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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we enter the final week of term and the weather gets cooler I am on snow watch. If we do have snow forecast, we start assessing risk from 5am and I have staff on site working hard to make the school and paths safe. 90% of Horsforth students are usually able to get to school in heavy snow but staff, who often live a distance away, can sometimes struggle to get in safely. If we do have heavy snow, shutting school is the very last resort and we often do a delayed start to enable staff to drive in safely.

If we do shut we will aim, where staff are well and not stuck in their cars in the snow, to set remote learning so students can continue learning.

Thank you in advance for your support, we will always text the main contact number we have for you and ensure a message is on the homepage of our website with updates on either a delayed start or closure.

Last Day of Term and Festive Jumper Day – 16th December

To celebrate a long and successful term, students will have Christmas assemblies on the last day with their year groups. To get into the spirit, we are giving the students and staff the opportunity to wear a festive jumper to school on Friday 16th December on the last day of the term. We ask that all students and staff donate £1 to school charity to support our needy and disadvantaged students and families.

It is important to note that we are not asking parents/carers to purchase new jumpers for this day, nor do the jumpers need to be about Christmas. We simply ask that students wear a bright sweater or woolly jumper. This can be a Christmas theme, non-religious, winter or a ski theme, it can even be handmade... using tinsel or baubles. Students **do not** need to wear their tie or shirt on this day, but they **do** need to wear their normal trousers/skirt and shoes.

The last day of term is scheduled on our calendar as an early finish for all students. Students will leave site at 12.25pm. There will be no lunchtime on this day, instead students may collect lunches and free school meals during the later break time.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Trip

Thank you to Mrs Noble, Mr Jacques, Miss Haley and Miss Turner for taking a handful of our Year 7, 9, 10 and 12 students to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Leeds Playhouse this week. One of our Year 7s said: "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was amazing and brilliant. I loved the actors' efforts to put

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together the performance, it was super funny. I liked the way the Oompa Loompas looked and the sets and costumes were fabulous!"



Student Christmas Dinner Menu

Our catering team will be serving a delicious Christmas menu on Thursday 15th December. Students will be able to choose from a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings (£3) or a festive macaroni cheese/panini. Please ensure there are sufficient funds in your child's lunch account to cover any additional expenditure.

CHRISTMAS MENU
★ THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER ★

Christmas Dinner with Trimmings £3.00
Roast turkey, pigs in blankets, honey glazed parsnips, carrots, sage and onion stuffing, roast potatoes, Brussel sprouts, gravy
(gl) (mk) (sd) (eg) (soy) (must)
or vegetable roast (gl) (mk) (eg) (sd)

Christmas Macaroni Cheese £2.30
Creamy macaroni with melted cheese (v)
with or without pigs in blankets **£0.40**
(gl) (mk) (sd) (soy) (must)

Turkey and Cranberry Panini £2.30
Roasted turkey, cranberry sauce, Christmas stuffing and melted cheese
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Brie and Cranberry Panini £2.30
Melted brie, cranberry sauce, Christmas stuffing
(v) (gl) (mk) (sd) (soy) ses)

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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Total

Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. In total we raised an amazing £48.11, contributing to the huge £28,120.43 raised in total.



Thank you
for your support

Every poppy counts



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Approved charity number: 112179

Thank you

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

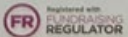
Without your efforts, we couldn't do the work we do.

To **HORSFORTH SCHOOL**
RAISED £48.11

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To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal



Sports Fixtures

Netball Success

Massive congratulations to Belle, Alice, Eva and Charlotte who have all been selected out of numerous players in the trials to represent the city of Leeds for netball – an amazing achievement!



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Year 11 Boys Football

Year 11 have won in the 3rd Round of Leeds Schools Cup. They beat a very good Guiseley team 2-1 within a very tight game. Despite the freezing weather conditions, the boys showed great resilience and determination throughout. Truly brilliant and a joy to take (as always). Player of the Match – Alfred.

Mixed Hockey

Year 7 5 vs 1 Cardinal Heenan (won).

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

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A handful of our very talented Sixth Form students have been working away on the new 'The Horsfordian School Newspaper'. We are so proud of them and can't wait to release it. Watch this space...

Aerospace Careers Programme

This week some of our Year 12 students visited Price Hall, Bradford Grammar School for an Aerospace Careers Programme. They heard about the cutting-edge research and development in the aerospace industry and more importantly, what careers are available for those interested in engineering. By attending the talk, they were invited to join the AA810 network – a UK wide network of schools, industry experts and companies aiming to promote and increase engagement with the aerospace industry. The network provides engineering workshops, careers events and networking opportunities. Thank you to Mr Dillon for organising the trip.



Thank you, as always, for your support.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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