



Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

There is a real buzz in school with lots going on for Challenge 30, getting ready for Enterprise Day to some exciting trips getting ready to go! We are enjoying the upturn in weather and will let students know in tutor time if it's a 'jumpers off' day so please let them know they must still bring their jumpers and as it gets warmer we really encourage students to bring a full water bottle to school as well as their usual equipment.

As usual, the link to the Podcast version is here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-RVLPIO7rlg9-2UhppGjBf8XhmlWZza5/view?usp=sharing>

Class Charts

In September we will be launching Class Charts across the school which is an online system which teachers use to record and monitor achievement and behaviour throughout the school day. We believe in working closely with parents and one of the key benefits of using Class Charts is that we are able to securely share your child(s) achievement and behaviour report with you and so keep you up to date in real-time. It will also be used to set homework and will ensure that all information regarding SEND is shared with all staff at the touch of a button. More information regarding the key features of Class Charts will be sent out next week.



Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

Yesterday our Year 11 students had their final assembly at the end of their long GCSE exam period. It was a celebration of their 5 years at Horsforth School as well as a fitting recognition of their hard work and resilience. There were a few tears shed by both staff and students. We are so proud of them and look forward to seeing them in all of their splendour at the prom.

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Fond Farewell

This week we said goodbye to our Year 11 students, they finished their GCSEs on Wednesday, had their leavers' assembly yesterday and tonight we will celebrate with them at their prom...watch out for lots of photos on social media. We are immensely proud of them and wish them so much luck and we hope to see lots of them back at our Sixth Form in September.



Year 8 Treat

Some of our Year 8 students have shown great commitment to rugby at our school. As a thank you from us, their reward was three training sessions with Leeds Rhinos. They loved it and it was thoroughly deserved!



Year 10 Assessment Week

Next week our Year 10 students will be having some of their end of year assessments within the sports hall to give them an experience of sitting formal exams prior to Year 11. The timetable for the assessments is below. Students are expected to come with all of their equipment in a clear pencil case (or sandwich

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bag!) and will need a locker to put their bag into which can be hired from facilities for a £5 deposit for the lock.

	Monday 24 th June	Tuesday 25 th June	Wednesday 26 th June	Thursday 27 th June
am	English Lang (1 hour 45)	Maths (1 hr 30)	MFL Writing (1 hr 30)	English Lit (1 hour)
pm	Geography or History (1 hour)	Biology (1 hr 15 trilogy 1 hr 45 triple)	Chemistry (1 hr 15 trilogy 1 hr 45 triple)	Physics (1 hr 15 trilogy 1 hr 45 triple)

Changes to the Law relating to Pupil Registration and Attendance

At the end of February, the DfE announced a number of changes to the law relating to pupil registration and attendance which will come into effect on 19th August 2024 are set out in new regulations and the DfE guidance [Working together to improve school attendance](#), which will also have statutory force from that date.

To reflect these changes, we are updating our Whole School Attendance Policies & Home Visits Procedures for the next academic year 2024-25 and will share these with you in due course.

Parental Fines

Parent fines for unauthorised absences will also be brought under a national framework to help tackle inconsistencies in their use. A fine to parents must be considered if a child misses 5 days of school for unauthorised absence, this could be for holidays, lateness and unauthorised absences or a combination of all within a 10 week period. Please be aware that Councils retain discretion to issue one before this threshold is met.

An example of this would be:

Four sessions in term time (1-day unauthorised absence & 1-day holiday) plus six instances of arriving late (U Code), would result in a fine. 1 day = 2 sessions (AM & PM).

Alongside this, costs for fines will go up from £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days. Also, if a second holiday is taken within a three-year period, the second fine would be £160 per parent per child. If a third holiday is taken within the three-year timescale, this would result in the local authority taking legal proceedings. This could result in a £1000 fine.

School attendance is a key indicator for pupil attainment, wellbeing and future life chances and an important protective measure for vulnerable children.

MindMate Ambassadors at Horsforth School

On Thursday 27th June outside the library during early and late lunch students will have the opportunity to meet MindMate Ambassadors who are young adults with lived experience of mental health issues. Students will be able to talk freely with the ambassadors about their wellbeing and support available. There will also be free merchandise for them to take away and an interactive competition to enter. Students will also be able to check out the MindMate website, to get up-to-date information about common issues and support services available at <https://mindmate.org.uk/>

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Challenge 30

Challenge 30 is well under way, and we are past the £1000 mark! Students and staff were glad of the ice-lolly stall today in the warm weather. We are all still busy completing our challenges; there is lots of running, knitting, sit ups, cycling, reading, gardening and much more! If you are able to sponsor this fantastic event, please do so via our JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/horsforthschool-1715690788953?newPage=true>

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.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kr3tdnKUhOBtjmdyT_hrguBMzeoFcgxcAokkRYSIGvc/edit?usp=sharing

- Please note menus may be subject to change due to product availability.*
- 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.*
- 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

Well done to all students who took part in the Athletics competition yesterday at Leeds Beckett University. Absolutely brilliant effort by all, showing excellent teamwork and morale throughout! Some brilliant placings including: 3 x 1st places, 2 x 2nd places, 3 x 3rd places and some more results to come. Big shout out to our number 1 places from Zack in Year 8 in the Javelin, Abbie in Year 10 in the 100m sprint and the intermediate girls relay team!

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Life After Sixth Form

Some of our students got the chance to attend a Human Rights Conference at Leeds Beckett University. Another great opportunity organised by our Careers and UCAS Coordinator, for those hoping to pursue a career in Law after sixth form.

Yours faithfully,

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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