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We would like to say thank you to parents/carers for all your support in the reopening of our school this week. We have had a very positive first week and it has been a real privilege to see students returning to school. We have seen students quickly engaging with their learning and following the instructions that we set out in our safety briefing – we have included this in the bulletin. Although a different start to a typical school year, we have revisited our school values of respect, excellence, adventure, commitment and honesty. In particular, we have stressed the importance of showing respect by taking self-responsibility to follow our safety instructions. Over the course of this week and next, we will continue to monitor and refine our procedures so we can function as effectively as we can. Next week we will also send you a formal welcome communication to the new academic year.

As you are aware, each year group has an allocated year manager who should be your first point of contact.

Year 7 Manager	Mrs Cathy Bennett	01423 535211	ceb@harrogategrammar.co.uk
Year 8 Manager	Ms Caroline Brown	01423 535214	cfb@harrogategrammar.co.uk
Year 9 Manager	Mrs Debi Smithson	01423 535213	dhs@harrogategrammar.co.uk
Year 10 Manager	Mrs Marie Ellenthorpe	01423 535215	mce@harrogategrammar.co.uk
Year 11 Manager	Miss Deborah Moore	01423 535213	dfm@harrogategrammar.co.uk
Sixth Form Senior Student Support Manager	Mrs Carly Jackson	01423 535233	cjj@harrogategrammar.co.uk

We look forward to working with our school community over the next school year to provide the very best for all our students.



Top 3 items for students to focus on this week:

RESPECT

Respect yourself, others and our environment

EXCELLENCE

Be the best you can be

ADVENTURE

Challenge yourself and keep going

COMMITMENT

Participate, prepare and be punctual

HONESTY

Ask for help, act on advice and take responsibility

- Respect:** Remain at home if you are displaying any symptoms – a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell. If you have any of these symptoms, please arrange a test and inform school as soon as possible.
- Respect:** It's not about "having" time. It's about "making" time – make time to look after yourself.

Ensure you wash/clean your hands throughout the day:
 - When you enter school/form room
 - Before entering a classroom
 - Before going for lunch
- Excellence:** "Read a lot. Reading really helps. Read anything you can get your hands on." JK Rowling.



Safety Briefing: Form Tutors to share with students every Monday and Wednesday



Remain at home if you are displaying any **symptoms** - a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell. If you have any of these symptoms, please arrange a test and inform school as soon as possible.

Inform a teacher immediately if you feel unwell during the school day. If you need the toilet, please put your hand up and ask the teacher, who will call for a member of staff to take you.

You must **clean your hands** thoroughly and more often than usual.

Everyone must clean their hands upon entry to school, when returning from breaks, before and after eating and before entering and leaving every classroom.

When entering the room, hand-safe wipes will be available for you to wipe down your allocated desk.

Avoid touching surfaces, other than your desk, unnecessarily.



Wash hands for about 20 seconds with soap and hot water or use a sanitiser gel



Be responsible by bringing tissues to school with you and if using them, follow the '**catch it, bin it, kill it**' rules.

It is important to minimise contact between individuals, staff, and students and maintaining social distancing between staff and students (2m) wherever possible. Each classroom has a line that separates students from the teacher by 2m. In order to keep everyone safe, we will be asking staff and students to respect this measure.

We recommend that students wear a **face covering** during lesson transition.

Face coverings should **not be** worn in the classroom.

The safe wearing of face coverings requires cleaning of hands, before and after touching - including to remove or put them on - and the safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use. Where a face covering becomes damp, it should not be worn, and the face covering should be replaced carefully. You must not touch the front of your face covering during use or removing it.



Do not close any windows or doors in classrooms.



Only use your allocated waiting area and entrance before school, at the end of break and lunch. You must stay within your year group in your allocated areas throughout the day.

Make sure that you bring all the equipment that you need because you must not share equipment with each other. We cannot provide you with equipment.

You must be seated as per the seating plan and must not leave your desk during the lesson.

Do not congregate outside of school before and after the school day. There will be a staggered dismissal. Please make your way straight home.

If you live close enough to school, we encourage you to walk or ride a bike to school.

If you need further support, please ask your form tutor, email your year manager or ask a member of staff.

Dates for Your Diary

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Important Dates:

- Year 7, 10 and 12 School Photos – Monday 21 September – Hall, all day
- Year 13 parent consultation evening – Tuesday 22 September, 4-7pm, appointments via Parent Evening System video

All upcoming events, term dates and holidays:

- [Link to school web calendar](#)

Information



HGS Parent Handbook

We would like to point you in the direction of the HGS Parent Handbook which can be found at: <https://www.harrogategrammar.co.uk/parents/daily-life/parent-handbook/>

The Handbook contains lots of information for your child starting back at school and we would like to draw particular attention to the sections on uniform and attendance.

Mr Milburn



Lockers

We have already started to allocate lockers to Year 7 and 8 students this week. The site team will be visiting form groups on the following days next week to continue to allocate lockers:



Year 7 and Year 8 – Monday 14 September
Year 9 – Tuesday 15 September
Year 10 – Wednesday 16 September
Year 11 – Thursday 17 September

Lockers cost £5 for the academic year. If your child would like to be allocated a locker, payments should be made via our [online payment system](#) by Sunday 13 September.

All Year 7 parents should have received a link code via email earlier in the week which included instructions how to set up your Scopay account for cashless catering and other payments.





Daily checklist – we have shared the following with students within their bulletin

Before you set off for school each morning, check you have the following items:

- Fully charged iPad
- Any books you need for your timetabled lessons
- A coat
- A pencil case containing:
2 x blue/black biro, 2 x pencils, a green pen, a ruler, a sharpener, an eraser, a compass, a protractor
- A basic scientific calculator
- A water bottle/drink and snack for break
- Hand sanitiser (if possible)
- A pack of tissues
- Face covering in a resealable plastic bag



Information from North Yorkshire County Council re buses

This information has been shared with students within their bulletin

North Yorkshire County Council Arrangements for providing School and College transport from September 2020

- Pupils and their parents/carers should ensure that pupils have washed and or sanitised their hands prior to boarding the transport service each morning
- Pupils should queue at their designated bus stop/collection points in the usual orderly manner and take particular care not to make unnecessary contact with other pupils
- Pupils board the vehicle and sit on the furthest rear seat available and try and use the same seat and sit with the same group of pupils each day.
- On the return journey home pupils should wash and or sanitise their hands at school and queue up with the last to get off at the front of the queue followed by those getting off first
- Based on Public Health England recommendations, we ask that all pupils, aged 11 and over wear a face covering provided by their parents, where individual needs allow it. This will ensure the safety of each pupil, the driver and other pupils travelling on the bus.
- Where school transport is shared by children attending different schools we would ask that pupils sit together based on the school they are attending wherever possible.
- Please note that the guidance above for dedicated education transport services also applies to those non-entitled pupils who pay for a bus pass to travel on one of those services.

Requirements for SEND pupils

- Pupils who have a special needs requirement will be transported in the usual way by bus or taxi but any additional special arrangements as a result of COVID will be detailed in their individual risk assessment where relevant (e.g. pupils with a Health Care Plan requiring close contact intervention) Parents, schools and transport providers should liaise to ensure that any special requirements over and above that, can be met wherever possible for these pupils.
- Additional personal protective equipment (PPE) will need to be worn by some drivers and passenger assistants on contracts where a risk assessment for the pupils being transported states that it is necessary
- As with other pupils we would ask that schools and parents/carers assist pupils to undertake hand hygiene at home or in school before boarding the vehicle
- Where it is possible for them to do so we advise pupils to use a face covering but it is understood that some pupils will not be able to do this due to the nature of their individual needs



Well-being

Supporting children and young people's wellbeing

Some of the local and national services available are listed below:

	<p>KOOTH - Kooth.com is an online counselling, advice and support service for young people aged 11-18 within the local area. It provides a safe, secure means of accessing help via the internet from professional team of counsellors.</p>
	<p>BUZZ US - Compass BUZZ offers a confidential text messaging service to young people aged 11-18 across North Yorkshire. The service was named in conjunction with young people and is called BUZZ US. By texting the service on 07520 631168 you will be able to receive confidential advice, support and signposting from a wellbeing worker within one working day via text.</p>
	<p>JustB have also set up a helpline if you would like to talk. They have a helpline for children, young people and adults across the Harrogate District who may be struggling or feeling anxious about the COVID-19 virus.</p> <p>Available 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week. 01423 856799</p>

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- Student 4-digit PIN codes – emailed to student email accounts on Wednesday 9 September
- [Aprons for Art/Design and Food Nutrition lessons](#) – emailed to parents on Friday 11 September

PTA

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A very warm welcome back from the PTA, particularly if this is your first child starting at Harrogate Grammar School. We look forward to welcoming you to one or all of our events planned this academic year. Further information regarding upcoming events will be supplied next week.

In the meantime, if you would like to get involved with the PTA please email Kirsty Leedham (chair) on pta@harrogategrammar.co.uk



Maths – Puzzler

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This week’s puzzle solution:

How many squares/rectangles/sectors/trapeziums can you find in each of these pictures?

Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



Current Vacancies

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Vacancies

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

Headteacher at Whitkirk Primary School, Leeds, closing date Monday 21 September



Progression

This information is shared within the Sixth Form bulletin



Year 13 Progression

A reminder that you should have already registered on the UCAS website. If you haven't done this yet, your tutor will help you in your Progression session, P1 Monday.

The deadlines for your applications (when you press PAY AND SEND on UCAS website) are as follows:

Conservatoires - 25.09.2020

Oxbridge, Dentists/Medics/Vets - 01.10.2020

Russell Group universities - 16.10.2020

All other applications: 23.10.2020

Mrs Tunstall, our independent careers advisor, will also be visiting your Progression session on Monday, so make sure you make an appointment with her if you are unsure of the pathway you wish to take.



Upcoming University Open Days

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Year 13, remember to keep an eye out for when Virtual Open Days are happening and try and join in as many as you can. Here's some that are coming up this week:

University of Hull – Saturday 12th September – [book here](#)

London College of Creative Media – Saturday 12th September – [book here](#)

Point Blank Music School – Saturday 12th September – [book here](#)

University of Bristol – Monday 14th September – [book here](#)

Nottingham Trent University – Wednesday 16th September – [book here](#)

Loughborough University – Wednesday 16th September – [book here](#)

Durham University – Friday 18th September – [book here](#)

For the full up to date list of virtual open days [click here](#)

