END OF TERM MESSAGE

The school will close at 3:30pm on Thursday 29th March 2018 for the Easter holiday.

It will be a non-uniform day and students are asked to contribute £2.00 to the School Charity, which this year is BASIK – Build a School in Kenya. Although we ask parents to ensure that students are appropriately dressed, this is a non-uniform day. This is a normal working day so all students must bring their iPads and books. Students must also remember to take all their belongings home with them at the end of the day.

The summer term commences for students on Monday 16th April 2018.

We hope that students enjoy a well-deserved break and look forward to the summer term.

(Mrs Moat and Mr Renton)

THREE THINGS WE ARE ASKING THE STUDENTS TO THINK ABOUT NEXT WEEK:

1. Easter is more than just eggs and chocolate: it is about peace, family and new beginnings. Make the most of your holiday.

2. Empathy and consideration for others create an environment of positivity. Consider the Year 11 and Year 13 students as they prepare for the forthcoming exams.

3. Support the School Charity BASIK (Build a School in Kenya). Fundraising continues after Easter.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- GCSE Drama practical exam – Monday 26th March
- Author visit for Year 7 and 8 – Tuesday 27th March
- Become a governor evening – Wednesday 28th March – postponed, revised date to be advised in due course
- GCSE PE practical exam – Thursday 29th March
- Food Bank Collections – Thursday 29th March
- Last day of term – Thursday 29th March – Non-uniform day (donation of £2 to the school charity BASIK)
- Summer term starts – Monday 16th April 2018

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS – THURSDAY 29TH MARCH

Next Thursday, 29th of March, we will be holding the annual Easter Food Bank drive in conjunction with the Trussell Trust, a nationwide charity providing food for vulnerable people. The boxes will be at Main School Reception until lunch time, when we will take the donations to the local distribution centre. Food collected includes all non-perishable items, such as tinned vegetables, fruit, meat and fish, soups, tea, coffee, cereal, cereal bars, rice pudding, biscuits, pasta and rice, as well as toiletries - small travel size toiletries especially are in low stock at the food bank. If everyone brings in one item, we could collect 2000 items from across the school! We thank you in advance for your kind donations. (Mr Le Bourdon, Ellen Young – Head Girl)
STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Protecting children’s privacy online
Technology research company Comparitech has recently launched a guide to help parents, carers and educators protect children’s privacy online. The guide also tackles the issue of online privacy which can span not only protecting children from online predators but also things like preventing identity theft and ways to minimise the risks of the household computer becoming compromised. (Mr Renton)

CAR PARKING REMINDER

Please can we remind all of our parents and carers that parking is not permitted at any time in the nursery parking spaces, directly in front of the nursery. These spaces are essential for parents collecting babies and children to ensure their safety and must not be used at any time by anyone visiting HGS. This applies outside of school hours also, for example during parent consultation evenings. We have also had a number of cars stopping on the double yellow lines outside school recently, waiting for long periods of time to collect students at the end of school. This is incredibly dangerous and puts the safety of students at risk as they are crossing the already very busy road. Please can we ask that parents park in marked bays on Arthur’s Avenue only or indeed park in one of the suggested alternative pick-up points. (Mrs Moat)

REWARDS TRIP – JULY 2018

Thank you those you have already paid for the Rewards Trip, if you still need to book a place for your son/daughter onto the Rewards Trip in July 2018 please click on the link below. The deadline for booking a place/making payment is Friday 30th March 2018. Please note students can only attend one of the trips! Link: Rewards Trip 2018

YEAR 13 END OF ACADEMIC YEAR ACTIVITY

Please remember the following payments need to be made if Year 13 students wish to take part with any of the following end of academic year activities. Payments should be made via the following link: HGS Online payments

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EASTER READING BOOKS

International Children’s Book Day is also celebrated during the Easter break on 2 April, inspiring children to pick up a book and get reading! The date of 2 April was chosen to mark this day for young literature lovers as it’s the same date as Hans Christian Anderson’s birthday.

As you know, reading is enjoyable and also supports your learning across all subjects. Instead of buying that extra Easter egg, why not consider buying a book? Delicious in a different way!

(Mrs Maguire)

KS5 “I know why the caged bird sings” Maya Angelou
Maya and her brother have been sent to live with their grandmother in a small Southern town in the USA. What can possibly go wrong?

KS4/5 “The Girl who fell from the sky” Simon Mawer
Are you an outsider, too clever for your own good? Well, watch out! You might get recruited to work as an undercover agent….

KS4 “The Hate U Give” Angie Thomas
A young adult novel. Sixteen year old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she grew up and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these two worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the shooting of her best friend.

KS3 “A place called Perfect” Helena Duggan
Who wants to live in a place where everyone has to wear glasses all the time to stop them going blind? Who wants to be neat and tidy and perfectly behaved all the time?
JUST B – DROP IN SERVICE FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS

To support Year 11 students in the final year of GCSEs 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. (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)

ARE YOU AN ‘OLD HARROGATONIAN’?

This year is 40 years since the class of 1978 left Harrogate Grammar School, and as such, they have decided to hold a reunion on Saturday 9th June 2018. If you, or anyone you know attended HGS around this time, please email fellow 1978 leaver Kate Kennady: kate.kennady@outlook.com, or join the Facebook group ‘HGS 1971-1978’.

Not in this year group, but interested in setting up your own reunion? Please contact alumni@harrogategrammar.co.uk and we would be happy to help.

Watch this space for further exciting news as we launch our Alumni Network later this year!

GOLF – FREE TASTER SESSION FOR GIRLS – THURSDAY 5TH APRIL

Steph Davies, a former pupil is based at Rudding Park Golf Club as one of their professionals. The Golf Association is keen to encourage as many females as possible (aged 5 to 18) to play golf. As a result Steph is running a free girls taster session on Thursday 5th April from 11am to 1pm. No experience or equipment required just turn up in comfy clothes and trainers. If you would like to take advantage of this free 2 hour session at Rudding Park, please email Steph (stephdavies22@gmail.com) to book a place.

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:

- **Faculty Leader – Art and Design and ICT** at HGS, permanent, full time from September 2018 (closes 17th April 2018)
- **Data and Exams Manager** at HGS, permanent, full time, term time only including training days plus 4 additional weeks (closes 17th April 2018)
- **Teacher of Design** at Crawshaw Academy, Pudsey, full time, permanent from September 2018 (closes 16th April 2018)
- **Programme Leader/Head of Department MFL** at Crawshaw Academy, Pudsey from September 2018 (closes 16th April 2018)
- **KS2 Teacher**, at Oatlands Junior School – (closes 16th April 2018)
- **Caretaker** at Rossett Acre Primary School, part time 15 hours per week, 7am to 10am Monday to Friday (closes 16th April 2018)

Supporting packs for each role and further detail on how to apply can be found at [www.rklt.co.uk/vacancies/](http://www.rklt.co.uk/vacancies/) or contact recruitment@harrogategrammar.co.uk
SAVE THE DATE

- Year 11 Easter revision sessions – Tuesday 3rd April to Friday 6th April
- A Level Easter revision sessions – Tuesday 3rd April to Friday 6th April
- Summer term starts Monday 16th April 2018
- Year 9 MenACWY vaccination (for those that missed the vaccination date in February) – Monday 16th April 2018
- GCSE Art/Photography Exam – Thursday 19th and Friday 20th April
- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition Training – Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd April

PTA NEWS

We are delighted to be running the PTA 50/50 club, our monthly prize draw for parents/carers. The prize money is split 50/50 between the winner and the PTA.

We have nearly 30 supporters in the club who have the chance of winning a cash prize every month until the summer. Thank you everyone for your support! This month’s lucky number is 7, winning £51. Congratulations!

- **PTA SAVE THE DATE**
  - Friday 16th and Friday 17th March – Harrogate Beer Festival
  - Friday 20th April 7:30pm – **PTA Quiz**

- **PTA QUIZ – FRIDAY 20TH APRIL**

  Do you want to pit your intellectual wit against fellow parents and teachers?
  Do you want to challenge the grey matter?
  Or be in charge of the answer sheet?

  There are many reasons why people flock to a Harrogate Grammar School PTA quiz so be quick, places fill up and it’s first come first served!

  Teams of 8 and tickets are £10 each which includes your entry and delicious fish and chip supper.

  Cash bar available on the night. Complete the booking form to secure your place.
**SPORTING EVENTS DIARY - WEEK COMMENCING 26th MARCH 2018**

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U14 Netball team – superb performance at the National Netball Championships

Well done to the U14 Girls Netball team, who competed at the National School’s Finals last weekend in Welwyn Garden City. The girls represented the school with great resilience and grit, in freezing conditions! As with any national final, the level of competition was extremely high, with HGS competing against several well-established schools, who regularly reach the National Finals. In addition to this, the U14 B team capped off a wonderful season by claiming victory in the Harrogate and Craven Area Tournament, winning all their matches. A very high standard has been set for next year, one which the girls will strive to maintain and exceed. Thank you to all the girls for their commitment, to the families of the students for their support and to the HGS staff who have coached and mentored the girls throughout the season.

Well done – Megan! Young Female Achiever of the Year

Megan Wilcox, Year 11 and her pony Dunkie are celebrating a very successful 2017/18.

This has culminated in her winning the Disability Sport Yorkshire Female Young Achiever of the Year Award and being awarded Equestrian of the Year by the Special Olympic Group, Able 2 Pontefract.

In addition, Megan also represented Yorkshire and Humberside at the Special Olympics National Games winning a Gold medal in Dressage.

Stay Awake 2018

Well done everyone and thank you to all those who sponsored you! Check out some StayAwake videos on our twitter account @HarrogateGS