



Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to everyone who replied to the Parents Evening poll, we had 798 responses which is brilliant! I will analyse, discuss with our Leadership Team and work out the best steps for next year. Your voice on this will be the major factor in what we plan.

Next week is our Neurodiversity Celebration Week, students will be taking part in activities, assemblies, bake sales and showing support for our neurodiverse students and staff.

Here is a link to the recording of the letter summary:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dAg6raAn5YEQ92pCOTScvxgso2VxIAKs/view?usp=drive_link

Term Dates 2024-25

Please find below the updated term dates for next academic year:

Term	Half term starts	Half term ends
Autumn 1	Monday 2 September 2024*	Friday 25 October 2024
Autumn 2	Monday 4 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Spring 1	Monday 6 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025
Spring 2	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Summer 1	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025
Summer 2	Monday 2 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025

Lockers

In the Easter holidays we are having new corridor flooring fitted.

Students that have a locker in any of those areas (DS2, Crossroads lower floor, Music and Science corridor) must empty and leave their locker unlocked by the end of the day on Thursday 28th March as they need to be moved to allow the work to happen. We will be putting a sticker on each locker that requires emptying.

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If any of the lockers are left locked we will have no option but to cut the locks off and the student will need to buy a replacement lock after the Easter holidays.

Ski Trip 2025

Calling all budding skiers! If your child is interested in coming to Austria in the February half-term 2025, their permission needs to be handed in to The Hub by Monday 25th March.

Year 8 Macbeth Theatre Trip

On Tuesday evening, Ms Haley, Mrs Webber and Mrs Slade took a group of Year 8 students to see Macbeth at the Leeds Playhouse. It was a fast-paced, exciting production which the students really enjoyed and which will hopefully help with their understanding of the play when they study it in English later in the year.

Outdoor Wellbeing Intervention Programme

During our Outdoor Wellbeing Intervention Programme, students have explored nature journaling, sit spot meditation, sound mapping, bird watching and bug hunting and identification. They've been on a mindful scavenger hunt, made bird feeders, clay bowls and elder whistles, learnt how to safely light a mini fire using a flint and steel and then toasted marshmallows and made s'mores. They've also worked collaboratively on a land art project using natural materials and bird seed to explore colour, pattern, shape and texture. Above all they have shown perseverance, resilience and enthusiasm throughout, they've given each other help and support and discussed and shared ideas over a hot chocolate at the end of each session. They have been fabulous!



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Connect – Starting the Day Right

A healthy breakfast was followed by some exercise for some of the students in Connect on Thursday morning, helping them to focus on their academic studies for the rest of the day. A calmer way to spend break time.



Contacting School – Logging in Issues

Please can we request that all issues with logging into school accounts, especially the Parent Sims App are sent to parentlogons@horsforthschool.org (please be aware the email address is NOT parentlogins@horsforthschool.org).

Examination Policy

Please find here a link to our school [Examination Policy](#) which details our systems and processes for the conduct of internal and external exams. The frequently asked questions section contains some useful information and guidance for both parents and students.

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/12jD0WGIYb8jWQ0Ujp-3PFtZ0aX8Mj_zwvDI4DSgwnl/edit?usp=sharing

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.*

Leeds City Council Travel Survey

What travel and safety issues do you face in your local area? Now's your chance to have your say!

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Leeds City Council want to hear from residents in Adel and Wharfedale, Guiseley and Rawdon, Horsforth, Otley and Yeadon on any issues related to travel in your community. This could be about how you access public transport facilities, whether you feel unsafe walking, wheeling or cycling, the attractiveness of a street, or where traffic and speeding are causing issues.

The consultation is live until Sunday 7 April and it's easy to have your say – drop a pin on the maps where you're experiencing issues and fill in the survey. This will help prioritise improvements, when funding becomes available.

To find out more and take part visit <https://bit.ly/3VdEGdw>

Come and Work at our School

[Take a look at our Vacancies webpage](#) to view the current roles we are recruiting. At the moment we are looking for someone to join us as a KS4 Administration Assistant and a Design Technician. 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

North West Leeds Football League

Four out of our five Football Teams (Year 7, 8, 9 and 11) have won the leagues and qualified into the Super League Cup. This is a huge achievement for the school.

Year 10 Rugby Trip

Our Year 10s were brilliant on Wednesday under tough conditions during their trip to Ilkley.

They won 3 out of the 5 games today beating Ilkley, Ripon Grammar, Guiseley and unfortunately losing in the final against Guiseley. The boys just ran out of gas. They were all great but stand out performances were from Fin, Harrison, Stan and Ben.



Year 11 Football

Year 11 are through to the Leeds Cup Final with a hard fought 3-1 victory over Mount St Marys. The first half was not helped by the questionable pitch and a clumsy tackle by Mount St Marys gave Emre the chance to score from the resulting penalty, which he did, much to the dismay of the onlooking MSM Ultras.

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The second half was a real slog as both teams tried to play football but weren't helped by the bobbly pitch. A sliced cross saw the ball loop over Will's head as Mount St Marys made it 1-1. Pandemonium erupted from the Mount St Mary's squad and pupils as the world's biggest pile on took place. However, we upped it another level and Emre scored another wonderful goal to sink Mount St Marys. A late goal from Luke sealed the game and we go marching on to our 2nd appearance in the Leeds Cup Final.

Special mentions go to Will for donning the gloves and Max, Noah and Alec who combatted their midfield superbly. But the player of the match was Emre who did what Emre does: scores goals.

Dance

Horsforth are officially the best movers in Leeds! Miss Schofield took our Dancers to the Leeds City Dance competition and they boogied their way to victory! The girls were even asked to repeat their dance and close the show at the end which they were extremely pleased about.

Swimming

Megan in Year 9 won three gold medals last weekend in 50m Front Crawl, 25m Butterfly and 4x 25 Front Crawl Relay at Beverley Swimming Gala for her team, fantastic achievement once again by Megan!

Netball

Last week our Year 8 A and B netball teams travelled to Prince Henry's School for a netball tournament. As our A team are currently winning the league we had high hopes for some medals! The pupils did absolutely amazing and we had the most success we have ever had at any netball tournament (in the 11 years Miss Lancaster has been at Horsforth!).

Overall out of 12 teams Year 8 A team finished second by one goal and B team finished 4th (a B team has never got to the semi-finals before which is unbelievable!).

B Team Results:

1-1 DRAW against Prince Henrys C
3-2 WIN Against Benton
4-3 WIN Against Guiseley
2-1 WIN Against Farnley
2-0 WIN Against Allerton Grange
SEMI-FINAL: 7-1 loss against Abbey Grange

The Teachers' Players of the Tournament were Mayamiko for fantastic movement into space and shooting and Jaide for her high energy and commitment to interceptions.

A Team Results:

6-2 WIN against Prince Henry's A Team
14-0 WIN against Prince Henry's B Team
5-1 WIN against Abbey Grange
14-0 WIN against Allerton High
SEMI-FINAL: 6-1 WIN against Benton Park
FINAL: 4-3 loss against Abbey Grange

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The Teachers' Players of the Tournament were Izzy for having such a key role on the team and being fighting fit and Annabel for her speed on the centre passes and excellent delivery into the D.

The girls were so unlucky to just miss out in the final, if the game had been any longer I am sure we would have secured the win.



Sixth Form at Horsforth News

External Speakers

On Monday our Year 13 Criminology students got to listen to two Detective Constables. It was a great experience to hear from someone working in the field, which really inspired and motivated our students.

Motivational Monday

It's nearly the end of the term so it was time for a Motivational Monday for our sixth formers. There was an array of activities on offer for our students' wellbeing, after working so hard since Christmas. Well done, you deserved the downtime!



Yours faithfully,

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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