

## Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have some great fixture reports and results this week as well as lots happening in school. I am always grateful to our wonderful students for representing the school, they are not just impressive in their field but also excellent ambassadors for us. I would also like to thank all students who take part in extracurricular activities whether in sports, clubs or performances. These are the things which really allow students to develop those social skills, resilience and character that really makes them successful going forwards.

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N6vqDWH7rP9lswteO1tk7cs6P4TqLBFC/view?usp=sharing>

### **Leeds Music Industry Careers Day**

On Wednesday, a group of Music students went to the Leeds School of Arts to take part in a special Music Industry careers day. Not only did the event give our young people the chance to hear about potential job roles but they also had the privilege of meeting amazing artists like Simon Rix from the Kaiser Chiefs, Sound engineer Abi Rudd and Danny West, a producer at Universal Music. Our students particularly enjoyed using the studio equipment! Thank you to Mr Denson for organising such an amazing day out.



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## Sports Fixtures

### Year 11 Football Team Success vs Allerton High

I'm pleased to announce that the Year 11 Boys Football Team won 4-0 progressing into the Semi Finals against Garforth. The match was played in difficult conditions, with the playing surface making it challenging for both teams to play flowing football. Despite this, the boys showed excellent determination and discipline throughout the game, adapting well to the conditions and maintaining a strong team shape.

Allerton High started the match positively and worked hard to put pressure on, but the team remained organised and patient. As the game developed, we began to create more chances and were able to take control, scoring goals at important moments to build a comfortable lead. Joe produced an outstanding performance in the heart of the action, showing great composure and work rate in a physically demanding game. His ability to influence play and remain consistent on a difficult surface was key to the team's success.

Overall, it was a strong team performance, with the boys showing resilience, teamwork, and quality to secure a deserved 4-0 win and a place in the semi-finals. Well done all!

### Year 10 Football

Our Year 10s produced one of their best performances of the season on Wednesday evening, beating Benton Park, the reigning Leeds Champions, 2-0 in the league and it could have been more. Ben was outstanding at the back and totally dominated the dangerous Benton centre forward, Jacob produced two brilliant assists, but Calvin was the Player of the Match with two well taken goals. The boys are now in a really strong position to win the division and qualify for the knockout phase of the competition before and after Easter.

### Under 12s Netball Match Report

The Year 7 Girls' A and B netball teams played competitive matches against Gateways this week. This was the first match for the B team and only the third game overall since September.

Both teams faced strong opposition as the private school has a lot less numbers attending training and they are able to train as a squad more frequently. Although Horsforth lost both fixtures, they scored goals and showed great determination and teamwork throughout. The players worked hard across the court and demonstrated clear improvement in their passing, moving the ball with increasing confidence and accuracy. There was excellent effort from all positions, with players supporting one another and continuing to challenge for possession until the final whistle. Despite the results, the girls should be proud of their

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commitment, positive attitude, and the progress they are making. We are looking ahead to the upcoming tournaments and know what to focus on next week in training.

Player's Player of the Match – Sophia for her insane work ethic and interceptions. Teacher's Player of the Match – Honey for her fantastic marking of a superstar player, she showed great resilience. Special shout out to the captain, Rose, who was invaluable in sorting the team list and shot.

### **Sixth Form at Horsforth News**

#### **Construction in the Workshop has Begun**

At the end of November, we shared news of our Swift colony project. Since then, with guidance from Martin at Leeds Swifts, our fantastic student Environmental Team and Mrs Thomas have been giving up their breaktimes to build nest boxes. We can't wait to see the finished miniature homes!



#### **The Leeds Beckett University Carnegie Experience Day**

Our Year 12 PE and Sport students had a fantastic experience day this week. From hands-on PE practicals and sport performance science, to exploring sport through events, hospitality and tourism, students gained valuable insight into university life and future pathways. Thank you to Mr Steele for the opportunity.

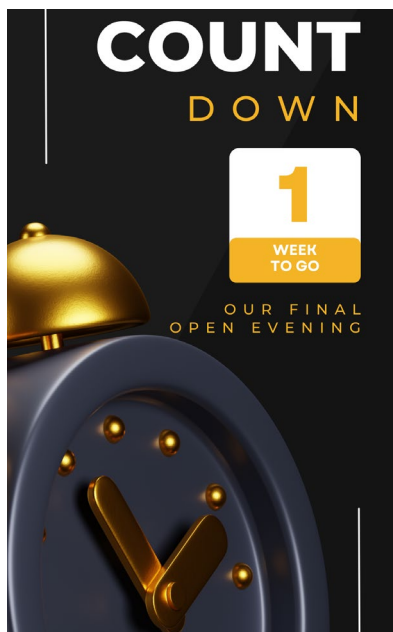


#### **1 Week to Go - Sixth Form Open Evening**

A huge thank you to our Year 11 students who have applied to join our Sixth Form from September! Even if you came to our open evening in November, you may still have some questions. Come to our Open

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Evening on 22nd January, if you want to talk to our teachers, discuss your child's option choices or understand what will happen between now and September. [\\*\\*Book tickets 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/1YU51y5GO-H6-odpxhPOG8zIUwpletxJRyfSbz2tSY0A/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.*

### Free School Meals

Your child may be eligible for free school meals. It's quick and easy to apply. To find out more, please visit <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>

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