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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had some great events in the last few weeks, I would like to thank all staff and students involved in fixtures, clubs, World Book Week, the Easter Eggstravaganza, Shakespeare Festival or trips. It's great to see so many involved in our extra-curricular opportunities.

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

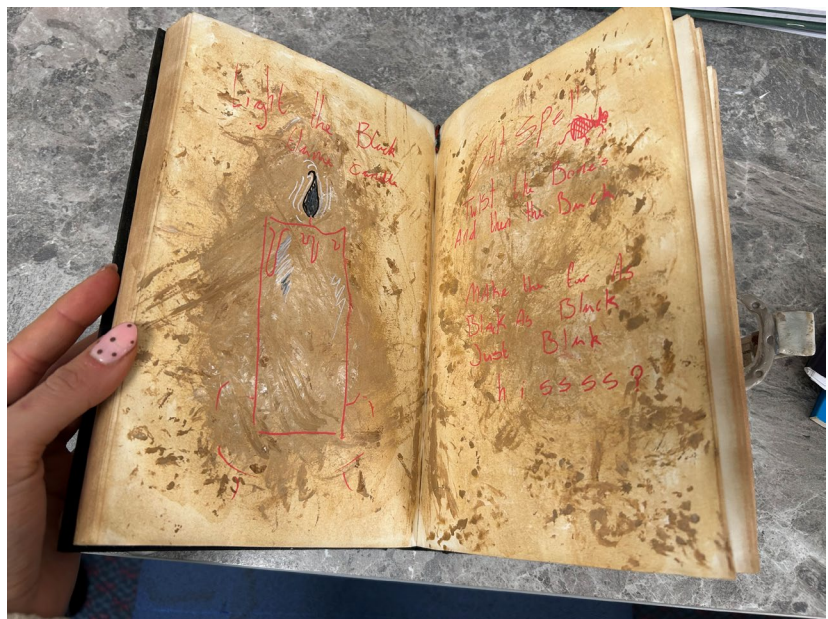
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First Aid Policy

We update our first aid policy annually. If you'd like to take a look at the updated version it is on our website: <https://www.horsforthschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/First-Aid-Policy.pdf>

Book Cover Competition!

Congratulations to Troy in Year 7, whose incredible artistic take on the Hocus Pocus book won the book cover competition. Thank you to all those who entered!



Shakespeare Festival

Year 9 and 10 students wowed audiences at The Shakespeare Schools Festival at The Carriageworks

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Theatre last week. Their performance of Hamlet was highly praised by judges and we have had some lovely messages about our students' support for younger students! Well done to all involved.



Year 7 Students Contribute to Horsforth Hall Park Maths Playground Project

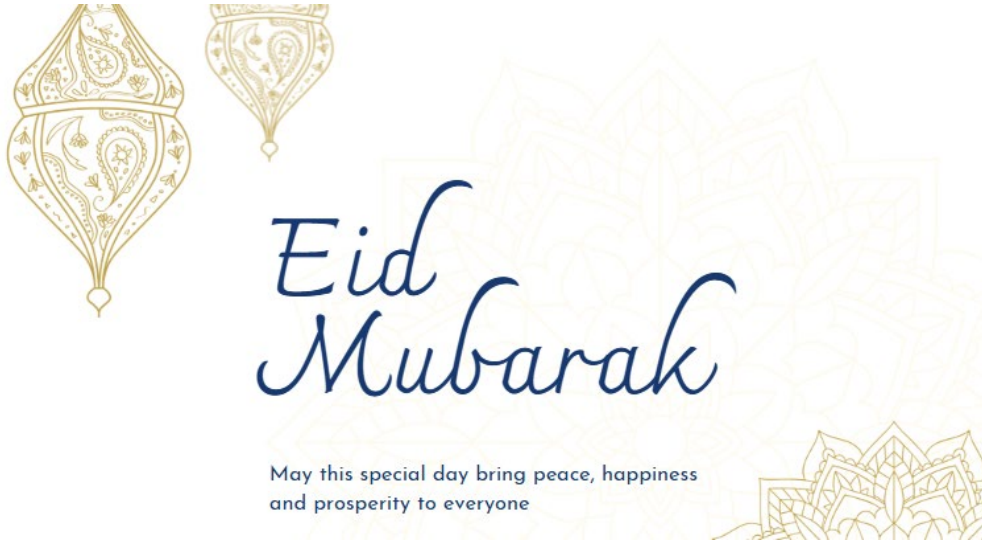
Dr Chicot and Mr Woodcock from MathsWorld UK came to speak to some of our Year 7 mathematicians to get their thoughts about a new maths playground that is being built at Horsforth Hall Park. This project is due to Leeds being the 'City of Maths' for 2026 and 2027! The students gave some great feedback on what they liked and didn't like about the existing playground and got to see and give their opinion on the planned improvements and exciting new mathematical features that will be added. Construction is due to begin in September 2026 so hopefully our pupils will be able to enjoy exploring mathematical concepts in the new playground by the end of the year!



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Eid Mubarak

We send our warm congratulations to everyone in our school community who has fasted during Ramadan and is now celebrating Eid. We wish you a wonderful time with family and friends.



Reading Newsletter

Each half term, we promote exciting events happening with reading across the school and this week's edition celebrates the success of World Book Week! We also run a termly creative writing competition for all students to enter! Over 30 students submitted entries for our 'In Someone Else's Shoes' competition and the winner was Hettie in Year 9 who had her work published in school and in the Friday Letter and received a £20 Amazon voucher.

The challenge for this edition of the Reading Newsletter is focused on looking ahead to our 2nd Horsforth School Culture Day in June. Students are challenged to produce a piece of creative writing with the title 'A Sense of Belonging'. Entries can be submitted via email to Mr Wilson or to English teachers by Friday 1st May.

Please click on the link below to read the newsletter:

<https://www.horsforthschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Reading-for-Pleasure-Newsletter-March-2026.pdf>

PE Kit Changes - After Easter

After the Easter break, girls may wear plain black sports leggings for PE. These must be sports-appropriate, plain black, and with only a small logo. Uniform suppliers and major sports retailers stock suitable options.

Current rules remain in place until Easter. Please contact Mr Grannon, Head of PE if you have any questions.

Sports Fixtures

Year 11 Football

We are happy to report that the Year 11 Football Team produced a superb performance on Tuesday night, securing an emphatic 5–0 victory over Guiseley—even with a weakened squad. From the first whistle, we dominated proceedings with confidence and composure. The defensive unit was outstanding, with Charlie putting in a commanding display at centre back, reading the game brilliantly and shutting down any threat.

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In midfield, Joe and Lucas controlled the tempo throughout ensuring Horsforth stayed on the front foot for the full match. A special highlight came from Hayden, who lit up the game with a wonder goal.

And finally... not to mention Kupa, who somehow managed to score twice after wandering forward from centre back... don't ask! A fantastic team effort all around, well done boys!

Huge game on Thursday as they meet their rivals, Garforth in the Semi-finals of the LSFA Cup.

Boy's Football Success

We are delighted to announce that all of our boys' football teams, Years 7 to 11, have successfully progressed through the North West League and have now qualified for the League Cup Stages.

This is an outstanding achievement and a testament to the hard work, commitment, and teamwork shown by all of the players involved. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and wish them the very best of luck in the next stage of the competition.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

The 'Law of Protest'

University of Leeds Law students visited us this week to deliver an engaging workshop on the Law of Protest. The session gave students a taste of degree level study and introduced them to key ideas in human rights law. Through discussion and case examples, students explored how the law protects the right to protest and balances individual freedoms with public interests. The visiting university students also shared insights into studying law at degree level, inspiring many to consider future pathways in the subject.



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>

- 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>