



Horsforth School

Lee Lane East Horsforth
Leeds LS18 5RF

Tel: 0113 226 5454

Fax: 0113 226 5401

Email: info@horsforthschool.org

Website: www.horsforthschool.org

Headteacher: Dr P C Bell

Our Ref: PCB/TRH/JFI

8th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been a really positive and purposeful start to the term and I would like to say well done to all our students! Since we have brought ClassCharts in this year students have been awarded 337,096 bonus points which is exceptional! Please pass on my thanks and an extra well done to students who are earning purple slips.

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vdD75t2gDkDf2azZ9twdsXltCluhTyzT/view?usp=sharing>

Important Notice about Changes to Detentions

As you know we have updated our Positive Behaviour Policy for this year, making some significant changes to how we reward, monitor and sanction the behaviour of our students on class charts. We want to prepare students for their future where there are personal, professional and sometimes legal consequences to actions. Our policy is a vital part of this as well as ensuring the school is safe and learning is not disrupted.

As part of the process we have already altered the communication about detentions after school, using class charts instead of the planner.

To finalise improvements for this year, we are now going to make some changes to the actual detention in terms of work and alter the length of detentions. Students will complete reflective behaviour work and academic work.

We feel that the focus needs to be on supporting students to think about their behaviours and to support them to close gaps in their learning during this time. Therefore, the detentions will finish slightly earlier. Local schools have shorter detention times and we would like to be in line with this also.

The new finish times from 18th November will be:

- All detentions issued for being late will finish at 3.10pm
- Detentions issued for behaviour (Mon-Thurs) will finish at 3.35pm
- Headteacher detentions (Fridays) will finish at 4.05pm

'Opportunity and achievement for all'

This will be a trial until Christmas, and we will update you in January if this is to be made a permanent policy change.

Year 11 Mocks

We have been incredibly proud of our Year 11 students this week who have been having their first round of mock exams in the sports hall. Their behaviour, attitude and positivity have been exceptional and we are confident that their results will reflect their hard work and conscientious attitude.

Once the mock exams have finished we will be holding 'next steps week' where we will be looking at the different options after Year 11 and students will have an opportunity to find out about all of the subjects that we offer at The Sixth Form at Horsforth as well as other providers and alternative routes to A levels.

Non-Uniform Day: Friday 15th November

We are marking national Children in Need Day by holding a non-uniform day on Friday 15th November. As a school, we feel that young people helping other young people is crucial.

Last year the charity helped 460,000 children and young people to overcome their challenges. This included supporting children & young people living in poverty, providing emergency support to families in crisis, providing comfort to children feeling sad, lost and alone, helping children overcome social injustice and supporting children to feel safe and secure again.

Each student who takes part in this day will be asked to donate £1.

Half of the money raised will go to the Children in Need Appeal.

Half of the money raised will go to a charity voted by our students. The student parliament will choose charities linked to supporting or raising awareness of child trauma or poverty.



Children in Need Bake Sale

Alongside our Non-Uniform day, on Friday 15th November we are also holding a bake sale to raise money for Children in Need.

Last year the charity helped 460,000 children and young people to overcome their challenges. This included supporting children and young people living in poverty, providing emergency support to families in crisis, providing comfort to children feeling sad, lost and alone, helping children overcome social injustice and supporting children to feel safe and secure again.

This bake sale can only be possible with student and staff donations so please give generously if you can, to help a great cause. Donations should be brought to Resources (on the Geography corridor) by 8.25am on Friday 15th November at the latest, ideally with a sign outlining what has been donated.

'Opportunity and achievement for all'

The bake sale will be outside the library during break time and both lunches. Items will be either £1 or 50p. The stall will be **cash only**.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.



School Parliament

On Thursday, a team of volunteers from Leeds Schools of Sanctuary, a charity which strives to create welcoming, safe and inclusive communities for all but particularly those who have been displaced from their own community - visited our Student Parliament. The volunteers shared their aims in hoping Horsforth School can become one of the schools of sanctuary and shared accounts of their own experiences. Our students then discussed ideas on how we can implement initiatives as a school to welcome those who are seeking sanctuary in school and the local community.

It was a very humbling experience which has left the students motivated to get involved in helping with this amazing project!



'Opportunity and achievement for all'

Christmas Card Competition

We were thrilled to receive a record number of entries to our annual Christmas card competition this year, thank you to all the students who took the time to enter. We were delighted with the standard of entries and had such a difficult time choosing a winner that we had to use a scoring system and even then, there were two winners! The winners are Mia in Year 8 and Tess in Year 7 with Vivian in Year 7 coming in a close second place. The winning entries will be used as Horsforth School's official Christmas card this year and we will share all of the entries with you nearer to the festive season.



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

- Please note menus may be subject to change due to product availability.*
- 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.*
- 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.*

Come and Work at our School

[Take a look at our Vacancies webpage](#) to view the current roles we are recruiting. We are currently looking for a Teacher of Geography and a Teacher of English. You can always call the school for a chat about any of the jobs on offer on 0113 2265454. Please share with anyone you think might like to join our team.

Fixtures

Year 10 English Schools FA Cup Result

It was another wonderful performance from the Year 10 Football team on Tuesday night as they beat Shelley College, Huddersfield 7-0. Despite the convincing score line, the boys really stepped up a level and

'Opportunity and achievement for all'

played excellent football against a strong physical team. Two early goals really determined the fixture and allowed Horsforth to play some scintillating football at times. We progress into the 5th Round of the National Cup with bigger obstacles to come.

The Player of the Match was Harry who scored the goals and played the line so well and gave them a real headache throughout.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Mock Timetable

Next week our Year 13 students will be sitting their autumn mock exams. Here's the timetable for what's happening when. Best of luck Year 13, we are right behind you.



Year 13 MOCK EXAMS

*MOCK EXAMS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SPORTS HALL. PLEASE
ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE START TIME.*

	AM session - 08:30 Start		PM Session - 12:50 Start	
Monday (11/11/2024)	English Language	2hrs 30	Economics	2hrs
	English Literature	2hrs 30	Sociology	2hrs
	Physics	2hrs	Chemistry	2hrs 15
			Science	2hrs
Tuesday (12/11/2024)	Geography	2hrs 15	Maths	2hrs
	Psychology	2hrs	Religious Studies	2hrs
			Food	1hr 45
Wednesday (13/11/2024)	History	2hrs 30	Criminology	2hrs
	Health and Social Care	1hr 30	Spanish	1hr 45
	Drama	2hrs	French	
Thursday (14/11/2024)	Politics	2hrs	Biology	2hr 15
	PE	2hrs	Media	2hrs
	IT	1hr 30	Computing	2hrs
	Furter Maths	1hr 30		

November 14th Open Evening

We are looking forward to our first open evening of the year next week. **This is a ticketed event only. If you have booked a ticket, watch out for an email next week containing some important information about the evening.** We are really looking forward to welcoming you. If you haven't booked a ticket for this open evening please register your interest (details below) for the Open Evening in January.

'Opportunity and achievement for all'

January 23rd Open Evening

Our second and final, open evening will take place in January. [Register your interest here](#) and **we will let you know when free tickets are available to book.**

Meet the Employer Event

Yesterday our students were able to Meet the Employer. Thank you to Kirk Newsholme Chartered Accountants & Business Advisors for taking the time to talk about graduate careers in finance and their excellent apprenticeship programme.



Thank you as always for your support,

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

'Opportunity and achievement for all'