



Dates for Your Diary

Date	Activity	Year Groups
Monday 6 May	May bank holiday – school closed	All years
Thursday 9 May	Year 11 GCSE Religious Studies Exam Year 11 GCSE Drama Exam	Year 11
Friday 10 May	Year 11 GCSE (Triple) Biology Exam Year 11 GCSE Combined Biology Exam Year 11 GCSE German Exam	Year 11
Friday 10 May	Year 8 HPV vaccinations in school	Year 8
Friday 10 May to Sunday 12 May	Year 7 Condoover Netball Tour	Year 7
Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 May	DofE Bronze Cohort 2 Practice Expedition	Year 10
Saturday 11 May	GCSE English revision session, Forum – 9.30am to 12.30pm	Year 11
Thursday 16 May to Sunday 19 May	Year 8 History Battlefields trip	Year 8
Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May	DofE Bronze Cohort 2 Final Expedition	Year 10
Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May	May Half Term – school closed Friday 24 May 3.30pm – end of Summer 1 term Monday 3 June – start of Summer 2 term	All years
Friday 31 May	Deadline to book a place on the End of Year trips	Years 7-10 and 12

Parent Communications

End of Year Exams – letters emailed Wednesday 1 May

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

[Year 10](#)

Whole School Photograph

On the 19 April we braved the weather and managed the huge undertaking of capturing the whole school photo. This only happens once every 7 years, so the only time for the students currently in the school.

There were 3 different photos taken:


- Key Stage 3 (Years 7,8,9)
- Key Stage 4 (Years 10, 11)
- Key Stage 5 (Years 12,13)

We are delighted to share with you the opportunity to purchase these photos, which capture a special memory of their time at HGS and something to look back on in the future, recognising friends and teachers.

Ordering will be online only with delivery back to school, without P&P charges, if ordered in the next two weeks.

Click here to view and order:

<https://http.st/321104-66KSGROUPS>



**TEMPEST
PHOTOGRAPHY**

HARROGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
KS3, KS4 and KS5 Group Photographs

Tempest Photography are pleased to report your group photographs are available to view and order via the following weblink:

<https://http.st/321104-66KSGROUPS>

Please include your child's full name to assist with distribution at the school.

**Order within two weeks to avoid P&P charges.
(Delivery to school).**

For assistance, please call 01736 752411
Option 3 - Place an order (P&P applies)
Option 5 - Customer services

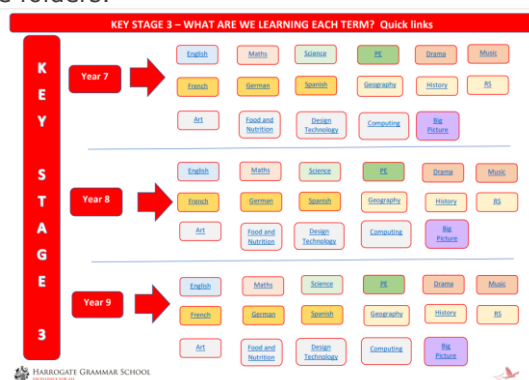
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Termly Curriculum Overviews

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:

KS3	Years 7, 8 and 9
KS4	Years 10 and 11
KS5	Year 12 Year 13



Information for Year 11 Students

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
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	
Fri 10 May	4pm to 5pm	Science - Physics	Paper 1 Energy
Mon 13 May	5pm to 6pm	Maths Higher	Non-calculator skills for Paper 1 on Thursday
Wed 15 May	5pm to 6pm	Maths Foundation	
Fri 17 May	4pm to 5pm	Science - Physics	Paper 1 Working Scientifically
Wed 22 May	4pm to 4.40pm	English Language	Paper 1
Fri 24 May	4pm to 5pm	Science - Physics	Paper 2 Space
Friday 7 June	4pm to 5pm	Science - Physics	Paper 2 Forces
Weds 12 June	1.45pm to 2.40pm	Science - Physics	Paper 2 Waves
Thu 13 June	11.10am to Noon	Science	

Important information regarding Year 11 Revision Sessions and PRET sessions

Revision sessions

- Within the Arbor Parent App Trips section you will find details of the Year 11 revision sessions you have booked for your child.
- If you have not yet done so and would like to book a place, please pre-book via the **Arbor Parent Portal**, within the [Trips section](#). Details of these sessions can be found [here](#).
- Pre-booking will close on the following dates:

Revision sessions taking place	Deadline to pre-book
w/c 6 May	5pm Monday 6 May
w/c 13 May	
w/c 20 May	5pm Monday 13 May
w/c 3 June	5pm Monday 20 May
w/c 10 June	5pm Monday 3 June
w/c 17 June	

- Students should register with the Attendance Office if they come into school to attend a revision session

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PRET sessions

- Ahead of each exam a PRET session will take place in school, morning sessions at 8.25am and afternoon sessions at 12.25pm.
- These are compulsory sessions
- Further details of timings and rooms for these sessions can be found [here](#).

Summer exams

A copy of the timetable can be accessed here: [Summer Exam Timetables 2024](#)

Summary for next week – Year 11

Date/Time	Year	Time	Exam/PRET title	Where
Thurs 9 May	11	8.25-8.45am	GCSE RS PRET	Meet in the Hub by 8.20am
	11		GCSE RS Paper 1 exam – 1h45	Sports Hall
	11	Period 3	English Literature revision session	A46
	11	Period 3/4	Drama revision session	Forum
	11	Period 4	Biology revision session	Triple A15 Combined A36
	11	12.25pm - 12.45pm	GCSE Drama PRET	Forum
	11		GCSE Drama -1h30	Sports Hall
	11	Period 5	Business revision session	A25
Fri 10 May	11	8.20-8.40am	GCSE Biology PRET	Please check Arbor for the classroom
	11		GCSE Biology Paper 1 exam Triple – 1h45 Combined – 1h15	Sports Hall
	11	Period 3	Chemistry revision session	Triple A32 Combined A37
	11	Period 4	Maths revision session	D19
	11	12.25pm - 12.45pm	GCSE German PRET	Forum
	11		GCSE German Paper 1 and Paper 3 1h45	Sports Hall
	11	Period 5	Chemistry revision session	Triple H10 Combined A36
	11	Period 6	Independent Study	Hub
Sat 11 May	11	9.30am to 12.30pm	English	Forum

Sixth Form Induction Day – Monday 24 June

The Sixth Form Induction Day for current Year 11 students will take place on Monday 24 June.

The Induction Day will provide an opportunity for all Sixth Form applicants to be introduced to the Sixth Form, to learn important information about preparing for Year 12, and to experience a lesson in each of their chosen subjects.

All Sixth Form applicants are expected to attend. Further details about the day will be communicated in due course.

Catering Accounts

Remember to top up cashless catering accounts. Accounts can be topped up using the Arbor Parent App or Portal. Click on [this link](#) for more instructions.

As study leave draws nearer for years 11 and 13 please can we remind you to keep accounts in credit.

Please be aware that during these final weeks for Year 11 and 13 we **will not be able** to support a negative balance.

Up to date balances can be obtained via your Arbor account.

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Information for Years 7 to 13

Car Free Friday – Friday 10 May

Get active whilst helping combat climate change!

Our next car free Friday will take place on Friday 10 May.

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.



May Recommended Reads

May the Fourth be with you!



This month, our theme is Star Wars.

Click on the link below to access our Star Wars themed recommended reads for the month of May.
















➤ [May recommended 'Star Wars' reads](#)

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Languages - Word a Day

Help your children learn 'Word a Day'! **Weeks 29 and 30**

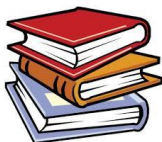
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
				
				
				

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](#)

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 6 May 2024

Day	Sport	Opposition	Age	Home/Away	Meet	Start	Return HGS
Tues 7 May	Girls Tennis	Harrogate Ladies College	U14	Home	1.45pm	2.15pm	4pm
	Boys Football	St Aidan's	U16	@ Queen Ethelburgas	3pm	4.30pm	7pm
Wed 8 May	Cricket T20	Mount St Mary	1 st XI	Away	11.30am	1.30pm	5.30pm
	Boys Cricket	St John Fisher	U12	Home at Harrogate Cricket Club	1pm	2pm	4pm
Thu 9 May	Boys Cricket T20	Woodhouse Grove	U15	Away	1pm	2.15pm	6pm
	Boys Tennis	Ashville	U15	Away	TBC		
	Rounders	Rossett	U12, U13	Away	TBC		
Fri 10 May	Girls Cricket	Queen Ethelburga's	U13	Away	12.15pm	1.30pm	5pm

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

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Vacancies

HGS Vacancies

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

[Design Technician](#), closing date Wednesday 8 May

[Teacher of Physics](#), closing date Friday 10 May

[Teacher of Product Design](#), closing date Wednesday 15 May

[Food Service Team Assistant](#), closing date Friday 31 May

RKLT Vacancies

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

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/>

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Life @HGS

Sporting success for Year 9

Congratulations to Liberty and Lily in Year 9 for their sporting successes this weekend.

Liberty received her Martial Arts Black belt over the weekend and Lily competed at gymnastics competition in Hull, she won Gold in floor and vault which means she has qualified for the Yorkshire finals later this month.



DofE Bronze Cohort 1 – final expedition

Our first cohort of Year 10 DofE Bronze students completed their final expedition last weekend and enjoyed the Yorkshire Dales countryside.

Year 12 Geography Trip to Naples

Our Year 12 Geographers are enjoying their Naples trip including climbing Mount Vesuvius and visiting Pompeii.



Year 7 and the owls

On Thursday, Owl Adventures UK were in school giving a talk to our Year 7 students. The students loved meeting Henrietta and Diego and hearing all about conservation.



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Spotlight: End of year CAT and Assessments

This week the spotlight focuses on End of Year CATs and Assessments. Please find below some helpful tips to support you in your revision.

Timings:

Year Group	When	Where
7, 8 and 9	Between Monday 3 June to Friday 14 June	In lessons. Teachers will advise students when these will take place.
10	Between Friday 7 June to Friday 21 June	Sports Hall and classrooms Please click here for the timetable
12	Between Monday 10 June to Tuesday 25 June	Classrooms, Gym Please click here for the timetable

Revision Outline for each subject

For students in Years 7 to 9, each subject has created a revision outline including:

Focus of the CAT What topics to revise Structure of the CAT Useful resources

Copies of the revision outlines can be found below. Use these outlines to understand what you need to revise.

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

Step 1: Memory Retrieval

Use a blank sheet of paper to add everything you can think of that is relevant to a topic area.

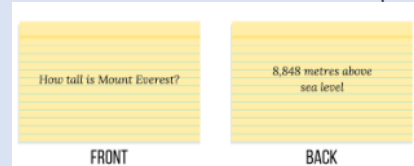
Organise the information in any way which is best for you e.g. mind map, spider diagram, lists.

Look up the topic in your exercise book and showbie – add in additional information (ideally in a different colour).



Step 2: Q&As

Use your memory retrieval information sheet to make some question and answer flashcards or create a quizlet.

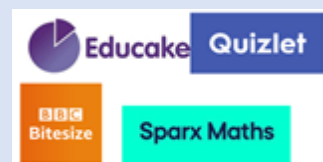


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Step 3: Test yourself

Test yourself or get a friend or family member to test you! You can also try Seneca, KS3 Bitesize quizzes, Quizlet, Educake, Sparx Maths as well as Socrative quizzes available in your Showbie folders.



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