, good luck girls!

Year 7 and 8 Boys Cricket

We fielded 9 Year 7s and 3 Year 8s against Abbey Grange on Wednesday night and lost by 15 runs. Special mentions go to Joe, Jamie and Artie for their bowling and Lucas for playing in his first ever cricket match. The Player of the Match has to go to Isaac who kept wicket superbly and top scored with the bat scoring 33 runs.

Athletics

On Tuesday we attended a Year 7 Only Athletics Event at the John Charles Centre for Sport. The pupils represented the school extremely well and we had some fantastic results. A special congratulations and shout out to the following pupils:

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Lily – 2nd in long jump with a jump of 3.5m and 4th in 200m with a time of 30.8 seconds

Leo – 3rd in javelin with a throw of 18.6m

Timothy – 3rd in 1500m and a school record of 5.25 minutes

Danielle – 4th in 800m with a time of 3.20 minutes

Lucy – 4th in 1500m with a time of 6.09 minutes

Charlie, Grace, Leo and Lily were also 2nd in the mixed relay which was a very exciting race! There were on average around 26 pupils competing in each event. Well done to all!

On Thursday our Year 8s and 9s put in some great performances, from Alfie winning his 1500m event, Archie achieving a fantastic 2nd on the 100m and Celeb achieving 3rd on 200m. The Inter girls gained a respectable 4th in relay and junior boys excelled with 2nd in their relay.



Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Official Goodbye

We recently said a proper goodbye to our Year 13 students at their leavers assembly. The sixth form team pulled out all the stops with some funny sketches, a game of the 'price is right' and a prize giving ceremony. There's still a couple of weeks of exams to go, but this annual event is always a lovely one.

Out and About

This week our Year 12 students have been on a couple of trips. One to the University of York for our English Language students, to listen to a series of workshops and lectures on linguistics and new research. The other was to Leeds Beckett University for a Human Rights Conference for our students hoping to pursue a career in Law after sixth form.

Yours faithfully,

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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