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

1. There are many students revising for their exams around our school and in particular, the library. Be kind and keep the noise level down as one day this will be you.

2. This week is your last chance to join the Sustainability Action Group Showbie Class. See Ms Smith’s message below.

3. “In my experience there is no such thing as luck” – Obi-Wan Kenobi. Keep up the hard work and success will be yours. Happy Star Wars day.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

- **Year 7 Parents’ Consultation Evening** – Tuesday 1st May, 4-8pm
- PTA meeting – Wednesday 2nd May, Sixth Form, 6.30pm
- **French Film Evening** – Thursday 3rd May, 7pm, Forum
- IBM Day, Sixth Form Students – Thursday 3rd May
- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition – Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th May
- Bank Holiday Monday – Monday 7th May

GCSE/A LEVEL MFL SPEAKING EXAMS

The GCSE and A Level MFL speaking exams continue this week, we realise this is a stressful time for students and we will do all we can to support them. On the day of their timetabled exam(s) students may stay at home to revise and come into school for the time of their exam. They should then return to lessons after the exam. (Miss Wood)

YEARS 7 PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING – TUESDAY 1ST MAY

The Year 7 parents’ consultation evening will take place on Tuesday 1st May from 4pm to 7pm. Some staff with multiple classes have an extended session to 8pm, in order to offer some additional slots.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that parking is not permitted at any time in the nursery parking spaces which are located 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 also applies outside of school hours. (Mrs Ellenthorpe)

REWARDS TRIP PAYMENT REMINDER

Thank you for those who have paid for either the Flamingo Land or IMax trip to take place in July. Due to there still being a significant number of parents who have not paid, we will be keeping the online payment system open until Friday 4th May. After this date, the system will close and there will be no further opportunity to pay, meaning your child will unfortunately not be able to attend. Please remember to only pay for one trip. (Mr Brown)
**BTEC SHOWCASE – THURSDAY 10TH MAY**

The Y13 BTEC Performing Arts class would like to invite you to their BTEC showcase on Thursday 10th May at 7pm in the Library Theatre. The evening will include two performances and will be an excellent evening of entertainment for all. *(Drama)*

**FRENCH FILM SEASON 2018**

The renowned French Film season is back by popular demand. Enjoy a French film every Thursday accompanied with cheese and wine. For further information please click on the link: [French Film Season 2018](#)

**VOTE FOR CAMERON OSBURN, YEAR 13**

You may well have seen the articles in the Harrogate Advertiser and even seen him on the news. Currently in Year 13, he was awarded the Donald Bell Prize for commitment and the Four Friends memorial prize for Endeavour at our celebration evening. Cameron has left sided hemiplegia and has never let this define him.

Cameron has displayed exceptional commitment and adventure, setting up a disability football team ‘Adversity United’ who train at HGS every Tuesday evening. ‘Adversity United’ is an inclusive team for both boys and girls under 12 years. He has around 15 players who have physical, cerebral and mental challenges. Cameron’s aim is to expand the team and give children and young adults opportunities to achieve their dreams, grow and feel part of a team.

We are incredibly proud of Cameron’s achievements and commitment to the local community. He is a Stray FM Local Hero finalist for 2018 and has also been put forward for a National Diversity Award 2018 and **deserves our votes**. Please vote for him on the following link for a positive role model award for setting up Adversity United. The link also contains his inspirational biography.

[https://nominate.nationaldiversityawards.co.uk/](https://nominate.nationaldiversityawards.co.uk/)

**JUST B – DROP IN SERVICE FOR YEAR 11 AND SIXTH FORM 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.

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

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Please follow this link to access further information about the summer timetable: [Extra-Curricular Activities](#)

**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:

- **KS2 Teacher** at Rossett Acre, full time, permanent from September 2018 (closes 2nd May 2018)
- **General Teaching Assistant/Midday Supervisory Assistant KS2** at Western Primary, part time, 21.25 hours per week (closes 30th April 2018)
- **Junior Chef** at Harrogate Grammar School, full time (closes 14th May 2018)

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

SAVE THE DATE

- **BTEC showcase** – Thursday 10th May, 7pm, Library Theatre
- **Year 11 English revision** – Saturday 12th May 9:30am -12:30pm
- **French Film Season**, every Thursday 7pm (from 26th April to 5th July) in the Forum

SPORTING EVENTS DIARY - WEEK COMMENCING 30TH APRIL 2018

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PTA NEWS

- PTA SAVE THE DATE
  - Wednesday 2nd May PTA meeting, Sixth Form
  - Gin festival – Friday 15th June

PTA Quiz – Friday 20th April

Thanks to everyone who came to support the PTA quiz last Friday. We saw 23 teams competing. It was a close fought battle with one winning team – The Village Idiots!

Competitors enjoyed a fish and chip supper at half time, and the Seabrook crisp round proved very popular.

Thank you to Mr Sherrif who acted as quizmaster, our team of amazing sixth form helpers, particularly Jacob Connell, Tracey and Margaret from the PTA who ran the bar and the school catering team who served up fab fish and chips.

It was a great night! A huge thank you to the PTA for organising another fabulous evening to help raise funds to support our students.

Save the date. Gin festival Friday 15 June. Hopefully the sun will still be shining on us for our first gin festival. With food, entertainment and a chance to sample a range of gins, it is a definite date for your social calendar. If there are any parents who would like to help or have any contacts in the trade who would be willing to support us, please get in touch with Kirsty on 07800 756818.
**LIFE AT HGS**

**Maths Success – UK Maths Trust Challenge**

On Thursday 19th April, Mr Wilson took a team of Year 8 and Year 9 students to the Team Maths Challenge at the Mount School in York. Despite tough opposition, the HGS team came away winners and will now advance to the National Final in London on 18th June.

Congratulations to Tom Owen (Year 9), Emma Marlow (Year 9), Seema Walker (Year 8) and Jake Sandland (Year 8). Special thanks to Kiran Amin (Year 10) for running practice sessions in the weeks leading up to the challenge, and Mr Wilson for leading the trip.

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**Well done to the HGS showjumping and dressage team**

Last weekend the school equestrian team took dressage and showjumping teams and individuals to the National Schools Championships in Buckinghamshire.

The teams were placed mid table which was a fantastic result as there were hundreds of students from every corner of the country competing. The students were brilliant at supporting each other, through both the highs and the lows of the event which was really lovely to see. I am extremely proud of their efforts, there were some super sympathetic tests and jumping rounds ridden in a huge atmosphere.

We did have some individual success: Megan Harrison being 4th individually in the most challenging dressage test (and at 11 the youngest in the class by some way), and Connie Russell being 4th in the warm up class and 3rd individual in the 80cm showjumping championship class.

The students involved were:

**Dressage** : Megan Harrison, Beth Harrison, Amelia Jesson, Connie Russell
**Showjumping** : Emily Gaskell, Becky Weston, Kiera Newlove, Amelie Sullivan, Connie Russell

*(Dr Curran)*
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Training Weekend

Our Year 10 students enjoyed the sunshine last weekend in Pateley Bridge whilst training for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award expedition.
BTEC THREE

10th May
Library Theatre
7pm
Free Entry

SHOWCASE

A performance by Ed Lee, Fin Wright and Rob Appleton

“LOCKED IN”
Based on Victoria Wood’s, Dinnerladies
10th May, 7pm, Library Theatre

A PERFORMANCE BY:
Georgia-Louise Campbell
Frankie Bradbourne
Rhiannon Gibbs
Charlotte Askew
Thomas Fowler
Amy Fitzpatrick
Elliot Phillipotts
Eleanor Eccles
Olivia Keeler

A PERFORMANCE by Ed Lee, Fin Wright and Rob Appleton

An Evening of Performance. Donations for the charity MIND accepted at the door.