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Dear Parent/Carer,

Please pass on my thanks to the wonderful students who helped out on our Open Evening on Thursday. I was so proud to see them sharing their experiences and how and what they have learned. A particular thank you to Fatima and Isaac who were brave enough to share their experience of Year 7 as part of my address. The feedback is they were brilliant (and I think the best part)!

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kj32msFASABbccb5jNVzW66acKWkGeow/view?usp=sharing>

Parents watching Sports Fixtures After School

We welcome the support from parents to cheer on students when they are playing fixtures at home, at our school after school hours from 3pm onwards. Parents are students' best champions! I thank you for your time if you do come to watch.

I would like to use this opportunity to update new parents and refresh all parents on our visitor's policy for such fixtures. Please do not arrive for matches during school hours. Parents can only come from 3pm onwards.

Please can you sign in at main reception if you arrive on site between 3pm and 4pm. There will be new signs on the top car park signposting you to reception and where to go for the fixture. You must leave site when the fixture has finished.

If you arrive after 4pm, please follow the signs to the fixture. Do not sign in. Regardless of the time you arrive, we do need to make sure that you stay watching the match your child is in only.

Leeds City Council's Half Term Activities

Please click on the link below to see Leeds City Council's flyer for October Half Term activities at Herd Farm and West Leeds Activity Centres.

<https://www.horsforthschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/October-Half-Term-Holiday-Activities.pdf>

Extracurricular Activities

Our 2025/26 extracurricular activities are now finalised. Please click the link below to access the range of activities for students across Years 7-11: [Horsforth School Y7-11 Extracurricular Activities 2025/26](#)

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HORSFORTH GOES GREEN! Poetry power!

On Sunday 21st September, three students read their incredible poetry at the Climate Action Festival at Horsforth Hall Park. This was following the amazing workshop led by Josh Adams from Climate Action and Chris Singleton from Brave words before the summer break.

Katie, Sam and Anastasia (all in Year 8) wrote their incredible pieces of moving poetry and read them aloud to the crowds last Sunday. They were incredibly brave and inspiring. Congratulations to these three students, you represent Horsforth School with confidence, eloquence, and tenacity.

My Hopes for the Future

I hope for a goat and a farm,
I hope I never break my arm.
I hope to travel the entire earth,
I hope to show everyone my worth.
I hope to live in a faraway land,
I hope to marry, hand in hand.
I hope to fly high in the sky,
I hope the world will never die.
I hope for world peace,
I hope for love to never cease.
I hope for the grass to keep on growing,
I hope to be all knowing.
I hope for love and I hope for joy.
I hope for girls, and I hope for boys.
My hopes for the future,
I hope they come true.
These hopes are not just hopes,
They are hopes for me and you.

Here is a seed

Here is a seed, feeble and small,
It has potential, but no power at all.

Here is a sapling, thin and insignificant,

Making a change, but can it make difference?

Here is a tree, proud and strong,
It makes a mark, but there's more to be done.

Here is a forest, an army of green,
Every tree has a friend, that came from a seed.

Useless

My purpose now done.
I'm thrown away.
And up in a far-off place.
A dried river runs through the rotting landscape,
Useless, like me.
Plastic bottles, and cans litter the banks,
A pile of broken wood and planks,
Useless, like me.
An old rickety swing,
Broken and too high to reach,
Useless, like me.
A once beautiful landscape,
Now a scar of the world,
Useless, like me.
People down at the club want to fix it,
But it's too late,
Their efforts are useless, like me.
A heavy gale blows, and I float away from hell,
But I can't do anything.
I'm just a piece of rubbish, and I'm useless.



Safer Leeds Letter

Safer Leeds, Leeds City Council and West Yorkshire Police have asked us to share a letter with you regarding incidents of tension and threat in the City Centre involving young people.

They want you to be aware of the collective response to large groups of young people in the City Centre:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12SKddwskC6oATX3CqXmmXdPBMgIKO4H5/view?usp=sharing>

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Christmas Card Competition 2025

We are delighted to announce the launch of our annual Horsforth School Christmas Card Competition. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their creativity and talent, with entries welcome in any form—whether drawings, paintings, photography, or digital artwork.

How to Enter

- Entries can be emailed to marketing@horsforthschool.org or handed in at reception.
- The winning design will be chosen to represent Horsforth School in 2025 and the successful students will also receive a prize.



This year, our local MP, **Katie White**, has also invited students to take part in her Christmas card competition.

The theme is Christmas in Leeds North West e.g. snow on Otley Chevin, Santa landing his sleigh at Leeds Bradford airport, decorated high street. If your child would like their design to be considered, please ensure it is submitted by **Monday 3rd November**.

We look forward to seeing the imaginative and festive creations our students produce. Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child to take part in this much-loved school tradition.

Here's another chance to see some of the fantastic entries from our talented artists last year:



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.

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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/>

Sports Fixtures

U16 Girls Shine in Merit League Tournament at Ralph Thoresby School

Our U16 girls' football team had a fantastic start to the season at the Merit League tournament hosted by Ralph Thoresby School, where six schools came together for an exciting afternoon of football.

The girls showed excellent teamwork, determination, and self-organisation throughout the day - qualities that were reflected in both their performance on the pitch and their attitude off it. With five competitive matches played, they secured two impressive wins against Ilkley and the host school Ralph Thoresby, a hard-fought draw against Leeds West, and two narrow losses to strong sides from Benton and Farnley.

While there's always room for improvement, this tournament was a brilliant starting point for the season. The girls displayed real teamwork and are already looking forward to building on this momentum in their upcoming Leeds Cup fixture.

Well done to all involved - you represented the school with pride and positivity!



Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Deputy Head Student Elections are Underway

The annual election has begun to select our Deputy Head student from Year 12. Congratulations to the amazing 15 candidates who put themselves forward and good luck with your campaigns. We will update you on our elected leaders soon!

November 13th Sixth Form Open Evening

We are looking forward to our first open evening of this academic year. [Free tickets for this event are](#)

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[now available to book.](#) Tickets sold out in record time last year, but don't worry if you don't get a ticket, we will have another event in January!



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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/1EwWpjz-4kfVPS68ewvCMYk0tKzqtTZ29OLWMIWUipIU/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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