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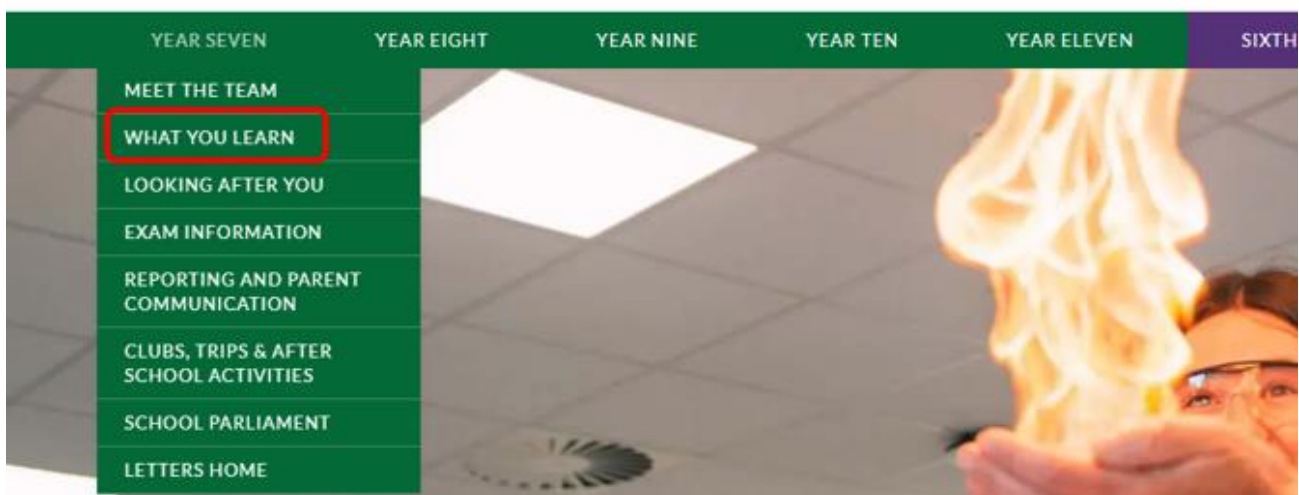
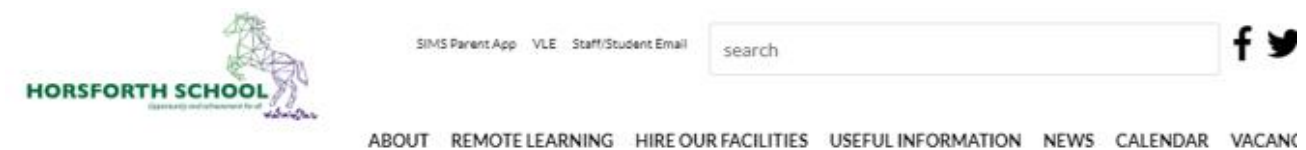
29th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I reported our exceptional GCSE and A Level to our Trust board on Wednesday, it's been a record year! We do want to keep doing what works and what you value, as well as considering what you think we could improve. Thank you to everyone who has completed the parent voice, for it to be really useful we are aiming for a 50% response rate so if you could spare the time I would greatly appreciate it. ([Parent Voice](#) link).

What Your Child Learns in the Year

Every subject in every year has a map of the topics your child will study. If you want to see those, they are easy to find on our website by using the appropriate year banner and choosing "what you learn".



Extra-Curricular Offer

Please find the Extra-Curricular Programme for 2023-24 [here](#). This will be updated regularly as activities are added / deleted so please check it frequently for up to date information on which clubs and activities are on offer for each year group (please see the correct year group tab at the bottom of the document). For information about specific activities, please contact the lead teacher identified on the document.

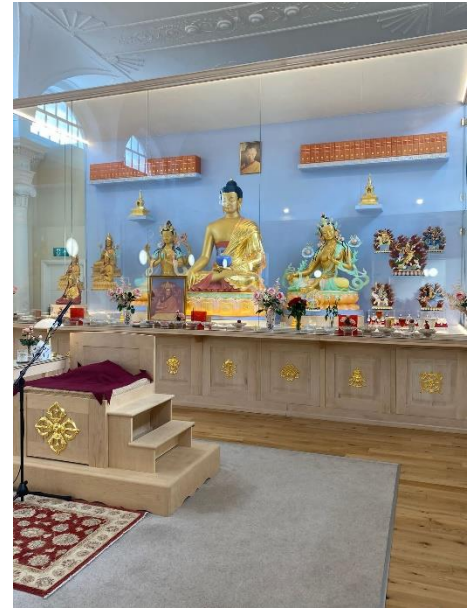
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Early Closure 5th October

We would like to remind you that the school will close for all students in Years 7-13 at 12:10 next Thursday, 5th October. This is to enable us to prepare the school for Open Evening. If your child is eligible for a free school meal they will be able to collect a cold lunch or use their allowance at break time.

Year 11 Buddhist Centre Visit

On Tuesday our Year 11 Religious Studies students visited Kadampa Meditation Centre as part of their GCSE study. They heard a lecture from a Buddhist monk, tried meditation and explored the features of the meditation centre. The students represented the school exceptionally well and enjoyed the afternoon learning outside the classroom. Thank you to Mrs Gledhill for organising the trip!



PE – Medical Issues/Exceptions

In the event that your child cannot do PE because of a medical issue/exception, can you please **write this in the student's planner** so that the student can hand that to the PE teacher at the beginning of the lesson.

All students must still bring kit and will be expected to participate in whatever way they can.

Lost Property

All of next week students will get a chance to look through our lost property to reclaim items that were misplaced last year. The Hall will be open all week and any remaining items will be going to support charities with school uniform – we also keep some back to support those families with financial difficulties.

Sims Parent App

The SIMS Parent app is a secure online service designed to provide a convenient way for sharing information with parents. This clear and easy-to-use app will enable you to see accessible information about your child in real time, to help support them in their learning. You can view timetables and term dates, attendance and homework, achievement points and detention information, and termly progress review reports. You can also check and amend the personal data in the Data Collection tile, removing the need to email the school with changes to address, phone number or email address of contacts. Look out

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for an email from noreply@sims.co.uk with your log-in details very soon. The joining process is very simple, but you can email us at ParentLogons@horsforthschool.org if you have any queries.

Dancing Success

At the weekend Lilia in Year 12 and Matilda in Year 8 took part in the regional competition in order to qualify for the national finals in Blackpool next April. Matilda won her competition in the under 13s ballroom, dancing all five dances (waltz, tango, Viennese waltz, foxtrot and quickstep) and became regional ballroom champion for 2023.

Lilia, having just moved up into the new age category of 16-21s made her final in Latin, dancing all five Latin dances (cha cha, samba, rumba, paso doble and jive) and placed 5th. Both girls qualified for the national finals. In November they will take part in the next qualifier when it will be Matilda's turn to dance Latin and Lilia will dance ballroom. Well done girls!



Sports Fixtures

Year 10 football on Monday

We beat Ilkley 2-0 but lost 4-0 to Guiseley.

Tuesday

The Under 13 Netball scores: Horsforth 7- 0 Corpus Cristi, Horsforth 5-0 Allerton High.

The Year 7 Rugby Team beat Ilkley 25-10 with great performances from Joe, Archie, Alex and Hugo. The Year 8 rugby team were dominant, beating Ilkley 40-15 with tries from George, Milo, Freddie, Alfie, Charlie and Nasim. The Player of the Match goes to Isaac.

Year 9 won both their fixtures against Ilkley and Guiseley. Winning 2-0 and 4-0 respectively. The Player of the Match across both games was Will for some fantastic performances but a special mention to Finn for an outstanding finish to a great team move against Guiseley!

Wednesday

The Year 9 Football Team played in the National Cup and we lost 2-1 to Whitcliffe Mount. The Player of the Match goes to Kupa.

Thursday

The Year 9 Rugby Team narrowly lost in the final minute of the game to Ilkley 22-17. The Player of the

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Match goes to Kupa again!

Year 11 Football

Year 11 are through to the next round of the national cup with a 2-1 victory over Ripon, a score line that doesn't reflect the gulf between the sides.

The first half was scrappy with a few questionable decisions against us. We went on 1-0 down which was baffling to say the least. In the second half we dominated and the introduction of Dan and Dom changed the momentum. A striker's finish from Emre and a bullet shot from Dom, secured our passage to round 2.

Special mentions have to go to Matt who was immense and Max who finally got to play for school. Next up its Illkey in both the league and the national cup and both are at home. Well done boys!

Friday

The Under 16 girls netball tournament at Allerton High resulted in two draws against Woodhouse Grove and St Marys. Player - Athina.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Boggle Hole

Our A Level Biologists escaped the classroom last week for our first sixth form trip of this academic year. They went to Boggle Hole at Robin Hood's Bay to look at the abundance and distribution of different species in different places along the shore, then they compared the species diversity. As a treat after a day of hard work, they made time to sample the local ice cream which was delicious!



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Head Students

This week students have been delivering their manifestos as they look to be elected as head students of the Sixth Form at Horsforth. The successful candidates will be democratically voted in by their peers in Years 12 and 13 and the staff as they stand up in an assembly and present their ideas.

Good luck to all the students involved! The winning students will be announced in next week's newsletter.

Find Out What Goes on at the Sixth Form at Horsforth

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Thank you, as always, for your support,

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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