

## Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a lovely bank holiday weekend! Some great news in fixtures this week and some updates but I just want to say good luck and well done to all students embarking on exams, they have made a great start with a really positive attitude!

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15i9YOzHZJBIiESA5QUbqwX9zuWYrJyWs/view?usp=sharing>

### Year 10 Drama trip

The Year 10 Drama group enjoyed a trip to sunny Bradford to watch Blood Brothers at The Alhambra Theatre. It was an outstanding performance and great revision for GCSE.



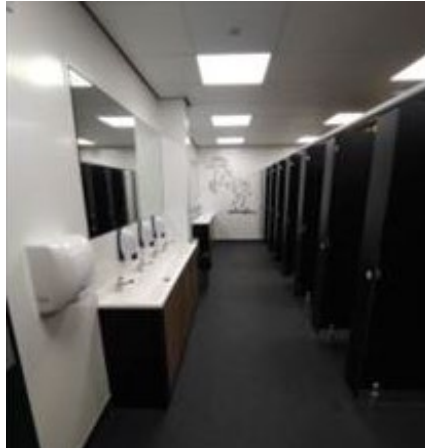
### Toilet Refurbishment Update

We're thrilled to share that one set of our boys' toilets has now been refurbished – and it's made a big difference already!

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We're really pleased to be hoping to refurbish three more toilet areas over the summer holidays, something our students have told us is a real priority and a key wish from Student Parliament.

The school has worked hard to save and generate additional income to help fund these improvements, but any voluntary donations would be hugely appreciated and will help us continue improving facilities for all students in the future. There is now an option to donate via iPay. Thank you so much for your continued support!



### **Lost Property**

If your child loses something in school, everything is handled through the Hub so we can keep track of items and return them as quickly as possible. Staff in the Hub ensure that named items are returned to student, and unnamed items are stored safely until students come to check for them at break, lunch or after school. PE kit left in the changing rooms is collected every couple of days and processed in the same way at the Hub.

Please remind your child that it's their responsibility to come and look through Lost Property. For safeguarding reasons, parents aren't able to come into school to do this on their behalf, but the Admin staff in the Hub are always happy to help students search.

At the end of each term, all unclaimed items are set out in the hall so students have another chance to look through everything before anything left over is added to spare uniform or donated to charity. Putting their name on clothing and equipment really helps us return things quickly.

### **Antisocial Behaviour**

We just wanted to make you aware of some anti-social behaviour that has been taking place in Horsforth Hall Park, and more specifically the skate park area, recently. It's important our young people are safe in the community. We have received a few emails/calls from concerned members of the public in regards to the behaviours they have witnessed and the inappropriate language used.

We appreciate that students from other Schools use the area, but some of the reports have specifically mentioned students in Horsforth uniform. Whilst we love to hear that our young people are accessing the outdoors spaces available in the community, we would like to ask you to remind your child to do so responsibly and safely, so all members of the community can enjoy the park. We will continue to remind students through assemblies.

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## **Sports Fixtures**

### Year 10 Team March into Merit League Final

Our Year 10 side delivered an outstanding performance as they booked their place in yet another final, overcoming Allerton Grange School with a 6–0 victory.

From the first whistle, the team looked sharp, organised, and full of attacking intent. Their strength going forward was clear to see, with a variety of creative options causing constant problems for the opposition defence. Goals from Jaide (3), Joley, Amber and Flo.

Beyond the goals, this was a true team performance. Every player played their part, working hard both on and off the ball, supporting each other, and maintaining focus from start to finish. The defensive unit remained solid, ensuring the team kept a well-deserved clean sheet.

Attention now turns to their next big challenge: the Leeds Cup Final, taking place next Thursday at Leeds Beckett University. With momentum firmly on their side, the squad will be full of belief as they aim to continue their impressive run. A superb effort from everyone involved—bring on the final!



### West Riding County FA Cup Final

On Saturday 24th April, eight of our Year 11 boys were involved in the West Riding County FA Cup Final, representing Horsforth St Margaret's FC against Goole FC. The lads all contributed to a fantastic win in a tight game that finished 2-2 after normal time and went to a penalty shootout. Jake and Josh held their nerve to score and help the team to a 5-4 shootout win. Big shout out to Jake, Joe, William, Kupa, Josh, Harry, Josh and Leo. Well done boys!

### Valencia Cup 2026

In April 2026, the Leeds Schools FA Under-14 Girls team proudly represented Leeds at the Valencia Cup, an international youth football tournament held in Valencia, Spain. It provided a platform to compete

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internationally, build lasting memories, and grow as both footballers and young people. The lessons learned and confidence gained from this tour will undoubtedly benefit the players as they continue their football and academic journeys. Well done to all players involved for a fantastic representation of Leeds.



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

#### Good Luck Year 13

A Level exams are now underway! We would like to wish all of our students the very best of luck - everyone here is right behind you!

#### Year 12 A Level PE at Leeds Beckett

Here are some pictures from our fantastic theory practical lessons at Leeds Beckett from specialist lecturers teaching our students on calorimetry testing and video analysis, supporting our education on technology in Sport.



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## Hands-On Science in University Labs

Our physics students recently took part in an oscilloscope experiment in labs at the University of Leeds, gaining valuable experience to support their A Level. During the session, students used signal generators while exploring phase shifts and capacitor time constants! A fantastic opportunity to develop their practical skills in a real university setting.



## Golf Academy League

Here are the results for the return league golf match at Ilkley on Tuesday afternoon:

Pair 1 - 2&1 IGS

Pair 2 - 6&4 IGS

Pair 3 - 3&2 Horsforth

Pair 4 - 6&5 Horsforth

Draw - 1 point each team.

Huge well done to:

Kieran 10.3 (11) Aleks 13.6 (14)

Luke 14.7 (15) Ben

Jimmy 18 Ellie

Gethin 16.4 (17) Caleb 18

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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>