



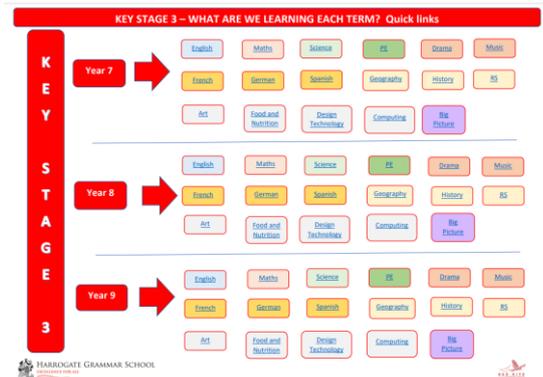
## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Activity	Year Groups
Sat/Sun 20/21 April	DofE Bronze cohort 1 Practice Expedition	Year 10
Saturday 20 April	PTA used uniform sale 10am to noon, in the Hub	All years
Monday 22/Tuesday 23 April	GCSE Art exam – Year 11 students	Year 11
Monday to Wednesday 22-25 April	A Level Photography exam – Year 13 students	Year 13
Tuesday 23 April	Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening	Year 7
Thursday to Monday 25-29 April	A Level Graphics exam – Year 13 students	Year 13
w/c 22 and 29 April	GCSE speaking exam – Year 11 students	Year 11
Tues to Thu – 30 April to 2 May	A Level Art exam – Year 13 students	Year 13
Sat/Sun 27/28 April	DofE Bronze cohort 1 Final Expedition	Year 10
Monday 6 May	May bank holiday – school closed	All years

## 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

### Saturday Revision Sessions – sessions to take place in Summer Term

The Saturday revision sessions continue for Year 11 on Saturdays 20, 27 April and 4 May. The sessions will take place from 10am to 1pm in G2 within the Sixth Form.

If you would like your child to attend one or more of these sessions you can **book a place** via Arbor and click on [Clubs](#). Places will be booked on a first come first served basis.

These independent study sessions are an opportunity for students to bring their own study material into school to a quiet area where they can focus for 3 hours with no distractions.

## Year 11 GCSE Masterclasses for Summer 1 term

We are pleased to provide details of the masterclasses available to Year 11 students for the Summer term. As with previous masterclasses these will be delivered by MS Teams. Students will receive an email invitation. The session will be recorded so students can access at a later date/time.

Date	Time	Subject	Topic
Mon 8 April	5pm to 6pm	Maths Higher	Geometry
Wed 10 April	5pm to 6pm	Maths Foundation	
Thu 11 April	4pm to 4.40pm	English Literature	Paper 2
Mon 15 April	5pm to 6pm	Maths Higher	Graphs
Wed 17 April	5pm to 6pm	Maths Foundation	
Thu 18 April	4pm to 4.40pm	English Language	Paper 2
Thu 18 April	7.45pm to 8.45pm	Science	Electricity – Paper 1
Mon 22 April	5pm to 6pm	Maths Higher	Data and Probability
Wed 24 April	5pm to 6pm	Maths Foundation	
Thu 25 April	4pm to 4.40pm	English Literature	Paper 2 Unseen Poetry Comparison
Mon 29 April	5pm to 6pm	Maths Higher	Algebraic Manipulation
Wed 1 May	5pm to 6pm	Maths Foundation	
Tue 7 May	4pm to 4.40pm	English Literature	Paper 2 Unseen Poetry Comparison
Tue 7 May	5pm to 6pm	Maths Higher	Formulae
Wed 8 May	5pm to 6pm	Maths Foundation	
Mon 13 May	5pm to 6pm	Maths Higher	Non-calculator skills for Paper 1 on Thursday
Wed 15 May	5pm to 6pm	Maths Foundation	
Wed 22 May	4pm to 4.40pm	English Language	Paper 1

## GCSE Study Leave and Exam arrangements

A copy of our recent communication can be accessed below. This included arrangements for Year 11 including a link to the Year 11 Revision and PRET session timetable.

- [Letter - Year 11 exam arrangements](#)
- [Year 11 Revision Timetable](#)

Revision sessions should be booked via Arbor Parent Portal within the Trips section.

## 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.

## 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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## Information for Years 7 to 13

# Recommended Reading

The theme for the April recommended reads is 'Myths Retold'.

Please click on the link below to discover our recommended mythical reads.

You can also download all our previous recommended reading lists from this link.

- [April recommended reads – Myths Retold](#)
- [Previous recommended reads](#)



## Languages - Word a Day

Help your children learn 'Word a Day!' **Weeks 27 and 28**

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 Summer Term timetable** – [click here](#)

### **\*\*NEW\*\* Drama Club – Tuesday lunchtimes – starts Tuesday 23 April**

The summer term Drama Club will be starting on Tuesday 23 April in AO3. This is a lunch time club for students in Years 7 to 9. A place on this club can be booked via Arbor Parent App within Clubs.

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## 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.



## Sports Fixtures

### Sports Events w/c 22 April 2024

Day	Sport	Opposition	Age	Home/Away	Meet	Start	Return HGS
Mon 22 April	Boys Cricket	St Peter's	U14	Home	Noon	2pm	5pm
Tues 23 April	Rounders	Ripon Grammar	U14 U15AB	Away	2.45pm	4pm	5pm
Wed 24 April	Boys Cricket	GSAL	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Away	11.45pm	1pm	5pm
	Boys Cricket	Ampleforth	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI U15 U14	Away	12.30pm	2pm	5.30pm
	Girls Cricket	Ampleforth	U15	Away	12.30pm	2pm	5.30pm
Thu 25 April	Boys Cricket	Thirsk	U15	Away	12.30pm	2pm	5.30pm
Fri 26 April	Girls Football	St Marys College, Hull	U13	Away	10.30am	Noon	3pm

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

## Vacancies

### HGS Vacancies

[Catering Operations Assistant](#), closing date Friday 26 April

[Teacher of Design Technology](#), closing date Monday 29 April

[Teacher of Chemistry](#), closing date Monday 29 April

[Programme Leader – Head of French \(with TLR\)](#), closing date Monday 6 May

### RKLT Vacancies

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

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## PTA Events

### PTA Used Uniform Sale – Saturday 20 April 10am to noon

The next PTA used uniform sale will take place on Saturday 20 April from 10am to noon. The sale will take place inside the Hub (access via the main car park). Payment can be made via contactless on the day.

If you have any unwanted uniform, please bring into the main reception.



## 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/>

**Anxious? Low mood? Grieving? Overwhelmed?**

**If you want to talk, we're Hear to Help**

**JUST 'B'**

**Emotional wellbeing and bereavement support** for children, young people and adults across **North Yorkshire**.

**Call\*, text\* or email** for support **9am-5pm, Monday-Friday**, and someone will call you back within **one-five working hours**.

Call **01423 856 799** and leave a message

Text **01423 200 118**

Email helplines **@justb.org.uk**

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# Life @HGS

Last weekend, the **Gold DofE** students completed their practice expedition, walking from Goathland to Robin Hood's Bay. In true DofE style, it was a weekend of four seasons with wild winds and horizontal rain followed by glorious big blue skies.



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# Spotlight: World Earth Day, 22 April 2024

World Earth Day will take place on Monday 22 April focusing on the theme: **"Planet vs. Plastics"**. This encourages the commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a **60% reduction** in the production of all plastics **by 2040** and an ultimate goal of building **plastic-free future for generations to come**.

This year's Earth day Goals are:

## Goal 1

Promoting widespread public awareness of the damage done by plastics.

## Goal 2

Rapidly phasing out all single use plastics by 2030.

## Goal 3

Demanding policies ending the scourge of fast fashion.

"The Planet vs. Plastics campaign is a call to arms, a demand that we act now to end the scourge of plastics and safeguard the health of every living being upon our planet" – **Kathleen Rogers** (President of Earth Day)

### What can you do to be more plastic-free?

- Use a re-usable water bottle
- Use a cloth bag rather than a plastic bag
- Choose plastic free-packaging
- Swap plastic straws for paper straws.



To learn more about "Planet vs. Plastics and join the movement of a plastic free future, [Planet vs. Plastics - Earth Day](#).



### **\*\*REMEMBER\*\***

Bring a refillable water bottle into school every day. You can refill your water bottle in any of the water stations located around the school.

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# Spotlight: The Jewish Festival of Passover



## The Jewish Festival of Passover

Passover (or Pesach in Hebrew) is one of the most important festivals in the Jewish year. It is a Spring festival that begins on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan, the first month of the Jewish calendar. The celebrations last for seven or eight days, depending on where you live. In 2024, Passover begins on the evening of Monday 22 April and will end on Tuesday 30 April.

Passover is a celebration of the story of Exodus. During Passover, Jews remember how their ancestors left slavery behind them when they were led out of Egypt by Moses.

## Passover Rituals

Passover is celebrated with a series of rituals. Each ritual symbolises a different part of the story.

On the evening before Passover starts, Jews have a special service called a Seder (order). This takes place over a meal with family and friends at home.



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