



## Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been a really positive start to the term with a lovely climate for learning as I walk through lessons and corridors, students and staff have returned refreshed and positive, long may it continue!

Our front of school works is now complete and if you do drive onto site please be aware that there is a one-way system where you can only enter from the lower entrance on Lee Lane East. The exit is the upper gate.

### **Whole Class Feedback**

Over the last half term we have been trialling Whole Class Feedback with our students. Educational Research has shown that Whole Class Feedback is an effective way to improve student progress by addressing the whole class to discuss what excellence looks like, celebrate student WAGOLs (what a good one looks like) and cover common misconceptions which enables students to focus on how to improve their work and to deepen their learning of key concepts. This has been working very well and following on from this, a new feedback policy will be communicated this half term to parents and carers.

### **Free School Meals and Eligibility for Benefits**

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part vi of the immigration and asylum act 1999
- The guaranteed element of pension credit
- Child tax credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working tax credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit
- Universal credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

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If you receive any of the above, and your child does not currently receive free school meals, please follow this link so that we can start providing them Apply for free school meals ([leeds.gov.uk](https://www.leeds.gov.uk)). If your child receives free school meals, as a school, we receive some funding which allows us to support our children by removing barriers to learning in a variety of areas.

It could be that, due to the pandemic or other factors arising from the current pressures surrounding the cost of living, you may be entitled to receive some support from the government. The calculator accessed via this link is a quick and straightforward way of ascertaining whether this is the case for you Benefits calculators - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)).

## **Mocks**

Well done to our Year 11 students who have taken part in Mock Examinations this week.

## **Sports Fixtures**

### Football

Year 11 4 vs 5 Abbey Grange

Despite being 4-1 up, the team unfortunately conceded very late goals to go behind at the end. An excellent performance regardless, especially to Archie who helped organise the team and was player of the match.

### Cross Country

Horsforth School Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> / 14 Schools.

Sam, Freddie, Charlie, Ruaraidh, Lewis, Will, Will, Ben, Daphne, and Sophie all played.

The next event is 19<sup>th</sup> November at Cardinal Heenan.

Please note that Mr Maxwell is now running a Cross Country Club on Friday's afterschool.

### Boys Rugby

Year 7 10 – 20 Harrogate Grammar

Year 8 30 – 15 Harrogate Grammar

Two very close and exciting games against competitive Harrogate Grammar sides. Well done to all involved!

### Mixed Hockey

Year 9 8 vs 6 GSAL

## **Sixth Form at Horsforth News**

### Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Sixth Form Open evening is on Thursday next week, 10th November at 5:30pm.

You do not need to study at Horsforth School in Year 11 to come to us and last year 75% of all grades were a B or better and 43% were at A and A\*, the highest in Leeds. There will be an opportunity to listen to the Director of Sixth Form, speak to the subject specialists and see our amazing new facilities including the new Sixth Form common room, 'Common Grounds'.

We are continuing to add to our already strong offer of subjects with, if enough students choosing it, **Sociology** being an option next year.

### Japan Super Science Fair

Our students have made it to Osaka and have celebrated with banana KitKats. Since arriving they have taken part in group science discussions, made posters in groups about important issues such as traffic control and

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infectious disease control, and watched exciting science demonstrations at Kalani High School. Well done Super Scientists!

### Year 13 'Register and Be a Life Saver' Talk

This week Year 13 have been treated to a presentation on Blood, Stem Cell and Organ donation, with a view to encourage some more of our students to consider participating in the "Register and Be a Life Saver" education programme.

### Sixth Form Sign Language Course

Learning Sign Language is just one of the Enrichment offers to our Sixth Form students. The students are really enjoying this and so far, they have learned about food and drink, the alphabet and how to ask people how they are feeling. One of the students who is taking part has commented that "sign language is a great addition to my studies, it's really interesting and enjoyable as well as being a skill that will be useful in the future. The class is small so there is lots of individual time with the teacher which is great".

### Head Students

We are delighted to introduce our newly elected Sixth Form Head students, Frank and Ella who you will be hearing from in the coming weeks!



### Sixth Form Sports

Horsforth Sixth Form beat Garforth Sixth Form 4-2 at Horsforth

An excellent team performance and they now progress into the Leeds Schools Cup 3rd round.

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

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell  
Headteacher

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