



Horsforth Sporting Success

Table Tennis

Two of Horsforth's Table Tennis teams recently represented Leeds at the West Yorkshire games held at Leeds Beckett University. The U15 Boys team of Max (Y10), Joe (Y10), Seth (Y10) and Isaac (Y9) won the bronze medal whilst the U13 Girls team of Eve (Y8), Jasmine (Y8), Connie (Y8) and Ellie (Y7) came second. This is a fantastic achievement by both teams.

Year 7 champions – Football Cup!

Year 7 girls recently played against Cardinal Heenan in the Cup final. All players put in 100% effort and in miserable conditions the year 7s won with a 4-0 victory. Ella Gregory captained the team well and put in an outstanding performance scoring 2 goals. Izzy Cook controlled the ball well and lifted the ball into the top corner of the goal. Bella Copley also finished with a shot so powerful the keeper had no chance. All pupils were awarded with a medal and they brought a trophy back to Horsforth.

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Year 10 performance of 'The Pals'

One fine summer day in 1914, fourteen year old Horace Iles from Woodhouse volunteered for the 'Leeds Pals' battalion and this courageous decision led to his death almost two years later as he became the youngest of the 'Pals' to die in a volley of enemy machine gun fire in the opening hour of the battle of the Somme. He is buried in the cemetery at Serre. Horace is the main character in Horsforth School's production of 'The Pals' a play involving fourteen year 10 boys which will be performed at the school on July 13th and 14th.

Horsforth pupil Josh who plays Horace explains that 'The Pals' tells the story of Horace Iles from his arrival in France in March 1914 until the beautiful but fateful morning of 1st July 1916 when, along with so many others, he gave his life in service of our country. Although Horace was considered powerfully built for his age, he was just sixteen and a half at the time of his death. 'Pals' battalions were recruited in many northern towns and paid recruiters often turned a blind eye when an enthusiastic but clearly underage young lad presented himself. Our play makes no comment on the morals of the war but simply asks that we remember these young boys and the terrible fate that befell them.

The year 10's have been working hard to honour the memory of Horace and his pals and hope to perform the play to full houses. Tickets are £4 each and £3 for over 60s. Please contact James Bovington at bovingjd01@horsforthschool.org or at school on 0113 226 5454 for further information.

As well as the play we also encourage people to attend the Festival of Remembrance for the soldiers of the Somme, a joint event with Horsforth WWI 100 project which will be held at school at 19:45 on the 22nd June.

Drugs Intervention Talk

Following very strong recommendations from other schools and organisations, on Wednesday 20th April, Years 7 to 10 took part in a workshop with the inspirational Paul Hannaford. Paul talked about his life story and involvement with drugs, gangs and knife crime as a teenager. The students were enthralled as he informed them of the effects this experience had on both him and those around him. Paul then went on to explain how he turned his life around and is now giving something back to the nation. His message was simple: don't make the wrong choices!

Paul invited students to follow him on Instagram and Twitter as he delivers his message to the nation. While the issues Paul experienced are not a reality to everyone, they are very real issues within our society and we therefore have a duty to fully educate our young people on these topic. The students appreciated the honesty with which he spoke and the message he was giving. Feedback from students at Horsforth School included the comments:

"It was amazing – thanks"

"It was so interesting and emotional. It was better than the teachers telling us 😊 I think all of year seven enjoyed it"

"Thank you so much for coming to our school and sharing your story with us because it really made me aware about how drugs can affect and change your life"

"...it was an amazing experience just to see (how) the drugs affect u and how ur life changes"

For more information:

Visit the website www.paulhannaford.com you can also follow Paul on *Instagram* and *Twitter*.

Healthy School!

Throughout the Winter Term, the school went through a self-evaluation process to achieve its Healthy Schools Status. On March 31st, the school was externally assessed by the Leeds Health and Wellbeing team to review our practice within 4 core areas, Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE), Healthy Eating, Physical Activity and Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health (EWMH). We were delighted with their feedback! Our Lifeskills curriculum was deemed outstanding in many areas and our approach to catering and healthy school food was seen as exemplary!

Response to our practice has been highly positive on both an internal and external basis. The Leeds Health and Wellbeing team emphasised the 'caring nature' of the school the committed approach staff display towards our "holistic approach and vision for investing in the whole child." While students praised our healthy food options which "taste great" as well as the "welcoming" nature of the school which means there "is always someone to talk to."



School Safety

While we encourage students to stay hydrated during the school day, we request that drinks are not brought to school in glass bottles as this poses a significant health and safety concern for the school.

Can parents please refrain from dropping off students at student or main reception unless you have been given permission to do so as the school needs to limit the amount of traffic coming onto the premises for safety reasons.



Lost Property

All lost property needs to be collected from behind the stage before the last day of term. Any items not collected by this time will be donated to charity.

Horsforth Walk of Art

In preparation for the Horsforth Walk of Art, which takes place on the 2nd and 3rd of July, we have been working with local primary schools to create clay sculptures inspired by Henry Moore, a Yorkshire artist.

In Art Club we have also been working with felt artist Rachael Greenland, to make felt balls which will be used to make a series of sculptures to be exhibited at the Walk of Art.

Student Council Vice Chair Elections

Congratulations to Year 11 student Toby who was elected as Vice-Chair of the Student Council in April's elections.

Toby will lead the council's meetings, work and charity ideas alongside the current Chair, and will become the Chair when he reaches year 13.

We would also like to thank the other three candidates; Naomi, Holly and Jake who all put a significant amount of hard work into their campaigns and manifestos. We hope to see all three candidates take up other leadership opportunities in the future.



Berlin Trip

In February, 30 students made the exciting trip to Berlin! The trip included: a guided tour of the main sights of Berlin including the Brandenburg Gate, the Memorial to the Murdered Jews, the Reichstag and Checkpoint Charlie, a language quiz trail, a ride up the TV tower (210 metres high in a very fast lift) for a spectacular aerial view of the city, a visit inside the modern glass dome on top of the Reichstag, free-time in a huge shopping centre and some interactive museums.

The students returned from the trip rather tired, having had a fabulous time, as well as benefitting from the fascinating history of the city as well as the many opportunities to use our German!



Holocaust Trip

In May, two year 12 students embarked on a one day trip to Poland to visit Holocaust Concentration Camp sites.

The students went on the trip with the Holocaust Education Trust and both students are now Ambassadors for the trust!



Yorkshire Sculpture Park Trip

Last month, photography students from year 9 and 10 took a trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. The trip provided an opportunity to view a new exhibition by the renowned American artist, KAWS which is comprised of both an indoor gallery exhibit as well as a series of towering sculptures in the outdoor grounds of the park.

Students also took part in two exciting workshops which provided the opportunity to build sculptures as a team as well as the chance to learn to use light sensitive Sunography paper.



Key Dates including Early Closure Times for Academic Year 2015-16

13 th June	Monday	Sports Day
24 th June	Friday	Y11 Prom
1 st July	Friday	Training day (School closed)
22nd July	Friday	Early Closure: School will close at 12:30pm
25 th - 27 th July		Training days (School closed)
28 th July - 4 th September		Summer holidays

Yours sincerely,



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