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Top 3 things we have asked the students to reflect on this week:

1. Don't let social media steal your time. Turn notifications or your phone off when working or revising. You will work smarter and finish quicker, leaving more time to relax. Leave electronics on charge downstairs overnight.
2. The 5th February is the official Chinese New Year date, though we are celebrating in school on Tuesday 12th February. Another opportunity for a fresh start if you missed the chance on the 1st January. Happy New Year to our Chinese community. The Year of the Pig. Anyone born in 2007 was born in the Year of the Pig.
3. Year 11 students will get a taste of life in the Sixth Form on Friday. A chance to consider option choices available after GCSE.

Dates for Your Diary

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This week:

- Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening – Tuesday 5 February 4-7pm, Hall and The Hub
- Year 11 Taster Day in Sixth Form – Friday 8 February
- [Sixth Form Open Afternoon](#) – Saturday 9 February 2-4pm

This term:

- Chinese New Year Celebrations – Tuesday 12 February 3.30pm-5.30pm, Forum
- [Year 13 Student Finance Evening](#) – Wednesday 13 February, 7pm, Forum
- A Level Humanities trip to London and Paris – Thursday 14 to Tuesday 19 February
- Year 13 Parents' Consultation evening – Tuesday 19 February, 4-7pm, Hall and The Hub



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Wellbeing: e-Safety

Tuesday 5 February is Safer Internet Day – “Together for a Better Internet”



Years 8 & 9 last week attended an assembly reminding them of the impact of hurtful online messages. This will be shared with Years 10 & 11 during this week.

The assembly includes a clip of young people reading the kindest and cruellest messages they have received and speaking to camera about how these made them feel. The clip can be viewed here (this website includes a wealth of advice and information) –

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/its-personal/mean-comments-film>

Students are being asked to **think** about the messages they post, asking themselves these **five questions** about what they have written **before** pressing SEND –

- *Am I jealous?*
- *Is it helpful?*
- *Am I following the crowd?*
- *Would I say that to their face?*
- *Why am I posting this?*

They are also being asked to bear in mind our values of **Respect** (for others and themselves) and **Honesty** (when asking themselves these questions) and to always try to use technology **responsibly, respectfully, critically** and **creatively**.

Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day – Friday 8 February
Sixth Form Open Afternoon – Saturday 9 February 2pm to 4pm

We look forward to welcoming Year 11 students to the Sixth Form Taster Day on Friday 8 February. The day will commence with an assembly in the Forum at 8.50am.

Students will then attend different subject lessons. Individual timetables will be emailed to students at the start of the week.

Dress code for the day is business dress and students need to bring their iPad into school.

Our **Sixth Form Open Afternoon** will then take place on **Saturday 9 February** from 2pm to 4pm and will give the opportunity for students to further clarify their subject choices.





Our New Litter Pick Initiative



As a school we are conscious of the amount of litter that gets disposed of during a school day. The majority of this gets put into the bins and then is recycled.

Unfortunately, a small proportion of this litter is dropped in and around the school premises. This initiative is strongly supported by the Student Senate and is something we want to draw students' attention to. We are intending that each form group will complete a litter pick once per school year during Big Picture on a Wednesday afternoon. This will either be around the school grounds or in the school canteen.

Students will be issued with appropriate personal protective equipment in order to carry out the litter pick. We appreciate that all students do not drop litter and we do not wish a litter pick to be seen as a punitive exercise. We would like all students to participate as a collective responsibility, where students perceive they are contributing positively to ensuring our school continues to look outstanding. We have completed a trial litter pick with a KS3 and KS4 form which was really successful, with positive feedback received from both the staff and students involved. **Mr Mason**

Chinese New Year Evening – Tuesday 12 February, 3.30pm, Forum



We have invited students who study Chinese along with their parents and other guests from local schools and the community to celebrate the Year of the Pig, Chinese New Year on Tuesday 12 February. There will be performances, games and food. **Mr Stipetic**

StayAwake – Year 7 and 8 – Friday 15 March

Can you stay awake from dusk until dawn?



Over the last few years one of our major fundraising events has been a 24-hour sponsored StayAwake, open to students in Year 7 and 8. Students are sponsored for the number of hours without sleep, raising money for this year's school charity Martin House Children's Hospice.

Year 7 and Year 8 students will hear more about this charity event during assemblies this week, before you receive a letter next week.



Thank you to student Eloise McQuire (VI DYP) for designing the new StayAwake logo!



LGBT Parental Support Group



North Yorkshire
County Council



Support group for parents/carers of LGBT young people

Come along for support, information, advice and guidance.

Come and meet others alike in a non-judgemental environment.

Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 6.00pm

**Harrogate Town Children's Centre,
Wetherby Road, Harrogate, HG2 7SG**

**If you are interested in attending please call or text
Lena on 07532 041091 or Jono on 07795623214 to book a
place**

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Offering early help for children, young people and families.

Children and Young People's Service ■



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NEW – Year 13 Student Finance information evening

Year 13 students and their parents are invited to our Student Finance information evening on Wednesday 13 February at 7pm, please [click here](#) for more information.

NEW – Year 11 Supporting Success evening

Year 11 parents are invited to the Year 11 Supporting Success evening on Tuesday 5 March, further information including how to register can be [found here](#).

NEW - Mental Health Award for Schools

[Click here](#) to access a letter detailing more information about the Mental Health in Schools Award and how you can volunteer to be part of a parent/carer working group.

Year 13 Parents' Consultation Evening

Please [click here](#) to access a letter regarding the Year 13 Parents' Consultation evening taking place on Tuesday 19 February.

Year 11 Leavers' Ball and Hoodies

Please [click here](#) to access a letter regarding Year 11 Leavers' Ball and Hoodies. Deadline for applications Friday 8 March.

Year 9 MenACWY and DTP vaccinations consent form – May 2019

Please [click here](#) to access a letter from the Child Immunisations team regarding the Year 9 MenACWY and DTP vaccinations. The letter includes a link to their consent form.

Extra-Curricular Activities

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Please click on the following link to access the extra-curricular timetable for the Spring term. [Extra-curricular activities Spring 2019](#)

The Learning Resource Centre will be open until 6pm on a Monday to Thursday and 5pm on a Friday.

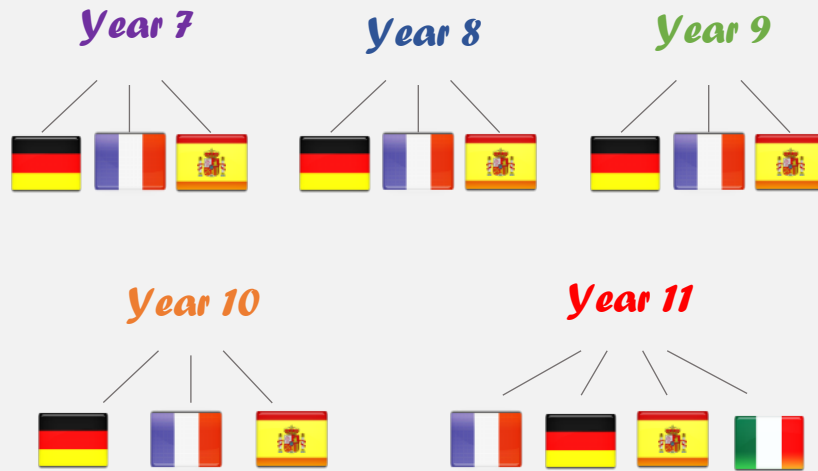


Languages – Word a Day

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Help your child learn a word a day! Quizlet words for week 19 and 20, please use these to practice the "word a day" for each language studied. A copy of the links will be included within the student bulletin every Monday morning.



A copy of the "word a day" for the whole academic year can be located on the following links:

- [Year 7](#)
- [Year 8](#)
- [Year 9](#)
- [Year 10](#)
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Maths – Puzzler

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Last week's puzzle solution:

ABC and DEF are three-digit numbers. A student has used the grid method to help her solve $ABC \times DEF$.

The answer is... $123 \times 456 = 56088$

x	A	B	C
D	D0000	G000	AB00
E	E000	A000	AE0
F	F00	AB0	AG

This week's puzzle:

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I are the positive integers 1 to 9, but not in that order

$$\text{If } A \times B \times C \times D \times E \times F \times G \times I = \frac{B \times C \times D \times E \times F \times G \times H \times I}{C}$$

$$\text{and } A \times B \times C \times D \times E \times G \times H \times I = \frac{B \times C \times D \times E \times F \times G \times H \times I}{G}$$

How much would $A \times C \times G$ be?



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Jobs

Exam Invigilator Recruitment

We are currently recruiting Exam Invigilators to join our team at Harrogate Grammar School. This role is worked on a casual basis throughout the school year and we are looking for Exam Invigilators ready for the summer exam period starting in May 2019. Ideally, we are looking for flexibility of availability and for applicants who are able to offer their time over 5 days per week during the exam period, however this can be discussed further.

If you are interested in this role, please contact the HR team for further details using the following email address: humanresources@harrogategrammar.co.uk

Vacancies

Current vacancies within Red Kite Learning Trust can be found at: www.rklt.co.uk/vacancies/

- Early Education Manager at Meadowfield Primary School, Leeds – closing date 4 February 2019
- Teacher (Y7, 8 or 9) at Temple Learning Academy, Leeds – closing date 5 February 2019
- Teacher of English at Temple Learning Academy, Leeds – closing date 5 February 2019
- Teacher (Y2, 3 or 4) at Temple Learning Academy, Leeds – closing date 5 February 2019
- Teaching Assistant at Temple Learning Academy, Leeds – closing date 5 February 2019
- Learning Mentor at Temple Learning Academy, Leeds – closing date 5 February 2019
- Behaviour Support Worker at Temple Moor High School, Leeds – closing date 11 February 2019

PTA News

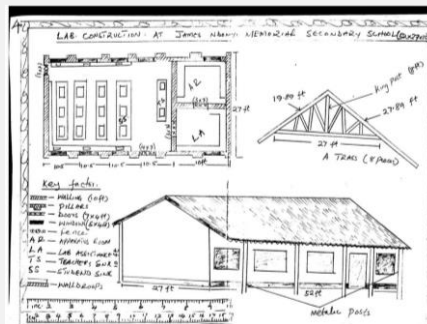
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BASIK (Build a School in Kenya)

A wonderful message from BASIK on their Twitter & Facebook feeds:

"From a flicker to a flame! The building of a lab started back in early 2018, now it's almost there! The gas is installed, and the chemical cabinets are in. We're really close to some serious science starting for the first time in a lab at the James Ndonyi Secondary School! Good, good times! Thanks to Harrogate Grammar School and everyone who has donated in the last year to help make this happen!"



New Netball kit!

The Under 12s loved wearing their new dresses in their fixture against St Aidan's this week. This kit was purchased with funds raised by the PTA – so thank you for your continued support!



Sporting Events Diary w/c 4 February 2019

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Date	Sport	Opposition	Age Group	Venue Home/Away	Meet/Depart Time	Start/KO	Return to HGS (approx.)
Mon 4 Feb	Boys Hockey	In2Hockey St Peters	U13	Away	12.00pm		4pm
Mon 4 Feb	Girls Rugby	7 aside tournament	U12 U13	Harrogate RC	1.45pm	2.15pm	5pm
Tue 5 Feb	Boys Hockey	Yorkshire Hockey Champions	U14	Weetwood, Leeds Uni	9.30am	10.00am	4.00pm
Tue 5 Feb	Football	Adversity United	KS2	Home	4pm		5.30pm
Wed 6 Feb	Netball	WGS	U15A	Away	1.30pm	2.45pm	4.30pm
Wed 6 Feb	Rugby	PHGS	1 st XV	Home	2pm		4pm
Wed 6 Feb	Rugby	Ilkley	U12 U14	Away	1.45pm	3pm	5pm
Wed 6 Feb	Football	Rossett	U13	Away	2.35pm	3.15pm	4.15pm
Thu 7 Feb	Football	Ripon Outwood County Cup	U14	Away	1.45pm	3pm	5pm
Thu 7 Feb	Boys Hockey	In2Hockey Ashville	U12	Away	8.30am	9.30am	12.45pm
Thu 7 Feb	Netball	St Olaves	U13AB U12AB	Away	1pm	2pm	4.30pm
Sun 10 Feb	Table tennis	Grantham Reg Finals	U13	Away	8am		5.30pm



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Debating



HGS has had a busy time debating recently taking teams to the second round of the ESU Mace and to the regional round of Oxford Schools.

After a very busy and entertaining evening of debating at St Peter's school in York Amy Rees and Aaron Elberg were successful in gaining a coveted place at the Oxford Schools Finals Day in March.

We also have the accolade of being the only non-fee-paying school with a team through from the Northern region (Northumberland to South Yorkshire).

Table tennis

The U13 Boys Table Tennis team are through to the Regionals after two nail-biting competitions.



Art



Amazing work from Cleo in Year 8.

Wonderful equine illustrations created using her iPad.

Fabulous work Cleo!



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Hockey



Year 7 and 8 hockey practice this week. Almost 70 students turned up. Well done everyone for braving the cold weather!



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