

Horsforth School and the Sixth Form at Horsforth

Autumn has passed into winter and we have had the first snow. As the year draws to a close, I would like to share some of the lovely events that have taken place this term.

Student Successes

Once again, our students have been getting involved in some amazing undertakings, making me incredibly proud of them. Here are some of the standout events:

Our sixth form student leadership team was elected for this academic year. Evie and Darren were elected as Head Students and they are supported by Deputy Head Students Charlie and Keiva.

Meet our Year 9 Mental Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors who have been supporting other students all term by mentoring, signposting, helping to put up displays and supporting with events in school.



In Art, Year 7 students created 3D pieces of food impressing the Art Department with the sheer amount of effort and amazing creations.



Earlier in the term, 90 Year 10 students passed their Duke of Edinburgh bronze assessed expedition with flying colours and received really positive feedback too!



Sporting Successes

- In football, we started the year triumphantly with the Year 9 team winning the belated Leeds City Cup final in September. Well done boys! Currently, Year 7 and 11 boys are progressing through the rounds of this year's Leeds City Cup while Year 10 continue their title defence and cup competitions, beating Shelley College 7-0 in their most recent English Schools FA Cup game.
- In netball, Year 11 won Division One of the Leeds Schools Sports Association with a clean sweep of matches while Year 8 and Year 9 basketballers have qualified for the city finals.



- Amber in Year 7 has been selected by the Yorkshire cricket squad and she will be playing a year up (U13s). Huge congratulations Amber!
- Joseph in Year 7 placed 1st at the regional Schools Trampoline competition and progresses to the British Schools Gymnastics Trampoline Northern Zonal competition.
- Jacob in Year 8 got 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th medals in his first athletics meet for his new club which specialises in all disabilities, including Neurodiversity. Well done Jacob!
- India in Year 9 placed 1st in a Spin, Spiral, Jump Figure Skating competition and won a gold medal and trophy.
- Felicity in Year 11 won Gold in the Muay Thai GB Novice Championships. Congratulations Felicity!
- Toby in Year 11 won the Empire Yorkshire Championships, fourth time in a row!



Summer Successes



Congratulations to the Silver and Gold Award participants who completed and passed their assessed expeditions over the summer!

Students received their GCSE and A Level results just before the term started. Once again, we achieved the highest state school A Level results in Leeds, now for the third year running! We are so proud of our students, their families and our staff, so well done to everyone!



Student Rewards

In October, students from all year groups were invited to a celebration to reward them for making an excellent start to this academic year. They enjoyed music, treats and games!



Outdoor Wellbeing



This term, Year 8 students explored a range of mindfulness and nature connection activities including guided meditations, collaborative land art projects, clay modelling, sound mapping, use of natural dyes and printmaking.



They learnt how to build, light and maintain a mini fire to toast marshmallows and make s'mores. They also created bird feeders and enjoyed a hot chocolate at the end of each session.



Huge thanks to Miss Brotherton for running the Outdoor Wellbeing Intervention Programme.

Trips, Visits and Clubs

As usual, the term has been packed with trips, visits and clubs for all year groups. Take a look at some of the most memorable, including the Peru trip during the summer holidays.



Fundraising and Charity Events



We have now raised a grand total of £19,833 for Candlelighters, a phenomenal achievement and the most by any school! This amount is enough to pay for all of Candlelighters' children's talking therapies for a year, providing vital mental health support and a space for children to work through their feelings, worries and anxieties. Here is a photo of Becki Myers from Candlelighters presenting members of our Student Parliament with a cheque for £8571! Thank you to all of the Horsforth community for your continued support with raising amazing amounts for a wonderful charity.

Our recent Children in Need fundraiser raised an amazing £1071.39. Younger students had a non-uniform day while older students came in fancy dress and there was a bake



Christmas Production



Did you come and see our amazing school production, Wonderland? With 100 students taking part, it was a another fabulous show this year. There was some amazing acting as well as impressive work behind the scenes by our talented students. It was a thoroughly enjoyable performance. Well done to everyone involved and special thanks to the drama department for all their hard work!



Award Winners



Huge congratulations to our wonderful Catering Team who won the School Catering Team of the Year at the Yorkshire and Humber LACA Awards of Excellence earlier in the term!

We always knew their food was delicious!



Open Evenings

It was lovely to see so many Year 6 and Year 11 families attend our open evenings this term. These events would not be possible without the support of our students who do an amazing job of showcasing what we can offer. They really do us proud, so thank you.



Final Sixth Form Opening Evening

There is still time to come and look around our sixth form campus. Doors will be open on Thursday 23rd January 2025 from 5pm. [Book your free ticket here](#) and share with anyone you know who may wish to join us, thank you!

Winter Showcase

Nearly 100 students took part in the Winter Showcase, a fabulous show in which the amazing musical talent of our students was on full display. From the concert band to the choir to the jam club, it was a spectacular evening and we were so proud of all the students who took part.



Christmas is in the Cards

The annual Christmas card competition was another success with a record number of entries. In the end, there were two winning entries, designed by Mia in Year 8 and Tess in Year 7. We will be sending the digital cards out to wish schools and colleagues across Leeds a very Merry Christmas.



I hope you have enjoyed this roundup of events that have taken place in school this term. On behalf of everyone at Horsforth School and Sixth Form at Horsforth, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Our best wishes to you and your family for a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year.

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Headteacher