



Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will have heard, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II passed away last night.

I hope you can join me, whether a Royalist or a Republican in recognising her dignified, stoic and inspirational life of service. She has shown exceptional character during her life.

We have, as a school observed a minute's silence today and Tutors have had resources shared to support students' understanding.

We will follow any guidance regarding the official actions for schools from the Department of Education and update you when I know more.

PSHCE Survey

All students in years 7-13 have a one-hour PSHCE lesson. (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education). Parts of PSHCE are now statutory such as Health, Relationships and Sex Education. It is essential that schools meet the needs of their learners within the curriculum and create bespoke lessons to meet the local context. To aid our team to do this, students in years 7 and 9 will be taking part in a city-wide survey during their PSHCE lesson this half term.

The My Health, My School Survey, is a survey created, developed and managed by the Health & Wellbeing Service (Leeds City Council). The survey asks children questions about their health and wellbeing and about their school/education setting, in order to gather their honest views and opinions on these significant topics. This data can then be used to target specific interventions to improve areas of life for these children and young people at a local city-wide level as well as aid us as a school.

We have used this survey in the past and it proves very useful in tailoring our curriculum. As the survey is confidential and anonymous, this means your child will not be asked to give their name, date of birth or address at any stage during the survey. This also means that it will not be possible for anybody, including any member of the school or Leeds City Council, to know which pupil gave any of the information. Please email pastoralhub@horsforthschool.org if you do not want your child to take part.

Leeds Schools Sports

I am very pleased to say that it wasn't just a great year for exams but also in our sporting endeavours.

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Throughout the year points are collected in each sporting fixture across all sports and Horsforth School has finished an excellent 4th out of 46 schools.

I would like to thank the PE department and all staff who run clubs or support fixtures.

Charity Work

I would like to thank Sporting Heritage CIC and Action For Sport for coming in and helping us with the Big Kit Donation:

[Charities join forces to kick off sporting heritage celebrations \(topicuk.co.uk\)](https://www.topicuk.co.uk/news/charities-join-forces-to-kick-off-sporting-heritage-celebrations)

The BIG Kit Donation call-out is launched in the build up to National Sporting Heritage Day (NSHD) which takes place on the 30th September. We hope this will support more students in Horsforth and the wider community to take part in sport and getting the right kit in these difficult financial times.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Exams and lessons are important but so is developing social skills, making friends and getting involved in wider school life. I really encourage all students to take part in extracurricular activities, they are not just fun but valuable development opportunities.

Please see the link to our Extra Curricular Programme (which starts next week) and if I could ask you to discuss and really encourage your son/daughter to choose at least one club or activity to try or continue.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/13EenHfjvmKJcW-aPWgUHfpBtzSqYhM0SeTnXbQSgIKE/edit?usp=sharing>

Key Dates and the School Calendar

The school calendar for 2022-23 can now be seen on our school website or by clicking [here](#) - this includes details of all of the exciting trips, visits and events that will be taking place over the year and also details of key events such as parents' evenings. The dates of key events (such as training days, reports and year group specific activities) can also be found in the Key Dates document that will be shared with parents next week.

It's wonderful to be back! Staff and students alike have returned with energy and enthusiasm, we are riding high on record GCSE and A Level results and highly optimistic for the coming year and the schools longer future. You may hear worrying news in the media which will be well founded in general but please rest assured Horsforth School is in a very strong position financially and we are well prepared to ensure that every student achieves excellence.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to another very successful year.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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