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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to everyone who came to our Sixth Form Open evening yesterday. It was great to see so many people there looking round our new Sixth Form Campus and especially so many students new to the school. Don't worry if you missed it, we have another evening planned for January.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to students and staff for respecting the two-minute silence in school today where we remember the service and sacrifice of those who died for our freedoms.

Thank you also to 2nd Lieutenant Allison and the Cadets who represented the school at the Horsforth Cenotaph.



One Way System at School

As we have completed the front of school works the one-way system is now in operation so please only drive into school via the bottom gates. The system will be closed off whilst students are entering and leaving site for safety reasons. Thank you for your support.

Uniform Reminders

We pride ourselves on our high standards and progress by getting the foundations right so we do insist that uniform is correct at all times. Some students are pushing the boundaries on uniform and in particular jewellery and piercings which are not permitted. There will be a push on standards next week and any jewellery that is not in line with policy will be confiscated until the end of term. Students will be withdrawn to the inclusion unit if they are wearing piercings contrary to policy. We appreciate your support on this and in the monitoring of your child's uniform.

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Attendance Drive

Raising the attendance of all students is a whole school priority and is particularly important this year as it is the first year where COVID absence will affect your child's attendance record. We expect all students to attend school and each student has a 96% target. During the week commencing 29th November we will have a whole school attendance drive to raise the profile and importance of this issue. There will be further details coming to parents in due course.

Anti-Bullying Week

As you are aware we take bullying seriously and campaign against it. To show our zero-tolerance approach by raising awareness, on Monday 14th November we are hosting a "wear odd socks day," which will launch our week-long school campaign and our very own anti-bullying week in school. This will run from the 14th-18th November.

We hope students will show their support and stance against bullying by coming to school on Monday in normal uniform, but wearing odd socks! This has been the campaign of the Anti-Bully Alliance, wearing odd socks highlights the message that we are all different, but all equal. Socks can be any colour, any pattern and worn over tights or trousers for this day. Ankle and knee socks are both fine. Students will learn about the negative effects of bullying through special Form Time activities and in PSHCE lessons all week.



Children in Need

On Friday 18th November, to support children nationally we will have a full non-uniform day for Children in Need with a £1 donation for the charity should students take part.



Battle of the Bands

We are delighted that we are able to hold 'Battle of the Bands' on Thursday 1st December in the hall at 6.00pm. Bands across the school are currently rehearsing for the auditions and are looking forward to

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showcasing their talent on the evening. The winning band will have the opportunity to record their song in a professional recording studio and play a gig at The Wardrobe in Leeds.

There will be a staff band for your entertainment and guest judges from L'objectif who are currently enjoying international success and formed in lower school at Horsforth to compete in Battle of the Bands. You can watch one of their music videos at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=puZzFFF0QCO> Tickets for the event will be available to purchase through ParentPay, watch out for an email with further details next week.

Online Safety

Week commencing 21st November, students will have specialist assemblies exploring online safety and looking at the risks including phones, games and social media. As part of this, they will be given the acceptable user agreement for using school ICT devices and equipment as well as their phones. They will sign this and it will be emailed to you in due course so you are aware of what we expect of our students in terms of their online usage and responsibilities for keeping themselves and others safe.

Year 11 Money Fraud and Online Scams

It is vitally important to prepare our students for the future and educate them about fraud and online scams. Therefore, we are really pleased to offer our Year 11 students a talk from guest speakers on keeping safe online on Wednesday 16th November.

Sports Fixtures

Netball Success!

We have had some absolutely amazing netball results lately to share with you...

U12 WON 7-2 against Boston Spa - Players of match: Izzy and Charlotte

U15 WON 15-0 against Boston Spa - Players of match: Emma and Phoebe

U14- WON 7-4 against PHGS - Players of match: Lily and Alex

U16- WON 9-5 against PHGS - Players of match: Sophie

U13 WON 13-5 against Cardinal Heenan - Players of match: Alice and Amelia

U14 WON 10-6 against Cardinal Heenan - Players of match: Laynie and Lily

Boys Football

Year 9 1 vs 0 Abbey Grange

Year 9 3 vs 0 Guiseley

Year 10 2 vs 4 Cardinal Heenan

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Student Christmas Party

Our Sixth Form students are currently planning a festive charity event to raise money for Save the Children. The Attendees will enjoy a winter wonderland themed three-course meal. We will update you when we have more details.

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Netball Success!

Huge shout out to Scarlett, Emily and Dionne for helping out at Netball practice with around 80-100 students each night!

Open Evening

Huge thank you to our student ambassadors who were a massive help to us at our Sixth Form Open Evening last night. They brought our new building to life and really showed our prospective students what they can get stuck into if they choose us.



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

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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