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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are really looking forward to seeing future parents on Thursday at our Open Evening, please pass on my thanks to your son/daughter if they are coming in to help. It's always great to see so many of our students being wonderful ambassadors for the school and it really helps prospective parents and students to talk to them and find out more from a young person's perspective.

As always, the link to the podcast version is here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AiUixLWBwH0q27anDMYuAbOlliKmKc9t/view?usp=drive_link

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/cXsfizP8ZVRS5jgq5>

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.](#)

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Computing Trip

Some of our students went on a trip to Leeds University this week. Mia said:

“The computing trip to Leeds University was superbly planned out and interactive with lots of opportunities to share your ideas and discuss questions.

Firstly, we were taken to a lecture theatre for an introductory meeting. Then we split into two random groups to either do an AI workshop where we programmed computers to tell the difference between cats or dogs, or an interactive workshop based on problem solving. The lunch was delicious and during break we could ask questions and socialise with other schools.

I really enjoyed this day out because I learnt more about further careers in Computer Science and I had a fun day with my friends.”



Costume Making

A plea from Mrs Kendal to any of our talented parents out there who might be able to help with costume or prop making for our forthcoming December production of Alice in Wonderland! Please let us know by emailing info@horsforthschool.org for the attention of Mrs Kendal.

Queries about Class Charts Behaviour Points

We would like to remind you that a generic behaviour point will be given for poor behaviour in a lesson which is low level and therefore affecting the quality of teaching and learning of a student (s) such as:

- Defiance (basic refusal to follow instructions or rudeness)
- Disruption (talking, silly behaviour, out of seat etc.)
- Where a student is deliberately off task
- Insufficient work

A simple behaviour point is awarded on class charts for any of the above and there is no explanation note. Explanation or notes are only given for behaviours higher than this requiring a phase 5 sanction or above.

Students are issued instant **detentions** for the following reasons:

- Out of bounds (when students are not where they are supposed to be at any time during the school day)
- Phone confiscation
- If more than one student is in a toilet cubicle at the same time
- Talking during a fire drill

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- When student receives 5 negative points in a week

We would politely ask that you do not contact the school asking for an explanation for basic negative behaviour points or detentions for the above reasons. It does mean we have less capacity in school to support students.

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/1FOLgr34HuE8uaGA3039kR6nC9gul_mU8iSspDuCE63Q/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

Leeds City Cup Final

Our Year 9s won the belated cup final on Monday night 5-4 with a dramatic comeback. Abbey Grange raced into a 3-0 lead and could have scored more. However, the boys managed to get a foothold in the game and pulled two goals back just before half time to go in 3-2 down.

Horsforth equalised shortly after a break through from Freddy but Abbey Grange scored a thunderbolt short after to make it 4-3. With five minutes to go it didn't look like it would be put right, however two late goals from Lucas completing his hattrick swung the game our way. The Player of the Match was Lucas with three goals and two assists.



Rugby

It was a great win for the rugby boys yesterday afternoon beating a well drilled Ilkley team 17-0. The boys worked really hard in tough wet conditions, Adam scoring two tries and Max converting both conversions and adding a penalty late on. Fantastic start.

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Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Pat on the Back Moment

Sometimes we take a small step back from day-to-day teaching and reflect. That's why it was so nice to find out that over the summer we achieved the highest state school A Level results in Leeds. This means we've topped the rankings for the last 3 years. We were also recently featured in The Yorkshire Post's article about the [15 best state sixth form schools and colleges in Yorkshire](#), ranking 3rd in the whole of Yorkshire. Big pat on the back goes to our students, their families and our amazing teachers!

Register Your Interest for our Open Evenings

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

Voting Has Begun

This week three of our Year 13 students put themselves forward to be elected for Head and Deputy student. Please encourage your son/daughter to vote.



A Doll's House

Our Year 12 and 13 English Literature students went to the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. They saw A Doll's House which is one of their set texts and even got to meet the actors and actresses as they came out the stage door!



Thank you as always for your support,

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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