



Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to everyone who has replied to the survey so far and it was lovely to see you if you came to our Parents Forum on Monday. ClassCharts is working really well in school and it's great to see so many positives being given and our students rewarded for their efforts.

As always, the link to the podcast version is here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ffkv8-_NzaIuCw7tdDXPx7d83bxWlIN/view?usp=sharing

Parent Survey

Your views are important to us so if you have 1 minute to answer our parent survey I would really appreciate it. There are two free text (optional) questions (A suggestion to improve the school would be, and, A strength or something I like about the school is) and then 15 multiple choice questions.

It does ask for your email in case we need to ask you about a suggestion but just taking 30 seconds to answer the multiple choice ones will really help us. Thank you!

Link to the survey: <https://forms.gle/cXsfizP8ZVRS5igq5>

Open Evening 3rd October – Early Closure

Thursday 3rd October 2024 is our Annual Open Evening when Year 6 Parents/Carers and students visit the School. In order to prepare for this event, **the School will close for students at 12:10pm on that day.**

Your son/daughter may be invited to return in the evening to support our Open Evening activities. If this is the case, you will be notified by a separate letter from the relevant Curriculum Leader. Any student entitled to free school meals will be able to pick up a sandwich at break should they wish to do so.

If you or your friends have children in Year 6, please come along to the open evening. You will see classes and students in action, demonstrations and be able to take part in some activities. There will also be talks from our Headteacher and Transition Team. [More information about the evening can be found here.](#)

Horsforth Community Pantry Donations

At Horsforth School we are proud to create partnerships with projects in our community, promoting ways to help others and provide advice on how to access support if you ever need it.

Horsforth Community Assets Project (HCAP) are collecting Harvest donations for Horsforth Community Pantry. HCAP opened the pantry in partnership with St James Woodside to support local individuals and families. It is a

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membership scheme where people pay a small amount each week to receive groceries that will help to reduce their weekly outgoings on food and essentials.

All donations of non-perishable food and other essentials are welcome but at the moment the items we really need include: tinned meat, tinned fish, pasta sauce, curry Sauce, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, cereal, UHT milk, toiletries and feminine products.

For more information about the pantry please contact:

Claire Evans
ABCD Community Builder &
Manager, Assets Based Community Project
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Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

This weekend, our brilliant Year 10 students set out on their practice expedition for the DofE bronze award. They planned and walked a route around the local area covering up to 8 miles and then camped for 1 night in Bramhope. The team were all involved in preparing and cooking their own meals, pitching tents, route planning and map reading. Well done to you all for a great effort and we'd like to wish you luck for your assessed expedition this weekend!



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Sporting Success

Well done to Toby for winning the Empire Yorkshire Championships, fourth time in a row!



School Dinner Menu

Please click on the link below to view the food on offer for the coming week.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kr3tdnKUhOBtjmdyT_hrguBMzeoFcgxcAokkRYSIGvc/edit?usp=sharing

- 1. Please note menus may be subject to change due to product availability.*
- 2. Please note some of the products we serve may contain peanuts, tree nuts, soy, milk, eggs and wheat. While we take steps to minimise the risk of cross-contamination, we cannot guarantee that any of our products are safe to consume for people with peanut, tree nut, soy, milk, egg or wheat allergies.*
- 3. Please note we will make every reasonable effort to ensure that the information provided is accurate; however, due to the very nature of food production there can be variations in each meal. As a school we are not able to provide 100% accurate information on the food we serve.*

Fixtures

Year 10 Football

Our Year 10 boys football team have begun their title defence and cup competitions in a very strong manner. Tuesday night the team went down to Castleford in the English Schools FA Cup and came away with a 4-1 win. The boy's attitude and performance were of the highest quality and really set the tone for the rest of the year. Amazing team performance. Next up in the 3rd round of the ESFA is Mirfield Grammar School, Huddersfield.

After winning the league three times in a row, Mr Maxwell made some slight tweaks to his team and gave some fresh legs a chance to show their capabilities. Again, some very good results for the team. Beating Ilkley Grammar School 3-0 in another great performance, the boys unfortunately let a 3-0 lead slip against Guiseley to draw 3-3.

Despite the results, the boys stand in good stead for the rest of the year to continue their dominance across Leeds and hopefully into the National Cup.

Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs

This week has been absolutely fantastic with extracurricular sports clubs. Over 300 students have attended clubs this week and it's been an absolutely brilliant atmosphere down at PE. Huge thank you to all the PE staff and supporting staff who work tirelessly to provide these opportunities for our students!

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Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Register Your Interest for our Sixth Form Open Evenings

If your child will be in Year 11 from September, don't forget to come to one of our sixth form open evenings. We will let you know when you can book a place, [if you register your details here](#).



Thank you as always for your support,

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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