

Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we progress deeper into the term we are probably going to get some colder weather so I have included a reminder of our snow procedures although fingers crossed it will be just a white Christmas not a white school day.

It remains calm and purposeful in school and I would like to pass on my thanks to our students who have made an industrious and positive start.

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 usually go for a delayed opening for the snow ploughs and gritters to ensure staff can arrive (unless the site cannot be cleared and it is unsafe) and we will inform you via text message or the SIMS app if we have to do this or, heaven forbid, close.

If we do close then students will be set remote learning online so students should check they can login to Century Tech, Sparx Maths and subject specific software.

Year 11 Next Steps

This week our Year 11 students had the opportunity to speak to some of our Sixth Form Student Ambassadors regarding the subjects available to study at the Sixth Form at Horsforth.

Following the subject talks, the students returned to their form room with their Form Tutor to have reflection/discussion on their next steps.

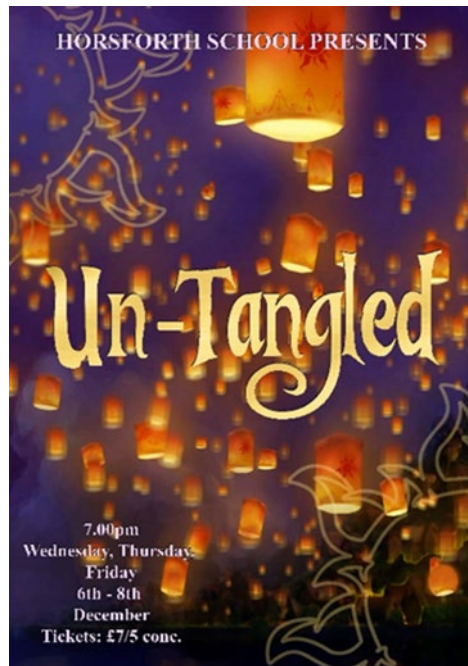
Vacancies

Very exciting opportunities have arisen for an Admin Assistant (KS3), a Cover Supervisor, a Peripatetic Voice Teacher and an Evening Facilities and Lettings Officer, to join Horsforth School. If you are interested in these roles please click on this link <https://www.horsforthschool.org/vacancies/> or call 0113 2265454 for further details.

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UnTangled

Our Christmas production is taking place on the 6th, 7th and 8th December. Tickets are being sold on the Leadership corridor at break time and prices are £7 and £5 concession.



Parent and Carer 'Drop-In'

We have shared with you via email our immediate school response following the incident in the school community on Tuesday 7th November, including a detailed action plan for medium and longer-term support.

To further support those parents who would like to speak with someone in school about our student support, education plan or improvements to our actions, we are offering a parent and carer 'drop in' on Tuesday 28th November 3.30 - 5.30pm.

There will be members of the school leadership team, Police and Horsforth Children's Services in attendance.

This aim of the evening is to allow parents and carers a chance to come in and talk to us, to share thoughts, concerns, ideas and to offer feedback directly with a member of staff or an adult in attendance in a 1:1 capacity.

This evening does not involve a general presentation; I hope you understand that we have done this already via the video and emails. General information will continue to be shared in this way. We would prefer that this session is being dedicated to parents who want to speak with us about issues pertinent to them or their child.

To help run the session smoothly we will have team members set up to address specific areas, so you know who to see when you arrive.

The drop in will be in the library and there will be a waiting area should staff be busy.

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It will be first come, first served.

To help us to plan the evening, it would be helpful if you could complete the short form linked below with approximate time of arrival and preference for your drop in.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oI-CtAcYoD7lfoHQu58z-5lCZb4pSLxrB9s9wITkyDc/edit?ts=655e0d2c>

We look forward to meeting you on this evening and appreciate your time.

SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Parent/Carer Drop In

Our SEND team in school work to support the education of students who need additional help and support in line with their needs in order to make progress.

Whether your child is currently on the SEND register or you are questioning whether they have a potential SEND and there is something you wish to discuss or ask for advice on, we would like to give you the opportunity to do so on a drop-in basis for a 10-15 minute consultation with a member of the team.

We trialled this last year and it seemed to work well in the main. This is linked to our continuing drive to improve communication and to supporting even further, our students who need it the most.

We hope this will give parents and carers an opportunity to speak to one of the team who can discuss possible support options with you in a timely manner. Some of our team will be available between 3.30 and 5pm on **Wednesday 13th December** in the library.

This is still relatively new so please do bear with us whilst we work out how this works best. In order for us to plan for the event, please can you email sendadmin@horsforthschool.org if you wish to attend.

Please be aware that if we have a high volume of parents and carers wanting to attend we may have to offer an alternative date in addition to this. We will notify you if this is the case.

There is no need to make an appointment for a specific time, just let us know you're coming and drop in! There may be a slight wait as this is a 'drop in' but we will do our best to keep this as short as possible.

Fixtures

Tuesday

Year 8 Football: won vs Abbey Grange 2-1, won vs PHGS 3-0.

Thursday

Year 10 Netball: A team lost 21-11 vs WHGS, B team lost 18-9 vs WHGS.

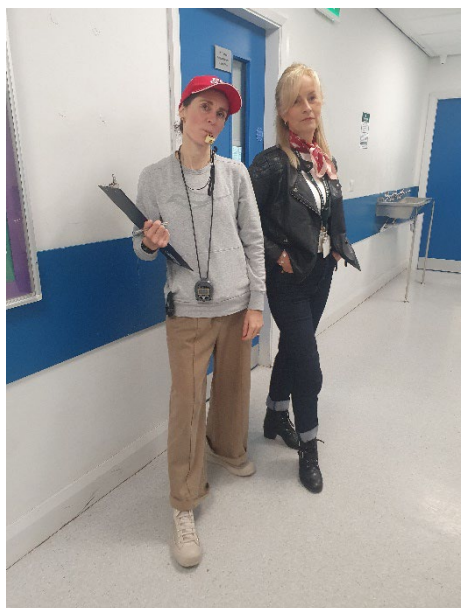
Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Children in Need

Every year our students and staff dress up for Children in Need, and this year was no different. They played a massive part in raising nearly £1300 on Friday along with the students at Horsforth School.

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Although the day was fun, it was a day of reflection too. Half of the money will be donated to Children in Need and half to Heartspoken, a knife crime prevention and victim support charity.



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Thank you, as always, for your support, patience and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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