



Quick links:



End of Term message

Please [click here](#) to read the end of term message.



Contact tracing until Wednesday 23 December

We are expected by the DfE to continue to contact trace for six days after the final day of term for students: Thursday 17 December – Wednesday 23 December.

Please can I ask that you use the following email address result@harrogategrammar.co.uk to inform us of the outcome of any test results. This is the only way to report a confirmed case in this period and a form will be automatically sent to you to complete. It is important to note that:

- You only need to inform school over the Christmas break of positive cases where your child was in school in the 2 days prior to developing symptoms or when experiencing symptoms.
- If your child has been identified as a close contact we will inform you via text message.

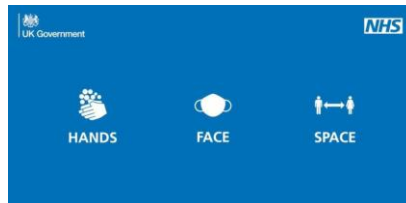
Useful links:

NYCC and NHS Track and Trace
Pupil Absence Guide – click on image below

Government advice
[National Restrictions from 5 November](#)

[Guide to remote learning](#)

What to do	What not to do	What to do
<p>Stay at home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not leave your home unless you have a good reason to do so. Do not go to work, school, college, university, or any other place where you would be in contact with many people. Do not go to public places such as shops, restaurants, bars, clubs, or leisure centres. Do not go to any event or gathering where you would be in contact with many people. Do not go to any public transport. Do not go to any public place where you would be in contact with many people. 	<p>Do not go to work, school, college, university, or any other place where you would be in contact with many people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not go to work, school, college, university, or any other place where you would be in contact with many people. Do not go to public places such as shops, restaurants, bars, clubs, or leisure centres. Do not go to any event or gathering where you would be in contact with many people. Do not go to any public transport. Do not go to any public place where you would be in contact with many people. 	<p>Do not go to work, school, college, university, or any other place where you would be in contact with many people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not go to work, school, college, university, or any other place where you would be in contact with many people. Do not go to public places such as shops, restaurants, bars, clubs, or leisure centres. Do not go to any event or gathering where you would be in contact with many people. Do not go to any public transport. Do not go to any public place where you would be in contact with many people.



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Top 3 items for students to focus on this week:



1. **Respect:** Please continue to adhere to our safety Covid-19 safety measures. Remember hands, face, space.

A **face covering must be worn** during lesson transition or when moving to/from communal areas, when not eating in communal areas, upon arrival and leaving school. **This is compulsory.**

Ensure hands are washed/cleaned throughout the day:

- a. When you enter school/form room
- b. Before entering a classroom
- c. Before going for lunch

2. **Commitment:** Your physical and mental health are linked. This year, make a commitment to yourself to exercise regularly, eat healthily and get plenty of sleep.

3. **Excellence:** Achieving excellence is deeply satisfying but takes time. We usually learn quickest when we act on feedback and make small improvements over time. Taking small steps each day leads, in time, to excellence and like many good things, it's well worth the wait.

Dates for Your Diary

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Important Dates:

- Start of Spring Term – Monday 4 January
- Year 13 mocks – w/c 11 and 18 January
- Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening – Tuesday 12 January 4:00-7:30pm Remote via Parent Evening System
- PTA meeting – Wednesday 13 January
- HPV Year 8 vaccinations – Monday 18 January
- Year 9 options evening (pre-recorded) – Wednesday 20 January

All upcoming events, term dates and holidays:

- [Link to school web calendar](#)

Information

Department of Education Parent Booklet for Exams 2021

Please click on the link below to access a parent booklet developed by the Department of Education in relation to Exams 2021.

[DfE Parent Booklet Exams 2021](#)



Congratulations to Emily, Year 8 – winner of the HGS Christmas Card competition

Click on the image below to view the winning Christmas card.





Non-uniform donations



Thank you for all the donations we have received so far. Do not worry if you have not had chance to donate, you can still donate via [Scopay](#) (suggested donation £2). All proceeds to the school charity which this year is Harrogate Hospital and Community Charity.



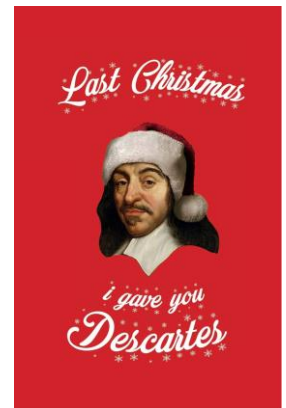
Big Question: Could you survive a natural disaster?

HGS voted: 100% answered Yes

We end 2020 on a triumphant note! HGS feels that it's ready for anything the world can throw at it, and I think we've proved that with our resilience and determination this year. I'll let Thomas Jones (Y7) sum it up for me:

"If you have the right equipment then you can survive anything!"

The Big Question will return in 2021. Thank you to all our budding philosophers for sharing their thoughts with us this term. French philosopher Rene Descartes famously said: 'I think, therefore I am.' Thinking is what makes us human, and challenging how you think and what you think you know makes you a brilliant human. A very merry Christmas to you all.



Creative Writing Competition – entries in by 3pm, Friday 8 January



Creative Writing Club



Competition time!

Write a New Year Haiku about your resolutions for 2021. Remember, a Haiku should be 3 lines of poetry following the 5, 7, 5 syllable rule.

Deadline for entry is Friday 18th December at 3pm. Entries will be judged over the holidays and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be handed out in the first week back after half term.





House Photography Competition – deadline for entries 3:30pm, Friday 8 January



Support your House by entering the House Photography Competition. Over the holidays, take photographs on the theme of "Winter Cheer".

Submit your entry to the showbie folder E67NR

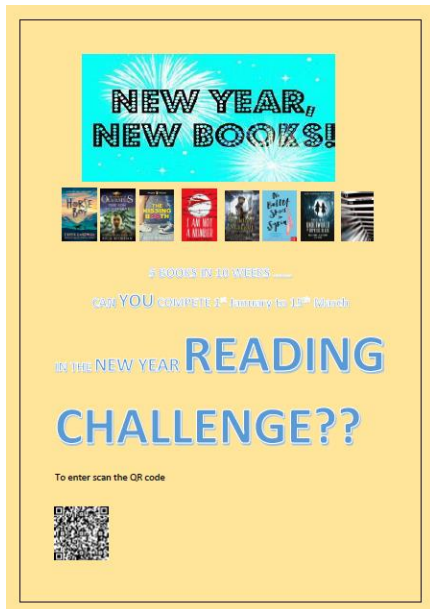
There are 2 classes:

- Key Stage 3 (Years 7,8 and 9)
- Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11)

Photographs must be unedited and your own work.
Closing date: Friday 8 January 3:30pm



New Year Reading Challenge



Post 16 opportunities

[Click here](#) for Post 16 opportunities. Information shared with Year 12 and 13 within the Sixth Form bulletin.

Letter Communications



[PE/Sports Extra-curricular update](#) for Autumn Term and Spring Term Timetable.

[End of Term](#) message from Mr Renton

Extra-curricular Activities



NEW ** PE/Sports Extra-Curricular activities for the Spring Term can be accessed here – [click here to view the timetable](#)**

Well-being Support



Support Available During the Holidays

You can still access support over the holiday period

kooth

We're online every day including Christmas Day
Sign up for free at Kooth.com

JUST 'B'

Hear to Help

Do you need a moment to talk?

Hear to Help is a helpline providing support and advice to those who are feeling anxious or struggling with their emotional wellbeing around the COVID-19 outbreak.

Available to children, young people and adults across the Harrogate District from Monday March 23, 8am-8pm, seven days a week.

A service provided by Just 'B', part of Saint Michael's Hospice.

(01423) 856 799

North Yorkshire Hospice Care is a registered charity in England and Wales (518005) with a family of services operating as Harrogate Hospice Harrogate, Just 'B' Saint Michael's Hospice and Talking Spaces, North Yorkshire. Hospice Care is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales (1213179). Registered address Crimple House, Hornbeam Park Avenue, Harrogate, HG2 8QL.

PAPYRUS

PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE

Are you, or is a young person you know, struggling with life? For confidential suicide prevention advice please call **0800 068 4141**

HOPELINEUK
0800 068 4141

Text: 07786209697
Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org

Mon - Fri 10am - 10pm
Weekends 2pm - 10pm
Bank Holidays 2pm - 10pm
www.papyrus-uk.org
Registered charity number: 1070886



Current Vacancies

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HGS Vacancies

Sixth Form Study Supervisor (permanent, part time role starting asap), closing date 4 January
Teacher of Digital Media and iMedia (temporary, part time role starting asap), closing date 4 January



Languages – Word a Day

Year 7			
Year 8			
Year 9			
Year 10			
Year 11			

Learn a word a day!

Please use the links opposite (click on the flags) to access the words for weeks 15 and 16.

Cumulative lists i.e. weeks 1-14 are available via showbie folders for each language.



@HarrogateGS
@HGS_SLT



@6thformhgs



PTA

Virtual Christmas Market – 1-18 December

Our virtual Christmas Market now live! [Click here](#) to access the HGS PTA Virtual Christmas Market Brochure



HGS PTA Christmas balloon race – there is still time to enter



Christmas Day Race
 Launches 12pm 25th December for 7 Days from
Santa's Village, Lapland
[Go to Race](#)

The Christmas Day Race will launch from Santa's Village in Lapland on 25 December.

Buy balloons here <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1112>

Each virtual balloon costs just £3 and you can buy as many balloons as you would like. Balloons can also be bought as a gift. Specialist software uses live weather data to determine the progress of each balloon and they can be tracked on Google Maps and satellites once the race has launched. You can alter your balloon's parameters at any time to increase your chance of winning. The race finishes at noon on New Year's Day. Great prizes to be won in both the national race and the HGS PTA race.

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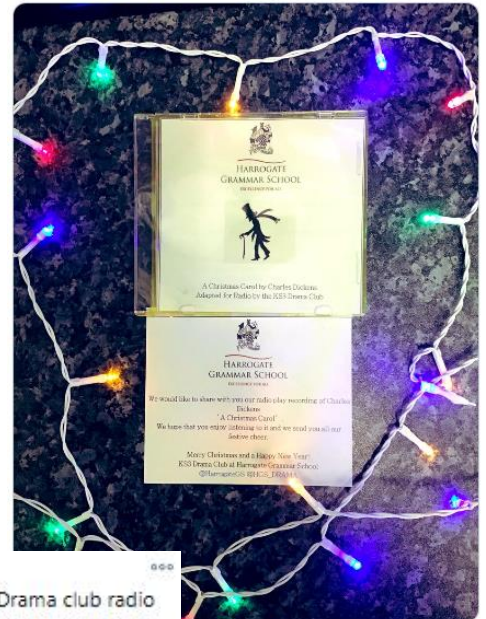
Drama HGS @HGS_DRAMA · 1h

Panto has arrived @HarrogateGS... "oh yes it haaas"! The first class included the Godfather, A-ha, Fortnite Flossing and Gloria Gaynor #DNAThePanto #HGSDramadoespanto



Drama HGS @HGS_DRAMA

It's here! We're so proud of our @HarrogateGS KS3 Drama who recorded 'A Christmas Carol' at the start of this week. Tomorrow we will be posting a copy to all the care homes in our community. 🎄🎅🎶 #iwillhonourchristmasinmyheart



Drama HGS @HGS_DRAMA · 14 Dec

We have a great day with @MusicHGS recording our KS3 Drama club radio play @HarrogateGS today. We had our remote learners doing their part at home too. We can't wait to share it with our community this week. Now to get editing...🎧🎙️🎵🎄

