Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I want to start by wishing our Year 11's the best of luck in the mocks and a huge well done to our Year 7's this week who have shown real grit and teamwork at Herd Farm!

As always, the link to the podcast version is here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1clbWDcb0-UbmnoOFtote8s0rKhwzFowb/view?usp=sharing

Year 7 Trip to Herd Farm

Year 7 students went to Herd Farm this week where they took part in lots of fun activities and worked on their teamworking skills.

Supporting my Child to Learn

On Thursday 22nd October it is our 'Supporting my Child to Learn' evening in school. This information evening has been designed to help parents and carers better understand how they can support their child's learning at home and work in partnership with the school.

During the evening, members of the Senior Leadership Team will provide information about:

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- How students are assessed in Years 7 and 8
- How we measure and monitor student progress
- How progress and attainment are reported to parents
- Strategies for supporting learning and independent study at home
- The importance of reading and developing effective learning habits
- Homework expectations and how parents can support completion and organisation

The evening will also provide an opportunity to ask questions and gain a clearer understanding of how we support students academically throughout Key Stage 3.

If you would like to attend, please complete the Google Form using the link below to confirm your place:
Attendance Form

GCSE Mock Exams
The GCSE mock exams start this Monday, and we know Year 11 have been working hard to prepare. Wishing all our Year 11 students lots of luck — we're right behind you!

Lost Property Reminder
A reminder that all lost property collected since September will be laid out in the Hall before and after school from the week commencing 19th October. Please encourage your child to check for any missing items. Unclaimed items remaining after Thursday 22nd October (morning) will be kept as spare clothing or donated to charity. We also ask parents to ensure all clothing and belongings are clearly named to help us return lost items to their owners.

Christmas Card Competition 2026
It's that time of year again! We're launching our annual Christmas Card Competition this week. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their creativity and talent, with entries welcome in any form e.g. drawings, paintings, photography, or digital artwork. The winning design will be chosen to represent Horsforth School this Christmas and the successful students will also receive a prize.

We look forward to seeing the imaginative and festive creations our students produce. Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child to take part in this much-loved school tradition. Entries can be emailed to marketing@horsforthschool.org or handed in at reception. Please ensure your child submits their entry by Friday 6th November to be considered.

***Sixth Form at Horsforth* News**

Sold Out!

Thank you for the incredible interest in our November sixth form open evening. If you couldn't secure a ticket, bookings are now open for our next event on **21st January 2027**.

You will still have the opportunity to:

- Meet our subject teachers and sixth form team
- Discuss your child's subject choices
- Find out more about the journey from Year 11 to Sixth Form

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A Great Afternoon of Netball

Both our Year 12 and Year 13 teams put up a fantastic fight at the GSAL netball tournament on Wednesday afternoon! Against some tough competition, the girls held their own, showcasing some brilliant skills, teamwork and determination. Well done to everyone involved!

Off to Japan!

Every November, six Year 12 students are chosen to represent our sixth form at the Japan Super Science Fair in Kyoto. Here are this year's lucky six (Elio, Liam, Gracie, Riya, Daisy, and Elina)! We can't wait to hear all about their adventures and see what they get up to. Have an amazing trip!

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.
Click here to view the link for week to view menu Cycle two

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