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Dear Parent/Carer,

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

It has been a great start to the term and students have bounced back into school with a fresh enthusiasm that is wonderful to see.

Year 11 Engagement Evening

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Year 11 Engagement evening on Wednesday 20th April. We were delighted with the evening and hope you found the sessions valuable and useful in the lead up to exams. If you were unable to attend or wish to reflect on any of the presentations they can be found on our school website or by following this link: <https://www.horsforthschool.org/school/letters-home-year-11/>

Don't count the days, make the days count!

New Building

Our new building is nearly finished and there is a scheduled handover on May 6th. I would like to thank Morgan Sindall for their efficiency and professionalism that has meant the project has always been ahead of schedule.

Leeds City Council has funded this project to allow us to raise our Year 7 intake by 60. I have always said that as a Community School it is our duty to try and meet the need for Secondary places in Horsforth and this development should mean that no student who preferences Horsforth and lives in LS18 will be refused a place.

We will use these new facilities for our Sixth Form students and the freed-up space in the main building will allow the increased numbers in Key Stages 3 and 4. Our vision is that these exceptional facilities will create a Sixth Form Campus on site to increase our curriculum breadth and be able to offer the experience of a College whilst keeping our excellent school-based support and care.

The new building has 4 state of the art science labs, 3 new IT rooms and 5 general purpose classrooms. We plan to use the central hall for assemblies, social times and future evening events.

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We are also looking to add quiet work and social spaces for our Sixth Form students to further free up space in the new building and I hope to be able to update you soon on this exciting addition.

We will not use the building fully until September for lessons to allow us to snag, set up and train staff but we will be using the new building for events and some lessons. I hope to be able to invite parents and the wider community the opportunity to come in to look around as soon as we are able.

Parking and Drop Off

Thank you for bearing with us on the building works and new entrances. If I could please ask however that you avoid Church Lane for drop off and pick up as this is now highly congested as we come to the end of our school development.

Please be mindful of local residents and I do ask you adhere to the road markings for stopping and parking at the front and back of school.

Sports Fixtures

Year 7 boys football beat Ruth Gorse 4-3 (AET) in the semi-final of the Leeds Schools Championship having won the North West Leeds league. They are now through to the final. A huge congratulations on an incredible achievement and the best of luck in the final!

Year 9 boys football lost 1-2 in the semi-final of the Leeds Schools Championship having won the North West Leeds League. A fantastic achievement all the same. The Year 9 team are still in the Leeds Schools Cup however, and will play Garforth on the 27th April. We wish the team the best of luck for the match!

It has been wonderful to be running in-person events after school again and great to see so many of our Year 11 parents on Wednesday. Attendance to the evening and the two main talks was great and is another reminder of how lucky I am to serve such an engaged and supportive community and parent body.

Take care, stay safe and best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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