



Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of the autumn term I can reflect on some exceptional sporting achievements, I can't remember when we were progressing in so many sports and Year groups through the Leeds and National Cups. School has been calm and positive with students and staff working hard in class and as we head into the last week of term we are all looking forward to celebrating this in the end of year assemblies. I hope your holiday preparations are going well and that you and your family are looking forward to the break.

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LnvxL0MACdEEpVQ8fpl0oJ9pAdB57yNN/view?usp=sharing>

Festive Jumper and Non-Uniform Day: Friday 20th December

A reminder the planned and calendared early school closure will be the 20th December at 12.25pm.

Students on free school meals will collect packed lunches at break time or they can spend their allowance on hot food at break time if they so wish.



We ask that all students and staff donate £1 to school charity and we will collect this donation during the morning period on Friday. It is important to note, that we do not ask parents/carers to purchase new jumpers for this day, nor do they have to be about Christmas. We simply ask that they wear a bright sweater or woolly jumper. It can be just plain, spotty, striped, it can be a Christmas theme, winter, ski theme or even handmade using tinsel etc. It is a full non-uniform day (not just jumpers).

We traditionally mark the last day celebrating our students' hard work with a non-uniform day and with festive and fun extended assemblies to end a superb term.

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SEND Hub Christmas Fair

On Wednesday this week, some of our students with SEND and others who access our LINK provision had a Christmas Party! They played games such as: 'guess where the staff member is from', 'pom pom pong' and 'where is Miss McFadden?' to name a few. Students enjoyed festive treats and there was a lovely atmosphere to get us in the festive spirit. Many staff came along too which the students enjoyed. A great time was had by all. Thanks to the SEND team for organising such a fantastic event!



Wonderland

100 students took part in our Christmas production Wonderland this week and it turned out to be another fabulous event. Featuring some amazing acting, singing and dance routines, it was backed up by our talented students who worked behind the scenes in the technical department. It was a thoroughly enjoyable performance and we'd like to congratulate everyone involved. Special thanks to the drama department for all their hard work!



Horsforth Town of Sanctuary Partnership

We value the importance of promoting Horsforth as a welcoming, inclusive community and students have been creating Christmas cards to send to the Horsforth Town of Sanctuary as part of our ongoing partnership with the charity. The students have been working really hard to make a huge number of different cards to show those who might be alone at this time of year that there are people out there who really care.

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We are really proud of the students' efforts in showing empathy, compassion, and kindness, and it has enabled them to demonstrate our Character Pillars of wellbeing and respect!



Ski Trip

There is some last minute availability for two students to go on the Ski 2025 trip to Italy in February. Please contact Mr Bennett via info@horsforthschool.org for more information!

Christmas Concert

On Monday 16th December, the Music Department invites you to an evening of festive cheer with performances from students across the school years. There will be singing, dancing, playing and there may even be mince pies! The event will start at 7:00pm and end around 8:30pm. So, please come to enjoy and celebrate the work of our fantastic musicians. Tickets are available for students to buy in advance from outside the library at break on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday this week at £5 for adults and £3 for students/ children. Tickets will be limited so please buy in advance as we cannot guarantee any will be available on the door!

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/1YU51y5GO-H6-odpxhPOG8zIUwpletXJYfSbz2tSY0A/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.*

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Collection of Exam Certificates

All Year 11 and Year 13 students that left school in July 2024 can now collect their exam certificates.

These are important documents which should be kept in a safe place as it is highly likely that colleges, universities and employers will ask to see them. On average it can cost £50 to replace each certificate that is lost (from the exam board).

We strongly advise all students to collect their certificates as soon as possible as school is only required to keep them for 12 months from date of issue. Students can pick them up from reception between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm.

If students would like to nominate someone to collect their certificates on their behalf, they must send an email from their personal email address to info@horsforthschool.org detailing

- Their name
- The name of the person they have nominated.

The nominated person must:

- Bring photographic ID when collecting the certificates.
- Sign to confirm collection of the certificates.

Fixtures

Year 7 Girls Football

It was a very successful fixture for the Year 7 football girls who played against Abbey Grange this week. The C team won their game 6-2, the B team won 3-1, and the A team won with 3-0. The girls played with fantastic energy, determination and teamwork. Super proud of them all. Well done girls!

Year 9 Girls Football

A massive well done to the Year 9 football girls who successfully got through to the next round of the Leeds cup this week. The girls worked tirelessly against a strong, physical side from Trinity Academy Leeds.

A brilliant team effort saw the first goal within the first 10 minutes. The girls struggled to find the second goal up until the last minute of the game where Jaide scored a fantastic finisher, seeing the game off.

Special mention to Isabella who played for the first time as goalkeeper for Horsforth. The opposition had many chances in the second half but Bella played with fantastic determination, making some great saves to keep a clean sheet!

The Player of the Match went to Anya on the left wing for great composure and decision making on the ball, a great game for her!

Year 11 Boys Football

Year 11 played in the 2nd round of the cup against Carr Manor on Thursday night and got through in dramatic fashion on penalties despite being 3-1 down with five minutes to go. Carr Manor went 1-0 after a penalty and Henry equalised just before halftime with a wonder strike from a free kick that Lionel Messi would have been proud of.

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The boys conceded two sloppy goals in the second half but kept their heads up and kept battling, it seemed as if it was not going to be their day until Jimmy smashed a volley into the corner from 25 yards out to give them hope. As the referee announced there was one minute left to play Horsforth won a corner and Henry swung the ball directly in at the near post to send the game to penalties. Olly made a terrific save and Archie, Mal, Isaiah and Jimmy all converted their penalties, which meant that Carr Manor had to score their final penalty and they hit the post to send Horsforth through.

The Player of the Match was Henry due to his goals, but Luke was also excellent.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Tenacious Technology!

The future has arrived, the Sixth Form at Horsforth is the first to try the Apple Vision Pro technology in Leeds! The students got to experience a demonstration of the Apple Vision Pro headset, they explored the ground breaking potential of this innovative technology. Combining elements of augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR), it provided an immersive experience while maintaining a connection to the real world.

It is designed not only for entertainment but also as a powerful productivity tool aimed at enhancing business and a variety of industry experiences. During the event, students were treated to an engaging session that began with a comprehensive talk about the product's capabilities and functionality, followed by a hands-on demonstration.

The demonstration covered a variety of innovative technological improvements but a significant change is the use of spatial pictures and videos which enable you to have a 180-degree panorama view also including 3D images.

This unique experience has inspired our students, offering a glimpse into the transformative possibilities of spatial technology. The Vision Pro is not just a device; it's a testament to how technology can enhance both personal and professional lives. The future is here.

Thank you as always for your support,

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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