



# Student Weekly News

**w/c 15 September 2025**

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
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, Forum	Year 12
Weds 17 September	Auditions for Oliver! 2.40pm to 4pm in A03	All years
Tues 23 September	Year 10 Parent Information Evening - 6.30pm, Hall	Year 10
Sat 27 September	Second hand uniform sale - 10am to noon	Years 7 to 11
Mon 29 September	Year 13 Oxbridge deadline	Year 13
Thu 2 October	National Poetry Day	All years
Sat 4 October	Year 6 Open Morning	Student Helpers Y7 and Y8

## Assemblies

Day	Time	Year	Location	Additional Information
Monday	8.50am	7	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Tuesday	8.50am 8.50am 9am	11 13 12	Hall Forum Forum	Register in the Hall from 8.40am Register in the Forum 8.40am 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 Period 4	8 7	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am Register in the Hall at the start of Period 4



Click on the image above to  
access our sports fixture list

**Cancelled Clubs next week**  
Monday - Y7 netball

## 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.

## School Photographs Years 7, 10 & 12

Students in Years 7, 10 and 12 had their school photographs taken last week. Form tutors have handed out proofs for students to take home. The deadline to order prints to be delivered free of charge to school is Friday 19 September.

Orders should be made using the QR code on the photograph proof.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Great news! Additional lunchtime and after school clubs have been added to our extra-curricular timetable. The timetable can be found at the back of this newsletter.

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

## 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.

## Parent Communications this week

Whole year group communications that have been sent this week:

- [Year 10 Supporting Success](#)
- [Year 11 Supporting Success](#)
- Year 11 and 13 Geography - exam information from the Programme Leader
- Form tutors photo links for Years 7 and 10
- Sparx reader and Maths information - email to all parents (Years 7 to 11)
- [PSHRE information letter](#) (Years 7 to 11)
- Year 7 DT contribution



## HGS Social Media

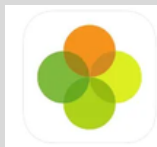
To keep up to date with Life at HGS please follow our School accounts.



**Sixth Form  
Accounts**



## Reporting an absence



## How can my parents contact school if I am ill?

As part of our safeguarding procedures, your parent/carer needs to contact the School Attendance Officer by 9.30am on each day of absence. They should contact them via the Arbor Parent App within the Attendance section before 9.30am.

If your parents/carers are unable to access the Arbor app, they should contact the HGS Attendance Officer on:

Years 7 to 11 - 01423 535635

Years 12 & 13 - 01423 535236

They can request a password reset link for Arbor by emailing [HGSgateway@hgs.rklt.co.uk](mailto:HGSgateway@hgs.rklt.co.uk)



### Audition Information

Auditions will take place on:

**Wednesday 17th September 2:40-4pm in A03**

*If you are unable to attend, then you can come on:*

**Thursday 18th September LUNCHTIME in A03**

The auditions will be a mixture of:

Drama games, roleplay and group singing.

## Science initiatives for Years 10 to 13

The University of Cambridge and the University of Oxford have some exciting initiatives to support students in their GCSE and A level science studies. All these initiatives are free to students.

Initiative	Students in Years	Deadline to register	When
<u>COMPOS</u> (Comprehensive Oxford Physics and Maths Online School) Oxbridge style online tutoring each week for state school students with a keen interest in both physics and maths.	10, 11 (for those achieving grades 7-9) 12, 13 (Grade A)	28 Sept 25  Limit 1000 places	Y10 & Y12 (late October to July)  Y11 (late October to Feb HT)
STEM smart Students need to study Maths and one or more of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Computer Science <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information and eligibility	12	31 Oct 25	from Jan 2026
Isaac Physics Mentoring Schemes - <a href="#">click here</a> for more information	12 studying Physics		from Sept 2025

# Information for students in Year 7 to 11

## House Cross Country w/c 15 & 22 September

Date	Period 1/2	Period 3/4	Period 5/6
Mon 15 Sept	10R		8b
Tue 16 Sept		7b	8a
Wed 17 Sept	10L	7a	
Thu 18 Sept	8c	7c	9d
Fri 19 Sept	7d		
Mon 22 Sept		9c	
Tue 23 Sept			
Wed 24 Sept	9b (Period 2)	8d	
Thu 25 Sept		9a (Period 4)	
Fri 26 Sept		11L	11R

Our first House event will be House Cross Country. House points will be awarded across all events.

Students need to remember to bring:

- PE kit including football boots or old trainers they don't mind getting muddy
- Spare bag for muddy kit
- Towel

## Cashless Catering Account

We operate a cashless fingerprint system and parents are encouraged to top up using our online payment system.



### Wondering how to top up accounts?

Within the Arbor Parent App, select Payments section, select Meals. From here select Top Up Account.

## Free School Meals

Could your family be entitled to Free School Meals?

If you are a parent/carer on a low income, your children could be entitled to free school meals.

How does it work?

Families who qualify receive a daily credit to allow them to receive a hot lunch in school.

[Click here](#) for more information. If you would like to apply, please use this link to our [application form](#).

## Second Hand Uniform Sale

If you have any uniform donations, please bring these into main reception.

Our next second hand uniform sale will take place on **Saturday 27 September** from 10am to noon in the Hub. Card and Apple Pay payments accepted.



**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



# Information for Sixth Form students



The Sixth Form  
at Harrogate Grammar School  
Excellence For All

## Prospective Medics, Dentists & Vets meetings

### Tuesday 16 September period 1

Room S37 - Year 13 meeting with Miss Parker on personal statements. Please bring a copy of personal statements either printed or on Showbie.

### Tuesday 16 September lunch time

Room S37 - Year 12 meeting with Miss Parker to register your interest and look at work experience opportunities. Please bring iPads. Anyone who is interested in one of these careers but cannot make it, please email Miss Parker to let her know ([parkere@hgs.rklt.co.uk](mailto:parkere@hgs.rklt.co.uk)) so that you can be added to the showbie group and mailing list.

## HGS Equestrian Society

We enter dressage, combined training, showjumping, arena eventing and eventing competitions, mostly at Northallerton Equestrian Centre and compete against other schools and hopefully qualify for the National Schools Championships. If you are interested and have your own pony please contact Dr Curran either by email [curranj@hgs.rklt.co.uk](mailto:curranj@hgs.rklt.co.uk) or come to A15 any morning during registration.

## 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 for apprenticeships with Next, Morrisons and the Government live. [Click here](#) or the logos below for more information.



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## Become a Volunteer

Make a positive impact!

Build transferrable skills to support your future career whilst giving back to your local community



BY VOLUNTEERING FOR YOUR LOCAL NHS, YOU CAN:

- Build your skillset
- Develop communication skills
- Experience a variety of roles
- Access further career opportunities

Contact us



01423 557408



[hdf.volunteering@nhs.net](mailto:hdf.volunteering@nhs.net)

Youth volunteering career enhancement applications are now open. Please click [here](#) for more information.



## Student Catering Assistants Roles Available for Year 12 students

Looking for a flexible, convenient paid role to fit around your studies?

We are hiring Student Catering Assistants to support our school community.

This opportunity is open to Year 12 students who are looking to earn extra money while gaining valuable work experience. We are looking for reliable and enthusiastic individuals to join our catering team in the Hub.

**Contract:** Fixed term to end term in July 2026.

Term time only

**Hours:** 12.45pm to 1.45pm OR 1pm to 2pm, 203 shifts per week

**Hourly rate:** £7.17ph including holiday pay

**Closing date:** Friday 19 September

For more information including how to apply, [click here](#).

## HGS Masterchef

At the end of the Summer Term we held the HGS MasterChef competition. Well done to all our competitors and huge congratulations to our winners:

Overall winner - **Lola in Year 10**

Skill Level Award - **Felicity in Year 11**

Plating and Presentation Award - **Nat in Year 10**

Special Awards to **Mia, Suhanna, Emily, Alfred and Rebecca in Year 8**



## Password Resets

Do you need a password reset and not sure who to ask?

App	Who can reset
Showbie	Any of your class teachers
Arbor	Click on 'forgot password' on the Arbor website and an email reset link will be sent to your student email address
Outlook	Any of your teachers and your Year Manager can reset this for you

## Sports Update



Well done to our U13 boys cricket team who played incredibly well and narrowly lost to Holmfirth School by 8 runs in the Joe Root Yorkshire Cup Final.

Congratulations to our senior boys rugby team, who won their first home game against Ripon Grammar.

Our Netball Academy also played their first games of the season against Wakefield GHS. Well done to all 3 teams for some great play.





# LUNCHTIME



## MONDAY

BOYS' CHOIR - P11 (ALL)  
JUNIOR ORCHESTRA - PO3 (Y7-9)  
MANDARIN CHINESE - A25 (Y9-10)  
MINECRAFT CLUB - A14 (Y8)  
SCHOOL MUSICAL - AO3 (ALL INVITES POST AUDITIONS)  
SENIOR STEM CLUB - A15 (Y8-10)

## TUESDAY

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB - A40 (ALL)  
JUNIOR CHOIR - P11 (Y7-9)  
MINECRAFT CLUB - A14 (Y8)  
SPARX HOMEWORK CLUB - A13 (Y7-11)

## WEDNESDAY

CREATIVE WRITING - A51 (KS3) / A49 (KS4)  
MANDARIN CHINESE (BEGINNERS) - A25 (Y8)  
MINECRAFT CLUB (WEEK B ONLY) - A14 (Y9)  
SAXOPHONY! - P10 (ALL GRADE 2 UPWARDS)  
SCIENCE CLUB - A15 (Y7)  
STRING ENSEMBLE - PO3 (ALL)  
WARHAMMER ALLIANCE - D16 (ALL)

## THURSDAY

CHESS CLUB - A48 (ALL)  
ICT CLUB - SO9 (Y7-9)  
GCSE DRAMA CATCH UP - AO3 (Y10-11)  
GCSE MUSIC CATCH UP - P13 (Y10-11)  
MINECRAFT CLUB - A14 (Y7)  
SONG WRITING CLUB - P11 (Y7-11)  
WARMHAMMER ALLIANCE - D16 (ALL)

## FRIDAY

### BEFORE SCHOOL

NETBALL SQUAD - SPORTS HALL (Y9-11 INVITE ONLY)

### LUNCHTIME

ART CLUB - D16 (Y7-9)  
MINECRAFT CLUB - A14 (Y7)

SIGN UP VIA ARBOR PARENT APP





# AFTER SCHOOL

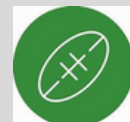


## MONDAY

RUGBY - FIELDS (Y7)  
NETBALL - COURTS (Y7)  
FOOTBALL BOYS - ASTRO (Y8) / FIELDS (Y9-10)  
BAR MOCK TRIAL TEAM - S27 (Y12-13)  
MANDARIN CHINESE - A25 (Y9-10)  
NETBALL SQUAD - SP HALL (Y10-11 INVITE ONLY)  
HOME LEARNING CLUB - LS (STUDENTS IN LS)  
AXIOM MATHS CIRCLES - A39 (Y8 INVITE ONLY)  
STAGE CHOIR - P11 (ALL - INVITE ONLY)

## TUESDAY

HOCKEYS GIRLS - ASTRO (Y8-11)  
RUGBY - FIELDS (Y11)  
TABLE TENNIS - GYM 1 (ALL)



## WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL GIRLS - ASTRO (Y7)  
FOOTBALL BOYS - ASTRO/FIELDS (Y7)  
MANDARIN CHINESE (BEGINNERS) - A25 (Y8)  
MATHS GCSE DROP IN - A39 (Y11)  
NETBALL SQUAD - COURTS/SP HALL (Y8-9 INVITE ONLY)  
RUGBY - FIELDS (Y9-10)

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RUNNING - FIELDS (ALL)  
SCHOOL MUSICAL - AO3 (ALL - INVITES POST AUDITIONS)  
SHOW BAND - PO3 (ALL - INVITES POST AUDITIONS)  
TECH TEAM - P13 (ALL)

## THURSDAY

GYM/CROSS FIT - WEIGHTS ROOM/GYM 2 (Y10-11)  
FOOTBALL GIRLS - FIELDS (Y8-9)  
HOCKEY (BOYS & GIRLS) - ASTRO (Y7)  
JAZZ BAND- PO3 (ALL)  
MATHS A LEVEL DROP IN - A14 (Y12-13)  
HOME LEARNING CLUB - LS (STUDENTS IN LS)  
AXIOM MATHS CIRCLES - A39 (Y7 INVITE ONLY))

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NETBALL (REC) - COURTS (Y8-11)  
RUGBY BOYS - FIELDS (Y8)  
RUGBY GIRLS - FIELDS (ALL)  
SCHOOL MUSICAL AO3 (INVITES POST AUDITIONS)  
WARHAMMER ALLIANCE - D16 (ALL)

## FRIDAY

BASKETBALL - SPORTS HALL (Y10-13)  
DRAMA CLUB - AO3 (Y7-8)  
NETBALL SQUAD - SP HALL (Y9-11)  
SCHOOL OF ROCK - P10 (ALL)

## WEEKENDS

EQUESTRIAN SOCIETY (EMAIL DR CURRAN OR SEE HER IN A15 FOR DETAILS)

