

Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

From football ¼ finals to Poetry Live, lots has been happening this week so thanks to all staff who have put on the extra events and well done to our wonderful students for taking part and really making the most of it. A big well done to Year 11 who have been working hard and good luck for the mocks!

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sXujrw9AVm0X1L7k7tAlcgHQGBocxreK/view?usp=sharing>

National Apprenticeship Week

Next week marks National Apprenticeship Week (10th-17th February) and to encourage students to improve their understanding of a pathway into apprenticeships, we have included a link to guidance and activities for you to download and share:

<https://naw.appawards.co.uk/toolkit>

Leeds Apprenticeship Fair

The Leeds Apprenticeship Fair takes place at First Direct Arena on 12th February 2025 from 1-7pm. Over 100 exhibitors will be there on the day offering information, advice, guidance and live vacancies. Your child will have the opportunity to find out about apprenticeships, including what they involve and how they work, as well as higher and degree apprenticeships.

Furthermore, your child will have the chance to talk to major employers from a wide range of sectors, including accounting, business and administration, catering and hospitality, construction, creative design, care services, digital, education, engineering, finance, hair and beauty, health, law, protective services and many more! Follow the link below to book your free place at the event:

<https://www.firstdirectarena.com/events/detail/leeds-apprenticeship-recruitment-fair-2025>

Ski 2025 - Bormio, Italy

There will be an important meeting for any student going on the trip this half term in the main School hall at 3pm on Tuesday 11th February. All students must attend.

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Ski 2026 - Wagrain, Austria

We are delighted to launch our annual ski trip. In April 2026 we will head to the resort of Wagrain, Austria to enjoy the 800+ KMs of piste they have. An email with all the information went out on Wednesday or your child can pick up a letter from the Pastoral Hub. Deadline for permission slips is March 14th but we'd encourage you to get them in ASAP.

We are a Record Breaking School

On Thursday 3rd October 2024, thirty one Year 7s from Horsforth School took part in the biggest poetry lesson ever on zoom. Over 40,000 secondary and primary schools took part in the workshop, contributing to writing a poem about identity and the changing generation. Last week, we got the news that they did in fact break the Guinness World Record for the largest poetry lesson of all time! Congratulations to each and every student that took part. Letters will soon follow to parents concerning certificates, rewards and purple slip for all students that took part, as well as where to access the poem itself. This is one for the history books!

FI in Schools Regional Finals

Our FI in Schools team took on the regional finals in York this week, putting their hard work and engineering skills to the test. After months of designing, refining and perfecting their car, they hit the track on Tuesday – racing against top teams from schools and colleges across the region at York Stem Centre. The students were judged on a pit display, verbal presentation, engineering and development portfolio, and enterprise portfolio. Result? 2nd fastest time in their class! A huge congratulations to the team on this incredible achievement - they represented themselves exceptionally and they really are a credit to the school!



in Schools				TOTAL TIMES					
POS	NAME	CLASS	BEST TIME	DIFF	POS	NAME	CLASS	BEST TIME	DIFF
21	NOVA	DEV	1.495		20	BOPANEL RACING	DEV	1.775	+0.309
22	LEONIS	DEV	1.467	+0.001	21	TEAM 5	DEV	1.807	+0.341
23	ASTRA	DEV	1.475	+0.007	22	INVISION	ENTRY	1.813	+0.347
24	CHS UNITY	DEV	1.484	+0.028	23	CELESTAS	ENTRY	1.833	+0.367
25	WHEELSPIN RACING	DEV	1.509	+0.043	24	TYCA	ENTRY	1.946	+0.480
26	TEAM 6	DEV	1.516	+0.050	25	NULLI SECUNDUS	ENTRY	2.098	+0.592
27	VELOCITAS	DEV	1.528	+0.052	26	SPASTIPURIOUS	ENTRY	2.231	+0.765
28	SPLID	DEV	1.555	+0.089					
29	COMPASSITY RACING	DEV	1.571	+0.105					
30	VELIOS	DEV	1.574	+0.108					
31	VELOCITY	DEV	1.579	+0.113					
32	TEAM MACQUEEN	DEV	1.610	+0.144					
33	APEX	DEV	1.615	+0.149					
34	DARK MATTER	DEV	1.619	+0.153					
35	HELL DRIVE	DEV	1.622	+0.156					
36	AGLITBERS	ENTRY	1.653	+0.187					
37	VORTEX	ENTRY	1.663	+0.197					
38	INFERNAL MOTORSPORT	DEV	1.663	+0.197					
39	VELOCITY	ENTRY	1.675	+0.209					
40	RAPIDO	ENTRY	1.708	+0.242					



Year 11 Photography

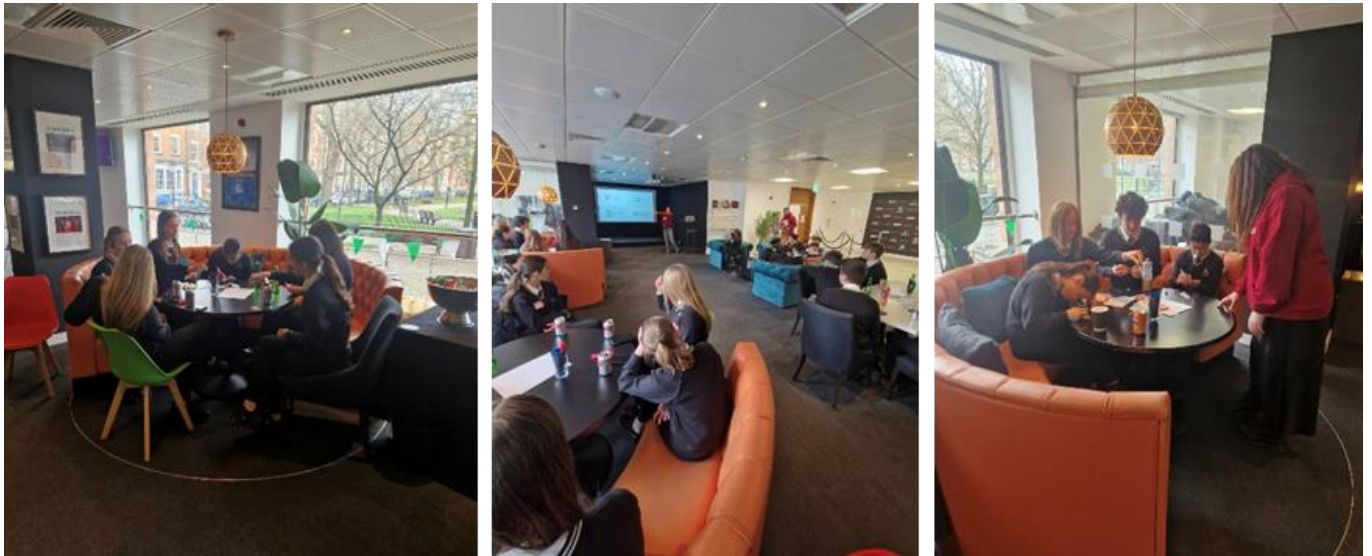
Mr Questa and Miss Nicholson took a group of Year 11 students on a trip to York city centre last week. Students took photos for their GCSE Portfolio of buildings such as York Minster and Clifford's Tower and they took inspiration from the old, cobbled streets and marketplace. Back in school, they will be able to edit their photos creatively, using layering techniques in Photoshop and combining images together. We can't wait to see the results!

Year 9 Careers Event

Last Friday, 25 Year 9 students attended the offices of Sedulo - a £40m financial advisory company - in Leeds City Centre to take part in a careers event. Students met with the founder of the company,

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interacted with a number of staff from a range of job roles in the company, and completed job skills activities with the staff from Sedulo. The students all represented the school brilliantly and had a great afternoon!



Horsforth Mountain Film Festival

Jack, one of our Year 9 students, has arranged two film evenings at Horsforth School to raise money for his trip to Borneo. They are being held in our Sixth Form Auditorium on Saturday 1st and Thursday 6th March. You can find more [details about the film selection here](#). If you'd like to attend the film festival tickets are [available on Eventbrite](#).



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-odpxhPOG8zIUwpletxJRyfSbz2tSY0A/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.

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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.

Sports Fixtures

Sixth Form Netball

It was a great performance by our Sixth Form Netball Team against Roundhay on Wednesday night. The team were fantastic and played with such energy and great teamwork. It was a tough game but the girls battled through each quarter. There was some dream teamwork from Alice and Jenny at centre court, a full split by Amie and an impressive nosedive into the opposition from Martha, it was an eventful match to say the least. Overall it was a great performance by all the girls and an impressive 10-7 win. The Player of the Match was Jenny.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Mock Exam Timetable

We know February half-term will involve a lot of revision for our students as afterwards, they will be sitting their spring mock exams. Here's the timetable for what's happening when. Best of luck everyone, we are right behind you.

	Monday 24th February	Tuesday 25th February	Wednesday 26th February	Thursday 27th February
08:30 Start	Y13 English Language (2h 30)	Y13 History (2h 30)	Y13 Politics (2h)	Y13 Biology (2h 15)
	Y13 English Literature (3h)	Y13 Drama (2h 30)	Y13 PE (2h)	Y13 Media (2h)
	Y13 Physics (2h)	Y12 Core Maths (2h)	Y13 Further Maths (1h 15)	Y13 Computing (2h)
	Y13 Sport (1h 45)		Y12 Further Maths (1h 15)	
12:50 Start	Y13 Economics (2h)	Y13 Geography (2h 15)	Y13 Maths (2h)	Y13 Criminology (1h)
	Y13 Sociology (2h)	Y13 Psychology (2h)	Y13 RS (2h)	Y13 Spanish (2h 30)
	Y13 Chemistry (2h 15)	Y13 Food (1h 45)	Y13 AS Maths (2h)	Y13 French (2h 30)

Sixth Form Applications

We hope the Year 11 students who have been taking part in their group interviews, over in the sixth form campus, have found it informative and useful. We also hope it has made them excited to join us from September. Please [make sure your son or daughter has completed and submitted their application here](#), if they haven't done so already.

Thank you as always for your support,

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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