



End of Academic Year Message

Please click on the links below to read our End of Academic Year messages:

- [Message from Mr Renton, Headteacher](#)
- [Letter from Mr Sheriff, CEO, RKL](#)

Asymptomatic Testing over Summer

Over the summer, staff and secondary pupils should continue to test regularly if they are attending settings that remain open, such as summer schools and out of school activities based in school settings. Testing will still be widely available over the summer and kits can be collected either from your local pharmacy or ordered online should you not be attending school and wish to continue testing. Please continue to report your result via this link: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

Further information on lateral flow testing can be [found here](#).

Plans for September 2021

We are really looking forward to welcoming back all students in September and to getting to know all our new starters as they commence their journey in HGS.

Please [click here](#) to read the **Guide to Opening** containing information about our return to school in September.

In September, in line with Department for Education guidelines, HGS will reinstate a full on-site Asymptomatic Testing Site (ATS) and offer two tests on-site per student (3-5 days apart) before students continue with regular testing at home throughout September.

The following table highlights when testing will take place for each year group:

Date	Year Group as of September 2021
Tuesday 31 August	Year 7 (current Year 6)
Friday 3 September	Year 7 and Year 11 (current Years 6 and 10)
Monday 6 September	Year 8, 9 and 10 (current Years 7, 8 and 9)
Tuesday 7 September	Year 11, 12 and 13 (current Years 10, 11 and 12)
Thursday 9 September	Year 8, 9 and 10 (current Years 7, 8 and 9)
Friday 10 September	Year 12 and 13 (current Years 11 and 12)

Link to detailed timings: [LFD Asymptomatic Testing in School - September 2021](#)

School will be re-open for students (Years 7 to 11) on Tuesday 7 September at 8:40am and Wednesday 8 September for students in Years 12 and 13.

Date	Year Groups Returning to School
Tuesday 7 September	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 return to school. Students will be with their form periods 1 and 2, followed by lessons periods 3 to 6. If PE is scheduled for this day, no PE kit is required.
Wednesday 8 September	Years 12 and 13 return to school. Students across all year groups will be with their form for period 1, followed by lessons periods 2 to 5

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Important Dates:

- A Level results day: Tuesday 10 August
- GCSE results day: Thursday 12 August
- Friday 3 September and Monday 6 September – Staff Development Days
- Tuesday 7 September – Start of Autumn Term, 2021-22 for Years 7 to 11
- Tuesday 7 September – New to HGS Year 12 Induction
- Wednesday 8 September – Start of Autumn Term, 2021-22 for Years 12 and 13
- Asymptomatic Testing in School
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 - Monday 6 September – Year 8, 9 and 10 (current Year 7, 8 and 9)
 - Tuesday 7 September – Year 11, 12 and 13 (current Year 10, 11 and 12)
 - Thursday 9 September – Year 8, 9 and 10 (current Year 7, 8 and 9)
 - Friday 10 September – Year 12 and 13 (current Year 11 and 12)
- Home testing recommences from Monday 13 September
- Friday 10 September – Years 7, 10 and 12 school photographs
- Tuesday 14 September – Key Stage 4 supporting success presentation, further information to follow
- Wednesday 15 September – Prospective Parents open morning
- Thursday 16 September – new Year 7 social evening
- Thursday 16 September – Year 13 Tutor Consultation evening
- Tuesday 21 September – PTA meeting, 6.30pm
- Wednesday 22 September – Year 12 Welcome Evening, 6.30pm
- Thursday 23 September – GCSE PE information evening, 6.30pm
- Tuesday 28 September -Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening, 4-7pm

All upcoming events, term dates and holidays can be located in the [school web calendar](#).

School Uniform – purchasing for September 2021

In preparation for the new academic year, we understand that many of you will be getting organised to buy new school uniform. Please click here to access the [updated uniform policy](#).

School uniform can be purchased from [Emblazon](#) and [Rawcliffes](#), both stores are offering appointments and online ordering.

Nike 'Air Force' Footwear



A reminder that this particular item of footwear is not permitted to be worn as part of our school uniform. Although Nike market these as school appropriate footwear, students must wear more traditional school shoes. To ensure clarity and consistency for all, our uniform policy has been updated to state that no trainer brands are permitted as school shoes. Your support is much appreciated with this matter.

Apple Classroom

We are delighted to let you know that from the start of our new academic year, teachers will be using Apple Classroom with their classes. This is an app that is designed to further develop our use of iPads for learning. Teachers will be able to view student work on iPads throughout a lesson and give students immediate access to a specific app or website required for the task set. Students will join the Apple Classroom of the teacher in the first lesson of use, very similar to joining a new class in Showbie. **(Dr Robson)**



Charities Update

School Charity: Silent Online Auction

Thank you to everyone who donated lots for the silent online auction and to everyone who made a bid, we are very pleased to announce that the silent online auction raised £968 for the school charity which year is Harrogate Hospital Community Charity.

Parent Communications

[Class groupings information for 2021-2022](#) emailed 22 July 2021

[Year 11 and Year 13 important information about TAGs](#) emailed 21 July 2021

[Year 13 Results Day information letter 2021](#) emailed 21 July 2021

[Year 9 letter: English texts required for Year 10](#), emailed 19 July 2021



Results

Results from w/c 12 and 19 July

Date	Sport	Opposition	Age Group	Result
Tue 13 July	Tennis	St Aidan's	Y9/10 Boys	Won 6-0
Wed 14 July	Rounders	St Aidan's	Y8 A and B	A won 17.5 – 7.7 B won 21 – 6.5
Wed 21 July	Rounders	Ripon Grammar School	U13A U13B U13 Boys U14A U14B	A Lost 19.5-12 B Drew 19.5-19.5 Boys Lost 18-16 A Lost 32-13 B Won 15-11.5



RKLT Vacancies

HGS and RKLT vacancies can be accessed [here](#)

In the News

Support programme delivers over 1000 hours

Students at HGS received more than 1000 hours of additional support. To read the full article [click here](#).



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@6thformhgs



Progression Day helps students plan for the future

Sixth Form students gained a rich insight into various careers and how to access them as industry professional shared their stories at the Progression Days, a two-day event which is part of a programme to help students plan for the future. To read the full article [click here](#).



Well-being Support

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

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

NSPCC-RUN HELPLINE FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN SCHOOLS

0800 136 663

Department for Education

End of Year PTA message

When we wrote our final message at this same time last year, COVID had already affected several of our fundraising events, but we were cautiously optimistic that we would be back in the Autumn with our usual fundraisers. Sadly, it was not to be, and we continued to cancel and postpone our social gatherings including the quiz and Burns Night. It is a good job that the PTA team of volunteers are a tenacious bunch! Where we could, we moved our events online and thought up new ways of raising money. We had fun with two virtual balloon races, an online Christmas shopping event and the second-hand uniform sales are now a firm fixture on the calendar. In total we raised £3,600.

We held our PTA meetings and our AGM via zoom and welcomed new volunteers who brought with them a lot of new ideas and their enthusiasm. We were also delighted to work with the school on a joint crowd fundraising campaign for the new student garden. We were totally blown away by the response and quickly met and exceeded our target of £10,000. The groundworks are now complete, and the planting will take place over the next few months. Fingers crossed that we can hold a garden party to celebrate this amazing effort later this year. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

For information about the PTA and all our events please join our Facebook group at [HGS PTA | Facebook](#) and the second hand uniform group here [HGS secondhand uniform sell/buy/want | Facebook](#). You can also follow the school on Twitter [@HarrogateGS](#).

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported the PTA this past year, including our amazing team of PTA volunteer helpers. Best wishes from the PTA officers - Kirsty, Tara, Jen and Kathryn.