



## Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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

We had a visit this week from members of the Department of Education as they wanted to get current teachers' views on educational policy, see a modern school and visit lessons. It's always nice to hear positives and to be able to discuss the most recent and forthcoming changes to policy and have had some lovely feedback.

### **Horsforth School Book Club**

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/horsforth/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022**.

### **Year 7 in 8 Languages Choice**

We are asking students in Year 7 over the next two weeks to select to continue with either French or Spanish as they go into Year 8. Students have been spoken to in assembly regarding the process and you should receive an email with further details in the coming days. Choices will be made via a paper options form; which students will collect from their Form Tutor.

Please note that Year 7 students who study Mandarin Chinese will continue with this automatically and do not need to make a choice.

### **Headteacher's Breakfast Rewards for our Fab 5's**

I am delighted to announce that next week we will be serving all students, who have an average Attitude to Learning Score of 5 or above, with breakfast and extended social time during lesson 1. Maintaining this score is outstanding and shows that students are bringing their personal best to school every day and in all lessons. I will personally look forward to seeing students enjoy this social time and reward. For your awareness, students will have a choice of food and drink and all dietary requirements will be catered for.

### **Attendance**

We are very much aware that the pandemic has affected student absence and it has also created mental health concerns and anxieties for some of our young people. We do however need to balance this with the need to make sure that student learning recovers as quickly as possible from the lockdown absences. We are therefore highlighting the importance of regular school attendance and have sent a separate email about the importance

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of attendance and to clarify our procedures. The Attendance and Punctuality Procedures are also on our website.

### **Word of the Week (WOTW) - Half Term 5**

This half term's word of the week schedule is below. Students and staff are made aware of each WOTW every Monday and are encouraged to use it in their lessons. Correct use of the WOTW will be rewarded with credit stamps.

<b>Half Term 5 - WOTW</b>		
27	<b>Hierarchy</b>	A system in which members of an organisation or society are ranked according to relative status or authority
28	<b>Hypothesis</b>	A supposition or proposed explanation made on the basis of limited evidence as a starting point for further investigation
29	<b>Indicate</b>	Point out; show
30	<b>Innovate</b>	Make changes in something established, especially by introducing new methods, ideas, or products
31	<b>Interpretation</b>	The action of explaining the meaning of something
32	<b>Kamikaze</b>	Reckless or potentially self-destructive

### **Invigilator positions available!**

Year 11 and 13 exams are going ahead this summer and we are looking for anyone who would be able to support us as invigilators. If you are able to support over the summer exam period, please contact [recruitment@horsforthschool.org](mailto:recruitment@horsforthschool.org).

### **Sports Fixtures**

A huge 2-1 win last night for the Year 9 boys football team vs Garforth in the Leeds Schools Cup Semi-final. Player of the match: Ollie

They now go on to play in the final next week. A huge congratulations from everyone at Horsforth School! Some great news in our sporting endeavours so well done all!

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care, stay safe and best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell  
Headteacher

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