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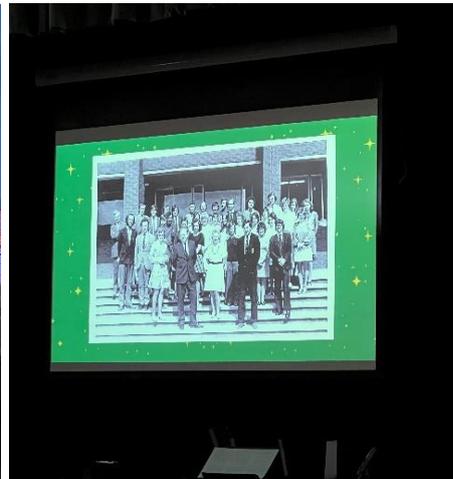
14th July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we head into the final week of term it's been great to see so many students enjoying rewards days. Whether it's fun in school or a trip to a theme park (I am at Flamingo Land today) it's fantastic to see so many students enjoying themselves after their hard work this year.

50th Anniversary

This week we marked the 50th anniversary of the school. Our guests enjoyed magical musical performances thanks to Ms Cairns, Ms Botham and Dr Whiteman. Our guests were able to see a selection of students' work, had a tour around the building and a reception in our new Sixth Form Campus. We were delighted to welcome back ex-staff and students for this special occasion!



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Pastoral Updates

Separate emails will come out next week about which pastoral staff will be managing your child's year group. We have static specialist teams in Year 7 and Year 11 which means there is always changes to other year group teams. We seek to minimise any issues by ensuring continuity. We do this by facilitating staff transition and information sharing in this last half term so that staff are prepared well in advance before the students re-join us in September.

Barcelona Trip

We took 40 students from Years 9 and 10 to Barcelona at the end of June to experience Spanish city life, culture and language. We managed to successfully navigate the streets of Barcelona mainly on foot and using the Metro and saw some famous sights including; the Sagrada Familia, Park Guell, Nou Camp, Montjuic Castle and the Olympic Village. Students embraced the experience and tested out their language skills whilst gaining some lifelong memories. Thank you to Mr Graydon, Mrs McBurney, Mrs Patel and Mr Shaw.



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Liverpool to Leeds Bike Ride

Three of our Year 10 students have been working hard to raise money for their Peru trip. A couple of weekends ago they rode on their bikes from Liverpool to Leeds on the canal; all 127.5 miles in two days! The heat and thunderstorms made it hard at times but they powered through and we are really proud of their achievements. Check out more details on their page here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/harry-james-liams-fundraiser-peru-trip>



CCF Summer Camp Trip

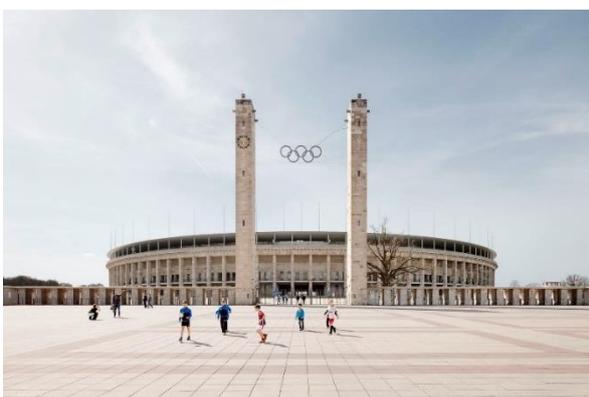
Last week our cadets spent the week doing adventure training, camping out in the field, learning and practising battle drills and learning how to sweep a building using military tactics and night vision.

Berlin History Tour Launch

We are really pleased to launch our Berlin History Tour for May 24th-27th 2024 for Years 9 and 10 as of September. The trip will cost £875. Some of the places of interest include the Olympic Stadium, Reichstag building, Brandenburg Gate, Stasi Prison and Sachsenhausen Concentration camp. The trip was enjoyed by our current Year 9 and 10 students in May this year and was a real highlight of the year.

Students really benefited from the trip not only in how it closely mirrors the GCSE cold war content but also by providing lessons that will stick with them for a lifetime around some of the atrocities committed in Nazi Germany and Soviet occupied East Berlin.

For more information, expression of interest letters will be distributed to students with full details included that can be returned to Mr Jacques and Mr Davis by the 19th July, or speak to the History team as soon as possible for more information!



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Lockers for September 2023

At the start of the next academic year in September lockers will be reallocated to all year groups. This will ensure that Year 11 students' lockers are located near the sports hall for exams and as much as possible and that year groups have lockers in the same areas of the school building.

Therefore, we would ask that all students who rent a locker from School remove items from their lockers and their padlocks by the last day of term, Friday 21st July. We will also remind students of this in form time.

The site team will cut off padlocks remaining and clear any items from the lockers during the Summer holidays.

Please note that we will not be able to reimburse students for any padlocks that have been cut off and we do not hold spare keys for lockers.

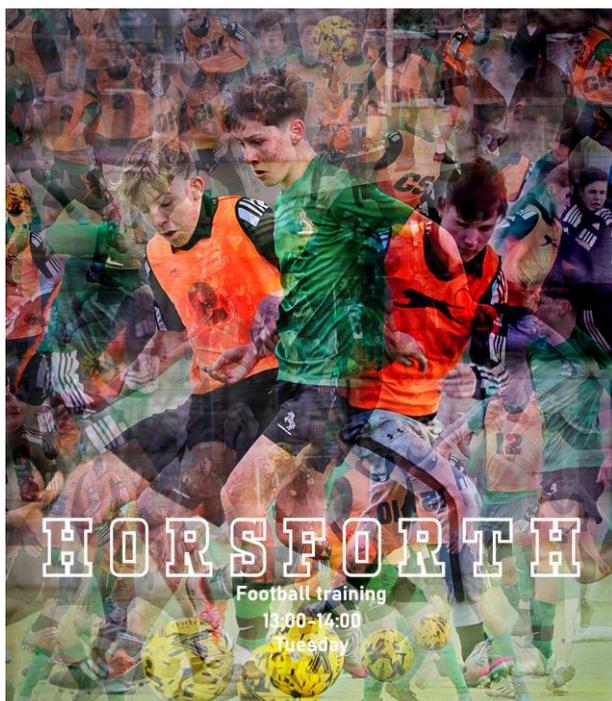
We will write to all students to inform them of their new locker number and location as soon as possible in September.

If your son/daughter has not previously rented a locker from School but would like to do so then please email facilities@horsforthschool.org to request to be put on the waiting list and we will forward payment details in due course.

The (non-refundable) rental cost for a locker is £3 per academic year. Students can also purchase padlocks from School for £5 (the padlocks have 3 keys so spares can be kept at home). They can bring their own padlock from home if preferred.

Horsforth School Artist

I was particularly impressed with Year 11 student Alexander's work at the recent Art and Photography Exhibition and he was happy for me to include an example of his work here.



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Uniform and Jewellery

We 'sweat the small stuff' and this includes the basics such as incorrect uniform. We have high standards and making sure our basics are right is vital for all other systems to run effectively. There are some students blatantly breaking the policy by not wearing full length black trousers or wearing trainers and jewellery which is prohibited.

I would like to remind you that jewellery will be confiscated until the end of term.

I would also draw your attention to the fact that we have only permitted trousers which are too short due to probable growth spurts in the last few weeks. We will not permit this in September. If parents are buying new uniform for September we ask that trousers comply with policy or students will be given second hand uniform to wear at school.

We do have a second hand and spare uniform stock for parents who are struggling financially.

Important Reminder About the Main Entrance Doors

A 10 week building project has commenced on the main door entrance to school. This will allow us to extend this area to provide a waiting room space for visitors. This entrance will therefore not be in use again until the new academic year in September 2023.

We will have a small temporary Reception at the Student entrance which will be used by staff and visitors.

We politely request that during this period parents and carers only come to school if they have an appointment and not to drop off anything that students have forgotten for the day. If you wish to make an appointment please phone Reception on 0113 2265454.

Permission to Leave Class Early Passes, Time Out Passes and Toilet Passes Update

We have written to give early notice about changes to our systems.

Having students leaving a class early or for time out reasons becomes a safeguarding issue. Students are not supervised when they leave class and we do not have sufficient resources for time out. Students are also missing out on valuable lesson time where there could be other techniques deployed in the classroom that provides students with time out of tasks and space to reset or calm down without leaving the room which is a far better solution. There are times when some students have abused their time out of class and passes are only issued on a temporary basis, they are not permanent. Students have 8 opportunities to go to the toilet throughout the day and at least one every hour. There should only be rare cases where toilet passes are needed due to medical reasons.

As such, all such passes, including toilet passes will expire at the end of this academic year. Parents and carers will need to apply for a pass for the next academic school year when we arrive back to school in September. School staff will consider your request, but you are not guaranteed a pass. These are school based decisions and you will be notified in September if the pass has been granted.

The application form is below and you will be notified of the decision in September. The form closes on 20th July.

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<https://forms.gle/AkcyIDb2kmGJGQBQ8>

Applications will only be considered and an application does not guarantee a pass. Please note that toilet passes will require medical evidence, this can be a note from the GP, a prescription, medicine or other. Details about the medical condition should already be on our SIMs and our first aides are aware of this unless this is a new condition and you have not yet updated the school. Toilet passes will not be issued without medical evidence of need.

Applications for time out passes or leave class early passes will be reviewed by the SENDCo and Deputy Headteacher Pastoral. Students must have either a diagnosed special educational need or exceptional circumstances such as a diagnosed mental health related issue or sudden bereavement.

Sports Fixtures

Y8 Cricket Yorkshire Schools Cup

We are happy to announce that last Friday our Year 8 boys won the cricket quarter final in the Yorkshire Schools cup. The boys beat Raistrick by 88 runs. Oli hit 122 runs with an outstanding performance, Isaac hit 45 runs, and Felix and Alfie produced 2 wickets each. Well done to Mr Maxwell and all the boys involved.

Under 13's Cricket Semi Final Results

The Under 13's Cricket Team were victorious on Tuesday evening in beating Holmfirth High School by 47 Runs in a T10 game due to the weather. They are now officially North West Cricket champions. The big one was on Thursday, which was North versus South Yorkshire.

Special Mentions:

Oli - 67 Runs (Not Out)

Alfie - 44 Runs

Seth - 3 Wickets

Felix - 2 Wickets



Year 8 Cricket Yorkshire Schools Cup Final

On Thursday Tonight, our students played really well against a very good team and unfortunately fell short losing by 29 runs to HGS. Stand out performance was Year 7 Seth hitting 29 and 2 wickets.

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The boys were gutted but we are all very proud of them for reaching a Yorkshire Cup final – the last time we reached the final in cricket was a decade ago!



Year 8 Rounders

The Year 8 and 7 girls did really well at the rounders tournament at Guiseley last week. They beat four teams and only lost two games (very closely) which meant they were second overall out of 7 teams.

The player's player of the tournament was Darcey for her insane left handed hitting – she scored the most rounders of any player.

The teacher's player of the tournament was Erin for outstanding knowledge and understanding and some fantastic short throws.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Peak USA

We are delighted to announce our latest signing of Josh from Cookridge Golf Course to the 2024 Team Peak USA recruitment class. Josh is an amazing student and an all-round talented athlete. A very warm welcome!



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Rewards Day at Go Ape

Our Year 12 students had a fantastic day at Go Ape for a well-deserved Rewards Day. Mr Stubbs had a great time too!



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Our new academic year will start for students on Tuesday the 5th of September as we have two training days (Friday 1st and Monday 4th) for staff only.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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