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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we head into the final week of term it's been really busy with extra-curricular opportunities and after school revision with Year 11. Whatever students have been giving up their time for, it's always great to see so many involved. To follow up the amazing success of our boys' teams last week the girls have followed this up with some brilliant results, great to see.

As always, the link to the podcast version is here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z7UWB5FOc-7yUGF-2sFaGC3dK6xTSEka/view?usp=sharing>

Connecting Schools to Hospitality

Our Year 10 students recently enjoyed their second visit to the Cedar Court Hotel, taking part in an engaging, hands-on hospitality work experience day. Throughout the visit, they explored the wide range of roles within the hospitality sector and learned about the skills needed to thrive in such a dynamic industry.

A standout moment was the mocktail-making workshop, where students were encouraged to get creative while developing practical techniques and, of course, sampling their alcohol-free creations!

The day offered an excellent blend of learning and real-world experience, helping students build confidence, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for the diverse opportunities the hospitality industry can offer. It was an inspiring experience that gave them a glimpse into a career path where no two days are ever the same.



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Ski Trip 2027

Over the last couple of weeks in assemblies and form time we have launched Ski 2027. During the Easter holidays we will be heading to Italy to tackle some of the mountains recently used in the 2026 Winter Olympics. If your child is interested in a place, they can pick up an information letter from The Pastoral Hub. This has all the details in and should answer any questions you may have. Permission slips to be returned by 24th April.

Friends of Horsforth Skatepark Spring Clean

Friends of Horsforth Skatepark are running their 2nd Annual Spring Clean Event at Horsforth skate park this weekend - Saturday 4th April, 1-3 pm.

In addition to cleaning the park and the surrounding area, they will also be unveiling the new skate park etiquette sign which is aimed at encouraging safe and considerate use of the park.

Sports Fixtures

Year 11 Football Fifth Successive League Title

Huge congratulations to our Year 11s, who clinched their fifth consecutive North West Leeds League title with a gritty 1-0 win over Lawnswood.

It wasn't the easiest day for football; the pitch was a bit of a nightmare and the conditions were tough, but the boys put in a professional, controlled performance. We were missing a few key faces, but Lucas and Elliot stepped up into the side and played brilliantly, making sure our standards didn't slip.

Joe grabbed the winning goal, and honestly, the scoreline could have been much higher. We created several big chances throughout the game and dominated from start to finish—so much so that Lawnswood didn't manage a single shot on our goal.

To win five titles in five years is a massive achievement. This group has been a credit to the school since Year 7, and it's great to see them finish their final season at the top. Roll onto Monday when they play Allerton Grange at Home.

U16 Girls Football Team

We are delighted to share that our U16 Girls Football Team secured an outstanding 4-0 victory against Ilkley Grammar School in the Leeds Cup semi-final.

This is a massive achievement for the team, and every single player put in an exceptional performance. The girls started strong, going 2-0 up by half-time, and maintained their momentum in the second half to add another two goals.

A special mention goes to Jaide, who scored all four goals in a fantastic individual display. The Player of the Match was awarded to Kate, who delivered some excellent forward balls throughout the game. Another special mention goes to Lily who stepped in as goalkeeper and had an exceptional performance.

It was a brilliant example of teamwork, determination, and quality from the entire team. The team now looks ahead to the final, which will be held at Leeds Beckett on 6th May, with a 6:00pm kick-off.

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Congratulations to all the girls on such a fantastic result.



Basketball Fixtures

Our Year 7s played Lawnswood in the North West league on Monday night and look set to qualify for the city finals after a 12-2 victory. With many of the boys playing in their first ever competitive match, the boys were absolutely brilliant and worked extremely hard for each other. Davies was the MVP but Arlo, Christian and Arshak all put in really strong performances.

Our Year 8s also played Lawnswood this week and for the second time, narrowly losing to a very strong team which consisted of mainly Year 9 players and therefore meant they had a significant height advantage. Next year will hopefully level the playing field for the Year 8s as this year the city-wide tournament is for both Year 8s and 9s, making it extremely tricky to qualify for the final's night.

Our Year 11s visit Lawnswood on Monday to see if they can book their sport at Leeds Beckett after Easter.

U12 Netball Tournament

On Thursday we went to Prince Henry's for a tournament. We have been working very hard at training to prepare for the event.

The A Team were drawn in a very challenging group against Grammar School at Leeds and Prince Henry's. Unfortunately, due to issues with the bus route we were running late and didn't get chance for a proper warm up. The first game was against GSAL 2. Manjot was intercepting the ball extremely well and her fitness levels were superb. Sophia was putting the attacking players off by jumping high to defend the ball. The final score was 5-2 to GSAL which did not reflect the game. Our passing could have been a little sharper to get the balls to our shooters accurately.

Prince Henry's had some fantastic players, and their teacher said that her team's performance was weaker against us than other teams. That shows how hard Horsforth worked to get control of the ball. Matilda was sprinting as fast as she could to receive the ball. The final score was 8-2.

Against Boston Spa we managed a draw, but unfortunately our captain went down injured, so we were without our shooter. The final game was against Guiseley. Valentina had a fantastic game, as well as

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Victoria who moved up to support. We won 2-0 which was a great way to finish. The Teacher's Player of the Game was Manjot for her relentless efforts.

Horsforth B Team were the most successful team of the day, which is understandable considering many players could be on the A Team. They won every single game in their round which is an exceptional achievement. The first game was against Prince Henry's 5 and we won 6-0. In the second game we narrowly beat Prince Henry's 3rd team 2-1. Game number three we played against our own team number 4 and we beat them 5-0. The final game was against Rodillian 2 and we also beat them 2-1. This meant that as the winners we went through to the semi-final. It ended up being a draw, which was decided by a golden goal. This was a real shame for our girls as we lost the centre pass. Every centre pass in netball you should score from, and unfortunately Prince Henry's 2 did score from it in a matter of seconds. This meant that we lost the semi-final. The Teacher's Player of the Game was Grace.

Horsforth C Team tried so hard. Niamh was an unreal workhorse and did not give up as centre. Beth also had so much energy. Minnie's shooting was exceptional and in the final games, she did not miss. Victoria's movement into the D was super. Megan intercepted the ball very well by reading the game. Lily's passing was so accurate and she was a very valuable member of the team. The Teacher's Player of the Game was Niamh in centre sprinting everywhere.

Horsforth D Team also played extremely well. They drew against Prince Henry's 0-0 which was a wonderful effort. Sienna was great at attacking. They only just lost 1-0 to Rodillian. Elsie, Aria and Luna defended extremely well and were preventing goal scoring opportunities. The captain, Mel, used the space extremely well on the court. The Teacher's Player of the Game was Luna for her amazing interceptions.



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 an Assistant Headteacher: Lead on Inclusion & Belonging and a HR Assistant. You can always

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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.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Sixth Form Drama

Well done to our Year 13 Drama students on a great performance exam on Thursday. They performed monologues, duologues and an entertaining group piece called 'Plano'. We are very proud of our drama students and their total commitment to rehearsals over the past few weeks.



Oxbridge Awaits!

Our budding Oxbridge candidates spent two days exploring Worcester College at Oxford University to gain a real sense of what studying at a world class university is like. The group visited some of Oxford's most iconic buildings and walked through traditional college streets, helping everyone picture daily life as a student. The group toured the gardens, modern accommodation and the impressive dining hall. Time was also spent inside student social spaces, where the group relaxed, played games, and learned more about

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college community life. The visit provided an inspiring insight into the academic environment, facilities, and student experience at Oxford, helping our students to imagine themselves studying there in the future.



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/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.*

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<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>

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