

## Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been a whirlwind of a half term preparing for exams but our Year 11 and 13s have been amazing. Even the tough exams look to have been OK and there have been quite a few where students have left on a real high. My thanks to the staff putting on the masterclasses to support them, the students for their positivity and good humour but especially parents for patience and support through a stressful time.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Forum on Wednesday. Your feedback was extremely useful and it was great to be able to talk through some of the questions you had linked to facial recognition software.

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eLGathLIsS5CZemZjsJlqNvEYnzmB523/view?usp=sharing>

### **Cashless Catering: Facial Recognition for September 2024**

We are introducing facial recognition catering tills in September 2024. Please click on the [link](#) to read more and if you are happy **to provide consent for the use of biometric data please click [here](#)**.

### **Challenge 30**

We are starting Challenge 30 on June 1st! Thank you to all the staff and students taking part as well as the local businesses in Horsforth who are supporting with donations, resources and prizes. It all goes towards the Candlelighters charity and I will update you on our progress through the month.

If you'd like us to feature photos of your child taking part in Challenge 30 on social media or in this letter please email them to [marketing@horsforthschool.org](mailto:marketing@horsforthschool.org).

### **Social Media and Online Safety**

Please find attached, a comprehensive guide around the risks and dangers of social media with our young children. It is detailed and covers TikTok, mental health, YouTube, gaming, addiction to phones and algorithms. It also contains information on the various safeguarding concerns around social media which we have explored with students in PSHCE this term. It really does give a unique perspective of the impact that too much social media can have in our young people's lives and I would encourage you to read it [here](#) to help families better understand risks and to protect our children from potential harm.

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## Uniform

When we come back after half term, there will be checks to ensure full compliance. Please remind your child(ren) there should be no additional piercings, no trainers, no leggings, no false eyelashes and no nail extensions. Students must wear full length school trousers. Jewellery confiscated will not be returned till the end of the summer term.

We appreciate and thank you for your support in this so that we can focus on teaching rather than on basic requirements and standards. Please also be reminded that we can support with uniform and the cost, through our in-house stock, swap exchanges and hardship fund.

## End of Half Term Treat

This week Mrs Harris took another 14 Year 8 students to see the Hunger Games at Leeds City College. It was a fabulous show, if emotional and all the students enjoyed it; Naomi was even selected from the audience to go on stage! At the end they met the cast and had photos with the hanging tree. Thanks for treating our amazing students Mrs Harris!



## 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](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.*

## 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 **Food Services Team Member**. 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.

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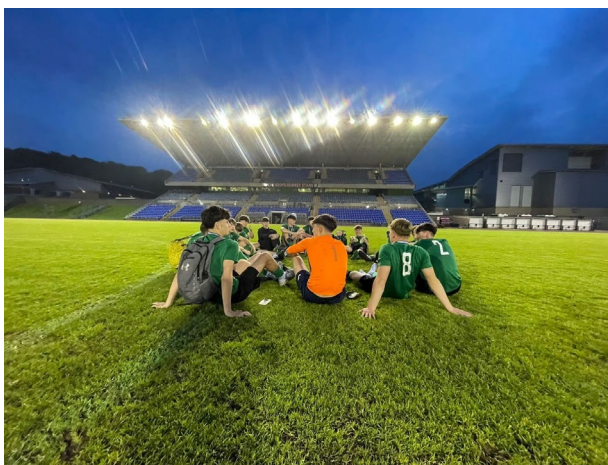
## **Fixtures**

### Year 8 Rounders

The Year 8 Rounders Team dominated at their tournament this week! They won every game, beating Prince Henry's, Morley and Crawshaw. A special well done to Scarlett who was player of the tournament, making two superb catches and some amazing batting skills! Well done girls.

### Well Done Year 11

Year 11 has won the Leeds Cup with a victory over Cardinal Heenan on Friday night. 1-1 at half time, with some fantastic defending/keeping from brothers Sam and Harry, meant the game finished 1-1. The nerves of penalties did not affect the boys! Alec, on his birthday, stepped up to take the final penalty and he tucked it home to send the Horsforth Ultras into pandemonium. Thank you to all the staff, students, parents and carers who came to cheer the boys on.



### Regional Swimming Championships

Maisie, in Year 8, qualified for the North Eastern Regional swimming championships this year and she was one of 9 top 10 finalists from her club, City of Bradford, earlier this month. Congratulations Maisie!

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

#### Competing at a National Level

Last week our Year 12 Chemistry students took part in the Schools' Analyst Competition. They acted as analytical chemists assisting the local Trading Standards Office to investigate some unusual products on sale at 'Super Sugar Candy Store'. Hopefully our students found out if the items on sale contain ingredients that are restricted or are in the incorrect amounts...and win the competition, good luck!



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## Goodbye Year 13

This week the annual tradition and highly anticipated staff Vs Year 13s football match took place. 2-2 at full time, it went to a nail biter penalty shootout and our students were victorious, so congratulations!



As we move into half term I would like to thank you again for your kind messages of support and praise when things have gone well and your patience and understanding when they don't. I have my fingers crossed for good weather and I hope you and our students have a wonderful half term.

Yours faithfully,

Dr P Bell  
Headteacher

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