Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am really proud to share some of our students' amazing achievements linked to and outside of school. It always surprises me the talents our young people have and the successes they are able to achieve so early in life, so I hope you enjoy some of the brilliant updates.

As always, the link to the podcast version is here:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/13avmHbNC_cUmj8SjFjIUDujgny6OcDOk/view?usp=sharing

Lost Property

We have already collected a substantial amount of lost property during our first half-term of the year. Many items have been reunited with their rightful owners, but lots have not.

From **week commencing 19th October** all lost property from September will be laid out in the Hall both before and after school - please encourage your child to take a look and collect anything they may have misplaced during the year. Any unclaimed items remaining after **Wednesday 21st October** will be kept in school as spare clothing or donated to charity.

A plea – lots of these items are unnamed and this makes it difficult to reunite lost items, please make sure everything is clearly labelled.

Celebrating Success in Girls' Cricket

Congratulations to Amber in Year 9, who has once again been selected to represent Yorkshire at Under 14 level cricket. This is her fourth consecutive year of selection, an outstanding achievement that reflects her talent, dedication and hard work. Well done, Amber!

Double Selection for Charlotte and Lorelle

Congratulations to Year 7 students Charlotte and Lorelle who have been selected to represent the Leeds Schools Girls' Team for a second year running! This is a fantastic achievement for both girls. Charlotte also plays for the Leeds United Academy, while Lorelle represents Halifax Academy. cWe are incredibly

proud of Charlotte and Lorelle and we wish them every success for the rest of the season. Well done girls!

Supporting Our Students: 1-to-1 Mentoring Service
We are delighted to be working in partnership with **Leeds Faith in Schools** to provide dedicated 1-to-1 mentoring support for students at Horsforth School.

Our mentors offer a safe, supportive space where students can talk through worries, build confidence and resilience, and develop strategies to help them navigate challenges both in and out of school. Mentoring can support students with friendships, wellbeing, self-esteem and communicating their feelings more effectively. Our aim is simple: to help every student feel supported, valued and equipped to thrive during their time at Horsforth School.

By investing in our students' wellbeing, we are helping them develop the confidence and resilience they need to succeed both now and in the future.

Drama Department Trip to *Mean Girls*!
The Drama Department enjoyed a fantastic evening out on Monday with a trip to the Alhambra Theatre to see *Mean Girls*. The show was packed with energy, humour and brilliant performances, making it a thoroughly entertaining experience for everyone involved.

Our students were excellent ambassadors for the school and a credit to the Drama Department throughout the evening.

It was a wonderful night of theatre, laughter and inspiration, and we look forward to many more trips like this in the future!

Maisie Takes 2nd Place in British Trial Championship

A huge congratulations to Maisie on a fantastic weekend of competition in the AMCA Belle Ladies and Girls British Trial Championship. Maisie put in a strong performance and took 1st place on the podium on Sunday and 2nd place overall in the championship! Well done, Maisie – we're very proud of your achievement.

Horsforth Community Pantry Harvest Collection

To mark World Values Day on 15 October, students and staff will be supporting the Horsforth Community Pantry through a Harvest Collection, linking to this year's theme of *Values and Volunteering*.

Please support the appeal by donating any of the essential items listed on the poster below. Donations should be brought to form and will be collected on 14, 15 and 16 October.

'Opportunity and achievement for all'

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 **Casual Examination Invigilators**. You can always 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**

Tickets Going Fast!

The majority of tickets for our Sixth Form Open Evening on 12 November have now been booked. If your child is considering joining our sixth form, we'd encourage you to book your place soon to avoid missing out.

We do have another Open Evening in January, but please be aware that the application deadline for current Horsforth School students is before Christmas.

>> Book Your Tickets Here <<

Prestigious Global Recognition

Oscar and Daphne in Year 13 entered the very prestigious John Locke Institute Global essay prize this year and both received a commendation for their work. Oscar entered in the History section with an essay entitled 'Does Che deserve his iconic t-shirt?' and Daphne the psychology section with her essay "Is mental illness over-diagnosed now, or just better recognised?".

The competition received over 100,000 entries from across the world and only a small minority of essays were shortlisted, even fewer received a commendation or a prize. A huge congratulations to both of them for this outstanding achievement.

CV Support for Our Students

Hannah Alipoor from the University of Huddersfield led a CV writing session for Year 12 this week, helping students develop the skills and confidence to create effective CVs.

She then spent the rest of the day providing one-to-one CV support for our Year 13 students aspiring to gain a degree level apprenticeship.

Our Students Take on the Senior Maths Challenge

This week, 87 of our Year 12 and Year 13 students took part in the annual Senior Maths Challenge. The 90-minute national competition challenges students to apply their mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills. Participants can achieve either a bronze, silver or gold

certificate, with the highest-performing gold students also having the opportunity to progress to the next round. Well done to all our students who took part!

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.
Click here to view the link for week to view menu cycle one

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