



HARROGATE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

10 April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to inform you that due to the Tour de Yorkshire, the school will have an early closure on **Friday 3rd May**. The Tour de Yorkshire is a major 4-day cycling event that will involve thousands of visitors coming to the area, and will involve road closures in Harrogate, Otley Road in particular.

The school and locality will be affected during the Stage 2 route from Barnsley to Bedale. The race is due to come through Harrogate at approximately 4.30pm, with road closures expected 45-60 minutes beforehand. Finishing school at 3.30pm would cause major issues for anyone who requires the use of transport - in particular, our many students who travel on school buses. We are therefore, in the unfortunate position of having to finish early.

We will **finish school at 2.35pm**, at the end of Period 5. Any school buses that are shared with Rossett will then proceed to collect these students, with the aim of departing Rossett no later than 3pm. All students are free to leave at 2.35pm and we hope that students will take this opportunity to watch the race. Any parent who wishes for their son/daughter to remain at school until 3.30pm, will have the opportunity to do so. The school will provide supervision in the hub for any students remaining.

For students in Sixth Form, who are sitting external examinations on this day, the school will remain open as normal.

As we are sure you are aware, Harrogate will also be centre stage during the **UCI World Championships in September 2019**. The town's roads and infra-structure, including HGS, will be affected from Saturday 21st to Sunday 29th September. Our school will inevitably have to adapt to these races and the road closures. We will be writing to you as soon as the finalised closure times are published, where a detailed plan will be shared.

Kind regards

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