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Dear Parent/Carer,

As promised there are some lovely photos from the amazing trips that went during Easter. Thank you so much for the positive feedback we have had from parents and students. The staff who organised and went were very grateful (and had a great time). I would like to share a snippet from the ski trip rep who emailed after they landed safely:

“I recently had the great pleasure of being the Ski Rep on your school’s recent ski trip to Bormio. I was so equally impressed by staff and students that I felt compelled to write.

As a retired Headteacher myself, with over 34 years in education I recognised an incredible dynamic which was a real reflection on your school and its values.”

Massive thanks to the students and staff on both trips.

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c4X44zVW4Xa4Jl4d75okUwWPh7BdGGnIj/view?usp=sharing>

Our French Students Hit Paris

During the Easter holidays our French students travelled to Paris to see the sights! They packed an awful lot in, we hope you all had a great time!



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Snowy Slopes of Italy

Another amazing trip took place during the Easter holidays! Students in Years 9 to 12 jetted off for a week skiing in Italy. Here's a few snaps...



Reception Office Closed Early on Wednesday 1st May

Please note that the School Reception Office will close early at 2:55 pm on Wednesday 1st May to allow staff to complete statutory Safeguarding training.

Community Event to support Men's Mental Health

A member of the community, Jill Walshaw is organising a community fundraising event in her late son's memory to raise funds for men's mental health including young men. Her son, Matty was a former student at Horsforth School.

The event will be held on Saturday May 11th 2024 from 2:30-10:00 pm in the grounds of St Margaret's Church on Church Lane. Tickets can be purchased on the day (£6 adults, £3 for children) proceeds will go to Leeds Mind and St Margaret's Church funds.

Leeds Mind and 'Andy's Man Club', who do an amazing job in helping Men with their Mental health are supporting the event plus Mark Tobin from Tobin's Boxing Gym will be there to talk to Men about Mental health and how talking and taking up sport can help.

Emmerdale star Sam Hooton will be providing his pop up bar with canopy and seating. The Emmerdale Band (cast members) will be doing a musical set and Cole Lawton (formerly from 'The Voice') will also be performing.

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-3-PFtZ0aX8Mj_zwvDI4DSgwnl/edit?usp=sharing

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

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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.

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 Female PE Teacher and a Curriculum Leader of Maths. 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

Year 9 Rugby

It was a lovely morning for rugby on Saturday but unfortunately the Year 9s lost in the final. They put in an incredible effort against a more physical and bigger team - Beckfoot Thornton. We were against a team who train three times a week and play good standard rugby league.

I am proud of the boys for getting in the final with lots to work on for next season. Well done to Juda for scoring a great team try and to George who was the Player of the Match.



Rounders

On Tuesday we had our first rounders tournament of the year. We dominated the event and won all our games. The scores are as follows: Morley 7.5 – 4.5, Prince Henry's 8.5 – 5, Crawshaw 5.5 – 1.5.

The Player of the Tournament was Alex and the Most Improved Players of the Tournament were Emily and Lois. Congratulations!

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Year 7 Football

We are pleased to communicate that our Year 7 Football Team are through to the Semi Finals of the Leeds League Cup after beating Ruth Gorse 1-0. It was a very tight game, against a very physical team but the team showed great determination and resilience to grind out the win. Fantastic Team Effort.

Year 8 Football

The Year 8 team were missing two of our best players but that did not stop them putting in their best performance of the season in the ¼ final of the cup last Wednesday. George, Lucas, Oscar, Freddie and George scored 5 goals in the second half to win it 5-1. It was a very even contest but the relentless work and determination from our lads saw them 2-1 up with 8 mins to go and with Wetherby pushing players forward in search of an equaliser we hit them on the break three times clinically ending the game.

Year 8 were in action in another ¼ final this week, away at Cockburn and what a game it was! After a lightning start by Cockburn we were 2-0 down in 3 minutes but the boys managed to regain their composure and gain a foothold in the game and from there on in were the better side. Goals from Freddie, Tom and then George meant that with 10 mins to go Horsforth led 3-2. After two great saves from JJ, a goalmouth scramble and probably foul on JJ, the hosts equalised. Horsforth finished strong but with Tom injured and George suffering a nasty gash to his knee we were unable to find a winner.

The game went to penalties and our Goal Keeper JJ was unfortunately the only Horsforth player to convert their spot kick meaning Cockburn went through to the semis. Even in defeat, the boys were magnificent and to dominate a ¼ final with a number of key players unavailable or injured during the match was testament to how good they are!

Year 9 Football

The Year 9 Football Team were victorious in their Semi Final against Garforth in the LSFA Cup, winning 3-0 against a very strong team.

It was the complete performance from the boys who really showed control and maturity throughout the game. Even though they had some excellent players, we limited them to any sort of chances. Leo, Kupa and Jake played tremendously well, but Joe was exceptional in the middle of the park and controlled the game throughout.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

The 17 best-performing Leeds Sixth Forms

[This popped up in the news this week.](#) We are second in this list and very happy to be the highest ranking state school in Leeds! The class of 2023 made us very proud!

More Than Just Academic Opportunities

We want to provide our students with a holistic education, making sure they can grab unique opportunities open to them. Currently our Careers and UCAS Coordinator is working with our students to apply for the Henley Business School Summer School at the University of Reading and the John Lewis virtual work experience opportunity.

She also works alongside our students to secure top-notch apprenticeships, sharing new and exciting opportunities as they become available.

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Golf Academy Success

Congratulations to Josh for winning the North Yorkshire Schools golf at Ripon just before the Easter holidays. Well done on your continued success.



You may be aware that the trial linked to the tragic death of our former pupil Alfie has started this week. Our thoughts remain with his family and friends in what is another difficult time. Please let us know if you think a student is affected and needs support and please let us know if this has raised issues for you and we can help in any way.

Yours faithfully,

Dr P Bell

Headteacher

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