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Dear Parent/Carer,

I do apologise that today is a snow day. The predicted snow arrived and a combination of how deep it was on site, the condition of roads and the distance that many staff travel meant I made the decision that remote learning was better than risking a delayed start which would then lead to closure. I know this may have inconvenienced you as parents and it is never an easy decision to make but I hope how quickly I made it helped as much as was possible.

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th NEU industrial action

Thank you for your patience regarding our plans for the next two strike days. I am now able to share the year groups that are coming into school but I dearly hope this will be resolved soon as the disruption to learning; the inconvenience I know it causes many parents and the difficult logistics we have to deal with are not what we all want at this time.

We are adhering to the Government advice that we should prioritise year groups who will soon be sitting external exams.

Wednesday 15th	
In school	Remote Learning
Year 10	Years 11, 9, 8, 7
Year 12 and 13 for lessons running	
Some Year 11's by invitation	

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We have looked at where the impact on the strike is the least and for the Wednesday we will be having Year 10 into school. They must arrive before 8:40am through the back entrance to the school and will be learning and having lunch in the new Sixth Form campus.

Year 12 and 13 students should come in only for lessons they have been informed by Mr Watkins that are running.

Some teachers who are not on strike have requested certain groups in Year 11 come in to work in a specific subject on this day and will be informed.

Thursday 16th	
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Key worker and Vulnerable Provision Strike Days 15th and 16th March

The provision will be available to invited vulnerable students only and to children of critical workers only (education, emergency response, health care and social services).

We have a limited number of places due to low staffing and we ask if children can work from home safely they do so.

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Students in the Key Worker and Vulnerable provision will complete the same work as those at home which will be independent learning tasks set online. There will be no teaching on these days in school. Staff will supervise learning and ensure student safety at unstructured times. If you need a place as a critical worker, please complete the form below by Monday 13th at noon when the form will close.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAnuanbrDIpubE363rwk2S4fzA9r4AG1FNwCLe70IbH5OEQA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Rotary Competition

The Year 9 team won the innovation challenge which was top prize of the day with over 40 teams. They had to create a pulley and motor system to get a parcel over a rope bridge. They were one of the few teams able to change the circuit to get it to come back. It was Laynie, Emily, Nancy & Isobel who won.



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Japan Exchange

A massive thank you to all parents and students involved in supporting the Japan exchange. As well as taking part in lessons, they were able to experience scone making, science club, rounders, a trip to York and a traditional English snow day! It has been a wonderful cultural exchange and allowed both the English and Japanese students some very rare and insightful opportunities. This helps to support our link with the school of Ritsumeiken so that students from Horsforth have the opportunity to go to Japan and experience life there.

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

Year 8 Football

Another very successful evening of Year 8 Football. Beating Prince Henry's Grammar School 2-1 & Ilkley Grammar School 2-0, two excellent performances against two very strong teams. These results mean that we have won all 10 league games and only conceded 2 goals all season. An amazing achievement from the league champions, Mr Maxwell Management Masterclass, I think! Player of the Match – Josh.

Year 9 Football

Our Year 9s won both games on Wednesday night with 1-0 victories. They were excellent defensively; new boy Toby played very well on the left wing and played an outstanding cross into the box for the goal. Jimmy was Player of the Match at right back.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Preparing for Life After Sixth Form

As we progress through the year, our students are still hearing from guest speakers and being given lots of useful information for life after Sixth Form. During their recent PSHCE lessons students have listened to talks from both NatWest and Jet2. Andy and Rachael from the NatWest Group shared all about career journeys in banking, while Katie and Connor from Jet2 talked about the vast range of career opportunities at their business.

Mr Mason, our Careers and UCAS Co-ordinator has recently shared his wealth of knowledge for those Year 13 students wanting to go to university in September. He talked about replying to offers, UCAS Extra, accommodation and most importantly student finances.

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Year 13 A Level Mock Results

On Monday our Year 13 students received their mock A Level results. They have worked very hard and we are extremely proud of them.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

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