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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

It's great to be back and the new day and bubbles are working well, students have been fantastic and the opportunity to allow access to all to science, DT, music and drama has been well received.

Athletics, our Combined Cadets Force Troup and a number of clubs have restarted and as the weather improves I hope to be able to update you on how we will reward students this year towards the end of the summer term.

Virtual Work Experience update

It's not long now until our Year 10 and 12 students have their Virtual Work Experience in school on 28th-30 June (Year 10) and 5th-7th July (Year 12). We've been busy putting together their schedule ready for this event. As this is a virtual experience we kindly ask students to bring with them a pair of headphones to the event. We have limited spares for any student who doesn't have a pair. As well as the Virtual Work Experience we've organised some great team building activities to happen in the afternoon, offering students the opportunity to learn about leadership, teamwork and collaboration skills - all of which are commonplace in the world of work.

End of year assessments

Please be aware that all Years will have end of year assessments coming up towards the end of June and July, as we do every year. It is so much more important this year so we can revise, revisit and assess the knowledge, the skills and the content that has been covered during lockdown and in school.

The learning journeys detailing what your son/daughter has been learning at each half term are on our website and you can click on the links below:

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

[Year 10](#)

[Year 12](#) (choose the appropriate course and then click the 'what you learn' tile)

To support revisiting and revision some great resources are available here:

Oak National Academy (recorded lessons and activities for all subjects and Years)

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

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Hegarty Maths (recorded lessons, activities and assessments for maths)

<https://hegartymaths.com/login/learner>

Seneca Learning (great revision resources for most subjects with mini quizzes throughout)

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

How students learn

A great resource for you to support your child's revision can be found here:

<https://www.learningscientists.org/>

<https://www.learningscientists.org/blog/category/For+Parents>

The video on how to study effectively is only 8 minutes long and a really useful place to start if you want to know what the research says about the best ways to revise: <https://www.learningscientists.org/videos>

Year 11 into 12 Transition days

All students who have expressed an interest in joining our Sixth Form in September have been invited to attend 2 transition days on Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 June. These days are not compulsory but are an important opportunity for students to attend taster lessons in their chosen subjects as well as to find out about life in the Sixth form, ask questions and meet current students. There will be a separate letter being sent to all Year 11 students and their parents outlining the structure of the days and our expectations of those attending in the coming week. Until then, if any students have yet to indicate if they are able to attend or not please could you encourage them to complete the google form [here](#) (**this must be done by the student and not the parent/carer please**) - we have extended the deadline to Sunday 13 June for any remaining students to have time to complete the form. We look forward to welcoming them all back to school for what we hope will be an interesting and useful couple of days.

Year 12 Progression tests

Just a reminder that all of Year 12 students will be undertaking progression tests in each of their subjects the week beginning Monday 21 June - there will be no Year 12 lessons that week in order to enable them to focus on preparing for the tests. All students have now been provided with their own personal examination timetable for the week and should be busy preparing for tests as part of their independent study outside of their scheduled lessons. There are a variety of generic revision resources on the Year 12 notices Google classroom and tutor times have focused on revision strategies in order to support them during this time.

Parent/Carer Volunteers for the Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

CCF units in **schools** give young people the life skills and self-confidence to take charge of their lives so they can reach their full potential at **school** and beyond, including in employment.

Horsforth School's fledgling CCF is expanding. We would like to hear from anyone willing to take on the role of Cadet Force Adult Volunteer (CFAV) to support this expansion.

The perks of being a CFAV include the opportunity to see our young cadets develop, lots of personal training opportunities (both military and civilian qualifications are offered) and some financial remuneration for your time. CFAVs do not need to have a military background and will receive training and support from school and Brigade CCF staff.

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The role will involve a commitment of your own time including an interview, a weekend and a 5 day midweek training course in order to qualify as a CFAV.

If you are interested and would like to know more please email info@horsforthschool.org FAO 2LT Allison in the subject line.

I would like to thank everyone who is taking part in the lateral flow testing, as cases rise this is absolutely vital as whilst the vaccination progress significantly reduces the danger of COVID I desperately do not want to lose any more learning time. We have been incredibly fortunate since Easter to be untouched by COVID in school. This will protect as much learning time as possible.

Thank you, as always, for your kind messages and your ongoing positivity and resilience.

Take care, stay safe and best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher