

# Student Weekly News

w/c 8 September 2025

## Welcome back

Please click on the links below to access start of term letters from Mr Twitchin, Mr Mason and Mrs Jackson which have been emailed to your parents/carers. These include a list of key dates.

- [Year 7](#)
- [Years 8 and 9](#)
- [Years 10 and 11](#)
- [Year 12](#)
- [Year 13](#)

## Additional Parent Communications

Parents/carers: please read [this article](#) from the AA which contains a reminder about back to school safety advice for drivers.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
Weds 10 September	Year 13 Welcome Evening - 6.30pm, Forum	Year 13
Thu 11 September	Year 7 Parent Information Evening - 7pm, Hall	Year 7
	Musical 2026 reveal - 1.20pm in A03	All years
Mon 15 September	Year 10 GCSE option subjects - 6.30pm, Hall (invite only for parents whose children are studying certain GCSE subjects)	Year 10
Tues 16 September	Year 11 Parent Information Evening - 6.30pm, Hall	Year 11
Tues 16 September OR Weds 17 September	Year 12 Parent Information Evening - 6.30pm, Hall	Year 12
Tues 23 September	Year 10 Parent Information Evening - 6.30pm, Hall	Year 10

## PE fixtures

Click on [this link](#) to access the PE fixtures for next week



## Assemblies

Day	Time	Year	Location	Additional Information
Monday	8.50am	7	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Tuesday	8.50am	11	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
	8.50am	13	Forum	Register in the Forum 8.40am
	9am	12	Forum	Year 12 - Register in your form room
Wednesday	8.50am	10	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Thursday	8.50am	9	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Friday	8.50am	8	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
	Period 4	7		Register in the Hall at the start of Period 4

## Senior Leadership Team

### Senior Leadership Team



#### Headteacher



**Neil Renton**  
Headteacher



**Kirstie Moat**  
Associate Headteacher



**Kristin Smith**  
Deputy Headteacher

#### Directors of school



**Ben Twitchin**  
Director of Sixth Form



**Nik Mason**  
Assistant Headteacher  
Director of Upper School



**Carly Jackson**  
Director of Lower  
School

#### Assistant Heads



**Charlotte Dunne**  
Assistant Headteacher



**Nicola Fareham**  
Assistant Headteacher  
Director of Maths Hub



**Jason Hill**  
Assistant Headteacher



**Alison Smith**  
Assistant Headteacher



**Kate Hooper**  
Assistant Headteacher  
SENDCO

## HGS Social Media

To keep up to date with Life at HGS please follow our School accounts.



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## Termly Curriculum Overviews

The termly curriculum overviews are a great tool to check what you will be studying this term.

Click on the links opposite for your year group and select a subject to see what topics you will cover this year.

[Year 7, 8 and 9](#)

[Year 10 and 11](#)

[Year 12](#)

[Year 13](#)

## Wellbeing and Mental Health Support

The school has strong links with local agencies and organisations which offer mental health support services.

Click on [this link](#) to access more information.



### REACH Out app

Our school does not tolerate bullying or harassment of any member of our community and all incidents are taken seriously. If you experience or witness this, please click the REACH Out button on your iPad.



## Mouthguards

We recommend students wear a mouthguard for hockey and rugby PE lessons. For students playing competitive rugby or hockey fixtures for the school, gum shields are compulsory.

Opro are offering a 10% discount for online orders via [this link](#), please quote HarrogateGrammar10 within the discountcode field.



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# Information for students in Year 7 to 11

## Year Managers



Year 7

Mrs Wilkinson



Year 8

Mrs Oliver



Year 9

Mr Inglis



Year 10

Mr Mason

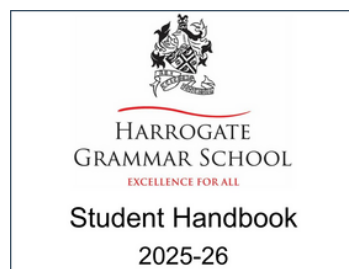


Year 11

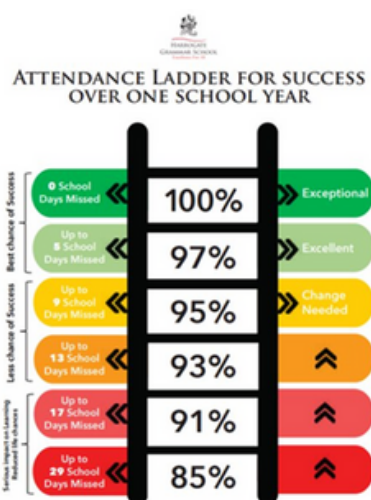
Mr Thurley

## Student Handbook

You can access the student and parent handbooks by clicking the images opposite.



## Attendance Matters



## Representing the school

Remember that when you are travelling to and from school you still represent Harrogate Grammar School and therefore, we have the same high expectations about your behaviour. Members of the public often tell us, good and bad, about your conduct so please make sure you wear your uniform with pride and let the community see what responsible and respectful individuals you are.

**Mr Mason / Mrs Jackson**

**HARROGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

## RESPECT PLEDGE

Everyone at HGS has the right to come to a safe, welcoming and friendly school. We therefore pledge to respect ourselves, others and our environment.

**WE RESPECT OURSELVES BY:**

- ✓ always being the very best version of ourselves.
- ✓ taking ownership of our words and actions both in person and online.
- ✓ taking part in the extra-curricular opportunities on offer.
- ✓ actively taking part in all learning opportunities.
- ✓ wearing our uniform correctly and with pride.
- ✓ attending school every day.

**WE RESPECT OTHERS BY:**

- ✓ thanking staff and each other, being kind with our words and actions both in person and online.
- ✓ giving personal space, privacy and respecting the property of others.
- ✓ recognising the right of others to learn in a safe environment.
- ✓ welcoming the ideas, work and contribution of others to our school.
- ✓ celebrating diversity, individuality and beliefs even if they are different to our own.
- ✓ reaching out to support others when we see or hear unkindness. We are not bystanders.

**WE RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT BY:**

- ✓ looking after our school.
- ✓ always tidying up after ourselves.
- ✓ respecting our wider Harrogate community in the same ways as HGS.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Information for students in Year 7 to 11 continued

## Year 7 Headphones

For your music lessons, you need to bring in a set of headphones which have a mini jack adapter on them so you can plug these into a desktop computer and with some of the instruments (e.g. electronic keyboards).

For Year 7 & 8 students, you will also need an adapter to use your headphones with your new iPad as this does not have a headphone socket. Opposite is an example of the USB-C adaptor you will need, which can be purchased at a very low cost from many online retailers.



## Extra-curricular Clubs and Activities

We are delighted to share with you the initial timetable detailing extra-curricular clubs and activities that will commence from Monday 8 September.

How to sign up for a club?

- Please ask your parent/carer to sign up via the Arbor app within the Clubs section
- Make your way to the club/activity for the advertised start time and register with the teacher

Over the next couple of weeks further clubs and activities will be added to the timetable. These will be communicated via this weekly newsletter.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE TIMETABLE](#)

## Pre-order lunches

Are you attending a lunchtime club? Do you need to pre-order a sandwich? Scan the QR or click on [this link](#).

Bring your confirmation email to show at the entrance to the hub at the start of lunch. Collect your pre-order at the 'Best of British' tills.

**PRE-ORDERS NOW AVAILABLE**

**DELICIOUS SANDWICHES & SANDWICH MEAL DEAL**

ORDER VIA THE QR CODE OPPOSITE

ORDER BY 9AM FOR SAME DAY COLLECTION

COLLECT FROM THE HUB AT LUNCHTIME

SHOW YOUR CONFIRMATION EMAIL TO COLLECT YOUR PRE-ORDER

## Lockers

We have already started to allocate lockers to students in Years 7 to 11. The site team will continue to visit form groups next week.

If you would like a locker, please remember to bring a padlock into school.



## Year 7 and 10 School Photographs

Students in Years 7 and 10 had their school photograph taken this week.

Tempest Photography have provided photograph proofs to allow your parents/carers to view and place an order if they wish to do so. Details of how to order are contained on the photograph proof.

Your form tutor will hand out the photograph proofs during registration on Friday 5 September or Monday 8 September. Please pass these to your parents/cares.



**The Sixth Form**  
at Harrogate Grammar School  
Excellence For All

# Information for students in Years 12 and 13

## The Sixth Form Team



Mr Twitchin  
Director of Sixth Form



Miss Russell  
Assistant Director



Miss Watson  
Senior Tutor



Mr Weston  
Study Supervisor

## Student Support Managers



Mrs Armstrong-Turner



Mrs Ingleton

## Admin and Attendance



Mrs Harriss  
Senior Admin Officer



Mrs Reed  
Attendance



Mrs Peral  
Admin Officer

## Sixth Form Handbook

Click on the image opposite to access the [Sixth Form Handbook](#)



## Progression and Careers

Use these quick links to access up to date information:

[Super-curricular](#)

[Work Experience](#)

[Career and  
Apprenticeship  
Opportunities](#)

[Career  
Pathways](#)



New opportunities will be added to the Sixth Form website using the links above and will listed in this section.

## A Level and GCSE results

Over the summer break we celebrated exceptional achievements for students in Year 11 and Year 13 as they received their GCSE and A Level results.

We are incredibly proud of our students and would like to thank them for the commitment they have shown to their studies and the outstanding contribution that they have made. We would also like to thank families for their support, as well as our teachers and all colleagues at the school, who have worked tirelessly to support students.



## Year 7 Summer School

We welcomed Year 7 students to HGS during the bank holiday week at the end of August. The students enjoyed exploring HGS as a new year group, completed art, music, drama and PE themed team building tasks. The students enjoyed reconnecting with new friends ahead of their first day at HGS.



## A Level Results

[click here](#) to read the press release

- A\*-B 61%
- Third of grades were A\*-A (out of large cohort of 312 students)
- 26 students achieved 4 As or above



## GCSE Results

[click here](#) to read the press release

- 35% of all grades awarded were at the highest levels of 9-7
- 82% achieved 5 or more GCSE passes (including English and Maths)
- The attainment gaps for disadvantaged and students with SEN reduced sharply

