

Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to say well done to all our Year 11 and 13's for their focus and positivity during the mock exams, we have a lot of confidence they are getting it right at the moment!

Some great news in fixtures, events in school but we are also really looking forward to World Book Day next week! The Leadership Team will be coming as Roald Dahl characters on Friday!

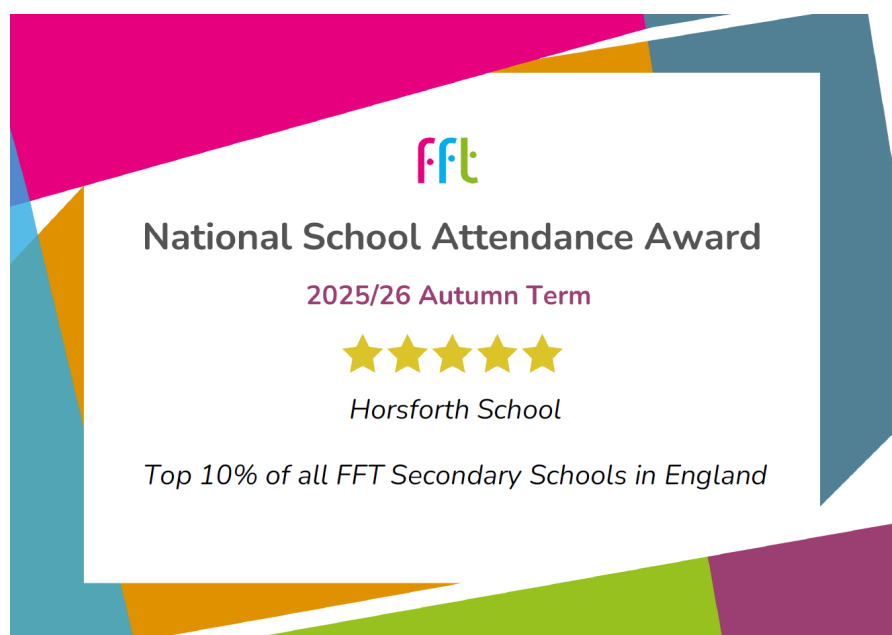
As always, the link to the podcast version is here:

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Attendance Award

I am very pleased to share that Horsforth School has been recognised as being in the Top 10% of secondary schools in England. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the collective effort and commitment from staff, students and families in prioritising attendance.

While our current figures are tracking slightly below this point last year, we remain confident that the Spring Term will see us build momentum and move back in line with our attendance target. Thank you all for your continued dedication and support.



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Term Dates 2026-2027

Please click on the links below to view Leeds School Calendar and the Horsforth School Term Dates for 2026-2027:

<https://www.horsforthschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Leeds-School-Calendar-2026-2027.pdf>

<https://www.horsforthschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Horsforth-School-Term-Dates-2026-2027.pdf>

National Careers Week 2026

Next week marks National Careers Week 2026. In preparation for this, on Thursday 26th February, students accessed a careers specific lesson as part of their PSHCE study to reflect on their goals and important characteristics for achieving success in their learning, next steps, and future pathways.

This lesson also includes activities to discuss with parents/carers and information on how to access further details through Unifrog so that you can get involved in their learning and see what they have been accessing this week: [Careers Week Lesson 2026](#)

We have also included a link below to a reminder of our school careers website for further support, guidance and communication: [Horsforth School Careers Website](#)

If you would like to offer any information or activities for our students about your career or want to know ways you can get involved in our careers education programme then please contact info@horsforthschool.org.

Safeguarding and E-scooters/ E-Bikes

PC Kapouzi has recently been in touch with us after a growing number of Horsforth residents have contacted the Police expressing their concerns around E-scooters and E-bikes.

The issue may be unrelated to Horsforth students, but we have been asked to share the following information with parents and carers in order to ensure any Horsforth student who does own one stays safe:

- An EAPC (Electronically Assisted Pedal Cycle) must have a maximum speed of 15.5mph and pedals.
- E-Scooters are all classified as powered transporters and similarly to the above need to follow the same laws as any motor vehicles.
- Children must be 14 years or over to ride in a public place.
- Safety checks should be done on these; they should have a maximum watt output of 250W and 48V - this should be clearly marked on the bike.
- If the EAPC or E-scooter and its rider do not comply with the above, it can be seized under S165A of The Road Traffic Act 1988.

Tennis Triumph

This week Isabella won the I2U National Junior Indoor Tennis tournament for Doubles and reached the quarter finals for Singles at Bath University. It was a very challenging tournament that saw her battling her way through six game sets against some of the top ranked players in Britain.

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She will rest at the weekend before heading to Nottingham for a GB hosted Tennis Europe event next week, where she will represent GB.



Sports Fixtures

Year 9 Football Team Success

It was wonderful to have all three teachers from the opposing schools full of praise for Horsforth, commenting on what a fantastic team of footballers we had and how impressed they were with both the quality of play and the attitude shown throughout each game.

The Year 9 boys then backed up that praise with a brilliant set of performances, securing three impressive wins from three in fast-paced 20-minute games. They beat Guiseley School 2–0 (Mr Maxwell always enjoys that) followed by a hard-fought 1–0 victory over Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School, and another 1–0 win against St Mary's Menston. The results reflect not only their quality but also their consistency and resilience across the evening.

There were standout performances all over the pitch. Archie was outstanding at the back, showing composure and strength in defence throughout. In midfield, Leo and Lucas controlled the games superbly, dictating the tempo and keeping the team on the front foot. Luca was clinical in front of goal, scoring two goals on the night to help secure the victories. Overall, it was a fantastic team effort and a brilliant achievement for the squad.

Year 8 Football

The Year 8 football team delivered an outstanding performance last night, securing an impressive 11–1 victory over Lawnswood. With six different goal scorers throughout the game, it was an outstanding team performance! We set the tone from minute one and were relentless throughout the first half. Charlie, Finn, Sam and Zach caused absolute havoc up top. Gabe and Toby were flawless and dominated the midfield. Hayden, Seb, Jacob and Will were as solid as ever. Toby might as well have been in a deck chair, as he had next to nothing to do throughout the entirety of the half.

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The second half was very much the same with Zac popping up to score his hat-trick in the first two minutes. Will managed to bag two goals from defence! He was sent up front for the last five minutes, where he had a glorious chance to get his first hat-trick for the school, but sadly their keeper pulled out two worldie saves!

Special mentions have to go to Will for his two goals. Finn for his work rate and causing the Lawnswood back line a constant issue and Gabe who kept the midfield ticking over all game. But for his introduction to the team in the last two games, his first hat trick for the school and his spiderman mascot, Zac was our Player of the Match.

The boys were a real credit to the school in a situation where they could have actually become quite arrogant and complacent. However, they continued to show maturity and humility throughout. Next week we are playing Cardinal Heenan and Guiseley in what are two must win games for the side.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Battle of the Bands is Back!

Get ready for an amazing night of live music as our student and staff bands take to the stage for this year's Battle of the Bands. Expect a brilliant atmosphere, great performances, and refreshments throughout the evening.

This year's event is being run and organised by a dedicated team of Sixth Form students, led by Harry, a member of last year's winning band, who is now giving back by helping to shape an unforgettable night for our performers and audience.

The winning band will earn an incredible prize: a full workshop day and the chance to perform a gig at The Wardrobe in Leeds. Tickets will be available to buy from School next week and can also be purchased on the door. Come along and support our musicians!



Battle of the Bands
9th March
Doors 18:30 | Starts 19:00
Horsforth School Main Hall

Tickets on Sale
outside Library
Tuesday-Friday
Under 18s - £3
18+ £5

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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-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.*

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>