

## Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I will be trying something new today in response to parent feedback that made me reflect on what we do and there will be a voice note to go with today's letter. It will summarise (not word for word) the letter in audio form to support some parents who may prefer listening to information. The detail will still be found in the letter but I hope this is useful. Please click on the link here:

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### **Health, Wellbeing and Safety Week**

Our annual Health, Wellbeing and Safety Week takes place w/c 26th February. This is a focussed week where we extend our personal development offer for our students, promoting skills for now and into adult life to support their emotional wellbeing.

During this week students in Years 7-11 will have specialist talks and Form Times around the importance of keeping good physical and mental health with practical tips for both. We have guest speakers from KOOTH promoting their free counselling service and top tips for keeping emotionally well and how to look out for others. Students have the chance to sign up for a range of activities after school and at lunch which promote health and wellbeing. As always, we are promoting the 5 ways to wellbeing from the NHS and in addition Year 9 will have a talk from Leeds Rhino's about being mentally fit.

As a main focus for our safeguarding talks this year, we are focussing on weapons awareness and have a guest speaker for Years 10-13, and a film package, with police talks for lower school. This forms part of our response to the tragic incident last year in the community and is part of statutory requirements for PSHCE.

Please follow us on social media if you don't already. We will be showcasing the activities throughout the week on Instagram.



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### **Vietnam and Cambodia History Tour – Easter 2025**

We are incredibly excited to announce we are offering a limited number of 40 places on our History tour to Vietnam and Cambodia. This will be for Easter 2025. The full cost of the 15 day trip is £3750. The full details and itinerary can be found in the letter sent via email to parents of students who are currently in

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Year 8–12. If you have any queries or would like to submit an expression of interest which must be submitted by the **8th March**, please reply via [info@horsforthschool.org](mailto:info@horsforthschool.org) FAO Mr Jacques or Mr Davis.



### Leeds for Learning Apprenticeship Workshops

This morning some of our Year 10 students took part in a Leeds for Learning Apprenticeship Workshop. They discussed potential career routes and found the information provided extremely useful.



### Year 9 Woman in Black Theatre Trip

On Wednesday this week 40 Year 9 Drama students went to see 'The Woman in Black' at the Alhambra Theatre in Bradford. All had a great, albeit scary, time! Thank you to Mrs Kendal for organising the trip.



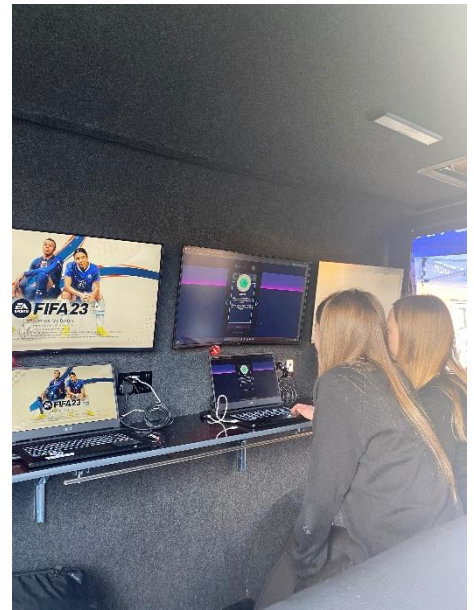
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## Year 9 Cyber Prevention Activities

Today our Year 9 students were visited by Police Officers from the Cyber Crime Unit at West Yorkshire Police. They took part in Kahoot quizzes and were even treated to a game of FIFA!

Thanks to our IT and Computing teachers for organising the event.



## Modern Foreign Languages Competition Success

In the first term students took part in a languages competition in which they had to complete tasks based on a variety of different languages and cultures. These tasks included learning greetings, listening to music and even having a go at cooking a traditional dish! A big well done to our four winners: Naomi, Ava, Rayann and Sam.

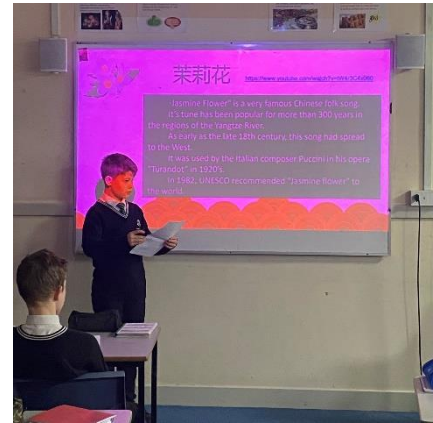
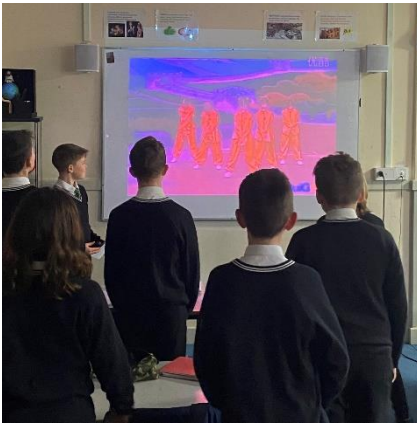


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## Chinese New Year

To celebrate Chinese New Year, our students have been taking part in performances in their Mandarin classes, making dragons and lanterns, writing Chinese couplets and eating a special Chinese-style lunch!



## 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 our SEND Team as a SEND Practitioner and a Site Superintendent and Minibus Driver. You can always call the school for a chat about any of the jobs on offer on 0113 2265454. And please share with anyone you think might like to join our team.

## Sports Fixtures

### Year 9 Netball

11-2 to Horsforth against Cardinal Heenan. The Player of the Game was Lily.

The Year 10 B team were so close but unfortunately lost 8-6. The Player of the Game was Lexie (our captain).

## Sixth Form at Horsforth News

### Dance Success

On the first Saturday of the half term, Year 13 student Harry won a heat for Miss Dance/Master Dance which means he has qualified for the Grand Final at Winter Gardens in Blackpool in June. This is one of the most prestigious solo dance competitions (if not the most) in this country. It's an amazing opportunity after gaining 4th in the World in Ballet at last Summer's Dance World Cup in Braga. Congratulations Harry!

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...and relax!

This week our Year 13 students have been sitting their second set of mock exams before the real thing in a few months. You've all done an amazing job, have a relaxing weekend!

Always Nice to see a Familiar Face

This week one of our ex-students who left our sixth form in 2017 returned to run a drama workshop. Hannah now works for the Shakespeare Schools Foundation and shared her skill and knowledge with our Year 9 students who clearly had a great time.



Continued Success

Congratulations to Fergus in Year 12 who has won Gold at the WBC Muay Thai World Festival in Bangkok. Fergus beat India, France and the USA in the final.



Chinese New Year

The year of the dragon was celebrated in Common Grounds this week with a special themed lunchtime menu.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell  
Headteacher

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