



## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Activity	Year Groups
8 to 17 March	British Science Week	
w/c 11 March	Food Bank donations	Year 11
Monday 11 March	Red Kite Interschool Science competition	
Tuesday 12 March	Year 8 Parents Evening - Online	Year 8
Friday 15 March	Car Free Friday	All years
Friday 15 March to Wednesday 20 March	Food donations – Year 11 please drop off your donations to the Atrium before registration	Year 11
Sunday 17 March to Tuesday 19 March	Rosslyn Park Rugby Tournament	
Monday 18 March to Friday 22 March	Charities Week	All years
Tuesday 19 March	Career Pathway Talk	Year 12
Tuesday 19 March	Higher Education Evening	Year 12
Wednesday 20 March to Friday 22 March	Edinburgh Netball Tour	Year 12 & 13
Thursday 21 March	Oxbridge Conference	Year 10 & 12
Thursday 21 March	Spring Concert, Hall	
Friday 22 March	Non-Uniform Day	All years

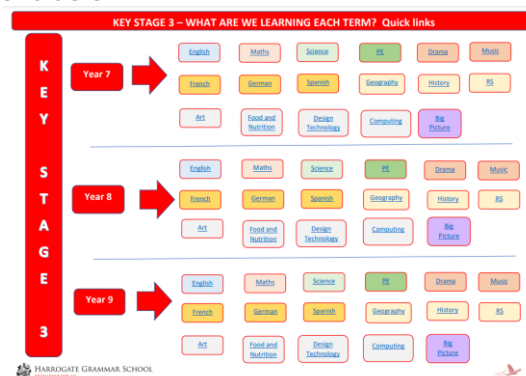
## Parent Communications

<a href="#">Year 9 English Romantic Literary Trip</a>	Letter emailed to parents 8 March 2024, expressions of interest by Friday 15 March.
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## Termly Curriculum Overviews

Please use the links below to access an overview of what your child is learning in each subject area, each half term. Students have access to this information in their subject Showbie folders.  
Please click on the links below:

<b>KS3</b>	<a href="#">Years 7, 8 and 9</a>
<b>KS4</b>	<a href="#">Years 10 and 11</a>
<b>KS5</b>	<a href="#">Year 12</a> <a href="#">Year 13</a>



## Information for Year 11 Students

### Food Bank Donations – Year 11

This term, we are asking Year 11 to bring donations into school between Friday 15 March and Wednesday 20 March for our food bank. Students should take any donations to the Atrium before registration.



Donations are provided to Resurrected Bites, they are currently in need of the following items:

Tinned – fish, tomatoes, vegetables, fruit, desserts, jams/spreads

Rice, noodles, instant coffee, flour, biscuits, toilet rolls, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving foam or gel, shampoo, cleaning products eg washing up liquid, detergent, kitchen/bathroom cleaning products

### Summer Exam Timetable (GCSE/A Level)

Please click on the link below to access a copy of the Summer Exam timetables for GCSE and A Level.

➤ [Summer Exam Timetables 2024](#)

**Please note there are two contingency afternoons and a contingency day.** All students taking GCSE and A Level examination must **plan to be available on these dates** in case of any disruption to examinations.

### Year 11 Saturday Revision School

We were thrilled to see more than 50 year 11 students attend the revision school on Saturday. There are two more revision sessions planned on 9 and 16 March. Students should make their way to G2 for 10am, the revision session will finish at 1pm.

Students should bring revision materials to utilise in these hours. There is no requirement to wear uniform. No mobile phones or earphones/air pods – this an opportunity for silent independent work. Students should enter via the Sixth Form entrance and make their way to G2.

**To book a desk to revise**, please book via Arbor app by clicking on Clubs and selecting 'Year 11 Saturday Revision School'.

### Staffed Study Area after school (Year 11)

A reminder that G2 is open until 5pm Monday to Friday if students would like to utilise this space for study after school.

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## Year 11 GCSE Science, Maths, English and Business Studies Masterclasses

We are delighted to offer the following masterclasses for Year 11 students.

These masterclasses will take place via MS Teams, all students will receive a meeting invitation via email. **The meeting will be recorded** so students can access the recording at a later date to help with revision.

If students have any questions regarding the masterclasses they should speak to their English, Maths or Science teacher.

Please note the Business Studies session are in person.

Date	Time	Subject	Paper	Topic
Mon 11 Mar	5pm to 6pm	Maths	Higher	Circle Theorems
Wed 13 Mar	5pm to 6pm	Maths	Foundation	Error Intervals
Thu 14 Mar	4pm to 4.40pm	English	Language Paper 1	
Fri 15 Mar	12.55pm to 1.25pm	Business Studies		Revision Support – A17 & A18
Mon 18 Mar	5pm to 6pm	Maths	Higher	Trigonometry
Wed 20 Mar	5pm to 6pm	Maths	Foundation	Distance-Time graphs
Thu 21 Mar	4pm to 4.40pm	English	Literature Paper 1	
Fri 22 Mar	12.55pm to 1.25pm	Business Studies		Revision Support – A17 & A18

## Year 11 Second Mock Exams

The timetable for the second set of Year 11 mock exams can be found below. Normal lessons will take place around these exams.

Day	Time	Subject
<b>WEEK B</b>		
Monday 11 March	Period 3 and 4	English Language Paper 2 – 1h 45
Tuesday 12 March	Period 1 and 2	Maths – 1h 30
Thursday	Period 3 and 4	Physics Paper 2 – Combined 1h 15 Triple 1h 45

## Year 11 and 13 Easter Revision Sessions

There is still time to register your child for the Easter Revision sessions. Places can be booked via the Arbor parent app, via the Trips section. From here you can select the relevant sessions and make payment. Click this link for further guidance: [Trips section](#).

Whilst we would like to deliver these sessions at no cost to families, we do incur teaching costs for each session. We ask for a contribution of £10 (3 hr in school session) or £5 (1.5hr online session).

### New sessions added:

Year 11 Maths:

- Tuesday 26 March – am – Foundation and Higher sessions
- Wednesday 27 March – am – Higher session

### Independent Silent Study Sessions

In addition to the Easter Revision sessions and following the success of Saturday Revision we are pleased to offer independent silent study sessions for Year 11 and Year 13 students during the first week of the Easter break. The sessions will take place in S10 on:

- Monday 25 March – 9am to noon and 1pm to 4pm
- Tuesday 26 March – 9am to noon and 1pm to 4pm
- Wednesday 27 March – 9am to noon and 1pm to 4pm

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These sessions are offered free of charge, a place can be booked via the Arbor app, within the Trips section. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Students should bring their own study material to these sessions. We ask that students do not use airpods or headphones in these sessions.

Year 11 Easter Revision Sessions				
Date	Time	Subject	Staff Member	Online or In School
Mon 25 March	9am to noon	Food Prep and Nutrition (final catch up session)	Mrs Williams	In School
		Maths – for those aiming for a Grade 7	Mrs Moncaster	In School
		Maths – for those aiming for a Grade 5 (Foundation)	Ms Morrison	In School
		Drama (Theory Performance and Response)	Mr Bennett	In School
	1pm to 4pm	French (Foundation)	Mrs McHugh	In School
Tues 26 March	9am to noon	German (Higher)	Mrs Berriman	In School
		Geography Paper 1	Miss Finan	In School
		Business Studies – Theme 1	Mr Thompson	In School
	9am to Noon	Maths - Higher - Foundation	Mr Ellis & Ms Morrison	In School
		Spanish (Foundation)*	Ms Levine	
	9am to 10.30am	Art support/catch up	Mrs Johnston	In School
	1pm to 4pm	German (Foundation)	Mrs Berriman	In School
Wed 27 March	9am to noon	Geography Paper 2	Miss Finan	In School
		Spanish (Higher)*	Ms Levine	Online
	9am to 10.30am	French (Higher)	Mr Stipetic	In School
		Maths - Higher	Mr Stockton Pitt	In School
	9am to 10.30am	Geography (pre-release document)*	Miss Russell	Online
Tue 2 April	9am to 10.30am	Business Studies – Theme 2*	Mrs Ward	Online
Thu 4 April	9am to 10.30am	English Language Paper 1 (question 4 and 5)*	Ms Watson	Online

\*spaces available to all Year 11 students studying these subjects

Year 13 Easter Revision Sessions				
Date	Time	Subject	Staff Member	Location
Mon 25 March	9am to 10.30am	English Literature – Othello/Gatsby poetry comparison	Mr Moat	Online
		Sociology	Mrs Feneck	In School
		Geography Grade Booster	Miss Russell	In School
		Religious Studies – Theme 3 and Theme 4	Miss Watson	In School
		French	Mrs McHugh	In School
		Maths	Miss Fareham	In School
		Core Maths	Mr Hill	In School
		Art – studio session	Mrs Oates	In School
	1pm to 4pm	Psychology – Mastering the 16 mark essay	Mr Nash	In School
		English Language, paper 2 (Section B)	Ms Hellard	In School
		Religious Studies – Ethics	Mrs Nicholson	In School
		Core Maths	Mr Hill	In School
		Photography – studio session	Mrs Oates	In School

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		Geography – Grade Booster	Miss Russell	In School
Tues 26 March	9am to noon	Sociology	Mrs Feneck	In School
		Graphics	Mrs Johnston	In School
		Psychology – Mastering the 16 mark essay	Mr Nash	In School
	12.30pm to 3.30pm	A Level Business Studies	Mr Thompson	In School
Wed 27 March	1pm to 4pm	Religious Studies -Buddhism	Mrs Brodie	In School
		English	Miss Dawson	In School
	9am to noon	Sociology	Mrs Feneck	In School
	9am to noon	Macroeconomics	Mrs Tod	In School
	12.30 to 3.30pm	Business A level Paper 2	Mrs Tod	In School
	1pm to 4pm	German	Mr Stipetic	In School
Tues 2 April	11 to 12.30pm	Microeconomics A Level	Mrs Ward	Online
Fri 5 April	9am to 10.30am	English Literature Paper 2	Ms Watson	Online

## Information for Years 7 to 13

Get active whilst helping combat climate change!

Our next car free Friday will take place on Friday 15 March.

Do you usually travel to school by car? Can you travel to school using a different mode of transport? Can you walk, cycle, take public transport or 'park and stride' – this is where you travel by car part of the way and then walk the last part of the journey.

Did you know that in North Yorkshire more carbon emissions are created by transport than anything else, and that more than three quarters of this comes from cars and vans? By choosing a more sustainable form of transport, you can do your bit to help protect our communities and our planet by tackling climate change. Even if you live too far from school to walk or cycle all the way, there are other options such as the public transport or 'park and stride' – this is where you park and walk the last part of your journey. All these options will help lower our carbon footprint. We do what we can, when we can and every mile count.

The physical and mental health benefits of exercise are well known, with studies also showing that walking to school improves concentration and helps students arrive ready to learn. Making the journey on foot, by bike or using public transport means fewer vehicles on the road, benefitting the wider community with less traffic and cleaner air.



## Charity Obstacle Course Fun Run – Wednesday 20 March 2.45pm to 5pm



- Event launched during assemblies this week
- Students can register their team (3 or 4 students per team)
- Open to all year groups
- Fancy dress encouraged
- Teams registered by Tuesday 12 March
- Fun and entertaining event to raise money for the school charity - £5 entry fee per person
- Once teams are registered, parents/carers will receive further information detailing how to confirm their place and pay the entry fee
- Confirm consent and make payment via Arbor Parent app within [Trips](#) section by Thursday 14 March

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## Spring Concert – Thursday 21 March

We are delighted to invite you to the Spring Concert on Thursday 21 March. The concert will take place at 7pm in the Main Hall.

This is a free event with donations on the door for the Susie Rymer Foundation.















➤ Tickets now available [book here](#)



## Languages - Word a Day

Help your children learn 'Word a Day'!

**Weeks 23 and 24**

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
				
				
				

## Enrichment and Extra-Curricular Activities

- **Whole School Timetable** – [click here](#) and [programme here](#)
- **Music extra-curricular timetable** – [click here](#)
- **PE Spring Term timetable** – [click here](#)

## Learning Resource Centre

The LRC will be open from 8am to 8:40am and after school until 5pm each day if your child would like to use the library before or after school.



## Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show – information shared in the Student Bulletin



Calling all brilliant young artists from Year 7 to 13! Here is your chance to showcase your incredible talent at the prestigious Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show Exhibition for 2024!

Imagine your favourite piece of artwork being displayed in the iconic Royal Academy in London or even featured on their esteemed online gallery!

Details of how to apply under Harrogate Grammar School can be [found here](#). Any questions please speak to your art teacher or Mrs Oates. **Submission deadline 27 March 2024.**

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# Sports Fixtures

## Sports Events w/c 11 March 2024

Day	Sport	Opposition	Age	Home/Away	Meet	Start	Return HGS
Mon 11 March	Netball	Tournament @Ashville	U12AB	Away	1.15pm	2pm	5pm
	Girls Football	County Cup St John Fisher	U13	Away	3.30pm	4pm	5pm
	Basketball	Ashville	U18	Home	3.30pm	4pm	5pm
Tue 12 March	Rugby 7s	Woodhouse Grove	U14	Away	All day		
	Girls Hockey	St Aidan's	U16	Away	3.15pm	4pm	5pm
Wed 13 March	Rugby 7s	Hymers College	U18	Away	All day		
	Netball	St Peters	U19B	Home	1.20pm	2pm	3.30pm
	Boys/Girls Hockey	Roundhay	U12 boys U14 mixed	Away	1pm	2pm	4pm
	Netball	Bradford Grammar	U19AC	Away	12.40pm	2pm	4.30pm
Wed 13 March	Girls Football	Ingleby School @Rossett	U13	Away	2.15pm	3pm	5pm Collect from Rossett School
Thurs 14 March	Girls Rugby	PHGS	U16	Away	2pm	3pm	4.30pm
	Hockey 7 aside	Leeds	U13	Away	9am	10am	3pm
Sun 17 March	Rugby Girls 7s U18 Boys	Rosslyn Park tournament			2pm depart		

Follow the PE twitter page for up to date information regarding sports fixtures: [HGS Physical Education](#)

## Vacancies

### HGS Vacancies

[Deputy Headteacher](#), closing date Monday 11 March

[Teacher of Music](#), closing date Tuesday 12 March

[Teacher of English](#), closing date Friday 15 March

[Music Tutors](#), closing date Monday 1 April

[Teacher of Economics](#), closing date Wednesday 10 April

### RKLT Vacancies

Current vacancies within Red Kite Learning Trust can be [found here](#).

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# Well-Being, Mental Health and e-Safety

If you or your child require support, please access contact details for organisations that offer support to children and young people by clicking this link: <https://www.harrogategrammar.co.uk/our-school/wellbeing-and-mental-health/>

## PTA Events

### PTA Quiz

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the PTA quiz on Friday. Over 100 people attended, with a keenly fought competition with the teachers' team leading in the early rounds, the final rounds saw Les Quizerables repeat their success of last year.



### Your PTA needs YOU!



The three used uniform sales each school year are very popular, helping to keep uniform costs down as well as recycling and reusing good quality clothing. It also raises a whopping amount for the PTA ensuring students can have additional resources that would not otherwise be available. Recent support from the PTA has provided books, musical instruments and sports equipment along with water fountains and fundraising for a new school minibus.

The PTA is looking for someone to lead the used uniform sales starting in April. A full handover will be provided to whoever steps up for this very rewarding role. In terms of time commitment, it takes about 5 hours each term to prepare the uniform and three hours to run a sale with the support of a team of highly committed volunteers, who help run the sale on the day.

If you are interested in getting involved, please email [HGSPTA@hgs.rklt.co.uk](mailto:HGSPTA@hgs.rklt.co.uk) before the Easter break.

### Reuse, recycle and raise funds!

We are starting to collect used uniform for the big spring sale on Saturday 20 April. The sale will be held from 10am until midday inside the Hub (next to the staff car park) but please keep an eye on the PTA Facebook page (HGS PTA | Facebook) or the second hand uniform Facebook page (HGS second-hand uniform sell/buy/want | Facebook) for updates nearer the time.

This is a big fundraiser for the PTA so please donate any unwanted uniform and bring into the main reception at school. Please remember the used uniform sale is contactless payments only as this means funds go straight into the PTA bank account. Thank you!



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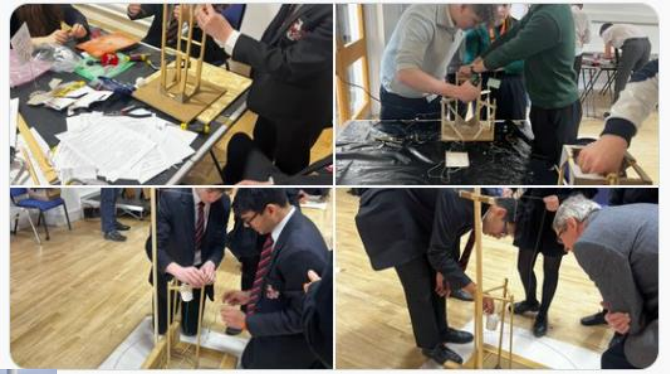




# Life @HGS

## Rotary Club Technology Challenge

On Wednesday, our students took part in the annual Rotary Club Technology Challenge. The challenge saw teams from Years 9, 10 and 12 compete against other local schools to design and make a space capsule launcher. Congratulations to our Intermediate team for coming first.



## Rugby Tournament

Well done to the U14 team who played some great rugby at the Hymers College 7s tournament.

## Area Netball Tournament U13

Well done to the U13 netball teams who were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> earlier this week.



## Year 11 students' father running 7 Ultra Marathons in 7 days for Crohn's and Colitis UK

Fran's father will be undertaking a mammoth challenge from 10 March to complete 7 ultra-marathons in 7 days for his chosen charity Crohn's and Colitis UK.

You can read more about this amazing challenge and why this charity is so close to his heart by clicking on [this link](#).

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## Spotlight: Islamic Festival of Ramadan

### Fact 1

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. The exact dates of Ramadan change every year. This is because Islam uses a calendar based on the cycles of the moon.

This year in the UK, Ramadan will begin in the evening of Monday 11 March and will end on Tuesday 9 April.



### Fact 2

Ramadan remembers the month the Qur'an (the Muslim holy book) was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad.

The actual night that the Qur'an was revealed is a night known as Lailat ul-Qadr ('The Night of Power').

Last year, for the first time, on the eve of the first day of Ramadan, Sadiq Khan switched on London's first ever celebratory Ramadan lights in Piccadilly Circus.

Read more about the lights in London by [clicking here](#).

### Fact 3

During the month of Ramadan, Muslims will not eat or drink during the hours of daylight. This is called fasting. Children are not expected to fast until they reach puberty, usually around the age of 14.



## Spotlight: Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month and it is a celebration of women's contribution to history, culture and society since 1987. This year's theme celebrates **'Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion'**. This theme recognises women who understand the need to eliminate bias and discrimination from individuals' lives and institutions.

Women historically have been **side-lined, marginalised, discriminated against and overlooked** both in their daily lives and for their contribution to society. Women's history month is a way to highlight these historical failings and re-evaluate how the past has been presented to encourage the stories of women into a mainstream presentation and popular narrative.

As roughly **50%** of the population at any given time, women must have and did **play significant roles** in how our communities and societies have been structured and developed. **Ensuring that they get 50% of the historical storytelling** is at the core of the month to then increase representation throughout the rest of the year.

When women campaign and succeed, history tells us that they raise the level of inclusion and equality for everyone. In many cases, **if you empower a woman she will empower those around her**.

### Inspiring Quotes for Women's History Month



**Rosa Parks (Civil Rights Activist):** "You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right".



**Malala Yousafzai (Pakistani Female Educational Activist):** "One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world".



**Madeline Albright (U.S. secretary of State):** "It took me quite a long time to develop a voice, and now that I have it, I am not going to be silent".



**Shirley Chisholm (U.S. Congresswoman):** "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair".

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