Parent Bulletin

Week Beginning: Monday 2 March 2020

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The first written exam takes place in 39 school days!

Top 3

Top 3 things to focus on this week:

1. Adventure: "Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." Brad Paisley World Book Day

2. Excellence: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go." Dr Seuss. World Book Day

3. Commitment: Science Week is 6-15 March 2020. "Scientists have become the bearers of the torch of discovery in our quest for knowledge." Stephen Hawking.

Dates for Your Diary

This week:
- Wednesday 4 March, Sixth Form Advisory evening, 7pm, Forum
- World Book Day, Thursday 5 March
- German Exchange Away leg, 7-14 March
- A-level Design trip to Germany, 8-10 March

All upcoming events, term dates and holidays:
- Link to school web calendar

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World Book Day

Happy World Book Day 2020!

On Thursday, 5 March, readers around the world will be celebrating this annual event.

The theme is ‘Share a Million Stories’, so whether you recommend a reading book to a friend, swap a book with someone in your form or just check out a new book from the list of Top 25 Books for Teens, enjoy World Book Day!

https://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/100-stories-to-share/young-adults/#shareyourstory!

Latest advice and poster from Public Health England.
British Science Week - 8 to 17 March

British science week is a national celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. To celebrate this, the Science faculty will be offering a range of activities for students both within and outside of lessons.

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<td>Friday 6 March</td>
<td>Dr Peter Horne from Newcastle University will be delivering a &quot;Colourful Chemistry&quot; display lecture. This demonstration lecture, originally written for the UNESCO International Year of Light in 2015 shows how light and our perception of colour are fundamental to our daily lives, via some colourful and spectacular chemical reactions.</td>
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<td>Friday 6 March</td>
<td>The Science faculty will be discussing the value of studying STEM subjects and introducing the wide range of opportunities in this field. This will be followed by a “Routes into STEM” presentation from Dr Peter Hoare from Newcastle University.</td>
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<td>Birds of Prey expert Ryan Stocks from Owl Adventures will be bringing in some feathered friends to meet Year 7 students. There will be opportunity to handle some of the birds and watch flying and feeding displays.</td>
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Annual Rewards Trip

We are delighted to provide further information about the annual Rewards Trip, which this year will take place on:

Wednesday 1 July for Years 9 and 10
Thursday 2 July for Years 7 and 8

Students will have the opportunity to chose from one of the options below:

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The rewards trip is available to all students who have worked hard throughout the year and who have consistently demonstrated our school values and standards.

For further details about this trip, including eligibility and how to book a place please click here.
Senate Update

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor and Lady Mayoress to our most recent meeting. They thoroughly enjoyed the discussions we had and have invited us to hold our next meeting in the Civic Hall.

As usual we had a packed agenda and discussed a wide range of issues brought forward by each Year Council group. The item raised by most years was the slower queue for pre-order collections in the Hall due to the newly introduced, more secure collection system. Staff members from the catering team were in attendance and were able to propose a solution which was detailed in last week’s Bulletin. They will monitor the queues to see if this solves the problem. We also received a prompt response to a question about water fountains. Site Services, updated us on where newly purchased water fountains will be, with additional fountains planned for the new build. This should help encourage more students to refill bottles and reduce plastic waste. We were also shown the plans for the new unisex toilet and refurbished girls’ toilets that will be part of the new build and also the plans for a refurbishment of the main boys’ toilet. In the meantime, students should report any faults with the toilets to a member of staff so that repairs can be done promptly.

Members of the Eco-school committee gave us a detailed update on their Energy Project. Students have carried out a detailed survey of appliances and lights left on after school and have interviewed both Site Services and Network Services about ways of reducing our energy use further. Assemblies and the Bulletin will be used to share ideas on how all of us can take steps to reduce energy use in school and at home.

Mrs Hinkins is always keen to gain student views on the Big Picture Programme. Senate members shared their suggestions for further improvements for Big Picture lessons. The suggestions made included: a greater variety of activities, more use of ‘making learning stick’ strategies and less reliance on information on PowerPoints. Mrs Hinkins will use the feedback in her work with tutors who deliver the programme.

In addition, we discussed the addition of hooks on the Astro to store bags and coats off the ground and ways of ensuring that cover lessons are as productive as possible.

Our final Senate meeting will take place on 27th April 2020. Students are encouraged to pass on their suggestions or concerns to their class representative ready for the next Year Council meetings which will take place during the week beginning 30th March.

Olivia Searle and Tom Richardson (Senior Students and Senate Leaders)
Preparing for Summer Examinations

Year 11 and 13 students will have an assembly this week (w/c 2 March) on preparing for their examinations. The following key points will be shared:

- The importance of a study space free from distractions – no mobile phone and no music. In order to learn, the brain needs to have complete attention on the task.

- The importance of sleep – sleep refreshes the brain for more learning the following day but also crucially consolidates the learning conducted that day. Sleep makes learning more permanent.

- The importance of exercise – spending time away from studying ‘switching off’ and relaxing make us more productive when we return to study. Exercise is an excellent way of doing this, walking the dog, walking to the shops, playing sport or going to the gym. Research has shown we are more creative and have more ideas when we are in a relaxed state.

- Homework set is designed to support students in their preparation. Giving tasks full effort and meeting deadlines is crucial.

- When working, limit individual tasks to 1 hour – research shows that time spent beyond this has much lower gains.

- Securing knowledge in memory is crucial then attempting past exam questions allows students to apply that knowledge to different situations. This should be followed by checking mark schemes. You can’t think about what you don’t know.

- The most effective ways of securing knowledge is to self-test using memory (flashcards, quizzing software) and repeat these tasks over time (spacing).

- Teachers are on-hand to guide and support every step of the way.

Languages – Word a Day

Help your child learn a word a day! Quizlet words for week 23 and 24, please use these to practise the “word a day” for each language studied. A copy of the links will be included within the student bulletin every Monday morning.
Enrichment Activities

Please click on the following link to access the extra-curricular timetable for the Spring term. Extra-curricular activities

Further details regarding the PE extra-curricular programme can be found here: PE Extra-Curricular Parent Guide

The Learning Resource Centre will now be open after school until 6pm Monday to Friday.

Letter Communications

Annual Rewards Trip Year 7 to Year 10, please click here to access the letter.

Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening, please click here to access the letter

Maths – Puzzler

Last week’s solution:

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T & W & E & N & T & Y \\
+ & T & W & E & N & T & Y \\
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& V & I & S & I & O & N
\end{array}
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Given that each of the letters represents a digit from 1 to 9.

What would the word SEVENTY-TWO add up to?

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This week’s puzzle:

Here are six triangular shapes.

Each one of these shapes represents a different type of number.

Cube numbers, square numbers, and prime numbers are three of them, but which three?

What type of number do the other triangular shapes represent?
Current Vacancies

Vacancies

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

- **Programme Leader English** at Harrogate Grammar School, closing date Monday 2 March
- **Faculty Leader PE and Sports** at Harrogate Grammar School, closing date Monday 2 March
- **Teacher of English (maternity cover)** at Harrogate Grammar School, closing date Monday 2 March
- **Teacher of Physics** at Harrogate Grammar School, closing date Thursday 12 March
- **Admin Officer: Data and Exams** at Harrogate Grammar School, closing date 9 March
- **Admin Officer: Events** at Harrogate Grammar School, closing date 9 March
- **Catering Assistant** at Harrogate Grammar School, closing date Friday 20 March
- **Midday Supervisory Assistant, 7.5 hours per week** at Rossett Acre Primary School, closing date Monday 9 March
- **Headteacher** at Templenewsam Halton Primary School, closing date Thursday 12 March
- **Deputy Principal, Safeguarding, Behaviour and Attitudes** at Temple Learning Academy, closing date Wednesday 4 March
- **Deputy Principal, Quality of Education** at Temple Learning Academy, closing date Wednesday 4 March
- **Site Supervisor** at Temple Moor High School, Leeds, closing date Monday 16 March
- **Learning Mentor** at Whitkirk Primary School, Leeds, closing Thursday 12 March
- **Special Needs Assistant** at Meadowfield Primary School, Leeds, closing date Tuesday 17 March

Exam Invigilator Vacancies

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 2020. Ideally, we are looking for flexibility of availability and for applicants who are able to offer their time over 4 days per week during the exam period, however this can be discussed further.

If you are interested in becoming an Exam Invigilator, please contact the HR team for further details using the following email address; humanresources@harrogategrammar.co.uk or by telephone on 01423 531127 ext 324
**Sports Report**

**Results from w/c 10 February**

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<td>Boys Hockey Yorkshire Tournament</td>
<td>Leeds University</td>
<td>U15</td>
<td>2nd overall One more game to play against Egglescliffe to gain a place at the National Finals.</td>
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Congratulations to the 1st XV Rugby team

An impressive 52-0 win against Ermysteds to take them into the County Cup final. The final will take place on Saturday 7 March against Ripon Grammar. Good luck for the final.

**Sporting Events w/c 2 March 2020**

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<td>Girls Hockey tournament</td>
<td>St Aidans</td>
<td>U15</td>
<td>Away</td>
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<td>Football</td>
<td>Adversity United Training</td>
<td>KS2</td>
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<td>Badminton</td>
<td>Finals Sheffield</td>
<td>KS3</td>
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<td>Boys Hockey</td>
<td>Woodhouse Grove</td>
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<td>Away</td>
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<td>Netball</td>
<td>St Peters</td>
<td>U15AB U14AB</td>
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<td>St John Fisher Area Tournament</td>
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<td>Yorkshire Schools Final v Ripon Grammar @ Rodillians</td>
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PTA Quiz – Friday 27 March, 7:30pm

Please join us for the HGS PTA Quiz which will take place on Friday 27 March at 7.30pm in the Main Hall.

Please complete the attached booking form to enter your team. Teams of 8 people, £10 per person which includes supper and entry to one of the most hotly contested quizzes in Harrogate.

Life @ HGS

Isobel Harris, Year 13 has had a fantastic season in Rugby. She has been chosen to play for Yorkshire scoring three tries during the sevens tournament on Saturday 22 February. Izzy has also been selected to be part of the Centre of Excellence with Darlington Mowden Park. This forms part of the England Development Pathway for players in Yorkshire. Well done Izzy.

Pancake Day 2020 – hundreds of pancakes served to students and staff.
Berlie Doherty is an English playwright, novelist, poet and screenwriter. Berlie is the author of over 60 books for children, teenagers and adults, and has written many plays for radio, theatre and television. She has been translated into over twenty languages and has won many awards, including the Carnegie medal for both Granny was a Buffer Girl and Dear Nobody; and the Writers’ Guild Award for both Daughter of the Sea and the theatre version of Dear Nobody.

Deep Secret is a beautifully told story of people, place, changing times and lasting memories. At its heart are two young girls, identical twins Grace and Madeleine, but it’s just as much the story of their community, the people of a small Derbyshire village.

It’s 1945, a time of change for the whole country but particularly for the characters in the book: the valley in which they live is to be flooded for a reservoir and they must all leave their homes. Even before the waters arrive, stories float to the surface and we learn so much about the people of the valley and their history. It’s a wonderfully touching description of a lost way of life, and when a tragic event occurs drama and pain flow before final acceptance and understanding. This is the kind of story that resonates with the readers long after the final page, and highly recommended.

World Book Day: Thursday 5 March
Teen recommendations

New Arrivals.....

A thrillingly reimagined fairy tale from the truly magical combination of author Neil Gaiman and illustrator Chris Riddell, now available as a gorgeous paperback enhanced with gloriously vibrant red ink highlights. Weaving together hints of Snow White and Sleeping Beauty with a shimmering thread of dark magic, it will hold readers spellbound from start to finish.

On the eve of her wedding, a young queen sets out to rescue a princess from an enchantment. She casts aside her fine wedding clothes, takes her chain mail and her sword and ventures into the tunnels under the mountain towards the sleeping kingdom. This queen will decide her own future – and the princess who needs rescuing is not quite what she seems. LoveReading4Kids.co.uk

Things are tense at home for Nicky and Kenny. Their mum’s coming to visit and it will be the first time they’ve seen her in years. A lot has changed since they were little and Nicky’s not so sure he’s ready to see her again. When they head for a trek across the moors to take their minds off everything, a series of unforeseen circumstances leaves the brothers in a vulnerable and very dangerous position. There might even be a chance that this time not everyone will make it home alive...

An uncompromising and heart-breaking end to the story of Nicky and Kenny, the beloved brothers of the Carnegie shortlisted Rook, beautifully told in McGowan’s gritty realism. LoveReading4Kids.co.uk

Oxford Spires Academy is a small comprehensive school with 30 languages – and one special focus: poetry. In the last five years, its students have won every prize going. They have been celebrated in the Guardian (The Very Quiet Foreign Girls Poetry Group), and the subject of a BBC Radio 3 documentary.

In this unique anthology, their mentor and teacher prize-winning poet Kate Clanchy brings their poems together, and allowing readers to see why their work has caused such a stir. By turns raw and direct, funny and powerful, lyrical and heart-breaking, they document the pain of migration and the exhilaration of building a new land, an England of many voices. LoveReading4Kids.co.uk
### Headstart and Inspire STEM based summer courses 2020
Students are encouraged to apply early, using the links below:

- https://www.etrust.org.uk/inspire-courses
- https://membersarea.etrust.org.uk/content/inspire-student-online-application-201920
- https://www.etrust.org.uk/headstart-courses
- https://membersarea.etrust.org.uk/content/headstart-student-online-application-201920
- https://www.etrust.org.uk/yini-vacancies

### Financial Support at University – new grant available for healthcare students

In addition to the allowances available from the Student Loans Company, additional support is available from the NHS Business Services Authority to students whilst attending clinical placements on many courses.

Click here for more information.

### Target Careers
Useful resources to help you make decisions about your future. Explore options for careers, university or apprenticeships and get help applying successfully.

More information: [https://targetcareers.co.uk/](https://targetcareers.co.uk/)
[https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/job-market-guide](https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/job-market-guide)

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### UCAS
Broad range of advertised vacancies for Apprenticeships and one year placements [UCAS website](https://www.ucas.com).
**University of Leeds**

Online resources available for students applying for **Health and Medical Science programmes**. 
Click here for more information: [https://www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/students/resources-for-students/](https://www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/students/resources-for-students/)

**Arts and Humanities FREE Outreach activities**
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**University of Cambridge, Department of Veterinary Medicine**

**VetCam 2020** – Introduction to Veterinary Medicine
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Save the Date!

Year 12 Hull York Medical School Summer Residential
13-17 July 2020

Medicine Gateway Year
Facilitating transition from school or college to university, bringing student's scientific knowledge up to the required standard for first year, and enhancing study skills while teaching students about professionalism and NHS.

Get Ahead is Newcastle University’s on-campus Study Skills Event for Year 12 and first year college students, 30 March – 1 April 2020 go.ncl.ac.uk/getahead

Year 12 Summer School, Bitesize Uni 2020
Tuesday 14 to Friday 17 July 2020

A range of subject taster sessions, the timetable includes a host of interactive activities, personal development sessions and social events. Students can meet current undergraduates, learn more about the skills they will need to study at university and find out more about the range of degree courses available.

The summer school is free to attend.

To apply please complete the online application form by noon on Monday 6 April.

https://www.ncl.ac.uk/schools/events/residential/bitesize-uni/#apply

University of Hull

Education and Early Childhood Studies Subject Taster
Wednesday 4 March
Suitable for Year 12 students

The sessions are designed for students who have not studied Education of Early Childhood Studies previously, as well as those who study Childcare/Health and Social Care. The session will provide a taster that would be reflective of a first-year undergraduate student and the opportunity to ask academic tutors questions on module choices to admissions.

To book a place click here: www.hull.ac.uk/tasterday
Saturday March 7
Join us on a magical 5k sponsored trail around historic Knaresborough

SIGN UP TODAY
www.saintmichaelshospice.org
or call (01423) 878 628

Standard Entry is £15. Groups of 6 are £60; Children £5, Under 5's free