



## Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This is the final letter of the year, lots has happened but overall, I am incredibly proud of our student's achievements, how they have approached their studies and their efforts overall. Please pass on my thanks!

### **Hot Weather**

I would like to thank the students and staff. It has been much warmer than usual but everyone has approached this with a resilience and good humour that has made everything much easier.

Because we have had only three Year groups in the building on Monday and Tuesday, staff have been able to move to cooler rooms and use the air-conditioned ones, students have brought the right clothes and hats and everyone has stayed hydrated. I know some schools have shut early or completely but our building has coped well and it will be the strategy we take in the future.

### **Rewards Trips**

Monday and Tuesday have been our Year 7 and 8 rewards days so whilst it was hot they were extremely successful. Students largely followed our advice, avoided the direct sun at the hottest parts of the day, wore hats, stayed hydrated and used sunscreen. We asked students to go on the rides in the morning (short queues on these days!) and as it got hotter to visit the zoo and have a picnic in the shade. I am sorry we had to leave an hour earlier to avoid the hottest part of the day but Flamingo Land kindly opened at 9:30 rather than 10 so the day was only 30 minutes shorter. We used the mitigations we usually would in these circumstances on some of our overseas trips. These temperatures have happened on trips in the past and what works in Spain has worked at home.

I know some parents were concerned about the temperature so I thank you for your patience and feedback.

Lots of fun was had on the in-school activities so whether it was watching a film, printing T shirts or cooking it has been a brilliant, if rather warm, week.

Students were amazing and after a break from running these trips for two years they fully deserved the rewards days trips and activities.

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## Exciting Opportunities - Vacancies at Horsforth

We have some vacancies currently available that may be of interest to yourself or someone you know, a Pastoral Support Officer who will support a Year group, a Learning Support Mentor who will work in our SEND department and a General Kitchen Assistant. Full training will be provided and more information, along with application forms, can be found here:

<https://www.horsforthschool.org/vacancies/>

Link to the Pastoral and Behaviour Officer Vacancy: <https://www.horsforthschool.org/vacancies/pastoral-and-behaviour-officer/>

Link to the Learning Support Mentor vacancy: <https://www.horsforthschool.org/vacancies/learning-support-mentor/>

Link to the General Kitchen Assistant vacancy:

<https://www.horsforthschool.org/vacancies/general-kitchen-assistant/>

## First day back in September

**New Year 7 students** will be expected back on Monday 5th September between 8am and 8.20am. The school gate will close at 8.20am. Students will have a 2-hour orientation with key staff and their new tutors. Lessons will start mid-morning.

For **Years 8-11, students** are expected back on 5th September and will arrive at break time, gates will open at 10.50am and close at 11.05am. School will start at 11.10am. Students will have a 1-hour orientation and will get to know their new Tutors if applicable. Lessons will resume after this.

**Year 12** enrolment will begin on Monday 5th and **Year 13** enrolment will be on Tuesday 6th. Students will receive further details about when they should attend on these days.

## Student entrances

From September students may enter the school through either the front or the back entrances, whichever they choose.

They must then go to their Year group area before they go to form:

Year 7: Main Hall

Year 8: Main Diner

Year 9: Science Courtyard

Year 10: Courtyard outside E3

Year 11: L Shaped Diner

Year 12 & 13: Sixth Form Campus

## Student timetables and timings of lunch

Lesson timings will remain the same for the next academic year, and we will continue to operate a split lunch system. Please see the diagram below, which summarises the timings of the day for each year group.

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	8:25	8:50	9:50	10:50	11:10	12:10	12:50	1:10	1:50	2:50
Years 8, 10, 12, 13	Tutor Time	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Break	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lunch	Lesson 5		
Years 7, 9, 11	Tutor Time	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Break	Lesson 3	Lunch	Lesson 4	Lesson 5		

YEARS	7, 9, 11	YEARS	8, 10, 12, 13
08:20	Arrive in school	08:20	Arrive in school
8:25 - 8:50	Tutor time	8:25 - 8:50	Tutor time
8:50 - 9:50	Lesson 1	8:50 - 9:50	Lesson 1
9:50 - 10:50	Lesson 2	9:50 - 10:50	Lesson 2
10:50 - 11:10	BREAK	10:50 - 11:10	BREAK
11:10 - 12:10	Lesson 3	11:10 - 12:10	Lesson 3
12:10 - 12:50	LUNCH	12:10 - 1:10	Lesson 4
12:50 - 1:50	Lesson 4	1:10-1:50	Lunch
1:50 - 2:50	Lesson 5	1:50 - 2:50	Lesson 5

As I write my final letter of the year I can reflect on quite a few challenges; very hot weather, Covid, high staff absence due to an onslaught of stomach bugs and illness and we have been unpicking a lot of the measures we have put in place over the last few years. It has, though, been extremely successful and this is in large part due to how wonderful our students are. They have worked hard, helped us in difficult circumstances and really pulled together as a team. I am tremendously proud of their positivity and resilience again and we are all really looking forward to seeing them all in September.

Thank you, as always, for feedback and kind messages, hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell  
Headteacher

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