

Horsforth School and the Sixth Form at Horsforth

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NEWSLETTER

Spring has arrived and Easter is fast approaching. Before the students break up for a well-deserved holiday, let's look back at some of the amazing activities they have been involved in this past term.

Student Successes

- Year 8's Rose celebrated dance success at the IDTA Theatre Dance Awards where she reached the finals and received a special commendation!
- Hettie in Year 9 won the Horsforth School World Book Day Writing Competition 2026: Someone Else's Shoes!
- Art students saw their large-scale, locally inspired work displayed in the arrivals area at Leeds Bradford Airport.
- Year 10 students completed their Duke of Edinburgh challenge.

Well done to all our students on these incredible achievements. We are really proud of what you have accomplished so far and look forward to seeing what you do next!



Sporting Successes

It's been an outstanding term of sporting success, with our students achieving remarkable results across a range of disciplines:

- Year 7 student Isabella delivered a superb performance at the National Junior Indoor Tennis Championships, claiming the Under-12 Doubles title. She also impressed in the Singles competition, battling her way to the quarter-finals against some of the highest-ranked players in Britain at Bath University.
- In athletics, Louie (Year 12) showcased his strength and determination by securing a bronze medal in the hammer throw at the England Athletics Northern Throws Competition—an excellent achievement at a highly competitive event.
- We were also thrilled to celebrate Abbie (Year 12), who earned her debut for the England U17 Young Lionesses this term—a truly proud moment for both her and the school community.
- Our Year 9 team demonstrated fantastic teamwork and spirit at the Panathlon event held at Prince Henry's School, Otley, bringing home gold medals. Congratulations to Cara, Hettie, Imogen, Isaac, Jacob, Mary and Norah on this brilliant accomplishment.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment, resilience and sportsmanship shown by all our students, and we wish them every success as they move forward to the next stages of their competitions.



Health, Wellbeing and Safety

We launched the term with our inspiring Health, Wellbeing and Safety Week, helping students build essential life skills through activities, workshops and expert-led sessions on exam prep, mental health and healthy living. With opportunities ranging from yoga and creative arts to external speakers, the week empowered students with confidence, knowledge and positive habits for the future.



Shakespeare Schools Festival

After weeks of rehearsals, Year 9 & 10 students wowed audiences at The Shakespeare Schools Festival at The Carriageworks Theatre with their performance of Hamlet. Well done to our amazing cast!



Battle of the Bands

Congratulations to all our music students for a fantastic evening of solo and ensemble performances! Each student played a key role, creating a truly memorable evening of entertainment!



World Book Day

We had a fantastic World Book Day celebration, filled with creativity and fun. From bookmark-making and a pop-up book store to an impressive cake competition with 26 entries, students truly embraced the joy of reading. With staff costumes and a whole-school treasure hunt, it was a brilliant celebration of books and imagination.



Trips and Visits

This term has been packed with enriching experiences beyond the classroom. From an inspiring gallery visit to see this year's Turner Prize, to memorable theatre outings and engaging trips to a variety of places of interest, all carefully chosen to bring learning to life and support our students across their subjects.



Year 11 Art trip to see the Turner Prize



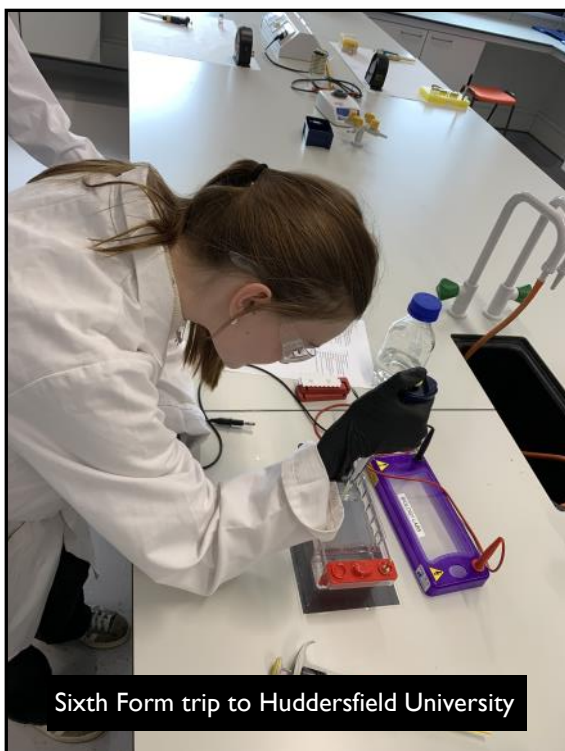
Year 11 Science trip to Harlow Carr



Year 10 Connecting Careers to Hospitality event at Cedar Court Hotel



Year 12 trip to see the opera at the Leeds Grand



Sixth Form trip to Huddersfield University



Music trip to the Leeds Music Industry Careers Day

Easter Wishes

We hope you've enjoyed this roundup of events. Thank you, as always, for your continued support—it truly means a great deal to everyone at Horsforth School and Horsforth Sixth Form.

Wishing you and your families a relaxing and well-deserved break. As we look ahead to a busy and important term, especially for our Year 11 and Year 13 students, we look forward to welcoming you all back refreshed and ready in two weeks' time.

Finally, Happy Easter to all those celebrating!

Dr P C Bell
Headteacher

