



Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we get to the end of our third week after the summer our students' work ethic and positivity has been brilliant again, please pass on my thanks for their efforts in class. It's not just about what happens in the classroom however so whether your child is interested in our Combined Cadets Force, one of the many clubs, sports teams or the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme there is something for all students to get involved in after school.

Parent Voice

We have had a great year and are proud to be a high performing school. We can always improve however, so if you have 2 to 3 minutes, please fill in our parent questionnaire so we can use your feedback on what we can improve but also to keep doing (or expand) what you value.

<https://forms.gle/ZbhcZv33LLtjzNRB8>

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.

Parking Safely Outside School

Can I please ask all parents/carers to be mindful of safety when bringing and collecting their child from school.

Whilst it may be well known that you cannot park on the yellow zig-zag lines, according to the Highway Code it is also illegal for drivers to wait or even to stop momentarily in their cars on the zig-zag markings.

I would also ask you to be mindful of the local residents as inconsiderate parking can cause significant inconvenience to our neighbours as well as being a danger to other road users, residents, staff and most of all to the students of the school.

The majority of parents/carers are considerate in their parking and we thank you for this.

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Back Gate

We will only be opening the back gate that is towards Morrisons in the morning (Gate A). Both back gates will be open as usual at the end of the day but in order to support our safeguarding procedures students will only be able to enter by the single gate in the mornings. Please note that parents and visitors are required to use the front gates only and to report to Reception.

To clarify, Gate B will be shut in the morning and open at 2:50.

The front gate arrangements are unaffected by this.



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 on 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.

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 in the hall 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.

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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 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.

Sports Fixtures

Year 10/11 Rugby

The Year 10 and 11 rugby boys beat Guiseley 24-12 in a physical competitive match with tries from Bailey, Rayon, Ethan and Liam. There were some outstanding performances, but Player of the Match goes to Finn for the number of tackles, collisions and turnovers he produced.

Year 8 Football

The Year 8's won against IGS 5-0 last night. The Player of the Match was Mylo. We drew against Guiseley 0-0 in a close game – the Player of the Match was JJ due to a fine penalty save and even better one handed save to keep Guiseley out.

Connect With Us

We love to share good news stories about our students. So, if your son or daughter is in Years 7 to 11, connect with us to see some of the trips, events and activities they will experience this year.



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Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Why Enrichment is So Important

We know enrichment plays a significant role in our students' education and beyond. This year we are fortunate to be able to offer a choice of more than 100 enrichment activities and this week our students have been choosing what to get involved in. From being a mentor or after school club leader for our younger students to being a Diversity Champion, Choir Leader, President of the student record label or volunteering at Horsforth Community Café; the list goes on. These activities provide opportunities to explore new skills and interests while helping our students to develop their abilities and improve their overall well-being and self-esteem. We can't wait to show you what they get up to this year!

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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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