



# The Sixth Form

at Harrogate Grammar School  
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Dear Student and Parent/Carer for information

## Arrangements for Year 13 leavers

We are really proud of the way our Year 13 students have conducted themselves throughout their time in the Sixth Form and we applaud their maturity and focus in preparation for the final exams. This letter contains important information regarding leaving arrangements and A Level Results Day.

### Leavers arrangements

- Leavers Books and Hoodies: These will be given out during lunchtime in S07 on Wednesday 1 May.
- Leavers Assembly: The Student Leadership Team is organising a leavers assembly for Year 13 students on Friday 10 May. The assembly will start at 9am and will last for approximately 1 hour. Refreshments will be available for students after the assembly, and students will leave school at break time. This marks the start of study leave for the exam period. Students are expected to attend all taught lessons and study periods up to this point.
- Leavers Ball: We are looking forward to celebrating at the Leavers Ball on Thursday 27 June. Further information will be communicated in due course.

### Exam arrangements

The exam timetable is available on the school website and can be accessed [here](#). In addition, students will receive a personal exam timetable which will clarify arrangements where clashes between subject exams occur. Prior to each exam, teachers will hold a pre-exam technique (PRET) session. These are not designed to be taught content sessions, but rather an opportunity for teachers to provide key reminders to students in advance of the exams. The timetable for these sessions will be issued to students next week.

Students who wish to revise in school during the exam period are able to use the LRC during the school day. Students coming into school for exams or revision must meet the Sixth Form dress code expectations, and must sign in through Sixth Form Reception using their ID badge.

### Wider support

Students are encouraged to communicate with the Student Support Team during the exam period, especially if they are struggling to manage their independent revision, or need additional support. Careers meetings are also available between Monday and Wednesday each week for students wishing to discuss their options beyond the Sixth Form. These meetings can be arranged in person or via TEAMS by contacting Mrs Mitchell via: [Mitchellk@hgs.rklt.co.uk](mailto:Mitchellk@hgs.rklt.co.uk).

Students who have applied to university must accept their offers through the UCAS website by the deadline of 6 June.

Pre-university reading lists and a range of other online resources have been selected to support students to develop a grounding in their chosen subject area to support the transition to undergraduate study. These materials can be accessed through the 'University preparation resources' folder, within the Year 13 Study class on Showbie.

## Results Day, Thursday 15 August

Many teachers will be present on Results Day to celebrate the success of students. In addition, a team of staff will be there to support students. This team will continue to support students over the following week until they have secured a progression route that meets their needs.

- Results can be collected from school at **9am in The Forum**.
- Students are advised to check offers on UCAS TRACK as soon as possible; TRACK should be live from early Thursday morning.
- For Students in Clearing, staff will be available at school from **8am** on Results Day to offer advice and to help guide students through the clearing process. Eligible students, identified by checking on UCAS TRACK, should come to room S09 so that they are well prepared and ready to access clearing vacancies as soon as they become available. Students are reminded to bring their log-in details so that we can fully support them. Full details of clearing places will be available on the UCAS website from Results Day on Thursday 15 August.

## Destinations

We are required by local government to provide a destination report for all of our leavers. This will be available in school and emailed to students. We ask that this is completed and returned on results day. For those students who are unsure about their destination on results day, we will contact them later by phone or email to confirm.

## Other routines

Any textbooks must be returned after the last exam. Please leave these books at Sixth Form reception. It is costly to replace these resources and important that students next year have access to these books. In addition, if students wish to donate textbooks and revision materials to school for students to use next year then these will be gratefully received.

A small number of students either need to return their iPad after their last exam or pay their outstanding final payment. These students will be contacted via the Finance Office.

## Staying in touch

We encourage all Year 13 students to keep connected by joining our online alumni platforms, Harrogate Grammar Connect. These interactive and user-friendly platforms provide you with a place to stay in touch with ongoing events, keep up to date with alumni news and enable you to contact other HGS alumni who have attended the same university or college course. Details on how to access the HGS Networking Community are listed in the grid below. Many alumni also express an interest in giving back to the school by volunteering with school events, such as Careers Fairs, or taking part in our Alumni Spotlight Interview series. If you would like be added to our alumni database and receive invites to school events or give back to the school in any way please email [hgsalumni@hgs.rklt.co.uk](mailto:hgsalumni@hgs.rklt.co.uk).

Platform	How to Access Each Platform
 LinkedIn	In the search field type <b>Harrogate Grammar Connect</b> to bring up the group and request to join.
 Facebook	In the search field type <b>Harrogate Grammar Connect</b> to bring up the page and click to follow.
 X	In the search field type <b>@hgs_alumni</b> to bring up the Harrogate Grammar Connect account and click follow.
 Instagram	In the search field type <b>@hgsalumni</b> to bring up the Harrogate Grammar Connect account and click follow.
 Harrogate Grammar School	Alternatively visit the Alumni page on our HGS website where you will find links to all the platforms above and our regular newsletters: <a href="http://www.harrogategrammar.co.uk/alumni">www.harrogategrammar.co.uk/alumni</a>

We hope that students have many happy memories of Harrogate Grammar School and we look forward to hearing about their future success. We would also like to sincerely thank parents/carers for all the support that they have given students and the school.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any further support or information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Twitchin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Ben Twitchin**  
**Director of Sixth Form**