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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer! I just wanted to remind you of the start of term arrangements and some key information linked to school meals.

Important Information about the start of the new academic year in September

As a reminder, our new academic year will start for students on Tuesday the 5th of September as we have two training days on Friday 1st and Monday 4th September for staff only. Our new Year 7 students will start school at the usual time (8:20) on the 5th. Students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 will arrive at break and then will have Form Time to introduce the new Year.

Tuesday 5th September					
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
8:20	Arrive				
Form time	Assembly in the main hall				
Period 1					
Period 2	Form				
Break	Break	Arrive in school			
Period 3	Form				
Period 4 onwards	Normal lessons				

Sixth Form students will receive induction information from the Sixth Form team.

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School Meal Price Increase

After careful consideration, due to high inflation and rising cost pressures, we will be reluctantly increasing the cost of a hot school dinner from £2.30 to £2.50 for the new academic year. We have benchmarked our price against other local secondary schools and believe we still offer fantastic value for money. The free school meal allowance will be increased accordingly.

Cheaper alternatives are still available e.g. sandwiches, jacket potatoes etc.

School Timetables and Option choices

All students will receive their new school timetable on Tuesday 5 September during form time (Sixth form students will receive theirs when they enrol on Tuesday or Wednesday). We strongly suggest that they do not transfer these into their planner until they have been through one full 2-week cycle of their timetable in case of any changes. If there are any issues with a student's timetable they should firstly speak to their form tutor. If parents/carers need to contact school regarding timetables or changes to option choices (Students in Year 9, 10 or 12 only) then they should email info@horsforthschool.org and mark the email FAO Mrs Wright who will deal with your query for you. Please be aware that the deadline for option changes is Friday 29 September. Changes can only be made after this time in exceptional circumstances and can only be done so in agreement with Mrs Wright and relevant Subject Leaders.

Please remember that parents/carers can also see timetables (as well as behaviour, attendance and progress data) throughout the year using the Parent Sims App - if you need any additional support with accessing this App, please email the Data Support Team in school.

I would like to finish by just mentioning how proud we are of our Year 11 and 13 students. The results were exceptional again and for the second year running we have the highest A level attainment in Leeds! The progress made by our Year 11's has been incredible and it looks like this could be our best year yet.

We are really looking forward to the start of term and welcoming everyone back on Tuesday.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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