



Student Weekly News

w/c 3 November 2025

Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
Fri 24 Oct	Staff Training Day - School Closed	All years
Mon 27 Oct to Fri 31 Oct	October half term break	All years
Fri 31 Oct to Tue 4 Nov	Iceland Trip	Year 13
Mon 3 Nov	Start of Autumn 2 term	All years
Tue 4 Nov	Year 13 Parents Evening (online)	Year 13
Wed 5 Nov	Dear England Theatre Trip	Years 9 to 13
w/c 10 & 17 Nov	Year 11 mocks	Year 11
Tue 11 Nov	Year 12 Career Pathway Talks	Year 12
Fri 14 Nov	Year 12 University Visits	Year 12
Fri 14 Nov	<u>Flu vaccinations in school</u>	Years 7 to 9

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	Forum 8.40am
	9am	12	Forum	Year 12 - Register in your form room from 8.50am
	9.05am	10	Hall	Register in your form before 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
	P4	7	Hall	

Spotlight: National Green Careers Week w/c 4 November

National Green Careers week aims to provide young people with the opportunity to find out more about careers, jobs, roles and career pathways that are green careers and develop green skills. The week also supports diversity, challenges stereotype, raises aspirations and aims to provide opportunities for young people to have a career which will make a difference.



What is a green career?

A green career can be any job, role or occupation that contributes to preserving or restoring the environment and our planet. It can be any industry not just those seen as green. Green skills are abilities, attributes, values, attitudes, knowledge and technical skills needed to adapt services, processes and procedures to support climate change.

Green careers are a fast-growing global employment sector that touches every company, employer, employee and education establishment. They reach into every aspect of our lives and offer young people an exciting array of opportunities.



Find out more

Students in Years 7 to 11 will be finding out more about green careers in their Big Picture lessons in the spring term and students in Sixth Form will have the opportunity to learn more about this area of study and employment.

Drop in to the Careers Hub at lunchtime to take part in our 'Green Careers Week' activities.

Other resources:

- [Organisations supporting Green Careers Week](#)
- [The Parent's Guide to Green Careers Week](#)
- Discovering green careers - [Green Careers Hub Videos](#)



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Halloween Recommended Reads

Step into some spooky reads over half term.

Click on the link below to access our Halloween Recommended Reads.

We are keen to know which books you have read from this list and how you would rate these books - please do let the Learning Resource Centre know.

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.



Click on the image above to access our sports fixture list

**Cancelled Clubs next week
Monday - Year 7 Netball**



PRE-ORDERS NOW AVAILABLE

**DELICIOUS SANDWICHES &
SANDWICH MEAL DEAL**

ORDER VIA THE QR CODE OPPOSITE
ORDER BY 5PM FOR SAME DAY
COLLECTION
COLLECT FROM THE HUB AT LUNCHTIME
SHOW YOUR CONFIRMATION EMAIL TO
COLLECT YOUR PRE-ORDER



Termly Curriculum Overviews

[Year 7, 8 and 9](#)

[Year 10 and 11](#)

[Year 12](#)

[Year 13](#)

Parent Communications this week



Whole year group communications that have been sent week:

- [Flu vaccinations](#) - if you would like your child to receive this vaccination, please consent by Wednesday 12 November
- Year 11 revision techniques - prepping for your mocks

Methuen Drama, part of Bloomsbury Publishing, has launched a new competition for all secondary school students aged between 14 to 19 years old.

As part of their continuing celebrations of the newly published Methuen Drama [Blood Brothers Student Edition](#), they are inviting students to write their own scene on the theme of social class. Students can enter the competition as individuals or get together as a group to write.

Entries should be submitted by 17 April 2026. [Click here](#) to download an entry pack.



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Information for Year 11

Year 11 - Effective Revision Technique

This week we shared reminders of effective revision techniques to help you prepare for your forthcoming mock exams.

Top Tips



Long Term memory tasks (see below)



Use materials in the Showbie Success Folder access code BJWKR



Create a revision timetable. [Term Time & Holidays](#)

Revision Planner *SAMPLE*
Plan your revision in 25-minute segments with a 5-minute break. Remember to add in time for your hobbies/sports, time to eat and rest each day.

WEEK:

WEEK:	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
08:00-10:00	School						
10:30-16:00	Travel home						
16:00-16:30	Swimming	Home learning	Most friends	Football	Most friends		
16:30-17:00						Most friends	Gym
17:00-17:30	English - L.A. - Short Stories	Geography - Urbanisation	Science	Home learning	Home learning		
17:30-18:00	History	Science	Science - Cells	Science	Science		
18:00-18:30	Maths - Number	Language - Families	Chemistry - Energy changes	Business - Theme 1.1			
18:30-19:00	Maths - Algebra	Most friends	Physics - Forces	Religion - Beliefs	Free time		
19:00-19:30							
19:30-20:00							
20:00-20:30							
20:30-21:00							

*Tip - tick each session once completed, make sure all subjects are covered, add in the specific topic area for each session.

Revision is all about getting information to stay in your **long-term memory**. For this to happen, students should conduct activities that focus on getting information out of your memory, not trying to push information in. This is called retrieval.

Retrieval happens when you test yourself. This can be done by using:

- **Flashcards**, with a question or key word on the front and the answer or definition on the back.
- **Practice questions** from past papers or from your showbie subject folders and then checking your answers against mark schemes
- **Quizzes** e.g. wordwall, cognito, educake
- **Recall** by writing everything down on a blank sheet of paper, then check against a resource (exercise book, showbie, revision guide) to see what you have missed

	You can set your own questions on a topic in Science and Geography
	Covers a range of subjects
	For Maths and Science
	For Maths
	For a range of subjects including MFL
	For all subjects



Doing these activities over a period of time, spacing out subjects so there is time between each study session, is also good practice.



Activities to avoid are simply reading and highlighting or copying information from a book. This tries to pull information in and does not work. It will feel easier, but it is not effective.



Effective revision makes the maximum use of the time spent on it. Revising effectively will feel hard and you will naturally get tired. Lots of thinking goes on. It is important to plan in breaks and do things that help you relax to give the brain a rest.

Applications to HGS Sixth Form - now open

Thank you to everyone who attended the Sixth Form open evening this week. If you have any further questions about subject choices, please do speak to your class teachers.

A copy of the Sixth Form prospectus can be [found here](#).

All Year 11 students should have received an email from applica on Thursday detailing their user name and temporary password to access the Sixth Form application form.

Please select 'existing user' when logging on, your username is your HGS email address.

If you have any questions regarding logging on please contact HGSSixthForm@hgs.rklt.co.uk



Information for Year 11

Year 11 Big Picture - Careers 'Your Future, Your Choice' Friday 7 November

On Friday 7 November, Year 11 will be participating in a careers themed morning to help support and inspire students in their decision making for Post 16 choices. The morning has been split as follows, with students attending three presentations followed by team building activities.

	RIGHT POPULATION 11ABM, 11BXD, 11JDK, 11CMM, 11KRG	LEFT POPULATION 11SJA, 11KZG, 11JXC, 11JWI, 11CPM
Period 1&2	Normal timetabled lessons	Forum: Careers presentations and activities
Period 3&4	Forum: Careers presentations and activities	Normal timetabled lessons
Period 5&6	Normal timetabled lessons	

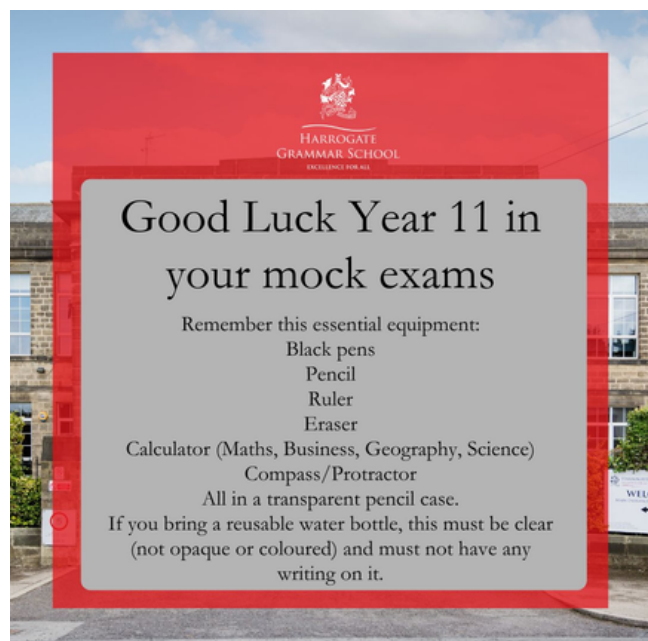
Students should be in their school uniform and bring their fully charged iPad, school books, pencil case and any other equipment required for their normal timetabled lessons.

Year 11 Mock Timetable

Your Year 11 mock timetable can be accessed via your Arbor calendar. An overview of the mock timetable is available by clicking on the image opposite.

Y11 Mock Examinations Nov 2025 Week 1																			
Monday 10/11					Tuesday 11/11					Wednesday 12/11					Thursday 13/11				
Subject	Start	End	Room	Length	Subject	Start	End	Room	Length	Subject	Start	End	Room	Length	Subject	Start	End	Room	Length
English Language	9:00	10:00	11A	1h	Religious Studies Paper 1	9:00	10:00	11A	1h	Mathematics Paper 1	9:00	10:00	11A	1h	History	9:00	10:00	11A	1h
PE	10:10	11:00	11A	1h	PE	10:10	11:00	11A	1h	PE	10:10	11:00	11A	1h	PE	10:10	11:00	11A	1h
Art	11:10	12:00	11A	1h	Art	11:10	12:00	11A	1h	Art	11:10	12:00	11A	1h	Art	11:10	12:00	11A	1h
Music	12:10	13:00	11A	1h	Music	12:10	13:00	11A	1h	Music	12:10	13:00	11A	1h	Music	12:10	13:00	11A	1h
French	13:10	14:00	11A	1h	French	13:10	14:00	11A	1h	French	13:10	14:00	11A	1h	French	13:10	14:00	11A	1h
Spanish	14:10	15:00	11A	1h	Spanish	14:10	15:00	11A	1h	Spanish	14:10	15:00	11A	1h	Spanish	14:10	15:00	11A	1h
German	15:10	16:00	11A	1h	German	15:10	16:00	11A	1h	German	15:10	16:00	11A	1h	German	15:10	16:00	11A	1h
Italian	16:10	17:00	11A	1h	Italian	16:10	17:00	11A	1h	Italian	16:10	17:00	11A	1h	Italian	16:10	17:00	11A	1h
Latin	17:10	18:00	11A	1h	Latin	17:10	18:00	11A	1h	Latin	17:10	18:00	11A	1h	Latin	17:10	18:00	11A	1h
Classical Civilisation	18:10	19:00	11A	1h	Classical Civilisation	18:10	19:00	11A	1h	Classical Civilisation	18:10	19:00	11A	1h	Classical Civilisation	18:10	19:00	11A	1h
Philosophy	19:10	20:00	11A	1h	Philosophy	19:10	20:00	11A	1h	Philosophy	19:10	20:00	11A	1h	Philosophy	19:10	20:00	11A	1h
Religious Studies Paper 2	20:10	21:00	11A	1h	Religious Studies Paper 2	20:10	21:00	11A	1h	Religious Studies Paper 2	20:10	21:00	11A	1h	Religious Studies Paper 2	20:10	21:00	11A	1h

Year 11 Mock Exams required equipment



Science Revision Year 11 Masterclasses

The following Science revision sessions will take place:

- Thursday 6 November lunchtime.
Chemistry. A16 (Triple) A30 (Combined)
- Thursday 13 November lunchtime.
Chemistry. A16 (Triple) A30 (Combined)

Information for Sixth Form Students



The Sixth Form
at Harrogate Grammar School
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Revision Sessions

Day	Time	Subject	Year group	Room
Monday	1-1.40pm	Physics	12 & 13	S29
Monday (Week A) Starting 11.11.25	3.30 - 4.30pm	Geography	13	S26
Tuesday	1-1.40pm	Chemistry	12 & 13	S29
Wednesday	1-1.40pm	Biology	13	S22
Wednesday	1-1.40pm	History NEA	13	S27 & S28
Thursday	1-1.40pm	French	12 & 13	A21
Thursday (Week B) Starting 11.11.25	3.30 - 4.30pm	Geography	13	S26
Thursday	3.30 - 4.30pm	Maths (all)	12 & 13	A14

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Progression and Careers

Use these quick links to access up to date information:

[Super-curricular](#)

[Work Experience](#)

[Career and Apprenticeship Opportunities](#)

[Career Pathways](#)

First Language A levels

If you are looking to do a First Language A level exam, which are good for UCAS, please email Ms Boyd boydr@hgs.rklt.co.uk by 10 November.

There are A Levels available in the following languages - Chinese, Russian, Urdu, Persian/Farsi, Arabic.

If you would like to take Chinese, it may be possible for you to attend support lessons with the Mandarin teacher.

UCAS Reminders

- **7 November is the deadline for all applications**
- Check that your predicted grades match the entry requirements for all of your choices
- Only 'pay and submit' when you have finalised everything
- Be patient while we process applications