TOP THREE THINGS WE ARE ASKING THE STUDENTS TO FOCUS ON THIS WEEK:

1. Productivity is never an accident. It is always the result of commitment to excellence, intelligent planning and focussed effort.
2. Kindness is a passport that opens doors and fashions friends. It softens hearts and molds relationships that can last lifetimes.
3. Use of one of these phrases to welcome our Spanish visitors.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Year 7 Parent/Tutor Meetings – Tuesday 21st November

SHELTER IN PLACE

We have no indication that there is any particular threat to our school or any other school, but we feel that it is important to respond to national advice by preparing thoroughly for events that could threaten the safety of our staff and students. Although such an event could be related to a terrorist event, it is also possible that events such as a gas leak or chemical escape could cause us to sound the bell. Shelter in place is a safety procedure that covers extreme hazards such as a smoke cloud, local chemical leak or an intruder on site.

The new bells signal the following:
- Shelter
- All clear

Staff received guidance on what steps they will take in the unlikely event that we use the bells in school during the training day on Friday 17 November. Students will hear the bells next week during registration and receive instruction from their tutors. Students have been given the following instruction.

1) In the very unlikely event of hearing this bell during lessons, you must follow the instructions of your teacher and remain in the classroom.
2) If you are walking on a corridor during lesson time, you must enter the nearest classroom and follow the instructions from the teacher.
3) In the very unlikely event of hearing this bell at break or lunch, you must quickly and calmly enter the school and go to the next lesson on your timetable. You must then follow the instruction of your teacher.

Please contact the school should you require any further information. (Mr Renton)
**KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE**

There are still a significant number of parents who are putting our children at serious risk, by dropping off and/or picking up their children on the zig zags at the front of school, and trying to squeeze past school buses in the main car park at the end of the school day.

You are also reminded of the Park and Stride safe drop-off zones and would encourage you to use them as an alternative to using the main car park and driving up Arthur’s Avenue at these very busy times. Your co-operation is very much appreciated. *(John Mungovin, Facilities Manager)*

**SUPPORTING WESTERN PRIMARY SCHOOL (ONE OF OUR TRUST SCHOOLS)**

Can you help?

*Western Primary School and the PTA* are trying to improve the playground facilities for their children. To date the PTA has raised £30,000 towards this project but if they are to bring it to realisation they need to raise significantly more and to this end they are now in the process of applying for a number of grants.

One source of funding they have applied for is the Aviva Communities Fund where they have submitted a project to try and win £25,000. To win the money they must have the most votes in their category.

For further information and to vote for Western Primary School please click on the following link: [Aviva Communities Fund](#)

Votes should be submitted before 21\(^{st}\) November.

**JUST B – DROP IN SERVICE FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS**

To support Year 11 students in the final year of GCSE’s we will be offering a drop in service for any student who wants advice and guidance on managing exam pressure. This will be in S23 every Tuesday from 1pm with effect from 31\(^{st}\) October 2017. *(Mr Milburn)*

**JUST B – COUNSELLING SERVICE (SIXTH FORM)**

Just B are also offering a counselling service to our Sixth Form students, meetings can be arranged via Mrs Jackson or Mrs Vincent. *(Mrs Vincent)*

**GCSE POD – YEAR 10 AND 11**

GCSEPod is a new resource for students at Harrogate Grammar School. We introduced it late last year and are now using it much more for home learning assignments, in lessons and as a revision tool for Year 10 and 11.

Students have a unique log in and can access resources for the majority of their exam subjects. These come in the form of short Pods, (specially curated, animated videos of the key points and subject knowledge for the topics in their exam subjects, which last about 3 to 4 minutes. These can be streamed or downloaded). Both teachers and students can set up playlists for the topics they are studying in lessons or as a revision programme. Teachers can use these as part of an assignment with multiple choice questions, the results from the answers can create a booster playlist for incorrect answers to fill any knowledge gaps where necessary.

Here is a link to the parents page on GCSEPod with lots of information and advice which you may find interesting and useful to help you help your child. *(Mr Woollard)*

[https://www.gcsepod.com/parents-benefits/](https://www.gcsepod.com/parents-benefits/)
HOMEWORK4 APP

It's here! The app for iPads and iPhones is now available from the App Store, you can search Red Kite or use this link: Homework4 app

The Android version is nearly finished and should hopefully be ready next week. Watch this space for more details.

To log in it is the same as before.
1. Download the app
2. Use the email registered at school for all email communication to log in to the parents tab.
3. Use the password you have set up if you have logged in to the web version before.
   Or
4. If you have yet to log in, when you enter the email address homework 4 will send you a set up email with further instructions where you’ll be able to set a password and confirm your email.
5. Once logged in you can track any homework set for any of your children, check attendance, sanctions, and rewards and see your child’s timetable.

If you had downloaded a link to your home screen you may wish to delete this.
If you have any problems logging in please email skw@harrogategrammar.co.uk  (Mr Woollard)

YEAR 12 PARENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING – TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

The Year 12 Parents’ Consultation Evening will take place on Tuesday 28th November from 4pm to 7pm. The online booking system is now live, further details are contained within the following link: Year 12 Parents' Consultation Evening  (Mr Renton)

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Please follow this link to the news section of our website for the latest items in the press. News and Events

CURRENT VACANCIES

Current vacancies within Red Kite Learning Trust:

- Administration Officer, SCITT (Teacher Training Team) at HGS, 37 hours per week (part time considered). Term time only plus training days and an additional 3 weeks (closes 21st November 2017)
- HR Manager to work across the Trust, 37 hours per week, 22 days annual leave and bank holidays (closes 4th December 2017)
- Science Technician at Harrogate Grammar School, 37 hours per week (part time considered). Term time only plus training days (closes 22nd November 2017)
- Permanent Kitchen Porter at HGS, part time, 37 hours per week, Term time only plus training days
- Teacher KS2 at Coppice Valley Primary School – available from February half term, minimum 0.6FTE (closes 27th November 2017)
- General Kitchen Assistant at Western Primary School, part time 16 hours per week. Term time only plus training days (closes 30th November 2017)
- Teacher of RE (maternity cover) at Crawshaw Academy, Pudsey – available from 18th February 2018 (closes 20th November 2017)

Further detail can be found at www.rklt.co.uk/vacancies/ or contact recruitment@harrogategrammar.co.uk
SAVE THE DATE

- **Year 12 Parents’ Consultation Evening** – Tuesday 28th November 4-7pm
- Sixth Form Medical Conference – Wednesday 29th November 4-6pm
- Year 11 Mock Exams – week commencing 4th and 11th December. Tickets selling fast!
- **We Will Rock You! Musical** – Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December – tickets selling fast!
- Christmas Concert – Thursday 14th December, 7pm in the Main Hall. All welcome.
- PTA **Christmas Dinner Dance** – Friday 15th December at The Majestic
- Celebration evening – Wednesday 20th December

PTA NEWS

**Christmas Dinner Dance – Friday 15th December**
Tickets are now available for the annual PTA Christmas Dinner Dance, which will be held at the Majestic Hotel on Friday 15th December. Further information, including how to buy your ticket can be found on the following link: [PTA Christmas Dinner Dance](#)

Thank you for supporting our school community and helping to make fundraising fun and enjoyable.

SPORTING RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK

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| Wednesday 15th November | Netball                  | Prince Henry’s         | Away  | U12 U13 | Won 21-2
| Thursday 16th November  | Boy’s Hockey              | North East of England Indoor Finals | @ Bradford | U16 | 4th |
**U14s and U16s Netball**
Well done to the U14 and U16 Netball teams, who played in the North Yorkshire National School’s competition at Queen Ethelburga’s College on Saturday. Competition was tough with all of the best teams within North Yorkshire competing for the top two places to qualify for the Yorkshire Regional round. All girls played some phenomenal Netball, showing great grit, determination and resilience. Both teams won all their games to be crowned North Yorkshire Champions, and the U14s have yet to lose a game in this National Schools Competition. The girls did the school and their families proud; their sporting etiquette and finesse on court was recognised by many teachers, umpires and spectators. Congratulations girls!

**U12 Hockey**
The U12 hockey team dug deep winning some tough games to come 3rd overall. Great efforts girls!

**Rugby**
Well done to the U16 boy’s rugby team, who won 34-5 against Wickersley in the 2nd round of the county cup. The boys now play Bedale or Whitcliffe mount at home in the next round.
## SPORTING EVENTS DIARY - WEEK COMMENCING 20th NOVEMBER 2017

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The countdown begins... THREE WEEKS TO GO!!

We wanted to give you exclusive access to the rehearsal room in preparation for this year’s musical
We Will Rock You!

In the band rehearsals this week we’ve been working with the chorus and the soloists to make sure everything fits together. It’s great to play the music with the vocals instead of having to imagine them! ‘Bohemian Rhapsody’ is probably the most difficult song because of all the different sections, but we’ve been working on it and all the singers and the band sound amazing. I can’t wait to see the actors on stage next week in the forum rehearsals and hear how it sounds in a completely different space.   Hannah Shimwell Year 11

Tickets ARE ON SALE NOW!; Adults £10, Concessions £7.

Tickets are on sale in the Main Hall, break and lunchtime.

We look forward to seeing you there! Look out for next week’s update in the next Bulletin!
Welcome to our new year 7 Library leaders. Promoting new books and reading is their aim this month starting with 7 BZB, 7 MGH and 7 SZA along with our yr 8, yr 9 and yr 11 library leaders.

7 BZB

Most popular Books in October

- Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children
- Thirteen
- We See Everything
- Murder Most Most Most Most Murder

[Images of the book covers for Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, Thirteen, We See Everything, and Murder Most Most Most Most Murder]
Alan Gibbons our patron of reading joined us in school to deliver a talk and a creative workshop to our year 7 and local primaries.

Alan Gibbons’s workshop:

Alan Gibbons’s workshop was very funny and his talk explained why he became an author, the people who inspired him and his books.

In the workshop, we wrote about our own version of Dracula. He even told us a little story to go with it about how the original version started.

At the end of the session he read us, a poem named Ow! Ow! Ow! The poem is about him going to a bad dentist. It was very funny!

By Becky French 7HZF and Amy Mort 7RMG

Billy Bob Buttons workshop

The author Edward Trayer (pen name Bily Bob Buttons) came into school to work with some of our year 7 and year 8 pupils. He delivered three workshops one on characterisation and two on story planning. Edward also talked about his inspiration to write, why he writes various genres and what makes a great author. Several copies of his books are available in the LRC.

Inspired by the Sophie Lancaster murder in 2007, which saw Sophie and her friend viciously attacked in Stubbylee Park Bacup Lancashire because of the way they were dressed.

Copies of these books are available in the LRC.