



## Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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

Whilst we have had a number of staff absent this week and some other schools have gone to remote learning for some year groups, things are still positive around school with a lovely climate for learning.

### **Masks in corridors and communal areas**

I would like to thank the students for their resilience and support wearing masks. Whilst we are continuing to wear them in corridors and communal areas students usually only have to do this for a short period of time and thankfully, it is having a positive effect on cases. The COVID rate in Horsforth is still higher than Leeds so this is a really important way of preserving education and protecting the vulnerable members of our community.

### **Year 8 Options**

Year 8 will begin their options process on 31st January. Over the next few weeks they will be making some subject selections for Year 9. As we are unable to have an evening event, all of the key information, including a full video presentation to explain the process and videos from individual subject areas, will be sent out via email to parents and students on Monday. I will also include the links to the important information in next week's Parent/Carer update letter.

### **Lateral Flow Tests (Home Testing)**

Thank you so much for your support in continuing to perform lateral flow tests at home. We will continue to issue the kits through form time and will only delay if we have supply issues.

The link to reporting results to the NHS is here: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid-19-result>. The link to report results to us is here: <https://forms.gle/RKzCqrFhzDS4CFK87> (please also call or email the school if you test positive).

### **Chinese New Year**

To celebrate Chinese New Year our catering team will provide a delicious Chinese inspired menu on Tuesday 1st February.

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There will be a variety of dishes on offer such as chicken chow mein, sweet and sour crispy chicken, crispy beef and Peking pizza (vegetarian/vegan/gluten free options will also be available). May happiness, health and prosperity be with you all in the year of the Tiger.



### **Year 7 Drama Club**

The Year 7 Drama Club got off to a flying start last week with an impressive 47 students joining us this year. We look forward to the enthusiasm that these aspiring thespians will bring to the drama club.



### **Sporting Fixtures**

A very successful week for year 8 A and B team netballers - both beat Woodhouse Grove in their games. A team won 5-4 and B team won 6-5 (very close games) - showing great RESILIENCE!



It's great that we can build on our extracurricular and sports activities and I hope to bring positive news about our participation in the UK Maths Team Challenge and the Physics Olympiad this week.

Thank you for your continued support, kind messages and patience.

Take care, stay safe and best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell  
Headteacher

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