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Remote Learning Provision Parental Survey



We would like to say a thank you to parents/carers for all the support that they are giving to all the remote learning that is taking place.

We would very much appreciate your feedback on our remote learning provision since the start of this term. The survey will take just a few minutes and can be accessed by clicking the link below.

Link: [Remote Learning Parent Survey](#)

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your views with us.



E-safety alert

The police have recently made us aware of three apps about which there is a concern as to the risks to which these expose children and young people.

Cunch-Line Chronicles

This is a gaming app called **Cunch-line Chronicles** which is based on County lines. The gamer becomes a person involved with a County line. The game is reported to have a **chat facility** and describes itself as "a light-hearted satirical take on the darker side of urban UK culture!"



Yubo (formerly Yellow)

'Yubo' formerly called 'Yellow' is a **joint app with Snapchat** used as an online dating app for young people under 18, many refer to it as Tinder for Teens.

If a young person doesn't have their privacy settings on high on Snapchat, the person they are communicating with on 'Yubo' can have access to their location details and where they have checked in.

Saharah

'Saharah' has been used for cyber bullying and potential grooming. The app is **anonymous and encrypted** so means that **perpetrators of violence can share information with no consequences on there.**

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us (E-safety lead dhs@harrogategrammar.co.uk)





Remote Learning: How best to support your child

Timetable for the day

Registration:	8.50am to 9.00am
Period 1:	9.00am to 9.55am
Period 2:	9.55am to 10.50am
Break	
Period 3:	11.10am to 12.00
Period 4:	12.00 to 12.55pm
Lunch	
Period 5:	1.45pm to 2.35pm
Period 6:	2.35pm to 3.30pm
No Period 6 on a Wednesday	

Top Tips

- ✓ Quiet space to work, with a desk or table to work on.
- ✓ Students will receive a Teams invite via email to each lesson. This will also appear on their calendar in the Teams app.
- ✓ Students should join the lesson from the start and have their normal equipment ready, including exercise book and calculator if required.
- ✓ Teachers may ask your child to photograph work and upload to Showbie for checking. A register will be taken at each lesson.
- ✓ Teams allow your child to unmute so they can speak to their teacher. Teams also has a 'hand up' option to alert teachers that a student wants to ask a question.
- ✓ Your child may be asked to produce work in another app e.g. Classkick during the Teams lesson. This allows teachers to see the work students conduct and feedback as appropriate.
- ✓ Teachers will finish lessons (Periods 1, 3 and 5) 5 minutes earlier to allow students to stretch their legs, grab some water
- ✓ We encourage you to discuss with your child the work they have done and to look at work conducted in exercise books and/or Showbie classes together.
- ✓ Recharge iPads at lunchtime
- ✓ *NEW* Encourage students to 'Look up, look out' every fifteen minutes



Critical workers – booking form for w/c 18 January

If you are a critical worker please complete the form on the [following link](#) to register your child for a place to attend school for w/c 18 January. You do not need to complete this if you completed the form for the remainder of this term. A list defining who is classed as a critical worker can be accessed [here](#).

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

If you no longer require the booked place on certain days please email attendance@harrogategrammar.co.uk



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 contact 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.



Year 13 Assessments and Parent Consultation Evening

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](#).

Year 13 Consultation Evening (originally scheduled for 23 February 2021) will no longer go ahead. This is due to the cancellation of summer exams. We will communicate further information as soon as this is available. If you require any further information please email sixthform@harrogategrammar.co.uk



Remote Learning: adjusted for the setting of Home Learning

With six live lessons a day, students are now spending an extended period of time concentrating on a screen. This tends to be a more intense experience. Spending even more time on home learning tasks after lessons means that students may have insufficient opportunity to exercise or take a much-needed break. With this in mind we have adjusted our home learning guidance for most year groups.

Key Stage 3 (Years 7 to 9)

No home learning tasks will be set by subject teachers. Instead students will complete a home learning task linked to Big Picture. Each fortnight there will be a menu of tasks linked to a Big Picture theme. Students will select at least one option from the menu to work on. The options include a wide range of tasks, including creating a short film, writing a poem, conducting an interview and compiling a playlist. Students will be invited to talk about their work with their form tutor as part of a Big Picture lesson.

Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11)

- Home learning tasks will be set but be reduced in time and be no more than 20 minutes. Home learning forms an integral part of many GCSE schemes of work.
- Tasks will be limited to those focused on securing essential knowledge. For example:
 - Quizzes
 - Retrieval practice
 - Watching a video clip e.g., GCSE Pod
- Where possible non-iPad activities will be set to provide a valuable contrast to work on iPads during lessons. For example:
 - Learning key terms/spellings
 - Flash card creation and use
 - Reading

Key Stage 5 (Years 12 and 13)

No change as Sixth Form students have fewer timetabled lessons each week. Regular home learning will remain, as will study tasks.

All years

As there is a risk that some lesson tasks can very easily become 'home learning' if sufficient time isn't allocated for them to be completed in a lesson, teachers will plan to ensure that all core lesson tasks can be completed successfully within the lesson.



BRAND NEW HGS PE and Sporting Activities

We know you miss taking part in your PE lessons and we miss teaching you all. It is so important that we stay active and healthy, even more so during the pandemic. The PE department are pleased to launch a new Showbie Group: **code KVNZN** for all Year 7 to 11 students. Each week we will upload new activities for you to complete. You will find an activity log so you can keep track of your activity levels week on week, plus a new "Mr Crawshaw workout" will be uploaded every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to the Showbie Group. We encourage you to complete these workouts each week and add to your activity log.



The workouts will vary each week and we would love to hear from you about any suggestions for themes and/or routines. **(PE Faculty)**



Red Kite Learning Trust: recycle your unwanted laptops and tablets

As detailed in the [letter from Richard](#) earlier in the week, the Red Kite Learning Trust are asking parents and the wider community to help collect and re-purpose good quality laptops and tablets for pupils in RKL schools for the provision of Remote Education. Sadly, many of our children across our 13 schools in our Trust still don't have adequate access to technology at home. The RKL have partnered with Pudsey Computers to check devices, safely wipe all data and install software to allow access to education. Our schools will then give out devices where they are needed most.

Here's how you can help, you can....

- 1) Make a donation here towards costs of prepping the devices – it costs us £20 for each device – please use the Just Giving site by following this link <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/redkite-learningtrust-1>
- 2) Take in your unwanted devices to your child's school – we need laptops with at least 2GB RAM and 16GB storage, ideally with a charger. Tablets should be undamaged, Android 5.0/IOS 11 or higher (keyboards, mice and flatscreen monitors are also useful)
- 3) Help spread the word of our campaign – please share the just giving page with friends, family and business contacts



Thank you so much – we can make a real difference together.



Mobile network operators to help schools support pupils

The DfE is working in partnership with mobile network operators to help schools support pupils in years 3 to 11 who rely on a mobile internet connection when their face-to-face education is disrupted by coronavirus (COVID-19).

The current networks are:

EE, O2, Sky Mobile, SMARTY, Tesco Mobile, Three, Virgin Mobile, Vodafone

Please complete the form below by **Monday the 18th January 2021** if you meet the following criteria:

- you do not have fixed broadband at home
- you cannot afford additional data for student devices
- have access to a mobile device that uses a participating network
- you are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education.

If you meet the following criteria and would like to apply, please ensure the below privacy statement, has been reviewed by the mobile phone account holder before completing the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2uxiQEG0-kCPUndVlKsNAHPiKrd7uJGpaAdr7D0ZBJUMFFUR0ZCRkJDQzZRNuXNN1dWNUpIWUJIOS4u>

Privacy statement

- For the purposes of data protection, I need to let you know that the Department for Education (DfE) is running the Mobile Network Offer through schools and their trusts or local authorities.
- If the offer is taken up by an adult account holder, the school or social care team will share the account holder's name and mobile phone details with the DfE, who will share these with the relevant mobile network operator.
- The mobile network operator will use that information to increase the data available for the account holder's mobile device, as long as they qualify for the offer.
- The adult account holder's personal data is only shared with their mobile network operator for the purposes of the offer. No names of children or other adults, other than adult account holder, are shared with the DfE or the mobile network operator.
- No personal information will be shared with the DfE if you do not want to take up the offer.
- More information can also be found: <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/increasing-mobile-data/privacy-notice>
- Please note: If you decide to take up the offer, you'll get a text message from the Department for Education with more information about your data protection rights.



Dates for Your Diary

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Important Dates:

- Year 13 assessments to take place remotely – w/c 18 and 25 January
- PTA remote meeting – Tuesday 19 January 6.30pm – please email pta@harrogategrammar.co.uk if you would like to attend
- Year 9 options evening (pre-recorded) – Wednesday 20 January
- Year 9 options deadline for form submission – Monday 22 February

All upcoming events, term dates and holidays:

- [Link to school web calendar](#)

Information



Useful contacts

Query	Contact
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	Email: 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



Post 16 opportunities

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

Letter Communications



[Trust Letter](#) – emailed 8 January 2021

[Year 9 parents consultation evening](#) – emailed 12 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

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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**

HOPELINE UK
0800 068 4141

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

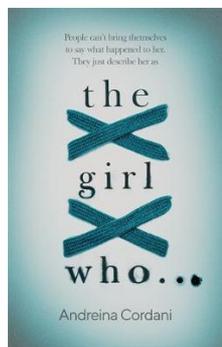
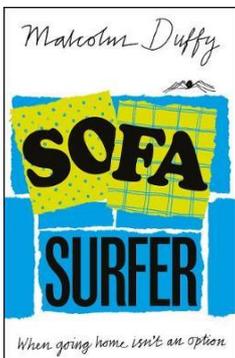
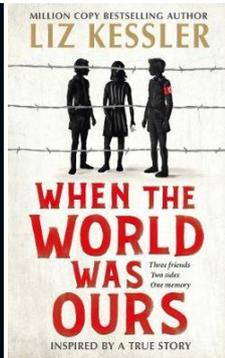
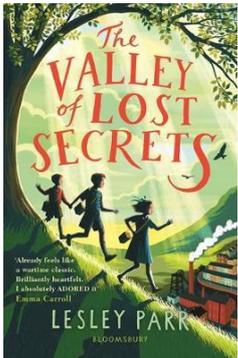
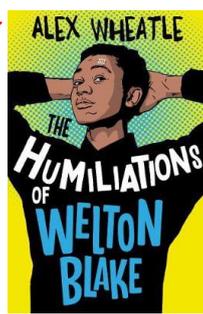
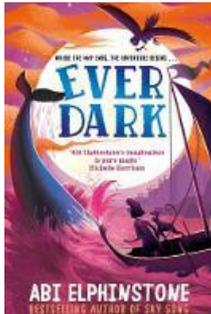
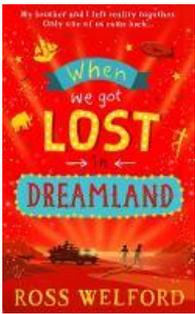
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HGS Book Recommendations

Diverse voices, a collection of



Dream Big READ!

New for 2021

All available on Harrogate Grammar library platform .

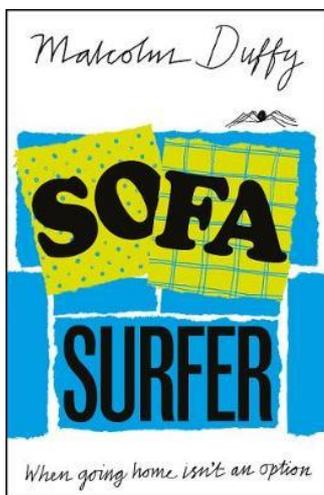
To register for the library platform tap on the link.

<https://harrogategrammarlrc.platform.co/account/register>

You will have access to thousands of new fiction and non-fiction books. The new releases are updated regularly and you will find plenty of books to escape to, in these strange times.

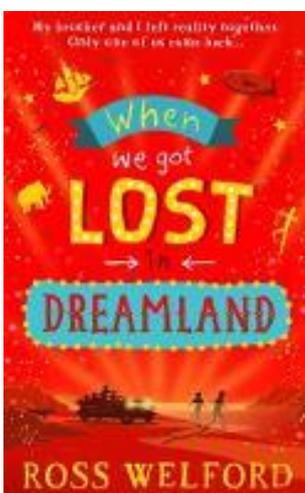
Any problems with the platform email Mrs Gibson cjg@harrogategrammar.co.uk

This Weeks Recommendations....



15-year-old Tyler's teenage angst turns to outright rebellion when his family leave London for a new life in Yorkshire. He's angry with his parents about the upheaval and furious at losing his home. With only the dog to confide in, Tyler has no idea that a chance meeting with a skinny girl called Spider will lead him into a world he never even knew existed. Spider is sofa surfing and Tyler finds himself spinning a tangled web of lies in his efforts to help her escape her world of fear and insecurity. Sofa Surfer shows how empathy and action can help those without a home to go to. As with his widely praised debut Me Mam. Me Dad. Me., Malcolm Duffy finds humour and heart even in dire situations. Relevant, warm and rewarding Sofa Surfer is about what happens when going home isn't an option.

Lovereading4kids.ac.uk



When 12-year-old Malky and his younger brother Seb become the owners of a Dreaminator, they are thrust into worlds beyond their wildest imagination. From tree-top flights and Spanish galleons, to thrilling battles and sporting greatness - it seems like nothing is out of reach when you can share a dream with someone else. But... impossible dreams come with incredible risks, and when Seb won't wake up and is taken to hospital in a coma, Malky is forced to leave reality behind and undertake a final, terrifying journey to the stone-age to wake his brother.

Lovereadingforkids.ac.uk