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Dear Parent/Carer,

It was great to see so many of you in person at our Year 11 Parents Evening! Having this in school again is so important and it was a great springboard for us to work together to ensure we get the very best for our students.

Revision Skills

Cognitive Science is really quite clear about the most effective revision strategies and I will confess that it is not how I revised for my GCSE's!

I would like to share the resources, videos and strategies that will help students learn more and remember more, they are often much quicker and easier than you would imagine.

Some great, general revision advice can be found here: <https://www.learningscientists.org/> and my top tip for what to focus on is Retrieval Practice. This involves self and peer testing using things like flash cards, and websites/programmes which support quizzing. Some great examples for students to use are:

- Carousel Learning which is set as homework by the Science department
- Senecalearning
- BBC Bitesize
- Quizlet
- GCSEpod

Sixth Form at Horsforth Applications

Thank you to those students who have already completed their application form for entry into the Sixth Form at Horsforth for September 2023. Students who have yet to do so and are interested in securing a place with us should complete the application form [here](#) by the deadline of Wednesday 14 December 2022.

Please note that when completing the form, it will ask students to select their top five subjects. This is only an initial indication of interest and students will get the opportunity to make changes during their interview. Students will also be asked to complete a personal statement as part of their application. A short paragraph outlining why they want to apply and any extra-curricular activities they have been involved in is all that is required. This will be discussed in their interview in the coming months. Details of their individual interviews will be emailed to students and parents / carers in January.

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Should you have queries regarding the process students should speak to a member of the Sixth form team or alternatively email sixthform@horsforthschool.org.

Battle of the Bands!

Last night we held the annual 'Battle of the Bands' which was organised by Stallion Records; our A level music record label. Spike, Eve, Jimmy, Maddie and Oliver organised the whole event from start to finish and students across the school showcased their talent, impressing everyone who came to watch.

The winning band 'The Tom Toms' and the 2 runners up will play at The Wardrobe in Leeds which will be an amazing experience. The night ended with a rare performance by the staff band 'Manic Street Teachers!'

Thank you to our 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.

What a fantastic evening!



Bronnie

This week we were thrilled to welcome Bronnie as part of our PSHCE curriculum. Bronnie is a Pop/Rock Artist from Merseyside who thrilled our students with some of her hit songs. When the music finished Bronnie delivered a powerful message to our students encouraging them to make healthy life choices, as well as providing them with real life stories and sound advice. Bronnie discussed mental health and times when she had her own mental health issues, and who to turn to for help and the importance of speaking

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up. She stressed the Horsforth School message of resilience and respecting those around us regardless of their identity. Towards the end of the presentation, Bronnie held a Q&A session which gave students the opportunity to ask any questions they had which included who her idols are, the most famous people she has met and the names of her five cats. A wonderful time was had by all and we look forward to welcoming Bronnie again next week for our KS4 & Post 16 students.



Year 7 Art Club

Year 7 participated in a Christmas themed art club last week! Please see below some examples of the work they created.

This week we have a photography club run with help from the A level student ambassadors. Thank you to Year 12 and 13 for your support!



Sports Fixtures

Girls' netball

Year 8 10 vs 1 Carr Manor. Players of the match - Belle and Alice

Year 9 23 vs 5 Carr Manor. Players of the match - Millie and Eloise

Year 11 15 vs 6 Cardinal Heenan

Boys' football

Year 7 0 vs 6 Corpus Christie

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Year 8 3 vs 0 Abbey Grange. Player of the match - Robbie

Year 8 3 vs 1 Guiseley. Player of the match - Kupa

Boys' rugby

Yorkshire plate

Year 9 5 vs 25 Beckfoot

Christmas Card Competition Results

Thank you to the students who entered our Christmas Card Competition this year. Please see below our winning photo submitted by Jolie in Year 8, and our two runners up: Poppy from Year 7 and Amy from Year 8. Congratulations!



Sixth Form at Horsforth News

The Debating Club

This week the Debating Club discussed whether the UK should provide aid to Ukraine. Students debated a wide range of issues around military aid, humanitarianism and interventionism. They also included fantastic counter points around domestic issues that the economic aid could be better used to support.

Then we debated a hot topic around the Qatar world cup. The students used a debate scoring rubrik and Mr Jacques and Miss Lewis scored the students on their arguments, rebuttals, counter points and presentation. Students did fantastically well to raise and discuss issues around human rights, differences in

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culture, growth of the game and economic benefits. It was a really good debate held by all, just won by the team that argued against the Qatar world cup by a score of 11 points to 10!

Photography Trip to Leeds

On Wednesday 23rd November, we took a group of Year 11 and Year 12 students for a photography trip into Leeds City Centre. Thankfully the rain stopped and the sun came out so we were able to capture some dramatic photos of the old and new architecture of Leeds in the winter sunshine. We stopped off at Leeds City Markets, the Corn Exchange, City Square and Leeds Art Gallery. Students really enjoyed the trip, with many saying they would like to come back again in their own time. The photos were taken by Will and William in Year 11.



Sixth Form Economic Talk

Last week a Cost Analyst from **Turner & Townsend** (a British company but operating across the world in 49 countries) came to speak to our Economics' students. In his daily life, our speaker looks at research and market intelligence to advise companies on the viability of infrastructure projects. While he was here he discussed his job role and other career avenues that are suitable to people with an economics degree. A very interesting talk.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Yours faithfully

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