



### Headteacher's Farewell

As many of you know, I am leaving my role as Headteacher of Horsforth School at the end of summer after eleven very happy years here, the last four as Headteacher.

I would like to take this opportunity, in my final newsletter to you, to thank you all for your support and encouragement over this period. I feel strongly that our school plays a central and highly valued role in our community.

I won't be disappearing completely from Horsforth School as I have accepted a role at Red Kite Teacher Training, helping to prepare the next generation of Secondary Teachers for our region; hopefully with some of the best coming to Horsforth.

Horsforth is a fantastic school with a very positive and exciting future under Dr Bell's leadership from September. I leave with many happy memories of my eleven years, knowing that with the continued support of yourselves and our wider community, we will continue to serve you very well in the years ahead.

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### Exam Results Days

#### A level exam results day, 18<sup>th</sup> August

School will be open for A2 students only from 8:00am. Results will be issued and we will have advisors, ICT facilities and telephones available to support clearing applications and careers advice. AS students will be able to collect their results from 10:00am but we will not be able to advise and support them over course changes etc. until 12:00am as our priority is in supporting University applications and career advice for the Year 13 students.

#### GCSE exam results day, 25<sup>th</sup> August

Results will be available from 9am to 11am and we will be able to provide advice and support at these times.

## Primary Maths Challenge!

This year's Horsforth School UKMT Primary Maths Challenge was another roaring success! Five Year 6 teams from our feeder primary schools came to battle it out for the winning spot. The winning team earned a geometry set and scientific calculator to start their secondary school studies with in September. Students and staff all had an enjoyable morning solving maths problems, trying to be the most accurate and fastest team of the day.

The winning team came from West End Primary School, closely followed by Broadgate Primary School, with a team from Holy Trinity coming in third. All teams achieved highly; showing excellent team work, problem solving and reasoning skills.

The Maths Department at Horsforth School would like to thank all the schools for taking part. We look forward to running the event again next year.



## Sports Tour Success

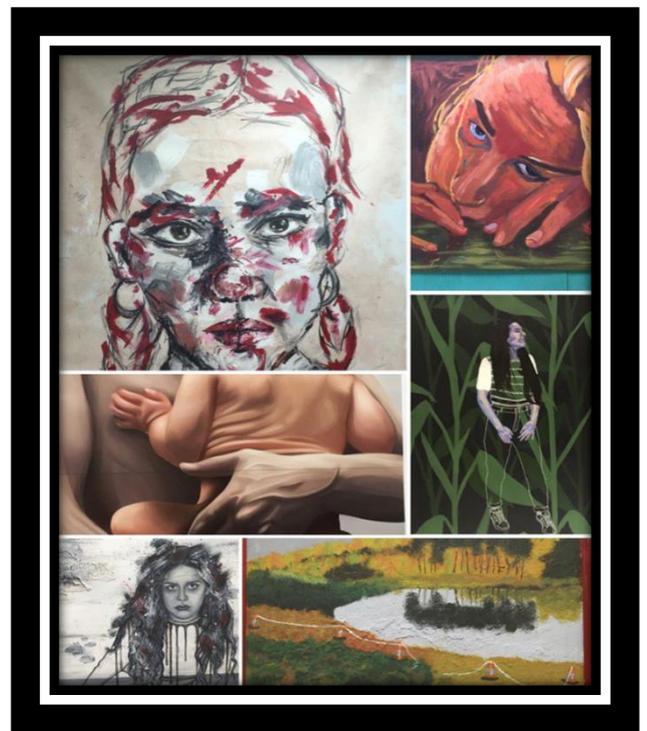
The Malta Sports Tour was a huge success! Our team played some very competitive football and netball against local Maltese teams as well as enjoying the sights and culture the country has to offer. The boys U13 and U15s teams won three of four football games! Our girls football team improved a lot throughout the week with some advice from a Maltese elite team! They also won one of their two netball games which they played by the sea on an idyllic coastline court!



## 'Art of Gold' Exhibition!

As part of the Horsforth Walk of Art, which took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, the local art shop 'Art of Gold' chose to exhibit the work of some of our talented art and photography students! A selection of pieces from Year Seven, GCSE and A-Level students were showcased at the shop along with the work of Miss Brown, an art teacher at Horsforth School.

For updates and news from Horsforth School art department please follow @HorsforthArt on Twitter.



## Careers Fair

On Thursday 7th July, Horsforth School hosted our annual careers fair for Year 10 students. The students had the opportunity to visit over 40 stands and interact with representatives from a variety of establishments to find out more about opportunities available to them after Year 11, 12 & 13.

The school welcomed representatives from Sky, Lloyds Bank, The Leeds Rhino's Foundation, The University of Leeds, The Royal Navy and many more establishments and students had the opportunity to explore the wealth of both academic and vocational opportunities available to them in the future.





## Rewards Day

Rewards Day was another success this year, with more students than ever qualifying to attend. It was a day in which we could celebrate the achievements and successes of young people, much fun was had and we hope that it has inspired students to keep up the good work in the next academic year.

Students had a choice of staying in school to take part in fun, creative activities with a bbq lunch, go to a theme park or to the cinema and bowling.

We were very pleased with students' behaviour on this day and the external providers commented at what lovely children we had. Horsforth School students really did us proud on this day!



## Key Dates Including Early Closures

5 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday	School Opens to Students <b>Year 7</b> can arrive from 8:00am for 8:25am start <b>Years 8-11</b> can arrive from 10:30am for 10:50am start <b>Year 12</b> should arrive from 9:30am and go straight to the hall
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Friday	School Closes for Half Term at 2:50pm
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Monday	School Opens to Students
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday	School Closes at 12:30pm for Winter Break
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Tuesday	School Opens to Students
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday	School Closes for Half Term at 2:50pm
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Tuesday	School Opens to Students
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Friday	School Closes for Easter Break at 2:50pm
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday	School Opens to Students
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday	School Closes for Half Term at 2:50pm
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday	School Opens to Students
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Friday	School Closes at 12:30 pm for Summer Break

On behalf of staff and Governors at Horsforth School may I wish you a happy and relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely,



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