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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your feedback over the last week or so, your kind words and suggestions are much appreciated. The Friday letter over the next two weeks will be read by Mrs Hartley, Mrs Comiskey or Mrs Nowell as I will be taking the Year 9 Mandarin students on their intensive study trip to Hangzhou in China. I hope to update you on what we get up to during the trip but, failing that, I will in my final letter of the Year.

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

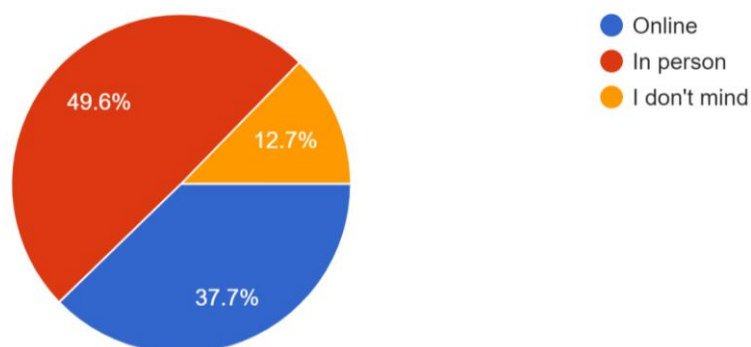
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Parents Evenings in 2024/25

As you may recall I have asked for your views on Parent's Evening format in previous surveys regarding the format and your views have always been mixed. We are one of the few schools who have gone back to 100% face to face events and most schools do these remotely or have a mix of in person and remote. The most recent poll result was:

I would prefer parents evenings to be

795 responses



At each Parent's Evening we are getting requests from parents for remote appointments and a hybrid model of in person and remote simply doesn't work. When we analysed the results the Year group which was most positive about an online event was when we had to go online due to snow so this may be helpful to compare.

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As a result, we are going to pilot a mixed approach as most schools now do as this is something that will support the voice gathered, staff workload but also help us offer more appointments as we find that as our Year groups get bigger it's harder to meet demand and we can fit more appointments into an online event.

For next year there will be an in person Parent's Evening for Years 7, 11 and 13 and a remote Parent's Evening for Years 8, 9 and 10. We will review this at the end of 2024/2025 but I hope this will be the 'best of both worlds'. We will be doing a review that will include your views and use this to plan going forward at the end of next year.

Summary:

In person	Online
Years 7, 11 and 13	Years 8, 9, 10 and 12

Year 11 Prom

Our Year 11 students had a fantastic evening last Friday at their prom. They all looked amazing and we can't wait to see many of you joining the Sixth Form at Horsforth in September.



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Mandarin Excellence Programme Trip

Our Year 10 Mandarin Excellence Programme students went to the University of Leeds to attend an intensive learning day. They watched a performance of The Ballad of Mulan and had a lovely experience with traditional Chinese costumes - Hanfu.



Wonderland

All students welcome! Get involved in our next school play 'Wonderland', auditions are Friday 5th July at 3pm in the hall. Good luck!



Class Charts

In September we will be launching Class Charts across the school which is an online system which teachers use to record and monitor achievement and behaviour throughout the school day. We believe in working closely with parents and one of the key benefits of using Class Charts is that we are able to securely share your child(s) achievement and behaviour report with you and so keep you up to date in real-time. It will also be used to set homework and will ensure that all information regarding SEND is shared with all staff at

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the touch of a button. More information regarding the key features of Class Charts will be sent out before the end of the academic year.



2024-2025 Term Dates

Please see below a link to the 2024-2025 term dates: <https://www.horsforthschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Horsforth-School-Term-Dates-2024-25.pdf>

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/1FOLgr34HuE8uaGA3039kR6nC9gul_mU8iSspDuCE63Q/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.*

Fixtures

Cricket

The Year 9 and 10 boys played Wales School from Sheffield in the last 16 of the Yorkshire Cup on Tuesday. Horsforth were put into bat first and despite missing half of the top order, posted a very respectable 133/6. The boys were confident in their ability to defend this with several bowlers in the side and their confidence was justified as they never really allowed Wales to get going. Tyler mixed the bowling up well to upset the batter's rhythm, Evan kept wicket extremely well and Ethan chipped in with some crucial wickets. The Player of the Match was George who top scored with 48 and took 3 wickets which included a brace towards the end of the innings, keeping the visitors under 80 all out. We now face Pocklington at home in the ¼ final.

Year 7 and 8 Boys

Another successful evening of cricket for the Under 13s team. Beating Guiseley by 3 wickets. Special mentions go to Felix who was excellent with both the ball and bat and secured the win with a wonderful six. Seth, who was very controlled at the crease and captained the team ever so well. Joe, who secured 3 wickets from 3 overs and opened the batting with some fantastic shots. Overall, it was a fantastic team effort and a real joy to take some lovely boys that showed great enthusiasm.

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Year 8 and 10 Rounders

Fantastic effort by our girls at the Leeds Schools Rounders Finals last night! Alex led the Year 10 girls to victory, winning all their matches, beating Prince Henrys, Morley and Cardinal Heenan. The Player of the Tournament was Abbie, who took some great catches and scored several rounders for the team, contributing to a massive 20 rounders overall!

The Year 8 girls were unlucky and missed out by just a few rounders and managed to secure 3rd place position. They showed great support for each other, resilience in some tough games and worked excellent as a team (even if that was mainly ensuring they had enough sweets to get through the evening!). The Player of the Tournament was Scarlett, an all-round fantastic player who played with great respect and leadership in every game! Well done everyone!

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Huddersfield Creative Excellence Competition

Well done to Martha who received a special commendation from over 200 entries, at the Huddersfield Creative Excellence Competition. Her entry was a balsa wood and collage model inspired by the book/film 'Rebecca' by Daphne Du Maurier. The model was painted with watercolour and she designed the lamp in CAD software. Congratulations!



The weather has been warm this week so it's been 'jumpers off' but heading into next week the weather is cooler so please ensure students bring their jumper and if it changes we will let them know at the beginning of the day in Tutor Time.

Yours faithfully,

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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