



Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. The first week of school has gone smoothly and we move into 2023 with optimism and enthusiasm. There can often be a lot in the news and social media that is less than positive but when I walk around school, get into lessons and see what our students are doing after school it's a wonderful antidote.

Vacancy

A very exciting opportunity has arisen for a HR Officer to join Horsforth School. If you are interested in this role please click on this link <https://www.horsforthschool.org/vacancies/hr-officer/> or call 0113 2265454 for further details.

Sixth Form at Horsforth Open Evening

We are excited to host our second open evening in our brand new Sixth Form building on Thursday 19th January at 5:30pm. Students and parents of Year 11 students who didn't get the opportunity to see this new facility in November are very welcome to join us. You can also share this with friends and family in other schools who are thinking about their options for Sixth Form in September 2023. Please register here: <https://forms.gle/ka4aqJvBHAAzEwtge7>

Horsforth School Values

At Horsforth School we believe in Opportunity and Achievement for All. We are committed to not only getting the best destinations and exam results for our students but supporting our wonderful students' wider development. We have our Character programme which develops the Character Builders of wellbeing, resilience, responsibility, respect, aspiration and participation.



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But it is also important for us to be clear on our values as a school. What we live and breathe, the principles that we, as a school hold as most important.

Coming out of COVID we are revisiting our values and consulting all our stakeholders including students, staff, Trustees, Parents/Carers and members of our wider community. I want this to reflect the community we serve and not just what we currently stand for but what we aspire to be.

If you have five minutes to spare I would greatly value your feedback:

<https://forms.gle/o624WwaT9bo23zsc7>

Horsforth Community Café

Please see attached information from Horsforth Children's Services about the community café running from St Margaret's Church on Mondays.

Detentions

If your son/daughter has an after-school detention, it will be recorded in their planner. Parents are reminded that they must check this to be aware of dates and times. Detentions are not negotiable and are part of policy.

Whilst the majority of our students are very well behaved in detentions, if your child misbehaves they will be removed and asked to leave site early. A higher sanction will be issued the next day.

Attendance

We are continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality this term. We will always encourage pupils to strive for 100% attendance; however, we do understand that this is not always possible and have therefore set a school attendance target of 96% for the academic year 2022/23. There is a link between attendance and achievement and therefore it is very important that your child attends school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances. If your child had time off school last term, it is imperative they attend 100% this term to claw back the lost learning.

Punctuality

Good punctuality to both lessons and to school leads to higher levels of achievement. When students arrive late at school, they miss out on essential teaching and learning or messages about the school day. This can slow progress, regardless of a student's academic ability. Being 10 minutes late every day equates to over 30 hours (approximately 6 days) of learning lost each year.

Registration starts at 8.25am and all students are expected to be in through the school gates by 8.20. Students arriving after this time will be marked as late with a LTS stamp. Students arriving after 8.50am will be recorded as a U, as registers have closed. This means students lose half a day's attendance mark. If students are late, they need to enter the School through main reception to sign in and you will receive a text.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

BBC Look North Journalist Visit

You may have seen some of our wonderful Sixth Form students featured on Look North this week! Before

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Christmas, a BBC Look North journalist visited to talk to them about their opinions on social media in modern society. It was such a great experience for them, if a little nerve-wracking too, so well done!



If you have made any resolutions I hope they are going well and that 2023 is a fantastic year for you and your families.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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