



Quick links:



On Monday the Prime Minister announced a [new national lockdown](#) would come into force from 00:01 on Wednesday 6 January.

A copy of the communication emailed to parents on Tuesday 5 January can be accessed [here](#).

During this period of national lockdown, schools, alternative provision, special schools, and colleges will remain open to vulnerable children and young people and the children of [critical workers](#) only. All other children and students will learn remotely until February half term.

Remote Learning: How best to support your child during remote learning

- ✓ Each day, your child will follow their timetable of lessons, other than Core PE. This means that they will follow the structure of the day as they would at school. Break from 10.50 – 11.05 and lunchtime from 12.55 to 13.40.
- Timetable for the day**
- 8.50am to 9am Tutor Time
 - 9am to 9.55am Period 1
 - 9.55am to 10.50am Period 2
 - BREAK
 - 11.10am to 12.00 Period 3
 - 12.00 to 12.55pm Period 4
 - LUNCH
 - 1.45pm to 2.35pm Period 5
 - 2.35pm to 3.30pm Period 6
- ✓ To make the most of the provision, your child should have a quiet space to work, with a desk or table to work on.
 - ✓ Your child will receive an invite to each lesson from their teachers, which will appear on their calendar in the Teams app on their iPad. There will also be an email notification.
 - ✓ Your child is expected to join the lesson from the start and to have their normal equipment ready, including their exercise book and calculator if needed. If the exercise book is at school, it may well be necessary to have paper to work on. Teachers may ask your child to photograph work and upload it to Showbie for checking. A register will be taken each lesson by the teacher.
 - ✓ Teams allows your child to unmute themselves, so they can speak to their teacher or respond to a question asked. Teachers will invite students to unmute and respond where appropriate. Teams also has a 'hand up' option, this alerts the teacher that the student wants to ask something. We have seen students using this functionality and encourage this practice.
 - ✓ Your child may be asked to produce work in another app during the Teams lesson. This allows teachers to see the work students conduct and feedback as appropriate.
 - ✓ Sometimes, teachers will ask students to communicate any problems or questions about the work through Showbie. This allows the teacher to respond to individual queries and provide additional support.
 - ✓ We encourage you to discuss with their child the work they have done and to look at work conducted in exercise books and/or Showbie classes together.
 - ✓ Homework will be set as normal, through our Homework4 app.



Critical workers: If you are a critical worker please can we ask that you complete the [following link](#) to register your child for a place to attend school. A list defining who is classed as a critical worker can be accessed [here](#). The form allows you to register your child for the full half term or if you are would prefer to register on a weekly basis the link will be available throughout January and February. If you are completing this weekly we ask that this is submitted by 7pm on a Thursday. There will be no change to the timings of the school day: school will open at 8:40am for registration at 8:50am, finishing at 3:30pm (2:35pm on a Wednesday). Students should report to the hub, entrance next to the marquee when they arrive at school.

For those children attending school, it is of vital importance that they stay at home if they display any sign of illness. Please keep us informed of the outcome of any test results, booked tests or symptoms by using the following email address result@harrogategrammar.co.uk





Weekly Tutor check ins and Big Picture: from Monday 11 January, Big Picture lessons (Year 7 to 11) and Progression (Sixth Form) will take place via Teams. In addition, during registration time Tuesday to Friday your child's tutor will arrange to meet with your child on one of the days with a small group of other students from the form. This allows the form tutor to check-in with their tutees on a weekly basis and address any concerns.



Tutor Time

To support students during this period of remote learning we will continue with Tutor Time. This will look slightly different than normal but we want this important part of our pastoral care to continue because it:

- Supports student routine
- Maintains respectful relationships
- Helps identify, early, any issues that may have arisen in the week
- Delivers important elements of the Big Picture curriculum

This will be delivered in the following way:

- All students will be invited, through TEAMS, to Tutor Time each Monday at 8.50am by their Form Tutor.
- The Form Tutor will then be able to share any key messages and reminders for the week as well as ask students to watch the week's assembly, which will be sent to students on a Monday.
- They will then arrange to meet with students, in groups of 5-6 and for 10 minutes, either in the remaining part of Monday's Big Picture or in one of the registration slots (8.50-9.00am) Tuesday – Friday.

This week we be will using Tutor Time to remind students about the effective routines and habits that will support remote learning.

Attendance of lessons

To support the **attendance of lessons** we have asked Teachers to alert us if a student does not attend a lesson. If this is the case, and no reason has been provided to school that day, we will be contacting you, to make you aware. Therefore, if your child is ill or has an appointment which prevents them attending lessons, then let school know by emailing attendance@harrogategrammar.co.uk. If there are other reasons preventing your child attending lessons then please contact the Year Manager.

We have been really impressed with the approach taken by students in the first week and we hope that this element of remote learning allows this great start to continue.



Testing: We are continuing to work on the testing programme for weekly testing of staff and daily close contact testing for those staff and pupils attending secondary schools. We will write to you as soon as we are in a position to do so. Our intention is to work towards the weekly testing of students attending school during this half term.



Year 13 Assessment: Year 13 assessments will take place from Monday 18 January. Timetabled lessons will take place via Teams next week. Further information can be found in [this link](#).

New lockdown rules for England



Stay home - only leave for work, essential shopping, exercise or medical appointments



Exercise allowed outdoors once a day, in your local area. You can exercise with your household, support bubble, or one other person



Schools closed except for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers. Universities teaching online, with some course exceptions



No household mixing indoors or outdoors unless in your support or childcare bubble



Non-essential shops, leisure and entertainment venues closed



Pubs and restaurants closed, but takeaway food permitted

Source: GOV.UK

BBC

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Important Dates:

- Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening – Tuesday 12 January 4:00-7:30pm Remote via Parent Evening System
- PTA meeting – Wednesday 13 January 6.30pm – email pta@harrogategrammar.co.uk for meeting invite
- HPV Year 8 vaccinations – Monday 18 January – cancelled, further information to follow from the Childhood Immunisation Team
- Year 13 assessments to take place remotely – w/c 18 and 25 January
- Year 9 options evening (pre-recorded) – Wednesday 20 January

All upcoming events, term dates and holidays:

- [Link to school web calendar](#)

Information



Useful contacts

| Query | Contact |
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| Year Manager contact details | Year 7 – Mrs Bennett - ceb@harrogategrammar.co.uk Year 8 – Ms Brown - cfb@harrogategrammar.co.uk Year 9 – Mrs Smithson - dhs@harrogategrammar.co.uk Year 10 – Mrs Ellenthorpe - mce@harrogategrammar.co.uk Year 11 – Miss Moore - dfm@harrogategrammar.co.uk Year 12 and 13 – Mrs Jackson - cjj@harrogategrammar.co.uk Learning Support – Mrs Zoccolan - ezz@harrogategrammar.co.uk |
| iPad related issues | helpdesk@harrogategrammar.co.uk |
| Problems accessing Showbie | Contact your Form Tutor |
| Assistant Headteachers for further enquiries | Director of Lower School (Years 7 to 9)– Ms Smith - kss@harrogategrammar.co.uk Director of Upper School (Year 10 and 11) – Mr Mason - njm@harrogategrammar.co.uk Director of Sixth Form – Mr Twitchin – bct@harrogategrammar.co.uk |
| General queries | mail@harrogategrammar.co.uk |
| For those students in school: To report booked test, test results or symptoms for any students at HGS | result@harrogategrammar.co.uk |



Non-uniform donations



Thank you for all the donations at the end of the Autumn terms. We are pleased to advise that we raised £1832 for the school charity, which this year is Harrogate Hospital and Community Charity. Donations can still be made via [scopay](https://scopay.com).



Year 7 flu vaccinations – final catch up clinic

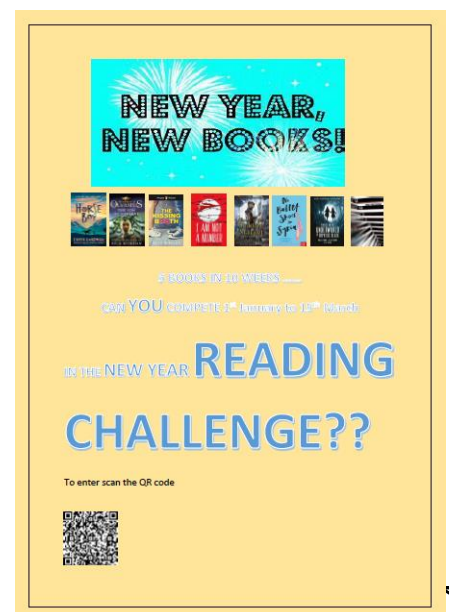
The childhood immunisation team will be holding their final flu immunisation catch-up clinic on Wednesday 13 January from 1pm to 6pm in Knaresborough. This catch-up clinic is available to any child in reception to Year 7 who missed their immunisation in school. Please click on the [following link](#) to access a letter from the NHS childhood immunisation team.



New Year Reading Challenge

Utilise the new Harrogate Grammar Online Library to download books to read to complete the challenge.

Click on this link to register
<https://harrogategrammarirc.eplatform.co/account/register>





Classkick is a free app being used by more and more teachers during remote lessons. It allows teachers to see your child's work as they complete it and provide written feedback where appropriate in real time. In order to get the most out of the app, your child needs to create a login. This involves a username (best to use their forename and surname) and memorable password. No other details, such as an email address are needed. Once created, the login allows your child to export work into Showbie, so it can be revisited at another time.
(Dr Robson)



Post 16 opportunities

Year 11 Careers Interviews – Mrs Tunstall, our Independent Careers Adviser will continue the Year 11 careers guidance interviews this term, these meetings will take place via MS Teams. Appointments will be emailed to students by Mrs Tunstall.

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

Letter Communications



[Lockdown 3.0 update and arrangements](#) – letter emailed 5 January 2021

[Year 13 assessments](#) – letter emailed 7 January 2021

Well-being Support



Support Available

kooth

Need to talk?
We're **online** until 10pm

Friendly counsellors | Self-help | Community support

Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people
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 (149930) with a family of services operating as Heron Hospice Homecare, Just B', Saint Michael's Hospice and Talking Spaces. North Yorkshire Hospice Care is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales (212179). Registered address: Cople House, Northburn Park Avenue, Harrogate, HG2 9DS.

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PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE

Are you or is a young person you know not coping 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: 1070896



Current Vacancies

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HGS Vacancies

[Teaching and Learning Assistant \(SEMH/autism\)](#), fixed term/part time, closing date Monday 11 January

[Head Chef](#), closing date Monday 11 January

[Core Supervisor \(casual\)](#), closing date Friday 15 January

RKLT vacancies

[Call to Work – Schools’ National Testing Programme](#), closing date Monday 1 February



PTA update

A big thank you to our 41 supporters who took part in the HGS PTA virtual balloon race and helped us raise just over £250. The winning balloons for our race were

1st: Flashing Eagle 2

2nd: Balloon

3rd: Happy Hollidays

Congratulations!

We would like to say a big thank you to our stall holders who took part in the virtual Christmas market, donating to the PTA. We hope that you enjoyed browsing the fantastic brochure full of inspirational gift ideas.

The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 January 6:30 pm via zoom. Please contact the PTA via email if you would like the link to join the meeting.

