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Dear Parent/Carer,

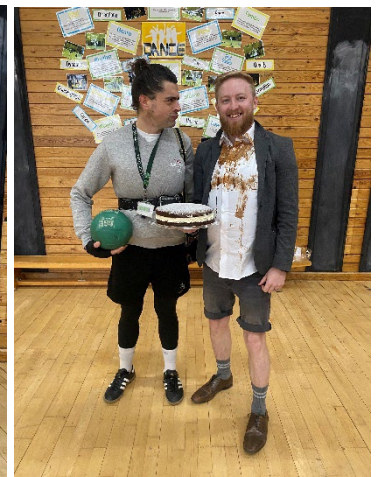
I am pleased to say that the provision for Year 11 on the 28th in school went very smoothly and that our remote learning for other Years was much improved. There are two more strike days planned by the NEU on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. I dearly hope that the dispute with the Government and the NEU is resolved by then so we can ensure learning is not disrupted for any students and I will update you as soon as I can over our plans should these days go ahead.

World Book Day

It was wonderful to see so many staff and Sixth Form Students dressing up for World Book Day and the buzz of students searching for the hidden books around school.

Reading has such a positive impact on how well students do in exams, really supports mental health and is a great way to broaden our knowledge and horizons. As part of celebrating World Book Day and continuing to promote reading for pleasure - a key area of focus on our whole school literacy strategy - please find a reading bulletin attached. This contains an overview of important literacy focused events taking place over the next month, details on age-appropriate texts, and recommended reads for your child.

We will be publishing this bulletin every month attached to our newsletter to communicate exciting events in the world of literature and provide texts that can be promoted to support your child's engagement in reading!



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Vacancies

Please look at our website where you can find the latest vacancies. We are currently looking to fill a variety of positions including a head chef and other kitchen staff, an Administrator and Teaching Assistants.

If you are interested in these roles please click on this link: <https://www.horsforthschool.org/vacancies/> or call 0113 2265454 for further details.

Sports Fixtures

Boys' football:

Year 7 0 vs 3 Benton Park

Year 7 0 vs 2 Ralph Thoresby

Player of the Tournament – Alfie

Boys' rugby:

The Year 9 Rugby Team beat Guiseley 19-17 in a very close encounter. The team represented the school with great determination and resilience. It was also very nice to hear the opposition's teacher remark on how respectful and polite our boys were throughout. Player of the Match - Archie

Mixed hockey:

Year 9 0 vs 2 Roundhay

Player of the Match - Ruqayyah

Girls' netball:

Year 8 5 vs 5 PHGS

Year 8 7 vs 5 Abbey Grange

Year 8 3 vs 6 Allerton Grange

Year 8 4 vs 5 Allerton High

Year 8 6 vs 2 Farnley

Player of the tournament - Amy

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Year 12 University Visit to Oxford

Year 12 visited Worcester College and St Catherine's College and had a historical tour of the beautiful city. It was all about admissions and living the life as a student in Oxford. A very valuable trip for our Early applicants!



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Outstanding Student Enrichment

I want to share with you the fantastic work that four of our students from Year 13 took part in as part of their enrichment. Sam, Isabelle, Beth and Emilia put together and delivered a session on, Bullying, Exercise, Confidentiality, and Aggression, to a host of medical professionals from a branch of NHS known as Healthier Together - including several doctors and consultants.

Please follow the link to their presentations below which they created all on their own. The quality, I'm sure you'll agree, is outstanding. Thank you to Mr Steele for helping coordinate the programme!

Bullying by Emilia <https://wyhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/health-young-people/growing/bullying>

Privacy & Confidentiality by Isabelle <https://wyhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/health-young-people/growing/privacy-and-confidentiality>

Anger by Sam <https://wyhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/health-young-people/mental-health/anger>

Exercise by Beth <https://wyhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/health-young-people/staying-healthy/exercise>

I am really pleased to say that as the Secondary School offer day has passed that we are highly oversubscribed again. For our 285 places (due to our expansion) there were 1188 applications. We are a community school and are committed to doing what we can to ensure we serve our community so I am delighted to say Leeds City Council, who run our admissions, has informed us that every student with a LS18 postcode who wished to come to Horsforth has secured a place which was the reason we agreed to expand.

I look forward to welcoming all our wonderful future parents and students to our transition evenings and events over the next few weeks and months.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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