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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of the ½ term I would like to say well done to Year 11 and 13. They have approached the mock exams and conducted themselves wonderfully. It can be a time of uncertainty and anxiety for some but the resilience and work ethic that they have shown have been wonderful. Keep it up!

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

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XXFKBRErIjodHH8-xK0SmdL27_5vcbOj/view?usp=sharing

Well Done Year 11

It's been a busy week in Year 11 land with mocks mornings and afternoons. The year group have conducted themselves brilliantly and certainly earned some rest and fun at half-term. With maybe a little bit of revision too!

You should have received some communication about leavers hoodies last week. Please ensure that if your child wants one you fill in the online form and make the payment by the deadline as we need to submit the order not long into March.

Year 7 Careers Event ECO Reuse Workshop

On Monday, 36 Year 7 students attended a careers workshop with Farrans Construction and Go Green. Farrans Construction are the lead building company on the development of the new Leeds Bradford Airport terminal - set to Open June 2025 - and Go Green are a leading business in creating a more sustainable society.

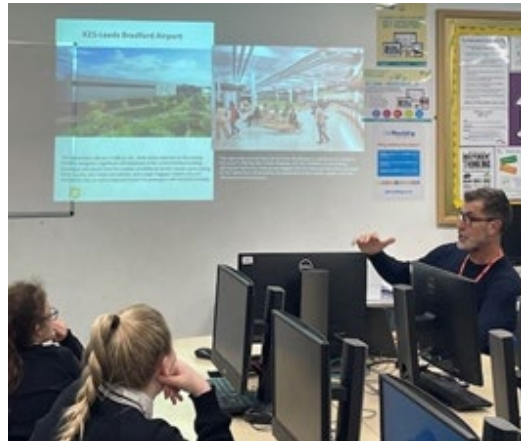
The students learned about the current Leeds Bradford Airport project, different careers opportunities in the engineering industry from quantity surveyor to social value leader, to project manager, and were inquisitive to know more about the roles and responsibilities.

They also learned more about the vision for a sustainable society with Go Green and reflected on the ways they can reuse and recycle everyday objects to contribute to reducing waste and why this is an important project.

We are the first school in Leeds to have worked with Farrans Construction - an established engineering

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contractor - and their representative on the day was highly complementary of our school and the students' engagement.



Year 10 Visit to Leeds Apprenticeship Fair

Our Year 10 students visited the O2 Academy Apprenticeship event at the First Direct Arena on Wednesday. Students were able to speak to a wide range of both local and international careers and apprenticeship providers. It was also great to see former student, Harry, representing his apprenticeship provider at the event!



Year 10 Fab 5 Feast

A huge congratulations to our Year 10 students who achieved an impressive average attitude to learning (ATL) score of 5+ in the latest progress review. As a well-deserved reward, they were treated to the exclusive Fab 5 Feast during form time on Thursday!



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Year 11 Poetry

Fifty enthusiastic Year 11 students had the incredible opportunity to visit the stunning St George's Hall in Bradford on Friday, 7th February for a truly memorable poetry event. They got to hear from some of the poets featured in their GCSE Literature exam! Despite battling a cold, Carol Ann Duffy powered through her reading, showing true dedication to her craft. The students were then captivated by Poet Laureate Simon Armitage, who shared fascinating insights into his poem Remains and answered questions from the audience. He could have signed our anthologies... but, alas, he wouldn't! The day reached an unforgettable climax with a mesmerizing performance by John Agard, whose rich Caribbean delivery brought his poetry to life in a way that left the audience spellbound. His parting words? A simple yet profound instruction: "Have a nice life." And once the GCSE exam stress is behind them, we're sure our Year 11's will do just that!



Drama Workshop

On Friday 7th February Year 9 and year 12 Drama students were lucky enough to do workshops with local actor Dave Cartwright. The groups learned new ways of presenting and developing their drama. Great work and effort from all.



Ski Trips

Just a reminder that we have launched our 2026 ski trip to Wagrain, Austria. An email with all the details went out last week and students can pick up a hard copy of the letter from the Pastoral Hub. Permission slips need to be handed back in (Pastoral Hub or directly to Mr Bennett) by the 14th March. If you want to

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follow our 2025 trip to Bormio you can do so on X/Twitter using the handle Horsforthski25. Have a great half-term if you're heading to the slopes with family and friends!

School Dinner Menu

Please click on the link below to view the food on offer for the coming week.

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- 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.*

Sports Fixtures

Netball

On Wednesday last week we travelled to Woodhouse Grove school to play netball. Unfortunately, we lost both games, but both teams had plenty of chances and we were not overpowered.

In the U14's game the score was 19-9 and the Player of the Game was Isabelle. She was consistently chasing balls throughout the game with very high energy.

In the U15's game the score was 15-6 and the Player of the Game was Alice. She had some fantastic interceptions and passed some brilliant balls into the D.

The Teacher's Players of the Game were Lily for her fantastic pulse raiser which motivated our teams, and Ruby for her superb interceptions as goal defence, not letting any loose balls fly past.

Year 8 Football Success

Huge Congratulations to Allegra for being selected in 2024-2025 U13 Leeds Schools' F. A. Girls squad. This is the first year they have done a Leeds School Girls team which means Allegra is one of the first girls to represent Horsforth school in the Leeds Schools Girls squad. An absolutely fantastic achievement and huge testament to her hard work in football! Well done Allegra!

Year 11 Football

Our Year 11s progressed into the ¼ of the Leeds Cup with a strong performance against Leeds West. Aleks made his debut in goal and performed really well, Ethan was superb at the back and Mal was a constant threat up front scoring two goals.

Archie also chipped in with a goal but the Player of the Match was Isaiah with two superb assists and a goal to top it off. The boys will now face Temple Moor in the quarters at home.

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Year 8 Football

More good news for the Year 8 Football Team after remaining unbeaten within the league and securing another six points. Playing two games in horrible conditions, the boys beat Benton 2-0, with the opposing team not even registering a shot on target or posing any threat with a controlled, composed performance throughout. The Player of the Match was Joe.

Our second game was against Lawnswood, who we also beat 2-0. The team played some lovely football and created chance after chance to really showcase their dominance in both games. Again, the opposition didn't register an attempt at our goal. Amazing results and performance.

That moves them to joint top of the league with Prince Henry's, with six wins and two draws with two games to go.

Year 9 Football

Our Year 9 Girls Football Team played in a tournament this week against Abbey Grange, Lawnswood, and Cardinal Heenan. They beat Cardinal 6-0, Lawnswood 7-0, and Abbey Grange 3-0. Clean sheet, unstoppable energy and currently an unbeatable team! We are super proud of their efforts.

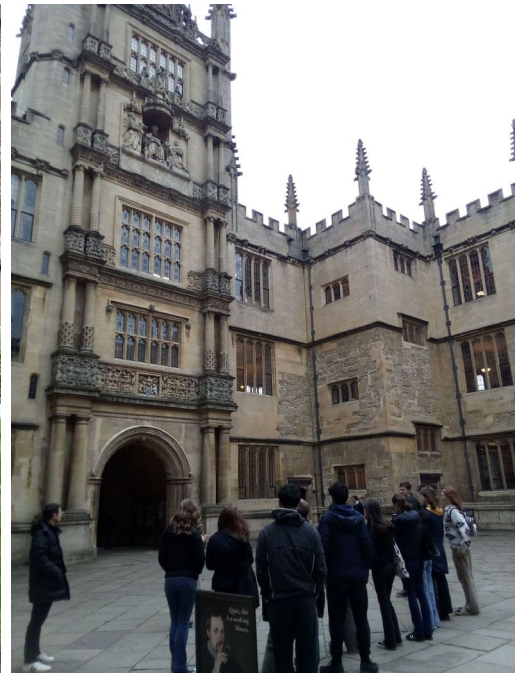
Year 8 Rugby

The Year 8s smashed Beckfoot last night at Yarnbury RUFC. The boys won 50 – 0 and played some great rugby against a big but raw team. Lots of tries scored by different players but a mention to Joe who ran the show and some big hits from Hugo, Jamie and Lenny.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Oxbridge Awaits!

Our budding Oxbridge candidates went on a day trip to Worcester College, Oxford University. The students got a real flavour for what life after sixth form could look like. Thank you to Mr Steele for driving our students there and back!



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Meet the Employer

Miss Crawford is attracting all the big brand names to come and talk to our students. Thank you to Virgin Media O2 for visiting us, we know they would be lucky to have any of our students, if they go on to work for them after sixth form.



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)

Thank you as always for your support this ½ term, the school has had a real buzz recently due to the extra events such as Mental Health and Wellbeing week, the careers activities and external speakers we have had in. Our students have been brilliant during these activities and been a real credit to the school.

Well done to all our students who have taken part in extracurricular activities and especially if you have represented us on the sports field. Our sporting success is brilliant but it's our students' participation, sportsmanship and resilience that really stands out. So proud of you all.

So finally, thank you again for your support and kind messages and I hope you and your family have a wonderful, restful break.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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