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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 7 & 8 'Supporting Your Child to Learn' evening. You may remember that in the Autumn Term we asked for your feedback and you asked for greater clarity on homework, particularly in the younger years so your positive feedback from those who attended the evening is valued. We really hope the tasks and knowledge organisers all in one place will support our students so thank you again.

Year 9 Options

It is an exciting time for our Year 9 students who have started their Options process this week which consisted of a series of assemblies including some general guidance around choosing options and how the process will work at Horsforth as well as presentations from each subject area. Students also received an options booklet giving further information.

You will have received a letter last week giving information about the options process (including key dates and deadlines) and in particular inviting you to the Year 9 Options evening. This will be held in school on Monday 19 February (first Monday back after half term) starting at 6.00pm for a presentation in the main hall followed by a chance to look around the subject stalls and ask questions until 7.30pm. Please email info@horsforthschool.org FAO Mrs Wright if you have any immediate questions regarding the options process prior to the options evening.

Personal Development Curriculum and Offer

We have developed and enhanced our personal development offer for all students across the school. We are keen to make parents aware of this new offer and explain what personal development means at Horsforth School.

Personal Development is the main driver for educating the 'whole child.' It has a vital role in preparing young people to negotiate the challenges and opportunities of an increasingly complex world. This presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also challenges and risks. Personal Development occurs through PSHCE, which is personal, social, health and economic education and Religious studies and other planned lessons.

It supports students to be healthy (mentally and physically), safe (online and offline) and equipped to thrive in their relationships and careers. It helps equip our young people with the skills and knowledge needed for

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the wider world now and later into adult life. Personal Development occurs through planned experiences and opportunities such as trips, visits, super-curricular events, themed weeks or drop-down day's and activities.

It goes beyond the academic, technical or vocational, it occurs within and beyond the classroom, on and off school site.

We divide our Personal Development offer into 8 strands. Each strand is delivered to each year group from Year 7 to Year 13. The diagram explains the content of these 8 strands. The 8 strands ensure breadth and depth of our offer throughout the key stages.



To see what is taught in each strand, please click on the relevant year group link below which will take you to more detail on our website.

Year 7:

<https://www.horsforthschool.org/school/looking-after-you-year-7/#pd>

Year 8:

<https://www.horsforthschool.org/school/looking-after-you-year-8/#pd>

Year 9:

<https://www.horsforthschool.org/school/looking-after-you-year-9/#pd>

Year 10:

<https://www.horsforthschool.org/school/looking-after-you-year-10/#pd>

Year 11:

<https://www.horsforthschool.org/school/looking-after-you-year-11/#pd>

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Christmas Carol Production

Our Year 10 students enjoyed a live performance of A Christmas Carol today as part of their preparation for their GCSE. Huge thank you to Quantum Theatre for coming!



Come and Work at our School

[Take a look at our Vacancies webpage](#) to view the current roles we are recruiting. At the moment we are looking for someone to join our SEND Team as a SEND Nurture Lead. You can always call the school for a chat about any of the jobs on offer on 0113 2265454. And please share with anyone you think might like to join our team.

Sports Fixtures

Year 7 Girls Football

Year 7's won 5-1 with a strong performance! Goals from Harriet, Sophia and Elaina all contributed, but everyone on the team played very well. They are now into the semi-final of the Leeds School's Cup.

Year 7 Boys Football

The Year 7 team beat RTHS 1-0 and drew Guiseley 0-0. Leo scored and Joe was Player of the Match. The boys are now in a strong position to qualify for the knockout stage of the tournament.

Year 11 Boys Football

Year 11 sadly lost in the last 16 of the National Cup to The English Martyrs School from Hartlepool, 1-0. The footballing ability of both sides was evenly matched, but they simply managed the game better than us. A special mention has to go to Max who was immense in midfield and Alec who despite being injured, worked his socks off for the full game. 629 schools entered the competition and to be one of the last 16 schools in the country, is an unbelievable effort from all of the squad. No Horsforth side has ever got this far in the competition and although everyone involved was disappointed, they should be immensely proud of their achievements. We are in a very strong position in the league and are into the Semi Final of the Leeds Cup. Next Tuesday we play Guiseley at home in the league.

Year 10 Girls Netball

On Tuesday the A and B team travelled to GSAL to play in a tournament. The girls played well and got some extremely high scores. Shooting was exceptional, as well as the defending. The girls worked really well with each other. The first game was against the GSAL B team. The score was 15-2 to Horsforth. Their second game was massively competitive and unfortunately the girls just missed out by 1 goal, losing 11-10 to Prince Henrys despite leading after the third quarter. The third game was against GSAL C, another

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ridiculous amount of goals scored. The final score was 17-0 to Horsforth. The fourth game we knew would be our most difficult, GSAL A. The girls tried their hardest but lost 14-5 to the overall tournament winners. They then played Crawshaw and again did very well winning 18-1. We are so proud of the girls, 65 goals scored which is an exceptional achievement. Bronze medal overall! Teacher's Player A – Emily, Teacher's Player B - Lexie.



Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Thank you!

Our sixth form students are always great role models but we wanted to give a special shout out to our Year 12 drama students. They helped to run our Year 11 GCSE drama group and nailed the immersive experience for them this week!

Mock Exam Timetable

Mock exams will be happening soon, here's the timetable:

<https://www.horsforthschool.org/sixthform/letters-home-sixth-form/>

Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair

Returns to the Leeds first direct arena next week. The event is an opportunity to find out more about apprenticeships and speak to employers. Book your free ticket here: <https://bit.ly/LARF24>



Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
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