



## Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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

As we head into the final week of this half term I would like to praise our Year 11 and 13's. This is a stressful time for them but their positivity, resilience and focus has been exceptional. We haven't really had exams over the last two years so it's a real shock to the system but they have been amazing so please pass that on.

### Poem

I would like to share a wonderful poem that was submitted as part of the poetry competition this year. It by Isaac, one of our Year 11 students and is beautifully written:

#### ***If I could change the world***

*Sometimes, I find myself going to the hillside just past where she used to live.*

*I still feel her presence through the dandelion patch near the stream, as it was our favourite place to watch new life bloom.*

*Though nobody visits here anymore after that day.*

*And this is all I have left of her now, after she wilted away under the summer sun.*

*In my vision, she'd be sitting in the seat I left out for her.*

*In my dreams, she'd be walking down the stream interlocking her hand with mine.*

*But perhaps my pursuit for her mortality is nothing more than a form of escapism.*

*Because in my reality, she's gone.*

*I'd do anything to get her back, get them all back before they flew away without me.*

*If I could change the world, we'd all be sitting in the dandelion patch.*

*Under the summer sun, once more.*

### **Thank a teacher (or someone else in school) day 25th May**

I am thankful for all the emails and contacts that let me know when a teacher or member of staff has helped or gone above and beyond and whilst this may come across as asking for praise I wanted to flag up that the 25th of May is Thank a Teacher Day if anyone did want to contribute.

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I know many staff are thanked regularly so if you did want to single someone out for thanks please use the link.

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/national-thank-a-teacher-day2022/>

### **Term Dates 2022-23 reminder:**

Please click on this link to find the agreed term dates for 2022-23:

<https://www.horsforthschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Horsforth-School-Term-dates-2022-23.pdf>

Details of training days and any early finishes can also be found on this document. This information will also be added to the calendar on the school website in due course along with details of all other key school events (including parents' evenings) as well as the dates of any trips/visits that are being planned for the next academic year.

### **Sports Fixtures**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May nearly 70 Horsforth students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 attended the English Schools Athletics Association Track and Field Schools Cup Round 1 at Thornes Park Stadium in Wakefield. The pupils all represented the school extremely well and it was fantastic to see so many competing in our fluorescent kit in the sunshine.

Mr Maxwell and Miss Lancaster were very proud of the mental determination from our students. Particularly notable performances came from Archie who ran the 800m in 2.22 and came first. Rebecca was also first in the 800m. Megan won the 1500m. We also had some silvers with Sophie fighting for her second place in the 1500m, Oliver in the 300m, Joe in javelin, Tyler in discus, and Amie and Hannah second in the high jump.

The nice weather means we are opening the field and it's lovely to see students running around enjoying sports and the sunshine. I hope it continues for the weekend and as always, thank you for your continued support.

Take care, stay safe and best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell  
Headteacher

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