

## Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a wonderful break, we have come back refreshed. It's great to be back and we have had a wonderfully positive start! Our new Year 7 students are lovely and I think I have met most of the Year showing them how to get around the school.

We have had a fantastic set of results this year and I hope to update you on the details when we have confirmed results, but early indications are that we have the highest attainment in Leeds at GCSE!

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1svY9XkmXg5hMOAW6byom2mQFLt9q5dwl/view?usp=sharing>

### Celebrating GCSE Success

On August 21st, our students returned to school to collect their GCSE results – and once again, we are delighted to share that they achieved outstanding outcomes. We are incredibly proud of our students for their hard work and dedication, and we warmly thank their families and our staff for the support that made these successes possible. Congratulations to everyone, and our very best wishes to all students as they take their next exciting steps in further education, training, or employment.



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### **School Photographs Year 7 and Year 10**

Tempest Photographers will be in school next Friday, 12th September to take individual photos of all our Year 7 and Year 10 students. Order details will be emailed directly to parents shortly after the photos are taken.

### **New Year, New DEAR Books!**

We're delighted to announce that Horsforth School is once again taking part in the DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) book scheme this year. Thanks to this fantastic initiative, every student in Years 7, 8, and 9 will be loaned a book each term, something unique to our school. It is a brilliant way to spark a love of reading and to support those all-important reading habits at home.

Even more exciting; new for this year, all students who complete their DEAR book each term will be entered into a raffle with some amazing prizes! We've also introduced a new "Reading" button on Class Charts to reward students who are keeping up to date with their reading book, reading log or just showing fantastic reading skills in and out of the classroom.

We're also excited to share our updated curriculum reads for this year with some brand-new texts:

- Year 7: *October, October* by Katya Balen (new!), *Tyger* by SF Said (new!), and *The Astonishing Future of Alex Nobody* by Kate Gilby Smith
- Year 8: *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness, and *Welcome to Nowhere* by Elizabeth Laird
- Year 9: *My Name is Leon* by Kit de Waal (new!), *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman, and *In the Sea There Are Crocodiles* by Fabio Geda

To help students get the most out of the scheme, we encourage families to:

- Read together where possible (reading aloud is a great option!)
- Support your child in completing their reading log each week
- Reach out to your child's English teacher with any questions or concerns

Finally, if you have any DEAR books from previous years tucked away at home, please return them to school as soon as possible so that we can continue to run this scheme successfully for all students.

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## Lockers Available

Students can now rent a locker for their belongings from Year 7 to Year 11 for a one-off payment of £15 (covers the whole time they're at school). Padlocks are available to buy from school for £5, or students can bring their own.

If you'd like to rent a locker or purchase a padlock, please log into your child's iPay account. Lockers will be allocated during form time from w/c 8th September.

Any questions? Please contact the Facilities Team at [facilities@horsforthschool.org](mailto:facilities@horsforthschool.org)

## Changes to our Sanction of Inclusion

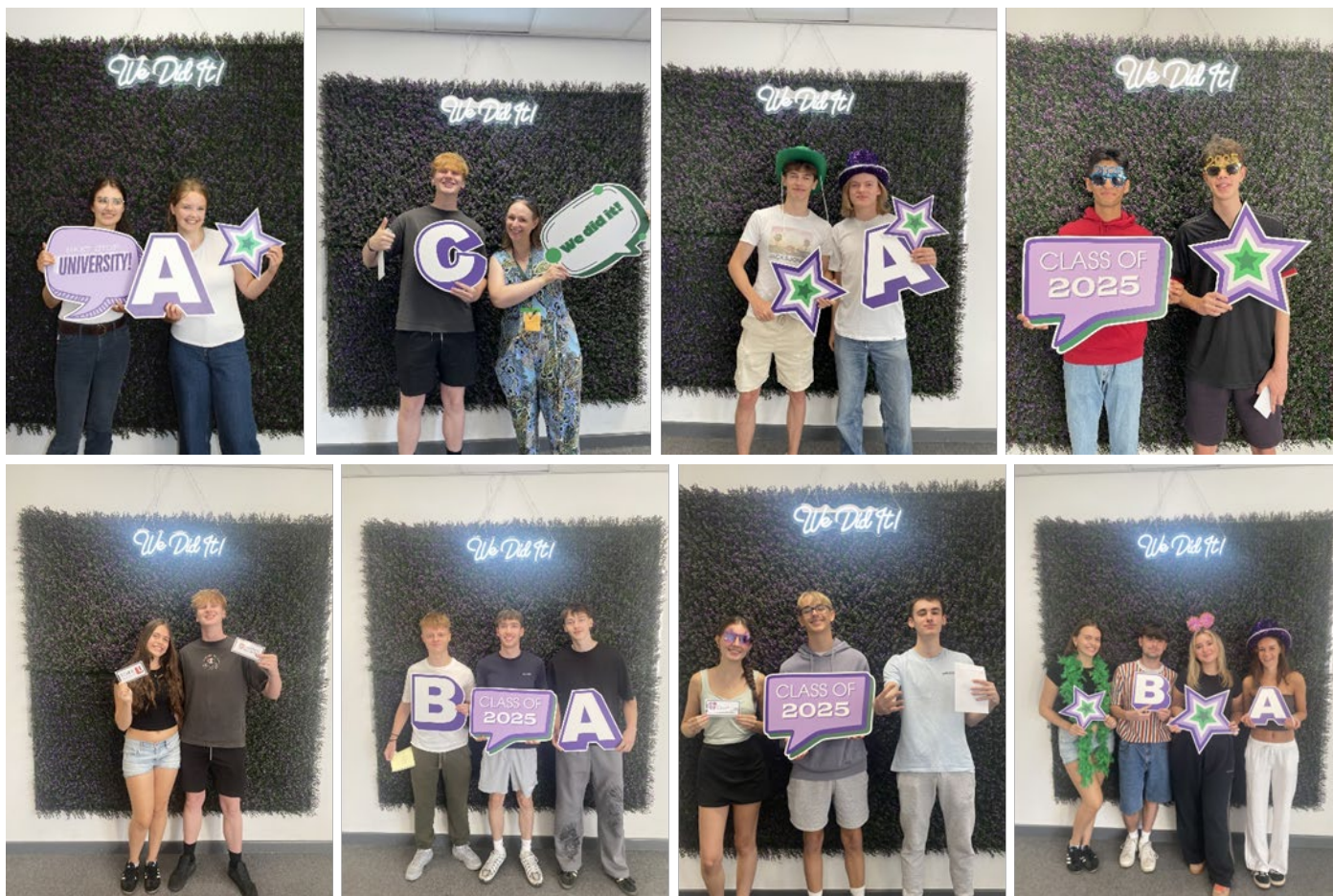
The phase 6 sanction of inclusion now has a new name. Currently the sanction is where students are withdrawn from main lessons as a serious sanction for higher level behaviours, this sanction remains but we think it is more appropriate to call it Reflection since this is one of the main aims of this sanction.

Students with this sanction from September will complete a reflection sheet to aid their understanding of consequence and impact with the emphasis being on self-reflection, regulation and restorative action. The Positive Behaviour Policy has been changed to reflect this.

## Sixth Form at Horsforth News

### Celebrations All Round

Over the summer, our sixth form students achieved another year of stellar A Level results. Some of our students went off to study Medicine and Law and one went further afield to study Marine Biology in Naples. Many students bagged themselves incredible apprenticeships for companies like Amazon. To say we were super proud is an understatement!



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### Register Your Interest for our Sixth Form Open Evenings

If your son or daughter has just started in Year 11, don't forget to come to one of our sixth form open evenings.

[We will let you know when you can book a place if you register your details here.](#)

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell  
Headteacher

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### **School Dinner Menu for the Week Ahead**

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

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EwWpjz-4kfVPS68ewvCMYk0tKzqtTZ29OLWMIWUiplU/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.*