



Student Weekly News

w/c 22 September 2025

Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
Tuesday 23 September	Year 10 Parent Information Evening - 6.30pm, Hall	Year 10
	PTA meeting, 6.30pm in Sixth Form	All years
	Deadline for school photograph orders	Years 7, 10 and 12
Saturday 27 September	PTA second hand uniform sale, 10am to noon	Years 7 to 11
Monday 29 September	Year 13 Oxbridge deadline	Year 13
Thursday 2 October	National Poetry Day	All years
Saturday 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	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 from 8.50am
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

Shelter in Place

We have no indication that there is any particular threat to our school or any other school, but we feel that it is important to respond to national advice by preparing thoroughly for events that could threaten the safety of our staff and students. Although such an event could be related to a terrorist event, it is also possible that events such as a gas leak or chemical escape could cause us to sound the bell. Shelter in place is a safety procedure that covers extreme hazards such as a smoke cloud, local chemical leak or an intruder on site.

A siren alert will signal shelter in place

The siren will stop ringing when it is all clear

During form time on Tuesday, your form tutor will talk to you about the actions below that you should take in the unlikely event of hearing the shelter in place siren. The siren alert will also be rung.

DURING LESSONS	DURING BREAK OR LUNCH
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· You must follow the instructions of your class teacher and remain in the classroom.· If you are walking on a corridor, you must enter the nearest classroom and follow the instructions from the teacher.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· You must quickly and calmly enter the school and go to the next lesson on your timetable.· You must follow the instruction of your class teacher.

If you encounter a shelter in place situation outside the school grounds, you should follow the advice from the Home Office - run, hide, tell

**RUN**

**HIDE**

**TELL**

You must:

RUN - to a place of safety. This is a better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go, then...

HIDE - Turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can.

TELL - the police by calling 999 when it is safe to do so.

Reading at HGS



Sparx Reader home learning has commenced this week, your teacher will set your task every Monday.

This should be completed by the following Monday each week.

We recommend that you complete this in small manageable chunks of reading time across to week rather than leaving and completing on a weekend in one go. This also allows you to speak to your class teacher if you are unsure how to access Sparx Reader or you need further guidance on what you should be completing.



Every term, we share our recommended reads with students.

Please click on [this link](#) to learn more about our recommended reads for this half term....novels written in verse.

HGS Open Events



OPEN MORNING

For Students and Parents considering their Secondary school options for 2025

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER

Identical sessions:
session 1: 9am-11am
session 2: 11.30am-1.30pm

To book your place visit:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/harrogate-grammar-school



Open Morning for Year 6 students and their families

We are looking forward to our open morning on Saturday 4 October.

If you know anyone in Year 6 who would like to look around the school. Please ask them to register via www.ticketsource.co.uk/harrogate_grammar_school

Year 11 students

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 22 October.

This is a great opportunity to explore our Sixth Form, attend subject specific talks and find out more about our courses, facilities and culture.

Please click on [this link](#) to book your time slot for the Sixth Form Open Evening.

Sixth Form Open Evening



The Sixth Form
at Harrogate Grammar School
Excellence For All

**Wednesday
22nd October**

**4pm - 6pm
or
6.30pm - 8.30pm**

To book your place visit:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/harrogate-grammar-school



Maths calculators - which calculator should I have?

Year Group	Subjects	Calculator	Discounted price (order via school)
12 & 13	Core Maths A Level Maths AS Maths	Casio FX-991CW ClassWiz Advanced Scientific	£20.85
12 & 13	Further Maths	Casio CG100	£74.95
10 & 11	GCSE Maths	Casio FX-991CW ClassWiz Advanced Scientific	£20.85



How to order?

Please make payment via the School Shop in the Arbor Parent app.

The deadline to make payment is Friday 26 September.

The Maths department will make the order and distribute the calculators to students in lessons.



Click on the image above to access
our sports fixture list

Cancelled Clubs next week
Tue - Y8,9 and 10 hockey (girls)
Wed - Y7 football (girls)

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

The deadline to order school photographs is Tuesday 23 September.

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

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Have you signed up for a lunchtime and/or after school club?

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 and 11 revision guides](#)
- [Flu immunisations - Years 7 to 11](#)
- [Copy of slides from Year 11 Supporting Success evening](#)



HGS Social Media

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



**Sixth Form
Accounts**



Information for students in Year 7 to 11

House Cross Country w/c 22 September

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

Well done to everyone who has already completed cross country. The schedule for this week can be found above.

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

Hub and LRC opening times

Did you know that you can access the Hub from 8am every morning?

The Hub can be accessed via the side doors near the main car park. Students are able to purchase breakfast snacks using their cashless catering account. At 8.40am, students can make their way from the Hub to form rooms.



Study area before and after school

The LRC is open from 8am to 8.40am and after school until 5pm (Monday to Friday) for students who would like a silent study space.

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.



Information for Sixth Form Students



The Sixth Form
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Welcome Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our Year 12 & 13 welcome evenings. Please find links below to the presentations.

[Year 12 Welcome Evening](#)

[Year 13 Welcome Evening](#)

Bar Mock Trial

The Bar Mock Trial team will rehearse on Mondays after school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in S27 with Miss Meenagh. If you are interested in law, public speaking or acting come along to find out more.



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.



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 hdfd.volunteering@nhs.net

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

Our new running club is underway

An amazing start for the HGS running club last week. It was great to see so many students and staff come along. We were lucky with sunny weather last week, luckily it kept dry this week too. If you would like to join us on a Wednesday after school, please ask your parent/carer to sign up via the Arbor Parent App/Clubs.



Key Stage 3 DT projects

Students complete a range of design activities including practical work during key stage 3. In Year 8, students design and create a LED acrylic light. Well done to Kara for producing this amazing LED light at the end of last year.



Sports Update

Rugby Fixtures

Well done to our Boys 1st XV, 2nd XV, U15 and U14 rugby teams who played Sedbergh School earlier this week. It was brilliant to see so many matches taking place at the same time and creating a fantastic atmosphere. Some great results for HGS. Thank you for all the support from the side lines.



Netball success

Some fantastic results this week for our netball teams. Congratulations to all the teams for some amazing performances.

- U13 & U15 teams are through to the next rounds of the School Sports Magazine Cup
- Some fantastic passages of play for the Academy 1 team against St Peters



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)
T.A.L.K CLUB (DROP IN) - NEXT TO LS (Y7-9)

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)

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)
WARHAMMER 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
FOR LUNCHTIME & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Arbor



AFTER SCHOOL

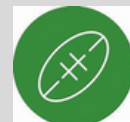


MONDAY

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)

