



The Sixth Form  
at Harrogate Grammar School  
Excellence For All

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### End of term information

Dear Student, Parent / Carer for information

This letter provides details about the final week of term, and about priorities for the summer.

#### World of Work Week: 18 July

The final week of the academic year is set aside for work experience. Information regarding work experience, including the logbook that students are expected to complete, can be found in the Study class on Showbie, within the 'Work Experience' folder. Students who have been unable to secure placements are expected to have signed up to one of the virtual work experience options using this [Microsoft form](#). These virtual experiences will be completed at home during the final week of the summer term.

Students who have secured placements or signed up to one of the virtual options are not expected to be in school in the final week of term. Their final school day of the academic year is Friday 15 July. Any student who has not signed up for one of the work experience options will be expected in school.

#### Bridging materials

Students can expect to be set bridging work from each subject to complete over the summer in preparation for the start of Year 13. This is intended to provide a clear focus for students as they start the second phase of their courses. Work will be set on Showbie and through Homework4, and students are expected to complete the work in advance of their first lesson in September.

#### MOOCs

Students are also encouraged to complete a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) of their choice during summer. Courses cover a wide variety of specialised topics which develop a student's understanding of a subject area. A large number of them are written and accredited by universities. The completion of a MOOC demonstrates an impressive commitment to personal and academic development, and this will be recognised within the reference that the school will write for students. The following website details a range of excellent courses on offer [FutureLearn](#).

#### Exam results

Students who sat external examinations this summer will receive their results on **Thursday 18 August**. Results can be collected from the Forum from at 10.00am on that day.

#### Planning for progression

Students have engaged in a range of activities to help them to develop a vision for their future, most recently through the Progression Days and the university and apprenticeship visits. The summer holiday should be used as a time to research courses and draft personal statements.

When students return to school in September, they will begin their applications for university courses and apprenticeships in earnest. The Sixth Form Team supports each stage of this process through step-by-step guidance, writing academic references, and providing UCAS grades which will be submitted with applications.

Information to support students in this process can be found in the Showbie class for each form group, and through the following links:

- [Progression section of the school website](#) for our guidance and advice about a range of future study options and the process involved in completing applications.
- [Unifrog](#) for researching and comparing university courses and apprenticeship opportunities.
- [opendays.com](#) to find out when universities are hosting open days or virtual events.
- [UCAS](#) for advice and guidance about the university application process.
- [Not Going To Uni: Apprenticeships & Work Experience in the UK](#) for a range of excellent apprenticeship and degree apprenticeship opportunities and advice.

#### **Important dates for the start of new academic year**

Wednesday 7 September	Start of term
Wednesday 14 September	Year 13 Welcome Evening for parents – The Forum
Thursday 15 September	Year 13 Tutor Consultation Evening – virtual
Wednesday 19 October	Oxbridge Conference
Tuesday 8 November	Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening – virtual

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 12 students for the way they have approached the first year of their sixth form studies with focus on maturity. We are looking forward to welcoming them back in September as Year 13 students and are excited about what they can go on to achieve.

Yours Sincerely



**Ben Twitchin**  
**Director of Sixth Form**