

# Horbury Academy

## End of Term News



### Message from The Head of Academy

As I conclude my first term as Head of Academy, I find myself reflecting on what has been an incredibly rewarding and successful period. It's hard to believe we've reached the end of another academic year. This time always brings a wave of mixed emotions as we say goodbye to our Year 11 pupils, wishing them every success on the next chapter of their journey, while also welcoming our new Year 11 cohort as they step into a pivotal year ahead.

I'm extremely proud to be the Head of this Academy. I am even more proud of the fantastic pupils that make Horbury Academy what it is. I would like to share some of the fantastic accomplishments by our pupils—both within the academy and across the wider community. This half term has also seen a range of exciting opportunities, which many of our young people have embraced and thoroughly enjoyed.

Looking ahead, the summer offers further opportunities through Wakefield Happy Healthy Holidays. To explore and book these activities, please visit: <https://wakefieldcouncil.coordinate.cloud>

I wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break—I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

### Alice in Wonderland



Our talented cast and crew brought *Alice in Wonderland* to life with energy and imagination. The set design was stunning, transforming the stage into a vibrant, dreamlike Wonderland. Hair and beauty added magic with creative, character-perfect looks. Every performance was filled with heart, humour, and theatrical flair. Behind the scenes, our team worked tirelessly to make it all seamless. We're so proud of everyone who made this production unforgettable. Thank you to our amazing audience for your support and applause!



### Year 6 Taster Day

It was lovely to welcome our new year 7 pupils into the academy for their taster days, with all pupils leaving with a new book, gifted by the English department. The pupils took part in a variety of lessons and activities and showed some fantastic making skills. Well done to you all!

### Year 5 Taster Day

We also invited Year 5 pupils in for a taster day on Friday 27 June, where they took part in PE, had an interesting Science lesson and an engaging English session. All Year 5 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their day.

### Charity Fun Run

We are pleased to have been able to complete our fun run again this year to raise money for Wakefield Hospice. Pupils ran as many laps as they could on the school field and prizes were awarded based on resilient attitudes, money raised and most laps run. So far we have raised £1801 which will go towards providing expert end of life care, day therapy services and bereavement support for local people. We are so grateful for your support - and there is still some time to donate on our Just Giving page: [Just Giving](https://www.justgiving.com/charityfunrun)



### Sports Day

A huge well done to all our pupils who participated in Sports Day where there were a wide range of sports, activities and lawn games on offer. Not to forget the brilliant band who treated everyone to some fabulous music throughout the day, creating a real buzz around the academy.





## Sporting Success

### Athletics

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June we took 29 pupils from year 7, 8 & 9 to represent the Academy in Athletics to compete against all the schools in the Wakefield area. Pupils worked really hard as individuals and as a team and were placed 3rd—Yr7, 2nd—Yr8 and 1st—Yr9. Well done to all involved.



### Mini Marathon

As part of the London Marathon 2025, Horbury Academy participated in the Mini Marathon School Event.

This included all year 7 and 8 pupils who ran up to 2 miles during their PE lesson.

This was linked to the Character Virtue of Compassion as the runners completed a race number where they wrote who their hero was and why they were running for them. The race numbers were then displayed in PE.



### National Sports Week

As an Academy we aimed to complete 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

During our PE lessons pupils could 'opt in' to what activities they wanted to do to encourage participation levels. Form time competitions included kingball

Winners were:

YEAR 7- Netherlands and Bangladesh (joint team)

YEAR 8- Brazil

YEAR 9- Puru

Friday lunch time we offered volleyball for a drop in session over lunch time which was great fun with friendly competition!



### Yorkshire Cricket

We would like to say a massive well done to Issa, Seb and Lucy who have all represented Yorkshire in Cricket. With them all achieving some excellent results and experiencing playing against high quality opposition. We look forward to hearing of future successes.



## Work Experience

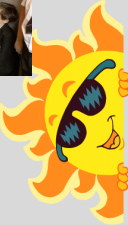
What a fabulous opportunity for 19 students in Year 8 and 9. They visited Nostell Priory to explore the world of Marketing and business. They learned



about copywriting, digital marketing, media buying, business revenue and gained a valuable and engaging insight into potential career paths. It looks like it was a great opportunity and a beautiful location.

### HMP Not 4 Me

HMP Not-4-Me, delivered a workshop as part of the Crime & Punishment topic. Pupils found out about life in prison, the laws and dangers around drugs, and how and why crimes are committed and can change the course of someone's life. Pupils had mugshots and fingerprints taken and visited a replica prison cell which was brought into school.



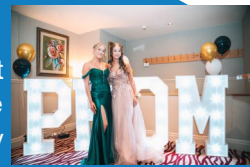
### Wakefield College Taster Day

New Yr 11 pupils visited Wakefield College and Castleford Campuses for exciting taster events. They participated in a variety of workshops and lessons that linked to their future studies. Two of our pupils even went on to win the best student award out of 500 students across academies.



## Prom

Our Year 11 leavers Prom at Bagden Hall was a huge success. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the evening and they did themselves and the academy proud!



It was a great pleasure to see so many smiley faces and hear the wonderful comments, wishing each other all the best with their next adventures and dancing the night away, making some wonderful memories.





## Trips and Visits

### Stratford

What an amazing time our Year 7 pupils had on their residential to Stratford-upon-Avon! So many exciting experiences - from a taste of Elizabeth schooling in **Shakespeare's Schoolroom & Guildhall** to an inspiring visit to the **MAD Museum of Arts and Design** and a fascinating ghost walk. Our trip was rounded off by a picnic and ice creams in front of the historic Swan Theatre.



### Wimbledon

Y9 and 10 pupils had the opportunity to attend the Wimbledon Tennis Championships. They experienced some world class tennis on Court 2, including men's and women's doubles quarter finals, a mixed doubles semi-final featuring Great Britain's Joe Salisbury, and even an exhibition featuring former World doubles number 1 players the Bryan brothers. Between matches they had time to explore the grounds, getting signatures from players and spotting celebrities such as Tom Holland and Bukayo Saka! Day 2 saw a tour of the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, which gave students the chance to go behind the scenes of the most modern football stadiums in the world.



### Ingleborough Caves

Our Year 8 pupils enjoyed a fabulous trip to Ingleborough Caves in the Yorkshire Dales. They learnt about physical landscapes in the UK, including rivers and glaciers. They



learnt how natural processes have helped to shape our landscapes, including the impressive cave network that Ingleborough has to show!



### Hornsea

Year 8 pupils had an amazing time on their visit to Ingleborough Cave! They toured underground and walked around the beautiful surrounding woodland, taking in the stunning limestone scenery.



### Coal Mining Museum

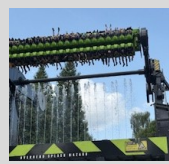
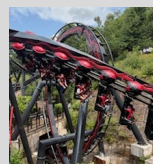
60 Yr8 pupils attended the History trip to the National Coal Mining Museum to explore life during the Industrial Revolution period. Pupils enjoyed an underground tour 'darn pit,' led by an ex-miner. Pupils had a brilliant time looking around the rest of the museum which included exhibits on technology, mining history, and even real pit ponies!



## Alton Towers Rewards Trip



To celebrate exceptional school attendance, pupils were treated to an exhilarating trip to Alton Towers, the UK's premier theme park, on Monday 14 July. The day was filled with thrills and laughter as pupils enjoyed the park's renowned roller coasters, immersive attractions, and vibrant atmosphere. This reward not only recognised their dedication and exemplary behaviour but also fostered camaraderie and memorable experiences among peers. The adventure served as a powerful incentive, inspiring pupils to maintain their commendable behaviour records.



## End of Year Show

This half terms rewards event recognised pupils who had gone above and beyond in several areas and received the highest overall points total since returning to the academy after May half term. The top 100 pupils were invited to the end of year show on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July where they were able to take part in various fun challenges alongside, and against peers and teachers



## Upcoming Events

**School Closes for Summer**  
Friday 18 July

**GCSE Results Day**  
Thursday 21 August

**School Reopens**  
Tuesday 2 September for Yr7  
Wednesday 3 September for Yr8 -11

**Yr7 Supporting Success Evening**  
Thursday 11 September

**Yr5/6 Open Evening**  
Thursday 25 September

**Yr11 HTHYCS Evening**  
Tuesday 7 October

