



Quick links:



Remote Learning Provision Parental Survey



Thank you to everyone who completed the survey on remote provision, shared in last week's Bulletin. We really appreciate the overwhelmingly positive feedback and the kind messages, we have shared these with staff. As we continue to work to ensure that remote learning is the best it can be for everyone, a small number of adjustments have been made.

Managing screen time

- In lessons students are now directed to take regular short screen breaks with the use of the 'look up, look out' reminders.
- Lessons 1, 3 and 5 finish 5 minutes early so that students can stand-up, stretch and take a short screen break.
- The change to home learning in Key Stages 3 and 4 now means that students have more opportunity to balance screen work in lessons with other activities.

PE lessons

- Students receive regular reminders about the PE workout videos which are updated each week. Links are in the Bulletin.
- At the end of the day students are being encouraged by teachers to take a break and do some exercise/get some fresh air.

MS Teams

- Settings have been adjusted in school to prevent this happening and to give the teacher sole control of any Teams meeting.
- This week Teachers have received training and guidance on how to set up and share meetings in the same way through Teams. This will improve consistency.
- Teachers are being trained in the use of breakout rooms to allow students to work in small groups. This is being trialled in Sixth Form and in some Key Stage 4 lessons e.g. Drama.

iOS 14.3 update

Please ensure students have downloaded the latest release iPadOS 14.3 to their school iPads.

To do this they should go to Settings > General > Software Update.

If they are not already on 14.3, it will give them the option to update to it.

Any problems please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at helpdesk@harrogategrammar.co.uk

KS3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) Home Learning

We have listened to feedback from students about screen time. During Big Picture this week, students will be introduced to a new home learning task. Students will have a menu of options to choose from, most of these are non screen-based work.

What students need to do:

- Select **at least one** option from the [home learning menu](#).
- Complete the work between Monday 25 January and Sunday 7 February.
- Their form tutor will invite them to a Teams lesson during w/c 8 February. This will be arranged for a small group of students from each form. Students should be ready to talk to their tutor about the work they have completed. They will need to describe their work, if they wish, they can share an image or upload their work to their forms Showbie folder.



- Students should think about how their work reflects the theme “light in the darkness” and how it links into our key value of Respect.
- Please encourage them to be creative and perhaps pick something that challenges them or select a style of work they would not normally choose.
- We look forward to seeing all their wonderful creations.

Year 11 Sixth Form applications

Applications for the Sixth Form are currently open, and we encourage students to complete the application form before the 12 February deadline. All of the information that students need is available within the Sixth Form section of our [school website](#).

The [prospectus](#) contains all of the key course information for each subject, including the entry requirements.

After completing the online [application form](#), you will receive confirmation that the application has been received. After the closing date applicants will be invited to a coursing discussion with one of the Sixth Form team. This meeting is an opportunity to discuss the subjects that were selected, and to ask any questions.



Keeping Active: HGS PE and Sporting Activities

If your child has not yet completed the PE workouts from last week, please encourage them to join the PE Showbie Group: **code KVNZN** available for all Year 7 to 11 students.

Each week, the PE faculty will upload new activities for them to complete. They can find an activity log so they can keep track of their activity levels week on week, plus a new “Mr Crawshaw workout” will be uploaded every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to the Showbie Group.



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 RKLТ 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 RKLТ 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.



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 25 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 25 January, we ask that this is submitted by 7pm on Thursday. 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](#).

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.



Dates for Your Diary

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Important Dates:

- Year 13 assessments to take place remotely – w/c 25 January
- Year 8 HPV vaccinations - w/c 25 January
- Year 9 HPV vaccinations – w/c 1 February
- 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



[Year 9 HPV vaccinations](#) – letter emailed 18 January

[Year 11 letter](#) – emailed 19 January



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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PAPYRUS

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

[Teacher of Digital Media and i-Media](#), maternity cover, closing date Tuesday 16 February

RKLT vacancies

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



HGS Book Recommendations

Diverse voices, a collection of

Dream Big
READ!

New for 2021

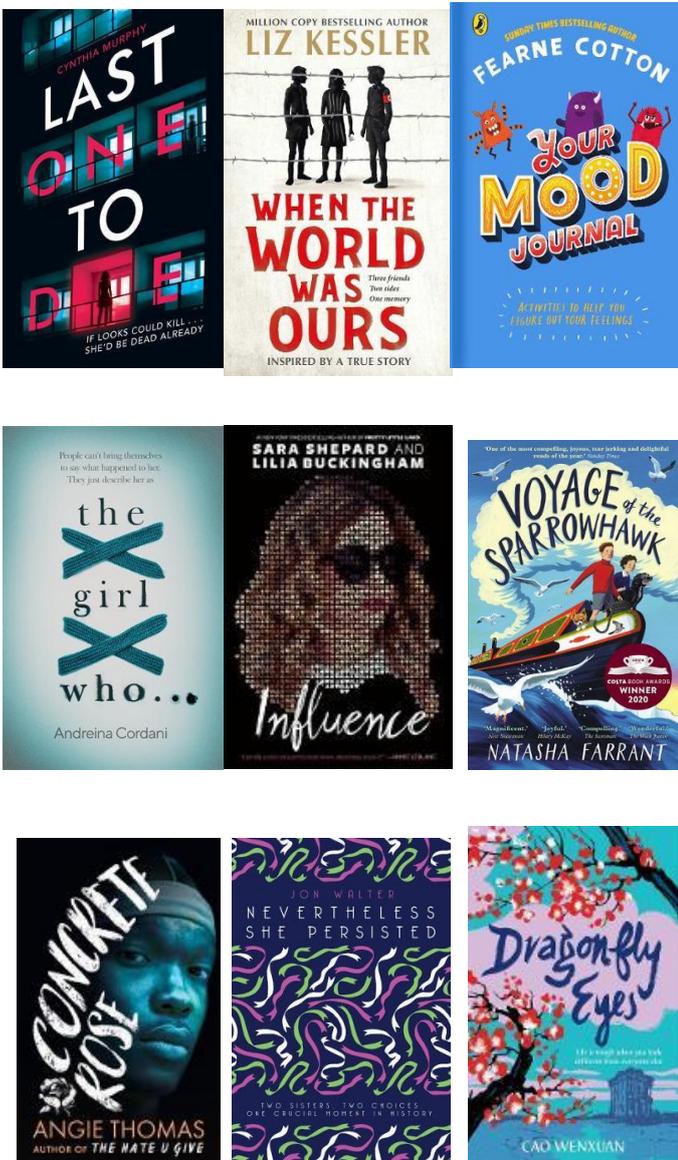
All available on Harrogate grammar library platform .

To register for the library platform tap on the link.

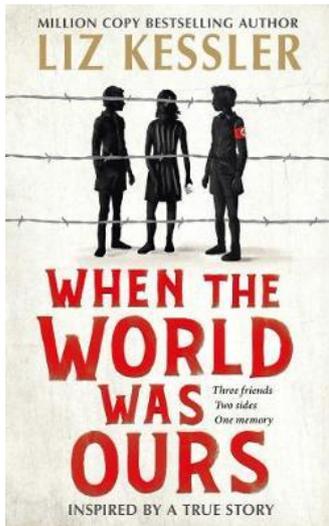
<https://harrogategrammarlrc.eplatform.co/account/register>

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



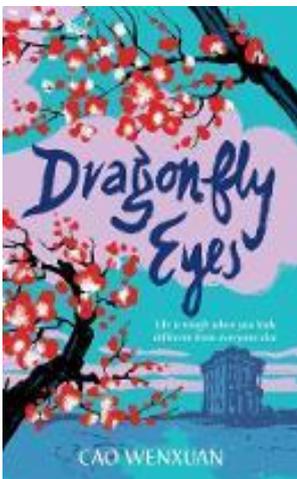
This Weeks Recommendations....



Three friends. Two sides. One memory. Vienna. 1936.

Three young friends - Leo, Elsa and Max - spend a perfect day together, unaware that around them Europe is descending into a growing darkness, and that events soon mean that they will be cruelly ripped apart from each other. With their lives taking them across Europe - to Germany, England, Prague and Poland - will they ever find their way back to each other? Will they want to? Inspired by a true story, *When the World was Ours* is an extraordinary novel that is as powerful as it is heartbreaking, and shows how the bonds of love, family and friendship allow glimmers of hope to flourish, even in the most hopeless of times.

LoveReading4kids.ac.uk



A family saga spanning fifty years and three generations, which takes the reader from the France of the Golden Age to poverty-stricken post-war Shanghai via the re-imagined rural China of the Cultural Revolution.

Ah-Mei and her French grandmother, Nainai, share a rare bond. Maybe because Ah-Mei is the only girl grandchild, or maybe because the pair look so alike - and because neither look much like the rest of their Chinese family.

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