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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the weather becomes colder we are grateful for the new boilers which are now operational which means we should be able to heat the school more efficiently (good news for our budget and the environment). We are also turning our attention to the possibility of snow after half term and just wanted to remind you of how we deal with adverse weather.

Snow and Emergency Closure

If there is snow forecast we will start assessing site safety and how safely students and staff can get to school from 4:30am. We will always try and let you know any decisions as soon as we can but it can be challenging if snow falls heavily at the wrong time.

Whilst most students can walk to school almost all staff have to travel further so it can sometimes be that staff will not be able to get in. I will (unless the site cannot be cleared and it is unsafe) usually go for a delayed opening for the snow ploughs and gritters to ensure staff can arrive and we will inform you via text message or the SIMS app if we have to do this or, heaven forbid, close.

Leeds Rhinos Foundation Mental Health Workshops

On Monday this week, we were delighted to host Leeds Rhinos Foundation who delivered mental health workshops to some of our Year 9 students. The ground-breaking programme reminded our students of the importance of looking after their mental fitness. Thank you to Mrs Gledhill for organising the visit!



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Inter-form Sports Competitions 2023/24

We are really excited to announce that our inter-form sports competitions are confirmed again this year and I would like to share the following information with you about our first competition.

Competition 1: Rugby and Hockey

As a form, boys will participate in a rugby competition and girls will participate in a hockey competition on the following dates and times next week:

Year 7 – Monday 23rd October (P1+P2). *Arrive at school in PE kit, bring uniform to change into after the competition.*

Year 8 – Tuesday 24th October (P2+P3). *Arrive at school in uniform, bring kit to change into for the competition.*

Year 9 – Friday 27th October (P4+P5). *Arrive at school in uniform, bring kit to change into for the competition.*

All students will need their full PE kit to participate. In addition to this, boys will need studded boots and girls will need trainers and shin pads to play.

If your son/daughter is currently unable to participate in PE due to illness/injury, please ensure a note is written in their planner and be advised that they are still required to bring and change into their kit unless physically unable to do so.

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>

Sports Fixtures

Monday: Year 11 Football

Year 11 have got themselves into the 3rd round of the National Cup with a mature performance over Ilkley Grammar. Dan scored 2 and pounced on every indecision made, and Dom scored in the final seconds to seal a 3-1 victory.

They were all superb but special mentions go to Eddie and Alec who were relentless in the marking of their two best players and well and truly did a job on them both.

Next up we have Minsthorpe Community College at home!

Tuesday: Year 10 Football

Year 10 drew 1-1 with PHGS and lost 2-0 to Abbey Grange in their second CV. Oli made some great saves however Archie, the engine of the team, played really well and deserves to be the Player of the Match.

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Wednesday

Around 50 students in Years 7-10 took part in a Hockey tournament against a touring school, Surbiton last night. They were fantastic and put in a great effort! Players of the tournament came from Year 7 students Jamie and Kaniel.

The Year 7 Football Team beat Ilkley GS 4-1 and then Guiseley 8-2 also. They played with confidence and determination to succeed. Some of the goals were out of this world with one of the best Year 7 performances I have seen. Players of the Match were: Ilkley Grammar School - Joe, a rock of a centre back Guiseley School - Elijah, scoring five goals across the evening.

Thursday: Year 9 Rugby Yorkshire Bowl Round Robin

Won 45-0 against Beckton Thornton B.

Lost 20-0 against Beckton Thornton A.

Won 20-5 against South Craven – the Player of the Match was Kupa with 2 tries.

We have qualified to the next round which is fantastic.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Life Beyond our Sixth Form

This week some of our Year 13 students have been sitting university entrance exams. Although nerve-racking at the time, we know it will be worth it and we wish them the best of luck.

Giving Something Back

Yesterday morning, our Sixth Form Charity Team held a MacMillan Coffee Morning and Mr Steele even made his famous brownies! Hopefully we will know the total raised next week.



Leeds Apprenticeship Hub

We like our students to be armed with lots of different information about life after sixth form, so they can make informed choices. This week, Elaine from Leeds Apprenticeship Hub spoke to our students about the range of apprenticeships available. [Here's what she had to say to them.](#)

English Students Weekend Trip

Some of our dedicated English students (and Ms Green!) gave up their Saturday last weekend to go to the Ilkley Literature Festival. They went to a lecture by Jenni Nuttall, an Oxford Professor, on the surprising history of women's words!



Sixth Form at Horsforth Open Evening

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

Thank you, as always, for your support,

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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