



Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As fixtures really ramp up, I want to thank all students representing the school but also all students who are taking part in clubs, sports and teams. Taking part in wider school life really brings a lot of students huge confidence and resilience so a huge well done to all students going the extra mile!

Just a reminder of our character builder, so many of them link to wider school life and happiness and success in the future.



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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A-XVmCeGDs6IETyBHKuLhBgwFISvDsq4/view?usp=sharing>

Attendance Success

We are thrilled to announce that we are currently number one out of 44 schools within the region for our attendance so far. We are sitting at 97.2% for Years 7-11 which is a record start for the school. Massive thank you for your continued support as we know attendance is a key indicator of attainment.

Early Finish 2nd October

Thursday 2nd October is our Annual Open Evening when Year 6 Parents/Carers and students visit the school with a view to applying.

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To prepare for this event, the school will close for all year 7-13 students at 12:20pm on Thursday 2nd October. This is advertised in advance on the calendar, and we are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Students can collect an early lunch and Free School Lunches at break time, as there will be no school lunch service on this day.

Your son/daughter may be invited to return in the evening to support our Open Evening activities. If this is the case, your child will be given a separate letter from the relevant Curriculum Leader or staff member. If this is the case parents have responsibility for their children travelling to and from the school for this evening.

Drama Trip

Drama club students enjoyed a trip to the Alhambra Theatre on Tuesday to watch an amazing performance of The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe. It was a brilliant evening, and it was a pleasure to take such a great group of budding actors.



Year 11 PER Students Visit Local Buddhist Centre

Last week, our Year 11 Philosophy, Ethics and Religion (PER) students enjoyed a valuable opportunity to visit the local Buddhist Centre as part of their learning. The trip gave pupils the chance to explore Buddhist beliefs and practices in a real-life setting, enriching their classroom studies with first-hand experience.



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Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Assessed Expedition

Over the weekend, a group of our students successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Assessed Expedition – and what an expedition it was! The teams faced some very testing weather conditions. Saturday's hike took place in driving rain and strong winds, and by the evening they were pitching tents and camping overnight in gale-force conditions. Despite the weather, the students showed remarkable determination, teamwork, and resilience. We are so proud of all the students involved for the way they approached the challenge and represented themselves and the school.



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Follow us on Social Media

If you'd like to get an even closer look at life in school, don't forget to follow our social media channels. We regularly share a wide range of updates, from snapshots of exciting trips and visits to celebrations of our students' hard work, creativity, and achievements. You'll also find highlights from special events, performances, and extra-curricular activities that take place both in and around school throughout the term. It's a great way to stay connected, share in our successes, and see the wonderful things our students are doing every day.



<https://www.facebook.com/Horsforth-School/>



<https://www.instagram.com/horsforthschool/>

Open Evening

If you or your friends have children in Year 6, please come along to our open evening on Thursday 2nd October. You will see classes and students in action, demonstrations and be able to take part in some activities. There will also be talks from our Headteacher and Transition Team. [More information about the evening can be found here.](#)



Come and Work at our School

[Take a look at our Vacancies webpage](#) to view the current roles we are recruiting. We are currently looking for a SEND Learning Support Assistant and a Teacher of Computing and IT. You can always call the school for a chat about any of the jobs on offer on 0113 2265454. Please share with anyone you think might like to join our team.

Sports Fixtures

Rugby

A massive well done to our Year 9s who beat BBG Academy 14-7 and only lost 15-0 against Rodillian.

They played really well against BBG and deserved their win.

Rodillian are a very good rugby school who train twice a week and get time to concentrate on playing rugby at a good level. I am so proud to say our Year 9s matched them physically and made us proud. They lost but it could have been a different story if we had more time together. Some fantastic performances from all the boys especially Joe, Alex and Archie.

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U15 Netball

Our girls kicked off their season with a strong performance against a well-drilled Rodillian side. They showed real determination and grit, improving with every quarter and growing in confidence as the game went on. Excellent teamwork and communication kept the match tightly contested throughout, with both teams trading goals in a back-and-forth battle. Despite their best efforts, our girls were narrowly edged out in the final quarter, finishing just three goals behind. A superb first outing for the team, with plenty of positives to build on going forward. Player of the Match went to Izzy – fantastic to see her back on court and making such a big impact with her work rate and composure. Well done, girls!

U16 Netball

The U16 girls have had a busy week, taking part in two fixtures already. First game against Rodillian, showing real determination and team spirit throughout a competitive fixture. From the first whistle, the girls played with great energy, moving the ball well and working hard for each other both in attack and defence. As the game progressed, the intensity ramped up, and things got a little fiery in the final quarter. But the team stayed focused, dug deep, and matched the opposition goal for goal in a thrilling finish. After a hard-fought battle, the game ended in an exciting 11-11 draw, a result that truly reflected the effort and grit shown by every player on the court. The Player of the Match was Alice! Well done to all the girls for a strong performance!

The U16 girls were back in action again with another tough fixture, this time taking on a strong St Mary's side. Despite a quick turnaround between games, the girls showed real resilience and continued to improve with every quarter. Their determination and teamwork were clear to see, growing stronger as the match went on. They pushed St Mary's all the way, staying competitive throughout and showing real fight right to the final whistle. In the end, they were narrowly defeated by just a few goals, a result that doesn't reflect the effort and progress on display. Another spirited performance from the squad, with lots of positives to take into the next game. Keep it up, girls!

U14 Netball

The U14 girls faced a tough challenge this week against a strong and well-organised opposition. Although the final score didn't go their way, the team gave it their all from start to finish, showing great effort and determination throughout. There were some promising moments of play, and the girls never gave up, even as the scoreline stretched. They kept their heads high, supported one another, and remained gracious in defeat, a true credit to the team. Plenty to take away and build on in training ahead of the next fixture. With continued hard work and focus, this team has lots of potential to grow. Keep pushing, girls!

Year 7 Football

Our Year 7s had their first ever match on Wednesday night away in the cup to a strong Ruth Gorse side that has six academy players. Horsforth showed that they will be a force to be reckoned with over the coming years matching their opponents throughout the match in extremely challenging conditions. Horsforth eventually succumbed to a 5-4 defeat, but in truth, the game could have gone either way. Horsforth had the better opportunities, missing three penalties. The Ruth Gorse defenders struggled to cope with Christian in attack, hacking him down several times when 1v1 with the Goalkeeper.

Goals in the game came from Archie, Christian and Reuban. Archie was particularly good and was awarded Player of the Match for an excellent display covering every blade of grass in attack and defence.

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Sixth Form at Horsforth News

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. Take a [look at this Facebook reel for a glimpse into life at our sixth form](#).

>> [Register your interest and we'll let you know as soon as you can book tickets](#).

It's Never too Early to Start Thinking about Sixth Form

Parents of students in Years 9 to 11, you might want to start to take a closer look at life in our sixth form. From trips and events to student achievements and extra-curricular trips, it's the best way to stay connected, so give us a follow.



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TikTok - https://www.tiktok.com/@sixthform_athorsforth

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

🍽️ 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/19Kt7fGL_9-QiNi2cX7QPcMgxikpmqkuNOWVCzRMN4hw/edit?usp=sharing

- Please note menus may be subject to change due to product availability.*
- 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.*
- 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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