



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 an excellent 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 would like to thank students for their exemplary behaviour, particularly during the testing process, they have listened to instructions and conducted the tests showing respect to fellow students and the testers. So far, we have conducted c3500 tests in school, with years 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 completing the second of their three tests. Next week we will continue with asymptomatic testing in school as per the timetable below. Information regarding home testing will be emailed to parents early next week.



Timetable for testing in school w/c 15 March

The dates below are only indicative

Date	Year Groups
Monday 15 March	Year 9 (test 2) and Year 13 (test 3)
Tuesday 16 March	Year 12 and Year 11 (test 3)
Wednesday 17 March	Year 10 and Year 7 (test 3)
Thursday 18 March	Year 8 and Year 9 (test 3)

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		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

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- 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:** Ensure you **wash/clean your hands** throughout the day:
 - When you enter school/form room
 - Before entering a classroom
 - Before and after eating



- **Commitment:** As homework returns to normal, use Homework4 to ensure you complete all home learning set by the deadline.
- "Nobody gets to write your own destiny but you. Your future is in your hands" Barack Obama

Useful links: [Letter-reopening update](#) (26-02-21) [March 2021 Full Opening Guide](#)

Safety Briefing – information shared with students on Monday during Big Picture

You must **clean your hands** thoroughly and more often than usual. **Everyone** must clean their hands when you arrive at 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.



We will expect that all staff and students' (unless they are exempt) wear a **face covering** when travelling on school transport, entering school, moving around the school, outside classrooms and in classrooms.

Please ensure you bring at least 2 face coverings each day. We recommend the use of reusable face coverings.

Removing a face covering: When a face covering becomes damp, it should not be worn. Store face coverings in an individual, sealable plastic bag. Avoid touching the front of the mask, only touch the ear loops. Clean your hands before and after putting on or removing your face covering.

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, and we should **maintain social distancing** between staff and students (2m) wherever possible. Each classroom has a mark on the wall that separates students from the teachers by 2m.

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

In order to keep everyone safe, we will be asking staff and students to respect these measures.

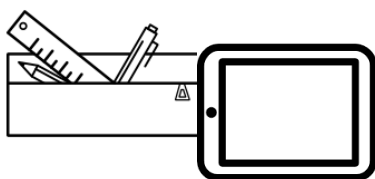
If you live close enough to school, we encourage you to walk or ride a bike to school.

If you travel to school on a bus, in line with government guidance, students must wear a face mask when on public transport and should avoid sitting with students in other year groups.



Do not congregate outside of school before and after the school day. There will be a staggered dismissal. Please make your way straight home. 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. On the days you have PE, wear your PE kit. Ensure your iPad is fully charged, you bring a reading book every day and if you have Art/Design, please bring specific equipment needed.



Illness: You must remain at home if you are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 which include a new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell or milder symptoms headache, sickness or fatigue. If you displaying any of these symptoms please arrange a test and inform school (result@harrogategrammar.co.uk) You must not come into school if a member of your household (including someone in your support bubble or childcare bubble) has COVID-19 symptoms. Inform a teacher immediately if you feel unwell during the school day. If you need the toilet during a lesson, please put your hand up and ask the teacher, who will call for a member of staff to take you.

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





Extra-curricular sport activities recommence from Monday 15 March

Extra-curricular sport activities will recommence from Monday 15 March. Year Groups will be kept separate i.e. Year 7 extra-curricular sports will take place on a Friday. [Click here](#) to access the timetable. Students should register as they attend.



Reminder: Equipment

Students should bring the following items each day into school:

- ✓ Face covering, plastic bag and at least one spare face covering (must be plain, cover nose and mouth and contain no symbols)
- ✓ Your iPad fully charged
- ✓ School books required for timetabled lessons
- ✓ A coat
- ✓ A pencil case including 2 x blue or black biro's, 2 x pencils, green pen, ruler, pencil sharpener, eraser, compass, protractor
- ✓ Basic scientific calculator
- ✓ A drink and snack for break
- ✓ Hand sanitiser (if possible)
- ✓ A packet of tissues
- ✓ Headphones
- ✓ Reading book



Travelling to school safely – information from the government

The guidance below has been published by the Department for Education:

- If you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scooter to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so.
- avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.
- If you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey.
- When you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to:
 - Wear a face covering (unless you are exempt, including if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station
 - Social distance where possible
 - Wash or sanitise your hands regularly
 - Be considerate to fellow passengers and staff.



LFD testing in schools – information from the government

Around 1 in 3 people who have coronavirus (COVID-19) have no symptoms. By rolling out rapid testing to schools and universities at pace we are helping to uncover hidden cases of the virus, break the chains of transmission and stopping outbreaks before they get a chance to develop.

Students in secondary schools and colleges are currently testing on site – 3 tests, each 3 to 5 days apart – using Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs) as part of the rapid asymptomatic testing programme. Robust evaluations from PHE and the University of Oxford show that LFD tests are accurate, reliable and successfully identify those with coronavirus (COVID-19) who could pass on the virus without realising. The tests have extremely low rates of false positives. LFD tests taken on test sites, such as on school and college grounds, **do not** need a confirmatory PCR test. This is because these tests are done in a controlled environment and trained staff read the results.

If a pupil or student received a supervised school-based LFD test, as part of the rapid asymptomatic testing programme, and it was positive then they and other members of their household must self-isolate. PCR testing is not advised if you have received a positive result from an LFD test at a school or college test site. If a parent was to do this and it returned a negative result, the guidance remains that the pupil or student, their close contacts, and other members of their household must still self-isolate.





Request for second hand uniform

Thank you for all the donations dropped into school this week. If you have any old school uniform you no longer need, which is still in good condition, we would be very grateful of it for the sale.

There is a high demand for school ties if you have any of those lurking about, but otherwise trousers, skirts, blazers and PE kit are all welcome.

Please drop off any used uniform to main reception.



Reminder: Cashless Catering Accounts

Please remember to "top-up" cashless catering accounts. Payments can be made to the account via:

- [your Scopay account.](#)



Did you know, you can set an alert on your Scopay account. Within the Scopay system you can set an alert so you receive an email when your child's cashless catering has dropped below a certain amount. Click on the Alert button in the top right-hand corner of the Scopay screen and follow the screenflow.

Out of this World Adventures

Reading Week 22nd March



Virtual author visits during Year 7, 8 and 9 English lessons from:



Matt Dickinson, author and mountaineer
<http://www.mattdickinson.com/>



Kathryn Evans, author and motivational speaker
<https://kathrynevans.ink/>



Seth Burkett, author and speaker
<https://sethburkett.com/>

Dates for Your Diary

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Important Dates:

- Asymptomatic testing continues in school w/c 15 March, with students conducting their second test and/or third test.
- [Extra-curricular sporting activities](#) recommence w/c 15 March
- End of Term: Friday 26 March, return to school Monday 12 April

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
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 – nim@harrogategrammar.co.uk Director of Sixth Form – Mr Twitchin – bct@harrogategrammar.co.uk
General queries	mail@harrogategrammar.co.uk
To report a planned/unplanned absence	https://www.harrogategrammar.co.uk/parents/attendance/
To report booked test, test results or symptoms for any students at HGS	result@harrogategrammar.co.uk
For any queries regarding testing in school or to withdraw consent to testing	covid-testing@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



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze – update letter to Year 11 students – emailed 10 March 2021



Current Vacancies

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RKLT Vacancies RKLT vacancies can be accessed [here](#)

Including:
RKLT Supply Team, Teaching Assistants and Teacher/Cover Supervisor

Roles in Harrogate:
Midday Supervisory Assistants, Part Time, Otlands Junior School, Closing date Thursday 18 March



HGS in the News and Life @HGS

Quality in Careers Standard Award



We are delighted to have been awarded the prestigious Quality in Careers Standards Award for the second time. This award is nationally recognised and is one of the highest accolades a school can receive for excellence in this area of school life. [Click here](#) to read all about it.



Harrogate Grammar @HarrogateGS · 14h

Y7&8 tested today - it ran like a well oiled machine! Y7 take first place for arriving on time and being super efficient! A huge thank you to our wonderful testing team 🙌👏 Y9 tomorrow, then we start all over with Y13! Best thing ever having the school filling up again ❤️

HGSGeography @hgsgeography1 · 20h

Some of the fantastic entries from HGS Geography students to the UN creative earth competition. The winners will get the chance to present their future world at the the UN climate change conference on climate change. #COP26 @HarrogateGS



Well-being Support



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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**

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

