

## Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we head towards the end of term I would like to give a little bit of a teaser for our Challenge 30 this year. On June 1st we will be encouraging all staff and students to take part in doing their own, personal 30 day challenge which will help us, as a school, raise money for the Candlelighters charity.

Candlelighters is a Leeds based charity that supports children and their families who are diagnosed with cancer. It makes a real difference to families going through a hugely difficult time and I hope you agree it is worth supporting. Last year we raised over £11,000 for them and we hope to beat it this year!

There will be lots of events and activities that will happen and we will bring it all together in our Enterprise Day at the end. We see this as a really important opportunity for students and staff to make a real positive difference to others who are going through a difficult time so thank you in advance.

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

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### **Berlin Trip**

The History Department took 40 students to Berlin last week and had a fantastic experience.

Day One saw the pupils learn about the history of the Berlin Wall and its significance on the city.

Day Two took us to the Berlin-Hohenschönhausen Memorial. Pupils looked at the total isolation prisoners were subject to from the Stasi and the psychological impact this had. They also got to visit the Spy Museum, Checkpoint Charlie, the Holocaust memorial site, Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag.

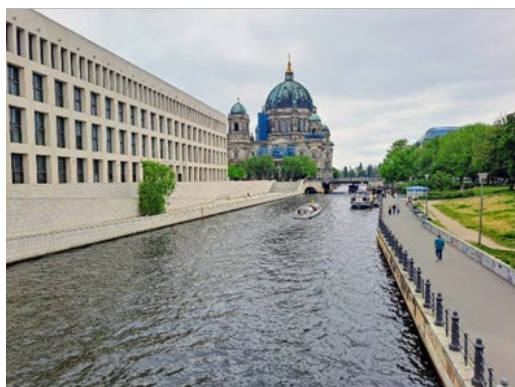
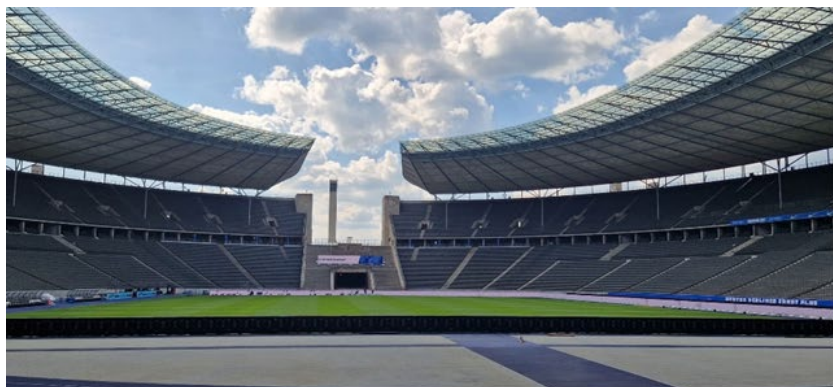
Day Three saw us visit Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. Pupils looked at the beginning of the camp, how it was run and eventually liberated. The afternoon took us to platform 17 and the Olympic Stadium and its significance in Nazi Germany and modern times. The night time allowed pupils to have some free time after a short walk down the East Side Gallery.

The Final day focused on taking us to the TV Tower which allowed pupils to view Berlin from a panoramic view point. We then went to the DDR museum which looked at life in East Germany.

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The students were an absolute credit to our school and they learnt so much that they will take forward with them in their history studies as well as some hugely important life lessons after visiting some difficult if not memorable places. Incredibly proud of all of them.

Mr Jacques and Mr Davis are already looking at the History Department Trip 2025! With the potential destinations of Berlin, Krakow or Amsterdam all being explored. Watch this space!



### Reward for Some of Our Year 8 Students

Mrs Harris organised a treat for some of our dance students and those with high *attitude to learning* (ATL) scores who deserved a reward. She took 14 students from Year 8 to see Men in Black at Leeds City College. The show was fantastic and the students were treated like VIPs, even meeting the cast members after the show!



### Cashless Catering: Facial Recognition for September 2024

We are introducing facial recognition catering tills in September 2024. Please click on the [link](#) to read

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more and if you are happy **to provide consent for the use of biometric data please click here**. 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.

### **School Dinner Menu**

Please click on the link below to view the food on offer for the coming week.

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- 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.*

### **Come and Work at our School**

[Take a look at our Vacancies webpage](#) to view the current roles we are recruiting. We are currently looking for a **School Administrator**. 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.

### **Fixtures**

#### Rounders Success

In glorious sunshine, our Year 10 rounders team were successful again in the second tournament of the Leeds Schools' competition.

We had two wins:

Horsforth v Morley 7-6

Horsforth v Cardinal Heenan 5.5-3.5

We had a difficult match against Prince Henry's where we were unlucky with numerous backward hits. The final score was 9-5. The Teacher's Players of the Tournament were Alex and Laynie. The Player's Player of the Tournament was Eloise.

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Despite this loss we were second overall in the tournament. This means after our first victory we progress through to finals night at Horsforth on Thursday 27th June. We now need to concentrate on our batting skills ready to win the trophy again!



### Year 9 Football Success

Massive congratulations to the Year 9 Football Team who, once again, have completed the double by winning the League and also the LSFA Cup.

They beat a very physical Oulton School 5-1 in the final. Huge credit to Jake, Kupa, Leo, Josh and Joe who all played with great composure and confidence throughout.

Another excellent season comes to end for the boys and we hope their continued success moves into Year 10. Well done all!



### **Sixth Form at Horsforth News**

#### Good Luck!

This week was the first week of revision sessions and A Level exams for all our Year 13 students. You've

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all worked hard and know your stuff... so believe in yourselves and good luck from all of us!



### A Great Opportunity

The weather wasn't kind to them, but that didn't stop some of our students taking part in an England Rugby course this week. The course provided some introductory information around the knowledge and skills needed to provide safe and effective coaching. A great opportunity made available to our students alongside their studies, so thanks Mr Steele!

### Working Alongside the NHS

As part of our Enrichment Programme our students have completed some outstanding work for the NHS. They have co-produced 6 webpages featured on the NHS' Healthier Together website (on acne, bereavement, body image, driving, panic attacks and self-harm). Some of their work was even presented at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health conference. Well done to Ellis, Basima, Fatima, Kamand, Aya, Ella, Laraib, Seren, Mara, Matilda and Jay. We are really proud of you. You can read their work here - <https://wyhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/health-young-people>



Finally, good luck to our Year 11 Boys Football Team tonight playing in the final of the Leeds Cup tonight!

Yours faithfully,

Dr P Bell  
Headteacher

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